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As part of Giffit Hill School's mini-mester program, eight seventh grade students got their SCUBA certification last week thanks to a Friends of VINP grant and a Low Key Watersports donation.

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Photo by Jaime Elliott



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East End residents marked Kony Day 2012 on April 20 by hanging a hand-painted banner outside their home.

East End Residents Join Calls To Stop Kony

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Thousands of people around the country and the globe marked Kony Day 2012 on April 20 and St. John was not left out, thanks to one family on the island's East End.

Virginia Knaplund and Brooke Mitchell were among the millions of people who responded to California-based Invisible Children's internet campaign to bring Ugandan warlord Joseph Kony to justice.

Invisible Children's video about Kony went viral on YouTube and

Facebook, spurring backlash from people questioning the non-profit group's accounting, but undeniably raising awareness about his brutal reign in war-torn Africa.

"Kony is a leader in the Lord's Resistance Army in Africa which for 25 years has been capturing children and turning them in to child soldiers," said Mitchell.

The warlord has been indicted for war crimes and crimes against humanity by the International Criminal Court in The Hague, Netherlands. He has evaded capture and is the court's number one most wanted criminal.

Invisible Children designated April 20 as Kony Day 2012, urging activists across the globe to put up posters, stickers and banners about the campaign to capture and bring Kony to justice.

Heeding the call on St. John, Mitchell sewed and painted a five foot banner and hung it outside of Knaplund's East End home.

"The idea was to make people aware of the Stop Kony campaign and the more attention that is paid to this the better," said Mitchell. "The intention was to raise awareness and have more energy put behind stopping him."

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"Queen of the Sun" Screening May 1

The St. John Film Society will screen the award-winning film about bees, "Queen of the Sun: What are the Bees Telling Us?" on Tuesday, May 1, at 7:30 p.m. at St. John School of the Arts.

In 1923, Rudolf Steiner, an Austrian scientist, philosopher and social innovator, predicted that in 80 to 100 years honeybees would collapse.

Now, beekeepers around the United States and around the world are reporting an incredible loss of honey bees, a phenomenon deemed "Colony Collapse Disorder." Bees are disappearing in mass numbers from their hives with no clear single explanation. The queen is there, honey is there, but the bees are gone.

For the first time, in an alarming inquiry into the insights behind Steiner's prediction "Queen of the Bees" investigates the long-term causes behind the dire global bee crisis through the eyes of biodynamic beekeepers, commercial beekeepers, scientists and philosophers.

The post film discussion promises to be equally engaging with St. John bee keepers including Mr. Smalls.

St. John Summer Youth Fair Is May 2

The public is invited to the Julius E. Sprauve School on Wednesday, May 2, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. for the St. John Summer Youth Fair.

Stop by the school and apply for a summer job or sign up for a summer program. Participants will include 4-H Summer Camp, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Program, Department of Labor, Friends of V.I. National Park, Giffit Hill School and many more.

Bring the whole family, a complimentary buffet dinner will be served. For more information call V.I. Police Department public information office Melody Rames at 643-7728.

JESS Gala Will Be Saturday, May 5

The 15th Annual JESS Gala is set for Saturday, May 5, at Caneel Bay's Turtle Bay Estate House from 6:30 to 10 p.m.

Tickets are \$100. For more details call 776-6336 or visit www.jessgala.com.

GBS Annual Spaghetti Dinner Is May 10

Guy Benjamin School is hosting its annual spaghetti dinner on Thursday, May 10, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the school.

Dinner is served from 6 to 7 p.m. Adult tickets are \$10 and tickets for children are \$5. Dinner includes appetizers, salad, main course, dessert and a drink. For more details call GBS at 776-6242.

AARP Seeking Troupe Participants

The St. John AARP Chapter #4777 is looking for members to join the group in walking in the St. John Festival July Fourth Parade.

Contact Bev Biziewski at 776-6833 if interested. All national AARP members are welcome!

Moravian Dinner Theater Is May 12

A message and a meal! The Bethany Moravian Women's Fellowship will be having a Dinner Theater Performance entitled "The Mysterious Benefactor," on Saturday, May 12, at the Café Flambé (Bethany Church Hall) St. John.

Social hour begins at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7:30 p.m. Advance ticket sales are only \$25. For more information call 776-6291, 642-7296 or 626-6279.

James Alexander, 24, Drowns off Solomon Beach

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

St. John mourned the tragedy of another untimely death last week.

About 100 people gathered at Cinnamon Bay on Monday, April 23, to remember 24-year-old James Alexander, who died while free diving off Solomon Bay beach just days before.

Alexander and his twin brother had hiked out to Solomon Bay beach on Friday, April 20, and decided to go for a free dive, explained V.I. National Park Deputy Superintendent Mike Anderson.

"I understand they had done this before where they went for a hike together and then swam off-shore and went free diving," said Anderson. "I understand that both brothers were competitive swimmers and in very good physical condition."

This time, however, Alexander never surfaced after free diving without fins or a mask or snorkel. A passing boat in the Solomon Bay area called Marine Channel 16 around 3:30 p.m. and reported a swimmer in distress.

VINP lifeguards, Caneel Bay dive officials, St. John Rescue, EMTs, V.I. Police Department and private boats from St. John and Lovango Cay responded to the incident, but it



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

James Alexander, above, died while free diving with his twin brother off shore of Solomon Beach.

was too late, explained Anderson.

Alexander's body was found on the sea floor in about 35 to 41 feet of water and he was not breathing, the VINP Deputy Superintendent explained.

"When VINP got there, the body had already been recov-

ered from the water," said Anderson. "He had been underwater and was not breathing then and he was not breathing when we found him. One of our lifeguards performed CPR in the back of the ambulance, but it was too late."

"They did everything they could, but were not able to revive the young man," he said.

While there is no autopsy report to answer exactly what happened to Alexander during his swim, Anderson speculated that his death was caused by Shallow Water Blackout.

"Shallow Water Blackout is the sudden loss of consciousness caused by oxygen starvation following a breath holding dive," according to www.scuba-doc.com. "Once you lose consciousness you are likely to drown. The blackout occurs quickly, insidiously and without warning."

Anderson ruled out any drug or alcohol use in causing the drowning.

Alexander and his brother, originally from New Bern, North Carolina, had lived on St. John about a year. Alexander worked at Rhumb Lines and Morgan's Mango.

Alexander — the son of Nancy Alexander, director of the MERCI Clinic in New Bern, and Dr. George Alexander, a heart surgeon — was an Eagle Scout, North Carolina Scholar, athlete and an honor student, according to a report on the *New Bern Sun Journal* website.

Rotary Club Project Aims To Help Parents Stimulate Children's Brain Development

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Inspired by a simple book that has had a profound impact on children across the country, Joan Bermingham made it her mission to bring *The Brain Game* to St. John.

Developed by a Rotary Club in La Crosse, Wisconsin, with input from medical professionals, psychologists and more, *The Brain Game* is a guide for new parents to help encourage brain development during a child's first few years.

"I went to a Rotary International convention in New Orleans last year and in a committee this book was introduced as a project for clubs," said Bermingham, a member and past president of the Rotary Club of St. John. "This book was developed by professionals in the medical field, psychologists and day care workers. It was a Rotary project for the club in La Crosse, WI, and has been used by Rotary clubs across the country to great results."

"The book made such an impact on me, I thought, 'we need this here,'" said Bermingham.



The Brain Game is available for free in both English and Spanish.

The book, which is available in English and Spanish, is broken up into different sections corresponding to the child's age. The first section covers newborns, with ensuing chapters relating to three to six months, six to 12 months, and 12 to 36 months. *The Brain Games* explains how a child's brain develops at an amazing rate in the first three years of life.

"The brain grows to adult size

by the age of three so the child is learning more during this three-year period than she ever will again in her lifetime, including when she is in college," said Bermingham. "There are small things you can do that make a really big difference in the development of the child like talking, playing, touching, reading and listening to music."

The book is easy to read and recommends simple steps for parents to take, which could be easily implemented in any home.

"The books talks about things like when changing a baby's diaper to talk to them," Bermingham said. "Babies recognize the mother's and father's voice immediately after it is born — so talk to them and sing. Music is very important and so are nursery rhymes."

"Children learn to repeat the same sounds over and over so rhymes are great," she said. "Children also love faces — within a few weeks, a child will mimic the expression in your face. They are just sucking up knowledge at that age, which is why they can't just be left alone."

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There are also sections in *The Brain Game* for parents to write down questions to ask medical professionals, Bermingham added.

"There is space to record questions for doctors or nurses and there is space to write down the answers so when you get home you won't say, 'What did the doctor say,'" said Bermingham.

A guideline for what children should be doing at different ages, like rolling over and crawling, is also included in the book as well as a calendar for parents to keep track of all those firsts, like words and steps.

After learning about *The Brain Game*, Bermingham was determined the book could make a difference on St. John, she explained.

"I went to my Rotary club and contacted a club in Hyannis, MA, which gave us a contribution of

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NPS Purchases 58 Acres of Estate Maho Bay from Trust for Public Land

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

It's official — the National Park Service is the proud new owner of 58 acres of pristine land in Estate Maho Bay, thanks to \$2.25 million in funding from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund.

NPS announced last week that the department had officially purchased 58 acres of land within V.I. National Park — including Maho Bay beach and inland property climbing up to the nearby ridge — from Trust for Public Land.

“This is a success story on a number of levels,” said NPS Director Jonathan Jarvis in a prepared statement. “The Trust for Public Land has been out front on Maho Bay, preserving important lands and keeping them undeveloped.”

The Florida-based land conservation non-profit TPL maintained possession of the 58-acre property until NPS was able to pay for it, at the deeply discounted price of \$2.25 million.

“The \$2.25 million purchase was completed with funds from the Land and Water Conservation Fund — fees paid to the government as a result of offshore oil and gas leasing,” according to the prepared statement from NPS.

The land recently transferred is part of the more than 200 acres acquired by TPL in 2006 from the Marsh family heirs.

The entire tract of land, all of which TPL intends to sell to NPS, includes property stretching from the Maho Bay shoreline all the way up to the ridge along

Centerline Road and encompasses undisturbed forest, ruins and more.

Since the land is so vast, TPL has been selling NPS portions at a time. This latest sale is the third transfer of Estate Maho Bay land, bringing the total acreage sold by TPL to NPS to 131 acres. The first sale of property was in 2009 and the final portion of land is expected to be sold in 2013.

TPL and NPS officials cheered the latest land transfer as a win for the public, which can continue to enjoy the pristine beach at Maho Bay, home to sting rays, sea turtles and an abundance of fish species.

“The beach at Maho Bay is now protected in perpetuity for the many thousands of visitors and island residents who enjoy the beach each year,” said TPL CEO Will Rogers.

In addition to the pristine shoreline, the upland tropical forest has also been protected.

“It will never be developed,” Rogers said in the NPS prepared statement. “A resort hotel and hundreds of condominiums could have been built there so you can see how critical this project is to the long-term integrity of Virgin Islands National Park.”

The Maho Bay area has a greater value as undeveloped parkland where it will continue to benefit native plant and animal species and serve as a spectacular place for reflection and recreation for park visitors, according to Rogers.

Last week's land purchase also connects the east and west sectors of VINP for the first time.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Judi Shimel

2012 Carnival Queen Lyons-Anthony celebrates Carnival Village opening with her mother.

Queen Savannah Lyons-Anthony Helps Open Carnival Village on STT

St. John Tradewinds

The 60th Anniversary of St. Thomas Carnival Village got underway on Friday night, April 20, with the official ribbon cutting ceremony.

On hand was the first ever Carnival Queen from St. John, Savannah Lyons-Anthony, who posed for photographers with her mother Kim Lyons. Congratulations Savannah and Happy Carnival!

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SJCF Urges Collaboration Among Island Groups at Annual Meeting

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

About 45 people gathered at the Fish Trap restaurant on Monday night, April 16, to hear what the St. John Community Foundation has been up to over the past year at the group's annual meeting.

"It was a great meeting," said SJCF executive director Celia Kalousek. "We had a big round table and we did a run down of what SJCF does and where we are financially. I explained how our money is split up and shared as many details about our programs as possible."

SJCF used 70 percent — a total of \$131,275 — of its expenditures in 2011 directly on program expenses with 17 percent, \$30,688, spent on salaries and labor. A total of 11 percent, \$20,750, of the group's expenditures last year were spent on overhead like rent and utilities, with another two percent, \$3,058, used for printing, copying and miscellaneous expenses.

After detailing exactly how their funds are spent, the meeting was opened to residents to explain their own organizations, according to Kalousek.

"We went around and asked folks what they were doing because the point is not to duplicate services," she said. "We want to make the most of the money that is coming into St. John community groups. There were a lot of people doing a lot of good things so we need to stay in touch with each other to collaborate."

"There are a lot of grants out there and I'd love to see organizations working together to get funding instead of competing with each other," said the SJCF execu-

"It was really useful to hear from the different groups about what they are trying to do and to hear their wish lists and volunteer needs. There are so many grants out there and when I see them I want to know who I can pass them to. If there is no member of a group to write one, they can pull a team together and work on it together."

— Celia Kalousek, SJCF executive director

tive director. "There were a lot of seeds sown at the meeting. It was awesome."

The meeting also helped Kalousek realize the different groups and programs and find out ways she can help their initiatives, she explained.

"It was really useful to hear from the different groups about what they are trying to do and to hear their wish lists and volunteer needs," said the SJCF executive director. "There are so many grants out there and when I see them I want to know who I can pass them to. If there is no member of a group to write one, they can pull a team together and work on it together."

"We want to facilitate collaboration so we can bring money to St. John and start working on these programs and initiatives," said Kalousek.

Community organizations, like St. John Rescue and Island Green Building Association, were on hand to discuss their initiatives, Kalousek explained.

"There were several people at the meeting who are doing youth mentoring," she said. "St. John Rescue folks were there and they talked about trying to get a grant for an oxygen production unit. I

think a lot of people at the meeting realized how useful having the oxygen on island would be."

"We talked about the environment and someone there wanted to know how to donate to IGBA," Kalousek said. "There were people from the group there, so we were able to make that connection."

Kalousek hopes to follow up with each of the groups in brainstorming sessions to further create opportunities for collaboration, she added.

"It's really about this whole collective collaboration process and us working together," said the SJCF executive director.

The group also took time during its annual meeting to celebrate saving its long-running and much-used Dial-a-Ride program, which was at risk of being eliminated when government funds were pulled.

"We certainly celebrated keeping Dial-a-Ride and gave Andy Stillman a shout out for throwing us the life line and the ability to pay barge and gas fees," said Kalousek.

Anyone who missed the meeting, but wants to find out how to collaborate with the group should call Kalousek at 693-9410.

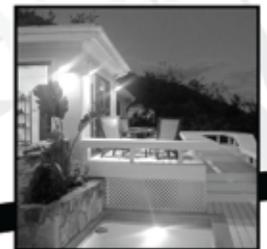
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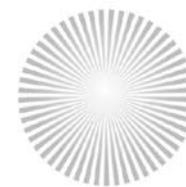


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Early Registration for 9th Annual Friends Beach-to-Beach Power Swim Ends May 4

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Early registration rates for the Beach-to-Beach Power Swim end at midnight on Friday, May 4.

Register by then for the special advance rate of \$40 per adult, and \$25 per youth 17 years and younger. General registration con-

tinues from May 5 through 25, at the rate of \$50 for adults and \$25 for youth, with late registration being allowed on Saturday, May 26, at the pre-race meeting for \$75 for adults and \$50 for youth. There is no registration the day of the event.

Sign up www.friendsvinp.org/swim, or call 779-4940 or sign up at Friends of the Park Store or Friends office or Connections in Cruz Bay or Coral Bay.

The race will be at 8 a.m. on Sunday, May 27, and starts at Maho Bay Beach.



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Moe Chabuz and Doug Bean, far left, Skinny Legs staff, center, and Jaime Elliott and Bean, above.

Doug Bean Takes Over Skinny Legs; Island Icon Not Changing

By **Andrea Milam**
St. John Tradewinds

There's a new man in charge at Skinny Legs, but fear not, fans of the iconic Coral Bay restaurant and bar — new owner Doug Bean won't try to fix what isn't broken.

Skinny's was borne out of a partnership between the late Doug Sica and Moe Chabuz, who has overseen operations at the Coral Bay gathering spot since its founding 21 years ago.

"I've been doing it a long time," said Chabuz. "It's fun, but it's still a lot of work. I want to spend more time with my wife, kids, grandkids and family I don't see too often."

Chabuz and his wife Toni are traveling in the states until later this year, and enjoyed a recent trip to Epcot Center with Chabuz's nephew and his wife. The couple still has a home on St. John, and they plan to stay involved in the Love City community.

"We try and support Team River Runner, and Toni volunteers in the schools," said Chabuz, who recently raised funds for TRR — an organization dedicated to bringing health and

healing to wounded veterans through kayak adventures — during the 8 Tuff Miles race.

For Chabuz, passing the Skinny's torch to Bean was a no-brainer. The new Skinny Legs owner has been on island since 1999, and has worked at the restaurant for 12 years, serving most recently as manager.

"I started as a prep cook, and I was the first waiter they ever had," said Bean. "I also worked as a bartender. I've done every job."

"Now I clean the toilets," he added with a laugh.

Helping out behind the scenes will be Jaime Elliott, Bean's wife and longtime *St. John Tradewinds* news editor, who plans to help expand Skinny Legs' media presence.

"I'm strong creatively and have been enjoying playing around with the menu layout," said Elliott. "The menu itself will not change, but it will have a new look soon. I've also been having a great time working with our fantastic web master Jean Vance on updating our web site, and we're trying to maintain a stronger online presence by sharing more pictures and keeping folks up to date on our happenings."

The Coral Bay restaurant has played an important role in various island benefits over the years, a tradition Bean plans to continue.

"I think it's important for people to give back, and Doug and Jaime are all about that," said Chabuz. "Doug Sica, my original partner, and I always tried to be supportive and contribute where we could, and Doug and Jaime have the same feel. That was a key thing in turning it over to them."

Bean and Elliott both say they are thrilled to have the opportunity to take over the St. John icon, and both agree that there isn't much, if anything, they will do differently.

"I literally remember the first time Doug and I walked in to Skinny Legs on New Year's Day 2000, and I thought the place was so much fun," said Elliott. "There were all these football games on and people watching and eating and having fun. It's really just amazing that we have this opportunity now."

"If anything, we just hope to continue the great tradition of great times and great food at great prices with really friendly people at Skinny Legs," Elliott added.

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VINP Superintendent Hardgrove Marks 40 Years with NPS

Special to St. John Tradewinds

V. I. National Park Superintendent Mark Hardgrove celebrated his 40th anniversary with the National Park Service on April 22.

Hardgrove, a 40-year veteran of the National Park Service and a native of Bethesda, Md., started with the NPS in the Washington, D.C. area working at various posts, including the C&O Canal National Historical Park, George Washington Memorial Parkway, the NPS Special Events Team, and National Capital Parks East.

He served for 11 years as Deputy Superintendent at San Juan National Historic Site in Puerto Rico, eight years at Big Cypress National Preserve in south Florida and six years as the Deputy Superintendent at the Outer Banks Group of Parks (Cape Hatteras National Seashore, Wright Brothers National Monument, and Fort Raleigh National Historic Site) in North Carolina.

Hardgrove has also served at Valley Forge National Historical Site, Colonial National Historical Park and was acting Superintendent at Cumberland



Mark Hardgrove

Island National Seashore and Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park. He was acting Superintendent at VINP during recovery operations after Hurricane Marilyn in 1995 and loved it so much he returned to serve as Superintendent 12 years later.

Hardgrove assumed his position as the Superintendent of Virgin Islands National Park and Coral Reef National Monument in September 2007. During his time as Superintendent he has worked hard alongside island residents to improve the park's integration into the local communities with the goal to best support the park's natural and cultural resources programs.

Hardgrove has always enjoyed working with the government of the Virgin Islands but most of all with the passionate people.

Congratulations on 40 years with NPS.

Andersons Sharing Circumnavigation Stories May 13 at Concordia Eco-Resort

*By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds*

Ever dreamed of sailing around the world, but wondered what it really takes?

Then mark those calendars for Sunday, May 13, at 5 p.m. when Bill and Linda Anderson are hosting an exciting presentation all about their two-year circumnavigation aboard their home-made 45-foot plywood sailboat *Valiam*.

The Australian natives will share stories of their epic adventure and will have copies of their book "Sailing in my Sarong," on hand.

"Our story of sailing around the world began 30 years ago with a dream," said Linda Anderson. "We finally completed building our boat and set sail in 2007, visiting 30 countries, avoiding pirates and weathering a few storms."

"It's a story of battling gales and sailing through the world's pirate hot spots; of exploring exotic and remote communities and integrating with the locals; and of experiencing the vastness of the great oceans and making new friends at each destination," she said. "Our message to everyone is that it is possible to fulfill a dream and there is a wonderful big world out there to explore."

In addition to "Sailing in my



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Bill and Linda Anderson aboard *Valiam*.

Sarong" Linda Anderson will also have several of her paintings and drawings on display during the presentation. The couple plans to donate a portion of the proceeds from book sales to Guy Benjamin School in Coral Bay.

The Andersons have been on

St. John for about a month, working on a new project – restoring an old sail boat in order to cruise the Mediterranean.

For more information about the Andersons or to buy copies of their book check out the couple's website at www.valiam.com.au.

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Giffit Hill School students at the V.I. Legislature Building on St. Thomas pose for the camera with Senator at Large Craig Barshinger, standing far left, and Senator Shawn Michael Malone, standing far right.

GHS Students Perform "Bag It 2 - The Reckoning" at St. Thomas Legislature

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Giffit Hill School environmental group students took their mission to end plastic bag use on St. John all the way to the Legislature on St. Thomas recently.

After watching a film about the impact of plastic bags on the environment, students created their own original skit, "Bag It 2 - the Reckoning."

After performing the skit during a reception for the school's Education and Resiliency Through Horticulture program earlier in April, Senator at Large Craig Barshinger invited the group to perform in front of his fellow senators.

The GHS students did just that — despite at least one objection from a St. Thomas senator — on Thurs-

day night, April 19. Decked out in elaborate costumes, students traveled to St. Thomas thanks to help from St. John Community Foundation and presented their skit in support of Senator Shawn Michael Malone's proposed measure calling for a territory-wide ban on plastic bags.

"I would like to thank these wonderful students and their dedicated teachers," Senator Malone said. "They demonstrated true courage, creativity and concern for our islands by coming before the Legislature this week."

"Students from Good Hope School previously came out in support of the ban and I can't thank all these young people enough — I am truly inspired by their enthusiasm," said Malone.

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Low Key Watersports Certifies GHS Students in SCUBA Diving

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

From writing a grant to getting under the waves, a group of Giffit Hill School seventh graders were certified in SCUBA last week as part of the school's mini-mester program (see related story on page 10).

GHS students broke into groups for three days of intensive applied learning in areas of their choice, studying subjects from golf to science.

Eight seventh grade students spent the week with Low Key Watersports officials, who donated their time, getting Scuba certified. But last week's certification program was the culmination of the program which began early in the fall with grant writing.

"Part of the funding for the Scuba program came through a grant that the seventh graders wrote themselves," said GHS Middle School Dean Liz Kinsella. "The students wrote the grant application in English class and applied to Friends of V.I. National Park for SKIP [School Kids in the Park] funding."

The students received a grant for



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

GHS seventh graders smile for the camera with Low Key dive instructors after wrapping up their open water dive last week.

\$500 and Low Key Watersports officials donated the use of their boat while instructors donated their time for the GHS mini-mester program.

After completing their confined water skills on the Cruz Bay beach in front of Low Key on Monday, April 23, the GHS students spent two days doing open water dives

with the watersports company staff and became officially certified Scuba divers on Wednesday, April 25.

"Being able to breath underwater is the coolest thing about Scuba," said Skye Ehrhart.

"Looking up and seeing all that water over your head is amazing," said John Ovcina.

Almost the Local News

by Rudy Patton <http://almostlocalnews.blogspot.com> almostlocalnews@gmail.com

Trader Joe's and Starbucks Arrive on Island

By Buelch Loudleigh
St. John Tradewinds

The Boston-based law firm of Bickers & Bickers, has announced the April 25 signing of contracts with two major companies to open businesses on St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands.

Trader Joe's, a Monrovia, California privately held company and Starbucks Corporation, a NASDAQ traded company based in Seattle, Washington, have agreed to start operations within the fiscal year 2012.

Trader Joe's founder, Joe Coulombe, is said to have developed the idea of the Trader Joe South Seas motif while on vacation on St. John in 1973. Work has already started on a 50,000 square-foot building in the back parking lot of The Marketplace.

"We know that St. John has the sophistication and taste for up-scale food and wine at bargain prices," the official announcement stated.

Products to be sold include gourmet foods, organic foods, vegetarian food, unusual frozen foods, imported foods, domestic and imported wine and beer, "alternative" food items, and staples like bread, cereal,

eggs, dairy, coffee and produce. Non-food items include personal hygiene products, household cleaners, vitamins, pet food, plants, and flowers.

A relief for Virgin Islanders is that pricing will be the same as the state-side stores.

"We expect a large number of consumers from St. Thomas to come to shop on St. John," said Dietin Soone, spokeswoman for Bickers & Bickers.

Starbucks plans to fill the spot now occupied by Bougainvillea in Mongoose Junction. Starbucks is the largest coffeehouse company in the world, with more than 17,000 stores in 55 countries, including over 12,500 in the United States, over 1,200 in Canada and over 700 in the United Kingdom, 54 in Russia and now St. John, Virgin Islands.

Kiosks for the new St. John International Airport and Bullet Train terminals have been staked out on the not-yet-published plans.

"With proper support these initiatives will be ready to meet the needs of St. John residents by year's end," said Soone. "St. John will never be the same."

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GHS Upper School students practice their surfing skills during a mini-mester program in Costa Rica.

GHS "Mini-Mester" Programs Focus on Theater, Sports, Science and More

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

With public schools on Spring Break and St. Thomas Carnival in full swing last week, Giff Hill School students enjoyed three days of exciting, experiential education April 23 through 25.

The school's annual "mini-mesters" are all about engaging students in areas of their own interest, explained GHS Middle School Dean Liz Kinsella.

"Every year GHS does what we call a mini-mester which is applied learning in an area that is of particular interest to the student," said Kinsella. "They choose an area they want to explore more or something that interests them; this is something that we choose for them."

"The intent is to take the academia that they've been learning in the classroom and show them how it applies to real life and we try to do that in as authentic a way as possible," she said.

A group of Upper School students spent last week surfing, hiking and zip lining in Costa Rica, while other GHS students on St. John got certified in SCUBA (see related story on page 9), another group toured off-the-beaten track areas on St. Thomas and still another group spent a week of intensive training with the New England Youth Theater, explained Kinsella.

"Our biggest group of students is doing a sort of drama workshop which incorporates singing, improv and some physical humor," said the GHS middle school dean. "That program was also opened up to public school students on St. John as well."

"Since Julius E. Sprauve School and Guy Benjamin School students are on spring break this week, we went out a couple of weeks ago and did a presen-



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Kaitlyn Cummings

Students learned costume design instruction from a New England Youth Theater professional designer.

tation for those two schools and offered them, free of cost, to participate in this week-long theater workshop," said Kinsella. "We also invited home school students to join in as well."

In addition to the GHS students, six students from
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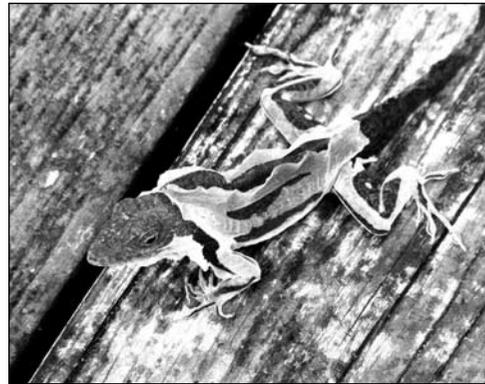
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May 4 Opening at Bajo el Sol Featuring Bass, Lee, Tacquard and Stelzer

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Oil paintings by Patty Tacquard and photographs by William Stelzer will be featured along with new work by glass artists Greg Lee and Mariel Bass at Bajo el Sol Gallery's Opening Reception on Friday, May 4, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Mongoose Junction Gallery.

Working to capture the movement of color and reflection both in shadows and water, Tacquard's new work is still her island home. Enjoy her island capture of sea gulls, beach

life and palm trees, all with their own shadows and colors.

Sharing wall space with Tacquard's paintings will be Stelzer's photographs. Stelzer shares his talents and work in many ways on St. John and beyond. Whether reading about protecting coral reefs, visiting a new website or viewing an island video, chances are Stelzer has participated in its creation.

Bass and Lee, St. John artists working at Maho Bay Glassworks, will feature new work at the May opening re-

ception as well. From simple shapes and single colors to intricate twists and swirls and sand-blasting, the artists continue to take their work and development to higher levels. Using recycled glass, they create works worthy of display in many fine galleries, museums, and homes.

Join the featured artists and the other Bajo el Sol gallery artists for the opening reception Friday May 4, from 5 to 8 p.m. The gallery is located at the top of the stone steps in Mongoose Junction. For more information call 693-7070.

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Yellow Cedar Trees Blooming Across Love City

Flowers and trees are in full bloom across St. John. From the scent of jasmine in the air to the beautiful yellow cedar trees in Frank Powell Park, above, Spring has sprung on St. John.



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Photo by Jaime Elliott



Going Green: Non Toxic Air Fresheners

St. John Tradewinds

Dear EarthTalk: I've heard that many air fresheners contain toxic chemicals. Are there any green-friendly, non-toxic air fresheners out there, or how can I make my own?

— Jenny Rae, Bolton, MA

It is true that some air fresheners on the market today make use of harsh chemicals to eliminate or overpower odors.

“Many air fresheners contain nerve-deadening chemicals that coat your nasal passages and temporarily block your sense of smell,” according to a report in *National Geographic's The Green Guide*.

Some of the most offensive ingredients — volatile organic compounds (VOCs), benzene and formaldehyde — can cause headaches and nausea and aggravate asthma, and have been linked to neurological damage and cancer.

Perhaps even more worrisome, though, are dispersants known as phthalates that cause hormonal and reproductive issues, birth defects and developmental disorders.

A 2007 review by the non-profit Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) found that 12 out of 14 widely available air fresheners contained phthalates. Some of the air fresheners that tested positive for phthalates were labeled as “all-natural” or “unscented.”

Two of the worst offenders analyzed by NRDC were sold at Walgreens stores under that company's own generic label. As a result, Walgreens removed the products from its shelves, and the manufacturer which made them reformulated their product line without phthalates.

Given such problems with air fresheners, many of us are looking for non-toxic alternatives. Of course, first and foremost would be opening a window or two, as nothing beats good old fresh air for shooing away offensive odors. But sometimes the weather doesn't cooperate for leaving windows and doors open.

The website greenhome.com suggests filling a small spray bottle with a mixture of four teaspoons baking soda and four cups of water and then spraying the solution in a fine mist to neutralizer odors. Similarly, *The Green Guide* suggests mixing a few drops of an organic essential oil (lemon, orange and lavender are popular choices) with distilled or purified water and spraying with a mister.

Another all-natural way to get rid of nasty smells is by wrapping cloves and cinnamon in cheesecloth and boiling them in water. Yet another consists of leaving herbal bouquets standing in open dishes where the fragrance can dissipate throughout a room.

And don't underestimate the air-cleansing power of houseplants, which can improve indoor air quality by filtering toxins out of the air. Mother Nature Network reports that aloe vera plants can filter benzene and formaldehyde out of the air, that spider plants are known for their ability to take xylene and carbon monoxide out of the indoor environment, and that gerber daisies excel at removing the trichloroethylene that may come home with the dry cleaning.

Greenhome.com also sells a variety of non-toxic air fresheners for those less inclined to making their own. EcoDiscoveries AirZyme makes use of natural enzymes to eliminate smoke, pet or other smells with a few sprays. Other options include The Natural's Air Freshener and Deodorizer and Tru Melange's Beeswax and Soy candles.



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By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

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Once you sit atop Bordeaux Mountain and enjoy the cooling breezes and breath-taking views, you are sure to be hooked. Then step inside Bordeaux Falls and soak up the understated opulence, Caribbean elegance, and unparalleled craftsmanship that make up this must see property.

The home includes a three-bedroom and three bath main house and a one-bedroom and one bath guest cottage on a little more than a half an acre of land high atop Bordeaux Mountain.

Bordeaux Falls is for sale for \$2.399 million on the St. John MLS and would be the perfect home for someone looking for tranquility in a convenient location, explained Islandia Real Estate broker associate Lynn Giovanna.

The cooling breezes on Bordeaux Mountain will make you feel like your a world away from it all, but the home's mid-island location means it's only a short drive to the famed St. John beaches and the nightlife of either Coral Bay or Cruz Bay, Giovanna explained.

"Bordeaux Falls would be ideal for that customer who is looking for high-end quiet with privacy, but still wants to be only a few minutes to the North Shore beaches or Cruz Bay town," said Giovanna.

The two-story poured concrete home with a Spanish tiled roof is nestled between two natural guts with expansive easterly views stretching from the Coral



Bordeaux Falls offers expansive views.

Bay harbor out to the British Virgin Islands chain.

Inside Bordeaux Falls craftsmanship abounds. Beautiful hardwood doors and windows by Mark Hansen complement organic native stone columns and an impressive stone fireplace by Brent Squires.

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"Bordeaux Falls stands out for its elegant Caribbean style combined with the quiet island ambiance of Bordeaux Mountain," said Giovanna.

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Letters To St. John Tradewinds

A Caring Nurse

On February 7, 2012, I had a full knee replacement surgery. I was at St. John Physical Therapy on March 26, 2012 and started to feel dizzy, but not like I was going to fall down.

Jessica Schnell told me to sit down so she could check my blood pressure. I was 148/98, not bad, but no where near my normal 122/70.

She told me that I should go to the Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center and have them check me out. I was cold and clammy so I walked to the round-about and Ken Yolman gave me a ride to the front door of the clinic. Thanks Ken! I checked in and the nurse checked my temperature and blood pressure, which was 1140/95. She saw that I was still cold and clammy.

They took me in to the emergency room where they took blood samples and had me on a blood pressure machine. The samples showed that I could have an aneurysm or blood clot. This brought tears to my eyes as I had quadruple by-pass surgery last May 9, and was on blood thinners for both my knee replacement and heart surgeries. We had been working hard both the nurses and doctors to prevent this from happening.

They called for an ambulance to take me to R.L. Schneider Regional Hospital in St. Thomas. I took an

ambulance to the boat and then an ambulance to the hospital in St. Thomas.

I was pretty upset as I was worried about what would happen next. I was hoping my tests would be negative. If positive, I wanted to go to the VA in San Juan. But if negative, I was to stay in St. Thomas because the ferry back might be gone!

At this time, the nurse who had been with me doing the tests and everything handed me a note with her phone number on it. She said that I was to call her if I needed any help or if I needed a place to stay the night, I could stay at her house.

The hospital did more blood tests in the ER and a CRT scan which both came up negative. They did find out that I had small stones though, what next!

I called the nurse and she picked me up around 9:30 p.m. I had not had any food because of the all tests. We went to get a burger of course and then went to her house.

It had a great view of the Charlotte Amalie harbor. I stayed the night and as she had to work the next day at MKSCHC, we took the ferry back to St. John.

This is what you can call a very caring nurse.

Thank you and God bless you Kelly Beach.

Dan "The Pans Man" Carlsen

More Thank Yous from Muilenburg Send Off Soiree

Several people who made contributions to the Dorothy and Peter Muilenburg send off party were omitted from last week's thank you letter.

Gail George crafted a guest book and provided decorations, Bruce Schoonover gave photos and "Ster-

ling" Shannon Sterling provided flowers and helped with the decorating and set-up for the celebration.

Thanks,

The Committee (Kate Norfleet, Denise Wright, Anne Marie Porter and Cid Hamling)

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Adopt a Mahogany Treelet

Robin Swank notes that grand mahogany trees line Caneel Bay's entry.

For several years she has picked up seed pods. Each of the two years that she picked up a seed pod, she said she got almost 100% germination.

She and her neighbor now have mahogany trees that are between 12 and 15 feet tall from a 2007 pod. From this year's pod, she has saved 26 treelets, now

in 6-inch peat pots.

If anyone would like to adopt a few, until they can be given away or sold at the Plant Sale next season, please call Robin Swank 776-6694 or email her at robinlynnswank@gmail.com.

**Thanks,
Judy Buchholz**

ISLAND NOTES

from the publisher

Happy Birthday Sis (May 2nd)! I think of you often.

— MN



Letters To St. John Tradewinds

It Smells Fishy from Here

As a former resident of Love City and a *Tradewinds* reader now from western climes, even I can smell a rotten fish in the soup regarding the bus crash a few weeks back.

I have been run off that same stretch of road by this same driver. Who hasn't? I am sure a couple police cars have been as well. Maybe not though. They do spend a lotta time out front of the Jurgen Command Center, whilst their drivers play bingo inside. There are at least five cops that could solve this thing in a heartbeat, but won't get involved. Same old story. Dodgy as hell.

Where are the answers regarding the investigation? Why the half-hour delay in police response? Why haven't the wishes of the parents been granted in having this guy taken off the roads permanently? What's it gonna take? A bus going over the guardrail full of kids? Almost happened and everybody knows it.

Cameras on board the bus were off on the day. No immediate call to action for EMS response. No drug testing for the drivers? You kidding me?

Someone needs to get with the program there and hook into the new millenium regarding drug testing and bus driving. Does anyone believe that the cops woulda ticketed this driver? Nope. They take things into their own hands as often as they can get away with it too.

Can't completely blame the driver. He learned it from his community safety leadership there at the Jurgen Command Center. There is no accountability in that whole operation, and now it is dripping down the walls and running all over the streets like sewage we try not to step in. Just jump over it and move on.

I know that many local people driving by the accident probably stopped to assist the driver on that morning, as there were no public safety officials to be seen. The driver all the while pushing people away and ushering them off scene in another bus that probably arrived before the police did. Pretty fishy, no?

He was nervous and obviously trying to get the hell outta there in the allotted 45 minute response time for the police.

If hitting the guardrail going uphill isn't a complete demonstration of impairment and poor judgement, then what is? Even the donkeys running that route every season have seen this guy's driving skills. They were nowhere in sight on the day because they probably knew what was coming, and they'd seen it before.

If only the donkeys could talk. They would tell you that it was only a matter of time. They would probably also risk to assume that his "other car," looks like it was painted with a ball peen hammer.

Get driver on the stand in public and have him explain what happened. This thing is starting to smell like a cover up. Maybe Varlack will venture an opinion?

As far as Varlack goes, that is a whole other can of worms just laying in wait to open up like good novel you only read when you are in the middle of a huge ranch, and nobody is watching.

For such a beautiful island with so many beautiful people, it's alarming that the leadership doesn't act with more pride and make some effort to actually protect and serve.

You wanna protect and serve? Write the clown a ticket for starters, admit to the public that you are borderline corrupt and inept, but ("working on a solution,") and then find a way to do something you never do — apologize for all of the above and do something about it.

It stinks like a slow cooking tub of corruption within the brotherhood.

Somebody govern that island, please.

The citizens can't do it alone, as you won't let them.

Regards and prayers,
Mizza Lompscho

Please Clean Up

When finished enjoying the fruits of your labor, please clean up afterward. It is a shame to walk through Cruz Bay in the morning and see the remains of last night's revelry. Our children on their way to school observe this condition.

We adults have to show that a truly green environment does not have artificial products littering the

landscape. Only then will the kids take it seriously.

One more thing, the Nazareth Lutheran Church has for many years offered its location and services to the public. Please respect this institution by not sitting on the stone wall and disposing of your trash on their grounds.

Emmanuel Prince

Corrections

The photograph which ran with the "16th Annual Ruby Rutnik Memorial Softball Tournament" story in the April 16-22 issue of *St. John Tradewinds* included the wrong photo credit. The photo was taken by Bill Stelzer.

The caption which ran with the "Caneel Bay Celebrates Earth Day" photo on the cover of the April 23-29 issue included incorrect information. The divers cleaned areas from northern Caneel Bay beach to Scott Beach.

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Senator-at-Large Report

By Senator Craig Barshinger

Energy Grid Conference

St. John Tradewinds

My office will sponsor a Distributed Energy Grid Conference at the University of the Virgin Islands, with the UVI Green Technology Center, Office of Senator Sanes, and the VI Energy Office April 30 to May 1, with afternoon and evening sessions.

Get details at www.visenate.org. Anyone who wants to arrange a car pool on St. Thomas, call Catherine Stephens in the St. John office at 693-8061. We are bringing experts from around the world to guide us to a Distributed Energy Grid (DEG), which will allow us to get off fossil fuel, lower the LEAC, and increase reliability. In the past, electricity has been supplied by a central plant and sent to the customers.

In a DEG, there are many suppliers as well as many customers. WAPA still supplies the transmission lines, but as time progresses more and more of the power is generated outside WAPA's central plant. The distributed power can come from photovoltaic (solar) panels, wind turbines, diesel generators, batteries, or Bloom Energy boxes. This increases the reliability and lowers the cost.

The practical application is that in a DEG, a customer can also be a supplier to WAPA and earn money by doing it. Anyone who puts up solar panels or a wind turbine, can sell power to WAPA. WAPA distributes it throughout the grid. Anyone who cannot afford to invest, there are companies that will rent roof space, install the panels or turbine, and sign a 20-year power purchase agreement with WAPA. You collect \$50 to \$75 per month.

Legislation called "Feed-In Tariff" is needed to support this. Senator Dowe has a draft of this legislation, and one of the main goals of the DEG Conference is to refine the bill so that it can be brought to committee and ultimately passed. I know that you are suffering with high electricity costs and poor reliability. Please attend the DEG Conference or tune in to the coverage to see what you can do about it!

Property Taxes

We are in the lull before the storm with Property Taxes. Now is the time to fix the property tax system that was passed in the 27th Legislature. It provides no protection for Virgin Islanders whose property taxes rise much faster than inflation.

Some favor the "fair market" concept, which says that you pay tax based on whatever your home could be sold for. I believe that method to be ridiculous — no one should be taxed out of their home because of skyrocketing land values, or because someone builds a mansion next door.

There are modifications to the "fair market" system that ensure a stable tax base, but at the same time keep people in their homes. I am particularly concerned that our culture bearers be able to remain in

their homes. To expect people who are living on a fixed, retirement income and are accustomed to paying under \$1,000 per year to suddenly pay more than \$8,000 is simply ridiculous!

Therefore, my staff is arranging meetings on all three islands, beginning with St. John, to craft appropriate legislation. We will consider the alternatives from around the country that have been used to keep people in their homes, and amend our laws to accomplish a fair property tax system.

I have been pushing two property tax bills. One would bar the VI Government from hiring an outside contractor — such as Bearing Point — and require that Virgin Islanders who are dismissed by the Governor be offered training and a job in property valuation. The other requires that if for any reason property tax bills are delayed, the government can only issue one bill every 10 months, until we are caught up. As opposed to three bills in one year, last year!

My bills were in Senator "Chucky" Hansen's committee. She sat on them for a year. I decided to withdraw the bills from her committee, revise them with the help of our working groups, and resubmit them to a committee chairman who will not play games or politics. I did this on April 12.

I have a message for the leaders of a certain group on St. John that has been active in property tax issues. Many St. John residents have given you their support and money, including me. Your court case, although dismissed, was important in convincing the governor to abandon the Bearing Point assessments and fall back to the 1998 levels.

I praise this group, while the leaders of the group blast me. I am inviting you to the working group meetings. Let us cooperate to fix the property tax problem in the lull before the storm. The 2009 bills are the last that may be collected at the 1998 levels; a change in the law is needed or there will be new valuations for 2010. There are indications that the Lt. Governor's office intends to hire an off-island firm. Incidentally, Bearing Point was paid over \$8 million on their \$6.4 million contract.

Legislature Finance Audit

I continue to hear from constituents regarding the Legislative finances audit report. I have written twice to Senate President Russell, urging that he release the names associated with the report of misspending of \$6.9 million. He declines to do so.

I stated publicly that if 25 Virgin Islanders petitioned my office, I would help them assert their demand for transparency at the Legislature. Last week we surpassed 25 petitioners. Here's the count — from St. John, 28; from St. Croix, 1; from St. Thomas, 1. St. John residents are by far the most active on this issue. I will act and let you know the results.

Sea Turtle Presentation Set for May 12 at Trunk Bay

St. John Tradewinds

Blue Flag USVI in conjunction with the Virgin Islands Network of Environmental Educators will host a series of environmental education presentations at the newly certified Blue Flag beaches.

Erica Palmer will give a free presentation on Threats and Conservation of Sea Turtles at Trunk Bay on Saturday, May 12, at 10 a.m.

The Sea Turtle Assistance and Rescue (STAR) Network is a collaboration of federal and territorial agencies, non-governmental organizations, veterinarians, and community volunteers working together to respond to sea turtles in trouble.

In addition to helping sick, injured, and disoriented sea turtle, STAR collects valuable information that allows for a better understanding of the threats facing sea turtles and better protection of these endangered species.

The goal is to raise awareness about the threats to Virgin Islands endangered sea turtles. The presentation will discuss the main characteristics of each species, major threats to sea turtles and what humans can do to reduce these threats.

VINP Hosting 2012 Summer Youth Conservation Corp Program

The Virgin Islands National Park will be hosting the Annual Youth Conservation Corp Program again this summer, VINP Superintendent Mark Hardgrove last week announced that.

The YCC Program provides an opportunity for youths to be employed for an eight-week period while gaining an understanding and appreciation about the conservation mission for the National Park Service.

The program will employ 14 youths and three youth leaders. Participants will be involved in a variety of duties associated with park operations, and earn \$7.25 an hour. Youth Leaders earn \$8.34 an hour. The eight-week program will begin on June 25, and end on August 17. Applicants must be between 15 and 18 years of age and a U.S. citizen, or have permanent residency status.

Interested youths may pick up an application at the VINP Visitor Center in Cruz Bay between 8 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. between April 30 and May 18. Selections will be made by random drawing.

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“Sis” Frank Merit Scholarship Auditions June 16

St. John Tradewinds

St. John School of the Arts announces auditions for the Ruth “Sis” Frank Performance/Merit Scholarship will be on Saturday, June 16, at 2 p.m.

Applicants must be at least 11 years old and show exceptional talent and dedication to his/her chosen art form, having at least three consecutive years of instruction. Applications must be completed and returned to the arts school’s office at the main building by 3 p.m. on Friday, June 8. There will be no exceptions!

Scholarships are applied to SJSA’s tuition for the following school year and can only be applied to instruction for the art form that was auditioned.

Students must prepare a performance-ready piece or a presentation on a selection of artwork. The audition is judged by three independent community leaders who will also conduct an interview with each applicant.

Applications may be downloaded from the SJSA website at www.stjohnschoolofhearts.org or stop by the Cruz Bay office. For more information call 779-4322.



Ruth “Sis” Frank

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PRESENTS:



“Play Mas, Jump Up and Enjoy Yourselves for Festival 2012”

Submitted By: Marcus Andrews

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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
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SATURDAY, June 23, 2012

**St. John Festival Queen 2012
Selection Pageant**
8 P.M. AT WINSTON WELLS BALL FIELD
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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
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SUNDAY, July 1, 2012

Festival Beach Jam
1 P.M. AT OPPENHEIMER BEACH
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TUESDAY, July 3, 2012

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3 P.M. AT FRANKLIN A. POWELL, SR. PARK
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WEDNESDAY, July 4, 2012

Jouvert
4 A.M. AT ST. JOHN NATIONAL PARK
Festival Parade 2012
11 A.M. AT ST. JOHN NATIONAL PARK
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DOH Issues Warning on Gastrointestinal Outbreak

St. John Tradewinds

The Virgin Islands Department of Health began investigating the cause and origin of a possible gastrointestinal outbreak in the St. Thomas district.

Symptoms of gastrointestinal illness include primarily vomiting and diarrhea. Other symptoms may include fever and abdominal cramps.

DOH Commissioner Mercedes Dullum, MD urged residents with these symptoms to seek medical attention and to drink plenty of fluids to prevent dehydration.

The advisory is being issued following reports of possible gastrointestinal related illnesses in the St. Thomas district and reports have come in from officials at Frenchman's Reef and Morning Star Resort and through DOH's website, noting that both staff and hotel guests complained of these symptoms com-

monly associated with gastrointestinal illness. The symptoms include vomiting and/or diarrhea and most cases have been mild lasting 24 to 72 hours.

According to information shared by the Reef, the resort's management team was notified by its other Marriott on St. Kitts of an advisory issued by that island's Ministry of Health referencing "an upsurge in reports of viral gastroenteritis."

The DOH is investigating this GI illness in St. Thomas and it is too early to determine the origin of the illness. DOH contacted CDC for their assistance and has been working with them in this investigation. Currently DOH employees are conducting initial assessments and will issue periodic updates to the public as necessary. Updates will also be posted on DOH's website www.healthvi.org. More information can also be found on www.CDC.gov.

Rotary Club of St. John Project: *The Brain Game Book*

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\$1,000 toward purchasing books," said the Rotary club member. "We also had a generous benefactor on St. John who donated another \$1,000 and now we're going to raise funds in collaboration with Kimberly Boulon."

St. John artist Boulon was looking for a way to honor her mother and new grandson while hosting an opening at her new Kimberly Boulon Fine Art Gallery on the second floor of The Marketplace. She painted a beautiful landscape of Francis Bay which will be raffled off at her May 11 opening with proceeds going to the *The Brain Game* project.

"Kimberly approached me about doing something to honor her mother, who turns 91 this year, and her 10-month-old grand-

son," said Bermingham. "We both thought this was the perfect project to support."

Raffle tickets for Boulon's painting "Francis Bay in April Light" are \$10 each or six for \$50 and are available on Tuesday and Thursday at the gallery and at Connections and Chelsea Drug Store.

The books cost \$10 plus shipping and will be given out free of charge to new parents by their medical professionals, explained Bermingham.

"I have been distributing books already to medical professionals who give them to their clients," she said. "I'll be ordering more as the need arises and we raise more funds. The books will not be sold, they will be given out to medical people in the community who have contact with the parents of

newborns."

"We're getting copies of the book in Spanish and English so we hope to reach all new parents on St. John," she said.

Bermingham is also spreading the word about *The Brain Game* to St. Croix, St. Thomas and Tortola, she added.

"I've already met with all of the clubs on St. Thomas, St. Croix and Tortola and they're all interested in doing this project," said Bermingham. "This will be a pilot program and the other clubs can come over and see how it will work and how to reach the most people to help parents stimulate their children's brain development."

For more information about *The Brain Game* project, or how to help, call Bermingham at 776-6182 or email jlberm@msn.com.

"Mini-Mester" Programs Focus on Theater, Sports, Science

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outside of the student body — two from GBS, one from JESS and three home schoolers — joined in last week's New England Youth Theater workshop at GHS. The workshop culminated on Friday and Saturday, April 27 and 28, when students performed their original production at the school.

The students were in total control of the performance, from writing their own skits to making costumes, explained Kinsella.

"New England Youth Theater brought down a phenomenal staff including a professional voice coach, a former acrobat and clown from Cirque du Soleil, directors and actors," she said. "The kids have been getting really intensive instruction in all the different aspects of performing arts."

"They also brought down a professional costume designer and we have five kids doing costume design," Kinsella said.

Other GHS mini-mester programs last week allowed students in-depth looks at the world of golf, culinary arts and electricity, Kinsella added.

"We have a group that is doing an applied unit in electricity and they are building a circuit that will generate 1 million volts of electricity with Jim Wilkin," she said. "We have a bunch of athletes out learning golf on St. Thomas with Barbie Barry and our head of school Judy Chamberlain is leading a culinary class."

GHS officials host two mini-mester programs each school year and have been impressed with the results, explained Kinsella.

"The applied learning program really boosts engagement with the students," she said. "This helps us also develop relationships with the students and allows us to see them in a different light. When they are studying areas of their own choosing, they are excited about what they are doing and that is great to see."



CIT Offers Safety Hints To Use Everywhere

St. John Tradewinds

The Citizen's Integration Team, which works along with the V.I. Police Department, recently issued a list of safety hints in an effort to make the community a safer place to live, work, and play. These hints can be used everywhere, at home and on vacation.

Home/Neighborhood Safety Tips

- Mobilize a Neighborhood Watch Committee
- Never employ a gardener, handyman or housekeeper without checking their references
- Keep houses locked, whether home or not
- Never open a door to a stranger
- Have a visible address on the home or gate
- Use a trigger safety lock on all firearms and keep them in a locked safe
- Install motion detector lights around property

Personal Safety Tips

- Always be aware of surroundings and the people around
- Always drink in moderation
- If partying at night, travel in groups and have a designated driver
- Park vehicles in well lit areas and have keys in hand
- At night, always walk in well lit areas
- Carry a minimum amount of cash. Don't carry all credit cards and personal information. Keep those items at home in a safe place
- Don't give rides to anyone unknown

Vehicle Safety Tips

- Always keep a copy of driver's license, registration and insurance in the car while driving – it's the law
- When sirens sound, pull over and let the emergency vehicle pass
- Cooperate with the police officer if stopped while driving
- Never leave keys in the vehicle or step away from the vehicle when it is running
- If possible, avoid driving in areas known for criminal behavior
- Be alert to any activity near and pay attention to surroundings

ATM Banking Safety Tips

- Be prepared by minimizing the time spent at the ATM
- Put away cash; do not leave the machine with money in hand
- If possible, go to the ATM with another person
- If using a drive-up teller, make sure the passenger and rear windows are rolled up and locked
- Observe surroundings before making any bank transactions
- If anything suspicious is seen at the ATM, cancel the transaction and leave the area
- Do not use ATM's that are poorly lit or are hidden by bushes.

Police Log

Friday, April 20

8:15 a.m. - An Estate Contant resident c/r that he was assaulted. Simple assault and battery.

1:08 p.m. - An Estate Bethany resident c/requesting police assistance in removing a vehicle. Police assistance.

3:39 p.m. - Central Dispatch c/r a possible drowning at National Park Service. D.O.A.

4:35 p.m. - A citizen c/r an attempted burglary. Attempted burglary.

11:18 p.m. - A citizen c/r loud music in Coral Bay. Disturbance of the peace.

Saturday, April 21

12:45 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident r/ that someone broke into his residence. Burglary in the third.

2:32 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident c/requesting police assistance to remove a female. Police assistance.

3:11 a.m. - An Estate Zooten-vaal resident c/r an auto collision.

3:00 p.m. - An Estate Pastory resident p/r that his vehicle was struck. Auto collision.

4:20 p.m. - An Estate Fish Bay resident p/r that his residence was

burglarized. Burglary in the third.

4:20 p.m. - An Estate Fish Bay resident p/r that his vehicle was stolen from his residence. Unauthorized use of vehicle.

5:05 p.m. - A citizen p/r that he fell off a chair and injured himself. Accidental injury.

8:12 p.m. - An Estate Contant resident p/r that he had a dispute with his landlord's daughter. Police assistance.

10:11 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident c/r that she got into a verbal altercation with her husband. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

Sunday, April 22

12:48 p.m. - A citizen c/r a male creating a disturbance in Coral Bay. Disturbance of the peace.

6:28 p.m. - An Estate Adrian resident c/r a missing minor.

Monday, April 23

12:58 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident c/r that someone was trying to enter his residence. Attempted burglary.

12:10 p.m. - A citizen p/r that someone scratched his vehicle. Damage to vehicle.

1:50 p.m. - A citizen p/r that someone broke the side glass on his vehicle. Damage to vehicle.

5:10 p.m. - An Estate Pastory resident c/requesting police assistance to remove a female from her property. Police assistance.

5:59 p.m. - An Estate Chocolate Hole c/r an auto collision. Auto collision.

Tuesday, April 24

No time given - A citizen c/r an accident in the area of the roundabout in Cruz Bay.

Wednesday, April 25

2:20 p.m. - An Estate Grunwald resident r/ being harassed. Harassment.

4:25 p.m. - A visitor from New York p/r that he lost his wallet. Lost wallet.

6:59 p.m. - A citizen c/r that he was threatened. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

9:44 p.m. - An Estate Bellevue resident r/ that she had a physical altercation with her husband. Aggravated assault and battery, D.V.

10:40 p.m. - An Estate Carolina resident c/r that someone threw a bottle into the window of Island Blues and struck him in the face. Aggravated assault and battery.

Thursday, April 26

1:10 p.m. - An Estate Power Boyd resident p/r that he lost his wallet. Lost wallet.

CRIME STOPPERS U.S.V.I.

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 the help of the community. Even the smallest bit of information may be just what law enforcement needs to solve these cases.

St. Thomas

On Monday, April 9, police received several calls from concerned citizens about hearing shots being fired and a vehicle driving into the bush, all in the area of Pillsbury Heights near the National Guard Armory. Upon arrival officers found 21-year-old Lincoln Lewis unresponsive in a red Suzuki Vitara. The victim had been shot several times. The minimum reward for the arrest of a homicide suspect is \$1,500.

St. Croix

During the morning of Saturday, April 14, police recovered 63.5 pounds of the drug Hashish that had washed up on a beach near Grapetree Bay. Help law enforcement determine who the recipient was supposed to be. Police remind the public that all press releases, photos of suspects and evidence can be viewed on the VIPD website at www.vipd.gov.vi.

The minimum Crime Stoppers reward for the arrest of a drug dealer is \$536 plus 10 percent of the retail value of drugs recovered. Our maximum reward is \$2,500.

Let's continue to help make the community a safer place to live by submitting information on these or any other crimes at www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org or by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

Tips are completely anonymous, and the state-side operators speak several languages. If a tip leads to an arrest or the recovery of stolen property, illegal drugs, or weapons, tipsters will receive a cash reward to be paid according to their instructions.

Crime Stoppers recently approved five new rewards totaling \$3,400, which brings the total rewards authorized since January of 2009 to over \$114,000. Anyone who submitted a tip, should check to see if they qualify for a reward as unclaimed rewards expire after six months.

Crime Stoppers USVI is run entirely by volunteers and rewards are financed by membership dues and sponsor contributions. To join us in the fight against crime, please visit our website and become a dues-paying member.

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.

Registration for new students at St. John Christian Academy is now underway and will be open until May 29, 2012, for the 2012/2013 School Year. Summer hours will be announced at the end of May. For more details, call 693-7722.

Tuesday, March 1

— The St. John Film will screen another award winning film about bees, “Queen of the Sun: What are the Bees Telling Us?” on Tuesday, May 1, at 7:30 p.m. at St. John School of the Arts.

Wednesday, May 2

— The public is invited to the Julius E. Sprauve School on Wednesday, May 2, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. for the St. John Summer Youth Fair.

Saturday, May 5

— The 15th Annual JESS Gala is set for Saturday, May 5, at Caneel Bay’s Turtle Bay Estate House from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Tickets are \$100. For more details call 776-6336 or visit www.jessgala.com.

— A full weekend of sailing action is on tap for May 5 and 6 in Coral Bay as the 13th Annual Commodore’s Cup gets underway.

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.

— Erica Palmer will give a free presentation on Threats and Conservation of Sea Turtles at Trunk Bay on Saturday, May 12, at 10 a.m.

— The Bethany Moravian Women’s Fellowship will be having a Dinner Theater Performance entitled “The Mysterious Benefactor,” on Saturday, May 12, at the Café Flambé (Bethany Church Hall).

Saturday, May 19

— The Animal Care Center’s major fundraiser of the year, Wagapalooza. “Waga” will be on Saturday, May 19, from 5 to 9 p.m. at the V.I. National Park ball field area in Cruz Bay.

Saturday, June 16

— St. John School of the Arts will host auditions for the Ruth “Sis” Frank Performance/Merit Scholarship on Saturday, June 16, at 2 p.m.

Sunday, August 26

— The second annual Chaotic Kayak Race is set for Sunday, August 26, at Oppenheimer Beach and last year’s winner is already talking smack.

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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CANINE NOTABLES

ACROSS

- 1 Shackle
- 7 Sweeper, for short
- 10 Allegation
- 15 Steep, rugged cliff
- 19 Imprudent
- 20 Anger
- 21 Burly
- 22 Mister, in Munster
- 23 Canine “Midnight Rider” singer?
- 26 Have — in one’s bonnet
- 27 Having the flu, e.g.
- 28 Prefix with sex or cycle
- 29 Opera feature
- 30 Making a gondola go
- 32 Canine “Highway to Heaven” co-star?
- 38 Zoo heavyweight
- 40 19th of 24 Greek letters
- 41 Cager Ming
- 42 Examines
- 43 Sponge up
- 45 See 44-Down
- 49 Davenport and divan
- 51 Canine 2004 presidential hopeful?
- 57 Trio less one
- 58 Supermarket scanner input
- 59 “Hulk” director Ang
- 61 Grainy, as beer or ale
- 66 “Fear Factor” ailer
- 68 By way of
- 69 Hemingway or Tubb
- 72 Canine “Memoirs of a Geisha” novelist?
- 77 “American —” (Richard Gere film)
- 78 Legendary coach

- Parseghian
- 79 Patriotic women’s org.
- 80 Moist, as a turkey
- 81 Same: Prefix
- 82 Heartaches
- 86 “Get him, Fido!”
- 88 Canine “On the Waterfront” Oscar winner?
- 97 “That’s easy for you —!”
- 98 Auld lang —
- 99 Pope after Adrian I
- 100 Weed killer brand
- 103 Backwoods negative
- 105 No longer active: Abbr.
- 108 Averages
- 109 Canine 1995-2009 Pennsylvania congressman?
- 115 Port on Lake Erie
- 116 Disaster relief org.
- 117 Stew morsel
- 118 Gobbled up
- 121 The “I” of RPI: Abbr.
- 122 Canine three-time Daytona 500 winner?
- 128 “Garfield” canine
- 129 Central Florida city
- 130 Ethane, e.g.
- 131 “No lie!”
- 132 D.C. ball club
- 133 Alpine warble
- 134 Lyrical poem
- 135 Twitches

DOWN

- 1 Japanese volcano
- 2 Carbon compound
- 3 Around 93-Down
- 4 Twitch
- 5 That, in León
- 6 Snip anew

- 7 Meredith, formerly of “Today”
- 8 Abbr. at JFK
- 9 Joker player Romero
- 10 Sequence
- 11 Extreme folly
- 12 “Near — can tell ...”
- 13 DDE’s nickname
- 14 “Skip to —” (kids’ tune)
- 15 Ninth-century king called “the Bald”
- 16 Makes a new proposal
- 17 Response to “Am so!”
- 18 Rocker Allman and pitcher Olson
- 24 Muscle woe
- 25 Paid intro?
- 31 “I do” setting
- 33 Hip to
- 34 Popped top
- 35 Great anger
- 36 Simply must
- 37 Greeted the villain
- 38 Rule, in India
- 39 “True Blood” ailer
- 44 With 45-Across, recuperation aid
- 46 Peter out
- 47 Toil
- 48 Shroud city
- 50 Less limited
- 52 Ladder part
- 53 Film prefix with Cop
- 54 Virtual greeting
- 55 Mtn. statistics
- 56 Zero out
- 60 To be, to Fifi
- 61 Biblical trio
- 62 Crop up
- 63 State’s #2 exec.
- 64 E’en if
- 65 Brynner on Broadway

- 67 Irish county
- 70 BBQ meat bit
- 71 Tchr.’s union
- 73 Parks and Ponselle
- 74 Metal debris
- 75 Part of NE
- 76 Daily Chi-Town paper
- 83 Chimp kin
- 84 Qatari money
- 85 Ungodliness
- 87 Disney frame
- 89 Jocks
- 90 Copied cattle
- 91 “I, Claudius” role
- 92 Contact lens cleaner brand
- 93 Middy
- 94 Show times
- 95 Hoop part
- 96 Belittle, in rap
- 100 Alternative
- 101 The Beach Boys’ “Help Me, —”
- 102 Semihard, mild cheese
- 104 — ball (game played with a plastic bat)
- 106 Unveil
- 107 After that
- 110 “But there is — in Mudville ...”
- 111 Actor George
- 112 Med. group
- 113 City in North Dakota
- 114 Refuge
- 119 Squad
- 120 Has it wrong
- 123 Prefix with tour or type
- 124 In thing
- 125 Family guy
- 126 Sci-fi ability
- 127 Old rival of United

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- Two bedroom, one bath, washer, near Cruz Bay \$1500
- Two bedroom, one bath, washer, Fish Bay \$1600
- Two bedroom, two bath, w/d \$1800
- Two bedrooms, two bath on Gift Hill \$1900
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
DIVISION OF ST. THOMAS AND ST. JOHN

JOAN OAT : CIVIL ACTION
v. : No. 03-115
SEWER ENTERPRISES, LTD, et al. :

ORDER

AND NOW, this 30th day of March, 2012, it is ORDERED Plaintiff Joan Oat's Motion for Order Confirming Sale of Security for Judgment (Document 506) is GRANTED. The sale by the United States Marshal on January 13, 2011, of the "100 Year Lease" on properties known as Parcels 3-h and 3-i Estate Enighed, St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands, to Joan Oat, in accordance with the Judgment and fee award in this action, is CONFIRMED, subject to any attorney charging and retaining liens that may be found to exist in favor of A. Jeffrey Weiss, Esq., and A.J. Weiss & Associates in *A. Jeffrey Weiss, Esq., et al. v. Oat*, Civil No. 08-123 (D.V.I.).¹

It is further ORDERED Oat's Motion to Dismiss With Prejudice Opposition to Motion for Order Confirming Sale and Order to Show Cause on Counterclaim for Overpayment (Document 513) is DENIED without prejudice.²

BY THE COURT: /s/ Juan R. Sánchez
Juan R. Sánchez, J.

Request for Proposals

Wetland Restoration Request for Services

The Coral Bay Community Council (CBCC) is requesting proposals from qualified consultants to prepare a wetland restoration plan for a portion of Estate Carolina Parcel #11 as part of CBCC's Riparian Restoration and Wetlands Protection Project funded by a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. Must have previous wetland restoration or native/natural landscape planning experience. See full RFP and how to apply at www.coralbaycommunitycouncil.org. CBCC encourages women and minority owned contractors to apply and has a drug-free workplace policy.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to a March 30, 2012, U.S. District Court Order (3:03-cv-00115, Doc. 532) Confirming the Sale of Security for the Judgment in 3:03-cv-00115, the public is hereby given Notice that there is no Right of Way across 3h Estate Enighed (Tradewinds Building and surrounding property) to property known as 3A, 3Ae or 3Ag Estate Enighed (Tamarind Court). All persons with personal property on 3h Estate Enighed and 3i Estate Enighed, including trailers, are hereby given Notice to remove said property.

Joan C. Oat, 03-cv-00115 Plaintiff

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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.**

"MAHO HALF ACRE" - Rare new listing on St John's North Shore near Maho Bay Camps. This half acre ridge lot features stunning views from St. Thomas to Virgin Gorda and is an easy walk to some of the National Park's finest beaches at Maho Bay, Lille Maho and Francis Bay. For the discerning buyer who wants the very best. Boundaries are shared with the National Park to privacy is assured. **\$1.2M**

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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.** "Voyages Building" in Coral Bay is a very well built commercial building with professional kitchen indoor/outdoor dining, pool and two beautiful two bedroom apartments on the 2nd floor. **\$1.9M**

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Governor Celebrates Grand Opening of Captain Morgan Visitor Center

St. John Tradewinds

Governor John deJongh celebrated the grand opening of St. Croix's newest attraction, the Captain Morgan rum distillery's visitor center, with dignitaries from the Virgin Islands government and Diageo Brands on Tuesday, April 25.

The state-of-the-art visitor center offers a truly unique experience to tourists, and signifies the continued revitalization of St. Croix's economy. The community's support for the project sends a powerful message to the local and international business community, according to deJongh, solidifying that the Virgin Islands is "open for business."

The partnership formed between the Virgin Islands government and Diageo Brands "required us to be competitive, to believe in ourselves, and to have faith in the largest spirit company in the world. It says a lot about St. Croix that this island embraced the journey almost four years ago," de-

Jongh said.

The governor was joined at last week's ceremony by David Gosnell, Diageo's President of Global Supply; David Cutter, Chairman of the Board of Diageo USVI; Lt. Governor Gregory Francis; Senate President Ronald Russell; and other members of the 29th Legislature.

The visitor center offers an entertaining one-hour tour that immerses guests in the history of rum production in the Caribbean and the general history of the Virgin Islands.

"I cannot compliment Diageo enough on conceiving and developing this center as an authentic learning and cultural experience for its guests, with its centerpiece as a 200-seat movie theater," deJongh said.

The visitor center opens a few months after the distillery kicked off full production of one and a half million proof gallons a month.

During the ceremony, the governor thanked Diageo executives



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Governor deJongh and Lt. Gov. Francis join other dignitaries in a ribbon cutting ceremony opening the new state of the art visitor center on St. Croix.

for their personal commitment to the Virgin Islands, for their goal to create a truly special attraction on St. Croix, and for advancing "a partnership that continues to meet the high expectations with which it was conceived and already has

begun to provide tremendous benefits to this island, this territory and all the people of the Virgin Islands."

The governor said that now, more than ever, St. Croix needs a corporate citizen like Diageo.

"With Diageo we have a partnership with a company that is vested in the success of our territory's economy and this community," said deJongh. "Especially right now, this type of commitment to St. Croix and the Virgin Islands is tremendously important."

"This island is facing unprecedented economic challenges. But today's event is another indicator that we are on the road to recovery and to the revitalization of the St. Croix economy," he said.

The Captain Morgan visitor center gives St. Croix an attraction equal in stature to such famed places around the world as the Johnnie Walker House in Shanghai, the Guinness Storehouse in Dublin, and the Scotch Whiskey Heritage Center in Edinburgh, deJongh explained.

"As Captain Morgan ever expands market share and builds even greater brand loyalty and awareness, the Virgin Islands will continue to be a beneficiary of the product's success," said deJongh.

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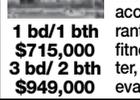
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Elaine I. Sprauve Librarian Carol McGuinness and SJHS present David Knight with the new Estate Enighed cemetery sign.

SJHS Donates Estate Enighed Cemetery Sign to Sprauve Library

Special to St. John Tradewinds

Elaine I. Sprauve Librarian Carol McGuinness and St. John Historical Society President David Knight stand with the new sign that was recently installed at the historic cemetery on the library's Estate Enighed property.

The sign, which was donated by the SJHS, presents a short history of Estate Enighed, a former cotton and sugar plantation. Visitors can also read about the estate's former owner, William Wood, a native of the island of Saba, who was buried in the Enighed cemetery upon his death in 1757. Wood's ornately-carved monument is believed to be the oldest marked grave of a Sabian known to exist anywhere in the world.

The donation was made by the SJHS as part of its pledge to act as stewards for the important historical cemetery.

The sign reads: *William Wood, a native of Saba in the Dutch West Indies, migrated to St. John by way of St. Eustatius, where his name is found in the 1728 census. In or about 1740, Wood acquired two struggling cotton plantations in the Cruz Bay Quarter of St. John and merged them to create a large and profitable sugar estate. He married Elisabeth Durlou, a daughter of the prominent St. John planter Peter Durlou, in August of 1742.*

William Wood died on his plantation in the spring of 1757, leaving his wife, Elisabeth, and their children as heirs. A later partnership between William and Elisabeth's son, Johannes, and George Hazzel appears to have inspired the naming of the property, "Enighed" or, in English, "Unity".

William Wood's grave rests alongside 11 other burials in the Estate Enighed Cemetery adjacent to the property's stately great house, now the Elaine I. Sprauve Public Library. It is the only remaining identifiable burial on the site. The granite slab marking

Wood's final resting place measures six by two and one half feet, and was most likely imported from Europe. The style of the monument is rather unique, as it is ornately carved rather than inscribed. It is one of the earliest known marked burials on St. John, and also believed to be the oldest identifiable grave of a Sabian (a native of the island of Saba) known to exist anywhere in the world.

The memoriam on William Wood's gravestone, written in both Dutch and Danish reads:

William Wood / First Alderman of the community of Jesus

Christ / Former Burger

Captain of St. John / Born on Saba 22 March 1692 / Died St. John 9 March 1757

On Saba rose his sun of life.

Wood, who knew God's community, His life's sun waned on St. John.

Here resteth his remains.

He will find the Alderman's

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