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Third Annual Save Second Base Draws Huge Crowd

Woody's Seafood Saloon hosted its third annual Save Second Base block party and fundraiser to support the fight against breast cancer on Friday night, October 26. A huge crowd filled the Cruz Bay street, which was closed to traffic for the party. St. John reggae sensations Inner Visions entertained the crowd, which also enjoyed drink specials and dancing in the street.

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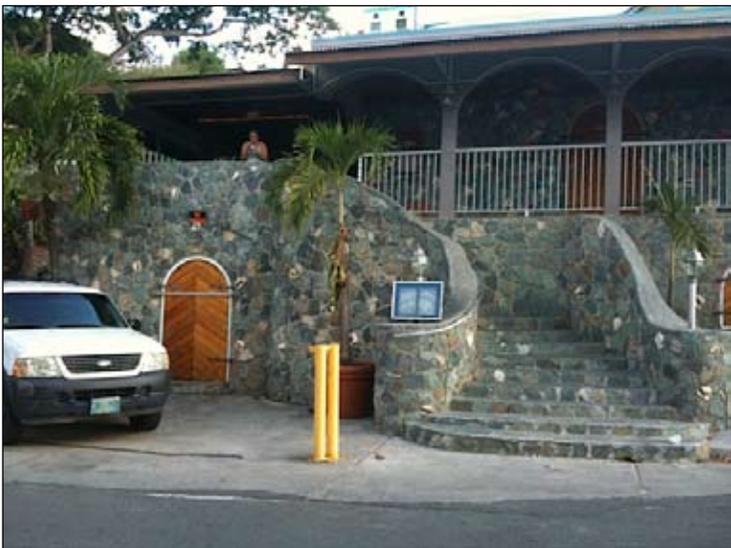
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WAPA Pole Crashes Into The Terrace Restaurant



Just a week before the planned opening of the new Terrace Restaurant in Cruz Bay, above, a V.I. Water and Power Authority pole crashed into the front entrance area of the building. WAPA crews worked hard to remove the debris and replaced the pole and The Terrace Restaurant opened to high acclaim last week, left.

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Volunteers Needed for Wetland Park Weed Removal on October 31

Another group of volunteers is needed to remove invasive and undesirable vegetation (i.e. large weeds!) prior to beginning fencing and planting of the Wetlands Restoration area at the junction of Kings Hill Road and Route 107, across from the dumpsters in Coral Bay.

This is the continuation of Phase 1 of Wetlands and Park project hosted by the Coral Bay Community Council. Volunteers are asked to meet at 8 a.m. on October 31 and wear heavy shoes, long sleeved clothing and bring gloves and bring water.

CBCC officials will have some gloves and tools available. If anyone has a "brush grubber" device, rake, or lopper, they are asked to please bring that.

For more information, call Coral Bay Community Council at 776-2099, or visit www.coralbaycommunitycouncil.org.

Free Flu Shots at MKSCHC on Nov. 2

It's flu season again!

Residents are encouraged to take advantage of free flu shots available at Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center on Friday, November 2, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

There is a limited amount of shots available and they will be distributed on a first come, first served basis. The shots were donated by the Department of Health.

Children three and over can also receive the shots. All children under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and bring their Immunization Records if possible.

For more information call MKSCHC at 693-8900.

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.

CBCC Annual Meeting/Potluck Nov. 12

The Coral Bay Community Council is hosting its Annual Meeting and Potluck on Monday, November 12, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at Miss Lucy's Restaurant.

Everyone in Coral Bay is welcome and should bring a favorite dish to share; from main dishes to desserts! Drinks will be on sale.

Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. The short annual business meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. This will be a good time to renew those CBCC memberships for 2013 or become a member for the first time.

Let's all come together to celebrate living in Coral Bay! Bring any neighbors! CBCC especially thanks Miss Lucy's Restaurant for donating their wonderful premises for this annual event and thank the local businesses who donate the drinks and supplies.

For more information contact the CBCC office at 776-2099. Membership applications and lots of useful information can be found on the website at www.coralbaycommunitycouncil.org.

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Coral Bay Community Council Overseeing Clearing of Parcel 11

Restoration, Seating Area and Fruit Trees Coming Soon

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

A small park area with benches and fruit trees are just a few ideas planned for a one and half acre area located in Coral Bay at Parcel 11, Estate Carolina.

The land is under the control of Department of Agriculture, which is planning its own gardening project on adjacent property on King Hill Road across the street from Love City Mini Mart.

The section of land between the Dept. of Agriculture land and South Shore Road is comprised of about an acre and a half of property, which will be fenced in and mostly restored to its natural habitat, explained Coral Bay Community Council President Sharon Coldren.

CBCC officials are overseeing the Parcel 11 project, which includes clearing the area of invasive plants and restoring natural wetlands on a majority of the property, while creating a small park in the area closest to the road, explained Coldren.

“The whole area we’re working on is going to be mostly wetlands restoration,” said Coldren. “We’re taking out invasive species and we’ll be planting native plants so the area can function properly and be a wetlands habitat. The area that is nearer to the corner and the road, however, is a little dryer.”

“We’re looking at that area to be a natural park setting,” Coldren said. “It will essentially be a natural park area with fruit trees and seating areas.”

Phase one of the project consists of removing all invasive plants and shrubs from the area, which CBCC has been working on for several weeks. CBCC has hosted volunteer days on several occasions, which have brought residents out, helping to clear the area.

Last week officials from Department of Public Works pitched in as well, Coldren explained.

“We’ve gotten good volunteer help from the community to remove vegetation by hand, which we really needed,” said the CBCC president. “Public Works has been wonderful helping us to remove piles of debris and they were great to come by today and clean a whole area of downed branches that were covered with vines. It would have taken us ages to get that stuff out but Public Works came by with their back hoe and dump truck and got it right out for us.”

“We really appreciate their hard work,” Coldren said. “It’s great to collaborate with them on this project.”

Phase one of the CBCC park area project also includes fencing in the property and restoring wetlands, work which is being overseen by local botanist Gary Ray, explained



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Clearing has been started on Parcel 11 in Estate Carolina, which includes removing all invasive plants and shrubs.

CBCC environmental projects coordinator Patricia Reed.

“The whole parcel is split into two areas,” said Reed. “One area, about two-thirds of the property, will be restored to wetlands and moist forest and then there is the park area. Gary has developed a restoration plan for the natural wetlands area and we’ll be posting that plan to our website soon.”

Once the area is cleared of invasive vegetation and planted with native species, the land will also be fenced in, Coldren explained.

“Phase one also includes putting a fence around the whole property

so that livestock can’t get in and eat the plants,” she said. “There will also be gates in the fence so that people can get in and use the area.”

Last week CBCC hosted a community meeting at the site to hear from residents about what they would like to see in the natural park area, Coldren explained.

“We had a meeting last week and we heard from some young mothers who would love an area where they can push a stroller,” said the CBCC president. “Another idea was to have an exercise natural trail on the perimeter of the

whole property, which might be phase three of the project.”

“We’re trying to get ideas to implement to make the whole property naturally wonderful and serve the community’s needs for relaxation and walking-type recreation,” Coldren said. “We’re listening to people and we had some great ideas from last week’s meeting. We’ll put all of those ideas together and discuss it at another meeting in November.”

Coldren also envisions installing a few small concrete type of climbable sculptures for children to play on, she added.

“We’re going to plant fruit trees and have several seating areas and we also hope to have some sort of play items for children,” said Coldren. “Even if it is just something simple like a low-scaled concrete structure for kids to climb on. We’re excited about the plans and looking for someone who can sculpt in concrete and could work with us to design that.”

For more information about CBCC’s plans for Parcel 11, call 776-2099, or check out www.coralbaycommunitycouncil.org. CBCC is hosting another volunteer day at the park area on Wednesday, October 31, at 8 a.m.

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Visitors Offering \$1,000 Reward for Return of Stolen Ring

Engagement ring stolen from locked glove box of rental car at Salt Pond

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Christine Settle and her fiancé were thrilled to celebrate their engagement on St. John earlier this month.

The North Carolina couple had heard wonderful tales about the beauty and serenity of St. John. The two were having a great time, until they spent an afternoon at Salt Pond Bay.

Settle and her fiancé were at Salt Pond Bay between 2 and 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 18. When they returned to their locked



This \$4,000 engagement ring was stolen from a vehicle in the Salt Pond parking lot.

Jeep in the parking lot, however, her \$4,000 engagement ring had been stolen from the locked glove box inside.

While the ring has obvious sentimental value, the item also signifies the last few years of the couple’s life, Settle explained.

“I am extremely upset at the loss of this sentimental item that my fiancé and I worked very hard to purchase,” she said. “We do not have a lot of money and we saved for years to purchase this engagement ring.”

Quickly, the couple’s dream vacation turned into a nightmare.

“I was so excited when we chose to vacation in St. John to celebrate as I have heard wonder-

ful things about your island,” said Settle. “However, we are terribly upset that our belongings were stolen while in a national park on St. John.”

Settle reported the incident to V.I. Police Department officers and she is waiting to receive a copy of the report.

In the meantime, Settle is offering a \$1,000 reward, no questions asked, to anyone who can retrieve the ring. Anyone with information about the location of Settle’s ring is asked to email her at christy@renderedcommunications.com.

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Dancing Classrooms Supporters To Board *Kekoa* November 4

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

The owners of the beautiful catamaran *Kekoa* are hosting a sunset sail on Sunday, November 4, to benefit the Dancing Classrooms Virgin Islands program.

Guests can enjoy live, acoustic music by Sambacomb's Eddie Bruce and Rich Greengold while sipping wine and refreshing cocktails and noshing on delicious appetizers and watching the tropical sun sink below the horizon.

The vessel will depart from the V.I. National Park dock at 4:15 on November 4 and return to the dock at 7:15 p.m. Tickets, available at the *Kekoa* office in The Lumberyard, The Tap Room and Connections in Cruz Bay, are only \$60.

Dancing Classroom Virgin Islands is a non-profit organization which brings the renowned Dancing Classrooms program to children of the USVI. This arts in education social development program has proven to enrich the overall school experience and make a lasting impact on the community.

Dancing Classrooms has a 15-year history for improving the

education of children which began in the public schools of New York City in 1994 by Pierre Dulaine.

Following the success of the program's hit documentary "Mad Hot Ballroom" and the feature film, "Take the Lead" a National Network providing the program was born.

Dancing Classrooms arrived in the USVI in 2009, reaching all 5th grade classrooms on St. John. In 2010, 8th grade classes were added, and Lockhart Elementary and Bertha C. Boschulte Middle School from St. Thomas.

This year the program includes both eight grade and fifth grades on St. John and schools on St. Thomas as well.

A Dancing Classrooms residency is 10 weeks and is comprised of 20 lessons. These 45-minute classes are a part of the curriculum within the school day for 5th and 8th grade students. Students learn eight ballroom dances from different eras and cultures.

These dances include the Merengue, Fox Trot, Rumba, Salsa, Tango, Swing, Waltz, and a Polka. The final class is a "Culminating

Event," tying together all they have learned and showcasing their new talents for family, friends, and members of the community.

The program is not just a dancing program; it's a social development program which utilizes ballroom dancing as a tool to generate social change in the participants and overall school culture. Learning to dance with one another fosters respect, teamwork, confidence, and sense of joy and accomplishment in participating children.

Dancing Classrooms improves school attendance rates, overall school culture, student focus and attention, family engagement, student behavior, self-confidence and more.

The program teaches future generations how to be ladies and gentlemen and to have fun while doing it!

For more information about Dancing Classrooms Virgin Islands, check out www.dcvl.com

The only thing not included in the sunset sail ticket price is a tip for the *Kekoa* crew, so attendees are encouraged to bring along cash for gratuity.

New JESS Van Transports Student Athletes



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Julius E. Sprauve School student athletes now get to travel to events in the school's spiffy new transportation, above. Thanks to JESS supporters who raised funds at last year's Gala and a second function hosted over the summer, the school was able to purchase the new van.

JESS Wins First Ever IAA Volleyball Game on St. John



On Monday, October 22, the Giff Hill School Junior Varsity Girls Volleyball team hosted the Julius E. Sprauve School JV girls volleyball team on the GHS Trayser Field.

The action marked the very first time an IAA volleyball competition had ever been held on St. John.

JESS took home the victory beating the GHS Lady Barracudas in two out of three games played.

“The competition was very close and exciting to watch,” said GHS Athletic Director Barbie Barry.

Broadway: Make Reservations for Angel Tickets Only

St. John Tradewinds

The Third Annual Broadway Comes to St. John — the St. John School of the Arts Fundraiser of an original musical featuring fourth graders from across St. John — is set for Saturday, February 16, 2013.

That date is fast approaching and SJSA wants to make sure the public has a “leg up” on this highly anticipated production!

The five Broadway actors — John Tartaglia, Donna Drake, Laura Barnao, Michael Shawn Lewis and Rhonda Miller — are coming back to St. John, giving back and not holding back on this year’s original musical, “One World, One Heart.”

Angel Tickets for the premiere show will be on sale soon! Only 150 angels will have the thrill of watching the 4th graders perform and entertain at the Westin Resort and Villas grand ballroom at 6 p.m. Call ahead and reserve these tickets; they will sell out.

Once angels has dried their “happy” tears, join SJSA right down on the beach at Great Cruz Bay as the Westin Resort caters to those mouth watering-desires. Then finish the night with dancing to Paradise People and a fun-filled evening, all for only \$200.

There will be a second performance (show only) at 8 p.m.

with a suggested donation of \$20. But donations of any amount are greatly appreciated and help support programs and scholarships at

SJSA. This show is open to all on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information email info@stjohnschoolofthearts.org.

Rotary Foundation Approves Grant To St. John Rotary for Oxygen Generator

St. John Tradewinds

The Rotary Club of St. John is the recipient of \$23,750 from The Rotary Foundation in a Matching Grant to acquire a Medical Oxygen Generator for St. John.

Responding to a request from St. John Rescue, the club has brought together clubs from Puerto Rico and West Virginia to fund the acquisition.

“This will finally give first responders access to oxygen in the event of an emergency,” said Bob Malacarne of St. John Rescue. “Our present source is on St Thomas and is not necessarily available in the event of a storm or other disaster. We were able to raise some funds, but the equipment will cost over \$68,000 and we clearly needed Rotary to access their resources.”

Rotary Project Leader John Fuller contacted Grant Coordinators in Puerto Rico and West Virginia who responded positively to

the project.

The e-Club of Puerto Rico and their District contributed \$9,000, the Rotary Club of Buckhannon, WV, kicked in \$1,000 and their District contributed \$5,000 and our own District contributed \$9,500 along with \$2,000 from St. John.

Together with The Rotary Foundation grant, St. John Rescue will have the funds to get a generator which will support all the first responders on St. John as well as the Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center. A December installation is anticipated.

Rotary International is a volunteer organization of business, professional and community leaders who provide humanitarian service and help to build goodwill and peace in the world. There are approximately 1.2 million Rotary club members belonging to 33,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Learn more at www.rotary.org

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Second Annual Charity Golf Tournament Raises \$7,100 for St. John Cancer Fund

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

The Second Annual Charity Golf Tournament hosted by Some People on St. John raised \$7,100 for St. John Cancer Fund.

A total of 18 teams squared off in the four-person scramble tournament at Mahogany Run Golf Course on St. Thomas on Wednesday, October 17. That number is up from last year participation, which saw 14 teams taking part, explained Tim Hanley, one of the organizers of the event.

"There was a total of 69 players who took part in the tournament and 66 of those people were from St. John; so we traveled well," said Hanley. "Everyone knew everyone else and everyone really had a great time."

Despite the large number of St. John residents who traveled to St. Thomas for the event, it was the lone team from St. Thomas which won the tournament with a score of 10-under par.

"They did much better than the rest of the pack," said Hanley.

Golfers enjoyed a full day of fun at the golf tournament. After arriving at Red Hook, a shuttle whisked teams over to the golf course, where carts and clubs were waiting.

There were silly holes scattered across the course, from a heckling hole to the exciting \$25,000 offered for a hole-in-one, which no one sank.

"Another popular hole was the three-card monte hole which went



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Yelena Rogers

St. John Cancer Fund board members and supporters had a blast at the 19th Hole After Party at High Tide.

over really well," said Meaghan Enright, who also organized the event.

After wrapping up play for the day, golfers took a shuttle to the V.I. National Park dock on St. Thomas, where the catamaran *Kekoa* was waiting, explained Enright.

"*Kekoa* came and picked us up at the National Park dock and sailed us back to St. John," she said. "On the way everyone enjoyed appetizers from Rhumb Lines and St. John Catering. *Kekoa* sailed right up to the beach in front of High Tide where the after-party was already going on."

Tournament participants merely stepped off the catamaran onto

the beach at Great Cruz Bay and walked right up to High Tide to enjoy the 19th Hole After Party, where DJ Adonis kept the vibe going until late into the night.

Prizes for the winning team, which took home a 40 person party on *Kekoa*, closest to pin and longest drive were awarded during the after party.

"It was definitely a great day from start to finish and that is what we were trying to do," said Hanley. "We wanted people to just show up at the ferry and have a great day and we succeeded in that. It was a great turnout and a great day."

While the teams were certainly

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ACC Hosting Halloween Soiree Oct. 31

Animal Care Center of St. John Shelter Manager Kate Webster announced last week that visitors are especially welcome to the shelter on Wednesday, October 31, to taste free Halloween candies, enjoy the decorations and say "hello" to some of the shelter's black Halloween kitties; and doggies, too.

EARTH Hosting Orientation Meeting for Volunteers on November 1

Giffit Hill School's EARTH program will be hosting a volunteer orientation meeting Thursday, November 1, at 1 p.m. for anyone else interested in volunteering in the garden, either with the students or on garden projects.

Volunteers will enjoy a tour and orientation to the garden and the program. Anyone interested should RSVP either via email to sarahhaynes@giffithillschool.org, or text to (340) 643-2273. Please contact Sarah Haynes, EARTH coordinator, for more information.

UU of St. John Celebrating "Sharing the Water of Life" on November 4

The Unitarian Universalists of St. John meet every Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in the Great Room at Giffit Hill School Lower Campus.

The Celebration for Sunday, November 4, is "Sharing the Water of Life."

The Fellowship will come together to celebrate the new 2012/2013 season and will welcome everyone back to St. John with a Water of Life Sharing.

Members are asked to bring water which has been collected from summer travels or water from home full of intentions.

Childcare is available. For transportation from Cruz Bay ferry dock call 776-6332 in advance.

SJHS Kicks Off New Season Nov. 13

The St. John Historical Society is excited to announce it will kick off its 2012-2013 season with a presentation by native St. Thomian and culture-bearer Glenn "Kwabena" Davis on the evolution of Virgin Islands music.

The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 13, at 7 p.m. at the Bethany Moravian Church Hall. Members and friends are encouraged to attend.

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Nest owner Missie Hensel, above center, had one of the most popular tables at the ACC Flea Market.

ACC “No Fleas Please” Flea Market Attracts Across the Board Attendees

By Dr. Elaine Campbell
Special to St. John Tradewinds

The St. John Animal Care Center hosted its community-wide flea market on Saturday, October 20.

While the flea market ultimately benefits the island’s homeless and abused animals — a population which no other island organization supports — every segment of the island’s human population came together last weekend.

Children, elders, parents, teachers, visitors, and all social levels of the community came to acquire goods. Not only do St. John residents come to “No Fleas, Please” every year, entire families also come over from St. Thomas for furniture, toys, tools, electronics and books.

Long before the gates to the Winston Wells ball field were opened, a long line of attendees had gathered with anticipation for the 10 a.m. opening. While they waited, flea market workers and prospective customers were entertained by marching bands celebrating USVI/BVI Friendship Day.

The island’s own Pan Dragons, along with drummers and marchers from our sister islands, steadily passed and re-passed the ball field’s perimeter road, marching sedately in time to their drumming. The ball field gates opened with a flair at 10 a.m. and the eager crowds rushed to their favorite stalls.

Although the annual market hours were reduced this year from a 4 p.m. closing to a 3 p.m. closing, the ACC collected \$5,500. Added to the \$3,500 from an earlier mini-flea market hosted at Giff Hill School grounds in the Spring, the amount raised was up from last year.

So many joined to make the event a successful ef-

fort to reduce the humane society’s financial shortfall to date, that it would be impossible to name every single worker.

Special appreciation is due Shakima Jones, Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation Project Coordinator, for making the ball field available. Special thanks go to ACC board member Jason Corley, who organized the flea market and worked tirelessly during the hours of the market.

Oriel Smith, another ACC board member, trucked in load after load of furniture. Jennifer Troisi’s Top Dogs provided refreshments for the fair-goers with every dollar above cost donated to ACC.

ACC volunteers, from gate keepers to those who set up and took down the tents lent by Peter Alter, started working at 6 a.m. to set up the field. More hard-working volunteers, including Laurie Damron and Carrie Clark staffed the ACC table distributing information and selling ACC merchandise.

Volunteer Nancy Greyhek helped board member Lucy Banks at the bookstall, which was a popular area catering to a wide range of interest shown by fair attendees.

Very special thanks go to Monica Munro who worked tirelessly behind the scenes in preparation for the fair, and to volunteer Susie Preston who served as “the bank” during the event.

The Children’s Table did a brisk business thanks to John and Elaine Campbell who, in turn, thank the schoolteachers, parents, and grandparents who patronized the table’s offerings. Not to be neglected are the children from every age group who came to play with and purchase large and small treasures. Without

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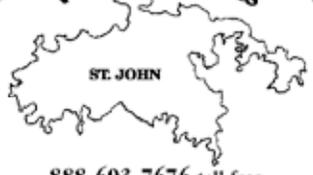
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Rotary Club of St. John Flavors Fundraiser Set for November 24

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Mark those calendars for Saturday, November 24, when 18 of the island's top restaurants and caterers will all be under one roof for the Rotary Club of St. John fundraiser Flavors.

The event raises funds to support the group's scholarships as well as "other youth project supported by Rotary," explained Rotary Club of St. John past president Bruce Munro.

The festivities kick off at 6 p.m. on Saturday, November 24, in the ballroom at the Westin Resort and Villas. The evening begins with a cocktail reception, followed by the Flavors tasting, where guests get to sample food from all entries, which are vying for best bar food, best mixology, best appetizers, best entree and best dessert. One overall best award will also be voted by the public in addition to the night's mystery judges.

Already signed on for the night are Asolare, Cafe Livin, Caneel Bay Resort, Cruz Bay Prime, Deli Grot-

to, High Tide, La Plancha del Mar, Morgan's Mango, Ocean Grill, Spyglass, Starfish Gourmet and Wines, The Fish Trap, Zozo's, East West Catering, St. John Farm to Table, Mathayom Private Chefs/St. John Catering, and Ted's Supper Club.

Fine wines from both the U.S. and around the world will be featured by West Indies Corporation, Premier Wines and Spirits and Dionysis.

The evening will also feature an exciting live auction and live music by Ish Band. Tickets are \$75 for people with food handler's cards, \$90 for guests who don't have food handler's cards who purchase their tickets in advance, and \$100 at the door.

Tickets are available at both Connections locations, Chelsea Drug Store, St. John Hardware, St. John Properties and from all Rotary Club of St. John members.

There are only a few spots left for restaurants and caterers still interested in taking part. For more information check www.flavorsstjohn.com or any Rotary Club of St. John member.

Steel Pulse Headlining Love City Live 2013

St. John Tradewinds

As the ultimate winter getaway, Love City Live! gains its major momentum from the high-energy, main event concert, but the festivities actually include a full weekend full of fun.

The Concert is only part of the full Love City Live! experience, which includes boat excursions, beach and outdoor parties, limin', duty-free shopping, savoring authentic cuisine, dancing and simply relaxing while taking in local beauty and culture.

Everyone is invited to join and indulge!

The fun kicks off on Thursday, January 24, with the Lime 101, a Caribbean Art, Food and Rum Experience from 4 to 10 p.m. at the V.I. National Park field. There is no cover charge for this event. The public is invited to come out and see local art, savor local cuisine and sample local cocktails, all while experiencing local Vibe.

On Friday, January 25, join the old-school roots reggae party at Strictly Rockers from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Dance the night away at this outdoor island extravaganza while enjoying premium cocktails, local treats and the "One Love" atmosphere. More information on the venue to come.

Saturday night, January 26, is



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Join local residents for some Love City Live 2013 fun, starting on Thursday, January 24, at Lime 101 — a Caribbean Art, Food and Rum Experience.

the main concert at Winston Wells ball field. Steel Pulse is the headline, but the event will also feature Duane Stephenson, Inner Visions and Reemah at the field in Cruz Bay. Gates open at 6:30 p.m. and the party includes arts and crafts vendors, local and Ital food vendors as well as premium bars.

The Ultimate Power Boat Party is set for Sunday, January 27. Join the boat trip from St. John to White Bay, Jost Van Dyke from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. It's a beach party only

accessible by boat. As one writer put it "A late night of live music and quality rum deserves a proper cool down the next day."

Early bird tickets for \$40 are available until November 15. After that tickets will be \$45 until December 31. Final tickets will be \$55 at all outlets.

For more information check out www.ExperienceLoveCityLive.com, or join the group on Facebook at www.facebook.com/LoveCityLive.

Almost the Local News

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Local Digital Master, Morgan Geak, Creates iPhone App for St. John Ferries

By Lakin Dayta
Technology Editor
St. John Tradewinds

Ever wonder when the absolute last second was that you could leave your house to catch the St. John passenger or car ferry? Or get there so early you feel like you are waiting for the next transit of Venus?

Wonder what the odds were of coming out ahead buying a round-trip ticket? Or the odds that guy in the car to your right will try to cut you off at the exit ramp?

While most iPhone apps are about as useful as flip flops for cushion starfish, this one is genius.

Local digital master, Morgan Barley Geak, has just the thing for you. Right next to your latest Angry Birds - Islands, you can put his new iPhone app "Win-Time Ferry."

In the setup, you must enter your age, weight, length of inseam and best high-school time on the 100-yard dash. Also you rate each captain by how well he knows you, etc., etc. for about 600 items. Setup should take less than two weeks. Be sure you get your driver's license correct and enter your opinion on peach yogurt or you will have to start over.

Sophisticated algorithms calculate the most likely time each vessel leaves from ear-

ly to way late so you can squeeze the last second. WTFerry knows the weather so it can figure in that last minute downpour too. GPS keeps up with you and Siri shouts encouragement or directions. The default GO! signal is a starter's pistol, so don't use it in the TSA line at the airport or in local banks.

Navigation is easy with four tabs: "Passenger Ferry," "Car Ferry," "Lunch Reservations at Virgilios" and "St. Thomas Shopping."

The shopping tab is also paired with Siri. You'll hear things like, "You can hammer nails with the bananas at Fruit Bowl today," and "Home Depot still doesn't have that saw you wanted no matter what they told you on the phone."

There have been a few complaints like, "I can't find the iPhone Home button." But largely the beta was well received. Evaluator Rafe Boudin said that it really needs an undo button.

"I could use an undo button for other things too... like my dad selling Trunk," said Boudin.

Morgan said he would work on it.

There is a mailbox key and a bottle opener.

Beta tester Susan Chair, said, "The next time you arrive just as the ferry is pulling away, you will think WTF!"

STJ Coordinator Sought for Project

Socks for Seniors is an annual community service project which organizes collecting new socks to be distributed to elderly in local area nursing homes around the holidays.

The program traditionally begins with Make A Difference Day on Saturday, October 27, which is the official Kick-off of the 2012 Socks For Seniors Campaign, and runs thru Christmas.

Socks for Seniors is looking for local area coordinators near St. John to help with collecting socks this year.

There are two major ways to help

- Promote Socks For Seniors. Complete information is available on the website www.socksforseniors.com about the program which was started 11 years ago. It is 100 percent volunteer base

- Host a Sock Drive. It all starts with one person, one box at one location. It's easy...and all the socks stay in the local St. John area!

To collect Socks For Seniors, please sign up at <http://www.socksforseniors.com/register.html>.

GHS Gives Back Community Service Day Scheduled for November 16

Giff Hill School has announced the third annual "Giff 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 mollymur-rill@giffhillschool.org.

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The Storm That Wasn't:

How Tropical Storm Rafael Made Two Clueless Tourists' Trip to St. John an Adventure

By Joshua Flenniken

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I live at 9,000 feet on the Continental Divide of the Rocky Mountains in Colorado. We have snow on the ground for about six months every year. Without going to Antarctica or the Sahara, it would be hard to find an environment on Earth more fundamentally different from where I live than the Virgin Islands.

My visit actually began as a work trip. I do project management for a healthcare software company and I came to the islands to conduct training for an online product at Schneider Hospital on St. Thomas. Since I was flying all the way from Colorado anyway, I couldn't conceive of a reason not to take some time off, have my wife fly down and join me, and take a quick vacation in tropical paradise.

Though I enjoyed St. Thomas immensely, I experienced a palpable tension drain away as we stepped off the ferry at Cruz Bay. We rented a Jeep and effectively became gapers. I don't know if you have gapers on St. John but in the Colorado Rockies, we call people that drive 20-mph below the speed limit while swerving all over the place and pointing their cameras out the windows at all the amazing scenery "gapers" from their tendency to do all of these annoying things with their mouths hanging agape in awe of the beautiful surroundings.

Coloradans get very frustrated with these people prompting bumper stickers like Gaper Go Home! and If It's Gaper Season, Why Can't We Shoot Them? as well as the some-

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— By Joshua Flenniken, tourist

what more charitable Love Thy Gaper.

My wife and I were absolutely ecstatic about all the amazing things we experienced while snorkeling. As we enthusiastically recited the list of things we saw to some of the local people we met, they smiled politely while their eyes glazed over. We realized that us saying things like, "And then we saw a turtle! And then we saw a stingray! And the coral was amazing!"

It was exactly like when visitors to our mountains regale us with similar tales. "And then we saw a raven! And we fed the chipmunks! And then we saw an elk!" We smile in a patronizing fashion while thinking, you poor dumb bastards. You need to get out more. That is exactly how people looked at us. But they were really nice about it.

In fact, every single person we met on St. John, without exception, was nice about everything. They definitely had more of a Love Thy Gaper demeanor than a Gaper Go Home! mentality.

Then it happened. A tropical depression upgraded to Tropic Storm Rafael. And it could blow up into a hurricane! And it was

headed right for us! Holy crap!

This was probably going to turn into a Robinson Crusoe situation where we would have to spear fish to survive! Awesome! We might have to build a boat out of wood and learn to sail to escape the devastation! That could take months! Fantastic!

As it turned out, all those exclamation points were for nothing. As instructed by the fine people that staff the Concordia where we were staying, we ventured out snorkeling and beach combing in the morning and were ready to dash back to our place and bolt the doors and windows and tie down the deck furniture by 2 p.m.

Around 1:30 p.m. it didn't seem all that stormy and we were getting into the island speed of life. We figured that it would be terrifying to confront a storm of Biblical proportions while completely stone sober. And Skinny Legs was on the way back to Concordia. And rum drinks are delicious. We stopped in at Skinny Legs "for one drink."

The people we met were extremely friendly and inclusive. We have a little dive

bar here in Dillon, Colorado called The Down Under Pub. Skinny Legs has the same vibe. Only without walls. One of the downsides to living in the mountains of Colorado is that your drinking establishments pretty much require walls.

Our fears about the imminent Tropical Storm Rafael were allayed by the reaction of the locals. They ranged from the practical, "I hope it does rain five inches so that my cistern gets refilled" to the romantic, "I hope we do get strong winds. I love a good storm!"

As it turned out, there wasn't a cat fart of wind or drop of rain. Rafael spun out into the Atlantic and we hiked out to Ram's Head. In many ways, the idea of a storm without the reality was probably a good thing for a couple of gapers from the mountains.

Though it is fun to imagine myself as a rugged outdoorsman that could survive the aftermath of a horrendous storm, I'd probably end up having to eat raw hermit crabs since I doubt that I could get a fire to burn and hermit crabs are probably the only things I could actually catch.

We had a great time, met some truly remarkable people and loved every moment of our all too short vacation to paradise. And the way we were treated while guests on St. John reminded me to be kind and enthusiastic to tourists that visit us here in Colorado.

If I want people on St. John to Love Thy Gaper when I'm the gaper, I better practice the Golden Rule at home.

Joshua Flenniken is the author of the satirical novel "The Pequod's Coffin."

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Room Cooling

When you're home, set the temperature of the thermostat at around 78 degrees. Raise the temperature to 85 degrees or just turn it off when you're out for additional savings.

If you have room fans, you may set the thermostat at a higher temperature since the air movement will make the room cooler. However, take note that health considerations should be placed above cost considerations.

To make your air-conditioners work more efficiently, replace their filters monthly. Dirty filters merely restrict airflow, reduce the unit's efficiency, and increase en-

ergy consumption in the long run.

Washing Machine and Dryer

Make sure that you double-check the water level in your washing machine in accordance to the load size, especially when the clothes require that you use hot or warm water. When rinsing, always use cold water.

When drying your clothes, it is more energy efficient to line-dry them, rather than using a spin dryer. Your clothes will also smell fresh and clean, plus they will last longer too.

In the Kitchen

Fill up your refrigerator. If there is lots of food in your fridge, it won't warm up too fast especially when the door is opened. In other words, your refrigerator won't have to work so hard to remain cool.

Surprisingly, the dishwasher consumes less water than washing by hand. Use your dishwasher only when it has been fully loaded. Furthermore, don't use the dry cycle. Opt to air-dry your dishes to save on energy.

Swimming Pool

If you have a pool, limit the time that you run its automatic cleaning function and filter to just four or five hours. Typical pool pumps consume about 2 kilowatts per hour. You can purchase a new variable speed pump, which will use less than 500 watts per hour

Water Efficiency

Test if your shower head is efficient. Place a bucket under the shower. Turn on the shower and time how long it takes to fill one gallon of water. If it takes less than 24 seconds, then your shower head is not water efficient since its water flow is faster than the recommended 2.5 gallons every minute.

All of the above tips are designed to aid you in choosing the most applicable ways of reducing your energy bills.

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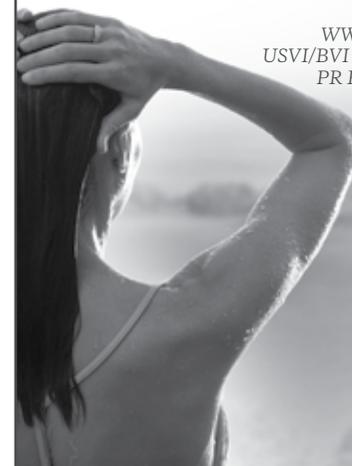
Department of Energy officials set up an information table one the first floor of The Marketplace on Friday, October 26, to share information about high-efficiency appliances and more. St. John resident Dan Carlsen, standing at far right, was just one citizen who stopped by the table to learn more about ways to reduce energy consumption.

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New signage and a showroom will soon be open at Dr. Cool's new location on the first floor of Palm Plaza, above. The company's office is already open in the new location.

High-Quality Appliances Coming Soon To New Dr. Cool Showroom at Palm Plaza

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Dr. Cool recently relocated to a new store front on the first floor of Palm Plaza and residents can expect to browse the latest in high-end appliances in the company's soon to be completed showroom.

"We're going to be carrying really high-quality appliances, grills, refrigerators, washing machines and things," said Gary David, Dr. Cool general manager. "For our

showroom, we're going to have an actual working kitchen."

The new Dr. Cool showroom will be a one-stop shopping for residents looking for new appliances, David explained.

"We're going to be doing it all," he said. "We'll do everything from ordering to having it delivered to installing the items you buy."

While brands like Sub-Zero, Boss, Wolf, Boshe and Biagano, among others, will be featured in the company's new showroom, people on a tighter budget will find plenty to shop for as well, David added.

"We're going to have some great European brands and top of the line grills and appliances," he said. "But we're also going to have some more affordable lines well. We're trying to have a little some-

thing for everyone."

Dr. Cool's new showroom and expanded offerings does not mean the company is out of the air conditioning business, David explained.

"We're still doing air conditioning installations and parts and repairs," said David. "But you can only do so much with that. With our new showroom, we're excited to have added revenue stream to grow."

The basic construction for the new showroom is about 95 percent complete as David awaits shelving and cabinets. He hoped to have the new area open by mid-November. The company is also awaiting its new sign as well, David added.

Dr. Cool is operating out of the new space on the first floor of Palm Plaza. For more information call Dr. Cool at 693-9071.



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Dances of Peace at Maho Bay Nov. 13

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of St. John is hosting a Universal Dances of Peace at Maho Bay Camps Upper Pavilion on Tuesday, evening November 13, from 7 to 9 p.m.

The Dances of Peace are a meditative, spiritual practice using the mantras of all world religions to promote peace.

The Dances of North American Sufic origin combine chants from world faiths with dancing, whirling and a variety of movement with singing.

The emphasis is on participation regardless of ability. A \$15 donation is requested, but no one will be turned away. Rachel Theomaurelli and Jeff Tiebout of Roanoke, Virginia will be leading the event. For more information contact Suki (340) 642-3739.

SJHS Encourages Members To Join Annual Trek To Fortsberg Nov. 23

The St. John Historical Society encourages all members to participate in the annual commemorative trek to Fortsberg led by Retired Professor Gilbert Sprauve on Friday, November 23, known as Virgin Islands Freedom Fighters Day in remembrance of the 1733 slave revolt on St. John.

The annual hike is hosted by the St. John African Slave Revolution Committee and the Pan-African Support Group.

Hikers will depart from the area near Sputnik's Restaurant. The event is scheduled to begin sometime mid-morning, however an exact time has not yet been set, so please keep an eye on local media for further details.

ACC Winter Gala Set for January 19

The Animal Care Center's Winter Gala (formerly Christmas for the Animals) will be hosted on Saturday, January 19, at "L'autre Monde," Helen Simon's home overlooking Great Cruz Bay.



On *the* Market

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

Caribbean Cottage Offers Quiet Haven in Great Neighborhood

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

A quiet, shaded retreat in Upper Carolina, the Caribbean Cottage is the ideal haven for someone looking for that perfect get away.

This one-bedroom, one-bathroom cottage on just over a half an acre is tucked away in the desirable neighborhood of Upper Carolina and is for sale for \$249,000, explained Holiday Homes sales associate Sandy Mohler.

"This house is located in Upper Carolina, a quiet neighborhood with a mix of private homes and rental villas," said Mohler. "This property offers a quiet retreat shaded by tall trees and exotic orchids that will sooth your soul. It is near Coral Bay, but certainly far enough from the chaos of town."

Inside, find a well-constructed and well-appointed cottage with a design which makes the most of its open-flow plan, Mohler explained.

"The home has an open floor plan that gives it a spacious feel, but provides separate areas for different activities," she said. "The kitchen, bathroom, living and dining area are on the upper level, and the bedroom is on the lower level."

The owner of the home, which was built with true craftsmanship by her late husband, spent many years living on yachts, a detail which can be felt at Caribbean Cottage.

"The owner's yachting background comes through

in clever latches and hatch details seen throughout the home," said Mohler. "Those design elements are also functional, by making the home easy to shut up for storms or when the owner is not in residence."

While the home is move-in ready, the gently sloped half-acre parcel offers even more possibilities to potential buyers, explained the Holiday Homes sales associate.

"The house is cozy and comfortable as it is," Mohler said. "But the large lot offers space for a larger house and pool, if the buyer has an interest in further development."

The quaint two-story cottage also boasts a peaceful deck, an ideal space to curl up with a book or just listen to the symphony of tree frogs in residence. Tropical foliage and exotic orchids truly make Caribbean Cottage feel like an ideal haven to escape the worries of everyday life.

Caribbean Cottage would make an ideal winter residence for someone looking to escape frigid northern climates or a first home for someone looking for a natural, woody setting, Mohler explained.

"This would be a perfect tropical escape from winter for a new owner," said the Holiday Homes sales associate. "Or, Caribbean Cottage would be a great home for a local who values natural beauty and privacy."

For more information, or to see Caribbean Cottage, call Mohler of Holiday Homes at (340) 514-5968.



The Caribbean Cottage is perched in a quiet and shaded location in Upper Carolina, above. The open-flow design makes the cottage feel spacious, below.



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Congratulations!



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Dept. of Agriculture Has Urban and Community Forestry Assistance Program

St. John Tradewinds

The Virgin Islands Department of Agriculture, Urban & Community Forestry (U&CF) Assistance Program announces the availability of grants for the 2012 Challenge Cost-Share program.

Organizations and agencies in the US Virgin Islands may apply for grants of up to \$20,000. Grants require a 1-to-1 match to the amount requested; matches may be met through in-kind donations and volunteer time. Grant awards will be made on a competitive basis. The deadline for proposal submissions for this grant cycle is Monday, November 19, 2012. Please note that this is two weeks later than the date given on the website.

The U&CF Program is designed to encourage citizen involvement in urban and community forestry

projects throughout the Territory. The Program seeks proposals for project funding from local government, nonprofit organizations, civic and/or educational organizations, including but not limited to schools, homeowners' associations, service clubs, and environmental organizations.

"The U&CF Program does not fund strictly agricultural projects. In fact, projects must have a forestry component in order to be eligible for funding," Commissioner Petersen said.

The Department of Agriculture is looking for projects in the following areas: education and public outreach about urban forests; protecting and publicizing heritage and remarkable big trees; reducing health risks due to invasive species; identifying and managing

hazardous trees; collecting data on wildlife use of urban forests; planning for and planting urban trees; training to become arborists; developing and implementing management plans for developed areas with urban forests; and writing tree guidelines for communities.

For more information, please visit the Department of Agriculture website, www.vifresh.com and click on "Forestry." Go to the Urban and Community Forestry section for more information about the U&CF Program, and to view an application packet, or call Marilyn Chakroff, Urban and Community Forestry Program Coordinator, at 778-0997 ext. 233. Ms. Chakroff is available to help with writing proposals and with identifying the types of projects that may be funded.



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Church Directory

Baha'i Community of St. John

For Devotions and Study Circles, call 714-1641
7:30 p.m. Fridays; Study Circles 9 a.m. Sundays
776-6316, 776-6254

Bethany Moravian Church

11 a.m., Sunday School 776-6291

Calvary Baptist Church

13 ABC Coral Bay, 776-6304
Sunday School 10 a.m.,
Sunday evening 6 p.m., Thursday 7 p.m.

Christian Ministry

Cinnamon Bay Beach
Inter-Denominational, Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Christian Science Society

10:45 a.m. Sunday- Marketplace
Wednesday Testimonials
7:45 p.m. on last Wed. of Month

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

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

Cruz Bay Baptist Church

Sunday 11 a.m., 6 p.m. 776-6315

Emmaus Moravian Church

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

Jehovah's Witness

7:30 p.m. Tuesdays; 7 p.m.
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Missionary Baptist Church

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

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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

St. John Pentecostal Church

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

Community Comes Together for Project Homeless Connect



Health workers, including Myrah Keating Smith's Debi Emmett, left, seated at left and Lurane Worth, at left center, offered free flue shots. That was just one of the services offered to the island's neediest residents at last week's Project Homeless Connect. Department of Human Services' director of compliance Dr. Celia Victor, at left standing, helped to coordinate the event, which drew Governor John deJongh, above, as well as volunteers from a variety of agencies.

St. John Tradewinds News Photos



Search Continued for Missing Pilot Last Week

St. John Tradewinds

A team of enforcement officers from the Department of Planning and Natural Resources took to the seas southwest and west of St. Thomas on Monday afternoon, October 22, to begin a series of periodic inspections of the shorelines of various cays around St. Thomas.

The mission was aimed at determining whether the body of missing pilot Kirby Hodge was taken out to sea following the

October 13 crash of the Aztec Piper he was piloting.

"This is a proactive move by our lead response agency in the event that the pilot's body may have been taken out from the crash site and made it to the shoreline of any of the number of cays that lie southwest and west of the site where the plane crashed into the ocean," said Department of Planning and Natural Resources Commissioner Alicia Barnes.

DPNR was not going on any reports of the sighting of a body and it was a pre-emptive move to make some final searches of the various cays around St. Thomas, explained Barnes.

The decision to launch more periodic inspections of the various shorelines in and around St. Thomas was consistent with the overall objective of the recovery mission, to locate the passengers and pilot of the ill-fated flight, she added.



Saving "BioGems"

Dear EarthTalk:

I heard of an effort to save what are being called "BioGems." What are BioGems and what is being done about them?

Larry Dibner
Tallahassee, FL

"BioGems," a term created by the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), describe the most endangered natural treasures around the Americas.

NRDC selects special places in the hemisphere that face an imminent threat of destruction, from pristine coastlines that could become industrial ports to ancient forests that could be stripped of trees to unspoiled wildlife habitats that could be sacrificed to oil and gas drilling.

"Our imperiled BioGems are irreplaceable remnants of wilderness that curb global warming, preserve biodiversity and provide sanctuary for rare and extraordinary wildlife, from threatened polar bears to endangered gray whales," reported NRDC.

NRDC launched its BioGems Initiative back in 2001 as a way to harness the power of online citizen activism to help save threatened lands. The group mobilizes its 1.3 million members and online activists "to bring overwhelming pressure to bear on governments and companies bent on industrializing the world's last wild places."

Never afraid of a little attention, NRDC has enlisted the help of several celebrity partners in championing the cause of saving the BioGems.

Robert Redford is spearheading NRDC's campaign to keep the Polar Bear Seas safe from oil drilling, while Pierce Brosnan is leading the charge to try to bring an end to the commercial slaughter of whales.

The group has also brought the star power of Leon-

ardo Di Caprio, Paul McCartney, Alec Baldwin, Seth Myers, Jason Mraz and others to bear for the sake of saving BioGems.

"Together, BioGems Defenders and our local partners on the ground have scored dozens of historic victories for the environment, proving that individuals can be a powerful force for conservation," reported NRDC.

Some of the campaign's recent successes include: helping to persuade Iceland to call off its fin whale hunt for the second year in a row; protecting the last 340 beluga whales of Alaska's Cook Inlet through filing a lawsuit; helping secure a breakthrough agreement for wild buffalo that allows them to roam outside Yellowstone National Park during the harsh winter months; and winning in court over trophy hunters keen on stripping the polar bear from its endangered status.

Currently NRDC is focusing on a half dozen primary BioGems campaigns: keeping Shell out of the American Arctic (unfortunately the company's drills just went in); stopping Big Oil's attack on whales in Alaska's Cook Inlet and up and down the Atlantic seaboard; stopping the pipeline from Alberta's tar sands to Texas refineries (Obama has kyboshed the pipeline for now); stopping the Pebble Mine in Bristol Bay, Alaska; and saving British Columbia's Spirit Bear coast.

Individuals can get involved by customizing and sending pre-written e-mail messages to decision makers who are key to the particular locales in need of protection.

NRDC will also gladly take donations of any size toward the BioGem campaign of the giver's choosing. Of course, telling friends, neighbors, co-workers and family members about the potential despoliation of natural treasures is also a big help.

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Sisterhood Agenda
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St. John Christian Academy
St. John Community Foundation
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St. John Historical Society
St. John Montessori School
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P.O. Box 91, St. John, VI 00831

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Cheryl Francis Hosts Story Hour at E.I. Sprauve Library



Lt. Governor Greg Francis' wife Cheryl, standing far right, read to Giff Hill School first and second graders at Elaine I. Sprauve Library on Friday, October 26, as part of the library's story hour program. Francis read the book "I Like Myself" to the group in addition to several other selections.

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Photo by Jaime Elliott

Golf Tourney Raises \$7,000 for St. John Cancer Fund

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competitive, the day was about much more than how many shots it took to get the ball in the hole.

"There are already a number of patients who have requested funds from St. John Cancer Fund," said Hanley. "The money we raised goes to assist people on St. John who need help. And it's not just about money either."

St. John Cancer Fund is dedicated to helping St. John residents who are diagnosed with cancer. And while the group will assist residents' financial needs, officials are also gathering a list of citizens willing to help in many other ways, explained Enright.

"We're looking at all the different ways we can help someone who is dealing with cancer," she said. "We're going to put together a network of advocates and resources for those advocates. So if someone has a few hours one day a week, they could maybe walk someone's dog or go grocery shopping for them."

"We could have a network of people willing to help and the times and days they are available," said Enright. "Then when someone needs help, we'll have a whole list of people who can help."

The St. John Cancer Fund functions in concert with and in addition to the American Cancer Society, Enright added.

"This in no way negates anything that ACS does," she said. "The St. John Cancer Fund is another resource for people who have cancer, and it could function and help in many ways."

Some People on St. John, which organized the Charity Golf Tournament, is already planning to host a third annual tournament next October, Hanley explained.

"We learned a lot this year and have a 'Next Year' file already started," said Hanley.

The group also has some exciting ideas for different fundraisers throughout the year.

"Keep an eye out for more events by Some People on St. John," said Enright.

For more information about Some People on St. John, check out the group's Facebook page. For more information on St. John Cancer Fund, check out www.stjohncancerfund.org and also check out the organization's Facebook page.

ACC Flea Market Attracts Across the Board Attendees

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the children, the flea market would lack its breadth of scope and appeal.

The local media supported the flea market with advance announcements and ACC thanks St. John Tradewinds, Lynda Lohr of St. John Source, Buzz Radio, Love City Trader and WVG. N.

Thanks go to the staff of the animal shelter where Kate Webster, shelter manager, and her wonderful staff accepted and stored donated goods for weeks in advance of the flea market.

Thanks, also, go to Andrew Radcliffe who donated storage space for donated goods after the ACC storage trailer was packed to overflowing.

Vendors of all sorts of fascinating items such as plants, handmade jewelry, clothing, cosmetics, books, and beautiful handmade crafts also added to the excit-

ing ambiance of the fair. ACC thanks them for their participation.

It's not possible to know and thank everyone who contributed time and labor to the event. ACC hopes that those who worked without being named will understand that everyone is valued.

The beneficiaries of all this work can only express their appreciation through soft meows, little yips, purrs and vigorous tail waggings. Now that the flea market is over for another year, come visit the island's cats and dogs who wait all year for love. Perhaps some few of them will find a kind, "forever" home in someone's heart and at someone's home.

The shelter is located on the library road in Cruz Bay and is open Tuesday through Saturday, starting at 10 a.m. The shelter phone number is 340-774-1625. Call whenever there is an animal in need.

VIPD Commissioner White Urges Public To Have Safe Halloween; Parents Are Reminded of 10 p.m. Curfew for Minors

St. John Tradewinds

V.I. Police Department Commissioner Henry White Jr. last week asked the community to be safe as some residents observe Halloween.

"Unfortunately, some people use this observance as an excuse or cover for criminal behavior," White said. "Unlawful activities will not be tolerated and anyone observed pulling Halloween pranks will be prosecuted."

In past years students have thrown objects at school buses or other vehicles during the Halloween season, explained the commissioner, who sent a strong message to the youth and their parents.

"Throwing any object, eggs or rocks, at a moving vehicle, is classified as reckless endangerment which is a serious crime," said White. "This is not a harmless prank, it can cause a driver to lose control of their vehicle and cause a fatal accident."

Parents are reminded there is a 10 p.m. curfew for minors under 16. Minors violating the curfew will be taken into custody by VIPD and held until he or she is released

to the parent or legal guardian.

White also issued a warning to adults and teenagers celebrating Halloween by wearing masks that conceal their faces that they may be stopped by police and asked for identification.

"It's not an offence to wear a mask, however some people will use masks as a cover for their criminal behavior," White said. "If you are wearing a mask at a costume party, please take it off when you are on the public streets."

No one should supplement a Halloween costume with any type of toy weapon, including guns and knives, White added.

"Carrying replica weapons is risky behavior, these items can be easily confused for the real thing," said the VIPD Commissioner. "There is a real possibility that anyone carrying toy or replica weapons can be seriously hurt because of it."

Anyone wishing to report suspicious behavior during Halloween or at any other time can call the emergency dispatch number, 911.

White wished everyone a happy and safe Halloween.

Police Log

EMERGENCY NUMBERS!

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

Friday, October 19

10:30 a.m. - An Estate John's Folly resident c/r an assault. Assault in the third.

No time given - A citizen r/ damage to a vehicle at Trunk Bay. Damage to a vehicle.

No time given - A visitor from WI p/r that his rental car had been damaged by an unknown vehicle. Damage to vehicle.

7:50 p.m. - A Grande Bay resident c/r that someone stole her iPad from her balcony. Grand larceny.

9:07 a.m. - An Estate Upper Carolina resident c/r that he saw a shadow. Suspicious activity.

Saturday, October 20

7:45 a.m. - An Estate Upper Carolina resident c/requesting police assistance. Police assistance.

11:14 a.m. - A citizen c/r that her daughter was being disrespectful. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

Sunday, October 21

6:50 p.m. - A citizen c/r a grand larceny at the Annaberg parking lot. Grand larceny.

10:04 p.m. - A citizen c/requesting police assistance to check on her son. Police assistance.

Monday, October 22

10:50 a.m. - An Estate Chocolate Hole resident p/r that a woman took a package and refused to sign for it. Police assistance.

Tuesday, October 23

12:22 p.m. - A St. Thomas resident p/r that she had a verbal altercation. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

Wednesday, October 24

12:12 a.m. - A Coral Bay resident c/r loud music. Loud music.

9:40 a.m. - A citizen p/r that items were stolen from the area of Department of Tourism park. Grand larceny.

Thursday, October 25

3:22 a.m. - A visitor from Florida c/r that he was in an auto collision in the area of Giff Hill Road. Auto collision.

5:15 p.m. - Badge #1105 p/ at Leander Jurgen Command with one Malo Bolques of Estate Chocolate Hole under arrest and charged with grand larceny, possession with intent to distribute, resisting arrest and assault in the third. Bail was set at \$60,500 by order of the court. Unable to post bail he was detained at Leander Jurgen Command and later transported to the Bureau of Corrections on St. Thomas to be remanded.

Join Splash and Dash Each Saturday

St. John athletes are meeting each Saturday morning at Maho Bay beach for informal swimming and running. Anyone is welcome to join in the half-mile swim and three mile run. There are no times kept, just come out and have fun. Meet at Maho Bay at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday and bring goggles and running shoes.

Tax Clarification for Commercial Property

St. John Tradewinds

The Tax Assessor's Office is offering clarification to commercial property owners throughout the territory who received mailed notification of the collection of property data.

The property data is actually being collected for the 2011 operating year and not for the 2010 year as previously indicated. Accordingly, commercial property owners are advised to submit the requested Income and Expense Survey Form for operating year 2011, and all required documents to the Tax Assessor's Office by November 30.

The requested documentation, which includes rent, vacancy and expense information, will be added to a database of commercial market data that is maintained by the Tax Assessor's Office. All data submitted will be kept in the strictest of confidence in accordance with the law.

Title 33 Section 2405(b) of the Virgin Islands Code gives the Tax Assessor's Office the legal authority to request information relative to all real property that is either owned by an individual or for which they act as a partner, trustee, administrator, guardian or agent.

For more information contact the Tax Assessor's Office at 776-8505.

Crime Stoppers — U.S. Virgin Islands

St. John Tradewinds

Crime Stoppers is asking the community to continue to help law enforcement control crime. If anyone knows something, they should say something as the cost of all crime is ultimately paid for by the law abiding citizens of the community via higher prices and higher taxes. Even the smallest bit of information may be just what law enforcement needs to solve these cases.

St. John

On Sunday, October 14, at about 12 p.m., a man discovered that his home at Estate Adrian was broken into and ransacked. The burglar stole a Bose sound system which had an estimated value of \$400.

St. Thomas

On Tuesday, June 19, at about 7:45 p.m., a woman was walking home in the area of Anna's Retreat when a masked black male emerged from the bushes, pointed a handgun at her and demanded her handbag. The robber then ran toward Hidden Valley. In addition to the handbag, items stolen included her iPhone 4, an iPhone charger and a gold ring.

St. Croix

The V.I. Police Department is requesting assistance in identifying the individuals responsible for a series of burglaries throughout the island. Tell what you know, including the names of the people buying the stolen property, so police can put a stop to these crimes.

The minimum reward for the arrest of an armed robber is \$900. For the arrest of a burglar it is \$714. For the arrest of someone buying or selling stolen goods the minimum reward is \$536. In all cases the reward is increased by 10 percent of the value of stolen goods recovered. The maximum reward is \$2,500.

Only anonymous callers to Crime Stoppers are eligible for these cash rewards, which so far this year, have resulted in 27 arrests, the recovery of seven illegal weapons and more than \$22,000 worth of stolen goods. Thank you.

Please 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.

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.

Wednesday, October 31

— Volunteers are needed to remove invasive and undesirable vegetation at the junction of Kings Hill Road and Route 107, across from the dumpsters in Coral Bay. Volunteers are asked to meet at 8 a.m. on October 31 and wear heavy shoes, long sleeved clothing and bring gloves and bring water. For more details, call 776-2099.

— The Animal Care Center of St. John Shelter welcomes visitors and residents to the shelter on Wednesday, October 31, to taste free Halloween candies, enjoy the decorations and say “hello” to some of the shelter’s black Halloween kitties; and doggies, too.

Thursday, November 1

— Giffit Hill School’s EARTH program will be hosting a volunteer orientation meeting Thursday, November 1, at 1 p.m. for anyone else interested in volunteering in the garden, either with the students or on garden projects. Those interested should RSVP either via email to sarahhaynes@giffithillschool.org, or text to (340) 643-2273.

Friday, November 2

— Residents are encouraged

to take advantage of free flu shots available at Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center on Friday, November 2, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. For more information call 693-8900.

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.

Sunday, November 4

— The Unitarian Universalists of St. John meet every Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in the Great Room at Giffit Hill School Lower Campus. The celebration for Sunday, November 4, is “Sharing the Water of Life.”

Monday, November 12

— The Coral Bay Community Council is hosting its annual meeting and potluck on Monday, November 12, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at Miss Lucy’s Restaurant. Dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m. and a short annual business meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Friday, November 16

— “Giffit Hill School Gives Back” Community Service Day is Friday, November 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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- 65 Hellish performance of a slowish piece?
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- 79 Lacquer ingredient
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- 119 And others, briefly
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- 126 Take out — (do some borrowing)
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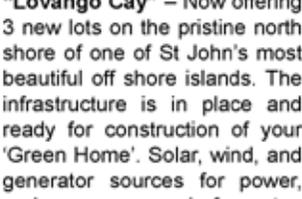
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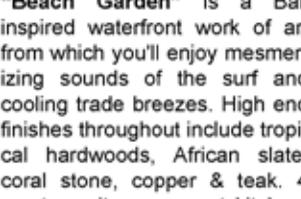
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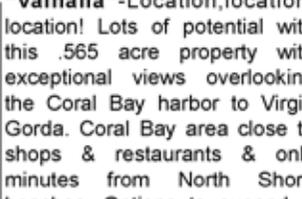
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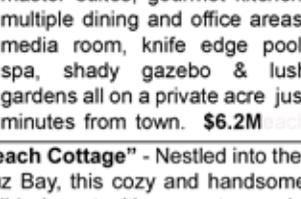
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The Virgin Islands Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (VI-EPSCoR) hosted 60 science professionals from across the country at a workshop through October 26.

The workshop, titled "Living on Earth III: Social-Ecological Systems Workshop 2012," or LOE III, provided an opportunity for researchers from the National Science Foundation's EPSCoR jurisdictions to gather and engage in research and scholarly dialogue. The workshop began on October 23.

LOE III addressed the need for effective integration of social sciences and natural sciences. It also addressed the need for effective integration of processes linking scientific knowledge and analytical approaches in social-ecological systems research.

LOE III continued the important work of two previous workshops — LOE I and LOE II — initiated and hosted by Alaska EPSCoR. The goal was to build science and research capacity in sustainability science across EPSCoR jurisdictions. Activities included experiential learning for coral reef resilience in the territory's waters.

VI-EPSCoR is a territorial program funded by the National Science Foundation and designed to build the territory's capacity for scientific research and education. It is housed at the University of the Virgin Islands.

For more information, contact VI-EPSCoR's Outreach and Education Coordinator Kaeche Liburd at (340) 693-1039 or kliburd@live.uvi.edu.

DeJongh Signs Order To Develop Charlotte Amalie

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Governor John deJongh, signed an executive order on Thursday, October 25, advancing a plan to revitalize downtown Charlotte Amalie and ensure the historic town's future economic vitality.

The order signed last week endorses a summary report called "The Town's Blueprint: A Vision and Code for Historic Charlotte Amalie." The community-supported report also established guidelines based on form-based codes that use the physical form of buildings as the organizing zoning principle.

"The Government of the Virgin Islands supports the efforts of the community-driven vision to preserve and restore the historic core of Charlotte Amalie as described in The Town's Blueprint and wishes to enable and encourage redevelopment in accordance with its Big Ideas," deJongh wrote in the executive order.

The Department of Public Works is concentrating on the enhancement of the town's infrastructure, while the Department of Planning and Natural Resources is revising its zoning and subdivision codes. The two government organizations are collaborating with the community to formulate a vision for the district incorporating its unique cultural and historical characteristics to ensure economic strength.

Advancing the vision was a grant from the Richard H. Driehaus Charitable Lead Trust issued to the Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands. That

grant will fund a pilot project to demonstrate how a public visioning process, and resulting form-based codes, could be used to benefit preservation efforts and lead to quality new development in the Virgin Islands, especially in the town of Charlotte Amalie.

The Driehaus Trust funding was used to contract with Dover Kohl, a firm actively engaged in the drafting and implementation of Form-Based Code zoning.

After the plan was printed and posted electronically, community workshops were hosted in March and November 2011 to review the draft illustrations and concepts and gather additional feedback.

In December 2010, the Virgin Islands government invited the public to take part in a series of events, called "charrettes" to establish a community vision for the future desired urban form of historic Charlotte Amalie. Residents, property owners, business owners, government staff and officials attended the presentations and design sessions.

The charrette process yielded several "Big Ideas" to guide development in the historic area, including plans to protect traditional building methods, transform the waterfront, connect pedestrian and transit networks and bring nightlife to the area.

The report was published in January 2012 and has been widely circulated. By using it as a guidance plan, future development will be true to the community vision, deJongh explained.

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