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Everyday Is EARTH Day

Everyday is Earth Day with Giffit Hill School's Education and Resiliency Through Horticulture program. Giffit Hill School seventh graders, above with EARTH coordinator Sarah Haynes, learn the finer points of soil blocking as an alternative to using plastic pots in the school's interdisciplinary program which is run in collaboration with Iowa State University. [SEE STORY AND MORE PHOTOS ON PAGE 8.](#)

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USCG and DPNR Rescue Survivor of Downed Aircraft South of St. Thomas Search for Additional Survivors Continues

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U.S. Coast Guard and V.I. Department of Natural Resources rescue crews rescued a woman passenger from a downed aircraft Saturday afternoon, October 13, and continue searching for three additional possible survivors, approximately six nautical miles south of St. Thomas.

Rescued was Valerie Jackson, who was able to report to search and rescue personnel that there were three additional passengers, a woman and two men, traveling aboard the aircraft when it crashed into the water.

“Our thoughts and prayers go out to the friends and families of the aircraft passengers who are still missing,” said. Capt. Drew Pearson, USCG Sector San Juan commander. “Coast Guard search and rescue crews are aggressively searching for the three remaining passengers and will continue to do so as long as it is safe for our rescue crews to operate in the area as we continue to monitor the passing of Tropical Storm Rafael.”

Coast Guard Watchstanders received notification at approximately 7:50 a.m. Saturday from the U.S. Virgin Islands Emergency Management Agency reporting an overdue twin-engine Piper Aztec aircraft that had taken off from St. Croix and headed to St. Thomas to

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— Capt. Drew Pearson, USCG Sector San Juan commander

deliver a shipment of newspapers.

Local aircraft flying the area and the crew of a C-130 Hurricane Hunter, tracking the incoming Tropical Storm Rafael, reported finding a possible debris field, approximately six nautical miles southwest of St. Thomas.

Coast Guard Sector San Juan Watchstanders proceeded to launch an Air Station Borinquen MH-65 Dolphin helicopter, a Coast Guard 25-foot response boat and a Coast Guard Auxiliary fixed-wing aircraft to search for signs of a downed aircraft and possible survivors.

A Department of Natural and Environmental Resources marine unit also responded to the reported location, and additional volunteer civilian aircraft have also been assisting with ongoing search efforts.

At approximately 2 p.m. Saturday, the crew of a Coast Guard helicopter located Jackson in the water and vectored-in the DPNR marine unit to her position. The crew of the DPNR marine unit safely recovered the survivor from the water and transported her to St. Thomas, where she was transferred to awaiting Emergency Medical Services personnel.

Coast Guard assets searching are: Coast Guard Cutter Sapelo; MH-65 Dolphin helicopters; Coast Guard Auxiliary fixed-wing aircraft; Coast Guard 25-foot response boat; and HC-144 Ocean Sentry aircraft deployed from Miami, Fla.

Any persons who may have any information related to this incident should contact the US Coast Guard Sector San Juan Command Center at 787-289-2041.

ReSource Depot Expanding Hours

The Island Green Building Association has announced that beginning Monday, October 15, residents and contractors will have five additional hours to browse building materials and housewares at the ReSource Depot.

In addition to the Depot’s regular hours of Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon, it will now also be open on Mondays from 7 a.m. to noon for donations and purchases. Additional hours are available by appointment.

The ReSource Depot offers a wide selection of new and gently used building materials for new builds and home renovations, sold at 50 to 80 percent below retail value. It’s located on Giffit Hill Road right off Centerline Road, across from the Susannaberg Transfer Station. To view a partial list of the ReSource Depot’s inventory, please visit www.igbavi.org.

CBCC Looking for Help To Design “Pocket Park” in Coral Bay

The Coral Bay Community Council is seeking community involvement in designing the corner “pocket park” section of the wetlands restoration project in Coral Bay.

Help the group with ideas for seating, a play sculpture for toddlers, a dominoes table, a fruit orchard and more. CBCC is looking to the public to help figure out together what it will take to complete this beautiful small park.

CBCC is especially looking for ideas from parents of small children and island artists and sculptors. Join the group Thursday, October 18, at 11 a.m. at the park site at the junction of Route 107 and Kings Hill Road (Across from the dumpsters), for a short meeting. Call CBCC’s office at 776-2099 for more information.

DV Awareness Event Planned Oct. 18

The V.I. Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Council & Family Resource Center, Inc. presents a Domestic Violence Awareness Month Event at Frank Powell Park in Cruz Bay on October 18 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

This year’s theme is “An Empty Place at the Table.” Together we can break the silence and stop family violence.

ACC Flea Market Set for October 20

The Animal Care Center’s annual flea market, “No Fleas, Please,” will be on Saturday, October 20, at the Winston Wells ball field. ACC Board member Jason Corley is the point-of-contact for the event. Corley can be reached at jrcorley5@gmail.com.

Clothing, Toiletries Donations Needed

The Department of Human Services and the St. Thomas/St. John Chapter of the United Way are hosting the second annual Day of Caring/Project Homeless Connect in Cruz Bay on Friday, October 26.

To help ease the suffering of those living without homes, the groups are asking for donations of clothing and toiletries. Especially in demand are men’s shorts sized 28 to 32, men’s shirts sizes medium, large and extra large, hats, belts, shoes and flip-flops.

Residents are also asked to donate canned goods and toiletries like toothpaste, deodorant, soaps, shampoo and razors. Donations of clothing can be dropped off at Kilroy’s Laundry. St. John Community Foundation Executive Director Celia Kalousek will accept all other donations. For more information or to schedule an appointment with Kalousek call SJCF at 693-9410.

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Local Youth Kick, Throw and Run at Fourth Annual Just Play Day



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The fourth annual Just Play Day on Monday, October 8, at Winston Wells ball field, drew a huge crowd of local youngsters who competed in exercises which tested their skills in throwing, running, kicking and more in a safe and healthy environment. The event is the brainchild of Dean Doeling, bottom second from left with St. John Festival Queen Shanell Thomas. Just Play Day is the highlight event for Doeling's non-profit organization Using Sport for Social Change, which is dedicated to improving access to sports and sporting equipment for local children.



Tropical Storm Rafael Remains East of Virgin Islands

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Tropical Storm Rafael, though intensifying, was forecasted to stay east of the Virgin Islands, just brushing the territory, and then resume a north-northwest track early on Sunday, October 14.

Earlier forecasts of the unstable system projected that Rafael would pass very near or over the Virgin Islands.

On the forecast track, the center of Rafael was expected to pass near the Virgin Islands on Saturday night, October 13, but the latest track indicated the territory was not expected to experience tropical storm force winds and the closest point of approach of the storm center

to the Virgin Islands was set to occur at 1 a.m. Sunday when the center of Tropical Storm Rafael passed some 69 miles to the east-northeast of St. John.

At 5 p.m. Saturday, the center of Tropical Storm Rafael was located near Latitude 17.3 degrees north, Longitude 63.3 degrees west and moving toward the north-northeast near 12 miles per hour.

A northward motion was expected Saturday night followed by a turn toward the north-northwest on Sunday.

Based on the latest track information and recommendations from VITEMA Director Elton Lewis and his executive leadership, Govern-

nor John deJongh had decided against imposing a curfew and did not set a price freeze.

"We will continue to monitor the system, however, we don't anticipate any significant impact from Tropical Storm Rafael," Lewis said on Saturday.

In the event the track of this storm changed, the Department of Human Services and the Department of Health personnel remained on stand-by to open shelters for the general public and the Special Needs population.

VITEMA also kept its Emergency Operations Centers personnel on alert in the event there was a significant change in the system's track.

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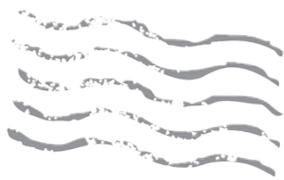
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Dr. Joseph DeJames examines a Julius E. Sprauve School athlete as part of her physical exam.

MKSCHC Offer Free Physicals To JESS Student Athletes

By Jaime Elliott
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When a snafu last week almost left Julius E. Sprauve School athletes without required physicals needed to participate in school sports, Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center director and physician Dr. Joseph DeJames came to the rescue.

A mix-up at the Department of Education meant that the athletes in upper grades at JESS were in danger of not being able to receive the physicals they needed in order to participate in girl's volleyball, boy's basketball and flag football, explained Debi Emmette, clinical care coordinator at MKSCHC.

That's when head of St. Thomas Radiology Dr. George Rosenberg contacted Dr. DeJames, explained Emmette.

Dr. DeJames, along with Chris Roddy, CNA, and Kelly Beach, RN, examined about 60 JESS student athletes on Monday, October



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Debi Emmette

CNA Chris Roddy tests a JESS athlete's eye sight as part of his physical exam.

8, at MKSCHC.

The health care officials checked the students' vital signs, lungs and heart sounds, height and weight and examined their ears, eyes and noses, Emmette added.

Thanks to the quick action on behalf of MKSCHC officials, JESS student athletes in sixth, seventh and eighth grades were cleared to participate in their respective sports last week.

Virgin Islanders Gearing up To Set Two Guinness World Records

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Community members are invited to do something good for their health and the planet — and help set two Guinness Book of World Records.

St. John Physical Therapy, with help from the St. John and Virgin Islands communities, will assist National Geographic Kids Magazine set two Guinness World Records® titles: most people running/walking 100 meters in 24 hours; and the longest chain of shoes, which will be recycled into athletic surface.

The initiative, called Run for the Planet, inspires kids and families to do something good for their health and the environment. Run for the Planet supports First Lady Michelle Obama's Let's Move! campaign, which encourages people to get healthy and active.

The St. John portion of the record-breaking attempt will be Friday, October 26, from 4 to 7 p.m. and Saturday, October 27, from 7 a.m. to noon at the V.I. National Park ball field (across the street from Mongoose junction in Cruz Bay). Participants of all ages can either walk or run the 100 meters during

one of the two time periods.

To help set the shoe world record, participants should bring old athletic shoes, which will be sent to National Geographic Kids and then recycled into athletic surfaces.

"October is Physical Therapy Month and we are very excited to host this event," said Jessica Schnell, DPT, owner of St. John Physical Therapy. "Here at St. John Physical Therapy we believe in 'healing through movement.' National Geographic Kids has given us an opportunity to deliver our message to all members of our community and find a way to make staying active fun."

"It was always my dream to open a physical therapy practice on St. John and in the past year I have been living that dream," said Schnell. "I have had the privilege of assisting my patients work towards returning to an active lifestyle. I hope to see many of my patients out on the field, as well as many other members of our community — young and old and in between."

"So please come out and join us in breaking two Guinness world records and show the rest of the world the large impact a small community can have," she said.

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Schnell is hoping for at least 200 St. John residents, and maybe some St. Thomas residents to be on the 100-meter track.

Just how far is 100 meters? It's not that far at all, just a little less than 328 feet. That's shorter than a football field or a home-run jog around a Major League baseball diamond.

National Geographic Kids Magazine and St. John Physical Therapy invite kids and families to get teams, classmates, organizations and communities to join them in setting the magazine's sixth and seventh Guinness World Records.

ness World Records.

To break the record, more than 5,000 people worldwide need to run 100 meters between noon ET October 26, and noon ET October 27, and more than 25,000 shoes will need to be collected and sent to National Geographic Society headquarters by November 9.

Other supporters include National Geographic Education; Healthy Kids Fun Run/Marine Corps Marathon (no federal or Marine Corps endorsement implied); Macerich Malls; Kids Run the Nation; National Recreation and Park Association; Let's Move in School, an American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD) initiative; Girls on the Run International; The Life is good Playmakers; and NIH's We Can! (Ways to Enhance Children's Activity & Nutrition)®.

Visit kids.nationalgeographic.com/run-for-the-planet/ for official rules, additional locations, and other information.

It is not necessary to participate in both records, but those who want to certainly can. For more information contact Jessica Schnell at (340) 514-2376.

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Other places the Energy Office will be during the month St. Croix Cost U Less Oct. 15 and St. Thomas Chamber of Commerce After Hours on Oct. 25

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Non-Profit Groups Collaborating To Help Make a Difference

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The Animal Care Center of St. John invited St. John Community Foundation to set up a table at its upcoming No Fleas Please Flea Market, on Saturday, October 20, at the Winston Wells ball park to accept donations that will then be distributed to four other non-profit agencies and projects.

SJCF invited the Gifft Hill School students to help sort and take the shoes for their Soles 4 Souls Project, culminating on November 16 from the donations of clothing, toiletries and food.

Toiletries, clothing, especially men's pants, shirts and shoes, will be distributed at the second annual Project Homeless Connect which will be hosted at the Department of Human Services office across from the Fire station on Friday, October 26. The event is sponsored by DHS and United Way.

The food donations will be used in the SJCF's Mission of Helping Other People Eat (HOPE). And what is not used in the meal preparation for Project Homeless Connect will be donated to combined effort of 7th Day Adventist Church, Catholic Charities, Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Family Resource Center to feed the hungry here on St. John.

All residents are invited to bring their jars of change to the SJCF table which will then be sorted and rolled by the younger students helped by the seniors of the local senior center and split between



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Drop off donations of clothing, shoes, toiletries and more to the St. John Community Foundation's booth at the Animal Care Center's "No Fleas Please" flea market on October 20.

the ACC and SJCF's Mission of HOPE.

"There are so many generous hardworking people on St. John who want to make a difference, and I believe that by coming together for the common good we become stronger and can make a bigger impact," said SJCF Director Celia Kalousek. "Collaboration was the focus of our annual meeting earlier this year. The attendance and positive response from other local agencies was inspiring."

"Multiple partnerships to improve service provision for our residents have been established out of that effort," said Kalousek. "We are also very excited about

the development of the Community Impact Funds that will enable us to start distributing grants to St. John charitable agencies and projects in the very near future."

Volunteers can help set up for the second Annual Project Homeless Connect by attending a pizza lunch meeting at Tamarind Court on Tuesday, October 16, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

There will be a Volunteer Training session at the Lutheran Church on Thursday, October 18, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. All who are interested in helping individuals on St. John who are homeless or at risk of homelessness are invited to attend.

Junior Tennis Tourney Set for Nov. 2-4

The St. John Racquet Club will sponsor a V.I. Tennis Association Junior Tennis Tournament at the Cruz Bay tennis courts November 2 to November 4.

This tournament will once again honor and say thanks to Vic Ebbesen for his dedication and commitment to the development of junior tennis on St. John.

The event is for girls and boys ages 8 and under to 18 and under. The entry fee is \$15 and the deadline for entries is Tuesday, October 30. Off-island players can check with VITA for the limited availability of funding for travel. For more information contact Pat Harley at 776-6643.

GHS Gives Back Day Set for Nov. 16

Gifft Hill School announced the 3rd Annual "Gifft Hill School Gives Back" Community Service Day will be Friday, November 16, at various locations across St. John.

The school is organizing teams of faculty and students (ranging in age from preschool through 12th grade) to do service projects in the community throughout the day, and would like to understand how best to assist any St. John organizations.

Last year's projects included: beach clean-ups; office help; cleaning and maintenance projects at the Library, fire station, churches, and St. John School of the Arts; visit to the senior centers to provide companionship and singing by the youngest students; and gardening help at Julius E. Sprauve School.

Community service is an important part of the GHS curriculum as well as a graduation requirement, and this day of service has become a tradition to which students and staff look forward.

For more information call 340-776-1730 or email mollymurrill@giffthillschool.org.

Applications for Carnival Queen 2013

Applications for the 2013 Carnival Queen Competition Pageant are now available for pick up from the Virgin Islands Carnival Committee's office located across from the Department of Finance or from any of the St. Thomas public or private high schools.

The Committee is encouraging community groups and schools to send their best, brightest and most-talented to vie for the title of Queen of Carnival 2013.

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Roberta Marquis, above second from left, won the First Annual Poker Run on Sunday, October 7, with a full house. She is pictured with (L to R) Joe Morris, Gary Cox, Kim Morris, Jim Rattz and Kelli Thomas.

First Annual Poker Run Garner \$5,000+ for St. John Cancer Fund

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

What could be more fun than cruising on a boat in these tropical waters?

How about adding a \$500 poker pot and the chance to help a fledgling non-profit group dedicated to assisting local cancer patients?

The folks at High Tide and Noah's Little Arks combined all of those last week in the First Annual St. John Poker Run on Sunday, October 7, and raised about \$5,500 for the St. John Cancer Fund.

Hosted by High Tide owners Jim Rattz and Kelli Thomas, and Noah's Little Arks owners Joe and Kim Morris, the event was the first fundraiser for the recently formed St. John Cancer Fund, which is dedicated to assisting St. John residents battling cancer.

The event kicked off on Sunday morning, October 7, with about 75 participants gathered at High Tide Bar and Grill on the Cruz Bay waterfront.

People who owned their own vessels set out from Cruz Bay

"There were not that many people pre-registered so the week before the event we went around to different bars and tried to get people signed up. We had no idea how many people would show up that morning, but the next thing you know, we had 75 people registered."

— Kim Morris, Noah's Little Arks

harbor and stopped at four vessels —*Sadie Sea*, Dolphin Water Taxi, *World Class Anglers* and Low Key Watersports — which were moored in the area, explained Kim Morris.

"The captain of each boat dealt a card to each participating poker player," she said. "We had cards that were laminated so when someone paid the entrance fee, they got a card. That way we knew who was taking part in the game."

"When they reached the moored vessels, they showed the captains their cards and were dealt one card for their poker hand," Morris said.

Even people without vessels were able to take part in the fun, as boaters piled in as many poker players as they could fit. Poker Run players were also allowed to simply buy into the game for a fee as well, without having to stop at the various moored vessels, Morris added.

Participants were dealt their final cards at High Tide and a straight poker game ensued. In the end, Roberta Marquis with a full house took the \$500 pot, which was donated by The Parrot Club, according to Morris.

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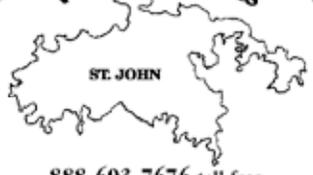
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Giftt Hill School student Ty Massquoi sifts through Asian Squash seeds which were donated by Coral Bay Garden Center.

GHS Students Learn Horticulture and More During EARTH Program

By Jaime Elliott
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An exciting partnership between Iowa State University and the Giftt Hill School has students getting their hands dirty, while learning about sustainability, historical planting methods and more.

The school's Education and Resiliency Through Horticulture (EARTH) program was launched several years ago as a partnership with ISU. Since then, the interdisciplinary program has grown to incorporate elements of science, gardening, nutrition and history.

Each year, several ISU students complete semester-long internships while student teaching at GHS and work hands-on with students in several grades. This year ISU student Paul Beamer has been working with GHS students on a variety of projects under the direction of EARTH coordinator Sarah Haynes.

Beamer, who is scheduled to help with GHS' EARTH program through December, is a senior in ISU's horticulture program

and last week he helped seventh graders understand and develop a mound approach to gardening.

"Taino people used canuco farming which is a system of building mounds," said Beamer. "You build up a mound and plant your seeds in it and basically leave it alone. Then you come back and harvest your food."

"It's a very hands-off approach to farming," he said. "It's an easy way of growing root vegetables."

Earlier EARTH program students have carved out a garden area behind GHS' Upper Campus, which is now home to a painted outdoor classroom where passion-fruit vines grow up a trellis creating cooling shade.

Nearby a steep hillside is now home to terraces where different types of gardens are growing in several different levels.

One area is home to medicinal plants like aloe, while a second finds historic crops growing like taro, which were developed in conjunction with GHS history and science classes. The newest area in

the terrace garden will feature the canuco garden.

"Our goal is to have the cassava grow tall and then we'll plant squash which will grow up onto the cassava," Haynes told the EARTH students. "This is called companion planting, where you plant different vegetables interspersed with each other instead of planting all of one thing. This also helps to not deplete the soil as quickly."

As the seventh graders took a close look at a cassava root and discussed the nitrogen level of the soil, Haynes split the students into two groups.

One group of seventh graders helped sift rocks out of a pile of soil in order to create a mound for their canuco garden area, getting ready to plant cassava starters.

"We're going to plant cassava and also experiment with potatoes" said Beamer.

The second group of students were busy learning the ins and outs of soil blocking as an alternative to using plastic pots or cups

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GHS EARTH Program

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for seed starters.

Although the sun was bright and the temperature was in the high-80s, the GHS seventh grades relished their time in the garden.

“I like this class because I like getting outside instead of spending the entire day inside,” said Michael Palminteri.

“A lot of times we eat what we grow and it’s good to know that we’re eating something that we planted and grew ourselves,” said Sam Wessinger.

“We get to garden and not only at school, but at home too,” said Ty Massaquoi. “I’ve been helping my mom garden at home and that has been a lot of fun.”

In addition to the gardening aspect of the EARTH program, students have also been learning ways to collect and use water sources at GHS.

Haynes pointed out a catchment system — devised and built by students — which collects water from the school’s air conditioning units. The water is collected in a barrel and gravity fed to water the EARTH garden.

“We are using pretty much all of the water from the air conditioning system and we’re able to water our plants without having to use a lot of fresh water which is a valuable resource here,” said Haynes.

Students in sixth, seventh and eighth grades have the EARTH program integrated directly into their curriculum. After last week’s farming, seventh graders will study health and nutrition in a collaboration with the University of the Virgin Islands.

Before cleaning up for the day, several students plucked fresh sweet potatoes from the garden, which were slated to be cooked up by GHS senior Culinary Arts class.



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GHS' EARTH program incorporates several grades and many subjects, from history to nutrition.

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To The Rescue

by Bob Malacarne, N-R, EMT

Civil Air Patrol Cadets Buoy Hope for Future

St. John Tradewinds

Greetings from St. John Rescue. We are so thankful that this hurricane season has been particularly quiet. The members of St. John Rescue are ready in the event that a late season storm decides to pay us a visit.

On Saturday, October 6, we hosted 16 Civil Air Patrol Cadets from St. Thomas. The purpose of their visit to St. John was to learn CPR. These teenagers were enthusiastic from the minute we began the class.

I was so very impressed by their leader Lt. Joel Connors. Lt Connors is a nationally certified EMT and a member of both St. Thomas Rescue and Virgin Islands EMS.

His influence on these young men and women is clearly expressed by their knowledge of First Aid and CPR procedures and particularly by their pleasant, cooperative, and inquisitive nature.

These teens were prepared and got into the practical CPR training with enthusiasm. It was a pleasure working with such wonderful people. My hope for the future of the Virgin Islands has been buoyed because of my interaction with these young ladies and gentlemen.

Assisting me with this class were EMT Darrell Tasman and Rescue Chief Preston Pollock. Their support made teaching this class so much easier.

In addition, I am so very grateful

to Lynell Audain for allowing us to conduct the class at the Methodist Church preschool. Ms. Audain has been very helpful to us as St. John Rescue. We would not have been able to host this group of students if Ms. Audain had not offered this space to us.

Isn't it amazing what we can accomplish when we all work together!

St. John Rescue is searching for an individual who can help us with our communications system. We are operating with a digital system and maintain three repeaters; two on St. John and one on St. Thomas.

We need the services of a trained technician who can pro-

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Service, Fire Service, Police and VITEMA. We also serve as on site medical assistance at most public functions on St. John. Being a volunteer rescue person can be very rewarding.

I started at 16 with a volunteer fire department in the states and in 1994 became an EMT with Fire Rescue department, joined St. John Rescue in 1999 and am still very active with the group. It is hard to explain the rewarding feeling you get when you save someone from peril.

St. John Rescue is still looking for assistance with our goal of purchasing the old Dr. Cool building. Please consider a donation or loan to help us reach our goal.

The oxygen generator project is nearly complete. St. John should have its own source of medical oxygen operating by the end of the year. Thank you to all our benefactors and special thanks to the Rotary Club of St. John.

CPR classes are available monthly. Contact me or St. John Rescue at 693-RESQ for more details. Until next month, stay safe.

gram our radios and troubleshoot any problems we may incur with our emergency radio communications system. If anyone is interested in getting more information about this position please contact me at (340)626-5118 or any rescue member.

St. John Rescue is also searching for individuals who would like to join our organization and help us provide emergency medical support services on St. John.

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October Is Chiropractic Health Month

St. John Tradewinds

The chiropractic profession, which has been contributing to the health and wellbeing of Americans since its inception in 1895, is celebrating Chiropractic Health month in October.

Local chiropractors pictured at left, (L to R) Drs. Bob De Bonis, Matthew Krefetz, Brad Kappel, Kevin

Lenahan, Elizabeth Masiello, with Governor John deJongh, seated center, witnessed the governor signing the proclamation declaring October as Chiropractic Health Month.

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by Lovango Cay resident Dan Boyd

Solar Industry Problems

St. John Tradewinds

Lately many solar installation companies have been having difficulties with getting their solar systems approved for a Net-Meter with WAPA.

The problem does not lie in the Engineering Division, Power Line Installation or Meter Department. It has to do with the paper work that is submitted to St. Thomas.

Recently we installed a large photovoltaic solar array, filed the paperwork on June 3, 2012, and just received the Net-Meter last week. That's almost four months

after the paperwork had been submitted!

I am not trying to point my finger at any one person or any sole department of WAPA. We have a problem here and it needs to be fixed, ASAP!

When a Virgin Island resident installs photovoltaic panels on their home they are not just decreasing their WAPA bills, they are making WAPA's grid more reliant, saving WAPA money and decreasing WAPA's carbon footprint. Everybody wins.

We all need to embrace solar

technology now. The quicker we do, the quicker we can get away from costly fossil fuels.

If you have had or are having problems getting your Net-Meter please contact me at islandsolarvi@gmail.com.

I believe that our Senators and the Governor need to know about these problems we are facing.

Dan Boyd of Island Solar can be reached via telephone at 340-626-9685 or by email at islandsolarvi@gmail.com and is a Virgin Islands Energy Office authorized vendor.

Passport Offices To Open on Saturday, October 27

St. John Tradewinds

The Passport Offices of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor will open on Saturday, October 27, in order to accommodate residents who are unable to visit the offices during regular working hours.

Both the St. Thomas office, located in Nisky Center, and the Christiansted office, located at Government House on St. Croix, will be open from 9 a.m. to noon.

Residents are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to apply for or renew their passports in preparation for holiday travel.

In addition to the completed passport application, persons planning to apply for or renew their traditional passports or passport cards are also required to provide proof of citizenship and identity, two 2x2 photos and associated fees.

Additional requirements apply for minor children. Copies of the passport application are available at the Office of the Lieutenant Governor or online at www.ltg.gov.vi.

For more information contact the Passport Offices at 773-6449 for the Christiansted, St. Croix office or 774-4024 for the St. Thomas office.

Danielle Fluhler Kelley Graduates from UGA Grad School

St. John Tradewinds

Danielle Fluhler Kelley, whose roots are in Coral Bay, St. John, graduated from the University of Georgia's Graduate School of Social Work on August 4, 2012.

She is the granddaughter of Florine Fluhler and the late Hugo Fluhler of Coral Bay. Danielle graduated from the University of Georgia with a 4.0 in the graduate school of Social Work. She completed her Masters degree within one year due to her acceptance in the Advanced Standing program for the School of Social Work.

Danielle is a member of the National Association of Social Workers and a member of the National Honor Society of Social Workers, Phi Alpha Honor Society.

Danielle recently traveled to the country of Ghana where she visited Accra, Kumasi and Cape Coast. There she participated in service learning projects which included teaching



Danielle Kelley with her grandmother Florine.

a new trade to young girls rescued from international human trafficking in an effort to provide them with a skill set that would enable them to become self sufficient as well as boost their self esteem.

Danielle is currently pursuing a career in advocacy on behalf of women and children in at-risk environments. Her grandmother Florine Fluhler was able to travel to Athens, Georgia, for the commencement ceremony to proudly watch her granddaughter.

Congratulations Danielle!

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Views from the Estate Glucksberg Artist's home, above, include stunning sunset vistas.

On the Market

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Artist's Home in Estate Glucksberg Offers Custom Details and Plenty of Potential

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

A unique contemporary Caribbean home located on a prime parcel in Estate Glucksberg was just put on the market days ago.

This Artist's home, listed for \$618,000, offers stunning views and cooling trade winds, explained Holiday Homes broker/owner Christie O'Neil.

"This home is truly one of a kind," said O'Neil. "It is a Caribbean contemporary artist's home which was custom crafted to take advantage of its lush tropical location."

Perched on a hillside in the convenient mid-island location of Estate Glucksberg, the Artist's home boasts custom detailing throughout. Inside you'll find unique island stonework, creative mahogany woodwork, designer tile and custom craftsmanship which really sets this home apart.

"The home boasts truly efficient use of its space and its location is close to everything, yet in a very private and quiet neighborhood," said the Holiday Homes broker/owner.

Outside, enjoy the sweeping western views across Pillsbury sound to St. Thomas, Great St. James and Little St. James. Soak up those Caribbean sunsets from the deck or just enjoy the breeze on this more than a half-acre parcel of land.

The driveway to this Artist's home is paved and there is plenty of space for vehicles to park and even turn around, O'Neil added.

The home has three bedrooms and two bathrooms with plenty of space and potential to expand, O'Neil explained.

"The home itself is beautiful but there is even more potential on the site," said the Holiday Homes broker/owner. "There is room to build

a dream home with a pool even. Architectural plans are available to construct an additional, larger home on the roughly half-acre hillside above the existing home."

There is even potential for an income producing unit on the lower level of the existing home, according to O'Neil.

"The lower level could easily become a separate apartment for rental income with the addition of a simple kitchenette," she said.

The owner is currently in the final stages of obtaining the certificate of occupancy for the home, the Holiday Homes broker/owner added.

This Artist's home in Estate Glucksberg, with beautiful views, tropical breezes and plenty of potential to expand, could be just the perfect home for the right buyer. For more information, call O'Neil at her office at 774-8088 or 774-8084.

Seaborne Airlines Kicks Off New Daily Service from San Juan to BVI

St. John Tradewinds

Seaborne Airlines, the regional carrier based in St. Croix, USVI, and the British Virgin Islands Tourist Board in collaboration with the BVI Airport Authority last week announced daily round-trip flights between San Juan's Luis Munoz Marin International Airport and the Terrence B. Lettsome International Airport, serving the British Virgin Islands.

The new service will operate with 17-seat Dehavilland Twin Otters with 24 flight segments per week starting December 8.

Starting in February, the service will be operated with 34-seat Saab turboprop equipment with two pilots, a flight attendant, in-flight service and a lavatory.

By April, 2013 Seaborne plans to operate 49 weekly round-trip flights with over 3,300 weekly seats into and out of the market. Service is scheduled to begin December 8.

Additionally, on December 8, Seaborne plans to operate new service from San Juan non-stop to Virgin Gorda, with 12 flight segments weekly with 17-seat Twin Otter service. Seaborne also plans to introduce special promotional fares for BVI residents traveling to San Juan and beyond.

"We're pleased to introduce the first scheduled Saab service to The British Virgin Islands from our connecting complex in San Juan, Puerto Rico," said Gary Foss, president, Seaborne Airlines. "This schedule will allow customers from throughout the United States and Canada easy connections to the beautiful and upscale British Virgin Islands, renowned for their powdery white-sand beaches, lush green mountains and sheltered yacht filled harbors."

"We are especially eager to provide nonstop service directly from San Juan to Virgin Gorda, home of Little Dix Bay, the Bitter End Yacht Club, Biras Creek, other upscale resorts, villas and small locally owned properties," said Foss. "And of course, there are The Baths, a national park where granite boulders create mysterious grottos in the sea."

BVI travelers will also have access to Seaborne's premium lounge at San Juan's Luis Munoz Marin International Airport. The lounge offers comfortable seating, work areas, charging stations, light refreshments, WIFI access, and Direct TV. Additionally, Seaborne customers have access to FasTrak SJU security access, which allows travelers to go to the head of the TSA line.



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St. John Tradewinds

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2nd Degree Burglaries: 8	2nd Degree Burglaries: 3
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Rapes: 1	Rapes: 1

Letters To St. John Tradewinds

Julius E. Sprauve School Is on the Move

Julius E. Sprauve School is truly on the move. We began the 2012-2013 school year smoothly. We had some shifts in personnel and we are still awaiting some additional staff, however, the existing staff continues to be committed to providing quality instruction to all of our students.

This summer we had minor exterior painting to do because Gala funds assisted us last summer with the major exterior painting. Our main focus this summer was also to make some interior improvements which are still ongoing.

As all may know by now, my assistant, Ms. Brenda Dalmida has been transferred to Guy Benjamin as its acting principal. Needless to say, my goal continues to be to make a difference in the lives of the children of St. John.

That being said, I am committed to my job and will do my best always. Last school year went pretty well. With any transition there were some ups and downs; however, as a school we have made some great strides.

We are on the move to do bigger and better things. Our goal this school year is on literacy development. We have set high expectations for all of our students as we aim to improve their interest in reading as well as their skills.

Data is used to drive our entire decision making. We maintain an open door policy and encourage our parents to be actively involved in what's happening at the school.

At the Sprauve School Gala last school year, several projects were outlined for use of the funds collected. Funding was slated to go towards the purchase of a school van for our athletics department, upgrade

of our current intercom system and upgrade of our technology.

Due to fact that we made only \$34,691, our plans had to be altered somewhat. We are grateful for the generosity of the community and pledge to always put the monies raised to good use.

The "Friends of Sprauve School" hosted a private fundraiser and made \$15,000 which would go towards the purchase of the van once the gala committee agreed to match it, and they did.

So it is with great pleasure that I report to the community that Sprauve School now has its own school van which will be used to transport our students to and from all school-sponsored activities.

A special Halo goes out to the community for your continued support and interest in the children of Sprauve School. We are in the process of receiving our last quote for our intercom system and then that too shall be a reality. Due to the fact that our revenues were substantially less than expected, our goal of upgrading our technology will be the major project for this school year's Gala.

On behalf of the entire faculty, staff, parents and students of Julius E. Sprauve School, I say a heartfelt thank you to the community for your support of our children because it takes the commitment of all of us to make the educational opportunities for our students a reality.

We appreciate you and, please if you have time, stop in and visit. We are always looking for volunteers.

**Ms. Dionne Wells,
Principal
Julius E. Sprauve School**

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Thanks to Ms. Stapleton at the Licensing Office

I would like to thank and commend Ms. Karen Stapleton at the Licensing office on St. John for the professional manner and courtesy in expediting the issuing of business licenses for my renewals of licenses.

Thank you!

Mark Shekleton

DeJongh Signs Fiscal Year 2013 Budget

St. John Tradewinds

On Friday night, October 5, Governor John deJongh signed into law the Fiscal Year 2013 budget which funds government operations through the end of September next year.

DeJongh enacted 28 of the budget bills in their entirety but used his veto pen to nix one section of Bill 29-0395.

As regards Section 13 of the bill, deJongh pointed out that “while the intent was to enable designated service businesses, particularly financial services companies, to have a competitive advantage in the marketplace by allowing them to employ less than the 10 required under current law, Section 13 goes far beyond this limited intent by including a myriad of business enterprises in the professional services arena.”

DeJongh wrote the Senate that if approved, the effects of the amendments set forth in Section 13 would be detrimental as they would stifle economic growth and expansion of current beneficiaries’ business activities.

“Moreover, I am opposed to making such targeted changes in our industrial investment incentive law when a more comprehensive review and holistic revision of its terms is the more prudent course to follow,” he said.

DeJongh also pointed out that with respect to Section 4 of Bill No. 29-0395, the prevalent precarious financial conditions in which the territory finds itself and the limited government financial resources available mandates that access to these monies only be to the extent that appropriate funds to be tapped for such support be identified.

“Additionally, as a general observation, I am also constrained to note that Bill No. 29-0935 contains a \$300,000 miscellaneous appropriation entitled ‘8 per-

cent restoration,’ which one can only presume would be designed to offset the reduction in legislative employee salaries under the Virgin Islands Economic Stability Act of 2011,” said deJongh. “While in laudable fashion, it is a fact that legislative employees are performing their jobs while being compensated with reduced salaries, the Legislature they serve has never transferred those savings to the General Fund as did the executive branch departments and agencies, so a ‘restoration’ through an increased appropriation of the Legislature’s resources hardly seems fair or appropriate when compared to the substantial cut in services absorbed by others.”

The governor also said he was concerned that the Legislature severely underfunded both the University of the Virgin Islands and the Government Employees’ Health Insurance Program in Fiscal Year 2013, with this shortfall having to be made up through further budget cuts as well as through judicious exercise of the allotment process.

“I understand that the underfunding of the University of the Virgin Islands below my Administration’s recommended level of funding contained in Bill No. 29-0415 was inadvertent and will be addressed at the next Legislative Session,” said the governor. “However, by tabling the proposal to adjust the employer and employee cost share of the health insurance premiums from the current 65/35 split to a 60/40 split, the Legislature has as a practical matter has underfunded the Government’s share of the health insurance premium in Fiscal Year 2013.”

De Jongh trusts that before the adjournment of the 29th Legislature, lawmakers will address and remedy the current budget shortfall through the passage of certain enabling legislation submitted with the Fiscal Year 2013 Executive Budget, he explained.

“I thank you and the members of the 29th Legislature for your diligence in furthering our mutual interests in seeing the United States Virgin Islands through difficult financial times as we enter Fiscal Year 2013 and look forward to your continued cooperation towards achieving a balanced budget,” said deJongh.

In other action, the governor acknowledged two resolutions honoring George Flores and Gloria Joseph for their contributions to the Virgin Islands.

“Mr. Flores’ contributions on the island of St. Croix through his advocacy work as a labor leader striving for better jobs and improved working conditions as well as his commitment to the economic development and beautification of the town of Frederiksted have been and continue to be relentless,” said the governor. “Similarly, Ms. Joseph’s continued work within the Government of the Virgin Islands, notwithstanding her retirement, her service to the Bethel A.M.E. Church, as well as being a long-time contributor to the Crucian Christmas Festival and Virgin Islands Agriculture and Food Fair have left an indelible mark within the St. Croix community.”

“For their continuing contributions, Mr. Flores and Ms. Joseph are worthy of this distinct honor and are truly the role models and in whose footsteps our younger generation can feel proud to follow,” deJongh said.

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Wednesday Testimonials
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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

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Sun., 5 p.m., STJ, Lumberyard

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Tuesday 7 p.m. Bible Study 693-8884

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Tuesdays and Fridays at 7 p.m.
Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7 a.m.
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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 Church Service, 9 a.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

Celebrate 39th Annual USVI/BVI Friendship Day Oct. 20 on St. John

St. John Tradewinds

Governor John deJongh and First Lady Cecile deJongh last week announced plans to host the 39th anniversary of USVI/ BVI Friendship Day on Saturday, October 20, on the island of St. John.

"It is always a pleasure to participate in USVI/ BVI Friendship Day activities with our neighboring brothers and sisters," deJongh said. "These festivities celebrate the close bond between the two territories and is a platform to showcase our cultural traditions while spending time together with good friends and acquaintances."

"Cecile and I are delighted to host our BVI counterparts for the first time on the island of St. John," said the governor.

This year's theme is "Celebrating Our Roots, Heritage and Culture." Raul Carrillo, Chief of Protocol for the Office of the Governor and USVI/BVI Friendship Day Committee Chairman, said

St. John Festivities Saturday, October 20 9 a.m.

Followed by a short welcome program
**Franklin Powell
Cruz Bay**

the theme revisits the shared past that exists within the two territories.

"We look forward to celebrating our joint history, culture and people, and we are very excited to be doing all of that for the very first time on the island of St. John," said Carrillo. "And more particularly at the Annaberg Plantation, a location whose sheer existence is on the cusp of both territories, not only physically but historically."

Festivities will begin on Saturday, October 20 at 9 a.m. with a mini parade followed by a short welcome program at the Franklin Powell Park in Cruz Bay.

The public is also invited to attend a cultural presentation at the Annaberg Plantation featuring a dramatic performance by Denise Georges along with a series of "how-to" demonstrations by local artisans.

Demonstrations will include broom making, fish net making, baking dumb bread and creating other edible local delicacies such as sugar cake and local drinks. Entertainment will be provided by the Mungo Niles Dancers and music by Smalls and the Music Makers.

For more information, call Carrillo at 693-4354 or St. Thomas/Water Island Administrator Barbara Petersen at 693-4342. Persons interested in participating or volunteering should contact Armeicia Martin at 693-4381.

Local Students Take Part in National Read for the Record Literacy Campaign

St. John Tradewinds

First Lady Cecile deJongh announced last week the success of this year's Read for the Record literacy campaign.

On Thursday, October 4, children throughout the territory joined their parents and teachers, as well as their peers across the nation in reading the book "Lady Bug Girl and the Bug Squad" by David Soman and Jacky Davis.

"Over two million people participated in this year's national literacy effort, shining a spotlight on the critical importance of reading as an important part of children's healthy development," said deJongh. "We know now more than ever that engaging young children from birth in reading and educational activities provides a foundation for healthy brain development, including social and emotional skills, hearing and sight."

"I am so proud of every Virgin Islander who participated in the 2012 effort," deJongh said.



Labor Commissioner
Albert Bryan, Jr. reads
to first grade students at
Pearl B. Larsen Elementary
School.

The Read for the Record campaign is organized in partnership with the Pearson Foundation for one day each year when millions of individuals jointly celebrate literacy and early childhood educational efforts.

The national effort supports the mission of working towards the day that every child in America enters school ready and prepared to succeed, which is also one of the cornerstone goals of the gover-

nor's Children and Families Council, as chaired by the first lady.

According to Read for the Record, since 2006, the national campaign has engaged seven million children, raised more than \$7 million for early education programs, and provided more than 1,000,000 books for children in low-income neighborhoods.

The local effort highlights the deJongh/Francis Administration's commitment to education in the Virgin Islands, and improving the level of literacy amongst the territory's youth.

As part of the 2012 VI initiative, St. Croix Administrator Dodson James and Labor Commissioner Albert Bryan joined educators throughout the territory in reading this year's book to students.

James read to students in Jacqueline Rosa's classroom at the Golden Rock Head Start Center, and Bryan read to Mrs. Ross' First Grade class at Pearl B. Larsen Elementary School.

October 16 Is “Take a Flower to Childcare Day”

St. John Tradewinds

The Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands announced its plans to celebrate the fourth annual “Take a Flower to Childcare Day,” on Tuesday, October 16.

The goal of “Take a Flower to Childcare Day” is to raise awareness about the important role good childcare plays in the healthy development of young children. “Take a Flower to Childcare Day” is an initiative of The Family Connection, CFVI’s territory-wide effort to enhance the quality of early childcare in our communities.

Taking part in this celebration is easy. Parents, young children and community members are asked to simply present childcare providers — teachers, neighbors, aunts, uncles, grandmothers and grandfathers — with flowers of their choice on Tuesday, October 16.

In past years, childcare providers were showered with flowers of every variety; a dozen roses, a single hibiscus, a spray of flamboyants, paper flowers made by children and cookies in the shape of roses! CFVI hopes that this year’s celebration will be even more successful and creative!

Decades of brain research have shown that from the moment they are born, children are being profoundly shaped by the world around them, explained Ellie Hirsh, the director of TFC.

Quality interactions with mom, dad and all caring adults lay the foundation on which children’s futures will be built. Let’s take a day to celebrate the importance of all dedicated child care providers!

Anyone interested in helping to organize the celebration should call or visit the new TFC center in Tutu Park Mall at 777-0990 or call CFVI at 774-6031.



The Green Scissors Campaign

Dear EarthTalk:

What is the “Green Scissors” campaign, which I understand can help the environment and has support from both liberals and conservatives?

**Jeff Nickson
Butte, MT**

The Green Scissors Campaign was launched in 1994 as a partnership between the environmental group Friends of the Earth and budget watchdog Taxpayers for Common Sense to call attention to subsidies and programs that both harm the environment and waste taxpayer dollars — and which should be cut accordingly.

The campaign has been issuing reports since 1996 detailing how Congress can cut specific programs to save money and the environment.

For the most recent report, Green Scissors 2012, the two organizations were joined by free market think tank R Street, which was started by former staffers of the libertarian Heartland Institute (previously a Green Scissors partner).

This unlikely trio that spans the political spectrum left to right identifies some \$700 billion in wasteful and environmentally harmful programs that could be scrapped over the next decade.

Such savings would amount to almost two-thirds of the \$1.2 trillion in spending cuts Congress is required to make beginning in 2013 under the terms of last year’s Budget Control Act.

“It is perverse that we are staring down the barrel of budget cuts that will lead to dirtier drinking water as we reward corporations with tens of billions of

dollars a year to poison the public,” said Benjamin Schreiber, tax analyst with FoE. “We need to take the common sense solution of saving money by ending environmentally harmful spending.”

The proposed cuts include \$269.78 billion from energy programs, including \$158.7 billion of fossil fuel subsidies; \$167.09 billion of agricultural subsidies, including \$89.82 billion of federal crop insurance disaster aid; \$212.02 billion of transportation subsidies, including \$125.80 billion of general revenue transfers to the Highway Trust Fund; \$101.8 billion of federal flood, crop and nuclear insurance subsidies; and \$24.99 billion from wasteful or environmental damaging public lands and water projects.

Given the collaborative nature of the Green Scissors campaign, only those programs that FoE, TCS and R Street agreed were both wasteful and environmentally harmful were included on the list of recommended cuts.

“As lawmakers argue over what to do about the enormous deficit and looming automatic budget cuts, we have come together to present them with almost \$700 billion in cuts,” said Ryan Alexander, president of TCS. “Whether it’s getting rid of high-risk energy loan guarantees, reining in wasteful crop insurance or ending lucrative oil and gas tax breaks, eliminating wasteful spending that harms the environment just makes sense.”

“Taxpayers want Congress to stop bickering and get cutting,” said Alexander. “Green Scissors shows them where to start.”

Those interested in finding out more specifics can download the entire Green Scissors 2012 report for free in PDF form from the campaign’s website.

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World Class Anglers, above, was one of the four moored vessels where participants picked up cards during the First Annual St. John Poker Run.

First Annual Poker Run Garners \$5,000+

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"Roberta was great," said Morris. "You should have seen her jumping up and down, it was a lot of fun."

While Morris and her husband had long discussed hosting a Poker Run event, the couple were not sure what to expect when last Sunday rolled around, Kim Morris explained.

"This is something that Joe had been talking about doing for years," she said. "Finally, we decided, 'Let's just do it.' And it was great."

Organizers secured more than 60 raffle prizes, including a five night stay at Century Hill Estates, two nights at Grande Bay, two nights at the Westin Resort and Villas, a titanium bracelet from Free Bird and more.

"There were not that many people pre-registered so the week before the event we went around to different bars and tried to get people signed up," said Morris.

"We had no idea how many people would show up that morning, but the next thing you know, we had 75 people registered."

Between raffle tickets sales and the poker game buy-in, the event garnered more than \$5,500 for the St. John Cancer Fund.

"There was just so much support for the Poker Run; it was great," Morris said. "All of the businesses were just amazing and we were really happy with the turnout. We thought it was just going to be people we knew, but it was great that so many people took part."

"It's a great cause and everyone really had a great time too," Morris said.

If anyone missed the fun this year, don't worry. Morris promised that last week's event was only the first annual Poker Run.

"We'll defiantly be back next year and we think it will be even bigger and better," said Morris.



St. John Tradewinds News Photos by Yelena Rogers

Everyone had a great time at the First Annual St. John Poker Run, including Mike Hedy, Joe Morris, above right.

Caribbean Writer Issues Call for Submission for Volume 27

St. John Tradewinds

The Caribbean Writer, the University of the Virgin Islands' international, refereed, literary journal with a Caribbean focus, has announced a submission call for its 27th edition.

Issues unique to the Caribbean should be central to the work, or the work should reflect a Caribbean heritage, experience or perspective. The deadline for submissions is November 30.

Besides the usual poetry, short fiction and essays, Volume 27 will pay special tribute to Caribbean musicians and visual artists. Interviews with and personal narratives on the Caribbean's leading musicians and visual artists, at home as well as in the diaspora, are welcomed.

Individuals are encouraged to submit poems (five maximum), short stories and personal essays on general topics and also on the Caribbean musicians and visual artists theme. One-act plays will also be accepted.

Only previously unpublished work will be considered. If self-published, please provide details. Include brief biographical infor-

mation and list all contact information plus title of manuscript on a separate page. Only the title should appear on the manuscript.

All submissions are eligible for these prizes: The Daily News Prize for best poetry, \$300, The Canute A. Brodhurst Prize for best short fiction, \$400, The David Hough Literary Prize to a Caribbean author, \$500, The Marguerite Cobb McKay Prize to a Virgin Islands author, \$200, and The Charlotte & Isidor Paiewonsky Prize for first-time publication, \$250.

Email submissions to submit@thecaribbeanwriter.org as attached Word or RTF files. Submissions may be made via the "Submissions" page at www.thecaribbeanwriter.org.

Submissions may also be mailed to: The Caribbean Writer, University of the Virgin Islands, RR 1, Box 10,000, Kingshill St. Croix, VI 00850-9781. Include a self-addressed stamped envelope for a response.

For more information, visit The Caribbean Writer website at www.TheCaribbeanWriter.org or send email info@thecaribbeanwriter.org.

DHS Hosting Family Fun Day October 20th

St. John Tradewinds

The Department of Human Services Division of Family Assistance will commemorate Family Month in October with a Family Fun Day on Saturday, October 20, from 3 to 7:30 p.m. at Emille Griffith Park, St. Thomas.

The community is invited to enjoy the VI Bug Association exhibit, the VI Bike Club exhibit, fencing demonstrations, softball games, the Solberg Petting Zoo, a pee wee vs. coed basketball game, the Ivanna Eudora Kean High School Dynamite Rays Percussion Ensemble and much more! Entry is free and refreshments will be on sale.

The public is encouraged to spend family time at Coral World Ocean Park and the Butterfly Farm each Sunday in October. Say the word family upon entry to enjoy the park for \$3 per person.

For more information contact Carmen Rogers-Green at 774-0930 ext 4477.



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Friday, October 5

6:45 a.m. - A citizen c/r that her mother assaulted her. Assault in the third.

12:31 p.m. - A citizen p/r that her husband took her vehicle without her permission. Unauthorized use of vehicle.

Saturday, October 6

2:37 p.m. - A St. Thomas resident c/requesting police assistance with talking to a crew member of Varlack Ventures. Police assistance.

4:11 p.m. - Government of the Virgin Islands c/r an auto collision in the area of E&C Gas Station. Auto collision.

6:47 p.m. - An Estate Hansen Bay resident c/r a D.O.A. DOA.

Sunday, October 7

4:22 a.m. - A visitor from Kentucky c/requesting police assistance on North Shore Road. Police assistance.

1:00 p.m. - A security guard at the Westin Resort and Villas c/r that a guest was intoxicated and talking about suicide. Suspicious activity.

2:09 p.m. - A citizen c/r that she is being harassed. Police assistance.

Monday, October 8

2:39 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r a telephone threat. Telephone threat.

9:17 p.m. - An Estate Pastory resident p/r that she was assaulted. Simple assault.

Tuesday, October 9

7:30 a.m. - A citizen p/r that his iPod was stolen from his vehicle. Grand larceny.

10:23 a.m. - An Estate Chocolate Hole resident c/r that a WAPA pole damaged the roof of his business. Property damage.

5:33 p.m. - An Estate Concordia resident c/r that his house was burglarized. Burglary in the third.

Wednesday, October 10

8:30 a.m. - An Estate Fish Bay resident c/r that his business was burglarized. Burglary in the third.

2:30 p.m. - A visitor from Tennessee c/r that the ferry had no air conditioning and she could not breathe. Police assistance.

3:25 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident c/r a D.O.A. DOA.

3:57 p.m. - An Estate Grunwald resident p/r a disturbance at the Cruz Bay Creek. Disturbance of the peace.

6:36 p.m. - A Giffit Hill resident c/r a auto accident on Centerline Road. Auto collision.

Thursday, October 11

10:45 a.m. - A citizen p/r that she lost her wallet. Lost wallet.

Crime Stoppers — U.S. Virgin Islands

St. John Tradewinds

Crime Stoppers pays. Let's make sure that crime doesn't pay. If anyone knows something, they should say something as law enforcement cannot control crime without the help of the law abiding community.

Even the smallest bit of information may be just what law enforcement needs to solve these cases. Please note — technology makes it impossible for anyone to find out who submitted a tip. To learn how we do this, visit www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org and click on How It Works.

St. John

On Saturday, September 15, at about 4:15 p.m., a woman discovered that she did not have her Apple iPhone 4S. Just a few minutes before, while in the area of the Quiet Mon Pub in downtown Cruz Bay, she had her phone. She tried to locate the phone but was not successful. The minimum reward for the arrest of a thief is \$536.

St. Thomas

On Wednesday, September 26, at about 6:30 a.m., a woman who resides at #173 Anna's Retreat

was awakened by a burglar who had entered her home through a window. The burglar, described as a black male, left through the front door with her Samsung Galaxy II cell phone and Dell laptop computer. The minimum reward for the arrest of a burglar is \$714.

St. Croix

On Friday, September 14, shortly after midday, the lifeless body of 26-year-old John "Jake" Bierowski was found in Estate Pearl. Tell what you know about this murder. The minimum cash reward for the arrest of his killer is \$1,500.

Be part of the solution. 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) or by texting "USVI" plus the message to CRIMES (274637).

Tips are completely anonymous, and stateside 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.

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.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

— The American Cancer Society United States Virgin Islands reminds the community that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The ACS encourages all men and women over the age of 40, to get a mammogram from October 1, through October 31, at a low cost for those with insurance and no-cost for those without insurance. Call Celia Kalousek at 693-9410 to make an appointment at the St. John Community Foundation office at The Marketplace.

Tuesday, October 16

— Volunteers can help set up for the second Annual Project Homeless Connect by attending a pizza lunch meeting at Tamarind Court on Tuesday, October 16, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 17

— The local Rotary group now meets each Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. at the Westin Resort and Villas beach-side cafe.

Thursday, October 18

— The V.I. Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Council & Family Resource Center, Inc. presents a Domestic Violence

Awareness Month Event at Frank Powell Park in Cruz Bay on October 18 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

— There will be a Volunteer Training session for the Annual Project Homeless Connect at the Lutheran Church on Thursday, October 18, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. All who are interested in helping individuals on St. John who are homeless are invited.

Saturday, October 20

— The Animal Care Center's annual "No Fleas, Please," will be on Saturday, October 20, at the Winston Wells ball field.

Friday, October 26

— The Department of Human Services and the St. Thomas/St. John Chapter of the United Way are hosting the second annual Day of Caring/Project Homeless Connect in Cruz Bay on Friday, October 26.

November 2-4

— The St. John Racquet Club will sponsor a V.I. Tennis Association Junior Tennis Tournament at the Cruz Bay tennis courts November 2 to 4.

Friday, November 16

— "Giff Hill School Gives Back" Community Service Day is Friday, Nov. 16, at various locations across St. John.

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

For Al-Anon meeting location and times, please call (340) 642-3263

Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

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- 11 Suddenly focus
- 12 Daintily small
- 13 Pays (for)
- 14 Animated "Explorer"
- 15 Exchanged
- 16 Not dormant
- 17 Old March birthstone
- 21 "Trés chic!"
- 23 Sea lion, e.g.
- 28 When that time arrives
- 30 Hiker's flask
- 33 Pitcher Young and others
- 35 Huge
- 38 Ray blockage no.
- 39 Eye up
- 43 Key near Ctrl
- 45 I, to Wilhelm
- 46 Barber's powder
- 48 Rocky hills
- 49 Condo part
- 50 "Ramona the Pest" author Beverly
- 51 "Bald" fliers
- 52 Actor Abe
- 53 Star TV chef
- 54 Like IV solutions
- 55 Province-like subdivision of Russia
- 56 Entertain at story time
- 57 Silvery-white element
- 59 Adidas rival
- 60 Bill Clinton memoir
- 64 So-so mark
- 65 Ob- — (doc who delivers)
- 67 Suffix with Gotham
- 70 Clean up copy
- 71 Campus mil. org.
- 72 Held on to
- 75 Like bouncy, fast music
- 78 Chou En- —
- 81 Turn sour
- 82 Blockheads
- 83 On — with (much like)
- 86 Claimed
- 87 Throw forcefully
- 89 Mauna —
- 92 1980s first family
- 93 Flavor enhancer, for short
- 95 Thrashed (about)
- 96 Wood of film
- 97 Certain Ukraine resident
- 98 Like
- 99 Asimov and Mizrahi
- 100 Bends
- 101 Group's declaration of concern
- 102 Alternative to 36-Across
- 103 Tackle
- 104 Singer Ray of the big band era
- 105 Refrain from taking further action
- 106 Haughty type
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"Colibri" – Superb sunset and water views from this three bedroom waterfront home in Great Cruz Bay. Features include native stonework, large pool deck with gazebo, masonry construction, air conditioning, water views from every room and pool, and lots of room for expansion. Deeded rights to beach and dinghy landing. A complete refurbishing has just been completed. Good view of boat moorings. **\$3,795,000.**



"VILLA ELLISON" - Three bedroom masonry pool Villa in upscale Virgin Grand Estates sub division with great views over Great Cruz Bay & beyond. New appliances, granite counters, pool side wet bar, air conditioning, 3 king en-suite bedrooms. Villa Ellison is fully furnished and enjoys the best sunsets imaginable. Easy access on paved roads and minutes from town. A popular short term rental. **\$1.75M**



"Winter Moon" - Amazing views of Hurricane Hole and beyond from this well-built home with 1 bdrm, 1.5 bthrm on main upper level and a 1 bdrm apartment ("Winter Moon" currently in short term rentals) on the lower level. Live in main house with income from lower rental apartment. Enjoy close and easy access to stony beach at Zootenvaal, Brown Bay hiking trail and restaurants & shops in Coral Bay area. Plenty of room to expand and add pool. **\$950,000**

"Villa Lantano" - Magnificent North Shore views over Peter Bay to Jost Van Dyke from this spacious home in Upper Peter Bay. Features include custom kitchen, granite counters, stainless appliances, travertine marble floors throughout, including decks, lg pool deck with spa, water views from every room and lush professional landscaping. A beautiful new arched, stone gazebo makes a comfortable, shady outdoor seating area. **Just reduced by \$1M to \$6.9M**



"Palm Terrace Condos Unit 6" –The largest and most spacious condo on St. John with 4 bedrooms. Unit 6 is located on the ground floor just steps from the pool and sundeck. This condo was built in 2005 and features full kitchen with stainless appliances, granite countertops, dishwasher, private laundry and wine cooler. Walking distance to town and Frank Bay Beach. Less expensive than most 4 bedroom homes. **Just reduced by over \$150,000 to \$849,000.**



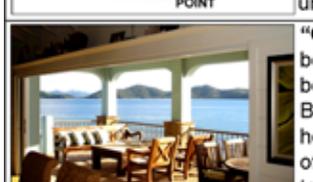
"Unicorn by the Sea" - high on the hillside in Fish Bay with fabulous views from every room. Remodeled in 2010, the upper level has an elegant open-air gourmet kitchen open to a covered dining area. The living area can be opened to catch cooling trade breezes or closed for full air conditioning. There are 2 air conditioned master suites that open onto a central pool and entertainment patio. Beyond the pool is a private, stand-alone one bedroom guest cottage. **\$1.595M**



"EAST END POINT" - The eastern-most point of St. John is now for sale. This estate sized lot is surrounded by water on three sides, is over five acres and has several natural building sites and unlimited views to the British Virgins from Tortola to Virgin Gorda, Fallen Jerusalem, Salt, Cooper, Ginger, Peter and Norman Islands. Located within "THE POINT AT PRIVATEER" St. John's newest upscale subdivision with minimum lot sizes of 1 acre, paved roads and underground utilities. True privacy at its best. **\$4.5M.**



"Casa Tua" Waterfront! Another great house by Jim Phillips. New, beautiful, masonry home located on the water at Lagoon Point between Coral Bay & the beautiful National Park beaches at Salt Pond Bay and Lameshur. 2 bedrooms in the main house & a separate guest house. Spectacular water views over the East End to the BVI, sound of waves breaking on the reef, air conditioning, & an easy walking path to the water. Excellent snorkeling & beachcombing. **\$2.1M**



DEVELOPMENT/COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES: Hansen Bay 7A is an 18 acre parcel with studies done and a 15 lot sub division permit. All lots have water views and breezes and 4 lots are on the flat top of a ridge with almost 360 degree views. Parcel has access to a cobble beach. Reduced from **\$3.18M to \$2.8M**; Estate Zootenvaal 20 acres over looking the marine preserve at Bork Creek just east of Coral Bay and bounded by National Park on two sides **\$7M**; **Group Dwelling permit for 6 apartments** and a driveway permit have been issued for this 0.9 acre lot in Estate Rendezvous & Ditleff. With sunset and water views to St Thomas from this gently sloping lot, this is a perfect parcel for development or for a single family home with lots of privacy. **\$499,000**

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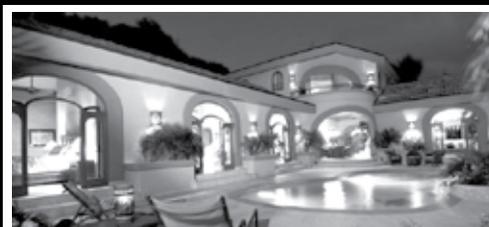
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The Virgin Islands Network of Environmental Educators (VINE), Blue Flag USVI and Coral World Ocean Park are busily preparing for the 4th Annual St. Thomas Reef Fest, scheduled for November 18, come rain or shine.

The Reef Fest community event in past years has been organized by the Sea Grant Marine Outreach Program's Virgin Islands Marine Advisory Service at the University of the Virgin Islands. However this year Reef Fest was threatened to be cancelled because of economic challenges.

"Reef Fest celebrates the coral reef. It is about empowering the local community to protect coral reefs," said Peters. "It is a day dedicated to learning about the bond between humans and the reef, and about what each person can do to cultivate that relationship in a positive way."

"We decided to step in and keep Reef Fest going because it is a perfect match to Coral World's mission," said Trudie Prior, General Manager of Cor-

al World.

The Coral World mission statement says its goal is "to bring you close to the inhabitants of the magical undersea world that surrounds the Virgin Islands and to the stunning variety of plant life that grows in our lagoons and on our hillsides."

Coral World seeks "to entertain, to educate, and to inspire appreciation and understanding of the local environment. Our hope is that you will experience the joy of discovery and that you will love and protect the natural treasures you see here."

"Reef Fest invites citizens to enjoy the recreational value of reefs and learn how activities on land can affect the health of the marine environment and, in turn, economy, culture, and heritage," said Christine Settar, Virgin Islands Marine Advisory Service, VINE member, and past coordinator of Reef Fest. "By providing experiential outdoor (both land and sea) learning opportunities for entire families, Reef Fest is an inspiring way to gain appreciation and encourage positive

conservation practice at the grass roots level."

The fun lasts all day with educational and family-oriented activities!

- Free admission to Coral World Ocean Park,
- Participants demonstrate what they know about reefs via the Reef Rap contest (cash prize),
- Show off your sculpturing skills and sand knowledge with the Sand Sculpture competition,
- Learn how to kayak, paddle board, snorkel appropriately around coral reefs,
- Take a reef or coastal tour guided by local naturalists,
- Engage in family-friendly educational games (Human Ocean Bingo, Marine Jeopardy, and more),
- Live entertainment paired with family fun makes Reef Fest an event not to be missed!

For more information, contact Valerie Peters at marketing@coralworldvi.com or 775-1555 ext 246 and befriend the Coral World Facebook page for updates.



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"VILLA INTIMASEA" a beautiful newer Chocolate Hole 4 bedroom pool villa has 180 degree water views! Great rental or residence with potential for family compound. Access to 2 beaches & dinghy landing.

"UPPER CAROLINA COTTAGE" 2 bdrm - 2 bth well-built & maintained home. Nice mountain views & breezes, comfortable wrap-around deck. Adjacent view parcel also available. Live in cottage while building main house. Deeded access to common beach parcel.

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USFSC Supporters Enjoy Sunset Sail on Kekoa

Kekoa catamaran charters hosted a fundraiser for Using Sport for Social Change on Sunday evening, October 7. USFSC founder Dean Doeling, above, explained the group's mission, which includes improving access to sports and sporting equipment for local youth. While on island last week, Doeling also hosted the Fourth Annual Just Play Day Event at Winston Wells ball field.

SEE PAGE 3 FOR JUST PLAY DAY PHOTOS.



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