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Masqueraders Welcome Guests to Sprauve Gala

Julius E. Sprauve School Gala event-goers were welcomed by colorful masqueraders to Estate Turtle Bay at Caneel Bay Resort on Saturday night, May 5. The annual fundraising event included live and silent auctions, student performances, live bands, raffles and a slide show. [SEE FULL STORY IN NEXT WEEK'S EDITION.](#)

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New Sewer Line Going In at Cinnamon Bay



Workers have been tearing out an old sewer line at the Cinnamon Bay Campground in preparation of installing a new line. Construction activity is centered near the main walkway from the parking area to the beach and has been ongoing for at least three weeks.

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Photos by Jaime Elliott

GBS Saying “Thanks” to Community Supporters at Appreciation Event

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Calling all Guy Benjamin School supporters!

The Coral Bay elementary school has a special event planned on Thursday, May 17, for everyone who helped the school in any way at all, explained GBS principal Dr. Whitman Browne.

“We’re going to have an appreciation program for everyone who contributed time, money or anything to the success of our school,” said Browne.

GBS supporters are invited to stop by GBS backyard area at 10:30 a.m. on May 17 for an exciting event including performances by the Gladys Abraham School Choir, the Mighty Groover and more.

“We want to say ‘Thank you’ to the St. John community,” said Browne. “We really look forward to showing our appreciation to everyone who has been there supporting us all year long.”

For more information call GBS at 776-6242.

Senator Craig Barshinger Speaking at Next IGBA Meeting on May 10

The Island Green Building Association will have a free, public seminar on Thursday, May 10, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on the second floor of The Marketplace.

Senator-at-Large Craig Barshinger will give a presentation about building a greener Virgin Islands territory, including plans to move away from fossil fuels, lower WAPA bills, increase reliability, and promote a sustainable infrastructure overall.

Gift certificates for IGBA’s ReSource Depot for recycled home and building materials will be raffled off to attendees of this meeting. The public is welcome to this free seminar. Call 227-1110 or visit www.igba-stjohn for more information.

Family Resource Center To Serve St. John Victims of Violent Crimes

The Family Resource Center extends an invitation to all persons, groups and agencies which have an interest in re-establishing services to address domestic violence, sexual assault and other violent crimes on St. John to a meeting at Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center on May 16.

The Family Resource Center will have an office situated on St. John to serve residents of this island within the next 30 days. This is made possible by the support the Law Enforcement Planning Commission’s Victims of Crime Grant, other local funding, and as a result of the graciousness of the Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center staff.

The meeting will be at MKSCHC on Wednesday, May 16, at 5:30 p.m. Come out to hear an overview of Family Resource Center’s mission and current programs and services which will be provided on St. John, will be presented.

For more information call 776-3966. Attendees are asked to RSVP by May 14. The meeting will be about 90 minutes.

GHS Class of 2012 Graduation June 14

Gift Hill School is proud to announce the graduation ceremony for the Class of 2012 on Thursday, June 14, at 5:30 p.m. on Trayser Field. This year’s commencement speaker will be Dr. Franklin Chang-Diaz, former Astronaut and President/CEO of Ad Astra Rocket Company. A reception will follow.

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EPA Honors Love City's Green Building Association, St. Croix Education Group with Environmental Awards

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency last month announced the 2012 honorees for the group's annual Environmental Quality Awards for Region 2 were the Island Green Building Association of St. John and Beyond Visions Foundation of St. Croix.

EPA officials hosted an official ceremony at their offices in Manhattan last month and plan to travel to the territory to personally present the awards later in the year. Speaking at last month's Manhattan ceremony, EPA regional administrator Judith Enck hailed both groups as setting a high bar for environmental excellence in the territory.

"Change that will create a healthier and more sustainable future begins with people like those the EPA is honoring today," said Enck. "They give of themselves and set a high bar in their actions to protect public health and the environment."

EPA presents Environmental Quality Awards each year during Earth Week to individuals, businesses, government agencies,

environmental and community-based organizations and members of the media in EPA Region 2 — which includes New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and eight federally-recognized Indian Nations.

"The awards recognize significant contributions to improving the environment and public health in the previous calendar year," according to a prepared statement by EPA.

On St. Croix, the Beyond Visions Foundation has been leading programs in environmental education, awareness, advocacy and stewardship since 1997. The group hosts nature explorers clubs, community assessment programs and health awareness initiatives, according to information from EPA.

On St. John, IGBA officials were thrilled with the news of their EPA award.

"We're very excited about being honored by EPA," said IGBA executive director Karen Vahling. "We've been hearing from so many people in the environmental community and the larger community who have been calling us and congratulating us. It's really nice



St. John Tradewinds News Photo File

IGBA members, above, were recently honored with an EPA Environmental Quality Award.

to be recognized this way."

With a degree in environmental work, IGBA is truly Vahling's passion.

"This is really what I love to do and what I went to school for," said Vahling. "This really is where my heart is."

Vahling's dedication to IGBA and the environment comes

through in the group's many programs from its Green Building Certification to the ReSource Depot.

"The ReSource Depot has been taking up most of our energy right now because its young and we're getting it up and off the ground," said Vahling. "We're still getting more and more donations

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— EPA regional administrator Judith Enck

and we've got the system set up there now so we're really flowing. We've got a pretty good pool of volunteers to draw from, but we can always use more."

Located across from the Susanaberg Transfer Station on Giff Hill Road, IGBA's ReSource Depot accepts gently used construction materials from pipes and wood to frames and furniture. The depot

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Gas Station Construction Continues



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Construction of a new gas station, located adjacent to St. John Market on South Shore Road, has been steady. A towering retaining wall continues to climb along the back edge of the property. When complete, the new station will be open 24 hours a day and will also contain a convenience store and several apartments.

2012 RAIN DATA at Trunk Bay

MONTH: APRIL

1.75 inches

AVERAGE

3.15 Inches

TOTAL Y-T-D

8.07 Inches

AVERAGE Y-T-D

10.09 Inches

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Ninth Annual Friends of VINP Beach to Beach Power Swim Is May 27

By Zoe Ferrigno
St. John Tradewinds

On Sunday, May 27, Friends of Virgin Islands National Park will host its 9th annual Beach-to-Beach Power Swim.

The event was founded by the organization's executive director, Joe Kessler, who came up with the idea during an outing to Francis Bay. While sitting on the beach, watching people swim, Kessler was inspired to create an athletic fundraising event which would "celebrate the island's two best features — the beaches and the water."

When Kessler's idea first became a reality in 2004, the race included 120 swimmers, the majority of whom were local residents. Since then, the event has managed to both increase its popularity and widen its scope.

Over the years, the number of swimmers has nearly doubled — last year's count was 230, a record which Kessler is confident will be broken this year — with some of them hailing from as far away as Alaska, Hawaii, France, Spain, and Argentina. This year's Power Swim already has one registered swimmer from Mexico, according to Kessler.

Also signed up to compete are two groups of Masters Swimmers from the states. While the Beach-to-Beach Power Swim is fast be-

coming a destination event for athletes from all over the world, however, Kessler wants all who are interested to feel welcome.

"We want this event to be as accessible as possible," he said. "If you feel comfortable in the water, you can do [it]."

The race consists of several different courses and competitive categories, allowing swimmers to participate at their own skill level. The starting line for the event is Maho Bay; from there, swimmers can complete a short course to Cinnamon Bay (about one-mile long), an intermediate course to Trunk Bay (about two-and-a-quarter miles long), or a long course to Hawksnest Beach (about three-and-a-half miles long).

Participants can compete individually, or as part of a three-person relay team; swimmers also have the option of competing in an "assisted" category, using a snorkel and, or fins.

In addition to making sure that the Power Swim remains an accessible and all-inclusive event, Friends of VINP is also committed to ensuring that it's a safe one. The organization has arranged for three main "lines of assistance" during the race. There will be stand-up paddlers and kayakers who will travel alongside swimmers, seven "support" powerboats which will be stationed

Last Practice Swim

Join Friends of Virgin Islands National Park on Sunday, May 13, for the third and final practice swim before the big race.

Meet at Maho Bay beach at 8:30 a.m. and swim any course — to Cinnamon, Trunk or Hawksnest Beach. Safety boats will be in the water for support. Swim assisted (with fins, mask or snorkel) or swim unassisted, just come swim! St. Thomas residents — there is plenty of time to take the 7:30 a.m. ferry and join!

intermittently along the race's course, and, finally, a handful of St. John Rescue and V.I. National Park boats.

"Safety is of paramount importance," Kessler said. "From the get-go, that's something we've devoted a lot of attention to."

Ultimately, the end goal of the Beach-to-Beach Power Swim is to raise money for VINP conservation and education programs. Funds generated by the event will first be put towards a Learn to Swim program, which VINP hosts for kids each summer at Trunk Bay. The remainder of the money will then be allocated to different projects throughout the year, as need dictates, explained Kessler.

The Power Swim relies on participants' registration fees and sponsorships to raise money for these causes. While the deadline for early registration has already passed, there is still plenty of time — and plenty of opportunities — to sign up during the regular registration period.

Through May 25, participants who wish to sign up for the race can do so by calling Friends at 779-4940, online at www.friends-vinp.org/swim, or in person at both the Cruz Bay and Coral Bay Connections locations, or at the Friends of VINP office or store.

Registration is also possible on St. Thomas at the Caribbean Surf Company, or on St. Croix at Scuba St. Croix in Christiansted. The fee to sign up during the regular registration period is \$50.

The last chance to sign up will be on Saturday, May 26, at the event's mandatory pre-race meeting, which will be at Maho Bay Campgrounds at 5 p.m. The fee for signing up last-minute is \$75.

Swimmers who want to raise even more money for the event — and potentially win a prize — can also participate in the Race for a Reason challenge by seeking outside sponsorships. For more information about the challenge, call Kessler at Friends at 779-4940.

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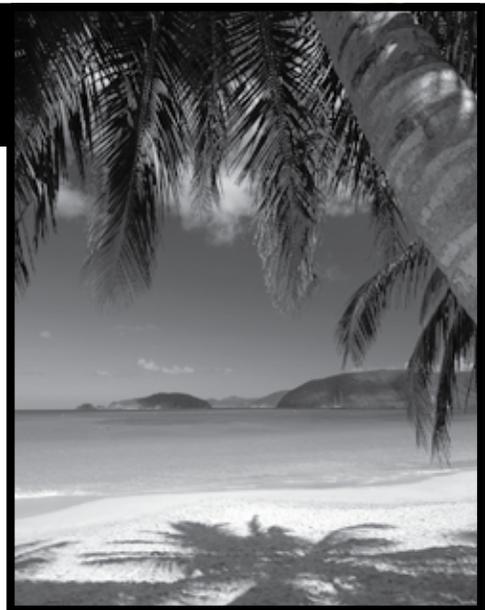
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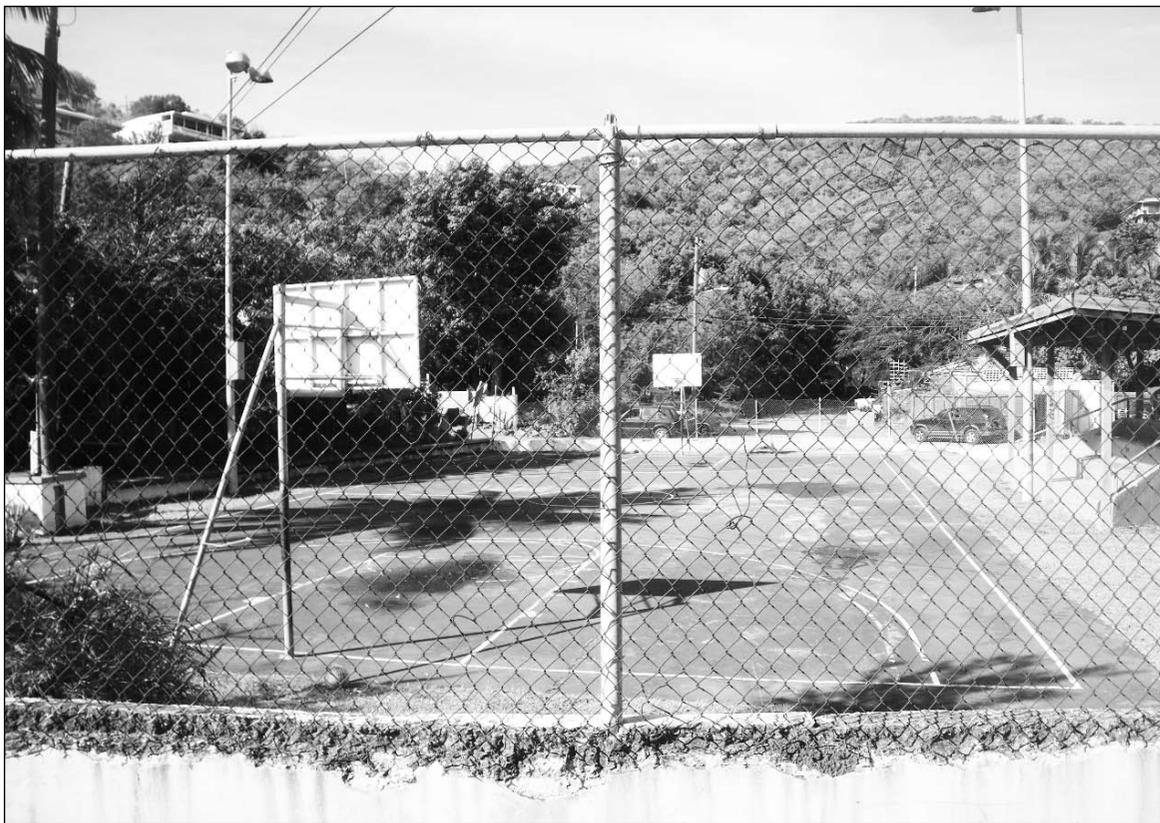
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The Pine Peace basketball court, above, will soon have brand new nets, thanks to a visiting couple who were moved by the court's poor condition.

Tourists Donate Nets for Decrepit Pine Peace Basketball Court Thanks to Ferry Dock Guard

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

With first hand knowledge of how local youth spend their time, Mariano Amaro is armed to make a difference.

As a security guard at Cruz Bay's ferry dock, Amaro sees students return from school in St. Thomas and knows there aren't many activities to keep them busy.

"We need things for these kids to do," said Amaro. "If these kids are busy playing basketball or football, then they will have less time to do stupid things and they'll stay out of trouble. The way I see it, if you have something positive to do, then you won't do something damaging or negative."

Fixing the woeful state of the Pine Peace basketball court — the sole full basketball court on island — has been a rallying cry for Amaro for years, he explained.

"I'm always on the senators' and everyone's cases about fixing that basketball court," said Amaro. "If the kids could play basketball there, it could keep them out of

trouble. We need to keep these kids on the right track and here is one simple thing we could do."

Amaro isn't shy about his desire to fix the often flooded and usually moldy basketball court in Cruz Bay and recently he was surprised by the generosity of visitors who shared his feelings.

"I work on the ferry dock and I always talk to the tourists," said Amaro. "I was talking to a couple last month who were on vacation and were heading home. I was telling them about the basketball court."

"They said they had been to the court hoping to watch some kids playing basketball, but they saw there were no nets," he said.

The couple took Amaro's address and promised to send some equipment his way for the court.

"They asked me if I would put the nets up for them and they sent me two nets in the mail," Amaro said.

The Cruz Bay ferry dock security guard plans to recruit a few basketball players to help him install the new nets this week.

"I want to get some kids to help me put them up and I'll take some pictures," Amaro said. "We'll send some thank you notes to the couple to make sure they know that the kids appreciate this."

While the gift is a welcome upgrade to the facility, much more needs to be done to ensure that local youth have a usable court, Amaro explained.

"The court needs to be painted and there is a flooding problem there," he said. "They could bring the level of the court up higher or they could build a drainage system. All they would have to do is get a big pipe and pour concrete around the perimeter so water doesn't settle on the court."

St. John youth deserve to know that the government and citizens care about their sports facilities, Amaro added.

"This is the only full basketball court on the island and the kids can't even use it," he said. "Tim Duncan is from the Virgin Islands; we have talent here. We need to have the activities for these kids to get the chance to shine."



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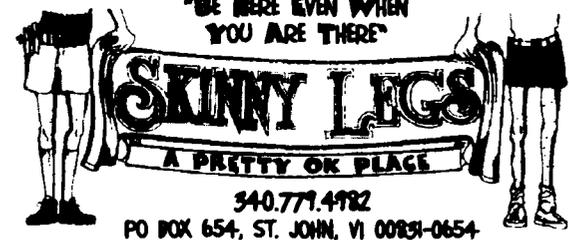


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Celebrate 16 Successful Years of John's Folly Learning Institute at May 26 Ceremony

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Mark those calendars for Saturday, May 26, and celebrate 16 years of after school and summer education on the island's remote south shore.

The John's Folly Learning Institute is hosting its 16th Anniversary on May 26 at 2:30 p.m. Delegate to Congress Donna Christensen will be the guest speaker. Entertainment will be provided by the Calvary Baptist Church Choir, the Emmaus Moravian Church Choir and more.

No party at JFLI is complete without a meal, so attendees can expect to enjoy plenty of local treats to eat and drink after the ceremony. Come out and hear what JFLI has been up to what institute officials have planned for the future.

Parents should also attend the anniversary celebration to learn more about JFLI's upcoming summer program. The summer camp, open to students aged seven and older, will kick off on Monday, June 25, and wrap up on Friday, August 17. The camp will meet Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Registration for JFLI's summer camp will be from June 18 through 22, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the institute. This summer campers can expect a full agenda of swimming, snorkeling, hiking, arts and crafts, gardening and even yoga classes. The camp costs \$75 per child, which includes lunch and snack daily.

JFLI officials are also planning a summer trip to St. Croix this year. Students will spend the week of July 15 on the big island, learning all about St. Croix history, culture, music and food at the Estate Whim Museum.

For more information about JFLI, call 693-5202 or 775-9594.

Parents, Students Learn About Summer Activities at Youth Fair

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Parents and students from across St. John learned all about the many activities available this summer at a Youth Fair on Wednesday evening, May 2, at the Julius E. Sprauve School cafeteria.

The event was sponsored by the Citizens' Integration Team, a group of St. John residents who work with the V.I. Police Department to foster collaboration. The group has hosted the fair on weekends in the past, but were invited to join the JESS Parent Teacher Student Association meeting, explained CIT chairperson Linda Bechstein.

"We had a parent from JESS come to one of our meetings and we were discussing the annual Youth Fair," said Bechstein. "She invited us to join forces and we all thought it was a great idea."

Sisterhood Agenda's president Angela Coleman was on hand distributing information about the group's activities to commemorate the upcoming Women's Health Week as well as a planned July event on St. Thomas.

St. John Community Foundation executive director Celia Kalousek shared information about community service opportunities.

"I'm discussing opportunities for community service during the summer months for students," said Kalousek. "My big push is explaining to students how com-



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

From VIERS to Sisterhood Agenda, community groups shared information about summer camps and more at last week's Youth Fair.

munity service helps career development."

Representatives of the University of the Virgin Islands' V.I. Marine Advisory Service shared information about the group's Coral Reef Discovery Week planned for June 25 through 29. This free program is a day camp on St. Thomas which offers students the chance to learn scientific techniques, identify coral reef creatures and conduct

experiments.

A V.I. Environmental Resource Station representative was on hand sharing information about the group's popular Eco-Camps, Science Camps and Ranger in Training Camps.

VIPD spokesperson Melody Rames, VIPD Acting St. Thomas Chief Darren Foy and other CIT representatives also attended last week's Youth Fair.



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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.

Lucinda Jurgen and Madona Abraham are PSC Employees of the Year

The Virgin Islands Public Services Commission last week announced its Employees of the Year are Lucinda Jurgen of St. John and Madona Abraham of St. Croix.

As PSC Complaint Officers they have demonstrated patience and compassion in fulfilling their duties and responsibilities. Join PSC in heartfelt accolades to commend these wonderful ambassadors of the PSC and Virgin Islands.

Congratulations for a job well done and continued success!

Applications Now Available for Festival Food Fair and Village Booth

Applications for the St. John Festival and Cultural Organization's Food Fair and Festival booths 2012 are available at the Department of Tourism's St. John office at Frank Powell Park and from Sonia Sprauve. For more information call 690-3692 or 690-1725.

Kathy Guidi Speaking at Next Unitarian Universalist Meeting on May 13

The Unitarian Universalists of St. John meet each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in the great room at Giff Hill School's lower campus.

The speaker for Sunday, May 13, is Kathy Guidi who will speak on "Entitled or Empowered? A delicate balance."

Childcare is available. For transportation from the Cruz Bay ferry dock call 776-6332 at least 24 hours in advance.

Westin Generator Noise Annoying Neighbors

Rock Ridge resident says resort's generator is intrusive

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Residents from Rock Ridge Road all the way to Virgin Grand Estates were complaining last week about the noise emanating from the Westin Resort and Villas.

The noise wasn't the sound of tourists splashing in the waterfront pool late at night, but the droning of generators, explained one Rock Ridge Road resident.

"The generators will be on for hours at a time and all night sometimes," said the resident. "It's invasive and intrusive. It's quite annoying to say the least and ruins the tranquility that we all want."

But the noise is not really the Westin's fault, according to resort officials.

The Westin turns on its generator when requested to do so by the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority, explained Westin general manager Mike Ryan.

"WAPA asks us to voluntarily go off line," said Ryan. "If we choose not to, they will come by and take us off the grid."

Resort officials attempt to lessen the noise impact by trying to save as much energy as possible and only running one of its two generators, Ryan added.

"We've been trying to lessen the load on the property by not



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

The resort's generators are located in the maintenance area of the Westin property, above.

running certain compressors and things like that so we don't have to draw as much electricity and only have to run one generator," he said.

While Ryan was sympathetic about disrupting the Westin's neighbors, resort officials don't have much of a choice in the matter, he explained.

"The reason WAPA takes us off line is because we're a big consumer of power on St. John and their commentary has been that it allows them to maintain power to the other residences on the island," said Ryan.

Westin officials are looking into ways of lessening the generator droning, but ultimately would not have to run their generator if WAPA provided sufficient power, Ryan added.

"We're trying to be open and we've had conversations about the capabilities of muffling the generators better," he said. "The best solution would be to get dependable power from WAPA."

Although one Rock Ridge Road resident threatened to picket the resort, no generator noise protests were report at the Westin last week.

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VINP Announces 2012 Storm Refuge Permitting Procedures

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The management of Virgin Islands National Park/Coral Reef National Monument requests that any vessel owners who were permitted to use a storm mooring in Hurricane Hole during 2011 and wish to retain said storm mooring berth for the 2012 season should contact Esther Francis (esther_franis@nps.gov) before May 18.

Vessel owners, who have already responded, need not do anything further. If VINP management does not hear from the vessel owner by that time, it will be assumed the owner does not intend to use the mooring during the 2012 hurricane season.

All open berths will be placed in a drawing to be hosted on June 2 at 9 a.m. at the pavilion in front of the VINP Visitor Center in Cruz Bay.

Any vessel owner who was issued a temporary permit last year should let Francis know if there is an interest in the storm mooring berth for which they were issued the permit in the event that the original permittee decides to forgo the spot for another year. If the original permittee elects to utilize said storm mooring berth this year, the temporary permit holder will need to participate in the drawing for any open berths.

VINP management would like to remind owners that if a vessel was sold or transferred since last year, it is the vessel which retains the storm mooring berth and, not the past owner. This is due to the fact that many vessels have mooring attachment lines made up to suit the storm mooring berth that were assigned.

For more information call Rafe Boulon at 693-8950, ext. 224.

Grand Opening Reception at Kimberly Boulon Fine Art Set for May 11

Kimberly Boulon Fine Art Gallery is hosting a grand opening reception, in collaboration with Starfish Gourmet and Wines and West Indies Company Wine Tasting, on Friday evening, May 11, from 5 to 8 p.m.

Stop by the second floor of The Marketplace to browse Boulon's latest paintings while enjoying Michael Banzhaf and Katha Ricciardi performing flute duets of Baroque, Classical and romantic selections.

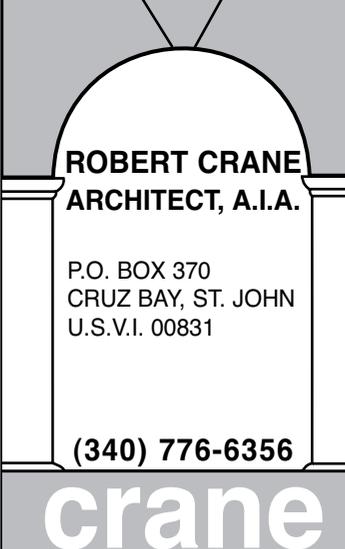
Boulon will also raffle off her painting "Francis Bay in April Light" as a fundraiser for the Rotary Club of St. John-led *The Brain Game* project. Raffle tickets, \$10 each or six for \$50, are available at Chelsea Drug Store and at Kimberly Boulon Fine Art Gallery.



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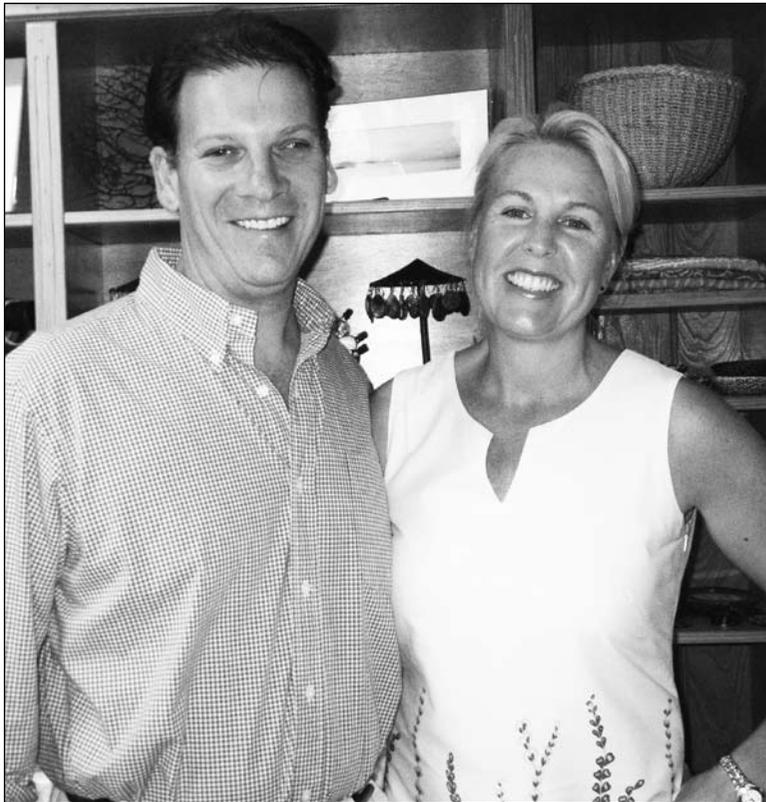


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Gallows Point Gift and Gourmet owners David and Shannon Pursley.

St. John Tradewinds News
Photo by Jaime Elliott

Fine Wines, Imported Snacks and More at Gallows Point Gift and Gourmet

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

The small sundry shop at Gallows Point Resort is under new ownership and its revamped shelves now offer an impressive selection of fine wines, imported cheeses, snacks and more.

Shannon and David Pursley bought the former Every 'Ting in the midst of high season and have been busy meeting the needs of Gallows Point Resort guests and locals alike.

"Things have been going really well," said David Pursley. "We've been super busy since we took over in January and things have just been great."

The new owners have expanded the store's jewelry and gift selections and are the sole St. John carrier of the sturdy oil cloth Scout bags. There are also new T-shirt styles and a wide array of soaps and candles.

"We have added new gift lines like Scout beach bags, some of which are insulated and others that would make great 'laundry-day' bags," said Shannon Pursley. "Also new are several island-inspired gift lines, such as Michel Design Works soaps, candles and note-cards which make great hostess gifts."

While expanding the store's gift selections, the Pursleys were sure to include some Virgin Islands-produced products as well.

"We're also offering more locally made products like glasses by Stepho and the full range of Cruzan Rum flavors," said Shannon Pursley.

New gourmet food snacks include Marcona almonds imported from Spain, dried salami, Matiz tortas and tapenade and a selection of fine cheeses like Brie and smoked Gouda. Those with a bit larger appetites should check out the selection of fresh sandwiches from Sam and Jack's deli.

"We're now offering sandwiches from Sam and Jack's which I pick up each morning so they're always fresh," said David Pursley.

"The sandwiches are great for guests to just grab and take to the beach," said Shannon Pursley.

While the store already offers light morning items like coffee, bagels and smears, the Pursleys plan to make Gallows Point Gift and Gourmet the place to pick up breakfast.

"By this summer, we plan to offer home-made muffins, sweet bread and breakfast burritos," said Shannon Pursley.

Be sure to keep the store in mind for all those provisioning needs too, Shannon Pursley added.

Gallows Point Gift and Gourmet also offers full excursion bookings, for everything from snorkel trips to sailing charters.

"We are committed to making sure guests have a wonderful visit and we are fortunate to have fellow-islanders who are as committed as we are to making sure St. John is the premier destination of choice," said David Pursley.

"We moved to St. John to be part of a small community where we felt we could make a positive difference," said Shannon Pursley. "Tourism is all of our livelihoods and we are all in this together."

And the Pursleys speak from experience. Shannon Pursley is a University of the Virgin Islands graduate and has put in stints at both A.H. Riise and West Indies Corporation. David Pursley brings 20 years of experience in the international shipping industry and logistics as well as a love for hiking and fishing.

Gallows Point Gift and Gourmet is open daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. For more information, call the store at 693-7730 or check out the website www.stjohnadventures.com.

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Sisterhood Agenda SHE Week To Help Women Get Healthy

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Despite being displaced to the V.I. National Park ball field last year, Sisterhood Agenda president Angela Coleman still managed to inspire and invigorate St. John women to get active during National Women's Health Week.

This year, Coleman and her St. John non-profit will bring their celebration of National Women's Health Week to Frank Powell Park May 14 through 18. The Sisters Healthy and Empowered (SHE) program will offer everything from guided meditation to martial arts instruction each afternoon in the Cruz Bay park.

"There are so many people suffering from chronic and preventable diseases here like obesity, diabetes and hypertension," said Coleman. "We need to make smarter choices about our health and we can all do that."

For one hour each afternoon, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Coleman and local health experts like Patrice Johnson, Earl Thomas and Keryn Bryan, will lead demonstrations and share information about health and fitness.

"We're really focusing on health this year and the little things we can do to improve our health," said Coleman. "It's all about getting moving and getting energized. We have to heal ourselves and to do that we need healthier lifestyles."

"All it takes is really an hour or a half an hour each day to get out and be active," she said. "That and making healthy food choices would make a big difference in the preventable diseases so many in our community suffer from."

Stop by Frank Powell Park on Monday, May 14, to take part in a guided meditation and Tuesday, May 15, for an upbeat Zumba class with Johnson. Bryan will lead a Pilates class on Wednesday, May 16, and Thomas will teach martial arts and women's self-defence tech-



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niques on Thursday, May 17.

On Friday, May 18, be sure to stop by the park for a Dance Party Finale. All activities take place from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. and DJ Top Notch will be on hand each day to make sure the energy level stays high.

While planning the full week of activities for National Women's Health Week, Coleman has also been busy lately gearing up for Sisterhood Agenda's first global event. The SHE Conference will be July 7 and 8 at the Frenchman's Reef and Morning Star Marriott Beach Resort in St. Thomas.

"The SHE Conference agenda includes celebrity appearances, awards to honor outstanding role models, model programs and leaders, exciting presenters to share

and distribute tools to participants, and services for girls," said Coleman. "Sisterhood Agenda strives to partner with government, businesses, and other nonprofit organizations to make all Sisterhood Agenda initiatives successful."

"The program is consistent with Sisterhood Agenda's focus on holistic health including physical, mental and spiritual health," Coleman said.

For the upcoming Women's Health Week program, Coleman is looking for volunteers and donations of food to promote healthy eating, she explained.

For more information about Sisterhood Agenda or the SHE program, check out the group's website at www.sisterhoodagenda.com or call Coleman at 714-7076.



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May Is Waga Month: Island Dog Show and ACC Fundraiser May 19

By Elaine Campbell
Special to St. John Tradewinds

There's still time to register at a reduced rate for the Animal Care Center's Wagapalooza dog show set for Saturday, May 19.

Early registration rates will close mid-Waga-week. Prices are currently \$20 per class or three classes for \$50. Admission to the event is free to the public.

Entry forms are available at the ACC shelter on the library road in Cruz Bay as well as Connections East and West, Canines, Cats and Critters and Catered To in The Marketplace. Checks, money orders, and Paypal are preferred forms of payment. They should be made out to The Animal Care Center of St. John.

Canines, Cats, and Critters, the veterinary center on Centerline Road, is offering a special drawing of a \$50 gift certificate for use at the clinic for an early registrant.

Day-of-show registration will start at 4 p.m. at the Virgin Islands National Park ball field on Waga day. Wagapalooza is scheduled for Saturday, May 19, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the VINP field. Waga is the major fundraiser for St. John's only animal shelter.

Wagapalooza is the island's unique dog show and family event. It's noted for featuring unusual show categories such as "Best Look-Alike," "Best Costume," and "Gambler's Choice." There are six other prize-winning show classes.

In addition, a Waga King and a Waga Queen will be selected. Children accompanied by a responsible adult are encouraged to participate in a special category for junior handlers. All dogs, whether contestants or visitors, must be on leashes.

The annual "Babe Award" will honor the rescue dog who has made the most significant progress from abused victim to personal pet. The ACC staff and volunteers who guide the shelter dogs from admission to adoption will serve as judges for the 2012 "Babe."

Many additional attractions will make the evening a family event. Food from Driftwood David, a "signature" drink from High Tide, sodas from Pine Peace Market and Caravan Auto, balloon animals from "The Balloon Man," face-painting, dog cookies by the Queen of Tarts, and a Color-Your-Own Waga poster table for children are some of the planned extras.

Admission to Waga is free, but it's a good idea to arrive on time (5 p.m.) for a seat in the spectator ring. Music, fun, food, and free photographs from Tropical Focus will all be part of the festivities. And every dollar collected will go directly to feeding, medicating, housing, and caring for as many abused dogs and homeless cats that the ACC can reach.

The ACC shelter is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Visit and consider adopting one of the island's beautiful kitties or handsome dogs. All have been bathed, vaccinated, and socialized. They always have food, clean water, clean kennels and cages, but they really need space to run and play in a home. Most of all they need life-long companionship.

For centuries, dogs and cats have been companion animals to humans, and even if they have had to survive on their own for a time in the bush on the island, their ancestry sooner or later leads them to crave human affection.

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SJSA Launching Three-Week Summer Program "KICK IT"

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St. John School of the Arts will launch an exciting three week summer program "Kids Impacting and Connecting with Kids through Informative Television" (KICK IT).

The program will run from June 20 through 29 and July 5 through 13 and is open to students between the ages of 10 and 17. The program will meet Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The total cost is \$350 and scholarships are available.

The program will use the arts — steel pan, drumming, movement, acting, story board, production,

singing and song writing — to engage kids to talk about issues that come up in their lives, whether social, ecological, family or other challenges facing children today.

Children will engage in all of the art forms, but can choose a focus medium that will be part of the final project which is a DVD, or "commercial." The work will be submitted for a spot on one or more local TV channels, allowing the message to reach and connect with more children. Also, a full-length, live version will be performed for the community.

UVI Hosting Town Meeting for Strategic Plan 2017

St. John Tradewinds

The University of the Virgin Islands is seeking public input in order to develop its next five-year strategic plan.

Town Hall meetings will take place on St. Croix, St. Thomas and St. John from May 8 through May 10. Vision 2012, the University's current strategic plan, will conclude on September 30. The new strategic plan will cover the period from October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2017.

"A dynamic strategic plan is one in which the collaborative input of all stakeholders is represented," said UVI President Dr. David Hall. "We are very interested in hearing from the general public about their views on the future of the university. This will

make our strategic plan stronger and more responsive to the needs of the Virgin Islands community."

On Thursday, May 10, members of the public are invited to bring their opinions and suggestions to a Town Hall meeting in the UVI Academic Center on the third floor of The Marketplace on St. John from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

Faculty, staff, students and members of the UVI Board of Trustees have already provided their suggestions. Vision 2012 was developed in a similar manner, with members of the public discussing the University's successes and charting potential goals for the future.

For more information call 693-1004 or e-mail hdavies@uvi.edu.

Is Your Pet Protected Against Heartworms?

Julie Outland, DVM St. John Tradewinds

Did you know that heartworm disease in dogs and cats is transmitted by mosquitoes?

Every week at Canines, Cats & Critters we see many of our patients who have not been protected test positive for heartworms. When the infected mosquito bites your dog, it deposits the baby heartworm, also known as a larva, through your animal's skin.

The heartworm larva travels through the bloodstream as it develops into an adult — its final destination is the heart. Once these larvae migrate to the heart, they reproduce and make more larvae, which in turn migrate to the heart.

The heartworms then clog up the heart and pulmonary artery. The symptoms include: shortness of breath; tires very easily; and hacking cough.

As the disease progresses, the abdomen can fill with fluid, and the animal will pant even at rest. If untreated, the heartworms will fill the heart and arteries causing death.

Cats can also get heartworms,

however, the heartworms cannot reproduce in the cat, but as the larvae migrate through the lungs, these cats will become very ill and have lung disease that cannot be cured.

Heartworm prevention is inexpensive and very easy to administer. Heartworm testing and monthly prevention is the best care your pet can receive. The monthly prevention (which costs between \$5 and \$10 per month) also protects your pet against other worms that may be living in the intestines.

This prevention, whether for a cat or dog, can only be bought from your veterinarian. It is important to know that over the counter deworming medications do not protect against heartworms.

If your dog has tested positive for heartworms, it can be treated, however it is our hope that your pet has been protected and does not have to undergo treatment, as this can be expensive and very difficult for dogs.

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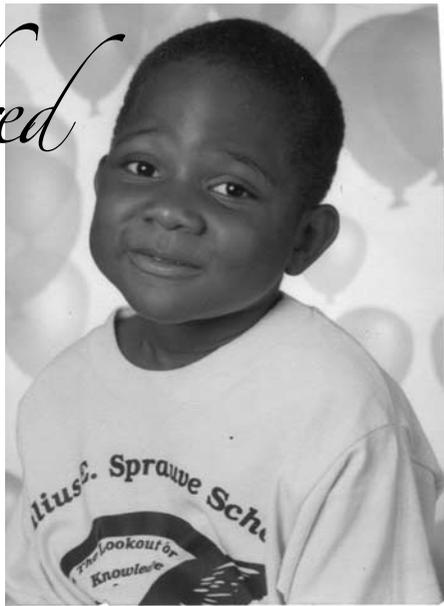
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Views from the deck and pool at Villa Belvedere go on and on.

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On the Market

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Enjoy Stunning Sunsets in Privacy from Villa Belvedere

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Few moments can top watching the Caribbean sun melt into the horizon while dangling your toes in a cool, crisp pool and sipping a refreshing sundowner — except maybe if those moments occurred each afternoon.

With expansive, 180-degree views to Little St. James and St. Thomas, Villa Belvedere is the perfect place to enjoy sunsets all year round. The three-bedroom, three-and-a-half-bathroom villa is for sale for \$2.3 million on the St. John MLS.

The home was originally constructed in the 1980s, but recently underwent extensive renovations and today boasts an inviting pool and hot tub, explained Holiday Homes broker/owner Christie O'Neil.

"The original — all masonry — home was mostly built in the 1980s, but has been extensively redone and expanded recently to almost twice the size," said O'Neil. "The villa has a super waterfront pool plus spa and two separate master suites."

Villa Belvedere's location, perched 100 feet above the Caribbean Sea, just past Great Cruz Bay on Maria Bluff, means you can enjoy those sunsets, as well as the pool and hot tub, in complete privacy.

"The totally private location appeals to all and encourages outdoor living," said O'Neil. "The unob-



The villa boasts two full master suites, each with amazing views.

structed waterfront views to St. Thomas are amazingly spectacular."

High ceilings, native stone accents, pocket doors and oversized windows bring the outdoors inside and afford sweeping views from most rooms. A covered verandah just off the main living area allows for serious relaxation and outdoor dining in the cool shade.

In addition to sun lovers, Villa Belvedere is also

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Letters To St. John Tradewinds

Visitors Commend VINP Rangers

Dear VINP Superintendent,

We are writing to you to commend the work of Kevin Samuel. On March 5, 2012, we were passengers in a one-car accident on the North Shore Road, near milepost 4, close to the driveway leading to Little Cinnamon Bay park housing.

Mr. Samuel came to our rescue, making sure we were safe and unhurt, calling the rental car agency and towing company on our behalf. He waited with us for 90 minutes. Without his considerate help, the driver of the car, Mary Davidson, would have been distraught.

He stayed with us until the towing company had

successfully brought our car back to the roadway and Mr. Samuel had ascertained it was drivable. Shortly afterward, Park Officer David Horner and a USVI Police Officer arrived and directed traffic, allowing us to safely turn the car around and return to Cruz Bay and the car rental agency.

We would also like to commend the work of Officer David Horner for his helpfulness and patience.

We enjoyed our visit to St. John and look forward to our next visit to the Virgin Islands National Park.

**Sincerely,
Betty and Bill Sweetland**

Santa's Friends Thank Supporters

To the St. John and St. Croix Community,

The mournful sound of a conch horn announced the departure of "Santa," Leonard Florence, as the *Sundance Queen* left Cruz Bay on Wednesday, May 2, to take "Santa," a fisherman and a man of the sea, to his final resting place, a burial at sea.

Local fisherman gathered in their boats among the high seas and heavy rain at the South Drop, about 10 miles south of St. John in the Caribbean Sea, joining about 40 friends onboard the ferry to pay tribute to their friend. Earlier, a traditional funeral service was performed at the Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cruz Bay by Pastor Sampson.

Special thanks to Santa's friends who kindly contributed to this funeral service: Jense Berg; Capt. Phil Chalker; Wally Leopold; Otis Steinmann and Albert Willis for their major financial support; Marcia Hedlund and Allison Smith who took care of all arrange-

ments for the funeral services; Ashley Boynes Sr. and Inter-Island Boat Services and crew of *Sundance Queen*: Capt. Novelle Barton Jr.; and crew Jaray Todman; Lloyd Prince; and to community friends and supporters: Sally Browne; Vashti Boynes; Nick and Andromeda Childs; Ms. Creque-Hodge and Dept. of Public Works; Barbara Douma and Cary Chapin; Pam Gaffin; Ron and Mary Haerstorh; Tom Hartman; Cid Hamling and Connections; Bill Heimbaugh; Lee Heise; Marcia Hedlund; Jean Kuster; Jane Kyser; Margie Labrenz; Ina Lee; Karen Opsahl; Cheryl Magdaleno; Ernest Matthias; Pastor Sampson; Rena Simon; Allison Smith; Perdita Stapleton; and Brenda Wallace.

If we omitted anyone, please forgive the oversight and accept our heartfelt thanks!

**Friends of Leonard
"Santa" Florence**

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Thank You To St. John Phonebook

Thank you, Karen and Hank Slodden, for what you have done for me.

Ted Kelliher

Memorial Service for Evra Claire Boulon Denham Is May 12 at Morgan's Mango

Friends and family members of Evra Claire Boulon Denham, who passed away last year, will gather at Morgan's Mango on Saturday morning, May 12, at 10 a.m. for a memorial service. The day would have been Denham's 95 birthday. Friends are invited to join in the celebration of her life. Following the memorial, family members will spread Denham's ashes out at sea.

Correction

The picture of a student sewing which accompanied the "GHS Mini-Mester" article in the April 30-May 6 issue of *St. John Tradewinds* did not include photo credit. Kaitlyn Cummings took the photograph.

Letters To St. John Tradewinds

It's Natural Gas — WAPA Get into It!

The only serious solution to our outrageous WAPA bills is to convert to natural gas!

Fuel oil costs are over 80 percent of our bills and Natural Gas is one-seventh the price of our present fuel. For every \$1 of our present fuel oil, natural gas would only cost us 14 cents, or 86 cents cheaper than oil.

By converting to natural gas, we could reduce our WAPA bills by more than half within a couple years, if we start to change fuels now. Natural gas is clean, cheap, and abundant and it should be our fuel. By using this smarter fuel, our USA natural gas offers us a better future of stable electrical costs. Imagine the effect on our lives, our families, our shopping, and our tourism market by reducing our WAPA bills.

Why isn't WAPA and our Government dedicating every moment in the effort to convert to natural gas? Please WAPA, tell us what you have up your sleeve of solutions which will lower our bills and bring an end to these out of control rates. WAPA is the single, most important issue challenging us today.

Yes, WAPA does have a 10 MegaWatt RFP for solar in a couple years. But 10 MW is less than one-fifteenth of our needs. So, do the math. How many pennies will that eventually lower our bills?

This is clearly not the cure, nor is the submerged cable to Puerto Rico the solution. That PR cable will cost many hundreds of millions of dollars and will hardly change our rates. Whatever you think about Alpine, at best it is only a band-aid. We need to put our efforts and monies into developing a system using natural gas and it's game changing potential.

We are more prepared than we think to convert

to this technology. On the south shore of St. Croix is the HOVENSA and St. Croix Renaissance ports, perfect for creating a natural gas depot. Also, there is a qualified, underemployed workforce leftover from HOVENSA who could help spearhead this change.

Come on, let's be "innovators" and bring natural gas to our islands and also to the other needy Caribbean islands looking for less expensive power. A whole new industry could be created here in our Virgin Islands.

What we will need to do is to build natural gas fuel tanks and a shipping system to supply the islands. Everything is shipping and tanks in our present fuel system so we just have to devote our efforts to natural gas. Then we have to convert our WAPA turbines to using natural gas.

And how do we pay for it? Besides seeking a Federal startup loan, the 86-cents per dollar fuel savings should go a long way to funding this change and lowering our bills. Also, with natural gas, we can explore other technologies, for instance, my favorite is bloomenergy.com, check it out!

But please, WAPA, PSC, Governor, Energy Office, please tell us, "What is your long range plan towards lowering our WAPA bills?"

These rates are strangling our economy and our families' futures. If you don't have such a plan, own up to it and level with us, and honestly tell us that these painful years of skyrocketing WAPA bills is only going to get worse.

We all sit and hope, thinking that all will get better. Will it?

Steve Black

High Winds Send Trees Down



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Dan McElwe

High winds which whipped across St. John several weeks ago toppled a tree on Rock Ridge Road. No one was injured and the debris has since been cleared.

DID YOU KNOW...

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13 ABC Coral Bay, 776-6304
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Sunday evening 6 p.m., Thursday 7 p.m.

Christian Ministry

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Christian Science Society

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Wednesday Testimonials
7:45 p.m. on last Wed. of Month

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of Latter-day Saints**

Sun. 9 a.m., on St. Thomas . 776-2379
Sun., 5 p.m., STJ, Lumberyard

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Emmaus Moravian Church

Coral Bay, Sun. 9 a.m. 776-6713

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Saturdays (Español), 10 a.m. Sundays,
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Tuesday 7 p.m. Bible Study 693-8884

Nazareth Lutheran Church

Sunday 9 a.m., Sunday School 8 a.m.
776-6731

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Saturdays 6 p.m.; Sundays 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.
Tuesdays and Fridays at 7 p.m.
Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7 a.m.
776-6339

St. John Methodist Church

Sunday 10 a.m., 693-8830

Seventh Day Adventist

Saturdays, 779-4477

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Sunday 11:05 a.m., 6:30 p.m.
Tuesdays Prayer 7:30 p.m.,
Thursdays Bible Study 7:30 p.m.
779-1230

St. Ursula's Episcopal Church

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

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

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

Word of Faith Church

Word of Faith International
Christian Center, Sundays 7:30 a.m.
Giff Hill School 774-8617

New Brewing Facility Coming to Mongoose Junction



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

St. John Brewers owners Kevin Chipman and Chirag "Cheech" Vyas are buliding a new brewing facility in the back parking lot area at Mongoose Junction. While the duo have been whipping up small batches of brew at their Tap Room, located across from The Beauty Lounge on the second floor of Mongoose Junction, the new facility will give them a chance to offer tours and explain the brewing process to curious tourists, explained Vyas. Cheers to that!

Department of Labor Launches Summer Youth Experience Program

St. John Tradewinds

Last week Department of Labor Commissioner Albert Bryan announced that the department has begun to accept Summer Youth Work Experience applications for the summer.

DOL anticipates serving approximately 425 customers aged 14 to 25 territory-wide through this summer program. These numbers may increase due to cost sharing opportunities with other agencies and private sector placements.

"This year, more than ever, we look forward to the private sector's involvement in the program, including subsidizing summer job opportunities," said Bryan. "We are partners in providing work experience, and consequently, providing for the development of our future workforce. We know that this opportunity not only keeps money in the pockets of our young people,

but also provides valuable experience and keeps them productive throughout the summer."

Applications are available on DOL's website at www.vidol.gov (under the forms tab) and can be picked up at any of the department's locations. A Summer Employment Fact Sheet is also available online providing additional information for participants and parents. This summer, special priority will be placed on participants who have not previously received work experience.

Youths under the age of 18 should be accompanied by a parent or guardian to sign up for participation in the program. All applicants should be able to show proof of enrollment in college, high school, or basic education, as well as proof of citizenship, social security card, Photo ID, and a copy of a resume, if available.

Employers who may be interested in participating in this year's Summer Youth Work Experience Program are asked to contact the VI Department of Labor. DOL is seeking employers interested in providing a six-week work experience and job training.

Additionally, service providers and organizations interested in providing life skills and career exploration activities for youth aged 14 to 15 during the summer are also encouraged to contact the department. Programs should run for no more than four weeks. Mini-grants of up to \$4,500 are available for qualified providers.

Interested employers and groups can obtain a "Request for Summer Youth Work Experience Program Participation" and "Summer Youth Workshop Application" by contacting the DOL office on St. Thomas at 776-3700.



Dirty Cloud Computing

Dear EarthTalk: *Why is Greenpeace upset with some leading tech companies for so-called "dirty cloud computing?" Can you explain?*

- Jeremy Wilkins, Waco, TX

Leading tech companies like Google, Apple and Microsoft are now offering unprecedented amounts of data storage and access to "apps" on huge Internet-connected servers, saving consumers and businesses the hassle of installing and running programs and storing information on their own local computers.

This emerging trend, dubbed "cloud computing," means that these providers have had to scale up their power consumption considerably, as they are increasingly responsible for providing more and more of the computing horsepower required by the world's two billion Internet users.

No doubt, sharing such resources on centralized servers is more efficient than every individual and business running their own versions separately. In fact, the research firm Verdantix estimates that companies off-loading data and services to cloud servers could save \$12 billion off their energy bills and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 85 million metric tons within the next decade.

But for the greenhouse gas savings to be realized, the companies offering cloud computing services need to make the right energy choices.

Greenpeace has been tracking sustainability among tech companies for over a decade, and recently released a report, "How Green is Your Cloud?" assessing the green footprint of the move to cloud computing.

According to the analysis, some of the major players (Google, Facebook and Yahoo) have gone to great lengths to ensure that significant amounts of the power they need come from clean, green sources like wind and solar. But Greenpeace chastises others (Apple, Amazon and Microsoft) for relying on so-called "dirtier" sources of power, such as coal and nuclear, to run their huge data centers.

"When people around the world share their music or photos on the cloud, they want to know that the cloud is powered by clean, safe energy," said Gary Cook, a Senior Policy Analyst with Greenpeace. "Yet highly innovative and profitable companies like Apple, Amazon and Microsoft are building data centers powered by coal and acting like their customers won't know or won't care. They're wrong."

Greenpeace's report evaluates 14 major tech firms and the electricity supply chains in use across more than 80 different data centers that power cloud-based services.

Some of the largest data centers are in buildings so big they are visible from space and use as much power as 250,000 European homes. If the cloud were its own country, says Greenpeace, it would rank fifth in the world in electricity consumption.

"Companies like Google, Yahoo and Facebook are beginning to lead the sector down a clean energy pathway through innovations in energy efficiency, prioritizing renewable energy access when siting their data centers, and demanding better energy options from utilities and government decision-makers," reported Greenpeace.

But unfortunately the majority of the industry is not marching in step. As such, Greenpeace is calling on all tech companies with cloud services to develop siting policies based on access to clean energy sources, invest in or directly purchase renewable energy, be transparent about their energy usage, share innovative solutions so the sector as a whole can improve, and demand that governments and utilities increase the percentage of clean, green power available on the grid.

"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.stjohnschoolofthearts.org or stop by St. John School of the Arts in Cruz Bay.

For more information call 779-4322.



Ruth "Sis" Frank

Festival & Cultural Organization of St. John, Inc.

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
CONTACT PERSON: LUCINDA JURGEN (340) 643-8074

SATURDAY, June 23, 2012

St. John Festival Queen 2012 Selection Pageant
8 P.M. AT WINSTON WELLS BALL FIELD
CONTACT PERSON: ENID DOWAY (340) 626-0785

SUNDAY, June 24, 2012

Food Fair & Coronation
1 P.M. AT FRANKLIN A. POWELL, SR. PARK
CONTACT PERSON: LEONA SMITH (340) 690-3692

Boat Races
3 P.M. AT CRUZ BAY HARBOR
CONTACT PERSON: SLIM (340) 771-2498

FRIDAY, June 29, 2012

Festival Village Opening
7 P.M. AT CRUZ BAY PARKING LOT
CONTACT PERSON: JANE JOHANNES (340) 776-6450

SUNDAY, July 1, 2012

Festival Beach Jam
1 P.M. AT OPPENHEIMER BEACH
CONTACT PERSON: LEONA SMITH (340) 690-3692

TUESDAY, July 3, 2012

Cultural Day
3 P.M. AT FRANKLIN A. POWELL, SR. PARK
CONTACT PERSON: ALECIA WELLS (340) 344-9166

WEDNESDAY, July 4, 2012

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4 A.M. AT ST. JOHN NATIONAL PARK
Festival Parade 2012
11 A.M. AT ST. JOHN NATIONAL PARK
CONTACT PERSON: NATALIE THOMAS (340) 690-1725
Festival Fireworks Display
9 P.M. AT CRUZ BAY HARBOR
CONTACT PERSON: MALINDA NELSON (340) 776-6492



NOTE: RANDOM TSA CHECKS WILL BE CONDUCTED!!! BE PREPARED!!!

FESTIVAL HOTLINE NUMBERS: (340) 690-3692/ (340) 690-1725



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IGBA Honored with Environmental Quality Award

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helps the local environment in several ways; by keeping items out of the waste stream; and reducing the amount of new material brought to the island.

Since opening its doors four months ago, the Resource Depot has proven to be incredibly popular, Vahling explained.

"We're keeping track of the weight of everything we sell and we average 125 pounds an hour," said Vahling. "Of course, we're only open two hours a week."

The Resource Depot is currently open only on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. But Vahling envisions a way to have more of a presence at the Giff Hill Road outpost.

"We want to expand our hours because we have so many people coming and going like crazy dropping things off and shopping and buying stuff for those two hours we're open," said the IGBA executive di-

rector. "We could do better if we could expand our hours and one way to do that is to lease a little trailer from Storage on Site for a small office. I could go up there and do a few hours of office work during the week and have the depot open then."

"There is no sense sitting in my office at home in Coral Bay, when I could be up there on site and be able to be open on weekdays," said Vahling.

A \$400 monthly donation would cover a lease for small office trailer, Vahling added.

For more information about IGBA, check out the group's website at www.igba-stjohn.org, call Vahling at 227-1110, or stop by the May 10 meeting. IGBA officials are hosting their last meeting of the season on Thursday, May 10, on the second floor of The Marketplace from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

For information about the Environmental Quality Awards in EPA Region 2, visit www.epa.gov/region02/eqa/.



St. John Tradewinds News Photos

The great room includes native stone accents and high ceilings, above.

Enjoy Stunning Sunsets in Privacy from Villa Belvedere

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the perfect home for boating enthusiasts. The villa comes with private HOA dinghy access in nearby Great Cruz Bay, explained O'Neil.

"The HOA dinghy dock access to Great Cruz Bay is a huge boon for boaters," she said. "As boats become more plentiful in the harbor, parking and boat access is becoming scarce and therefore more valuable."

The villa's well-established Great Cruz Bay neighborhood, a

short drive to the dining and nightlife of Cruz Bay and the nearby beaches of North Shore Road, is an ideal location for either a rental property or primary residence, O'Neil explained.

"This home does well on rental or works very well as a primary residence," said the Holiday Homes broker/owner. "My favorite thing about Great Cruz Bay is the neighborhood. It's a great place to walk in the morning and you always see others doing the same thing."

"Also it's conveniently close to town, stores and more," said O'Neil. "Great Cruz Bay has a variety of very pretty water views and good breezes. Plus it's already been mostly built out, so there will not be as much construction noise as time goes on as one would experience in newer subdivisions just beginning to be developed."

For more information about Villa Belvedere, call O'Neil at Holiday Homes at 774-8088, on her cell phone at 998-7451 or online at www.HolidayHomesVI.com.

Rock Slide on Centerline Road



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Department of Public Works employees were busy keeping falling rocks off Centerline Road last week, above, as rains inundated St. John for several days.

DOT Celebrating National Tourism Week With Free Workshops

St. John Tradewinds

As part of the annual National Travel and Tourism Week, May 5 through 13, the Department of Tourism has planned a number of activities designed to build tourism awareness, strengthen relationships with local tourism industry partners, and emphasize the importance of providing the best service to customers.

Tourism Week kicks off with a series of professional development seminars on St. Thomas, St. John and St. Croix. The free seminars are open to anyone in the service industry interested in improving their service skills and knowledge of the U.S. Virgin Islands.

A Customers Service Excellence seminar will take place on St. John on Monday, May 7, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at St. Ursula's Multipurpose Center. Additional seminars will be hosted on St. Thomas and St. Croix.

"As Virgin Islanders it benefits us to be knowledgeable and proud of our own unique history, culture and natural resources," said DOT Commissioner Beverly Nicholson-Doty. "As tourism ambassadors these seminars help us to become more skilled at providing friendlier and more expert service that will enhance the experience of our visitors."

In addition to engaging employees of the service industry with training opportunities, the DOT is also reaching out to the Virgin Islands business community by way of the Chamber of Commerce.

On Thursday, May 10, the department will host a "Business After Hours" event on St. Thomas at the Havensight Visitor Welcome Center from 5L30 to 7:30 p.m. Guests will be entertained by Milo's Kings.

Throughout the week, representatives from DOT will conduct school visits spreading the message about the importance of tourism to VI students as well as share information about careers in hospitality at the USVI Hotel & Tourism Association Career Fair on May 9.

To reinforce its message about the importance of customer service to the success of our tourism industry, throughout the month of May, DOT is sponsoring a territory-wide television advertising campaign.

For more information about Tourism Week activities and to register for the seminars call 774-8784 on St. Thomas/St. John.

Police Log

Friday, April 27

10:42 a.m. - An Estate Emmaus resident r/ that someone struck his vehicle while it was parked. Auto collision.

1:05 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident r/ that someone struck his vehicle while parked. Auto collision.

No time given - An Estate Grunwald r/ that someone struck his vehicle while parked. Auto collision.

5:26 p.m. - An Estate Susanberg resident r/ that a vehicle was blocking her driveway. Police assistance.

Saturday, April 28

11:50 a.m. - A visitor from North Carolina r/ that he lost his money clip in Cruz Bay. Lost documents.

1:28 p.m. - A citizen r/ that her uncle assaulted her brother. Police assistance.

6:47 p.m. - A citizen r/ a suspicious vehicle. Suspicious activity.

8:04 p.m. - An Estate Carolina resident r/ that a vehicle struck her car and drove away. Hit and run.

Sunday, April 29

8:45 a.m. - A Bordeaux Mountain resident c/requesting police assistance to retrieve his dog from the animal shelter. Police assistance.

4:03 p.m. - A Bordeaux Mountain resident c/r people trespassing on her property. Trespassing.

5:33 p.m. - A citizen c/r an auto accident in the area of Lameshur Bay. Auto accident.

6:05 p.m. - A citizen r/ that a vehicle ran into her fence. Destruction of property.

Monday, April 30

11:50 a.m. - A visitor from Florida p/r that several individuals were blocking the main route to Bordeaux Mountain. Police assistance.

1:51 p.m. - A St. Quacco resident p/r that she is being harassed. Harassment.

2:30 p.m. - An Estate Carolina resident p/r that he lost several documents. Lost documents.

3:00 p.m. - A St. Thomas resident p/r that his minor daughter ran away from home. Missing minor.

9:14 p.m. - A Calabash Boom resident r/ that her ex-boyfriend left threatening messages on her answering machine. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

10:36 p.m. - An Estate Pastory resident c/requesting police assistance to transport his brother to Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center. Police assistance.

Tuesday, May 1

9:00 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident r/ that she was threatened. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

11:47 a.m. - A citizen r/ that a delivery truck was blocking her business. Police assistance.

2:04 p.m. - A visitor from PA r/ that his backpack was moved from where he left it at Salt Pond Bay. Suspicious activity.

3:12 p.m. - A visitor from MA r/ that someone stole his cash from his wallet in the area of Salt Pond Bay. Grand larceny.

3:35 p.m. - An Estate Grunwald resident p/r that she was threatened. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

Wednesday, May 2

9:40 a.m. - An Estate Adrian resident c/r a disturbance with her boyfriend. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

2:30 p.m. - An Estate Pastory resident p/r that he lost his wallet. Lost documents.

3:55 p.m. - An Estate Glucksberg resident p/r that her vehicle was struck while parked at FirstBank. Auto collision.

3:55 p.m. - A citizen p/r damage to her uniform pants. Damage to uniform.

6:10 p.m. - A visitor from WI p/r that she lost her passport. Lost documents.

CRIMES STOPPERS U.S.V.I. CRIMES OF THE WEEK

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

St. John

Law enforcement is still looking for Seara Samantha James, who was reported missing in October 2011. James was last seen at the foot of Power Boyd Plantation hill. Please help locate her by telling what you know. A picture of James is available on the website at www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org.

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St. Thomas

In the early afternoon of Saturday, April 14, Majestic Jewelers, located in the Al Cohens Mall, was robbed by two armed, masked men. They entered the store and demanded that the employees "get down on the floor and don't move." The robbers then removed jewelry from the show cases, and drove off in a silver or grey Dodge Caravan. The minivan was later discovered parked in the Paul M. Pearson Gardens housing community.

Let's continue to help make our 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).

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The minimum reward for the arrest of a thief is \$536. For the arrest of an armed robber it is \$900, plus in all cases, 10 percent of the retail value of property recovered, up to a total reward of \$2,500.

Community Calendar

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

Thursday, May 10

— The Island Green Building Association will have a free, public seminar on Thursday, May 10, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on the second floor of The Marketplace.

Sunday, May 13

— The Unitarian Universalists of St. John meet each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in the great room at Giff Hill School's lower campus. The speaker for Sunday, May 13, is Kathy Guidi who will speak on "Entitled or Empowered? A delicate balance."

Wednesday, May 16

— The Family Resource Center extends an invitation to all persons, groups and agencies which have an interest in re-establishing services to address domestic violence, sexual assault and other violent crimes on St. John to a meeting at Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center on Wednesday, May 16. The meeting will be at MKSCHC at 5:30 p.m.

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, May 26

— The John's Folly Learning Institute is hosting its 16th Anniversary on May 26 at 2:30 p.m. Delegate to Congress Donna Christensen will be the guest speaker. Entertainment will be provided by the Calvary Baptist Church Choir, the Emmaus Moravian Church Choir and more.

Thursday, June 14

— Giff Hill School is proud to announce the graduation ceremony for the Class of 2012 on Thursday, June 14, at 5:30 p.m. on Trayser Field. This year's commencement speaker will be Dr. Franklin Chang-Diaz, former Astronaut and President/CEO of Ad Astra Rocket Company. A reception will follow.

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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TEACHING THE TABBY METHOD

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- 1 Composer Bartók
- 5 Does' mates
- 10 Cellar, in ads for apts.
- 14 Clean vigorously
- 19 Neeson of film
- 20 — a time (item by item)
- 21 San — (Riviera resort)
- 22 Stop for a bit
- 23 Brutish beast
- 24 Aunt's husband, in France
- 25 Coerced
- 27 Start of a riddle
- 30 "— be great if ..."
- 31 Filly's feed
- 32 Pitching star
- 33 Perceived to be
- 37 Riddle, part 2
- 43 Imitate a supermodel
- 44 Toe the mark
- 45 Dickens villain Uriah
- 46 That girl's
- 47 "Horton Hears —!"
- 50 Mr. Capote, to his friends
- 51 "La Cage — Folles"
- 52 Cogito-sum connector
- 53 Riddle, part 3
- 61 Part of a PA system
- 62 Maims
- 63 Ely or Paul
- 64 Ida. neighbor
- 65 Point a pistol
- 66 Port city in Florida
- 67 Eatery bill
- 68 Quarterback Tebow

- 71 "What's the —?" ("Same thing, right?")
- 72 Gillis of an old sitcom
- 73 El Capitan's national park
- 75 Riddle, part 4
- 80 Time of Christmas
- 81 Poetic time after dusk
- 82 Tonic go-with
- 83 Cash spitter-outers
- 84 River in Switzerland
- 85 Big name in PCs
- 87 Long drink
- 89 Counterpart of "Sir"
- 92 End of the riddle
- 99 Bible book before Job
- 100 Veiled
- 101 Be sore
- 102 Metal source
- 103 Riddle's answer
- 109 Cities plus their suburbs
- 112 Oldsmobile of 1999-2004
- 113 Like most cupcakes
- 114 From Tehran or Tabriz
- 115 Post-Q run
- 116 More critical
- 117 Suit option
- 118 Was gutsy enough
- 119 Apt name for a herding dog
- 120 Simplified
- 121 Pablo's "this"

DOWN

- 1 Totally fail
- 2 Fraction equal to .125
- 3 Texas border city
- 4 "Right on!"
- 5 Big to-dos

- 6 Funicello of "Zorro"
- 7 Form anew, as a sentence
- 8 Perfumed powder
- 9 Editor's "put this back in"
- 10 Overgrown with limbs
- 11 Filmmaker Eisenstein
- 12 Nero's 3,100
- 13 Dorothy's dog
- 14 Add zest to
- 15 Redeemed, as a check
- 16 Make public
- 17 Profit from
- 18 With 48-Down, Burgundy or Chianti
- 26 Fritter away
- 28 Not "for here," in a restaurant
- 29 "— it up and spit it out" ("My Way" lyric)
- 34 India's Jawaharlal
- 35 Lay — (fail miserably)
- 36 Old Detroit beer brewer
- 38 Winning by a single point
- 39 Honked thing
- 40 United Arab Emirates' capital
- 41 Closes
- 42 Voluptuous
- 47 Tennis situation
- 48 See 18-Down
- 49 Many a flat-screen
- 50 Eliot's Rum — Tugger
- 51 "— boy!"
- 52 Vast span
- 54 Hiker's path
- 55 ET tales, say
- 56 — pah band
- 57 Herb in curry powder
- 58 Broken chord

- 59 Rub off
- 60 Prize won by Obama
- 66 Tattered
- 67 Singer Waits
- 68 Color lightly
- 69 Tabloid tidbit
- 70 Disarray
- 71 Viña — Mar
- 72 John of farm equipment
- 73 "Round — virgin ..."
- 74 Port city in Florida
- 75 Stupefied
- 76 — Ark
- 77 Rid of some rodents
- 78 Fork (off)
- 79 Virgo, e.g.
- 85 Mass near a tonsil
- 86 Around, in a date
- 87 Instigates
- 88 Extensive
- 89 "Mother —" (old Irish song)
- 90 Olympic track star Evelyn
- 91 1940s film critic James
- 93 Actress Courtney — -Smith
- 94 Perot running mate Pat
- 95 Puts H2O on
- 96 Utters
- 97 Writer Hemingway
- 98 Really must
- 104 Is incorrect
- 105 Netting
- 106 Walk across a stream
- 107 Kulik of figure skating
- 108 In the flesh
- 109 — cap stock
- 110 Eventful time
- 111 Roofer's goo

Classifieds

Employment

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| JOAN OAT | : | CIVIL ACTION |
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| v. | : | No. 03-115 |
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| 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.

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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"Beach Garden" is a Bali inspired waterfront work of art from which you'll enjoy mesmerizing sounds of the surf and cooling trade breezes. High end finishes throughout include tropical hardwoods, African slate, coral stone, copper & teak. 4 master suites, gourmet kitchen, multiple dining and office areas, media room, knife edge pool, spa, shady gazebo & lush gardens all on a private acre just minutes from town. **\$6.2M**

"Valhalla"-Location,location, location! Lots of potential with this .565 acre property with exceptional views overlooking the Coral Bay harbor to Virgin Gorda. Coral Bay area close to shops & restaurants & only minutes from North Shore beaches. Options to expand & upgrade the existing 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms structure with garage and room to add a pool (some excavation has been done). **\$750,000**

"Beach Cottage" - Nestled into the wooded hillside overlooking Great Cruz Bay, this cozy and handsome two bedroom cottage features a flexible layout with separate one bedroom apartment on lower level. Stroll across the grassy landscaped lawn to the beach access directly below for boating. Additional access is deeded at the community beach and dinghy landing just steps down the road. Near the Westin Resort and just minutes from downtown Cruz Bay. **\$945,000**

"Squire's Cottage" - Is a delightful and whimsical stone cottage with separate guest quarters in Chocolate Hole West, a short drive from Cruz Bay. Features include fine local stone and brick work, Turkish travertine floors, brick courtyard, custom light fixtures, large closets, custom hard wood doors & windows, stainless appliances, cathedral ceilings, slate roof and deeded rights to two beaches. The one level main house is handicapped friendly. **\$1.299M**

"Carolina Cottage" - Really cute two bedroom house with nice water views of Coral Harbor and Hurricane Hole. Faces east to catch the cooling trade wind breezes. Paved driveway and parking area. Partial furnishings included. A nice location close to Coral Bay with large deck and room to expand or add a pool. There is a laundry room on the lower level and space to add another bedroom. Paved drive way with easy turn around. **\$575,000.**

"Casa Del Palmas" - Is a completely rebuilt, large, comfortable West Indian style home with pool and spa, nice water and sunset views, easy access with paved circular driveway, established landscaping with many palm trees, colorful hibiscus, and good breezes. Upper level is 2 BR and the spacious lower level has 3 bedrooms, a private entrance, complete kitchen, and adjoins deck with a pool. **\$650,000.**

"Hansen Bay 7A" - 18 acres of waterfront near St. John's East End with trade wind breezes and great water views over Long Bay, Round Bay to the north, west to Rams Head and south to St. Croix. Deeded rights to sandy beach at Long Bay. Proposed subdivision map, road map and required studies available. An easy project for the first time developer or perfectly suited for a very private estate. Lots along the flat ridge top have 270 degree views to the north, west and south Reduced from \$5.5M to just **\$2.99M**

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"Cruz Views Condos"- Convenient to Cruz Bay, nice water views, quiet area with lush landscaping and large pool and deck. One and two bedrooms. Excellent rentals. From **\$325,000 to \$549,000**

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 and Hurricane Hole, just east of Coral Bay **\$7M.** Maho Bay - 13 acres in the middle of the National Park with a beautiful white sand beach, suitable for a small hotel or high end estate development - a real gem of a property for **\$23M**

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Friends of VINP Hosts Successful Litter Stomp Parade, Earth Fair, Reef Fest

St. John Tradewinds

The Ninth Annual Earth Day Fair went off without a hitch as 550 students from Christian Outreach Ministries Learning Center, Guy Benjamin School, Giffit Hill School, Head Start, the St. John Montessori School and Julius E. Sprauve School attended the fair on Friday, April 29.

This year the highlight of the fair was the 1st Annual Litter Stomp Parade which was co-sponsored by the V.I. Waste Management Authority and Friends of V.I. National Park. Students took to the streets to march from JESS to the VINP ball field chanting eco-themed songs and holding signs proclaiming their dedication to keeping our island and planet litter free.

Once at the fair students enjoyed new displays and the presentations of 25 presenters from various local organizations. The presentations and exhibits were focused in the fields of natural and cultural resources, renewable energy, recycling, and environmental

education. Group representatives manned various booths with interactive and captivating demonstrations.

Students got dirty excavating a simulated archeology dig, learned about local seeds and crafts, crushed recycled cans, joined a fact finding scavenger hunt, learned about growing their own fruits and vegetables, and helped to document numerous ways to keep St. John pristine for future generations.

The fun and education continued on Hawksnest Beach on Saturday, April 30, at the third annual Reef Fest, the marine themed component to Earth Day. Visitors and locals were treated to reef educational displays and booths and a complimentary lunch.

Just over 75 people took part in the event with their families and friends. Volunteers led visitors on guided SNUBA excursions, educated the public on boating safety, promoted the new Blue Flag beach program, and manned various



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

One student who took part in the Litter Stomp held a sign with a simple message, asking people to "Pick up Trash to Save the Earth."

booths that aimed to increase overall knowledge of the state of our coral. The beach day ended with a wonderful rhythmic drumming presentation by Love City's very own Echo People.

Friends of VINP would like to

extend a special thank you to event sponsors Southland Gaming, the St. John Yacht Club and the St. John Audubon Society. Numerous island businesses and community partners also donated supplies and giveaways for the event as well.

Friends would like to thank Baked in the Sun, Deli Grotto, First Bank, Love City Pan Dragons, Maho Bay Camps, Sam & Jacks Deli, Starfish Market, St. John Brewers, St. John Ice, St. John Rotary, St. Thomas Dairies, Virgin Island Network of Environmental Educators, and Westin Resort and Villas for their generous contributions to all of the events.

"We would like to thank the many presenters who were on hand to teach our youth about their fragile island and global environment through creative activities and booths," said Friends' program manager Audrey Penn. "However, the real appreciation and thanks must go out to the numerous volunteers who donated their time to make these events happen, your involvement and dedication is admirable and the events would never have been able to happen without you all. Remember that earth day ideas should continue all year so be mindful of your footprint on our little island."

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| <p>"FISH BAY" 4X2 INCREDIBLE VALUE! Huge panoramic views and a quiet, private, breezy location that borders Nature Conservancy property make this home a must see!</p> <p>\$535,000</p> | <p>"BEST BUY MUST SELL!" Newer masonry Flanagan's Passage income producing 2x2 with flexible floor plan, spectacular water views to BVIs, easterly breezes and end of road privacy!</p> <p>\$425,000</p> | <p>"COMFORTABLE CAROLINA COTTAGE" offers open floor plan & views of historic sugar mill with room to expand this well-maintained home that features 2 parcels. Close to Coral Bay shopping and services.</p> <p>\$285,000</p> | <p>"OWN A MONTH IN A LUXURY HOME" Choose a 3 BR 3.5 BA or a 4 BR 4.5 BA villa in upscale Virgin Grand Estates. These 3,000 sq ft villas feature STT & sunset views, pool, AC & more.</p> <p>Priced from \$65,000</p> | <p>"LAVENDER HILL" Luxurious 1 bedroom unit adjacent to pool with 2 decks. Walk to beach and town. Handsomely furnished, immaculately maintained, excellent rental management.</p> <p>\$500,000</p> | <p>"CONCH VILLAS": Why pay rent? Opportunity to own a 2br, 1ba &/or a 1br, 1ba condo close to Cruz Bay! Purchase one for yourself and stop throwing money away on rent or purchase both for additional income.</p> <p>\$185,000 & \$210,000</p> |

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