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Questions Remain About Federal Funds for Centerline Road Repair

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

As repair work to Centerline Road continues to be delayed, new questions are now swirling around the federal funds which have reportedly been in place for months.

Three years after heavy rains from Tropical Storm Otto undermined several sections of Centerline Road and seven months after a section of that road crumbled down the Carolina Valley hillside (see related story on page 3) there has been no sign of work in the area.

Department of Public Works officials initially blamed the delay on the painstaking process of filing for Federal Highway Administration funds. After more than two years, DPW's plans, specifications and estimates for the project were finally approved by FHA on May 23, 2013. Bid packages for the estimated \$1 million project were issued in mid-June and initially due by July 16. That deadline was extended an extra 60 days and Island Roads was chosen as the contractor in August.

Although work was supposed to begin in October, unspecified legal issues with the contract pushed that date back, according to Smalls, who declined to comment on the nature of those legal issues.

Last week Smalls said the contract had finally been executed, but could not be reached by *St. John Tradewinds* for more information. No sign of road work was seen in the area as of press time.

Adding confusion to this long-delayed project is a recent bill signed by Governor deJongh which appropriated \$500,000 from the St. John Capital Improvement Fund to DPW for road repair work on Centerline Road.

Despite the fact that DPW Commissioner Smalls said for months that federal funds were in place, the bill specified that the St. John Capital Improvement money was to be repaid when federal funds were made available in April.

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"Smalls said at the Legislature this past Spring and Summer that the repairs to Rte. 10 [Centerline Road] would be affected by federal funds in April. I felt that April was too late for such a high priority project, so I appropriated money from the St. John Capital Improvement Fund to get it done now, with the understanding that the money will be put back into the St. John Capital Improvement Fund."

— Senator at Large Craig Barshinger

Summer that the repairs to Rte. 10 [Centerline Road] would be affected by federal funds in April," said Senator at Large Craig Barshinger. "I felt that April was too late for such a high priority project, so I appropriated money from the St. John Capital Improvement Fund to get it done now, with the understanding that the money will be put back into the St. John Capital Improvement Fund."

"When the Governor signed this bill, TV2 did a story and got Smalls on the record acknowledging that this appropriation was an advance that will allow immediate commencement of repairs to Route 10," said Barshinger.

When reached for comment, Smalls "had no idea about the St. John Capital Improvement Fund," he said, and asked to be called later for further comment and additional information.

Repeated attempts by *St. John Tradewinds* to reach the commissioner were unsuccessful.

Although the status of federal funds remained unclear last week, even with the St. John Capital Improvement Fund allocation, however, there was no sign of road repair work on Centerline Road as of press time.

St. John Singers Holiday Concerts Scheduled for December 13 and 15

The St. John Singers, now in its 32nd year, will present two holiday concerts this season.

Choir director Janice Ballard has chosen music from a range of time periods and countries of origin. This season's concerts will include settings of traditional carols, classical and contemporary pieces, and an upbeat calypso Christmas tune. As always, the audience is invited to join the choir in a traditional carol sing-along.

Featured guest artists include Dr. Leroy Trotman, Clayton Emanuel, and Wendy Ramos, who will perform instrumental works for brass trio under the leadership of Dr. Trotman. Luba Dolgopolsky is the guest pianist for these concerts and will accompany the choir.

The first concert will be in Cruz Bay on Friday, December 13, at the Nazareth Lutheran Church. The second concert will be in Coral Bay at the Emmaus Moravian Church on Sunday, December 15.

Both concerts will begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$15 for adults and \$5 for children and will be available at the door.

The St. John Singers are dedicating this year's Christmas performances to the memory of long-time member Joyce Ballard.

All-Island Holiday Party Is Dec. 14

Mongoose Junction's 18th Annual All Island Holiday Party will be on Saturday, December 14, from 9 p.m. until 2 a.m.

This party has become a yearly tradition for full-time residents of St. John as well as many seasonal residents of the island. Sponsored by Mongoose Junction Merchants, Virgin Fire Bar and Grill, Sun Dog Café and Gecko Gazebo Bar, this year's party will feature local favorite band The Ish.

Cash bars will be set up throughout the festively decorated Mongoose Junction. Come celebrate the holidays with St. John! Adults only and island fancy attire, please. For more details, email michael@sundogcafe.com or michelle@paradisepanningusvi.com.

Bethany Moravian Church Hosting Pre-Christmas Dinner on December 14

The community is invited to join the Bethany Moravian Church at its annual Pre-Christmas dinner and fashion show on Saturday, December 14, from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$12 for children and are available at the door. For more information call (340) 776-6291 or email Opti93@yahoo.com.

SJHS Holiday Party Is December 14

On Saturday, December 14, at 5 p.m. on the terrace of the Estate Lindholm Guest House, the St. John Historical Society will welcome members and friends to A Celebration of the St. John Market Basket.

All are welcome to relax, enjoy the sunset, and savor an eclectic pot-luck while learning about the history and deep cultural significance of the island's iconic market basket. Attendees are encouraged to bring their locally made baskets to share with the group. Please bring hors d'oeuvres, dessert or a finger food for the pot-luck. There will be a holiday sales table, wine and punch, so come with friends and family, have a good time and help support SJHS.

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A section of Centerline Road near the Estate Upper Carolina subdivision, left, initially damaged more than three years ago, has been passable in only one lane for more than six months.

St. John Tradewinds News
Photo by Jaime Elliott

Rains Raise Fears of Centerline Road Collapse as DPW Continues to Drag Feet

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

More than three years after a portion of Centerline Road was undermined — and following months of promises from the Department of Public Works — nothing has been done to stop the island’s sole road connecting Cruz Bay and Coral Bay from continuing to crumble.

As heavy rains lashed St. John last week many residents feared Centerline Road would be washed out completely.

“The work was supposed to be started in October and the funds were supposedly in place,” said one resident who commutes from Coral Bay to Cruz Bay on Centerline Road. “I feel enraged and lied to. And it’s really scary especially with all the rain we’ve been having.”

Several sections of Centerline Road and at least one section of Fish Bay Road were undermined by heavy rains during Tropical Storm Otto in October 2010. DPW crews on St. John placed orange cones near the worst sections of Centerline Road and Fish Bay Road as officials applied for Federal Highway Administration funds to fix the roadway.

Two years of delays were blamed on the lengthy FHA appli-

cations process, according to DPW Commissioner Darryl Smalls.

Heavy rains this past May sent a section of Centerline Road near the Estate Upper Carolina subdivision tumbling down the Carolina Valley hillside. Since then, the partially blind corner has been passable only in one lane.

Following months of pleas and petitions, in July DPW officials installed signage and speed bumps on either side of the compromised roadway and erected a berm around the crumbling section of Centerline Road.

DPW’s plans, specifications and estimates for the road repair project were finally approved by FHA on May 23. Bid packages for the estimated \$1 million project were issued in mid-June and initially due by July 16. That deadline was extended an extra 60 days and DPW finally chose Island Roads as the contractor in August.

Sometime during the three year process of completing the FHA application, the Fish Bay Road section seems to have been scrapped from the overall project.

DPW Commissioner Smalls pledged that work on the crumbling section of Centerline Road would begin no later than the end of October, a date which passed with no sign of road repair activ-

ity.

In early November, Smalls blamed the delay on unspecified legal issues with the government contract.

“I had anticipated that the contract would have been signed and executed but there was a legal issue that has now been resolved,” DPW Commissioner Smalls said the first week of November.

At that time, the DPW Commissioner said the contract would be executed “any day.”

“I anticipate the contract to be executed and signed any day,” Smalls said the first week of November. “The contractor knows the importance of the project and has a number of items in place so he can get started as soon as possible.”

Despite those assertions, the month of November passed with no sign of repairs to Centerline Road and no explanation for the delay from DPW.

Following multiple phone calls from *St. John Tradewinds*, on Wednesday, December 4, Smalls said the contract was finally ready to be executed.

“The contract is fine; I just need to tell you when they’re going to start,” Smalls said, and asked to be called later when he had more information.

Subsequent phone calls to Smalls from *St. John Tradewinds* were not returned by the DPW Commissioner and as of press time there was still no sign of work on Centerline Road.

At this point many residents are simply fed up with DPW.

“This is infuriating to me,” said a resident who asked to not be identified. “They said the money was there and they said they would start this work months ago. They’ve just been lying to us over and over again.”

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2013 RAIN DATA at Trunk Bay (Courtesy of Rafe Boulon)

MONTH:
NOVEMBER 2013

10.44 inches

AVERAGE
NOVEMBER

6.92 Inches

TOTAL Y-T-D
48.89 Inches

Y-T-D AVERAGE
44.52 Inches

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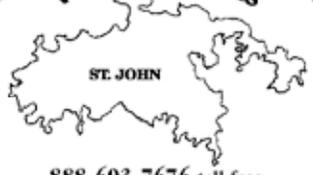
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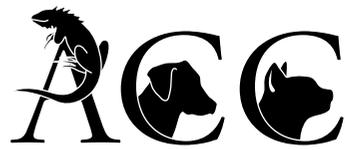


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17th Annual Julius E. Sprauve School Gala Is January 18 at Caneel Bay

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Get ready for one of the most hotly anticipated events of the year where guests support one of the most worthy causes on St. John; education.

The 17th Annual Julius E. Sprauve School Gala is Saturday, January 18, at Caneel Bay Resort's Terrace Grill. The event kicks off at 6 p.m. with cocktails followed by dinner and dancing.

This year's theme is "Colors of the Rainbow Flowing Together, Growing Together, Celebrating Diversity and Unity."

Tickets, which often sell out quickly, are for sale for \$100 each. There are also \$10 and \$25 raffle tickets for the chance to win gift certificates to local restaurants and shops, hotel stays and more. The night will also feature both a live and silent auction for guests to bid on an array of exciting prizes.

"Our raffle drawings are responsible for a large portion of the funds raised each year," said JESS Principal Dionne Wells. "The exciting, high energy atmosphere that is generated during this part of the evening's events has always provided great entertainment and fun to all our attendees. They will be on sale at various locations in Cruz Bay as well as the school office until January 17, 2014."

Guests can also expect to be amazed by the talent-

ed students who will perform at the gala, explained Wells.

"Be prepared to be dazzled with student performances, captivated by the many prizes that are being auctioned, surprised by the raffle ticket winners, serenaded by the wonderful live music and enchanted by the ambiance," she said. "No more sit down program. There will be featured presentations at different times throughout the evening."

JESS officials are hoping to raise \$100,000 at this year's gala, which will be used to improve the school's music and playground areas, according to Wells.

"Music, as they say, is soothing to the soul and our children can use music to guide them through the many avenues of learning; however, in order for them to learn music we need to purchase new instruments," said the JESS Principal. "For our elementary students, a playground would encourage more structured playtime for them instead of the normal run around the field and campus. All of our goals are designed to make it better for our children."

Support the St. John public elementary and middle school and enjoy a night of dancing to live music at the beautiful Caneel Bay Resort at the 17th Annual JESS Gala on Saturday, January 18. For more information call the school at 776-6336.

Fifth Grade at GHS Gives Back To STJ Cancer Fund



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Students at Giff Hill School recently took part in the fourth annual campus-wide Giff Hill School Gives Back.

Classes from first grade through twelfth grade participated in community service projects from washing V.I. Police Department cars to cleaning out kennels at the St. John Animal Care Center shelter.

The 5th grade class, above, hosted a fundraiser for the St. John Cancer Fund and was able to raise \$870.86 for the local non-profit organization.



St. John Tradewinds News Photos Courtesy of Valerie Sims and Copyright Creque Family Archives

Fascinating photos of Estate La Mesure will be featured at the December 10 St. John Historical Society meeting.

Photos from 1920s-1950s Take Center Stage at SJHS December 10 Meeting

St. John Tradewinds

The St. John Historical Society's December meeting on Tuesday, December 10, at 7 p.m. at the Bethany Moravian Church Hall, will feature a captivating presentation by member Valerie Sims, who will share a wealth of rare family photos and recollections of Life

at Estate La Mesure from the 1920s to the 1950s.

At the conclusion of her presentation, Sims will offer helpful tips on compiling unique family histories based on the various documents, photos and written materials that many people have. Members and guests are warmly welcomed.

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2nd Place - Calabreeze

Over 40' boats

1st place - Botox Barbie
2nd place - Levana

Under 40' boats

1st place - Cloud Nine
2nd place - White Album
3rd place - Zephyr
4th place - Southern Breeze
5th place - Kaya

Multi Hull

1st place - Yee Haw

SATURDAY CREWED RACING PHRF

1st place - Botox Barbie
2nd place - Desperado
3rd place - Osprey
4th place - Reality Switch
5th place - Ruffian
6th place - Serena

Laser class

1st place - Missy Muilenburg
2nd place - Rafe Muilenburg

Gaffers

1st place - Buxom II
2nd place - Calabreeze

Multihull

1st place - Little Wing
DNF - Yee Haw

Pursuit under 30'

1st place - White Album
2nd place - Southern Breeze

Pursuit 30 to 40'

1st place - Odege
2nd place - Zephyr
3rd place - Cloud Nine
4th place - Kaya
DNF - Sally IVth

Pursuit over 40'

1st place - Kalina
2nd place - Levana
3rd place - Colibri
4th place - Katama

Botox Barbie, White Album, Odege, Kalina, Buxom II Win Classes in 32nd Annual Thanksgiving Regatta

St. John Tradewinds

The Coral Bay Yacht Club hosted the 32nd Annual Thanksgiving Regatta Friday and Saturday, November 29 and 30.

A total of 24 boats entered the two-day racing event, which featured single-handed sailing on Friday and crewed sailing on Saturday. The Thanksgiving weekend event is one of the oldest continuously run regattas in the Virgin Islands. The race is a benefit for the volunteer youth sailing program St. John Kids and the Sea (KATS).

The regatta was headquartered at the primary sponsor's location, Skinny Legs Bar and Restaurant in Coral Bay. Plenty of quality Cruzan Rum was on hand at all of the after parties and at the awards ceremony, thanks to the other main sponsor, Premier Wines and Spirits.

Even though the Thanksgiving weekend weather was very windy and squally, the boats all managed the course in good times.



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Racers round Le Duck island, above, with winds strong enough for the tall ship Silver Cloud, below.



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IGBA Announces New IGLA Group with Focus on Sustainable Island Living

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As the Island Green Building Association approaches its 10th anniversary in 2014, the local non-profit that works to promote sustainable and environmentally responsible development and construction in the Virgin Islands has decided to expand its mission and broaden its membership.

IGBA is proud to announce the creation of the Island Green Living Association, which will act as a larger umbrella organization, allowing the non-profit to focus on wider solutions for the issues facing St. John, including loss of natural resources, mounting waste and recycling challenges, crippling energy costs and economic uncertainty.

With the creation of IGLA, the group hopes to brand St. John as a "green tourism retreat" and tackle other issues by joining forces with the public and other organizations to develop sustainable living programs.

IGLA will continue to run the popular Green Thursdays Seminar series, and is excited to announce its brand new Green Villa Program, which aims to address the impact of the approximately 1 million people who visit St. John each year.

IGLA hopes to preserve and encourage the villa rentals that represent a significant component of the island's economy while addressing the fact that vacationers who stay in the island's estimated 1,000 villas each year freely use electricity and water; purchase food and other commodities; produce large



The new logo for the new organization dedicated to solving wider issues facing St. John.

amounts of solid and organic waste, gray water, and recyclable materials; and create potential pollution caused by vehicles, poor land use, and inadequate septic systems.

The Green Villa Program offers guidance to guests and rewards to villa owners who take steps to make their vacation rental more environmentally friendly. The program seeks to encourage vacationers to take part in keeping St. John green.

IGLA members believe that through their new Green Villa Program, the non-profit can significantly reduce the impacts of visitors to the environment and foster a world view of St. John as a "green island," encouraging sustainable tourism and a sustainable future.

In addition to the Green Villa Program, IGLA plans to establish a Green Business membership

program, as well as a Sustainable Living Center at the current site of the ReSource Depot.

IGBA will continue as an important component of IGLA, with plans to expand the ReSource Depot, promote the Residential Tropical Green Building Certification Program and get a glass crusher up and running for the island.

There are also plans in the works for IGLA to foster green jobs and green business opportunities with the development and operation a state-of-the-art Resource Recovery Facility for island-wide recycling and recovery, a large-scale composting area for organic waste, and a native plant nursery.

For more information on IGBA, IGLA, or the Green Villa Program, or to help support the association, visit www.igbavi.org, or contact IGBA Executive Director Barry Devine at (340) 514-3532.

Fifth Annual Reindeer Run December 22 at Annaberg Lot

St. John Tradewinds

The St. John Landsharks present the Fifth Annual Reindeer Ramble Christmas Run on Sunday, December 22, at Annaberg parking lot. This fun 5K run will give all the reindeer, elves, and of course Santa, a much needed warm-up for the big day!

Registration begins at 7:30 and the race starts at 8 a.m. on Sunday December 22.

Donations are not required, but will be greatly appreciated given in the form of pet food or treats and will benefit the St. John Animal Care Center.

Meet at the Annaberg parking lot. Parking is limited, please "sleighpool" with other elves and reindeer

if possible.

Participants are encouraged to show their Christmas spirit by donning hats, antlers, tinsel, ornaments, etc. There will be a prize for most creative costume. Jingle bells will be distributed to tie onto shoelaces for an added touch of whimsy.

The course is from Annaberg to Big Maho then back to Annaberg. There will also be a Kids Short Course for the little reindeer. The event will feature fun Christmas themed prizes and awards as well as sweets and treats for everyone!

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GBS Career Fair featured professionals from WTJX, WAPA, V.I. Fire Department as well as local marine biologist Dr. Caroline Rogers.



Students Hear from Pilot, Marine Scientist and Ride a Bucket Truck at Career Fair

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Students at Guy Benjamin School took a break from classes on Thursday, December 5, to hear from local professionals about their exciting careers during the Coral Bay public elementary school's annual Career Fair.

WTJX Production Supervisor Robert Wilson talked to students about much more than the in's and out's of running a public broadcasting company.

"It's important for you all to have a positive attitude," Wilson told students gathered in the school's library. "It's important

for you to do well in school and to have a positive attitude."

Marine Biologist Dr. Caroline Rogers with the U.S. Geological Survey shared a slide show of her impressive underwater photography in a nearby classroom. Rogers showed students pictures she took while snorkeling in local waters,

showing everything from a conch to an octopus.

Rogers also had several marine animal plush toys, which were a big hit with the GBS fourth grade class, as the marine biologist discussed the importance of coral reef and mangrove health.

Private pilot Shawn James de-

lighted students as he showed them images of Cessna planes and discussed how fast and how far the different air crafts could fly.

"Ooh, I want to fly that," was heard from many students in the second grade during one of James' presentations.

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An outlook on young adult and student interests and concerns
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Black Friday

St. John Tradewinds

Although Black Friday has already passed and we are now on our way to Christmas, there's something that is still bothering me.

It all started the day before Thanksgiving. I was sitting in our living room watching TV while just a few feet away, my mother stood busy cooking for the impending feast. While enjoying the aromas of the food cooking, I was snapped to awareness by a commercial on TV.

It was for a store that had opted not to wait until midnight to start their seasonal sales. They made the decision to have their Black Friday begin the day of Thanksgiving instead of the traditional time for it (between midnight of Thanksgiving and the early morning hours of the following day).

Even though Thanksgiving was a little over a week ago, the anger I felt at that store still resonates with me. How dare they be so money hungry! They would stoop as low as pulling people away from Thanksgiving, just to start their Christmas shopping early?

On a certain level, I've always had more respect for Thanksgiving than Christmas. It is a day that has always been about spending time with friends and family, and has not been completely dominated by commercialism like Christmas has.

Now bear in mind, I don't necessarily have any grudges against Christmas. I celebrate it every year like many other people in the world. It's just that as I've gotten older I've noticed certain negative behaviors and patterns that occur around this time of year (which I intend to delve into later with a different column).

One of these patterns happens to be Black Friday;

it goes the same each year. During November they show a myriad of Thanksgiving themed commercials until the day of, my family enjoys each other's company and food, we put it away, and while my brother and I rest my parents prepare to go to war.

I remember Black Friday being the scariest day of the year for me; even worse than Halloween. I spent the entire day nestled in front of the TV with a look of pure horror on my face as I watched the latest news stories. Deaths, people who were trampled, people who were robbed, people who were beaten up, and all this occurring during the so called "Happiest time of the year."

I would sit and anxiously wait for my parents to finally walk through the door. Not to bug them about what they purchased, but to make sure they were unharmed! To this day, I still remember the heartbreaking story of an elderly woman's plight during Black Friday. She camped outside of her local mall like all her neighbors just to buy her grandson an Xbox 360. After several hours of waiting, she finally purchased it, then returned home. While standing directly in her driveway a man with a knife stopped her, stole the console, then ran off with it. This happened several years ago, and I still can't believe that a person would resort to robbing an elderly woman, just to give someone a gift (or to give himself a gift, I guess he could have very well just wanted it for himself).

Horrible acts of desperation like this occur every year during Black Friday. All this negativity surrounding this day still did not deter the store from their decision. They put profit over the families and wellbeing of their customers, and this makes me nearly sick to my stomach.

Westin's Shamir Joseph Named Hotel Associate of Year

St. John Tradewinds

Westin Resort and Villas officials last week announced that Guest Relations Manager Shamir Joseph, was recently awarded the prestigious 2013 U.S. Virgin Islands Hotel Associate of the Year Award.

The award was announced at the 12th Annual Tommy Star Awards and Gala and was presented by the USVI Hotel and Tourism Association on November 16.

Joseph was awarded the U.S. Virgin Islands Hotel Associate of the Year Award based on his demonstration of excellent customer service, pride in his work and knowledge of the USVI's hospital-



Shamir Joseph

ity industry.

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viding the best Caribbean experience for our guests in St. John," said Mike Ryan, Westin Resort and Villas general manager. "He is both an ambassador for our island and a delight for our guests."

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Donate to Philippines Relief Fund at Coral Bay Garden Center

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

When Typhoon Haiyan devastated the Philippines on November 8, it was 300 miles across and was recorded as one of the most intense tropical storms to ever make land-fall anywhere.

As new information of the suffering, loss of life, and forced relocation of hundreds of thousands of people, continues to emerge, St. John farmer and owner of Coral Bay Garden Center Josephine Roller has launched a local fundraising campaign.

Roller, a native of the Philippines, is donating 20 percent of all garden sales during the month of December to the Filipino American Association of St. Thomas/St. John. She is also accepting outright donations of cash and checks for the organization.

While Roller's family in the Philippines is safe, she has many friends, among countless villagers, who have not been heard from, she explained.

"All of the help is going to the main city, but there are so many small towns that you are not seeing footage from that were just



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Stop by Coral Bay Garden Center during the month of December where owner Josephine Roller, above, is collecting money and donating a portion of the garden sales to a Philippines relief fund.

washed away," said Roller. "I am doing this to help out. We need to help."

Coral Bay Garden Center, on King's Hill Road, is open daily

from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information about donating to the Filipino American Association of St. Thomas/St. John, call Dora Tira at (917) 742-5411.



*Memorial Services to
Celebrate the life of
Vicky Pedersen*

Sunday, November 24, 2013, 3:30pm
St. Croix Country Club, Frederiksted, St. Croix, VI

Sunday, December 8, 2013, 2-5pm
Salon Estem, 490 Crescent Blvd, Glen Ellyn, IL

Sunday, December 15, 2013, 5-6:30pm
S/V Kekoa, St. John, VI

Vicky Ann Pedersen of Frederiksted, St. Croix passed away peacefully in her brother and sister-in-law's Dupuyer, Montana home on November 1, 2013. She was 49. Vicky was born in Chicago, Illinois on April 7, 1964 to Robert and June Pedersen. She graduated from Glenbard West High School in Glen Ellyn IL in 1982, 20th in her class and already an accomplished cross country runner. She graduated from Northwestern University in Evanston, IL with a BA in anthropology in 1986.

Vicky moved to St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands in the fall of 1986. On St. John, she became an esteemed yoga instructor, massage therapist, realtor and owner/operator of her own vacation rentals. In 2004, Vicky moved to Frederiksted St. Croix and purchased a Danish Parsonage

built in the 1800s. She worked tirelessly to renovate the property and developed a successful vacation rental business featuring yoga, massage and the well-attended Jasmine Manor Concert Series. Vicky ran the Chicago Marathon in 2008 and the Boston Marathon in 2009.

Vicky is predeceased by her mother, June Pedersen. She is survived by her father, Robert Pedersen; her brother and sister-in-law, Virgil Pedersen and Laura Miller; her sister, Susan Pedersen-Wilson; niece and nephew, Melissa and R.J. Wilson and so many friends and extended family members too numerous to mention.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Cancer Support VI, St. John Revolving Fund or hospice care in your area are much appreciated.



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Nogueira Showcases Automata at Bajo Show



St. John Tradewinds News Photos by Jaime Elliott

Kim Nogueira and Steve Simonsen kicked off Bajo el Sol's season with the first artist's opening of the winter. Simonsen featured luscious water-focused photography on canvas while Nogueira, above, displayed both traditional jewelry and wearable, movable automata jewelry.



ISLAND GREEN LIVING

by Lovango Cay resident Dan Boyd

Non-Business Energy Credits Not Expiring

St. John Tradewinds

Lately there has been a lot of talk about the expiration of federal tax credits for residential energy systems such as photovoltaics (solar panels), solar hot water systems, and wind generation systems.

This 30 percent investment tax credit for commercial and residential solar energy systems began in 2006, and the program has been extended several times since then.

I have seen ads that claim that the tax credits are expiring at the end of 2013, so you need to act now to get in on that money.

Well, it is not so!

These federal tax credits for solar energy, small wind turbines, and geothermal heat pumps do NOT expire until December 31, 2016. If you go online to EnergyStar.gov and click on "Tax Credits," you can read for yourself that these tax credits are not expiring this year.

On the residential tax credits page on EnergyStar.gov, I found the following information:

Tax Credit: 30 percent of cost with no upper limit

Expires: December 31, 2016

Details: Existing homes and new construction qualify. Both principal residences and second

homes qualify. Rentals do not qualify.

Requirements: At least half the energy generated by the "qualifying property" must come from the sun. The system must be certified by the Solar Rating and Certification Corporation (SRCC) or a comparable entity endorsed by the government of the state in which the property is installed.

Note: The credit is not available for expenses for a swimming pool or hot tubs. The water must be used in the dwelling.

Photovoltaic systems must produce electricity for the residence and must meet applicable fire and electrical codes.

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Gabriella Brand Speaking Dec. 15 at UU

Gabriella Brand will speak on Patterns at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of St. John Service on Sunday, December 15, at 10 a.m. at the great room at Gift Hill School's Lower Campus.

Brand is a writer, educator and counselor. A former school head, she now directs Synapse Education International.

ACC Christmas Open House Is Dec. 18

Don't miss the St. John Animal Care Center's Christmas Open House on December 18 at the group's animal shelter on Library Road in Cruz Bay.

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- April: Faith Based Outreach (STX)
- May: Faith Based Outreach (STT)
- June: Faith Based Outreach (STJ)
- July: People's Court Watch Training (STT/STJ)
- August: DVSAC Yard Sale Fundraiser (STX)
- September: Trauma Informed Conference (STX/STT/STJ)
- October: Purple Ribbon Campaign & Open House (STX/STT/STJ)
- November: People's Court Watch Volunteer Training (STX)
- December: Self-Care & Wellness Training (STX/STT)

To all the victim service providers, advocates, care givers, law enforcement agencies and concerned citizens working to preserve a healthy and viable community by reducing the incidences of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault:

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A quaint studio style cottage with footings in place for a main house and pool awaits at Coqui Cottage, above.

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Coqui Cottage Offers a Tranquil Setting and Expansion Opportunity

By Jaime Elliott
 St. John Tradewinds

Anyone dreaming of a little peace and tranquility nestled on an oversized lot near a lush greenbelt, might just find the perfect place in Coqui Cottage.

An open-plan studio-style home with one bathroom, Coqui Cottage is for sale for \$372,500, explained Holiday Homes broker owner Miles Stair.

The home is located on more than a half an acre in Estate Fish Bay in a quiet area with mature trees, Stair explained.

"The cottage is bordered by greenbelt and the beautifully treed location is peaceful and serene," said Stair.

Despite feeling worlds away from it all, Coqui Cottage is located in the convenient neighborhood of Estate Fish Bay, Stairs added.

"This cottage's Fish Bay location is on a paved road not far from Cruz Bay and all the North Shore beaches just beyond," he said.

The cottage itself is a masonry structure with a generous main room where a cozy bedroom and reading area are currently found. A bright and cheery kitchen is located beyond a partial wall in the cottage and includes a small dining area as well. Coqui Cottage also boasts a full bathroom.

"The cottage is all masonry and is a super cute

studio," said Stair. "Coqui Cottage has been rented short-term to many happy guests."

Several large windows and a sliding glass door in the main living area provide plenty of air and sunlight in the cozy cottage.

Outside Coqui Cottage, find a tiled deck and a spacious area for al fresco dining.

And there are plenty of possibilities for people looking to expand at Coqui Cottage, explained Stair.

"There are already footings in place for a main house and pool," he said. "Expansion plans matching the footings will make for an easy build-out."

A new owner could either call Coqui Cottage home or rent it out while building the main house, according to the Holiday Homes broker owner.

Or new owners could keep the quaint cottage just as is for themselves, Stair added.

"Coqui Cottage is a great starter cottage," said Stair.

With a price that takes home ownership on St. John out of the millionaire league, Coqui Cottage is a peaceful studio home nestled on a nicely wooded lot not far from the shopping, dining and nightlife of Cruz Bay.

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 – The staff of *St. John Tradewinds*

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12th**

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Shootings: 1	Shootings: 0
Stabbings: 0	Stabbings: 0
Armed Robberies: 1	Armed Robberies: 0
Arsons: 0	Arsons: 0
1st Degree Burglaries: 3	1st Degree Burglaries: 1
2nd Degree Burglaries: 3	2nd Degree Burglaries: 2
3rd Degree Burglaries: 40	3rd Degree Burglaries: 23
Grand Larcenies: 72	Grand Larcenies: 66
Rapes: 1	Rapes: 1

Crossword Answers — Puzzle on Page 20

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Letters To St. John Tradewinds

Waterfront Is Chaotic, Disorganized and Unsafe

I had cautiously hoped that through the earlier news of Governor deJongh's decision to move the operation of the waterfront parking spots from our Taxi Drivers to VIPA, that just maybe the chaotic, unsafe, disorganized, pathetically poor first customer impression of St. John at our main dock might finally be moving forward in a positive manner!

Alas, once again, the politically powerful Taxi Drivers who "runs tings" (and badly!) at our Cruz Bay Waterfront area are to again "have their way."

Why in God's name do we allow our main entrance way and impression of St. John to our hospitality industry to be so "inhospitable" and, more importantly, such a public safety issue?

Why do we spend millions of dollars on enticing guests to visit our islands and then treat them so badly once they arrive at our Cruz Bay dock because we are totally disorganized and badly managed?

Again, I have personally spent years, yes years, trying to help resolve this major, glaring issue as a concerned citizen, yet the same problem continues to exist. The fact is that it is compounded with rental car companies taking their Jeeps down to park early for guests arriving at the end of the day.

Will we only respond when a crisis like someone getting run over because of the chaos there, especially at high season? We also put VIPD in a really "tough position" as there are some people on this island who feel they can do what they want when they want.

I have heard repeatedly, "You know we do things our way on St. John, Bonny."

Sadly this is true and what it is doing is truly undermining this entire community and our values.

In fact, it is fair to say that "bad behavior" is too often rewarded! And we wonder where our young people are learning inappropriate behavior?

Take a look at our villa management rental industry, the large number of them and the 10 percent hotel taxes that are paid. Add to that the money spent at restaurants, renting jeeps, grocery stores, etc., the list is very long. Why doesn't this government better support an industry that is the backbone of our island?

As a villa manager, I hear repeatedly from guests that they plan on staying away from Cruz Bay town because of this dock "chaos." Many guests have travelled all day and are tired; ditto for villa cleaners and meeters. This time at the dock is horrendous to endure.

There are too many people; there is too much yelling and honking; and "round and round in circles driving" looking for a way to help guests lug their luggage. This will escalate as season nears, just as it usually does. And once again-nothing constructive has been planned. This is so disappointing and counterproductive to good customer service.

There have been many solutions made to address this issue, again, for many years now. Nothing is done. We wonder why people get "fed up" with trying to impact positive change here. It appears that a few people or groups' interests regularly and repeatedly outweigh the highest good of all for the island of St. John.

How can we change this? There is only one way: People must pressure those running for election to consider either geographical districting so that a "punch list" of "must do's" can measure the work our senators in our Legislative Branch, the supposed "People's House."

Until this is done, I have very little hope for this island to truly represent St. John residents and their needs.

A new Senator at Large can't do it. That in itself is a "crazy" position and it insults St. John residents as very little can ever get done with this elected official representing all islands!

That would be like rearranging the furniture on the Titanic. Until this island can have a say in what is best for this island, we will not grow and develop properly.

The fact that our only island road from Coral Bay to Cruz Bay, Centerline Road, is crumbling and we have tried to bring this issue to the front with little action to date — three years later — is pretty well the way that problems are resolved here.

This is not acceptable to me or many others. Neither is this supposed "newest" "solution" to the ferry Dock "chaos."

Yes, we have made some progress: the new parking area; the roundabout; and the new youth Pine Peace basketball court. But why does it have to take so many meetings and so much time to finally get things done here? Why do we have to spend so much money and time on meeting after meeting after meeting and then again different branches of Government in their many meetings to impact simple common sense problems (and of course spending way too much money talking the problem to death and in power struggles within the government branches)?

I just keep thinking how frustrating it is that this present system of Government and its lack of effective or management simply keeps "shooting itself in the foot." That certainly seems to be one constant in the 30 years that I have lived here.

Is anyone listening out there? If so, please voice your concerns. You are needed if there is to be any hope for St. John to have a voice and get back "on track" so we can start somehow developing faith in Government.

**Bonny Corbeil,
St. John**

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There will be no issue published on Monday, December 30

Letters To *St. John Tradewinds*

Greiving for CJ



A young man passed away the other day,
so suddenly his smile was spirited away
When the morning sun brightened the sky,
Mother and Father had only tears to cry
Wife and daughter who had held him so dear,
with outstretched hands pulled him near
Sister and Brother who were born of the same love,
now seek their solace from the heavens above
The moment of death so suddenly appeared,
leaving little time to allay all that he feared
While his love and soul still hovered around,
the lightness of his being escaped the ground
No longer his touch or embrace to feel,
His loss is so hard you fall to a kneel
You know he is there but no eyes can see,
what now is a spirit so joyously free
When alone in our sorrow we cry many tears,
so lonely for him we pray he appears
No time to settle all the things that we regret,
we are left to remember what we want to forget
But dawn is the time our sorrow will understand,
that each time the sun rises he offers his hand

– Andy Rutnik

Vision

Without a vision, the people perish. This paraphrase was taken from the Bible and accurately describes the fate of two meetings that I've attended recently.

In one, the people were happy, enthusiastic and looking forward to the future. They were congratulating each other on past accomplishments and gearing up for the push ahead.

The other meeting was filled with fear, uncertainty and blame as persons were struggled with a mess caused by a lack of vision. Many people believe that just getting up and doing the work will get the job done. However, without a vision, careful planning and checks and balances, many organizations will start strong but lose momentum and die over time. Ideas are only profitable if they can be linked with the right leadership who will then sustain them with long-term policies.

There are some visions that people will buy into right away and others that will take a while for folks to comprehend and understand. The true test is wheth-

er you have enough people to support the endeavor while it is being tested. In the short-term, folks with different visions will ply our ear waves with messages about their futures.

They will seek to entice us with words that sound good and pictures that look appealing. Can we really hope in their vision? Is there a bright tomorrow for St. John? Will there be a majority willing to reinvest?

Oh yes, St. John is a big draw in that tourist and business sectors, but will we commit to its long-term sustainability? Which candidate has the courage, stamina, morals and vision for this task?

In my earlier statements, one group saw the future and was ready. The other saw the present was sad. Which one will we be after the next elections? Only time will tell, but beware, the vision doesn't have to be popular. It has to be right.

Amen,
Emmanuel Prince

Correction:

The cutline accompanying a photograph of lamb chops being cut on page 17 in the December 2 issue of *St. John Tradewinds* included incorrect information. Mathayom Private Chefs/St. John Catering won best entree at Flavors of St. John.



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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

Divine Worship 10 a.m., except second Sundays start at 9 a.m., 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

**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

Freshwater Church

Sunday Service 10 a.m.; Monday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
Thursday Women's Bible Study 9 a.m.
Saturday Men's Bible Study 10 a.m.
Follow us on Facebook for Locations or call (340) 514-6578

Jehovah's Witness

7:30 p.m. Tuesdays; 7 p.m.
Saturdays (Español), 10 a.m. Sundays,
340-715-053

Missionary Baptist Church

9:30 a.m. Sunday Services, 10:45 Worship,
Tuesday 7 p.m. Bible Study 693-8884

Nazareth Lutheran Church

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

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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

St. John Methodist Church

Sunday 10 a.m, 693-8830

Seventh Day Adventist

Saturdays, 779-4477

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.
Bible Class on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. 777-6306

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

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

Cruz Bay Landing Opens at Frank Powell Park



St. John Tradewinds News Photos by Kelly Morris

After months of renovations to the former JJ's Texas Coast Cafe restaunt just off Frank Powell Park, Cruz Bay Landing opened last week to rave reviews already.



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CRYPTOQUIP

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Today's Cryptoquip clue: A equals S

New Map, Guidebook Hit Island



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

The 2014 editions of *St. John Map*, *St. John Guidebook* and *St. John Activity and Road Map*, all owned by Denise Barbier and Jennifer Knowles (third and second from right) were released last week. The duo posed with members of their publication team.

(L to R) Dianne Tarr, Kate Norfleet, Ashley Ladlie, Elaine Penn, and Lee Stanciauskas, during a cocktail reception at Ocean Grill on Thursday evening, December 5.

Friends of VINP Celebrates 25 Years with Visitor Center Expo

St. John Tradewinds

Friends of VI National Park is celebrating its 25th anniversary this month and in recognition of this important milestone, the group is hosting a 25th Anniversary Exposition at the National Park Visitor Center December 19 to 21.

Friends will take the opportunity to thank the community, its members and the V.I. National Park while showcasing the history of Friends and its accomplishments over the past 25 years.

The celebration will kick off on Thursday, December 19, with a reception, displays, cocktails and

appetizers from 5 to 7 p.m. The reception will be hosted by Friends board members, staff and national park officials including VINP Superintendent Brion Fitzgerald.

The exposition will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, December 20, and from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, December 21.

Please join Friends of VI National Park as it celebrates 25 years of its mission to protect and preserve the natural and cultural resources of VINP and promoting the responsible enjoyment of this unique national treasure. All are

welcome and the event is free of charge.

Also as part of the 25th anniversary celebration, The Friends of the Park Store is offering a 25 percent discount each Saturday and Sunday through December 22 to current Friends members as a token of appreciation for their support. The Store is also offering a \$25 discount to the general public on Friends license plates (both numbered and vanity plates) during December.

For more information call Karen Vahling at 779-4940 or email kvahling@friendsvinp.org.

AARP, SBA Offer Free Entrepreneur Workshop for People Ages 50+

St. John Tradewinds

In May 2012, the Small Business Administration and AARP entered into a strategic alliance to provide Americans over the age of 50 with the real-world information they need to start and grow a small business.

For many 50+ individuals, entrepreneurship training is the toolkit that empowers them to use their experience, knowledge, and skills to become job creators. In addition, entrepreneurship training focuses on helping experienced professionals leverage their career.

In continuation of this alliance, AARP is pleased to announce the second workshop in the series on Tuesday, December 10. AARP Virgin Islands, will be teaming up with SBA, to host an Encore Entrepreneur event in the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Training Center, Sion Farm, Christiansted, St. Croix and video conferenced live with the UVI Administration and Conferencing Center in St. Thomas from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

AARP continues to create real possibilities by connecting professionals with the information and practical guidance they need to start or grow a small business.

As part of this Encore Entrepreneur Workshop, AARP and SBA are teaming up with viNGN and ConnectSpace.vi to offer assistance to participants seeking to create an online business. The three hour workshop is designed to give the participants the insight into how to effectively become a telework contractor. The workshop will include information about a look into the future of work and the potential for the USVI, where the Telework opportunities for Virgin Islands residents are and about starting an online business.

The VI Small Business Development Center will present an overview on the logistics of being a business owner, i.e. business licensing and registration, business planning, etc.

To register for this event call SBA at (340) 776-3206.

Annual Serenade

Dec. 25th, 2013 5:30am

Contact to bring a dish or drink item.

Loren (340) 513-2159 • Monique (340) 690-1622

Frank Powell Park in Cruz Bay

Be a Part of this Festive Tradition!
Feel free to walk with instruments and sheet music!

St. John Tradewinds Business Directory

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islandgetawaysinc.com
kathy@islandgetawaysinc.com

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or locally at 340-779-4486

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Sub-Zero, Wolf, Bosch, Viking

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inventory

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P.O. Box 1228, STJ, VI 00831

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debbiehayes@debbiehayes.com
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info@holidayhomesVI.com

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Recent Rains Raise Fears of Centerline Road Collapse

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Senator at Large Craig Barshinger's office has been logging in-coming complaints about the condition of Centerline Road and DPW's stalling since February 2012, according to the senator.

Barshinger's office made a formal request to DPW for the status of road repairs on February 14, 2012. The office received no reply from DPW.

At a Committee on Finance meeting on September 24, 2012, Barshinger questioned Smalls on the record regarding what was at that time eight months of run-around about Centerline Road repairs. Again the senator got nowhere.

"On September 24 2012, I confronted [DPW] Commissioner Smalls in Chambers, on the record, regarding the eight months of run-around, informing him that the log of attempts to obtain information by a senator on behalf of the public was not complimentary to the DPW," said Barshinger. "He [Smalls] asked for a copy of that log. We supplied it in St. Thomas Chambers in under 10 minutes."

"After that Finance hearing, he nonetheless continued to ignore the requests," said Barshinger.

The Senator at Large, a St. John resident, knows

full well the importance of Centerline Road, which is vital to residents in Coral Bay for work, school, worship, emergency services and more.

"We have repeatedly pointed out that the washed out portion of Route 10, Centerline Road, is a hazard on a daily basis, with the potential to wash out in a flood, leaving it impassable," said Barshinger.

The next step might be for the Legislature to subpoena Smalls to answer questions about the project delays, according to the Senator at Large.

"My office has kept up the pressure, but he [Smalls] has broken promise after promise for information and action," said Barshinger. "I have written to Senator Capehart, suggesting that the next step is a subpoena to appear before the Committee on Government Operations — of which she is chair and I'm vice-chair — to respond under oath to questions about roads and striping territory-wide."

A date for that meeting has not yet been set, Barshinger added.

In the meantime, residents continue to fear for the condition of Centerline Road as repairs continue to be delayed without explanation.

"Look at this rain," said one Coral Bay resident. "It's scary and it's infuriating."



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Private pilot Shawn James, above, shows students the display panel inside of a Cessna plane during GBS Career Fair.

GBS Career Fair

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James discussed different mechanisms on different airplanes and showed students images of the inside of different cockpits. There are certainly quite a few GBS students who are now dreaming of becoming a pilot one day.

Members of the V.I. Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services hosted demonstrations in the GBS basketball court area. Students helped to transport a mock victim and had the chance to hold a fire hose as it sprayed water on the nearby field.

Officials from the V.I. Water and Power Authority were on hand showcasing both main aspects of the public utility. WAPA Environmental Lab Supervisor Randa DeSuza discussed water and water treatment

with students, who enjoyed looking through the microscope she brought along to GBS.

WAPA's electric crew set up outside on the field, however, hosted what was certainly the most exciting presentation of the day.

After learning all about how WAPA's bucket trucks are designed to ensure operators' safety, the students had the opportunity to climb aboard for a ride. Riding along with a WAPA employee, students took turns climbing into the buckets and taking in the impressive views as they were lifted about 70 feet into the air.

While it was definitely difficult to compete with WAPA bucket truck rides, students enjoyed hearing from all the of the different professionals who took part in the annual GBS Career Fair.

Answer to Dec. 8 Cryptoquip:

THE RESTAURANT HAD A PRESSING
NEED FOR ITS FAMOUS GREEN PASTA
SAUCE, SO THE CHEF MADE SOME PESTO
PRESTO.

VI Energy Office Offering Wind Measuring Devices for Loan

St. John Tradewinds

The V.I. Energy Office recently initiated a program to allow residents to verify the adequacy of the wind resources at their prospective sites before making an investment in a wind energy system.

The Wind Anemometer Loan Program's goal is to spur small-scale wind development in the territory. Anemometers are wind measuring instruments used to collect wind data that can be used to determine the feasibility of installing wind turbine equipment at a specific site.

To ensure that the installation of a wind turbine is worthwhile at any location, the wind resource should be measured exactly at that location. Wind resources can vary over short distances. Trees, hills, buildings all have an effect on how much wind reaches a certain place. Although wind resource maps are helpful, they are not always precise.

Wind anemometers will be available for loan throughout the territory. They will be loaned to residents for a 12-month period, based on availability and selection criteria. VI Energy Office will assume responsibility for funding for transporting the anemometers, their installation and permitting. VI Energy Office will also maintain them and be responsible for collection of the data.

For more information about the program, contact Carl Joseph at (340) 714-8436 ext. 4304 or Patricia Lord at (340) 713-8436 ext. 3603. The program is made possible with assistance from the U.S. Department of Energy's State Energy Program.

PFA Board To Meet December 10

St. John Tradewinds

Governor John deJongh will convene a meeting of the Board of Directors of the V.I. Public Finance Authority on Tuesday, December 10, at 11 a.m.

The meeting will be at the PFA Office, No. 32-33 Kongens Gade, St. Thomas, VI.

For more information contact Angel Dawson at PFA at 714-1635.

Police Log

LAND LINE: 911 CELLULAR: 340-776-9110

POLICE DEPT: 340-693-8880 / FIRE: 340-776-6333

Friday, November 29

7:55 p.m. - A citizen c/r requesting police assistance in the area of Mongoose Junction. Police assistance.

10:58 p.m. - A citizen c/r loud music in the area of Coral Bay. Loud music.

Saturday, November 30

2:25 p.m. - A St. Thomas resident p/requesting police assistance to retrieve some items from a male. Police assistance.

3:19 p.m. - A citizen c/r loud music in the area of Estate Upper Carolina. Disturbance of the peace.

4:46 p.m. - An Estate Carolina resident p/r that he damaged his vehicle. Damage to vehicle.

5:57 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident c/r that she was involved in an argument with her brother. Disturbance of the peace, threats, D.V.

6:40 p.m. - A Guinea Grove resident c/r that he was involved in an argument with his girlfriend. Police assistance.

10:08 p.m. - A citizen c/r a disturbance with her boyfriend. Disturbance of the peace.

Monday, December 2

10:50 a.m. - A citizen c/r that her father locked her out of the house. Police assistance.

1:08 p.m. - A citizen p/r that her wallet and cell phone were stolen. Grand larceny.

5:03 p.m. - An Estate Fish Bay resident c/r a D.O.A. D.O.A.

6:10 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident c/r that a male was at his residence creating a disturbance and threatening him. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

Tuesday, December 3

11:10 a.m. - A citizen c/r that he lost his cell phone in the area of Cinnamon Bay. Lost cell phone.

12:35 p.m. - A citizen c/r a disturbance in the area of Cruz Bay. Disturbance of the peace.

5:28 p.m. - A citizen c/r requesting police assistance to remove items from her boyfriend's house. Police assistance.

5:36 p.m. - A citizen c/r that she was attacked in the area of Wharfside Village. Simple assault.

6:00 p.m. - A citizen p/r that someone is lying about him. Slander.

8:20 p.m. - Badge #1161 p/ at Leander Jurgen Command with one Ivan Penn of Estate Pastory under arrest and charged with Simple Assault. His bail was set at \$1,000 by order of the court. He was detained at Leander Jurgen Command and later transported to the Bureau of Corrections on St. Thomas to be remanded.

Wednesday, December 4

4:40 p.m. - A St. Thomas resident p/r that he was assaulted and threatened by a female in the area of Cruz Bay. Simple assault.

Friday, December 5

2:54 a.m. - A citizen c/r a disturbance in the area of Cruz Bay. Disturbance of the peace.

2:54 a.m. - A citizen c/r that her purse was stolen with her ID's, passport and cell phone in the area of Cruz Bay. Grand larceny.

1:13 p.m. - A citizen p/r that he was in an auto collision in the area of Estate Chocolate Hole. Auto collision.

VIPD Safety TIPS

VEHICLE SAFETY TIPS

Common sense tips to use everywhere — at home and on vacation

Never leave your keys in your vehicle or step away from your vehicle when it is running

If possible, avoid driving in areas known for criminal behavior

Be alert to any activity near your car and pay attention to your surroundings

Making our Community a Safer Place to Live, Work and Play
These safety tips are brought to you by the VIPD and the St. John CIT



1-800-222-TIPS (8477)

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Help Our Community be Safe

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Crime Stoppers empowers you, the law abiding citizens, to make your neighborhoods, schools and businesses safer by reporting information while remaining anonymous; and yes, thanks to you, the community, we are seeing a reduction in crime.

Please continue to speak up. If you know something, say something and help get the rest of the criminals off our streets. Even the smallest bit of information may be just what is needed.

St. John

On Tuesday, November 22, during the day, someone entered

Villa #148 Estate Chocolate Hole and stole \$800 from a wallet that also contained IDs and credit cards. Help police identify the thief by telling us what you know about this incident.

St. Thomas

On Wednesday, November 27, at 7:20 p.m. in the area of Lima's Laundry, a man in the company of several other men was shot when a vehicle entered the parking lot and the occupant(s) opened fire on him. Neither the victim nor the witnesses were able to provide a description of the vehicle or the shooters. Help put a stop to these shootings by

telling us what you know about this shooting.

Please continue to help make our community a safer place to live by submitting information on these or any other crimes at www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org or by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or by texting "USVI" plus your message to CRIMES (274637). Your tips are completely anonymous, and our stateside operators speak several languages.

The minimum cash reward for the arrest of a homicide suspect is \$1,500. For the arrest of an armed assailant it is \$900.

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.

December 13 and 15

— Mark those calendars; the St. John Singers will present two holiday concerts this Christmas season. The choir will perform at the Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cruz Bay on Friday, December 13, and at the Emmaus Moravian Church in Coral Bay on Sunday, December 15. Both concerts will be at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for students, and will be available at the door.

Saturday, December 14

— The community is invited to join the Bethany Moravian Church at its annual Pre-Christmas dinner and fashion show on Saturday, December 14, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$12 for children and are available at the door.

— On Saturday, December 14, at 5 p.m. on the terrace of the Estate Lindholm Guest House, the St. John Historical Society will welcome members and friends to A Celebration of the St. John Market Basket.

— Mongoose Junction's 18th Annual All Island Holiday Party will be on Saturday, December 14, from 9 p.m. until 2 a.m.

Sunday, December 15

— Gabriella Brand will speak on Patterns at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of St. John Service on Sunday, December 15, at 10 a.m. at the great room at Gift Hill School's Lower Campus.

Sunday, December 22

— The St. John Landsharks present the Fifth Annual Reindeer Ramble Christmas Run on Sunday, December 22, at Annaberg parking lot. This fun 5K run will give all the reindeer, elves, and of course Santa, a much needed warm-up for the big day! Registration begins at 7:30 and the race starts at 8 a.m. For more information email Louise Wearmouth at louise@surfbvi.com

Wednesday, December 18

— The St. John Animal Care Center's Christmas Open House is on December 18 at the group's animal shelter on Library Road in Cruz Bay.

Saturday, January 18

Mark those calendars for January 18 from 6 to 9 p.m. when the St. John Animal Care Center will host its annual Winter Gala at the Hall House in Estate Chocolate Hole.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

All meetings are now open. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 6 p.m. Nazareth Lutheran Church, Cruz Bay; Thursday 7 a.m. Nazareth Lutheran Church, Cruz Bay; Sunday 9:45 a.m., Hawksnest Bay Beach; Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 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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- 20 Top-grade
- 21 Say hi, in modern slang
- 22 Baa maids?
- 23 Jungle guy who loves high points?
- 26 Corn-on-the-cob units
- 27 Farming prefix
- 28 Italian gold
- 29 Input info
- 30 Formal letter
- 32 System of pontiffs
- 35 Plea from an allergic person to a pair of gloves?
- 37 Christmas quaff
- 38 Piebald pony
- 39 Auld lang —
- 40 Fan setting
- 41 Period of constant change?
- 44 Wrap-up
- 46 Derby, e.g.
- 49 "I'll do it"
- 50 V precursors
- 53 Young baby
- 57 Request that one attend
- 61 Glassware for a burial urn?
- 64 — serif
- 67 Seized vehicle, often
- 69 Actress Talbot
- 70 Eye narrowly
- 71 From — Z
- 72 Luxury watch moving counter-clockwise?

- 75 "... — penny earned"
- 76 Numerous
- 78 Swamp plant
- 79 Mermaids' realms
- 80 Preowned
- 81 Take sailor Drake for oneself?
- 84 Edifice tops
- 86 Altar boy
- 87 Letter-shaped hardware bit
- 89 "— it!" (cry upon arrival)
- 93 Copy cats
- 94 Miami loc.
- 97 Writer Haley holding a grudge?
- 101 Down dinner
- 104 See 106-Down
- 107 Swimmer Janet
- 108 Family guy
- 109 Cuban revolutionary who loves cereal?
- 113 Twinkling
- 115 Part of EDT
- 116 Jethro —
- 118 Alias letters
- 119 "... — it Memorex?"
- 121 Stud money
- 122 Chem lab reaction all over again?
- 126 Hershey toffee bar
- 127 "Milk" co-star Hirsch
- 128 Old music halls
- 129 "It pleases me!"
- 130 "Baseball Tonight" airtel
- 131 Kinds
- 132 Hawk's home
- 133 Ecstasy

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- 1 Bi- x four
- 2 It may hold Old Glory
- 3 Admiral who captured

- New Orleans in 1862
- 4 Old U.S. postal mascot
- 5 "Pro" vote
- 6 Pop's — and the Waves
- 7 Joint emcees
- 8 Prop- or hex- ender
- 9 Part of ROM
- 10 1982 Pryor/Gleason comedy
- 11 First hit for the Police
- 12 Boat wood
- 13 Meek as —
- 14 Biblical lion's den survivor
- 15 Tilting board
- 16 Be in store
- 17 Vivacity
- 18 New Jersey county west of Hudson
- 24 "I swear it!"
- 25 Water lily leaves
- 31 — Poke (candy on a stick)
- 33 Church projections
- 34 Anchor
- 36 Finger count
- 37 Grid org.
- 42 Dec. 25
- 43 Bad-check abbr.
- 45 Genetic helix
- 46 Actor Ed
- 47 Not anxious
- 48 Classified notice, e.g.
- 51 Hip (to)
- 52 Harvard or Yale: Abbr.
- 54 City in Texas
- 55 German automaker
- 56 "Science Guy" of PBS
- 58 "H.R. Pufnstuf" producer Sid or Marty
- 59 — Aviv
- 60 "Fidelio," e.g.
- 62 Summers, in Sedan

- 63 Seen less
- 64 Respectful bow
- 65 Immediately
- 66 "Some other time"
- 68 Plow team
- 72 Classic theater name
- 73 Domino's shape: Abbr.
- 74 — Tomé and Príncipe
- 77 Salt, in Sedan
- 80 Plebes' sch.
- 82 Mediator, for short
- 83 Deli creation
- 85 Initial
- 88 "— yellow ribbon ..."
- 90 Belgian king who abdicated in 2013
- 91 Frameworks over oil wells
- 92 Lead-in for skeleton
- 95 Tyler of "Jersey Girl"
- 96 Poet France
- 98 Handheld plug-and-play diversions
- 99 Delivers a lecture to
- 100 Seminal '40s computer
- 101 Nonresident doctor
- 102 Survey info
- 103 Tank topper
- 105 Main points
- 106 With 104-Across, 1/24 of a foot
- 109 — and desist
- 110 Actor Tom
- 111 Prevent, in law
- 112 Opponent
- 114 "— the Girls I've Loved Before"
- 117 Writer — Hubbard
- 120 Patsy Cline's "— Got You"
- 123 Dunk
- 124 Lyric verse
- 125 Leaf vein

Classifieds

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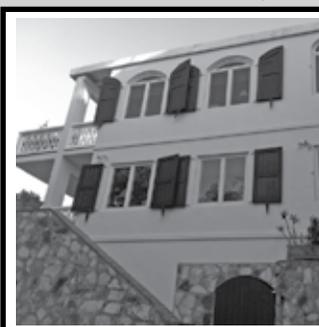
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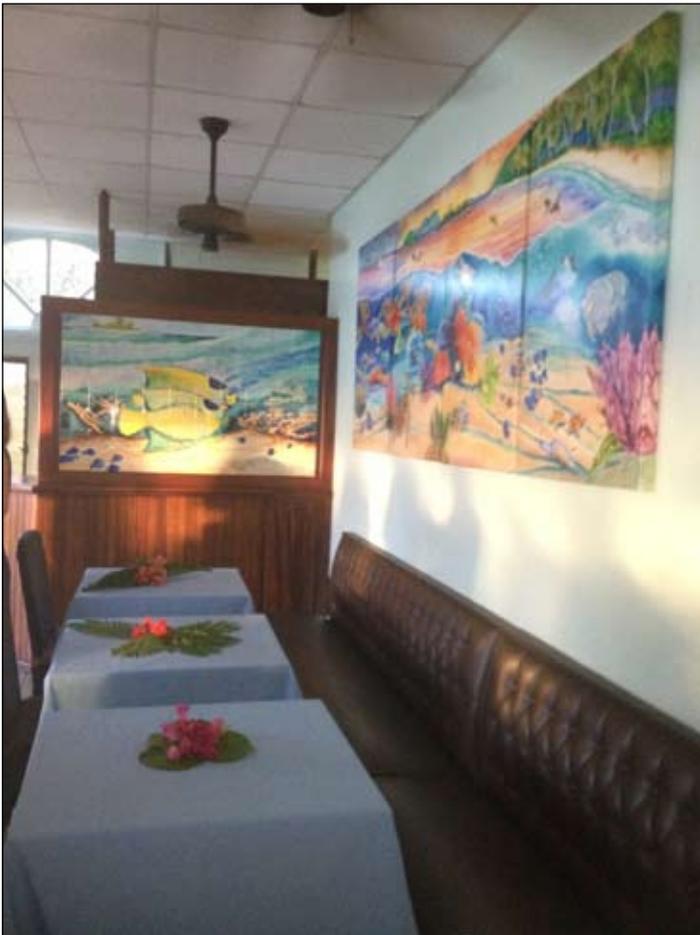
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