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St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Mares Crane

“Lovely” at Anchor Off Frank Bay

St. John resident Mares Crane snapped this photo last week after enjoying the view of several mega yachts anchored off shore of Frank Bay. Beautiful Caribbean weather has enticed quite a few yachts to inlets around St. John recently.

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Herculés Pate ReOpens After Fire and Rebuilding



Arthur Herculés celebrates the impending opening of his roadside food stand by sharing a pate with a longtime customer. An August 25, 2010 fire gutted the structure, but Herculés' new food stand is bigger and better than ever, and he's set to begin serving up his famous pates this week. With the shiny new digs comes more upscale offerings: duck is one of the foods Herculés lists on his new menu.

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"Most Dangerous Man in America" Film Screening Set for April 5

The St. John Film Society will screen "The Most Dangerous Man in America: Daniel Ellsberg and the Pentagon Papers," on April 5 at 7:30 p.m. at St. John School of the Arts.

The 92-minute film by Rick Goldsmith and Judith Ehrlich was nominated for a 2010 Academy Award as Best Documentary Feature. Ellsberg narrates his own true story in about 1971, when he was a leading Pentagon Vietnam War strategist who concluded the war was based on decades of lies.

He leaked 7,000 pages of top-secret documents to "The New York Times," a daring act of conscience that led directly to Watergate, President Nixon's resignation and the end of the Vietnam War. Goldsmith and Ehrlich will be present following the screening to answer questions. The program is funded in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

IGBA Meets April 6: Solar Technology

Gary Udhvani of EcoInnovations V.I. will speak at the next Island Green Building Association meeting on Wednesday, April 6, on the second floor of The Marketplace.

Stop by at 5 p.m. for refreshments and listen to Udhvani's presentation from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Udhvani will showcase solar panels with individual Micro-inverters which monitor themselves and send data to computers.

Other products include solar hot water heaters, pool pumps, and street lights. VI Solar Rebates will be explained to show how these systems can be installed at 50 to 70 percent of cost to reduce or eliminate WAPA bills.

A \$500 discount certificate will be given to IGBA members and associates attending the meeting. Other methods of solar energy and WAPA's plans for the future will be discussed as well. All are welcome to this free seminar. Call 227-1110 for more details.

GBS Afterschool Program Event Apr. 11

Guy Benjamin School students taking part in the 21st Century Grant After School program will host a culminating event on Monday afternoon, April 11, starting at 4 p.m. at the elementary school in Coral Bay. Students will show the skills they have mastered throughout the program, from ballroom dancing to tumbling.

SJHS Meeting on April 12 To Take Unique Look at Danish West Indies

The St. John Historical Society invites everyone to the Bethany Moravian Church Hall for a unique look at the Danish West Indies on Tuesday, April 12, at 7 p.m.

Mike Sheen, a St. Thomas antiques collector and shipwright, has amassed more than 100 antique stereoviews of the Danish West Indies from the mid-19th century. These 3-D images, when created in the 1800s, were truly high tech items!

Sheen will present a brief history of the development of stereoviews, explain how the 3-D images are created, and discuss the rise and fall of the popularity of this form of home entertainment. He will also bring his collection of stereoview images and about a dozen stereoviewers, from hand-held to large table models, for a not-to-be missed hands-on experience.

Rev. Kingman Is Guest Speaker at UU

The Unitarian Universalists of St. John meets at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday in the great room at Giff Hill School. The guest speaker for April 17 and 24, is Rev. Sue Kingman. The topic for April 17 is "Moved by Music" and for April 24 is "An Impossible Story."

Drainage, Lighting, Fencing and Handicapped Space Problems Delay Opening of Enighed Pond Parking

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Although the parking lot at Enighed Pond Marine Facility looks just about complete, don't expect to use the area any time soon.

The planned 151-space parking lot on V.I. Port Authority land was expected to open in the next few weeks and relieve some of the congestion in overly-clogged Cruz Bay. The lot was designed by St. Thomas-based architecture firm deJongh and Associates and the \$998,450 contract was awarded to Wharton Smith, which was expected to work just two months on the project before the lot would open.

Issues with handicapped parking, fencing, drainage and lighting, however, combined with a lack of additional funding to fix the problems, have indefinitely delayed the opening of the lot.

"The reason the parking lot is not open is because they have to address the drainage situation, the Americans with Disabilities Act parking area, fencing and lighting," said St. John Administrator Leona Smith.

Fencing in the area must comply



St. John Tradewinds News Photo File

While the Enighed Pond Marine Facility parking lot looks almost ready to welcome 151 cars, several major issues must be fixed before VIPA opens the much-anticipated lot.

with U.S. Coast Guard Homeland Security requirements, explained Smith.

"Fencing is a situation with the Coast Guard in regards to Homeland Security," Smith said. "The

entire Enighed Pond area needs to have eight-foot fencing. The six-foot fence they put around the parking area has to come down."

While removing the fencing does not seem like a difficult en-

deavor, there is a lack of funds to complete the work, according to Kate Norfleet, St. John board member of the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce.

Norfleet discussed the parking

lot situation last week with Robert deJongh, managing partner of deJongh and Associates, who drew the plans and is overseeing the project.

"The six-foot fencing was installed to match what was already in place around the barge dock area," said Norfleet. "Coast Guard informed VIPA that all of the perimeter fencing, including the barge area and not just the parking lot, had to be upgraded to eight-foot fencing, presumably a TSA requirement."

"Funding is not established from what I understand," Norfleet said.

Drainage problems in the area are nothing new, but apparently weren't dealt with before the lot was laid out and now there is no funding to install new drainage pipes, according to Norfleet.

"The drainage on the street at the corner across from the tennis courts has to be fixed," she said. "As you all know, the entire intersection floods badly when it rains due to blocked lines which are beyond repair. The line does not have enough pressure to keep it clear of sediment."

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No Damage Expected from Lobster Boat Grounding

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

A 30-foot lobster boat drifted into the rocky shoreline off the north side of Mary's Point in the V.I. National Park around 10 a.m. on Tuesday morning, March 29.

While no one was injured and the area is not home to much sensitive coral, officials believe a ruptured fuel tank on the vessel might have dumped about 50 gallons of diesel fuel into VINP waters.

After receiving a call of distress the morning of March 29, U.S. Coast Guard and VINP officials arrived on the scene to find the MV *Rosaly* taking on water just off Mary's Point around the point from Francis Bay on the island's north shore.

St. John Rescue personnel also responded to the emergency, but their assistance was not needed, according to VINP Superintendent Mark Hardgrove.

The lobster boat had been taking on water and the four men aboard were trying to deal with that situation when they drifted into the rocky shoreline of

Mary's Point, Hardgrove explained.

Sea Tow arrived shortly after the VINP officials and using three flotation bags, mariners were able to float the *Rosaly* to Independent Boat Yard in Red Hook, St. Thomas, the VINP superintendent added.

VINP officials will conduct a damage assessment soon, but don't expect to see much damage, according to Hardgrove.

"As far as we know, no coral was damaged in the area," said the VINP superintendent. "We have the GPS coordinates of where they ran aground and we'll get out and see what, if any, damage there is."

The shoreline and sea bottom in the area consist mostly of rocks, according to VINP's Chief of Resource Management Rafe Boulon.

"It is really just a rocky shoreline there," said Boulon. "There could be some fire coral scattered about, but we don't think there is really much in the area."

USCG officials planned to inspect the vessel on St. Thomas and determine why it was taking on water, according to officials.

2011 RAIN DATA at Trunk Bay

MARCH

1.06 inches

AVERAGE

1.57 Inches

TOTAL YTD

2.95 Inches

AVERAGE YTD

7.04 Inches

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Data from the latest Homeless Count, at right, details the number of residents living on the streets across the territory.

V.I. Homeless Unsheltered Count 1-29-11

	No. Counted	Dom. Viol.	HOVADS	Mentally Ill	Sub. Abuser	Veterans	Chronically	Disabled
St. Thomas								
Black Male	131	3	2	14	41	9	79	0
Hisp. Male	8	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
White Male	15	1	0	2	2	0	7	1
Asian Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Blk Female	23	1	1	1	2	0	6	1
Hisp Female	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Whi Female	4	2	0	0	4	0	2	0
Asian Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Female	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0
STT Totals	193	7	3	18	48	17	101	2
St. Croix								
Black Male	62	0	0	14	49	2	73	10
Hisp. Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
White Male	6	0	0	1	3	0	4	1
Asian Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Male	15	0	0	0	0	0	14	0
Blk Female	19	0	1	2	8	0	18	2
Hisp Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Whi Female	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Asian Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Female	4	0	0	1	3	0	4	0
STX Totals	140	0	1	18	60	2	114	14
St. John								
Black Male	10	0	0	0	7	0	2	4
Hisp. Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
White Male	15	0	0	0	0	1	4	4
Asian Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blk Female	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Hisp Female	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
Whi Female	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Asian Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Female	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
STJ Totals	30	0	0	0	17	2	12	8
V.I. Totals	363	7	4	36	126	19	227	34

Number of Homeless People on St. John Climbs to 30, According to Latest Count

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

The number of St. John residents without homes grew from 25 to 30 over the past two years, according to the latest count.

About 10 volunteers took part in the biennial homeless count on January 29, canvassing both Coral Bay and Cruz Bay. The count is a requirement of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development which funds local homeless assistance organizations, according to Shelley Williams, director of Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, St. Thomas/St. John (COAST).

"HUD funds local homeless assistance planning networks called Continuums of Care," said Williams. "The primary responsibility of a CoC is to organize and deliver housing and services for people who are homeless in each community. HUD requires CoCs to undertake a community-wide effort to collect information on the number and characteristics of individuals and families experiencing homelessness on a single night."

"These one-night counts, called point-in-time counts, must be conducted at least every other year — in odd calendar years — during the last 10 days in January," Williams said. "The PIT count also includes estimates of particular homeless subpopulations, such as chronically homeless people, veterans, and unaccompanied children."

The numbers are needed in order for local organizations to receive federal funding to help homeless residents, explained St. John Community Foundation executive director Celia Kalousek, who volunteered for the effort.

"In order to get funds from the federal government for homeless programs, we need to do these counts," said Kalousek. "Once the numbers are in, then the federal government decides how to dole out the money to help the homeless."

The weekly soup kitchen at Nazareth Lutheran Church hall is one example of how federal funding helps homeless residents on the island.

"Non-profit agencies are unable to assist our homeless without proper funding," said Williams.

During the count, homeless residents are asked how they ended up in their present situation and whether or not they are substance abusers, mentally ill or disabled.

Of the 30 homeless residents on St. John, more than half identified themselves as substance abusers and almost half deemed themselves as chronically homeless, Williams explained.

"Chronically homeless people are defined by the Interagency Council on the Homeless as continuously homeless for a year or longer, or having had at least four homeless episodes during the last three years," she said.

Of the 30 homeless residents counted on St. John, seven said they were victims of domestic violence, 17 said they were substance abusers, two said they were veterans, eight said they were disabled and 12 identified themselves as chronically homeless.

Homeless counts were also conducted on St. Thomas and St. Croix on January 29. On St. Thomas a total of 193 homeless residents were counted and on St. Croix there were 140.

While the figures on St. John were the lowest in the territory, when the total population of the island is taken into consideration, the picture is grim, according to Williams.

"The number is not as high as I thought, but if you consider the size of the population, St. John has more homeless per population size than both St. Thomas or St. Croix," Williams said.

Taking part in the homeless count made Kalousek realize how vulnerable residents are to ending up on the street, she explained.

"It was an amazing experience," said the SJCF executive director. "Most of the people I talked to started out with a medical accident and then couldn't go to work and then couldn't pay rent and ended up homeless. I would say that 50 people I know are one medical accident and two paychecks away from homeless, including me."

VIFD Responds Quickly to House Fire at Mare Blu

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Although the main pod of her house Mare Blu was gutted by fire last week, Teri Ackerman couldn't bestow enough compliments on the V.I. Fire Department.

"The fire department was absolutely unbelievably wonderful," said Ackerman. "Not only did they respond very quickly but they did no damage in the house putting out the fire. They were as nice and as helpful as they possibly could be."

"We residents of St. John are so lucky to have such a dedicated and professional fire department," Ackerman said. "I can't thank them enough."

While no one was injured in the blaze, guests were staying at Mare Blu, a rental villa in Rendezvous Bay, when a pod housing an indoor kitchen and living room as well as an outdoor kitchen and living room caught fire sometime

early Saturday morning, March 26, according to Ackerman.

"I had renters in there and apparently what happened is they were burning citronella candles and using those bug coils and apparently they were not entirely extinguished before they went to bed," said the home owner. "There is a big outdoor area which is kind of an outdoor living room area and there is couch with sunbrella-type cushions. They were burning the citronella candles and the bug coils and they weren't out and the thing ignited."

The sleeping renters weren't the ones to discover the fire, according to Ackerman.

VIFD officials at the Cruz Bay station were alerted to the fire around 5 a.m. on Saturday morning by neighbors, the homeowner explained.

"The call came in around 4 or 5 a.m. early Saturday and no one was injured thank goodness," she said.



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A pod, housing indoor and outdoor living areas, above center, caught fire quickly at Mare Blu in Estate Rendezvous.

"We have neighbors who have dogs and their dogs woke the owners up and those neighbors called the fire department. That tells you too how wonderful people are on this island."

Ackerman believes that the lit candles were not in proper containers, she added.

"People must be sure that all candles are extinguished before going to bed or leaving the house,"

she said "And things should not be burning unless they are in proper containers. I have heavy glass hurricane lamps, but those citronella candles were not in those lamps."

While facing a complete rebuild of her pod containing the main living quarters of the house, which was just completed last year, Ackerman continued praising the VIFD.

"I really can't thank them enough for what they did and how they helped me," she said. "They went above and beyond and they were just so nice and professional. They really need to be given credit for this."

"People need to know how lucky they are to have such a great Fire Department," said Ackerman. "Fires are rare occasions, but the Fire Department could not have been any better. Everyone should know that our Fire Department is full of unbelievably dedicated people."

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The VINP archaeology lab, above, will be shuttered for four months as it undergoes extensive renovations.

Archaeology Renovations Underway; Lab Expected To Reopen In Four Months

By Andrea Milam
 St. John Tradewinds

A years-old plan to renovate the V.I. National Park Archaeology Lab at Cinnamon Bay has finally been set in motion. VINP Archaeologist Ken Wild and his team began moving out of the historic beachfront building last week in preparations for work to begin.

“The contractor just got the order to proceed, and they’re starting to act on it,” said Wild.

Florida-based contractor OTAK was selected to do the renovations, along with a few other ruins stabilization projects throughout the park.

The most exciting part of the renovations is the transformation of the lab into a user-friendly walk through time, Wild explained.

“We want it to have a good flow, so a teacher can walk in there with her class and take her students all the way through the history of St. John,” he said.

Analysis of artifacts found on the island will continue at the center of the museum, providing students and other visitors with a firsthand look at archaeologists at work. Interns will also be on hand to answer questions and help maintain the exhibits, which Wild expects will change frequently.

Taino artifacts found at the resource-rich Cinnamon Bay site are being recreated by local pottery artist Gail van de Bogurt for display at the archaeology lab.

In addition to the artifact display aspect of the renovations, the historic building will get a complete facelift as well. The modern concrete floor will be re-

placed with a “more historic period floor,” said Wild, and the electrical wires and conduit that currently run along the building’s interior walls will be hidden in the floor.

All windows and doors will be replaced with mahogany, which will better weather the environment and the threat of termites, and they will be painted an historic red. Door and window hardware will be hand forged replicas of historic hardware found on island, and the State Historic Preservation Office will oversee the entire process.

In contrast to the historic aspects of the building, a flat screen television will hang on an interior wall and play a video being created by Bill Stelzer on VINP archaeology.

“We originally thought about using a projector, but that was before the technology of flat screens,” said Wild. “You’ll be able to see the images much better in the daytime.”

The project is being funded by both the National Park Service and the Friends of the VINP, and work is expected to take three to four months to complete.

The historic Cinnamon Bay building that houses the archaeology lab could be more than 300 years old, Wild estimates, based on artifacts found during excavations along the building’s foundation.

“It’s possible that one of the first planters on the island named William Gandy built that building,” said Wild. “It was a great house first, and it’s possible that it was converted to a warehouse later on. In the mid-1700s, a planter’s son was killed there during a hurricane.”

CBYC 14th Almost Annual Flotilla Raises More Than \$10,000 for GBS

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

By car and by boat, hundreds of residents of all ages descended on Miss Vie's Campground beach on Saturday afternoon, March 26, for the Coral Bay Yacht Club's 14th Almost Annual Flotilla.

The event raised more than \$10,000 for Guy Benjamin School, the Coral Bay public elementary school. Despite being under the weather with a serious flu, CBYC Commodore Dave Dostall was one of the more than 250 people who made it out to the beach for a day of fun in the sun.

"What an incredible day, what I can remember of it," said Dostall. "So many thanks to everybody. Looks like we did pretty well for the school, and with lots of help and support from faculty and staff and everyone else at the school and all the parents."

"I still think it is the greatest party on the island every year," Dostall said.

The island's premier reggae band Inner Visions ensured that no one left the beach early while local food donated by GBS parents and fresh grilled hot dogs and ham-



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

GBS students and their families enjoyed a great day at the beach while raising funds.

burgers donated by Skinny Legs ensured no one went hungry.

About a dozen CBYC members and friends sailed over to the East End beach, offering a great day sail with lunch and live entertainment for the bargain deal of \$40. Attendees were also welcome to arrive by car and pay \$20 for admission, lunch and music.

After arriving at the beach on Coral Bay's tall ship *Silver Cloud*, GBS students played in the sea un-

der a perfect beach day sky. Cars lined the East End road in both directions, testament to the huge crowd drawn to the party by land as well.

More than 25 prizes were raffled off with the grand prize of \$500 cash going to Giff Hill School student Marina Scheer on her birthday. The day was such a success thanks in large part to the support from GBS parents, explained the school's principal Dionne Wells.

"It was the best Flotilla I've ever been to," said Wells. "I really have to hand it to my school parents, they donated all of the food and were out there getting raffle prizes. There was a lot of support for the Flotilla this year by the parents."

GBS will use the funds this year to improve the school's technology capabilities, according to Wells.

"We had a faculty meeting just this morning to decide what to use

the money for this year," said the principal last week. "We decided we are going to focus on improving the technology we have in the classrooms. We're looking at getting iPads for the computer centers in the classrooms to help with remediation in reading and math."

"We also talked about upgrading our classroom libraries to get more books for students to use for independent reading," said Wells. "And we want to purchase an online math program which will serve as a resource for students to use in addition to the text books that we have."

GBS staff thanked everyone who made the day such a success, Wells added.

"It was a gorgeous day and everyone had so much fun," said Wells. "And the funds are really going to improve the technology in our classrooms."

CBYC officials also sent thanks to all Flotilla supporters.

"Thanks to all who came out and partied all day to the sounds of Inner Visions and all who helped make the Flotilla happen," said Julie Fortunato, CBYC treasurer. "It was a great time."

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Left Photo: V.I. Cultural Heritage Institute board member Avelino Samuel, right, hands Inner Visions member Alvin "Jupiter" Pickering an award.

Right Photo: SJSA executive director Jan Kinder, Center, accepts and award from board member Louis Francis.



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Photos by Jaime Elliott

V.I. Music Series Celebration at JESS Honors SJSA and Inner Visions

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Virgin Islands music and culture took center stage at the Julius E. Sprauve School on Wednesday afternoon, March 30, during the Fifth Annual March Music Series celebration.

Hosted by the V.I. Cultural Heritage Institute and the Department of Education's Cultural Education Division, this year's theme was "Sounds of Music" and events were hosted all month at schools across the territory.

At JESS last week, VI Cultural Institute executive director Myron Jackson honored two long-time Love City musical institutions, iconic reggae band Inner Visions and the territory's first arts school, St. John School of the Arts.

Before the honors were bestowed, however, JESS students showed off their varied and growing musical talents.

Shakima Jones led the school's

secondary choir, consisting of Shemaera Fahie, Elisha Howe and Zaria Longueville, in "The Star Spangled Banner" and "V.I. March," before belting out "Lift Every Voice and Sing" herself. Then the JESS elementary choir took the stage and impressed the crowd with its renditions of "Si-yahamba" and "Tomorrow."

The school's horn masters took the stage next. Ja'Halie Bruce on trumpet and Samuel Liburd Jr. on saxophone performed "Quiet Nights of Quiet Stars" with Bruce's grandfather, Eddie Bruce, joining in on guitar. Poetry was also featured during the celebration as the top Poetry Out Loud finishers at the school recited their selections.

With the crowd warmed up, Jackson took the stage to honor two St. John institutions who have each been making beautiful music for more than 30 years.

"Music is love," Jackson said.

"Without music we don't exist. Everything alive in this world makes music."

"We might not understand exactly what they are saying, but it's still music, from the wind, rain, thunder, the ocean, and even the roosters and hens in our yard, they all make music," he said.

The VI Cultural Institute is dedicated to keeping the music alive and recognizing individuals who have made a contribution to local arts, explained Jackson.

"As part of our mission, we decided to recognize musicians and dancers who have made significant contributions in the Virgin Islands, the Caribbean and global music," Jackson said. "Today we honor two institutions who have been established for 30 years."

The VI Cultural Heritage Institute honored SJSA founder Ruth "Sis" Frank in 2009, as a founder of the SJSA, and this year honored the school itself, explained

Jackson.

"Sis passed away last year and we are so happy that we were able to honor here while she was alive," Jackson said.

Accepting the award on behalf of SJSA, the school's executive director Jan Kinder expressed the on-going motivation which keeps the school afloat.

"St. John School of the Arts is a labor of love," said Kinder. "We do this because we love the arts. SJSA acknowledges the importance of an arts education for our youth and is honored to be an integral part of this community."

Kinder also dedicated the award to SJSA founder Frank and the school's many students.

"I would like to dedicate this award to Sis Frank," Kinder said. "I also dedicate this award to all the children who have walked through our doors and who have celebrated their joy for the arts."

Inner Visions members Phillip

"Grasshopper" Pickering, Alvin "Jupiter" Pickering, Akiba "Mr. Snooze" Pickering and Aswad "Hollywood" Pickering keep the roots reggae torch — first lit by elder band members more than three decades ago — lit on St. John and around the world, explained Jackson.

"Inner Visions was founded over 30 year ago to promote roots reggae and since then the band has traveled extensively sharing that passion," said Jackson.

Accepting the award on behalf of the band, Jupiter explained what keeps the musicians going after all these years.

"It's not about the money," he said. "It's about the love for the music. You have to love the music."

JESS African drummers directed by Eddie Bruce wrapped up the afternoon's program showing their unparalleled love for their craft.



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Film Society Screening *The Most Dangerous Man in America* and Hosting Director Goldsmith Apr. 5

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

It took a career crisis for Rick Goldsmith to realize his true calling in life and almost 30 years later, his passion for documentary film making is stronger than ever.

Goldsmith will be on St. John this week to discuss his Oscar-nominated documentary "The Most Dangerous Man in America: Daniel Ellsberg and the Pentagon Papers," which will be screened by the St. John Film Society on Tuesday evening, April 5, at 7:30 p.m. at the St. John School of the Arts.

Goldsmith will be available to answer questions following the screening, an event which is sure to be an engaging and inspiring discussion with the filmmaker who is dedicated to affecting real change in the world through his thought-provoking work.

After studying architecture for a time in the northeast, Goldsmith moved to the Bay Area where he suffered a career crisis in 1979 after toiling for several community agencies.

"I was 28 and decided I wasn't going to be an architect; I was doing administrative work for community agencies," said Goldsmith. "I said, 'This is not who I am.' So I went through a bit of a crisis."

"I took a summer course in 16mm filmmaking and I felt like, 'Wow, this is really energizing,'" he said. "I just made the switch. I started getting jobs and within a few years I did my first film."

Goldsmith already had several documentaries under his belt when things fell into place for "The Most Dangerous Man in America," which was nominated for an Academy Award in 2010 for Best Documentary Feature.

"Several things came together for the film," he said. "I knew Daniel Ellsberg personally because he was in another film of mine called 'Tell the Truth and Run.' And I was 20 years old when the Pentagon Papers were published so that was something that I grew up with."

"I knew his story and he had



St. John Tradewinds News Photo Courtesy of SJFS

Daniel Ellsberg addressed the media outside of a U.S. Court House in the heat of the Watergate scandal.

just written his memoir 'Secrets' in 2002, which pretty much outlined much of the arc of the film and the story of the Pentagon Papers," said Goldsmith. "It was a really compelling read and I just thought he was a tremendously compelling character. Dramatically it was a no brainer for a movie."

The last piece of the puzzle for Goldsmith was the state of international affairs in 2004, he explained.

"The last piece here which is very significant, is that in late 2004 we were in two wars," said Goldsmith. "We had been lied into one with the whole weapons of mass destruction deception and the story of the Pentagon Papers I knew would have a lot of resonance amid today's current events."

Goldsmith was then approached by colleague and co-director Judith Ehrlich, who had a great idea for a film.

The project took about five years from conception to completion and the two wrapped up post-production in 2009. The film was released to critical acclaim, but is even more relevant today. Goldsmith had no idea that just two years later, with Julian Assange and WikiLeaks all over the news, his film would be even more relevant than ever.

"It is absolutely more relevant today than ever," Goldsmith said about the film. "We could never have envisioned the whole

Wikileaks happening. I think it's good to see that people are still willing to seek the truth."

With "The Most Dangerous Man in America," as with all his films, Goldsmith kept the young viewer in mind, he explained.

"Because young people go the movies more I always keep the young view in mind for several reasons," said the filmmaker. "I'm turning 60 in a few weeks and people my age go to see a film and we might like it and we might talk about it, but our lives don't get changed by films."

"When you are that old, you are supposed to have figured out what you're on Earth for," said Goldsmith. "Conversely, someone who is 18 to 25, they should be searching still and wondering, 'What am I all about and how can I make a difference.'"

Goldsmith also hopes to make some small dint into the general apathy plaguing young people.

"We have it in ourselves to make changes and there is a certain level of apathy in this country," said the filmmaker. "People, and especially young people, are looking at the world and thinking 'why bother.' I hope in some small way, people will watch this film and it will help answer that question."

Don't miss the screening of "The Most Dangerous Man in America," on Tuesday, April 5, at 7:30 p.m. at St. John School of the Arts.



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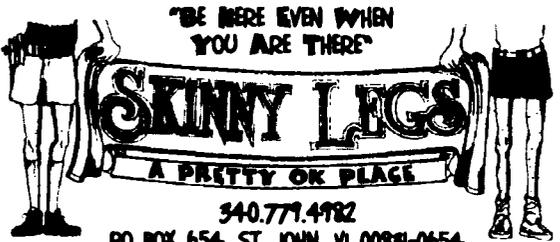


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Q&A: Bonny Corbeil

Former St. John Liaison to Senator Louis Hill

St. John Tradewinds

St. John community activist Bonny Corbeil spent most of 2010 as the St. John Liaison for then Senate President Louis Hill, but lost the position this year due to budget constraints. The following Question and Answer is the final part of an interview about what Corbeil accomplished in her position and what St. John has lost since the position was dissolved.



Bonny Corbeil

Tradewinds: Why did you accept the position?

Corbeil: It is one thing to express concerns and advocate for change but an entirely different ball game to enter the arena and work within the system to impact change. I know this as I worked for the Government in Canada for years. I simply wasn't sure what I was getting into.

Tradewinds: What was the most difficult aspect of the position?

Corbeil: It was definitely the many different attitudes that changed towards me because I had become a government worker. Some individuals began to see me as the enemy which I found quite amazing, actually. I had no intention of being the status quo; it was my dedication to St. John that motivated me to try and make a difference for us.

There is a kind of competitiveness that seems to be in place when an appointment like this is made, even among community activists. To my way of thinking, this competitiveness needs to be elevated to collaboration and a "one St. John" kind of thinking. It is exactly the attitude of infighting which is holding St. John back.

It has been a while since Governor deJongh has hosted a town meeting on St. John. I recall at the last one at Giff Hill School where our community was incredibly adversarial and confrontational.

Tradewinds: How can government officials listen to the people when the people have yet to reach consensus as a community? Is that an easy task with the diversity we have on the island?

Corbeil: No! But, that doesn't change the fact that it is a necessary requirement in a democracy.

was a valuable experience?

Corbeil: Absolutely! And I believe that it has given Senator Hill a deeper understanding of our complicated St. John issues.

I have a passion for public service and my motivation was doing the most that I could in this position to get a stronger voice for the island. I also wanted to demonstrate and be a role model being a hard working Government worker as we all know that many are criticized for doing too little. I spend a lot of time "reaching out" to encourage involvement and problem-solving. This was easier to do as I saw that Sen. Hill responded to these issues I brought to him.

Tradewinds: Did you expect or hope that your contract might be extended?

Corbeil: Senator Hill was always clear that it was an 11 month contract as my salary came from his Senate President budget which also ended in January 2011. Numerous St. John residents in various branches of government repeatedly told me that my contract would be renewed. I could only take that as a vote of confidence that I was helping move St. John issues forward.

Certainly by myself I could do nothing. However as a representative of Senator Hill I had an the opportunity to truly share concerns to those in authority.

There is now a St. Croix Senate President and my guess is that he has other priorities in how he uses his budget. Senator Hill remains the Senate Vice President and I have absolute confidence that he will continue to be a strong voice for our issues especially as I believe he understands the complexity of our problems on a deeper level.

My role was a "quieter one" than I have had as a community activist, however, many times I felt excited as I witnessed Senator Hill's frankness to many commissioners regarding their need to address St. John issues.

Simply put, I believe we are lucky that he is so committed to our island. If it was just about votes, we have very little impact

We as a community must find a way to work together, instead of arguing over which idea is the best idea to implement. We should be listening to each other more. And be thinking along the lines of "how does everyone win" versus "what can I get out of this" or "my idea is the right one!"

There is a maturity that we must strive to achieve and that includes all aspects of our community. This is why we do so well in hurricanes, we drop this divisiveness and instead focus on how we can help each other.

Tradewinds: What is the most important piece lacking for this to happen?

Corbeil: Sadly, there is a lack of trust. Trust is the basis of so much. And there have been many good reasons to feel this distrust.

Representation for the island has been minimal for a very long time now. This is not the case for many other cultures. This "mind your business" concept was necessary in the days when boundaries had to be maintained on a small island, or historically when speaking out could cost one their life.

We must help and encourage opinions from other community members and be sensitive to listening more. We have very little native attendance at community meetings. We need to find ways to involve the many great people who are not presently involved so they feel included in their own homes.

We all need to be building more bridges with each other versus walls.

Tradewinds: Would you say that your job as St. John Liaison for Senator Hill for those 11 months

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Get Ready To Set Sail in 38th Annual Around St. John Race Apr. 9

By Jim Furneaux
St. John Tradewinds

The 38th annual Around St. John Race, one of the Virgin Island's oldest and most varied sailboat races takes place Saturday, April 9.

Sponsored by the St. John Yacht Club, the race combines a challenging variety of sailing conditions with the spectacular beauty of a full circumnavigation of the island of St. John.

"No other race that we do offers the full range of challenges for boat, captain and crew as the Around St. John Race," said Larry Boxerman, owner/skipper of *Southbound* a 37' Pearson and a frequent entrant in local races. "If we go clockwise we'll face lots of

tacking up the narrows and then as we round the northeast corner of the island we face cross currents and wind shifts. We need to be on our game."

The race committee will choose between a clockwise circumnavigation or a counter clockwise circumnavigation depending on conditions on the day of the race. Races will start near Two Brothers rocks off of Cruz Bay.

Generally the prevailing east wind dictates a clockwise course that requires significant tacking as the boats proceed up the narrows between St. John and the BVIs.

"The frequent tacking in such narrow confines favors the smaller more agile boats," said SJYC

Commodore Scott Barnett. "But that is generally balanced by long reaches in the later stages of the race. The sailors will encounter shifting currents as the round the east end and will deal with wind shifts and currents as they maneuver around Leduck Island."

Separate categories will be offered for entrants in spinnaker, non-spinnaker and pursuit classes. The grand prize for best adjusted time will be a free haulout for the winner. Budget Marine and the SJYC will also offer gift certificates and trophies for the other top



finishers.

The first boat across the line will be awarded the Cees De Graaf Memorial Trophy. Cees was a founding member of SJYC in 1972 and helped organize the first Around St. John Race in 1973.

"Cees and Bob Eaton [the first SJYC

Commodore] were out sailing every week and decided to have more fun by creating a race for their friends," said Jim Swan, a member of the SJYC race committee. "Cees entered his yacht, *Firedrill*, in every Around St. John Race until his death a few years ago."

Race registration begins at 6 p.m. on Friday, April 8, at the Tap Room in Mongoose Junction with the skipper's meeting there at 6:30 p.m. The after-race party and awards ceremony will take place Saturday at the Banana Deck in Cruz Bay.

"We look forward to a great race and will deal with the challenges the best we can," said Boxerman. "Our crew loves getting onto the water and looks forward to the camaraderie of race day."

The SJYC's next race will be the Commodore's Cup Regatta, co-sponsored by the CBYC and benefitting the Kids in the Sea program. This event is a major fundraiser for KATS. Call Barnett at 693-8577 for details.

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Rhythm & Views

An outlook on young adult interests and concerns
by Maggie Wessinger

Spring Break

St. John Tradewinds

Pump up the volume, Spring Break is here!

Giff Hill School faculty and students have gone their separate ways for a long over-due break from the Love City rock!

The GHS faculty, along with the student body, has been working over time participating in community activities which lift up and

support our island community. The activities started with a Fun Day at the GHS field, followed by the Annual Auction at the Westin Resort and Villas, and concluding with the Blues Festival food concessions stand last weekend.

Not to mention, in between each of those major events, fundraising for the school trip to Greece has been taking place as well.

In mid-March GHS set up two tents on the Coral Bay Field during the Ninth Annual Johnnie Walker Blues Festival. Students and faculty worked hard selling baked goods, hot dogs, hamburgers, T-shirts, glow sticks and more.

Both the high school and middle school student councils worked at the stand to help raise money. All the money was split between the

middle school and high school. The money will go to cover expenses for school activities like jams and field days.

“I was very pleased with the results of the Blues Festival,” said Ken Heenan, dean of students at GHS. “The effort of the staff and students, along with the volunteers, made it a very successful event. I am very grateful to all the people who supported this and worked so hard to make it work.”

Although I did not work at the school stand (I was enjoying the full moon and the many St. John relationships I have), I saw the hard work and effort put into the event.

There were several other stands set up selling different kinds of foods, jewelry, and hand bags as well. There were also all the won-

derful bands that performed for everyone! The Blues Fest was awesome! Tons of people showed up with their blankets and lawn chairs and just kicked back and enjoyed the blues.

Hopefully this is just the beginning of a wonderful Spring Break for everyone filled with cool and exciting activities just waiting to be accomplished. Go on an adventure, take a hike, go to the BVI, or maybe you could even go parasailing. I think this is a great time to try do new things or even just to make an effort to meet new people.

As for me, I am traveling to Denver, Colorado, for Spring break. I will be there for one week shopping, going to the movies, and maybe even seeing a little bit of snow. I am so excited to experience a new type of climate and culture!



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James Cobb Keeps the Music Going at Cruz Bay Prime

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Since first landing on St. John with a camp group from Delaware almost three decades ago, James Cobb has been entertaining crowds across the island with his unique musical stylings.

The New York-born and Delaware-raised musician spends winters on Love City playing guitar and harmonica. This season he has been keeping crowds happy at Island Blues and Cruz Bay Prime at the Westin Resort and Villas.

Cobb wrapped up his stint in Coral Bay last week, but will be playing at Cruz Bay Prime Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. through April. Stop by the restaurant upstairs from the Westin lobby to hear Cobb's mastery of classical guitar and original blues tunes.

Raised in a musical household, Cobb knew he wanted to be a musician from an early age.

"I remember being eight and going to a friend's house and asking where his piano was," said Cobb. "I just couldn't believe any house didn't have a piano somewhere."

The singer, songwriter and musician started playing violin when he was five, but switched to the guitar seven years later.

"I started playing guitar when I was 12 because I heard James Taylor," he said. "I wanted to be him. From that moment there was never any question about what I wanted to do with my life."

With an ear capable of identifying notes, Cobb stopped taking music lessons when he switched instruments from violin to guitar. He spent a few years following high school



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Cobb's one of a kind musical stylings are sure to entertain — check him out Thursday through Saturday at Cruz Bay Prime from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. through the month of April.

in New Jersey playing gigs across the state and then returned home to study.

After graduating from the University of Delaware, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree studying classical guitar performance with Christaan Taggart, Cobb made his first trip to St. John and has been returning to the island ever since.

When not strumming his guitar on St. John, Cobb returns to Georgia where he works as a producer and engineer at Real2Reel Studios in Jonesboro. Stateside he often plays with Calvin Kelley, who was his partner in the JCP, the James and Calvin Project, which he is hoping to get back together this summer.

On St. John, the musician has played with a number of local talents over the years, including Michael Beason, the late Andy Gordon and the late James Julian in the Iguanas.

Recently Cobb has been playing solo gigs, with both his nylon stringed classical guitar and steel stringed guitar in tow.

In addition to Taylor, Cobb listed Jimi Hendrix and Stevie Ray Vaughn as influences on his Bluesy-Folksy sound. He has released five CDs which reflect his varied influences and interests.

Check out "One Suite Day" for Cobb's enchanting solo classical guitar sound. For a little Blues sound, try the double disc "Big Blue Planet" release which features the musician on guitar, vocals and harmonica.

"That is becoming the most popular one, even though it's only been out three months," said Cobb. "I just released it before I came down here. People are really liking it."

For a smooth jazz sound, listen to The JCP release "Sure Feels Right," on which Cobb's guitar is joined by Kelley's percussion, Julian Jagne on sax and keyboards and Marcus Raymer on bass.

For a full understanding of Cobb's esteemed musical and songwriting talent, check him out live. Performances find Cobb playing some of his original material, a few cover songs and tweaking brand new material. A recent show included a cover of Jonathan Edward's "Shanty," Cobb's own original tunes and two brand new songs, not yet recorded.

For more information check out Cobb's website at www.jamescobbmusic.com or email Cobb at james@jamescobb.com.

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Obituary



Victor Hall, at right, passed away in March. His funeral will be Monday, April 4, at the Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cruz Bay at 10 a.m.

St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Victor Arthur Emmanuel Hall

St. John Tradewinds

In the 1960s Victor moved with his parents and family from St. Thomas to Cruz Bay, St. John, and lived in the house his parents built that is now known as Hillcrest Guesthouse.

Victor's mother, who is originally from St. John, suggested that he go to the family property at Peter Bay during his teen years. There, Victor developed a keen love for the ocean and a skill with catamarans and opened what was known as "The Kite," a very popular spot overlooking Peter Bay, and was featured on "Good Morning America."

People from all walks of life and from all over the world came to The Kite, an open air, casual and simple shack that was open to all local and visitors alike. At any time of day or night people came to The Kite to play music at "jam sessions" or just get shelter while traveling. Victor loved to sail to Jost Van Dyke and visit with Ivan at Ivan's Campground.

Victor was a self-made man and definitely an entrepreneur. Without much formal education, he was very intelligent, perhaps ahead of his time. He played with a lot of musical instruments including the xylophone or "afro harp." Victor loved to be around people from all walks of life and opened his heart to all and shared his extensive knowledge of bush teas and medicinal plants. Known to be a very focused and concentrated individual, Victor liked to discuss his dreams and ideas for the future and the politics of the day.

In 1973, Victor displayed his talents at the A.H. Riise Art Gallery in St. Thomas, in an exhibit which featured his photographs and metal sculpture along with works from Albert Christian from St. John. The

exhibit was called "The St. John Moods."

On January 30, 1981, when President Carter was visiting the National Park's superintendent's house next door to Peter Bay, Victor put a chain across the north shore road to protest the park regulations that prohibited boats from anchoring in park waters for more than two weeks. What a guy!

After closing The Kite, Victor moved to Coral Bay where started an on-line business with medicinal plants, worked for the Domino gas station and opened a "New Kite." For more than 20 years he studied homeopathic medicine with a focus on AIDS treatment.

Born in New York City, Victor loved to live the natural life of a St. Johnian, enjoying the beautiful ocean, air and native plants.

Anyone who met Victor liked him instantly. His personality was such that he would try to make anyone comfortable by joking around and telling an unusual story about some adventure he had or about his new musical creation or his work with plants.

Victor was born on February 15, 1950, and he died in his home in Coral Bay where he was found on March 18, 2011. He was the second-youngest son of four children born to Ethlyn Lindqvist Hall of Peter Bay and the late Samuel H. Hall, Sr.

He is survived by his mother, sisters Phyllis Hall-Brin and Elsa Hall, brother Sam H. Hall, Jr., daughter, Yassin Hall-Young, nieces Tanya Wernicke-Muldrow and Janov Brin and several grandchildren.

Victor was loved by all and will be loved forever. Funeral services are Monday, April 4, 2011, at 10 a.m. at the Nazareth Lutheran Church in St. John. For more information, please call 777-6474.

Kids First! and CFVI Launch “Born Learning Trail” Program

St. John Tradewinds

Kids First! and the Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands (CFVI) have launched the Born Learning Trail program on St. John.

This program consists of portable signs which will be displayed across St. John which promote the importance of creating a fun, learning environment in the home by giving information on how to turn everyday activities into enjoyable educational experiences for your children.

The signs also provide links to a web site which offers many more tips and techniques on how to start children learning from the day they are born.

The Born Learning program was originally launched by CFVI in 2008. Today there are three permanent Born Learning Trails on St. Thomas, and a portable trail on St. Croix, St. Thomas, and now, on St. John.

Working with CFVI, Kids First! has sponsored the St. John Born Learning Trail which can be displayed wherever parents congregate on St. John.

The idea behind the program is simple but profound, children are born ready to learn. In fact, the most important learning years in a person’s life are from birth until age five. If during this time, children are stimulated in positive ways, particularly in their home, they will more fully develop all their skills at a far greater rate than would otherwise be the case.

Many parents aren’t aware of how important learning is during these years and many don’t know how to take advantage of this fact. The Born Learning Trail signs and supporting web site help parents develop their skills as teachers

of their children.

Commenting on this announcement, Bruce Claffin, President of Kids First! said “Kids First! wants to positively impact the development of the island’s children.

“Over the three years we have been operating, most of our efforts have gone into support for early learning programs in quality pre-schools,” said Claffin. “We have more recently supported good health care for children and child development experiences during the summer months when school is out. This is our first effort to support parents and children in the home.”

“Leveraging the success CFVI has had on St. Thomas and St. Croix supporting child development in the home, we have brought one of their programs to St. John,” Claffin said.

“We are thrilled to have Kids First! as a partner on St. John in the Community Foundation’s efforts to support parents and child care providers and to enhance the early childhood experience of all Virgin Islands Children,” said Dee Baecher Brown, President of CFVI.

St. John Born Learning Trail Signs have already been displayed at the St. John Montessori School, Guy Benjamin School and Julius E. Sprauve School. They were on display at The Marketplace on Saturday, March 19, and will be shown at many island locations where parents work, shop and play.

To learn more about Kids First! check out www.kidsfirst-stj.org For additional information about CFVI call 774-6031 or visit the web site at www.cfvi.net.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo Courtesy of Greg Miller

A pod of dolphins off Ram’s Head entertained long-time Virgin Islands resident Greg Miller recently.

Best Day on the Water Ever

St. John Tradewinds

Cruising on a power boat about two miles south of Ram’s Head, St. John, on Sunday, March 13, Greg Miller and a friend spotted a huge pod of dolphins.

“There must have been a couple of hundred dolphins,” said Miller, who has called the Virgin Islands home for 20 years. “For about 25 minutes we were

out there riding toward these birds we saw on the water. The birds kept moving and this pod of dolphins just kept jumping and swimming under the boat and alongside the boat.”

“It was unbelievable,” Miller said. “I have never seen anything like it. It was really the best day on the water I have ever had.”

Attention Parents & Guardians

Is your child due for shots? If you are not sure, don’t wait until it’s time to register them for school or during the summer to get them up to date.

Children entering, or attending, public, private or parochial schools in the Virgin Islands are required by law to be up to date with their immunizations.

Avoid the back to school rush! Call your healthcare provider or the Department of Health Immunization Clinic in your area. The Immunization Clinics are open year round Monday through Friday at 8:00am:

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Fencing, Parking, Handicapped Space Delays Parking Lot Opening

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“There is a proposal to install an intake pipe at the flooding point that will feed a vault with pumps to push the water out through new pipes that will discharge into the mangroves,” Norfleet said. “The vault would take up a couple of parking spaces in the new lot and the pipes to the mangroves would be installed in the planting areas that are not yet landscaped. At present funding has not been ascertained and this is just in the proposal stages.”

While about eight handicapped parking spaces are included in the lot, the gravel ground in the area is not allowed under Americans with Disabilities Act requirements, Norfleet explained.

“Gravel is not allowed in ADA handicapped parking spaces and access to the spaces needs to be determined,” she said. “The ADA spaces will be paved but this can’t be done until the sewer and drain lines are installed.”

“Again, no funding is allocated and the option for federal funding would take two years according to deJongh & Associates,” Norfleet said.

Finally, solar lights in the area are not emitting enough light to make the area safe, added Norfleet.

“The solar lights have been installed but don’t seem to be working adequately to safely light the area according to some,” she said.

All of those issues mean there is simply no date for the opening of the lot. In the meantime, residents are hoping to pressure government officials to at least open the lot for day-time use, according to Norfleet.

“There is no telling when the lot will be open,” she said. “I asked deJongh and Associates why the lot can’t be used as it is until such time that the improvements needed are funded and set to begin. The response I got was that they didn’t want to ‘give us something and then take it away.’”

“I am disheartened to a great degree by this and at our last chamber chapter meeting attendants were strongly in favor of demanding at least day time parking and a moratorium on parking fines until the problem is fixed,” said Norfleet.

Many residents believe these issues should have been addressed before work on the lot even began, Norfleet added.

“This community has fought so many wars to get parking on St. John that it is just amazing that we still don’t have any,” she said. “And now we have an empty lot for who knows how long, due to issues that surely should have been addressed when designing the lot. I can understand that each of the above problems needs to be fixed but do think that some allowances must be made to help residents deal with its parking problems.”

Officials are trying to get the work complete as soon as possible, according to Administrator Smith.

“Those issues have to be addressed before we open the lot,” said Smith. “We’re trying to get thing going as soon as possible. We realize that people want to use that soon and the extra 151 parking spaces will alleviate a lot of congestion in the town.”

“Hopefully VIPA will get back to us with a completion date soon,” Smith said.

While the local chamber of commerce chapter understands the rules and regulations for the lot, officials are hoping to be able use some part of the lot instead of just looking at it, Norfleet explained.

“The chapter supports the current rules and regulations, but we do feel that we must do everything we can to keep pressure on the government, VIPA and all of the other parties involved to move quickly to address this,” she said. “To have spent so much time and money on a parking lot we can only stare at is absurd.”

Cultural Evening in the Park Features Drumming, Dancing and More

St. John Tradewinds

This year, the Thursday night cultural evening sponsored by Friends of V.I. National Park has been transformed into a weekly changing showcase of cultural pageantry, dance, and music!

Under the supervision of Dr. Eddie Bruce musicians, artists, and dancers are performing at Cinnamon Bay every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m.

The show begins with a history of drumming in Africa and follows its transition to the islands and role it played during the colonial period. Bruce and Delroy Anthony then drum together, and are often joined by Anthony’s son and Bruce’s grandson, exemplifying how the art has been passed from generation to generation for hundreds of years.

Following the performance is a demonstration in basic technique, during which the audience is encouraged to participate and learn.

Shatik Stevens often takes the lead next, giving a demonstration in traditional African dance and history lesson about its migration to the islands. Again, audience members are asked to participate and learn, passing the art on.

Sometimes, as happened this past Thursday night, another form of dance is introduced, portraying how the islands have become a cultural

melting pot. Gina Wellner wowed the crowd with her Merengue moves and got the group dancing right along with her.

The crowd was also privileged to bear witness to a presentation of the oral rendition of our rich culture. Delita O’Connor of the Senior Citizens Club graced the audience with her beautiful story-song and the evening was wrapped up with the lyrical poetry stories of Mr. Chinnery, also known as the “Ghost from Jost,” both of which were treats for visitors and locals alike.

Be sure to stop by Cinnamon at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings to enjoy what has become a fabulous cultural event. Due to its overwhelming popularity and several requests, the program has been moved from the amphitheater to the dining pavilion, and is presented following dinner service.

Preserving the cultural history of the V.I. National Park and islands is a primary focus of Friends of VINP’s mission. Sharing local history through the arts in this manner ensures that the story will continue to be told and the rich culture celebrated.

For more information, or to help support this and other important cultural events, call Friends of VINP at 779-4940.

Q&A: Bonny Corbeil

Former St. John Liaison to Senator Louis Hill

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from the big picture perspective. Sure we can affect a close vote, however, the numbers simple carry very little weight.

Tradewinds: Looking back now what do you think about the position you had and how do you see the island’s role within the legislative branch?

Corbeil: St. John must understand the importance of having “one voice.” Consensus and collaboration are the key words that can help bring us change.

We are always putting the blame on government for not getting things done on St. John. We must shift our awareness to take responsibility for why we fail so often in getting our issues addressed. And that is because we fail to create one voice.

We focus on the differences we have and what we need to do is shift that focus to “what do we all agree on as one community.” We can then diplomatically engage to work towards those goals.

We also need to remember that people are people, whether you are a citizen or a government worker, the element of respect and diplomacy must be maintained. I am amazed that some citizens can be so insulting and even rude to people and expect to be heard. In fact, that kind of behavior simply works against us.

As much as I understand our frustrations, this kind of inappropriate and aggressive behavior has negative results and even role models disrespectful behavior

to our children and youth. We need to be much more civil and rationale in all of our exchanges with each other.

Tradewinds: Do you think government, and the fact that St. John is a part of the St. John/St. Thomas District, needs reform?

Corbeil: Yes, our Virgin Islands need serious reform. Districting is one possibility of reform.

At present our senators compete against each other at elections every two years then are expected to work as a legislative team once the election is over.

This is counterproductive to all team work concepts. With districting, that senator has to prove to his/her constituents that their district’s issues have been improved, which is a much more intelligent way to get accountability and responsive government.

As I understand it, most places have moved to districting. I would like our Virgin Islands to seriously consider this as a feasible and potential better way to govern.

I also hope to be in a government position in the future to do more service for St. John. I found the job very satisfying because of my passion and love for this island and our wonderful diverse community.

On a deeper level, I think that if we can find peace and consensus for the issues and diversity that makes this island, then there is truly hope for our world and the many problems we have.

John Cahill Directing Student Recitals April 8 at Nazareth Lutheran Church

There will be a student recital at the Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cruz Bay, on Friday, April 8, at 7:30 p.m.

The advanced students, under the direction of John Cahill, will perform works by Beethoven, Bach, Mozart, Haydn, and St. Thomas composer Bill LaMotta.

The concert will feature Alana Davis on violin, who was the well-received soloist on the St. John Singers Christmas concerts.

Aboris DeJesus, an excellent young pianist, will be featuring works she will perform in a St. Thomas recital the following Sunday. These will include Beethoven's "Pathetic" Sonata, Arabesques by Debussy, and "Fortitude" by Bill LaMotta, a work she introduced to American musicians last summer at the Interlochen Music Camp.

There will also be selections by members of Cahill's Advance Placement Music Theory class at Charlotte Amalie High School.

This course is a thorough college theory and ear training program which culminates in a national exam in May. The class last year had an 80 percent pass rate with high scores, which is outstanding by national standards. And this year's group should do even better.

These accomplished musicians will perform on clarinet, saxophone, and bass, showing their skills in classical and jazz selections, as well as a speaking chorus "Geographical Fugue" by Ernst Toch.

Admission is free, but contributions will be accepted to provide musical instruments for students in Haiti. Last year enough was raised to buy eight band instruments, which were carried to music schools there by Cahill.

St. John Singers' Spring Concert Is April 15 at Emmaus Moravian Church

The St. John Singers will present their annual spring concert on Friday, April 15, at the Emmaus Moravian Church in Coral Bay at 7:30 p.m.

The choir will perform music ranging from the Renaissance to the 20th century with an emphasis on sacred music, according to choir director John Cahill. Tickets cost \$15 for adults and \$5 for students and will be available at the door.

St. John Historical Society Hosting Tour of VIIS Archives on April 16

On Saturday, April 16, at 9 a.m., St. John Historical Society members and guests are invited to the VIIS Archives at the V.I. National Park offices at Lind Point, where Mary Troy will open the archives for a tour of the contents,

She will also give a talk about the park's vision of what roles the archives can play as collection, research, and education agents on St John. Troy is Chief of Museum Services for the South East Region of the National Park Service. SJHS is very pleased that she's made time to join the group this season. Attendees are urged to carpool if possible, as parking is limited.

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Police Log

EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

LAND LINE: 911 CELLULAR: 340-776-9110

Friday, March 25

12:21 p.m. - A Saunder's Gut resident r/ an auto accident in the area of Cruz Bay. Auto accident.

4:21 p.m. - A Bellevue Village resident c/requesting police assistance. Police assistance.

Saturday, March 26

12:05 a.m. - An Estate Pastory resident c/requesting police assistance. Police assistance.

4:52 a.m. - A citizen r/ a house fire in the area of Estate Fish Bay. Structural fire.

8:31 a.m. - A Paradise Lumber employee c/requesting police assistance. Police assistance.

5:08 p.m. - A citizen p/r that he was assaulted in the area of Cruz Bay. Assault in the third.

Sunday, March 27

11:39 a.m. - A Cruz Bay resident c/requesting police assistance.

12:59 p.m. - An Estate Adrian resident r/ her minor child missing. Missing person.

11:30 p.m. - A citizen c/r an auto accident in the area of Supreme Corner. Auto accident.

Monday, March 28

9:00 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident r/ paying for something and not getting it. Obtaining money under false pretenses.

10:25 a.m. - An Estate Contant resident r/ being harassed. Telephone harassment.

11:24 a.m. - An Estate Carolina resident r/ that someone struck her parked vehicle in the FirstBank parking lot. Auto accident.

4:56 p.m. - An Estate Grunwald resident r/ a dispute with a family member. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

6:07 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident r/ that a male came into her home unwelcome. Stalking.

Tuesday, March 29

12:32 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident c/r a disturbance at her residence. Trespassing.

1:30 p.m. - An Estate Pastory resident c/requesting police assistance to transport her mental patient son to the Morris F. de-Castro Clinic. Police assistance.

9:04 p.m. - An Estate Chocolate Hole resident c/requesting police assistance to find her hus-

band who went hiking. Police assistance.

Wednesday, March 30

11:50 a.m. - A Giffit Hill resident r/ items stolen from her purse. Grand larceny.

5:38 p.m. - A Coral Bay resident r/ shots fired in the area of Spring Garden. Illegal discharge of firearm.

Thursday, March 31

9:05 a.m. - A Great Cruz Bay resident p/r that an unknown male threw a rock at her. Simple assault.

10:44 a.m. - An Estate Powerboyd resident c/r a disturbance. Disturbance of the peace.

12:04 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident r/ that she slipped and fell in Starfish Market. Accidental injury.

6:50 p.m. - An Estate Fish Bay resident p/r that her parked car was struck by another vehicle. Auto accident.

Friday, April 1

12:55 a.m. - An employee of Castaway's Bar in Cruz Bay r/ a disturbance outside the establishment. Disturbance of the peace.

CRIME STOPPERS U.S.V.I.

Organization Seeks Information on Recent Crimes

St. John Tradewinds

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

St. John

On Monday, March 21, at 6:15 a.m., the manager of Concordia Preserve in Coral Bay arrived for work and found the office front door open. A burglar had entered the building by prying open the western side window. It is assumed the burglar(s) exited by the front door, carrying a 24-by-18-inch black safe that contained four U.S. passports, room keys, car keys, and cash.

St. Thomas

On Friday, March 25, at 11 a.m., police were

called to 7th Street in Sugar Estate concerning a burglary in progress. The burglar fled before police arrived. Police are certain most of the burglaries in this neighborhood are being committed by the same person(s).

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). Tips are completely anonymous, and the stateside operators speak several languages.

If a tip leads to an arrest or the recovery of stolen property, illegal drugs, or weapons, the tipster will receive a cash reward of up to \$2,500. The minimum reward for the arrest of an armed robber is \$900. For the arrest of a burglary suspect, it is \$714 plus 10 percent of the value of any property recovered.

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Prospective submitters may secure a bid package for their use from the Authority's Procurement and Property Division, St. Thomas-St. John District Office at Wheatley Center II, Suite 2, St. Thomas, or from the St. Croix District Office at No. 1A La Grande Princesse, Suite BL1, Christiansted, St. Croix.

PROPOSAL DUE DATE and TIME: Thursday, April 7, 2011 at 4:00pm Atlantic Standard Time

PROPOSAL DUE PLACE: Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority
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Community Calendar

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

Thursday Nights

The Thursday night cultural evening sponsored by Friends of V.I. National Park has been transformed into a weekly changing showcase of cultural pageantry, dance, and music! Under the supervision of Dr. Eddie Bruce musicians, artists, and dancers are performing at Cinnamon Bay every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 6

Gary Udhwani of EcoInnovations V.I. will speak at the next Island Green Building Association meeting on the second floor of The Marketplace. Stop by at 5 p.m. for refreshments and listen to Udhwani's presentation from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Udhwani will showcase solar panels with individual Micro-inverters which monitor themselves and send data to computers.

Friday and Saturday, April 8 and 9

The 15th Annual Ruby Rutnik Memorial Softball Tournament will be at Winston Wells Ball Field in Cruz Bay.

Monday, April 11

Guy Benjamin School students taking part in the 21st Century Grant After School program will host a culminating event starting at 4 p.m. at the elementary school in Coral Bay.

Monday, April 11

The St. John Historical Society invites everyone to the Bethany Moravian Church Hall for a unique look at the Danish West Indies at 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 16

The 14th Annual Julius E. Sprauve School Benefit Gala will be at Caneel Bay Resort.

Sundays, April 17 and 24

The Unitarian Universalists of St. John meet at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday in the Great Room at Giff Hill School. The guest speaker for April 17 and April 24, is Rev. Sue Kingman. The topic for April 17 is "Moved by Music" and for April 24 is "An Impossible Story."

Saturday, May 23

11th Annual Wagapalooza is May 23 at Winston Wells ball field from 5 to 9 p.m.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

Alcoholics Anonymous meets as scheduled: Sundays, 9:45 a.m. at Hawksnest Bay Beach; Closed meetings for alcoholics only at Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cruz Bay at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays; Open meetings on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 6 p.m. at Nazareth Lutheran Church; Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 6 p.m. at Moravian Church, Coral Bay.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

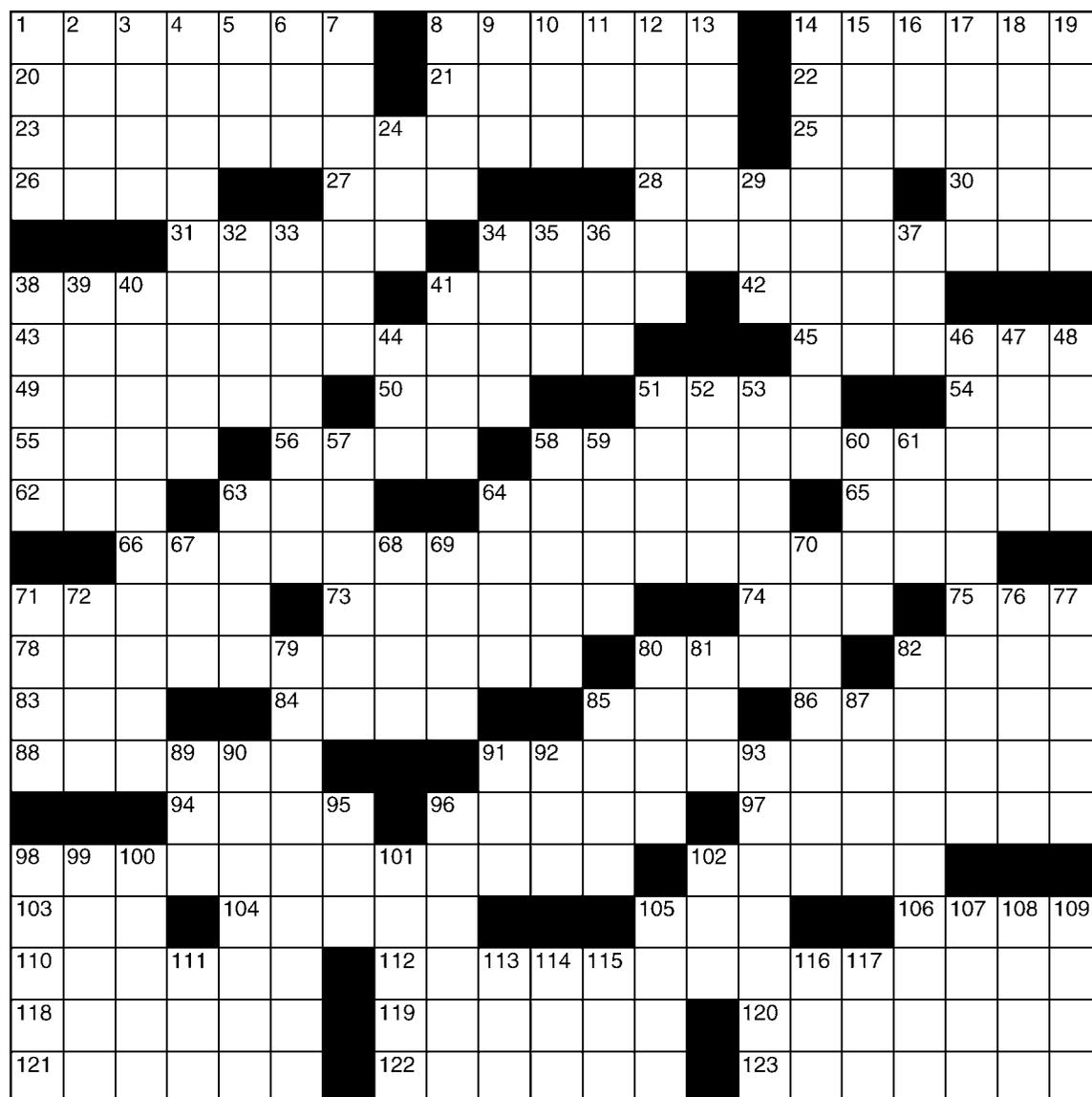
Narcotics Anonymous has open meetings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. every Saturday at St. Ursula's Church.

AL-ANON MEETINGS

Al-Anon meets on St. John every Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the picnic table at the VINP ball field.

PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo



FRESHENING FRANCHISES

ACROSS

- 1 Fellow crew member
- 9 Social levels
- 15 Set of morals
- 20 Food of the gods
- 21 Orange-and-black bird
- 22 Hotel queen Helmsley
- 23 Camp shelter with a rounded roof
- 24 1982 Fleetwood Mac hit
- 25 City on the Rhone River
- 26 Start of a riddle
- 29 Skiing need
- 32 Sterile hosp. areas
- 33 Make believe
- 34 Mag. team
- 35 Riddle, part 2
- 44 Category
- 45 Off-dunked cookie
- 46 Knocked off
- 47 "Hava —" (Jewish folk song)
- 50 12-step affiliate group
- 52 Neutral, e.g.
- 54 Certain Scot
- 55 Riddle, part 3
- 62 Congeal
- 63 Here, to Pierre
- 64 Help wrongly
- 65 Riddle, part 4
- 76 Anecdote
- 77 Roxy Music's Brian
- 78 "— Rock" (Simon & Garfunkel hit)

- 79 Riddle, part 5
- 89 Guesstimate words
- 90 Gas in lights
- 91 Nebraska natives
- 92 Neighbor of Croatia
- 95 Jury's event
- 98 "The heat —!"
- 99 Longoria of TV
- 102 End of the riddle
- 106 "Gimme —!" (start of a cheer at Iowa)
- 108 Cartoon shriek
- 109 "— Town"
- 110 "I do," e.g.
- 111 Riddle's answer
- 120 Part of POW
- 121 City in southwest Ireland
- 122 "Get Smart" star
- 126 — -Turkish War
- 127 Some fishers
- 128 Optometric exams
- 129 Paint coat
- 130 Can't stand
- 131 Sudden drop

DOWN

- 1 Doleful
- 2 Doc bloc
- 3 Big name in early PCs
- 4 Before a big early 20th-cen. conflict
- 5 Light-loving insect
- 6 Cruising
- 7 Color shade
- 8 Scarfs down
- 9 Accomplices
- 10 Stimulation
- 11 Window component
- 12 Rundgren or Bridges
- 13 Tickled red Muppet
- 14 Spotted in the vicinity of
- 15 Hyundai model
- 16 Byte beginner
- 17 Of detective Sherlock
- 18 "— some advice"
- 19 Houses, to Jorge
- 27 Tillage tool
- 28 Inflation subj.
- 29 Biol. or zool.
- 30 Bobby Orr's org.
- 31 With 113-Down, acorn producer
- 36 — me tangere (touch-me-not)
- 37 Port near Algiers
- 38 — shui
- 39 Carrot, e.g.
- 40 Othello's betrayer
- 41 Gladly
- 42 Speak sharply to
- 43 Waffle brand
- 48 Grassy tract
- 49 Wholly
- 50 High: Prefix
- 51 Film style
- 53 Yank rivals
- 55 Learning loc.
- 56 1960s TV Tarzan Ron
- 57 Kirk's diary
- 58 M.Sgt., e.g.
- 59 Cube's six
- 60 Home: Abbr.
- 61 Erwin of early films
- 66 King James Bible suffix
- 67 Rural "uh-uh"
- 68 Personal flair
- 69 Old Spanish money

- 70 Pa's bro
- 71 North Pacific salmon
- 72 Smokes
- 73 Old witch
- 74 — Darya River
- 75 Singer Cooke
- 79 Irate crowd
- 80 Spanish gold
- 81 Ill-fated 1940s warship
- 82 "Sula" author Morrison
- 83 Tooted thing
- 84 Camelot wife
- 85 Discharge
- 86 Seattle loc.
- 87 Flapjack eatery, briefly
- 88 Mama's ma
- 93 Not correct
- 94 To — (perfectly)
- 96 Penitent types
- 97 Least soft
- 99 Pindar's H
- 100 Dog treater
- 101 Eruption emission
- 103 Did an axel
- 104 Sky sphere
- 105 Laid turf on
- 106 Seething
- 107 U.S.-Can.-Mex. pact
- 112 Cube of hay
- 113 See 31-Down
- 114 Desist
- 115 Sheltered, nautically
- 116 Garden west of Nod
- 117 Vary wildly
- 118 Billfold fillers
- 119 — the Great (kiddie-lit detective)
- 123 "A Fool Such —"
- 124 "Jersey Shore" ailer
- 125 Compass dir.

Stjohnweddings.com Receives Recognition from WeddingWire Choice Awards 2011

St. John Tradewinds

WeddingWire, the nation's leading wedding technology company, announced Anne Marie Porter of stjohnweddings.com has been selected to receive the prestigious annual WeddingWire Bride's Choice Awards™ 2011 for Wedding coordinator.

Recognition for the Bride's Choice Awards™ 2011 is determined by recent reviews and extensive surveys from over 750,000 WeddingWire newlyweds. Past clients are among those that shared their experiences on WeddingWire, the largest wedding review site in the nation.

Stjohnweddings.com stands among the top five percent of wedding professionals in the WeddingWire community, representing quality and service excellence within the

wedding industry. Awards were given to the top wedding professionals across 20 service categories, from wedding venues to wedding photographers, and were based on the overall professional achievements throughout the past year.

"WeddingWire is honored to celebrate the success of the top-rated wedding professionals within the WeddingWire community," said Timothy Chi, WeddingWire's Chief Executive Officer. "With the annual Bride's Choice Awards™ program, WeddingWire has the unique opportunity to recognize the best wedding professionals across the US and Canada. We applaud stjohnweddings.com for their professionalism and dedication to enhancing the wedding planning experience last year."

"Stand Down" Grants Open To Assist Homeless Veterans Available from U.S. Department of Labor

St. John Tradewinds

The U.S. Department of Labor's Veterans' Employment and Training Service has announced the availability of \$600,000 in "Stand Down" grants, explained Delegate to Congress Donna Christensen last week.

These grants will provide an estimated 10,000 homeless veterans with opportunities to reintegrate into society. The grants are being awarded under the Department's Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program. Stand Down is a military term referring to a brief respite from combat. Stand Down community events are hosted by local organizations that provide veterans with a wide range of social services such as food, clothing, shelter, housing and employment assistance.

Stand Down grant funds must be used to enhance employment and training opportunities or to promote the self-sufficiency of

homeless veterans through paid work.

Basic services such as showers, haircuts, attention to health concerns and other collaborative services provided at Stand Down events can improve participants' chances of connecting with community-based service providers, and securing and maintaining employment.

Grantees operating within the Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program network will sponsor Stand Down events by coordinating their efforts with various local, state and federal service providers. Applications for Stand Down grants will be accepted from state workforce agencies, state and local workforce investment boards, veterans service organizations, local public agencies and nonprofit organizations, including community and faith-based organizations.

For additional information and the grant application visit <http://s.dol.gov/D9>.



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● **REDUCED!** Bonus!! Private well maintained home in Coral Bay with an EXTRA LOT! Only \$299,000.

● **REDUCED!** Great value with this 4BR 2BA home. Use as 2 units or keep as 1 home. Large decks w/panoramic views. Only \$525,000.

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● **PRICED TO SELL!** Spacious, immaculate 3br 3ba unit with water views. Finishes include chef's kitchen with bar & granite c/tops/mahog kit cabs and a/c. Common pool. \$525,000.

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"Bella Vista" - a well maintained & beautifully decorated home, perched high atop cool Bordeaux Mountain. Views from Jost Van Dyke to Virgin Gorda. Quality construction with hardwood floors & beautiful wood trim throughout. A large master suite, two spacious guest bedroom suites, large loft for additional guests, & an apartment entrance & Spa. **\$750,000.**



"Villa Lantano" - Has magnificent North Shore views over Peter Bay to Jost Van Dyke from this spacious home in Upper Peter Bay. Features include custom kitchen with granite countertops and stainless appliances, travertine marble floors throughout, including decks, large pool deck with adjoining spa, water views from every room and the pool and lush professional landscaping. A beautiful new arched, native stone gazebo has been added that makes a very comfortable, shady outdoor seating area. **\$7.9M.**

"Villa Hibiscus" - All masonry construction on a large corner lot in Estate Chocolate Hole just 1.5 miles from Cruz Bay dock on paved roads. Deeded beach rights to Hart Bay and Chocolate Hole Bay and plenty of flat parking. Successful short term rental with two private units, separate storage building, plus big work shop/home office space below with separate drive way. Live in one unit and rent the other or rent them both. **\$895,000.**



"Estate Peter Bay" - Four gorgeous home sites situated in prestigious Estate Peter Bay with great views over north shore to Jost van Dyke. These parcels are not part of Peter Bay subdivision therefore no membership dues, assessments, covenants or restrictions can be levied. However, owner retains right to use the beach and entrance to Peter Bay subdivision (upper Peter Bay road) to access this parcel. Starting at just **\$595,000,000.**

Cruz Views #10 - Beautiful water views to St. Thomas, sunsets, walking distance to town and near pool and sundeck. Unique two bedroom air-conditioned corner unit offers lots of privacy has an outdoor shower and is a popular short term rental. New flat screen TV, stainless appliances, dishwasher. Cruz Views has undergone many improvements including stairs, decks, landscaping and upgrading of pool area. **\$595,000**



"Villa Meritage" - a private oasis nestled into the verdant hillside overlooking Hart Bay, Chocolate Hole to the island of St. Thomas and offshore cays. Facing west to capture stunning sunsets, the 4 bedroom, 4 bath pool home with Jacuzzi offers a separate one bedroom cozy cottage (built in 2000), with its own private Jacuzzi. Beautifully furnished and lavishly decorated with custom artwork, this home is a must see. **\$1.5M**

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"Palm Terrace Villas" - Some of the most spacious condos to be found on St. John. Completed in 2005 with beautiful views, generous balconies, common sun deck and pool area, walk to town and Frank Bay Beach. The two bedroom unit is over 1700 sq. ft. All feature large kitchens, granite countertops, stainless appliances, large closets, private washer and dryer and ample storage. These condos have it all. **\$695,000 to \$999,000.**

Mango Terrace Villas - Brand new and spacious condos on a hillside overlooking the turquoise waters of the Caribbean. All units have spacious interiors, ample decks from which to enjoy the cool easterly breezes & expansive water views. Amenities include private laundry, private decks, granite, counters, travertine floors, large shared pool and deck. Only six units in two buildings with proximity to Cruz Bay Town & Frank Bay beach. Reasonable financing available. **\$650,000 to \$1.35M.**

DEVELOPMENT/COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES: Estate Pastory - Perfect deal for a spec home builder - 3 lots for the price of one at just **\$375,000.** **Hansen Bay 7A** is an 18 acre parcel with studies done and a 15 lot sub division permit. All lots have water views and breezes and 4 lots are on the flat top of a ridge with almost 360 degree views. Just reduced from **\$3.18M to \$2.99M.**

Great Deals: Seagrape Hill - \$85,000 & \$99,000, **Upper Carolina lot** with fantastic water views for just **\$169,000,** **Bethany** building lot over looking the Westin reduced to **\$99,000,** **Peter Bay** half acre just reduced from **\$700,000 to \$595,000.** Call for a complete list of land for sale.

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 - NEW on the Market! - CARA MIA** - Stone 3 bd/3.5 bath pool villa in prestigious Pt. Rendezvous. Equal sized bdms, full A/C, brick patios, mahogany doors, travertine floors, slate roof, popular turn-key rental villa. \$1,925,000.
 - Reduced! REEF BAY VIEW** - Absolutely stunning easterly views of the Nat'l Pk & cooling tradwinds can be yours. 4 bd/3 bath, pool, spa, rental history. \$1,395,000.
 - SEASCAPE** - Fabulous location on Bovacap Point! Spacious 2 bd main house w/lap pool & spa, plus a separate caretaker's cottage. Panoramic views, privacy & successful vacation rental. \$1,095,000.
 - GOLDEN DRAGON** - Beautiful stone villa w/exceptional craftsmanship. 4 bds/4 baths, infinity pool, multi patios & decks, lush gardens, Pt. Rendezvous. **\$1,925,000.**
 - LIZARD HILL** - A one of a kind villa, high above Cinnamon Bay & surrounded by Nat'l Pk. land. Enjoy the exclusive privacy, views to die for, gorgeous gardens, & easy access from this 3 bd/3 bath, with pool & caretaker's cottage nestled on over 1 acre in Catherineberg. \$3,100,000.
 - BLUE TANG** - Charming, turnkey, rental villa in Great Cruz Bay. Privacy, vibrant sunsets, 60' covered deck overlooking sunny pool, 2 bd/2 baths, great kitchen, excellent floor plan, & terrific location. \$1,295,000.
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- STONE HOUSE** - Spectacular Coral Bay views, 3 bd/3 baths, gorgeous stonework, covered rotunda, freeform pool, vacation rental history, easy access. \$1,620,000.
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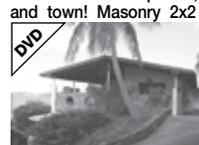
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After Action Review, VITEMA Deems Emergency Alert System a Success

St. John Tradewinds

Local broadcasters in collaboration with VITEMA, conducted a demonstration of the Territory's Emergency Alert System using a Tsunami Live Code, to determine the current readiness of the system on Wednesday, March 23.

After a review of the demonstration, VITEMA deemed it a success overall.

"We faced a number of challenges but it is important to remember that the EAS demonstration was not a pass or fail test but an assessment of the system so that we can make improvements," said Noel Smith, Assistant Director of VITEMA. "What we found to be most important is that the EAS system does work and can be improved upon."

The demonstration, which included airing a tsunami warning test message across radio and television stations only, was conducted as part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's

annual national Tsunami Exercise, which was designed to evaluate local response plans, increase preparedness, and improve coordination throughout the region.

The exercise, titled CARIBE WAVE 11/LANTEX 11, simulated a widespread tsunami warning and watch situation throughout the Caribbean which required implementation of local tsunami response plans.

Some of the challenges involved localized signal reception and audio quality of the message, According to Smith. While broadcasters on St. Croix received a clear signal and were able to broadcast the tsunami warning test message once it was received from NOAA at Puerto Rico, there was a notable delay for the St. Thomas stations that may have been caused by poor reception.

Another concern was the audio quality of message which was almost inaudible and somewhat unintelligible. Also, since the mes-

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— Noel Smith, Assistant Director of VITEMA

sage was generated out of Puerto Rico, listeners heard to tsunami warning message in Spanish first and then English.

"We have gathered many lessons learned and as we move towards future demonstrations VITEMA will work with EAS participants, NOAA and FEMA to address and overcome these challenges by identifying the appropriate mitigation strategies," Smith said.

VITEMA officials thanked the broadcast community for participating in this invaluable demon-

stration of our Emergency Alert System. Broadcasters invest significant money in purchasing equipment to allow the Emergency Alert System to work in the territory. Based on initial data collected by FEMA, about a dozen broadcast stations participated.

As part of the EAS demonstration, VITEMA and the Office of the Governor, with support from FEMA's Integrated Public Alert and Warning System division, launched a public education campaign based on best practices found in the previous state and na-

tional level emergency alert tests.

Information was placed on websites as well as social media tools and a public service announcement about the test was issued by Office of the Governor.

This is an ongoing effort and commitment to ensure the territory is prepared for this type of event.

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VITEMA also reminded the community that this week is Tsunami Awareness Week in the Virgin Islands and urged individuals, families and businesses to visit www.noaa.gov for more information about tsunamis and www.ready.gov for tsunami preparedness planning.

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