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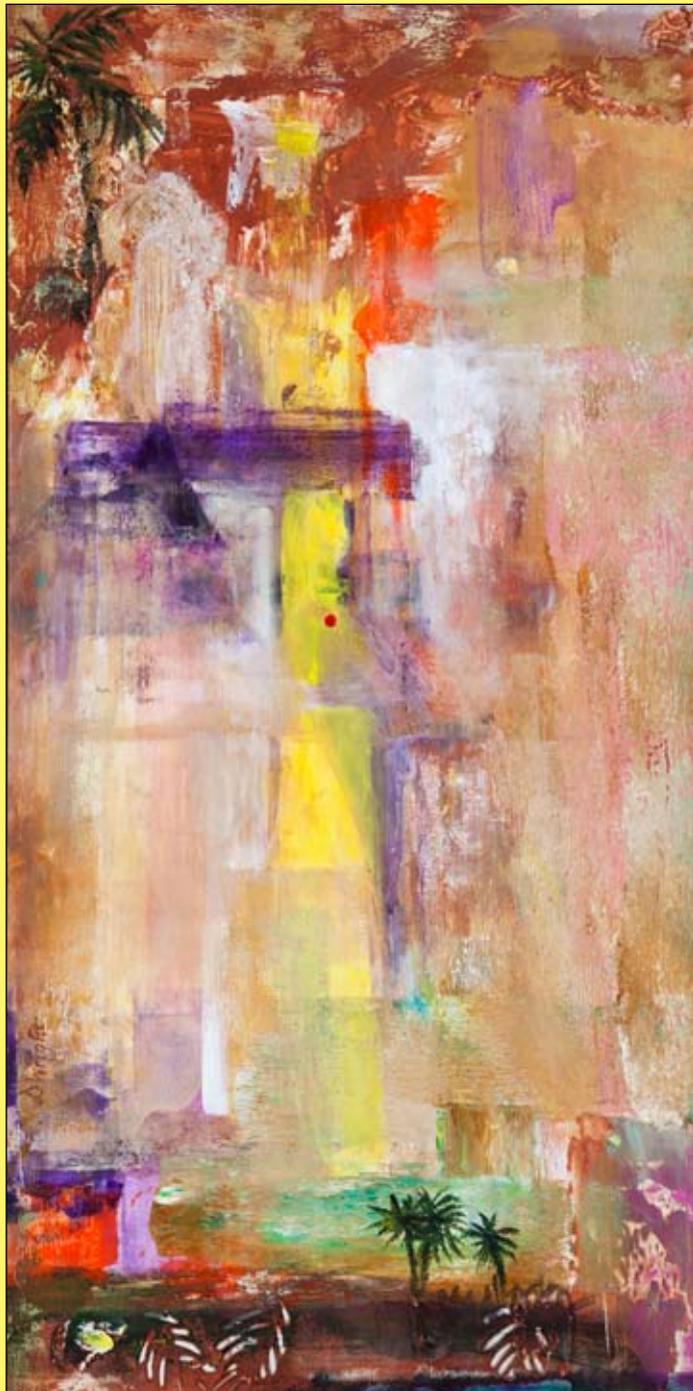
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Mayan Sun at Francis Bay Accessible Trail



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Someone put a few extra pieces of wood from the recently completed Francis Bay accessible trail to good use recently creating this 15-foot Mayan Sun right at the end of the wooden walkway.

"The beautiful new trail certainly inspired this amazing artwork," V.I. National Park Superintendent Mark Hardgrove said when he spotted the creation last week. "It looks like a Mayan Sun and it is exactly where I want to be on December 21."

Dept. of Labor Hosting Sessions for Recently Dismissed Government Employees

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Department of Labor Commissioner Albert Bryan announced last week that the department has scheduled double sessions on St. Thomas and St. Croix for the temporary and permanent government employees who were recently dismissed.

DOL's Rapid Response teams have scheduled sessions to allow staff to provide one-on-one services and alleviate a trip to the department. The Rapid Response team consists of individuals from various government agencies who collaborate to provide necessary services to residents during this difficult time.

Attendees will be provided information about unemployment insurance options; retraining and development of new skills; emergency assistance; housing assistance; resume preparation; child support; healthcare; COBRA; and veterans' assistance.

"The department is taking steps internally to ensure that employees have access to the services they need during this difficult time of transition," said Bryan. "The department also urges job seekers of the territory to take advantage of the services offered by the department."

The scheduled sessions on St. Thomas will be on Tuesday, April 3, at Palms Court Harborview Hotel from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and again from 1 to 4 p.m.

Attendees are asked to bring their picture ID, proof of citizenship, social security card and last two paycheck stubs. For additional information, please contact Jacqueline Blyden on St. Thomas at 776-3700.

Old Tyme Fish Fry at Miss Vie's Campground on Saturday, March 31

The entire St. John community is invited to Miss Vie's Campground on the East End for an Old Tyme Fish Fry on Saturday, March 31, from 1 to 8 p.m.

Stop by and enjoy traditional music, food and arts and crafts. The music will start at 5 p.m. Come experience some local hospitality. For more information call Karen Samuel at 514-8897. All are welcome!

KATS Fundraiser Set Aboard *Roseway*

The historic Grand Banks schooner *Roseway* is coming to Coral Bay, St. John!

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Join the non-profit youth sailing organization St. John Kids And The Sea (KATS) on Saturday night, March 31, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. for a sunset sail aboard this registered U.S. National Historic Landmark. Departure will be from the KATS dinghy dock directly behind Skinny Legs at 5 p.m.

Tickets which include light refreshments, are available for \$75 at Connections in Coral Bay and Cruz Bay. Don't miss this amazing opportunity and support youth sailing on St. John. The number of passengers is limited, so don't wait to buy those tickets!

For more information call Jennifer Robinson at 340-514-3718.

St. John Montessori Kid's Fest April 14

The St. John Montessori School will host its annual Kid's Fest Fish Fry on Saturday, April 14, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the school.

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St. John Tradewinds News Photos by Jaime Elliott

CFVI president Dee Brown, center, looks on as HPR Assistant Director Stanely Smith and Joseph Paoli from the Westin Resort help St. John Methodist School pre-schoolers open the first St. John Born Learning Trail, above.



Officials Open First Born Learning Trail on St. John

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

On Tuesday morning, March 20, officials installed an exciting new educational tool in Cruz Bay for parents with young children — and the project already received enthusiastic thumbs up from the first set of youngsters to use it.

Continuing a more than 40-year-old partnership between the V.I. National Park and the Department of Housing, Parks and Recreation, officials last week unveiled the first Born Learning Trail on St. John, located in the Cruz Bay children's playground next to the VINP ball field.

The project also brought together the Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands, which created the Born Learning Trail and spearheaded the drive to bring the trail to St. John, and the Westin Resort and Villas, which sponsored the project.

The new Born Learning Trail in

“This facility is a jumping off point for many of our guests and is a great place for families to meet in the afternoons in a safe, outdoor environment. NPS places safety as a high priority and I want the community to know that is a safe place. The NPS is and always will be a partner of this community.”

— Mark Hardgrove, VINP Superintendent

Cruz Bay aims to inspire parents to engage with their children and to find ways to merge education and play time. The trail consists of actual signs which have been installed around the perimeter of the playground and suggest activities like, “Look, Laugh, Learn,” which asks kids to make funny faces and discuss what makes them happy.

Judging from the smiles on the faces of the first youngsters to tour the project, the Born Learning

Trail is one thing that makes them happy. About 30 children from the St. John Methodist School pre-K class were on hand during last week's ribbon cutting ceremony and they gave the Born Learning Trail their seals of approval.

“The Born Learning Trail initiative focuses on finding ways to get information to the community about the importance of early childhood education,” said Elsie Hirsh, director of CFVI's The

Family Connection. “It's about getting kids ready for kindergarten and having them reading by the third grade.”

The trail was designed for kids in pre-K and even in early elementary grades, Hirsh added.

“The idea is to get kids and parents really interacting,” she said.

The new St. John Born Learning Trail joins five trails already installed on St. Thomas and one on St. Croix. The project captures exactly what the CFVI strives to achieve, explained the group's president Dee Brown.

“This captures what the Community Foundation lives and breathes for — partnerships with private, public and philanthropic groups,” said Brown. “Today we have the partnership with the VINP, which helped us find a wonderful place to put our Born Learning Trail and HPR, which has worked with us on six of these trails and been ab-

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Queen Elizabeth II May Make Diamond Jubilee Visit to St. John

By Rowan Adkinson
Special to St. John Tradewinds

During an official Diamond Jubilee visit to the British Virgin Islands, Queen Elizabeth II is planning an unofficial visit to St. John.

The demands of the four-month-long grand tour of the 16 countries that once made up the British Empire will leave the queen in search of a place to escape, revive and relax. The Diamond Jubilee Celebrations Committee announced that since she will be so close, the Queen and her retinue will sweep over to St. John after the Tortola parade on Sunday, April 1.

Queen spokesman, Fred Mercury, said that while most energetic celebrations would raise the dead, Her Majesty just wanted a place to be quiet. In search of something between a plywood-galvanized shack and a faux Santa Barbara mansion, Mr. Mercury found Seashore, the lovely home of Niles and Susan Chair.

Mrs. Chair said she would be delighted for the

Queen to kick off her low heels and drop her purse and wide-brimmed hat for the three days starting April 1.

"I know we can make her comfortable," said Chair. "I have always loved pastels. We hope her troubles will be miles away while visiting."

Mrs. Chair is planning to set up a reception committee that would try to make the Queen feel at home by dressing island residents as maids with white French aprons and hats and butlers with black Derby bowlers. It's not too late, if anyone wishes to participate, email her at susan@beaugainkidding.com.

Worldwide celebrations of the Diamond Jubilee will continue through spring and early summer, culminating in a lavish ceremony in London on the anniversary of the June 1953 coronation.

Editor's Note: This story was embargoed until April 1, however, Tradewinds thought it was important enough to break the embargo.



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Rainbow Over Coral Bay



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The *Little Mr. B* sunk while trying to make it back to St. John after colliding with the *Double Header*.

After Marine Collision in Pillsbury Sound, One Power Boat Sinks Off Steven's Cay

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Sea Tow marine salvage vessels from St. Thomas were seen off Steven's Cay on Wednesday, March 21, floating a vessel which had sunk earlier in the week.

The marine accident actually occurred on Tuesday night, March 20, around 9:30 p.m. off Pillsbury Sound in St. Thomas waters when a commercial fishing vessel and a recreational power boat collided, explained U.S. Coast Guard spokesperson Ricardo Castrodad.

"One vessel was the *Double Header*, a six-passenger commercial fishing boat and the other vessel was the *Little Mr. B*, a recreational power boat," said Castrodad. "The two boats collided off Pillsbury Sound, St. Thomas."

Double Header was carrying two crew members and two passengers, one of whom was injured during the collision, according to Castrodad.

"One passenger aboard *Double Header* sustained injuries and he was taken to the hospital," said the USCG spokesperson. "After the accident, the vessel motored to a docking area to transfer the patient to EMS and then the vessel was taken to dry dock."

"The passenger sustained a head injury, and while it was serious enough for him to be taken to the hospital, I don't know his medical assessment," said Castrodad.

USCG officials were notified after the incident occurred and did not launch a rescue operation, Castrodad added.

Double Header sustained damage to its bow anchor, pulpit, hull and port side, according to the USCG spokesperson.

There were four passengers aboard *Little Mr. B* at the time of the collision, who were eventually rescued after the vessel sunk while limping back to Cruz Bay, explained Castrodad.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Mares Crane

Sea Tow marine salvage floated the sunken vessel to the surface last week.

"*The Little Mr. B* obviously sustained significant damage because after the collision, they tried to motor the boat back to St. John, and it sunk near Steven's Cay in about 90 feet of water," he said.

The passengers aboard *Little Mr. B* were rescued by a good samaritan in the area, according to Castrodad.

The vessel was not leaking oil or diesel and was floated to the surface by Sea Tow on Wednesday, March 21, Castrodad added.

The USCG spokesperson did not have information about the exact size and descriptions of the two vessels last week.

USCG officials are conducting an investigation into the accident, Castrodad explained.

"We have an investigation that is ongoing right now," he said. "We are going to look into this matter and conduct interviews with the people aboard both vessels."



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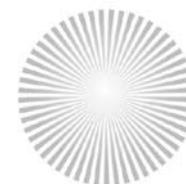


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– St. John resident

No More Women’s Health or Family Planning Services at deCastro Clinic

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

While Department of Health officials shared some details about happenings at the department’s Morris F. deCastro Clinic recently, it seems much more has been going on inside the blue concrete building in Cruz Bay.

DOH officials recently fired an Advanced Practice Nurse at the clinic, the first nurse to be fired in the St. Thomas/St. John District. Firing the APN has wide-reaching impacts as she coordinated the Women’s Health and Family Planning program at the clinic and saw more than 1,500 patients last year alone.

DOH officials also recently transferred deCastro Clinic’s Licensed Practical Nurse — who assisted the APN with the Women’s Health and Family Planning — to St. Thomas. Those moves effectively halted all Women’s Health-related services at deCastro, from contraception to education.

The recently fired DOH employee coordinated the clinic’s Comprehensive Women’s Health Services, which included Pre-natal, Family Planning, STD, Well Women, Gynecology, the Let’s Talk teen risk reduction program and she even spent a day each week on St. Thomas providing pre-natal care.

The APN, who is also a certified nurse midwife, coordinated the Women’s Health and Family Planning program under a Title 10 federal grant which provided services to low income patients. The program offered free services to teenagers, free STD screenings and either free or deeply discounted supplies and treatments.

For example, a month’s supply of birth control pills used to cost

\$6 at the DOH clinic, according to a resident familiar with the situation who asked to not be identified.

If that same patient went to Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center or a private doctor on St. John for contraception, she would have to pay for a doctor’s visit and then pay to fill a prescription for the pills, which cost between \$30 and \$65, according to the resident.

“Many people who went to the clinic got free services and treatments or they were put on a sliding scale fee,” said the resident. “Many people who used the services can’t afford to pay anything more. Hospital and private practice prices are much more expensive and that is not a realistic alternative for many people.”

Many patients who used the services at the deCastro Clinic are not capable of traveling to St. Thomas to the DOH clinic in Nisky Center for Women’s Health Services, explained the citizen.

“Many of the patients are undocumented and they can’t go to St. Thomas and they can’t afford any other health care options on St. John,” said the citizen.

Teenagers are another segment of the community who are most at risk by losing the Women’s Health Services on St. John, explained the resident.

“For teenagers looking for prevention and education services for Women’s Health and Family Planning, they will no longer be able to walk into deCastro after school,” said the citizen. “They will have to go all the way to Nisky Center on St. Thomas, which is not realistic for many teens.”

“Many people are very worried about the patients on St. John,”

said the resident. “They have no where else to go.”

deCastro’s Immunization Program will also be coming to an end at the end of March when the head of that program retires, according to the resident.

“Immunization will be done in a week and half,” said the citizen. “She’s retiring and that will be it.”

The Cruz Bay clinic also lost one of its two security guards, who was recently transferred to St. Thomas.

With DOH’s latest administrative actions, all that remains at the Cruz Bay clinic are the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) nutrition program, mental health and food handler’s card services. Also a perinatologist, who only deals with high-risk pregnancies, will continue to see patients at deCastro once a month.

While DOH spokesperson Eunice Bedminster recently told *St. John Tradewinds* that the department has no plans to shutter its Cruz Bay clinic, many residents are worried that is exactly what is about to occur.

“I think what is happening is that DOH is trying to keep the lid on these things and soon the whole clinic will close and they’ll move the EMS to the Fire Station,” said a resident familiar with DOH who asked to not be identified.

Whether or not the clinic remains open, DOH has not informed the St. John patients of the services no longer available at the clinic, according to the resident.

“They have not told anyone about these changes,” said the resident. “If you want those services available when you want them, they are not going to be there, no matter what DOH says.”

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Among the visiting yachts to St. John last week were the *Silver Shalis*, at left, and the impressive 314-foot *Vava II*, above.

Luxury Motor Yachts Spotted at Anchor off Love City

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Billionaires and beauty queens were among the many visitors to St. John recently.

Amid the high-season activity last week, the 314-foot luxury motor yacht *Vava II*, the largest privately owned yacht ever built in the United Kingdom, was spotted at anchor off Frank Bay.

The vessel was commissioned by billionaire Ernesto Bertarelli, a Swiss/Italian pharmaceutical tycoon, for his wife, the former Miss United Kingdom Kirsty Bertarelli, nee Roper, according to the United Kingdom's

Daily Mail newspaper website.

Vava II was reportedly built in secret in Plymouth, UK, at Devonport Yachts under the code name Project 55, according to the report on www.dailymail.co.uk.

The vessel took 200 crewmen two years to complete and set Bertarelli back about \$160 million, according to the website www.charterworld.com.

While the vessel will be available for private charter for "tens of thousands of pounds a week" according to www.dailymail.com, *Vava II* set off on its maiden voyage from Plymouth Sound, UK, on March 2 en route to the Caribbean. So it's likely

that Bertarelli, the owner of ex-America's Cup team Alinghi, and his beauty queen wife were enjoying the opulence of *Vava II* themselves in St. John waters last week.

At 314-feet, the vessel is the 33rd largest yacht in the world and one of the most technologically advanced with a bevy of special features including a helicopter landing pad, a depth-changing swimming pool and large tenders, according to www.charterworld.com.

Vava II, capable of carrying up to 36 guests, reportedly replaced Bertarelli's old 154-foot Feadship motor yacht *Vava*, which was launched in 1996.

Bertarelli's *Vava II* was probably the only boat in local waters last week which dwarfed the 174-foot luxury yacht *Silver Shalis*. The distinct eggshell blue hull of the Seattle-area built motor yacht was spotted at anchor off of Frank Bay last week as well.

Silver Shalis is an aluminum semi-displacement vessel built by Delta Marine and launched in 2010, according to www.charterworld.com.

Powered by twin MTU 16V 4000 diesels, the vessel is capable of reaching a top speed of 20 knots with a cruising speed of 15 knots, according to the website.

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President/CEO of Merchants Commercial Bank James Crites announced last week the appointment of Justina Abraham as the Operations Officer for the bank's St. John branch.

Abraham's responsibilities will be to ensure that the branch's operational activities run smoothly and efficiently while building new banking relationships within the St. John Community.

Abraham, who has lived in St. John since 2000, brings to MCB over 10 years of banking experience. Having begun her career as a Sales and Service Representative and eventually moving on to become a Unit Supervisor, Abraham's varied and extensive experience will make her an invaluable asset to the MCB team.

"I am very excited to serve the St. John community as a member of the MCB family," said Abraham. "I feel very privileged to have been allowed this opportunity and look forward to continuing my journey in banking."

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16th Annual Ruby Rutnik Softball Tournament Set for April 13-15

St. John Tradewinds

Sweet Sixteen. That's the average age of the girls who will be stepping up to the plate on April 13 for the annual three-day girls' softball tournament at Winston Wells ball park on St. John.

It's also the age of the Ruby Rutnik Memorial Softball Tournament, which has now provided more than \$122,000 in scholarships, primarily to college-bound girls from St. John and young athletes from the winning teams.

This year the competition looks intense, as teams from St. Thomas and St. Croix try to wrest the title from the girls' team from Elmore Stout High School on Tortola which has won the championship for the past three years.

Since the girls' varsity softball season will just be getting underway, some of the territory's teams will be playing each other for the first time this year. The three

teams from St. Thomas are Ivanna Eudora Kean High School, Charlotte Amalie High School, and a combined team from the private schools. The teams from St. Croix are Central High School and the Education Complex. And of course, the Tortola team, coached by Terry Chinnery, plans to come back to defend its title.

The tournament was founded by Andy Rutnik and Janet Cook-Rutnik, whose daughter Ruby was a star pitcher at Antilles School known for her wicked windmill pitching style. Ruby was in her senior year at American University when she died in a car accident on an icy December night in 1996.

Establishing a softball tournament a few months later to commemorate Ruby's birthday on April 9 was a way of channeling their grief into opportunity, as well as bringing together Virgin Islanders to cheer for their young female athletes.

For the last several years, \$10,000 in scholarship money has been awarded annually for a win-

ning team member, two college-bound girls from St. John, and a student at the Giffit Hill School, which Ruby attended when it was first established as the Pine Peace School.

This year, the tournament will give the Giffit Hill School a scholarship in honor of Elaine Penn, the tireless organizer of the Pan Dragons, the St. John youth steel band, which has operated the food concession for the tournament as a fundraiser.

The tournament raises money by selling innings at \$100, \$700 a game or \$2,500 a scholarship. Individuals or businesses that wish to sponsor an inning can mail a check (payable to RRSF, Inc.) to Rutnik, P.O. Box 348, St. John, VI 00831, or send an email to andrewrutnik@gmail.com.

More than 40 awards have been given since Tessa (Williams) Telly, a graduate of IEK High School, won the first academic scholarship in 1997. Now a health communications specialist at Georgetown

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Denise Wright and Karen Calandra Are Featured Artists at Bajo el Sol's April 6th Opening Reception

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Mark those calendars for Friday, April 6, when Bajo el Sol Gallery hosts an opening reception for two local artists who continue to push their own creative boundaries.

Stop by the gallery in Mongoose Junction between 5 and 8 p.m. to view the latest works by painter Denise Wright and jewelry maker Karen Calandra.

Wright's work has evolved from early pieces depicting landscapes and tropical seascapes to new, vibrant abstract pieces.

"The tropical beauty of St. John is appealing to all artists," said Wright. "Most rely on representational art to interpret the local scene. Until 2007, my body of work was landscapes and seascapes, but this work has evolved to painting abstracts."

Instead of depicting the actual scenes around her, the artist now strives to convey a sense of emotion, she explained.

"I am attracted to painting more of the feeling of the tropics, rather than a literal translation," said Wright. "I also use the experience of art to cultivate my spiri-

tual awareness. I know that beauty is the natural consequence of the opening of the soul."

"When the soul faculties are open, creativity comes forth," she said. "We are then tapped into the source of all beauty and creativity. With a holistic approach towards my role as an artist, I ignore the stereotype that I should rely only upon my visual relationship with the world."

Wright, a long-time St. John resident, uses a technique called layering for her abstract expressions, which she said is "the integration of a perception of ultimate connectedness with the flowing, on-going nature of living consciously."

In addition to Wright's beautiful and striking paintings, the April 6 reception will also feature Calandra's distinct, modern jewelry.

Working with materials from silver and pearls to beach glass and found items, Calandra finds inspiration all around her.

"In looking more closely at often overlooked items in day-to-day life, I find everything can fundamentally serve as inspiration," she said. "I enjoy creating designs

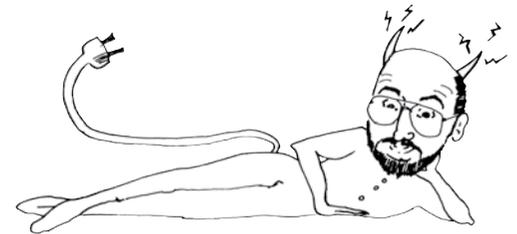
that pare down those observations into graceful, wearable works of art while simultaneously trying to encourage the viewer to reconsider their definition of beauty."

"I work with sterling silver, copper, pearls and semi-precious stones in addition to beach rocks, found objects, silk, wood — anything that catches my attention," said Calandra. "My process of juxtaposing diverse materials, coupled with the amazing things metal can do, allows me to create pieces of wearable art."

Calandra's pieces, while beautiful to eye, also resonate on a deeper level.

"Creating is just a powerful love for me and there's something very peaceful about the process," she said. "I create from the heart and every piece is handmade with passion. I hope my jewelry generates excitement and joy for those who choose to wear it."

Don't miss this exciting opening reception on April 6, or stop by the gallery up the stairs in Mongoose Junction anytime as the work of Calandra and Wright will be featured for the month of April.



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Sen. Sprauve Hosting STJ Office Hours

Senator Patrick Sprauve will host office hours on St. John from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, April 4, at the St. John Legislature Building.

"It is extremely important to me to hear the concerns of all Virgin Islanders first-hand to ensure that I can be the voice of every constituent before your legislature," said Senator Sprauve. "I look forward to meeting with the people of St. John."

Based on the response from residents, the senator may consider establishing St. John office hours on a monthly basis.

For more information or to make an appointment with Sprauve call 693-3613.

Ban on Burning Until Further Notice

Virgin Islands Fire Service Assistant Director Daryl George the announced last week that effective immediately, new burning permits will not be issued territory-wide until further notice.

Due to the dry weather, burning of rubbish at this time would be extremely hazardous.

"It is appropriate that this ban be put in place as we must take all precautions and work together in being proactive in safeguarding property and life," George said.

Fifth Annual Autism Conference Apr. 18

The University of the Virgin Islands-Virgin Islands University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities will host the 5th Annual Autism Conference on April 18 on the St. Thomas campus.

Presentations will include: Current Approaches to Supports and Interventions; Understanding Behavior: How to Address the Challenges of Autism Spectrum Disorders in the School Setting; and Assistive Technology Supports and Solutions for Learners with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

The conference will be on April 18 at the University of the Virgin Islands Administrative and Conference Center on St. Thomas from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Meals will be provided.

Advanced registration is required. Register on-line at www.viuccedd.org or contact Jerree Forde at 776-9200 ext. 2334.

Every Dollar Counts, ACC Raises \$3,000 from First Mini-Flea Market

Special to *St. John Tradewinds*

The Animal Care Center of St. John (ACC) hosted its first "mini-flea market" on Sunday, March 18, on a meadow behind the Giffit Hill School's Fred Trayser field.

The "first ever" event was planned as a small fundraising effort to try to help the shelter bridge dwindling funds until more monies come in from Wagapalooza. "Waga," as the May 19 fundraiser is affectionately called, is usually ACC's major source of income.

Currently, the St. John humane society's funds are at another all-time low. The shelter's expenses have been much higher during the last 12 months, primarily due to employee expenses. Also, donations have been down during the past six months although the shelter has had great visibility from volunteer-sponsored activities such as the Christmas party at the shelter, the Valentine's Day "kiss a dog" booth, and most recently, participation in the St. Patrick's Day parade.

Only once in its history has ACC had to close the shelter doors because of insufficient funds to continue. That was back in 2005, and the Board of Directors is struggling hard to avoid that happening again.

The heroes of the day were mini-market organizer Jason Corley who, with Oriel Smith's assistance, hauled furniture from the 40-foot container. Probably the heaviest items unloaded and sold were two new kitchen stoves. Even some of the customers lent a hand with those!

In comparison to other fundraising activities on St. John, the \$3,000 collected at the "mini-flea market" may seem small. Nevertheless, ACC is extremely grateful for every penny that the flea market attendees spent.

Despite the fact that the market was a new event, its location generally unfamiliar to islanders, and the "iffy" weather on Sunday, the turnout was fabulous! While board members were still hauling items for sale from the ACC storage trail-

er, cars were arriving along the dirt road and customers were hustling to the site.

Although the flea market was advertised as beginning at 10 a.m., the meadow was busy with customers by 9:30 that morning. Customers were not only arriving to shop but many of them were also arriving with items they were donating to the sale. The energy displayed by the community in support of this relatively small fundraiser was incredible.

While ACC board members Monica Munro and Elaine Campbell were hard at work setting up tables and moving boxes, faithful supporters were also hard at work. Jane Kyser raced about placing price tapes on the mountain of large and small items; Susie Preston was busily setting up her cash box and payment station; and former ACC president BJ Harris was helping to unload cartons.

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Queen of Tarts Offers Seriously Decadent Desserts and More

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

A rich, velvety chocolate torte chock full of crunchy almonds and topped with rich ganache.

A luscious fruit tart brimming with juicy strawberries and blueberries atop a buttery crust.

Drooling yet?

How about a chewy, gooey rum pecan pie tartlette baked to absolute perfection? Or a fresh orange almond biscotti, just the perfect amount of crunch?

The only thing difficult about stopping by the Queen of Tarts display case is choosing which decadent dessert to enjoy.

Parisian-trained pastry chef Elizabeth Lowe has been operating her homemade desserts company Queen of Tarts out of the Fish Trap since last November. Her wares are displayed in the pastry case at the fish store and she is available for private chef services, classes, provisioning and more.

With an emphasis on natural, fresh ingredients, Lowe whips up picture perfect desserts that harken back to her student days at ecole de cuisine La Varrenne.

"I have always loved to cook," said Lowe. "My mother was a great cook and I used to watch her in the kitchen and I picked stuff up from her and my father, who also loved to cook."

"I always wanted to cook, since I was little kid," she said.

Despite her passion for cuisine, Vermont-native Lowe bowed to parental pressure entered college in the northeast, earning a degree in animal behavior and anthropology.

"After college, I spent two years trying to find a job unsuccessfully," she said.

Paris beckoned and Lowe spent a year at La Varrenne and a second year doing Stage, or apprenticeships, in several Parisian establishments.

"I started in a restaurant and also worked for a commissary that provided desserts for restaurants which was a huge production," said Lowe. "The last place I worked was a chocolate shop where I learned a lot. Paris was amazing."

Returning stateside, Lowe worked as a pastry chef in New York City at Maxine's and then moved on to Boston where she toiled at several restaurants and caterers before breaking out on her own.

"I was back in Vermont working for Eating Well Magazine in the test kitchen and I opened my own shop in Burlington," said Lowe. "That was the original Queen of Tarts, which I opened in 1992."

After putting in six years of long hours and developing "really bad carpal tunnel syndrome" Lowe closed up shop in 1998 and took a break from the kitchen. She started visiting St. John shortly after and started making desserts for several restaurants.

In addition to running Queen of Tarts out of Fish Trap, Lowe still makes sweets for Driftwood David's and operates Queen of Tarts as a catering business in Vermont in the summers. She heads up to the north-



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Elizabeth Lowe, above, shows off some of Queen of Tart's delicious creations.

east in June and is always back by October in order to be ready to supply sweets for Thanksgiving dinners.

All those years after finally heeding her calling to the kitchen, Lowe still has that same passion for her craft.

"I really love what I do," she said. "I love feeding people. People get excited when they have pastries and they are always in a good mood when they are buying treats; I never have an unhappy customer."

"I can't not do this," said Lowe. "Everyone says that I work too hard, but I love it. It's really fulfilling."

On St. John her biggest sellers include her tart and creamy key lime cheesecake, that rum pecan tartlette and her famous chocolate almond torte. Lowe whips up individual tartlettes for between \$4 and \$8 and six-inch cakes start at \$20. Biscotti is \$22 a pound, which is about 50 pieces.

Queen of Tart's pastry case is at Fish Trap's fish store, which is open Tuesday through Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. and Lowe is always available by email or phone. Lowe is planning to stock up on plenty of flourless chocolate tortes and macaroons for Passover, so be sure to stop by or call (340) 513-7058 or email liz@queenoftartsvi.com.

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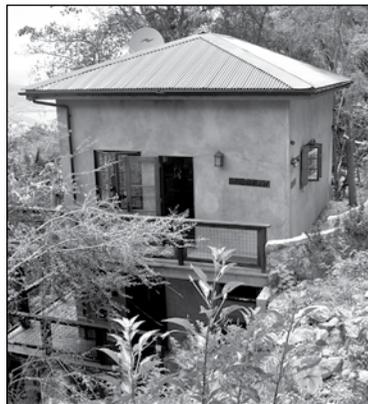
Great views beckon from the living room, above, while the downstairs bedroom is a picture of serenity, below.




On *the* Market

A feature dedicated to special homes on the market listed with *Tradewinds* real estate advertisers

Charm of a Caribbean Cottage Awaits at Treefrog



The cottage, above, and kitchen detail, below.



By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

While a sprawling villa fits just the bill for large families looking for a second abode or a serious rental investment, anyone who prefers quaint over scale should not miss Treefrog.

An absolutely charming Caribbean cottage set amid the lush, tropical northern ridge of Bordeaux Mountain, Treefrog would be ideal for a young couple and is already a popular short term rental property, explained Holiday Homes sales agent Sandra Mohler.

“Treefrog would be a great home for someone who lives on St. John, or likes to visit, and would benefit from having the house rented when not in residence,” she said. “It has a good short term rental history with rave reviews from guests.”

The one-bedroom, one-bathroom masonry home is listed on the St. John MLS for \$439,000 and is located in the Coral Bay area with sweeping views of the British Virgin Islands. Treefrog has two stories, with the living areas upstairs and the bedroom on the lower level, explained Mohler.

“The entry to the home is on the upper level which leads to the open-concept kitchen, dining and living rooms,” she said. “The stairs down lead to the bedroom and bathroom, where you’ll also find an inviting sitting room.”

Both levels are surrounded by

expansive decks, most on the shady north side of the home. Inside, the kitchen is outfitted with beautiful hardwood cabinetry and stainless steel appliances, while hardwood floors are found throughout the well-appointed home.

Located on a quiet side road off Bordeaux Mt. Road (Route 108), Treefrog is ideally located close enough to restaurants and shopping to be convenient, but far enough away to offer tranquility, according to Mohler.

“The setting is very tranquil with enough distance from the main roads and town to allow for a peaceful retreat, surrounded by tropical gardens,” said the Holiday Homes sales agent. “Treefrog has beautiful tropical landscaping in a very private yard on a quiet side road off Bordeaux Road. The road is great for walking, with no traffic, great views, and cooling breezes.”

From its perch overlooking Coral Bay harbor below, Treefrog offers sweeping views of the British Virgin Islands, all the way up the Sir Francis Drake Passage as far as Virgin Gorda.

Cooling breezes and tropical landscaping combined with modern decor and solid construction, makes Treefrog the perfect home for anyone desiring the ideal Caribbean cottage.

For more information on Treefrog, call Mohler at (340) 514-5968.



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St. Paddy's Day Party Photos from The Parrot Club



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Guests were looking for some of that Irish luck at The Parrot Club, which hosted a St. Patrick's Day Party on Saturday night, March 17.



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Stabbings: 0	Stabbings: 0
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Crossword Answers — Puzzle on Page 20

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Keep St. John Green and Free of Billboards

Thank you for printing an article about the flashing sign the National Park Service put up next to Mongoose Junction. Here is an excerpt from the Virgin Islands code, found easily on-line and available to anybody.

1. VI Code, section 503 -- Definition -- “any billboards, sign, notice, poster, display or other device intended to attract or which does attract the attention of operators of motor vehicles on the public highways.” (Comment -- per the VI Code this is a billboard.)

2. VI Code, section 502 -- Prohibition -- (it is necessary to have) “a written permit therefor granted by the Commissioner of Public Works.” (Comment -- any billboard needs a permit.)

Conclusion: According to the VI Code, this is a billboard, and it needs a permit from the Commissioner of DPW. If no permit, then no billboard allowed. Simple as that.

VINP Deputy Superintendent Mike Anderson was quoted in *Tradewinds* as saying he checked into “compliance with territorial laws” and was assured

that “there were no compliance issues.”

But there was no mention from whom these assurances allegedly came and what authority that person/agency allegedly had. If it was a Virgin Islands Territory Agency/Commission/Board, then there seems to be no such authority to allow this billboard without a permit — and there is no permit.

On the contrary, VI Territorial Code, Section 501-503, clearly prohibits this billboard. So, who allegedly “assured” this “compliance” with territory laws?

I am sending a Freedom of Information Act request to the VI National Park to get some additional background on this billboard. Might take a bit of time to get responses.

In the meantime, if there is no permit, it seems to be illegal and therefore must be removed. Maybe attach it to the outside wall of DPW at Giff Hill, next to the failed traffic light from years ago.

Keep St. John green, please.

Gerry Hills
Coral Bay, St. John

Hey VINP Rangers: A Little Kindness Goes a Long Way

While at Hawksnest Beach this past Sunday afternoon, a Park Ranger came out of the bush and approached the tourist next to me — and did not say “good morning” or anything else, just — “Do you have ID?”

“OK, bring your ID and come with me.”

The Park Rangers are obviously from the States, because they have no idea of local customs or courtesy. The fellow was a bit perplexed and came back to the beach 15 minutes later to tell his girlfriend that he just got a \$50 ticket for having glass bottles on the beach. They immediately got up and left.

What if it was a female and she was asked to follow the ranger back into the woods to be issued a ticket? Why didn't he give out the ticket on the beach instead of making the fellow go with him? Is that what the Park is looking to do? Get rid of the tourists? Why not some common courtesy and explain the laws. Not everyone knows the rules.

The Park rangers are hiding in the bush to launch attacks. I also saw them at the lookout with binoculars

checking out the people on the beach to see who they can give a ticket to next. Why not concentrate on getting rid of the Lionfish??

Why not come out to Coral Bay and check on boats anchoring in Hurricane Hole and staying overnight. I have called to report boats overnight and anchoring in the monument and they say they don't have the manpower to watch Hurricane Hole every day.

It seems that the Park has enough time to think of other ways to spend the money in more appropriate ways such as the Trunk Bay life guard stands, the ugly yellow posts at Maho, and the big construction style light at Mongoose. And I'm sure they have more plans up their sleeves.

It just irks me that they are rude and really arrogant towards the people that are paying their salaries. Maybe they can make a quick announcement about the bottle law on the ferries that carry every tourist to St. John.

Nancy Nemeth
Coral Bay

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Executive Director
St. Ursula's Multipurpose Center

Gov. DeJongh Discusses Tourism Goals and Challenges at HTA Annual Meeting

St. John Tradewinds

Governor John deJongh spoke last week about the future of Virgin Islands tourism, and the work that must be done to realize the full potential of the territory's premier industry.

The governor started his speech at the annual meeting of the USVI Hotel and Tourism Association by acknowledging the severe challenges faced by the territory and the industry since the beginning of the global economic downturn in 2008.

DeJongh told the group of hoteliers and other professionals that the difficult economic times must serve as a call to diversify the industry and bolster the territory's appeal to travelers.

"As we all work together to rebuild our tourism industry, we should see this time as one to establish a new foundation and redefine the Virgin Islands brand," said the governor. "To succeed in those tasks we must focus on the whole tourism experience."

The government and private sector must work together to develop new markets, including in sports tourism, medical tourism, and in film and music production.

The downturn "should encourage us to innovate and become more competitive, while diversifying our attractions and activities as we actively seek new tourism markets," deJongh said.

Governor deJongh discussed several major initiatives: \$1 million from the General Fund for summer promotions and major advertising campaigns in U.S. and foreign markets; partnerships with the cruise line industry to bring more calls to St. Croix, as well as increased investment to all three ports in the Virgin Islands; the Paul E. Joseph Stadium project, which with its aquatic facility and playing field will be a hub for sports tourism throughout the region for years to come; and more.

The governor said his administration is also working with developers to help get stalled resort

projects off the ground, and collaborating with the federal government and the private sector to revitalize the territory's historic towns and other attractions.

To improve the infrastructure that the industry depends on, the deJongh administration has invested in building reliable sources of water, improving the territory's power grid, and developing advanced telecommunications facilities.

"Adding to the challenges of operating with a structural deficit during times of great recession, the administration's efforts to balance the budget were dealt a serious blow by the closure of the HOVENSA oil refinery," deJongh said.

Governor deJongh ended his speech by describing two important long-term planning initiatives — one local and the other undertaken by the federal government.

Locally, a series of public "strategic visioning sessions" planned for next week on St. Thomas and St. Croix will help forge a five-year plan to grow the territory's tourism industry. Participants will explore specific markets that will play a future role in the success of the Virgin Islands as a destination, including sharing ideas on how best to encourage their growth.

The territory's effort to develop a five-year plan will parallel the White House's development of a National Travel and Tourism Strategy, which focuses on attracting international visitors to the United States and promoting domestic travel within the country.

"Representatives of my administration are coordinating with the federal government to make sure we contribute our own unique perspective to that discussion," deJongh said and added "through this process, I believe the Virgin Islands will play a substantial role in crafting a national tourism development strategy that is beneficial for our islands and for all who do business here."

The governor also commended the Hotel and Tourism Association for its "active and engaged leadership" and congratulated the newly installed officers.

Maureen "Rae" Sullivan Passes



Long-time Coral Bay resident and owner of Keep Me Posted in the Cocoloba Complex, Maureen Sullivan, known to friends as Rae, passed away on Wednesday morning, March 14. She is pictured above with her husband George "Santa Claus" Belcher.

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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

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Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7 a.m.
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Seventh Day Adventist

Saturdays, 779-4477

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Tuesdays Prayer 7:30 p.m.,
Thursdays Bible Study 7:30 p.m.
779-1230

St. Ursula's Episcopal Church

Sunday 9 a.m.; Bible Class, Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.
777-6306

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

9:45 a.m. Sunday, 776-6332

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Marketplace's Lennard Renal Retires



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

After 14 years at The Marketplace, Lennard Renal, above center, plans to enjoy plenty of beach time during his retirement. Marketplace officials (L to R) Pol Hubert, Matt White, Debbie Marsh and Barbara Tyne, wished Renal well during a retirement party at the shopping complex last week.

St. Thomas/St. John High Schools To Celebrate Transfer Day with Battle of the Bands Competition

St. John Tradewinds

For the past two years, the annual "Battle of the Bands" competition between seasoned champs Charlotte Amalie High School and up-and-coming Ivanna Eudora Kean has been legendary, with thousands of residents coming out for a chance to witness the ultimate face-off between the two long time rivals.

This year, the competition has been scheduled for 4 p.m. on March 31, and even though the schools have not officially announced it, tickets are already flying off the shelves. With the UVI Sports and Fitness Center exceeding capacity last year at more than 3,000 people, the schools were limited this year to printing 2,800 tickets for what has now become one of the biggest events in the district.

The brainchild of IEK High's Band Director Dionne Donadelle, the competition is not only meant to show off the talent of each powerhouse band, but to really spark

student interest in music. Proceeds raised from the event fund a \$1,000 scholarship offered at each high school in honor of Karen deCosta, who died tragically in 2009 on the night of her graduation from Charlotte Amalie High School. The scholarship is offered to one graduating senior from each high school.

The competition — now in its third year — is divided into three parts: a floor show (featuring everyone from the band to the school's flag team and cheerleaders); a back and forth battle between the two marching bands; and a face off between each school's drumline.

CAHS' Marching Hawks has picked up the "Battle of the Bands" title for the past two years and has been practicing since January on perfecting every aspect of its show. The band plans offer its fans more of what they have come to expect: flawless attention to detail, traditionally great sound, and of course, a selection from Band Director Georgia Francis' beloved

Earth, Wind and Fire.

But IEK has plans for an upset, and while the band is still building, even Francis has credited them with some "impressive" new moves. IEK's Dynamite Rays have been a more visible presence in the community over the past year, performing at a number of public events and parades that give them every opportunity to practice and hone their skills. Describing herself as a modernist, Donadelle says she tries to offer more of the creativity and sound found at college level band shows.

This year's battle will be hosted by Rock City, and will feature an accomplished panel of judges from Clark and Norfolk State Universities. Both marching bands will also join together for a tribute to the late Whitney Houston, according to organizers.

Tickets to the event are being sold in advance at both schools and are \$15 for adults, \$10 for students 13 to 18 years old, and \$7 for children under 12.

Scotiabank International Optimist Regatta, Sea Star Clinic and Team Race June 18-24

St. John Tradewinds

The 2012 Scotiabank International Optimist Regatta (SIOR) is celebrating its 20th Anniversary, marking two decades of fostering junior sailing in the Caribbean.

Dates for the regatta and kick-off Sea Star Clinic and Sea Star Team Race are June 18 to 24.

Renowned as one of the first and largest regattas in the Caribbean to promote youth sailing, the 2012 SIOR welcomes participants this year from around the world.

"We are looking forward to strong representation from Caribbean sailors this year with a record number of sailors from St. Maarten/St. Martin already registered," said regatta director Margo Lynch. "We have heard from teams in Canada, New Zealand and Bermuda as well, in addition to large numbers of U.S. sailors."

More than 80 8- to 15-year-old junior sailors are expected to attend this St. Thomas Yacht Club and Virgin Island Sailing Association-hosted and Caribbean Sailing Association-sanctioned regatta.

"Scotiabank has been a strong supporter of the International Optimist Regatta since the very beginning, some 20 years ago," said Lawrence Aqui, Scotiabank vice president, U.S. Virgin Islands. "As a title sponsor of this annual event, through our global philanthropic vision, the Scotiabank Bright Future Program, we bring together the passion of our employees, the insight of our partners and the spirit of our community."

"Scotiabank believes in the importance of encouraging kids to get active and involved in sports. It helps them lead healthy lifestyles, improves self-esteem, and fosters a sense of belonging," said Aqui.

The Sea Star Clinic begins Monday, June 18, and runs through Wednesday, June 20. Top international coaches from Optisailors.com such as Agustin Resano, Gonzalo Pollitzer, Manuel Resano, and Esteban Rocha, as well as Eric Bardes from Team FOR (Florida Ocean Racing), Santiago Galan, US Virgin Islands team coach, and USA team coach, Justine O'Connor, will teach the sailors registered for the clinic.



The USA's Wiley Rogers wins the 2011 Scotiabank International Optimist Regatta.

"The clinic will focus on starts, tactics, and strategy since we are expecting around 50 sailors," said clinic director Agustin Resano. "It is the perfect opportunity for the small fleet Caribbean countries to get together and work on those key elements of the sport."

Cost of the clinic is \$300 for non-U.S. Virgin Islands registrants and \$275 for U.S. Virgin Islands residents, and includes breakfast and lunch for the three days. Clinic registration closes on May 15.

The Sea Star Team Racing event is scheduled for June 21.

"We look forward to over 12 teams competing this year," said Lynch. "This has been a great addition to the event. Many teams will use this regatta as an opportunity to practice before Optimist Worlds in the Dominican Republic in July."

Entry fee for the team racing is \$160 per team of four sailors. Registration closes at 5 p.m. on June 20.

"Sea Star Line is very pleased to sponsor the 2012 Sea Star Line Clinic and Team Race for the fifth consecutive year," said Keith McSwain, District Manager. "Because we believe lessons learned on the water are life changing, we take great pride in promoting the youth in events that help them build a sense of self-confidence, purpose and discipline in an environment

where sportsmanship is as important as just having fun."

The three-day Scotiabank International Optimist Regatta kicks off Friday June 22.

The regatta entry fee is \$185 by April 15. After this date, the fee goes up to \$225 by May 15 and \$250 after May 15. Those that register prior to May 15 will have their names entered into a special drawing to win top-notch prizes. Final registration takes place June 21. The entry fee includes an event T-shirt, registration goodie bag, and all meals from Thursday June 21 Welcome Party through Sunday's Brunch.

Shore side activities include an opening Parade of Nations, a Welcome Party, raffle, 20th Anniversary Party, ice cream social, a Bingo night and Caribbean-themed night that includes fire dancers. The fun culminates with a beachside brunch and Awards Ceremony on June 24.

Trophies will be awarded to the top five sailors in each fleet and top three overall. Additional trophies include the Peter Ives' Perpetual Trophy, the Chuck Fuller Sportsmanship Award and the top female sailor. The Sea Star Perpetual Trophy will be inscribed with the names of the sailors on the winning team racing team.

This year's event will follow an eco-friendly theme. Sailors will be urged to recycle all plastic water bottles, use the reusable water bottle in the goodie bag throughout the regatta, keep all lunch bags and wrapping out of the water and pick up any trash on shore and accept drinks without straws.

For more information call 340-775-6320; fax: 340-775-3600, or email scotiabankregatta@gmail.com. Or, for the Notice of Regatta, Registration Forms, information on hotel discounts and other information, visit the St. Thomas Yacht Club web site at www.styc.net

Please also visit the Scotiabank International Optimist Regatta on Facebook. For charter boats, contact Alisa Forester, McLaughlin Boat Works at 1-800-784-6478, 1-423-875-0740, or email alias@optistuff.com or <http://www.optistuff.com>.

Dance Theater of Harlem Performing at Reichhold May 19

St. John Tradewinds

Passionate, energetic and artistic are just a few words used to describe the highly-celebrated Dance Theatre of Harlem.

Reichhold Center for the Arts wraps up its 2011-2012 season on Saturday, May 19, at 8 p.m. with a captivating performance by the talented dance group.

Founded by Arthur Mitchell and Karel Shook, Dance Theatre of Harlem is the first black classical ballet company in the United States. The company's graceful and vigorous routines have taken the dancers around the globe repeatedly.

The group will perform works commissioned by renowned choreographers including Alvin Ailey, George Balanchine and Robert Garland. For tickets call the Reichhold Center box office at 693-1559 or purchase online at www.reichholdcenter.com.

Dept. of Ag Offering Urban and Community Forestry Assistance

St. John Tradewinds

The Virgin Islands Department of Agriculture's Urban and Community Forestry (U&CF) Assistance Program announced the availability of grant funding for the 2012 Challenge Cost-Share program, an effort that encourages citizen involvement in urban and community forestry projects throughout the Territory.

As part of the initiative, VI organizations and agencies may apply for grants up to \$20,000.

"The Department of Agriculture continues to encourage public participation in the Urban and Community Forestry Projects, especially new and first time applicants," said VIDOIA Commissioner Louis Petersen. "This initiative infuses federal funds into our economy while enhancing our environment and quality of life."

The VIDOIA program seeks proposals for project funding from local government, nonprofit organizations, civic and/or educational organizations, including but not limited to schools, homeowners' associations, service clubs, and environmental organizations. The U&CF Program does not fund strictly agricultural projects. Projects must have a forestry component to be eligible for funding.

Matches may be met through in-kind donations and volunteer time. The deadline for proposal submissions for this grant cycle is Monday, May 7.

VIDOIA is looking for projects in the following areas: education and public outreach about urban forests; protecting and publicizing heritage and remarkable big trees; reducing health risks due to invasive species; identifying and managing hazardous trees; collecting data on wildlife use of urban forests; planning for and planting urban trees; training to become arborists; developing and implementing management plans for developed areas with urban forests; and writing tree guidelines for communities.

For more information, visit the VIDOIA website, www.vifresh.com and click on "Forestry." Go to the Urban and Community Forestry section or contact Marilyn Chakroff, Urban and Community Forestry Program Coordinator, at 778-0997 ext. 233. Chakroff is available to help with writing proposals and with identifying the types of projects that may be funded.

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Officials Open First Born Learning Trail on St. John

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solutely enthusiastic about the project."

"The real star of the day is the Westin Resort, who stepped up and said 'This is important, there is strong support for this and we're going to make it happen,'" said Brown.

The seeds for the St. John Born Learning Trail were actually planted more than a decade ago, explained Brown.

"I was here 12 years ago at a day event in this little playground and thought it would be a perfect location for this project," she said. "For the Community Foundation this is something wonderful and shows what you can get done when you stick to something and are committed to it."

For Westin Resort officials, jumping on board to sponsor the Born Learning Trail was a no-brainer, explained the resort's Human Resources Director Joseph Paoli.

"We consider the Westin to be the community of St. John and we were excited to partner with a group to give back to our community," said Paoli.

HPR officials were also excited to be able to take part in the project, explained the department's Assistant Commissioner Stanley Smith.

"We are excited to be able to be part of this project," said Smith. "We've had a great partnership with the VINP and especially since Superintendent Mark Hardgrove took over, things have really been moving in the right direction. We're very happy to provide this for the residents of St. John."

The VINP playground is the perfect location for the Born Learning Trail, explained VINP Superinten-



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Students tour the Born Learning Trail with CFVI's Ellie Hirsh.

dent Mark Hardgrove.

"This facility is a jumping off point for many of our guests and is a great place for families to meet in the afternoons in a safe, outdoor environment," said Hardgrove. "NPS places safety as a high priority and I want the community to know that is a safe place. The NPS is and always will be a partner of this community."

After giving remarks under the stone gazebo outside of the VINP Visitors Center in Cruz Bay, officials gathered at the entrance to the playground for a ribbon cutting ceremony. After the ribbon fell, all one could hear was the laughter of little children enjoying the playground and the new Born Learning Trail.

The St. John Born Learning Trail signs, and all six permanent sets as well as three portable sets, were all made by CFVI volunteer Leslie "Whoopsie" Richardson.

16th Annual Ruby Rutnik Softball Tournament Set for April 13-15

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University, Telly was recently back on St. John for a visit.

Kristin Maize, the 2001 winner, worked for the Friends of the Virgin Islands National Park and

is now completing her master's in environmental management at Duke University. Nyeisha Smalls, the 2002 winner, is now an educator on St. John.

The tales of the winners' success

continue to re-energize the Rutnik family and the dedicated volunteers. Scholarship applications for the 2012 awards will be available at Connections on St. John and from school guidance counselors.

First Mini-Flea Market

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The St. John community had donated such a variety of treasures during the months preceding the mini-market that the storage container had been bursting at the seams. And when it was finally unloaded, gorgeous furniture, beautiful pictures, and myriad decorative items were revealed.

A handsome mahogany bedstead was probably the most expensive item which sold at \$500. Brand-new single and double mattresses were on sale. An upholstered wicker easy chair from Caneel Bay Resort was quickly "snatched up." Several loveseats and half a dozen assorted tables were on display.

Assorted clothing was sold for the price of a donation. Kitchen wares, comforters, an awesome collection of seashells, goblets and bowls and beautiful wooden boxes were all sold for miniscule prices.

The success of the sale could not have happened without the overall support of St. John residents. And ACC rates the "success" factors not only in terms of

how much money was collected, but also in terms of the goods donated, the number of residents who took time out of their Sunday morning to come up to the meadow, and, most of all, the energy and good cheer that radiated throughout the four hours of the first-ever mini-flea market.

The ACC's major flea market, "No Fleas, Please" will again be in October in the Winston Wells ball field in Cruz Bay. If Sunday's mini-market is an indication of what can be expected to be on sale, everyone should start marking their calendars now.

In the meantime, ACC is accepting donations continuously. Small items can be brought to the shelter on the library road in Cruz Bay, Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Corley and Smith can be contacted to arrange pickup of large and heavy items, at jrcorley5@gmail.com and oriel.smith@att.net.

Once again, ACC thanks Caneel Bay Resort for their donation of the 40-foot storage trailer without which the shelter could not stockpile sale items. And ACC especially wishes to thank Giffit Hill School for its generosity in offering its meadow for the event.

Increased Exports Spells Good News

St. John Tradewinds

Governor John deJongh said last week he was pleased to receive data from the International Trade Administration (ITA) revealing a recent surge in exports from the Virgin Islands.

The territory saw a 21 percent increase in merchandise exports — from \$1.9 billion to \$2.3 billion — between 2010 to 2011, according to the ITA.

During the same period, the United States as a whole saw a 16 percent uptick in products sold to other countries.

“My administration has worked to encourage and assist Virgin Islands companies interested in exporting goods to foreign markets,” said deJongh. “The ITA numbers show the success of our policies and the promise for additional economic growth through export markets. The Virgin Islands has yet to truly realize the tremendous potential of international trade.”

DeJongh noted that exporting is not limited to manufacturing — professional service providers like legal and accounting businesses, a traditional strength for the Virgin

Islands — can also benefit from foreign markets.

“Virgin Islands exporters continue to sell some of the most innovative products and services to world destinations, advancing President Obama’s National Export Initiative that is on pace to double U.S. exports by the end of 2014,” said Francisco Sanchez, Under Secretary for International Trade.

“While many U.S. Virgin Islands businesses are exporting, many more firms have yet to tap their export potential,” said Rachel Duran, International Trade Specialist of the U.S. Commercial Service in San Juan. “Only a small fraction of all U.S. companies export, and of those that do, 58 percent sell to only one foreign market. There’s plenty of room to grow more exports.”

Several months ago, the Virgin Islands received a federal grant to study the export market, including how local companies can access it. Last month, deJongh attended a Southern Governors business meeting in Washington D.C. focusing on export markets.

Art In the Garden May 12

St. John Tradewinds

The Arts Alive Annual Spring Art in the Garden is coming once again to Tillett Gardens on Saturday, May 12, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

It’s going to be a fun filled day with great opportunities to get last minute Mother’s Day shopping done. Come see the work of local artists, listen to the sounds of wonderful local musicians, eat great food and get those kids involved in art — hands on.

Admission is free and Tillett Gardens is located across from Four Winds Plaza on Route 38 East, 4126 Anna’s Retreat, St. Thomas. Kids will have a chance to create their own artwork at the Children’s Art Table from 12 to 4 p.m. on the porch of Water Candy.

Live entertainment and music will start at 12 p.m. and continue throughout the day until 4 p.m. There will be a raffle prize fundraiser all day with winners announced every hour. The winners of the Arts Alive Diner’s Delight restaurant raffle will also be announced at 2 p.m.

More than 25 restaurants have donated gift certificates for the package and it’s valued at over \$1,200. Tickets are on sale now for the raffle from any Arts Alive Board Member or at the Arts Alive office in Tillett Gardens; one for \$5, or five for \$20.

Festival-goers, artists and musicians alike will also have an opportunity to satisfy their sweet tooth and enjoy baked goods from the third annual Arts Alive Bake-Off/Cookie Challenge set to take place during the event. Open to all island bakers, cookie entries will be judged on taste, texture, presentation and creativity. The winning cookie will be announced at 11 a.m. and its baker will be awarded a cash prize of \$100. After the announcement, all cookies will be on sale to benefit Arts Alive.

For booth space rental or for more information call 776-8566 or stop by the Arts Alive office in Tillett Gardens. This project is supported by a grant from the Virgin Islands Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency in Washington, D.C.

Police Log

EMERGENCY NUMBERS!

LAND LINE: 911 / CELLULAR: 340-776-9110

Friday, March 16

2:36 p.m. - A citizen r/ that he was threatened by another male who brandished a 12-inch knife. Assault in the third.

11:45 p.m. - A Coral Bay resident c/requesting police assistance. Police assistance.

Saturday, March 17

10:00 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r that someone moved her couch and chair from in front of her residence and put them in the street. Police assistance.

11:40 a.m. - A Mamey Peak resident r/ that someone stole his Harley Davidson from the area of Mamey Peak. Unauthorized use of vehicle.

2:52 p.m. - An employee of L&L Jeep Rental employee p/r that one of the vehicles was returned with damages. Damage to vehicle.

3:15 p.m. - A citizen p/r that \$300 was removed from \$800 that she left in a bag on a ferry boat. Grand larceny.

Sunday, March 18

3:24 a.m. - The Government of the Virgin Islands c/r hearing shots fired in the area of Hillcrest. Shots fired.

4:39 a.m. - A citizen c/requesting police assistance. Police assistance.

10:35 a.m. - A citizen p/r an assault in the area of Wharfside Village. Assault in the third.

12:04 p.m. - A St. Thomas resident c/r an assault in the area of Wharfside Village. Assault in the third.

2:35 p.m. - A citizen p/r an assault. Aggravated assault and battery.

3:15 p.m. - An Estate Contant resident r/ that someone placed cat feces on her driveway. Police

assistance.

8:05 p.m. - A visitor from WA p/r that someone broke into his vehicle. Damage to vehicle.

8:25 p.m. - A citizen c/r a man down in the area of the triangle in Coral Bay. Police assistance.

Monday, March 19

11:00 a.m. - A Mamey Peak resident p/r that he recovered his stolen motorcycle. Recovered vehicle.

12:04 p.m. - An Estate Carolina resident p/r that he thinks he knows who stole his engine. Grand larceny.

8:24 p.m. - A Cocoloba employee c/r a disturbance. Disturbance of the peace.

Tuesday, March 20

10:52 a.m. - A National Park Service employee c/r a man drowning. Police assistance.

1:42 p.m. - An Estate Pastory resident c/r that his vehicle was damaged. Damage to a vehicle.

Wednesday, March 21

8:35 a.m. - An Estate Glucksberg resident p/r that someone cut the top of his safari taxi. Damage to vehicle.

12:25 p.m. - A Guinea Grove resident p/r that a vagrant is constantly coming on to the Westin property. Trespassing.

Thursday, March 22

1:20 p.m. - A Bellevue Village resident p/requesting police assistance. Police assistance.

11:26 p.m. - An Estate Grunwald resident r/a disturbance in Cruz Bay. Disturbance of the peace.

Friday, March 23

1:00 a.m. - A guest at the Westin Resort r/ a missing person. Police assistance.

CRIME STOPPERS U.S.V.I.

Group Seeks Information on Crimes

Crime Stoppers needs the community’s help to solve the following crimes. If anyone knows something, they should say something, as law enforcement cannot control crime without help. Even the smallest bit of information may be just what law enforcement needs to solve these cases.

St. John

On January 5 at 12:49 a.m., a visitor was robbed as he was walking past the graveyard on Gallows Point Road back to Sea Grape Lane. The two robbers are described as black males, slim builds, between 5’6”-5’9”, and were wearing white shirts and blue shorts. An iPhone 4 and \$35 in cash were stolen from the victim.

If a tip leads to an arrest or the recovery of stolen property, illegal drugs, or weapons, tipsters will receive a cash reward of up to \$2,500. The minimum reward for the arrest of an armed robber is \$900. Only anonymous callers to Crime Stoppers are eligible for these cash rewards.

So far this year tips have helped law enforcement make at least five additional arrests, which led to the recovery of two illegal weapons and \$11,000 worth of cash and illegal drugs. Based on these arrests, Crime Stoppers authorized five rewards totaling \$4,607. If you submitted a tip in the last 10 months, please check to see if your tip qualifies for a reward.

Community Calendar

St. John Tradewinds welcomes notices of community-oriented, not-for-profit events for inclusion in this weekly listing. Call 776-6496, e-mail editor@tradewinds.vi or fax 693-8885.

Thursday, March 28

— Mark those calendars for Thursday, March 28, when Moore will lead an African Dance Master Class from 5 to 6 p.m. at the St. John School of the Arts. The class is free and is open to beginners to advanced dancers from eight years old to adult.

Saturday, March 31

— The entire St. John community is invited to Miss Vie's Campground on the East End for an Old Tyme Fish Fry on Saturday, March 31, from 1 to 8 p.m. Stop by and enjoy traditional music, food and arts and crafts. The music will start at 5 p.m. Come experience some local hospitality. For more information call Karen Samuel at 514-8897.

— Join the youth sailing organization St. John Kids And The Sea on Saturday, March 31, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. for a sunset sail aboard the historic *Roseway*. Departure will be from the KATS dinghy dock directly behind Skinny Legs at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$75 and the number of passengers is limited. For more details call 514-3718.

— Dancing Classrooms, a

social development program for 5th grade children which utilizes ballroom dancing as a vehicle to change the lives of not only the children who participate in the program but also the lives of the teachers and families who support these children, is gearing up for an evening of dance, drink and fun to take place on Saturday, March 31, at Rhumblines Restaurant. Doors open at 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 14

— The St. John Montessori School will host its annual Kid's Fest Fish Fry on Saturday, April 14, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the school.

— The University of the Virgin Islands-Virgin Islands University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities will host the 5th Annual Autism Conference on April 18 on the St. Thomas campus. Advanced registration is required. Register on-line at www.viucedd.org or contact Jeraj Forde at 776-9200 ext. 2334.

Saturday, May 12

The Arts Alive Annual Spring Art in the Garden is coming once again to Tillett Gardens on Saturday, May 12, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

Alcoholics Anonymous meets as scheduled: Sundays, 9:45 a.m. at Hawksnest Bay Beach; Closed meetings for alcoholics only at Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cruz Bay at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays; Open meetings on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 6 p.m. at Nazareth Lutheran Church; Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 6 p.m. at Moravian Church, Coral Bay.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

Narcotics Anonymous has open meetings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. every Saturday at St. Ursula's Church.

AL-ANON MEETINGS

Al-Anon meets on St. John every Monday at Scandic Executive Service's meeting room in Mongoose Junction from 6:30 to 7:30pm; and every Tuesday from 1 to 2 p.m. at the VINP ball field bleachers. Warm line: 340-642-3263.

PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

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"ISLE SAY!"

ACROSS

- 1 Wilde who's often quoted
- 6 Deli meat
- 13 Versatile furniture item
- 20 Huge crowd
- 21 Black piano keys, informally
- 22 Greed
- 23 Winter holiday cry on an island?
- 25 Decuple
- 26 Made haste
- 27 Impart gradually
- 28 Round Table address
- 29 Hollywood's West
- 30 Church recess
- 32 Event for socializing with a celebrity on an island?
- 36 Feels in one's bones
- 39 Atkins of country
- 41 George Bush's rival in 2000
- 42 Lead-in for skeleton
- 43 Viola relative
- 45 Sorrowful
- 47 Musical practice piece
- 51 1980s puzzle fad on an island?
- 54 "9 to 5" singer on an island?
- 58 Engendered
- 59 Disaffirms
- 61 Not made up for, as sins
- 62 Bind legally
- 65 Barbecue botherer
- 66 Russian vodka brand, for short
- 67 Snaky shape
- 68 1939 Oscar winner on an

- island?
- 73 Assents to
- 76 Event for the accused
- 77 "Sliver" novelist Levin
- 78 Not far off
- 82 Short play or opera
- 84 Skull caps?
- 87 Mucky earth
- 88 Top dog on an island?
- 90 Using both TV and radio on an island?
- 93 "— free!" (hostage's cry)
- 94 Atop, to bards
- 96 Lerner's "My Fair Lady" collaborator
- 97 Tank filler
- 98 Arctic covering
- 102 Site for a cyberauction
- 104 "— we met?"
- 106 "My Way" singer on an island?
- 110 Heap
- 111 Snakelike fish
- 112 Make the effort
- 113 More suggestive of an equine
- 116 Ostrich relative
- 120 Paradoxes
- 123 Drawer of needlessly complex machines on an island?
- 125 Veer
- 126 Was overly fond of
- 127 Actor Foxx
- 128 Feel weak in the heat
- 129 Spring farm machines
- 130 More cagey

DOWN

- 1 Units of resistance
- 2 Ivory, e.g.
- 3 Mötley —

- 4 Puma rival
- 5 Minicam button abbr.
- 6 Switzerland's capital, to the French
- 7 Kimono securers
- 8 Perplexed
- 9 Prompt
- 10 Limy vodka cocktails
- 11 Author Zora — Hurston
- 12 Mule's father
- 15 Air circulator
- 16 Dog's sound
- 17 Tundra or rain forest
- 18 Great acclamation
- 19 "Fiddle- —!"
- 24 Sounds from steam irons
- 28 Mineo of "Tonka"
- 31 Little kiss
- 33 "I did it!"
- 34 Amino acid supplement popular with bodybuilders
- 35 Prefix with fit
- 36 — -Croatian
- 37 Affluent outlying area
- 38 Peace award
- 39 Solving aid
- 40 Boot-sole reinforcer
- 44 Kind of PC screen
- 46 Gym rat's "six-pack"
- 48 — Reader (magazine name)
- 49 Executes
- 50 Terminations
- 52 "Got it, bro"
- 53 "— She Sweet"
- 55 Guitar's kin
- 56 "— pronounce you ..."
- 57 Pol Sarah
- 60 Moral system

- 63 Test of inner courage
- 64 Keep an — the ground
- 66 Former HHS chief Donna
- 69 Bearing
- 70 Battles it out
- 71 Mine car
- 72 Notre —
- 73 — and aahs
- 74 Leg bender
- 75 Chair or pew
- 79 Chain of hills
- 80 Musician Eno
- 81 Fungi in a supermarket
- 83 Sys —
- 84 Make a case against?
- 85 Gambit
- 86 Holy Mlle.
- 89 — flight (go by plane)
- 91 Revolving
- 92 Entrée, e.g.
- 95 Put on a detour
- 99 Will concern
- 100 Person swearing
- 101 Lowell or Tan
- 103 — -wire fence
- 105 Spoken
- 106 Eats
- 107 Replenish
- 108 Still kicking
- 109 Spasm
- 110 Lowly types
- 114 "Smooth Operator" singer
- 115 Stereotypical lab assistant
- 117 Prefix for "half"
- 118 — Canal
- 119 Antiquing aid
- 121 Baseball's Hodges
- 122 Tatami, e.g.
- 123 Radio spots
- 124 Radio personalities

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"Villa Tramonto" - Is an elegant, contemporary styled villa located high atop the gated community known as Virgin Grand Estates. Built in 2010, the stately, fully air conditioned four bedroom home offers sweeping water and sunset views from Great Cruz Bay to St. Thomas and beyond. Amenities include large pool and entertainment deck, underground utilities and paved access roads. Solid masonry construction and the finest finishing materials. **\$2.395M**



"Privateer Point" - St. John's most dramatic home site is now offered for sale. For a spectacular private estate, one cannot find better than the 14 acres of Privateer Point. Surrounded by water on three sides with unlimited views of most of the British Virgins, it just does not get better than Privateer Point. Construction will be eased knowing the concrete driveway and electric have been run for approximately 600 feet to one of the relatively flat building sites. Three pocket beaches add to the charm of this nature lover's paradise. **\$9.15M.**

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"Mango Terrace Villas" - Brand new and spacious condos on a Cruz Bay hillside overlooking the turquoise waters of the Caribbean. All units have spacious interiors, ample decks from which to enjoy the cool Easterly breezes and expansive water views. Amenities include private laundry, granite counter tops, stainless appliances and large shared deck & pool. Walk to Cruz Bay & Frank Bay beach. Financing available. All units have just been reduced by as much as \$300,000 and are below recent appraised value - looking for a quick sale. Unit #6, a two bedroom ground floor condo with over 1100 sq ft was just reduced to only **\$499,000** Call for information.

DEVELOPMENT/COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES: Hansen Bay 7A is an 18 acre parcel with studies done and a 15 lot subdivision permit. All lots have water views and breezes and 4 lots are on the flat top of a ridge with almost 360 degree views. Reduced from **\$3.18M to \$2.99M.** Estate Zootenvaal 20 acres overlooking the marine preserve at Bork Creek just east of Coral Bay **\$7M.** Adjoining 4.5 acre parcel with 4 cottages and white sand beach also available.

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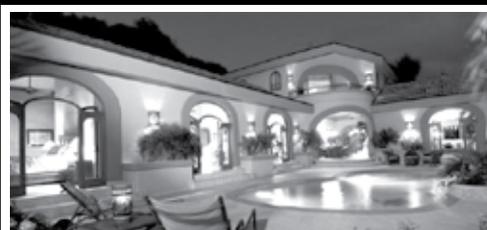
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DeJongh Administration Strategizes Priorities for Agenda Through 2014

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On Tuesday, March 20, Governor John deJongh convened a strategy session of his Cabinet, various instrumentalities of the government and Government House staff to map out the strategic priorities of the deJongh/Francis Administration through 2014.

The day-long session was conducted in partnership with the National Governor's Association and was facilitated by NGA Office of Management Consulting and Training Director Nikki Guilford.

The governor urged those gathered at the Government House strategy session "to continue to think outside the box," indicating "the tremendous capacity of the government in collaborating to provide services in the best interest of all Virgin Islands people."

He spoke of the ongoing work of the government in year six of his Administration as "providing a unified front in creating long-lasting impacts on our community and in the development of our people."

The strategy session was organized to develop a solid plan for ensuring the full implementation of the deJongh/Francis Administration's key priorities by January 2015 and to refine staff roles in championing the governor's agenda.

Throughout the day, administration heads discussed various initiatives and formalized detailed plans towards implementing key components in each of five priority areas, including: economic development; health care; education; public safety; and energy issues.

The administration has been proactive in embracing op-



Governor John deJongh engaged in discussion during last week's NGA strategy session with members of his Cabinet and Government House staff

portunities to increase economic development; facilitate small business expansion through loan and other retention programs; utilize tax increment financing for capital projects; streamline government operations, including online capabilities and the government's permitting process; secure the rum industry in the Virgin Islands; return cruise ships to St. Croix; expand marine industry growth; increase airlift; provide the foundation for cheaper, more reliable

broadband; Virgin Islands inclusion, for the first time, in calculating the national Gross Domestic Product and other initiatives.

The administration has also reformed the emergency management structure in the Territory, making VITEMA a stand alone, Cabinet-level agency and completely revamped the 911 system in the Virgin Islands.

Additionally, a major initiative is underway to raise the level of awareness and preparedness in the territory for not only hurricanes but tsunamis and other natural disasters.

The governor referenced the economic realities associated with the HOVENSA closure.

"It is imperative that the efforts of the government continue to focus not only on creating jobs and transitioning our fuel-based economy to embracing alternative energy systems, but to similarly take steps that increase the standard and quality of life for all residents and visitors, alike," said deJongh. "Our focus is rooted in the belief that our people are our greatest asset, and through education, workforce development and trainings, we increase opportunities for all Virgin Islanders and continue to build a foundation for the next generation."

At the close of last week's session, participants had outlined a comprehensive agenda for the deJongh/Francis Administration's next two and a half years, through January 2015, based on the governor's vision of advancing opportunities for residents, especially amongst youth, streamlining government operations and setting an agenda of change and reform towards a brighter Virgin Islands future.

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<p>"WINDCHIME" is a very private 1.4 ac. estate set high atop Giffit Hill. Dramatic views to the east w/ spectacular breezes and sunrises. This 3 bdrm villa has room to expand with an oversized pool facing the terrific view.</p> <p>\$1,419,000</p>	<p>"WHALE WATCH" - Enjoy pristine East End in this lovely, 2 bedroom villa with big water views. Downstairs apartment offers additional living & income space. Hear the sound of the waves lapping below.</p> <p>\$1,275,000</p>	<p>"WILD ORCHID VILLA" in Skytop features privacy and amazing 270' panoramic views! Flexible floorplan 4 bdrm, 2 level villa is custom crafted in exotic hardwoods & stone-work. Awesome sunrises! Beautiful sunsets! Cool breezes!</p> <p>\$980,000</p>	<p>"SAGO COTTAGE" adorable Caribbean style masonry cottage with wonderful island views and great rental history.</p> <p>\$975,000</p>	<p>"KABEJ PATCH" Caribbean style 5 bdrm pool villa, in a quiet, breezy location in desirable Chocolate Hole. Beautifully finished Brazilian hardwood home w/ stone accents is charming! Walk to beach. Excellent short term rental or private residence.</p> <p>\$880,000</p>	<p>"TREE HOUSE" offers spectacular views from Upper Carolina's ridge top. This gentle parcel features a 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home which is bordered by National Park.</p> <p>\$685,000</p>
<p>"FISH BAY" 4X2 INCREDIBLE VALUE! Huge panoramic views and a quiet, private, breezy location that borders Nature Conservancy property make this home a must see!</p> <p>\$535,000</p>	<p>"BEST BUY MUST SELL!" Newer masonry Flanagan's Passage income producing 2x2 with flexible floor plan, spectacular water views to BVIs, easterly breezes and end of road privacy!</p> <p>\$499,000</p>	<p>"COMFORTABLE CAROLINA COTTAGE" offers open floor plan & views of historic sugar mill with room to expand this well-maintained home that features 2 parcels. Close to Coral Bay shopping and services.</p> <p>\$285,000</p>	<p>"OWN A MONTH IN A LUXURY HOME" Choose a 3 BR 3.5 BA or a 4 BR 4.5 BA villa in upscale Virgin Grand Estates. These 3,000 sq ft villas feature STT & sunset views, pool, AC & more.</p> <p>Priced from \$65,000</p>	<p>"LAVENDER HILL" Luxurious 1 bedroom unit adjacent to pool with 2 decks. Walk to beach and town. Handsomely furnished, immaculately maintained, excellent rental management.</p> <p>\$500,000</p>	<p>"CONCH VILLAS": Why pay rent? Opportunity to own a 2br, 1ba &/or a 1br, 1ba condo close to Cruz Bay! Purchase one for yourself and stop throwing money away on rent or purchase both for additional income.</p> <p>\$185,000 & \$210,000</p>

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Festival Food Fair Honoree: **Gwendolyn R. Harley**

Festival Parade Grand Marshal: **Rodney R. Varlack, Sr.**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, May 26, 2012

Pan-o-Rama

4 P.M. AT WINSTON WELLS BALL FIELD

CONTACT PERSON: IRA WADE (340) 690-7428

FRIDAY, June 15, 2012

Senior Variety Show

7 P.M. AT WINSTON WELLS BALL FIELD

CONTACT PERSON: JANE JOHANNES (340) 776-6450

SATURDAY, June 16, 2012

Festival Bike Race

8 A.M. AT ST. JOHN NATIONAL PARK

CONTACT PERSON: JANE THILL (340) 693-9467

SUNDAY, June 17, 2012

St. John Festival Princess 2012

Selection Pageant

6 P.M. AT WINSTON WELLS BALL FIELD

CONTACT PERSON: LORRAINE RICHARDS (340) 626-4804

FRIDAY, June 22, 2012

Festival Musical Mix 2012

9 P.M. AT WINSTON WELLS BALL FIELD

CONTACT PERSON: LUCINDA JURGEN(340) 643-8074

SATURDAY, June 23, 2012

St. John Festival Queen 2012

Selection Pageant

8 P.M. AT WINSTON WELLS BALL FIELD

CONTACT PERSON: ENID DOWAY (340) 626-0785

SUNDAY, June 24, 2012

Food Fair & Coronation

1 P.M. AT FRANKLIN A. POWELL, SR. PARK

CONTACT PERSON: LEONA SMITH (340) 690-3692

Boat Races

3 P.M. AT CRUZ BAY HARBOR

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FRIDAY, June 29, 2012

Festival Village Opening

7 P.M. AT CRUZ BAY PARKING LOT

CONTACT PERSON: JANE JOHANNES (340) 776-6450

SUNDAY, July 1, 2012

Festival Beach Jam

1 P.M. AT OPPENHEIMER BEACH

CONTACT PERSON: LEONA SMITH (340) 690-3692

TUESDAY, July 3, 2012

Cultural Day

3 P.M. AT FRANKLIN A. POWELL, SR. PARK

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WEDNESDAY, July 4, 2012

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4 A.M. AT ST. JOHN NATIONAL PARK

Festival Parade 2012

11 A.M. AT ST. JOHN NATIONAL PARK

CONTACT PERSON: NATALIE THOMAS (340) 690- 1725

Festival Fireworks Display

9 P.M. AT CRUZ BAY HARBOR

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