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Top Brass Officially Commission New Ambulance Boat

By Jaime Elliott

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Steel pan music rang in the air as the territory's top brass and about 100 residents gathered at the Cruz Bay Creek to commission the brand new St. John ambulance boat on Saturday morning, April 9.

Designed and built on St. Croix by Gold Coast Yachts, the *Liston 'Huntie' Sprauve* ambulance boat was officially commissioned — replete with a champagne bottle smashing — by the boat captain after whom the vessel's name was taken.

The St. John community was responsible for naming the vessel. Department of Health officials hosted a "name the ambulance boat" initiative in March and Sprauve's name was the overwhelming choice, according to officials.

The 50-foot catamaran is powered by twin 425-hp QSB motors capable of propelling the vessel to a top speed of 29.5 knots, literally leaving the bulking old *Star of Life* in its shiny wake.

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Liston 'Huntie' Sprauve

The 50-foot catamaran "Liston 'Huntie' Sprauve" ambulance boat shines in the sun at the Cruz Bay Creek on Saturday morning, April 9, as officials gathered to officially commission the new vessel, which was designed and constructed on St. Croix by Gold Coast Yachts.

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Members of the Rutnik family, including Janet and Andy at far right, are joined by close friends during the opening ceremony of the 15th Annual Ruby Rutnik Softball Tournament.

PLAY BALL: 15th Annual Ruby Rutnik Memorial Tournament Gets Underway

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The Rutnik family gathered on the infield of the Winston Well ball field in Cruz Bay on Friday night, April 8, and opened the 15th Annual Ruby Rutnik Softball Tournament.

With a new format pitting all star teams from St. Thomas, St. John, St. Croix and Tortola, which won last year's championship, against each other, the tournament promised to be full of action.

The annual tournament is hosted in honor of Ruby Rutnik, a former star windmill pitcher for Antilles School who died in a car accident during her senior year in college.

Funds raised through the sponsorship of innings and donations, provide scholarships for local students. The tournament's first game had the private school all stars against the Ivanna Eudora Kean High School team. A close game unraveled for the private school team in the fourth inning, when IEK put up 11 runs to eventually take the game 16 to 7.

Scores of other games were not available as of



The All Stars, at bat, couldn't make up a 16 to 7 run difference, giving up the first game of the 15th Annual Ruby Rutnik Memorial Softball Tournament to Ivanna Eudora Kean High School.

press time. See next week's *Tradewinds* for scores and more on the 15th Annual Ruby Rutnik Memorial Softball Tournament.

CBCC's April 11th Planning Session Series Will Focus on "Wish List"

The Coral Bay Community Council's planning discussion series will continue Monday evening, April 11, at 6 p.m. in room six at Guy Benjamin School in Coral Bay.

The meeting will be an "I wish..." and "Wouldn't it be a good idea if..." brainstorming session to highlight a whole range of community-based ideas for future land use, especially for public infrastructure.

This session will feature the land use planning recommendations by Joe Mina, CBCC's stormwater engineer last year — and all ideas and wishes about how to improve the public infrastructure and various uses of land in Coral Bay.

All serious ideas encouraged, and maybe a few wild ones! Please come and participate in creating a "Wish List." CBCC will then analyze some of the ideas and report back. Everyone is welcome. For more information call the CBCC office at 776-2099.

After School 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.

Historical Society Meeting on April 12

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.

Opening of Cinnamon Bay Factory Accessible Trail Set for April 13

Friends of V.I. National Park invites the community to join in the official opening of the Accessible Trail at the Cinnamon Bay Factor Ruins on Wednesday, April 13, at 11 a.m. at the ruins.

Join the group as it officially opens the trail and enjoy a VINP ranger-led tour of the ruins. A small reception will follow.

Human Services Hosting Crime Victims' Rights Fair April 15 at VINP Field

The Department of Human Services Criminal Victims Compensation Commission invites the entire St. John community to commemorate Crime Victims' Rights Week by attending a "Victim No More" crime and violence ceremony on Friday, April 15, at the V.I. National Park ball field from 4 to 8 p.m.

The CVCC will host a fair featuring speakers, drumming and steel band performances. There will also be a moment of silence in honor of victims of crime in the territory. For more information contact 718-1612.

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Top Brass Officially Commission *Liston 'Huntie' Sprauve* Ambulance Boat

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While it took years for the island of St. John to welcome a new ambulance boat, it took Gold Coast Yachts only 10 months to produce the state-of-the-art vessel once it won the government contract.

Truly an emergency room afloat, the vessel was hailed as a key step to providing St. John with reliable access to emergency medical services.

"The St. John community has waited a long time for this day," said Department of Health Acting Commissioner Fern Clarke. "And they let us know it. Some of the names suggested for the vessel were 'A Long Time Coming,' 'At Last' and 'Patience.'"

"To the St. John community — we heard your pleas," said Clarke.

Sponsor of the bill which financed the new ambulance boat, Senator Alvin Williams said he couldn't have realized the new vessel by himself.

"You can't get anything done alone," said the senator. "We heard the cry of the people and moved aggressively with my colleagues to get the \$800,000 in the budget for this boat. And the governor moved post haste to ensure this became a reality."

While the new vessel will be able to safely and comfortably

transport patients to needed medical care on St. Thomas, there remain serious gaps in emergency services on St. John, Williams added.

"We need an ambulance in Coral Bay," he said. "When there is an emergency on that side of the island, patients are forced to wait up to an hour for an ambulance to arrive. We know that and we continue to work aggressively to meet the needs of the island of St. John."

Being able to celebrate the new vessel the day "glorious," according to DOH Emergency Medical Services Director Dr. Selwyn Mahon.

"Normally when EMS are around, it is a stressful time," said Mahon. "It's nice to be here to celebrate with you. It is our mission to provide optimum emergency care for the people of the Virgin Islands and having a reliable ambulance boat is essential for the island of St. John."

The vessel is a more than just a newly built boat, explained Lieutenant Governor Greg Francis.

"This represents a sparkling gem in the crown of the improving healthcare system in the Virgin Islands," said Francis.

Lt. Gov. Francis also urged residents to make sure the vessel stays in its current pristine condition.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Governor John deJongh congratulates Captain Liston Sprauve and officially commissions the new St. John Ambulance boat the "Liston 'Huntie' Sprauve."

"People will be curious, but you must be the eyes and ears," said Francis. "If you see something suspicious, don't wait for someone else, just call 911."

The huge crowd attending the vessel commissioning ceremony was testament to the importance of having reliable emergency transportation, explained Governor John deJongh.

"It's tremendous to see the entire St. John community come out this morning," said deJongh. "This

vessel represents our commitment to the people who said 'It took too long.' This represents our commitment to ensuring quality services on St. John."

"We also acknowledge a son of St. John who has been part of public health and serving the community for decades," said the governor. "We went to the public to ask what we should name the vessel. We got many responses, but one stood out who represented service and represented medical service

whom we should overwhelmingly name the boat after."

Captain Liston "Huntie" Sprauve has worked on St. John ambulance vessels since 1971, when he started out as coxswain under his aunt Elaine Sprauve, assistant to St. John Administrator, when the service was under that jurisdiction. The ambulance boat was eventually placed under the jurisdiction of DOH, which named Sprauve Ambulance Boat Supervisor in 1991.

Looking forward to retirement in June, Sprauve was thrilled to see a new ambulance boat finally at dock on St. John waiting to transport patients in safety and comfort.

"I am very humbled by this," said Sprauve. "I thought this day would never get here. I am very proud and very happy for the community to have a vessel that can safely and comfortably transport patients."

"I will do my best to keep the vessel in the shape it is today," said Sprauve.

And with that, Captain Sprauve joined Governor deJongh and broke a bottle of Andre Brut — giving himself a small cut on his hand; aptly the first patient aboard the vessel — over the bow of the brand new "Liston 'Huntie' Sprauve" ambulance boat.

Twice-Convicted Sexual Offender Arrested for Failure to Register

St. John Tradewinds

A two-time convicted sex offender was arrested Monday, April 4, on St. John for failing to register his name on the V.I. Sex Offender Registry maintained by the Department of Justice.

At the request of the Department of Justice, officers from the V.I. Police Department arrested 40-year-old Aaron Thomas McCord of Arkansas at about 3:30 p.m. in Estate Pastory, St. John.

McCord is charged with one count of failure to register as a sex offender.

In accordance with Title 14 VIC § 1724(a)(4), a person moving to the U.S. Virgin Islands from another jurisdiction is required to register with the Department of Justice within five days of first residing or returning to the territory.



Aaron Thomas McCord

Information obtained by the Department of Justice Sexual Registry Coordinator revealed that McCord arrived to the Virgin Islands on or about March 24, 2011. He has since failed to report to the Department of Justice to register as required, and is considered an

- **Name:** Aaron Thomas McCord
- **Age:** 40
- **Race:** White
- **Sex:** Male
- **Height:** 6'0"
- **Weight:** 160 lbs
- **Hair:** Brown
- **Eyes:** Blue
- **Identifying Marks:** amputated pinky finger on right hand, cross tattooed on right side of chest and on right calf
- **Residence:** 17358 Chocolate Hole, St. John, VI 00831— UVI

absconder.

McCord has been convicted of sex related offenses involving minors in the states of Indiana and Arkansas.

Attorney General Vincent Frazer reminded persons who have been convicted of a sex offense that it is their duty to register and to maintain annual compliance with registration requirements.

"The Department of Justice is

aggressively monitoring and tracking the whereabouts of convicted sex offenders whose obligation it is to register their names on the Sex Offender Registry maintained by the Department," said Frazer. "Those who abscond from this duty will be apprehended and penalized."

Acting VIPD Commissioner Raymond Hyndman warned offenders against using the Virgin Islands as a safe haven.

"Offenders cannot come to the Virgin Islands and expect to remain undetected," said Hyndman. "Once the Virgin Islands Police Department is made aware of their unlawful presence in the territory it will move swiftly to assist in their apprehension for the protection of all Virgin Islanders, especially our children."

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Stony Masonry employees oversee paving and road work at Upper Johnny Horn Trail as part of CBCC's extensive storm water projects under a major NOAA grant.

Deadline Looming for Ambitious Storm Water Projects by CBCC

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

With a June 30 grant deadline looming ever closer, Coral Bay Community Council officials are racing to get all planned 18 storm water projects wrapped up, or at least underway.

CBCC, in conjunction with the Estate Fish Bay Homeowners Association and V.I. Resource Conservation and Development Council, won a \$2.7 million grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Coastal and Marine Habitat Restoration funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Of the three main partners, CBCC's planned 18 projects storm water projects are the most ambitious and complex. VIRCD oversaw a stabilization project in East End Bay on St. Croix, while the Estate Fish Bay Homeowners Association saw the neighborhood's roadways paved and swales installed to reduce the amount of runoff in the area.

In Coral Bay, CBCC partnered with Department of Public Works, various homeowners' associations and residents to make as much of an impact with the roughly \$1.4 million from the NOAA grant as possible. While several projects have already wrapped up, the organization is racing against the clock to get work going on all projects by June 30, explained CBCC president Sharon Coldren.

"The clock is ticking," said Coldren. "We have a lot going on, but we also need to get moving on several projects. We know we're working against the clock at this point."

A bio-retention pond located on King's Hill Road, on an easement granted by the Egbert Marsh Trust, has been completed. Road work on Calabash Boom has also wrapped up with swales, drainage bars and

step pools installed.

By teaming up with Hansen Bay residents, CBCC was able to lend expertise and see its \$83,000 paving project extended by several hundred feet, and \$72,000, explained Coldren.

"That is a real example of how much more we can get done when we work with residents and home associations," she said.

Road work on Johnny Horn Trail is also just about complete, Coldren added.

"Stone Masonry is finishing up at Johnny Horn where they installed some swales to direct water into the natural gut," she said.

Directing water back into natural guts is an overarching theme in most of CBCC's storm water projects, Coldren explained.

"It's really important for natural water ways to be respected because then the water slows down, goes into the aquifer and you have less water rushing down to the sea full of sediment," she said. "In all of the projects we tried to get water back into the natural gut flows. Sometimes that is impossible, but where it can be done, it's best."

Unable to reach an agreement with Moravian Church officials, CBCC was forced to scrape a planned sediment detention basin on land right behind the Emmaus Moravian Cemetery, according to Coldren.

"We couldn't reach an agreement within the necessary time frame for the grant," she said.

A rain garden installed behind the Coral Bay Fire Station is complete and is expected to further slow down the flow of water in the area. Water flowing through the gut there will also nourish the garden and release more sediment.

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Corbeil Granted \$1,000 from Southland Gaming Awards Program

**By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds**

St. John community activist Bonny Corbeil was recently honored with a \$1,000 award from Southland Gaming.

The territory’s video lottery operator launched a Community Award Program in August 2010 and has donated \$1,000 each month to a Virgin Islands resident who has made a difference in the community in one of several areas.

The awards program was established “to recognize and award those individuals and/or organizations for outstanding community contributions in many areas: sports and recreation; music; education;

environment; social change; early childhood education; youth and mentoring; and others,” according to the website www.sgvi.com/awards. “This is truly an award program for recent successes and accomplishments by individuals and ongoing community programs.”

Corbeil was nominated for the award by a prominent Love City citizen and community activist who wished to not be named.

“Bonny does an enormous amount of volunteer work with the youth of St. John, and she serves on the Crime Stoppers and Junior Achievement of the Virgin Islands Boards,” said the resident. “She regularly attends meetings of the

St. John Chapter of the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce and is a positive force working to have all members of the St. John community work together for the good of all.”

Joking that she could use the money to pay for the gas her vehicle consumes attending all the meetings on her slate, Corbeil said she was truly honored by the award.

“I’m really honored to receive this award,” she said.

Not taking a moment off from her passion, Corbeil was grappling with ways to engage youth in quality extracurricular programs, she explained.

“I just desperately wish we



Bonny Corbeil

happen until all of us sit down and figure out a way to move forward together.”

Southland’s community awards program is scheduled to distribute \$1,000 every other week for one year, wrapping up this August, and distributing a total of \$25,000.

Past recipients of Southland’s awards include Lieutenant Governor Gregory Francis’ wife Cheryl Francis, who heads the Stop the Bleeding Campaign, Using Sport for Social Change founder Dean Doeling and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla.

Applications are available at Southland’s website www.sgvi.com/awards or by calling 776-4111 extension 220.

could learn to harness the love we have for our kids and move some action into more quality programs and a better recreational center,” said Corbeil. “That can’t really

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Enphase Solar Powergrid Systems Are Focus of IGBA Discussion

By Jaime Elliott
 St. John Tradewinds

About 30 residents filled an office at The Marketplace on Wednesday evening, April 6, to hear Gary Udhwani discuss his newest business venture at the Island Green Builders Association's monthly meeting.

The owner of SB Jewelers in St. Croix since 1986, Udhwani launched EcoInnovations VI, a solar powergrid provider, last year.

"Solar, it's about time, huh," said Udhwani. "It took 50 years to get here, but solar energy has finally become a reality. We can all have clean energy and we don't have to pay a whole lot for it."

Interested in saving on his electric bill, but unwilling to make a complete lifestyle change to constant metering and battery observation, Udhwani was looking for a user-friendly way to "go green," he explained.

"I wanted a solution to have solar panels at my house without changing my lifestyle," he said. "I am an average guy, I didn't want to deal with batteries and all of that."

As a solution, Udhwani formed EcoInnovations VI, which imports Enphase Microinverters and Rheem water heaters. The company has installed various solar panel grid systems across the territory so far and is set up to handle both commercial and utility needs, Udhwani explained.

"We're ready to take on any project WAPA will throw at us," he said. "We want to make sure that if WAPA launches major solar power projects, the work is done locally."

EcoInnovations shatters the myth that solar grid systems must be expensive or high-maintenance, according to Udhwani.

"When we think of solar we think of green technology, expensive and all of those batteries we have to charge and all those panels we have to look at," said the entrepreneur. "You have to monitor how much panels are producing and how much the batteries are charged up. It's a lifestyle."

"We have taken that lifestyle and converted it into an actual appliance like a refrigerator," said



Gary Udhwani

Udhwani. "It's an appliance you put on and you don't think about it. It just runs."

EcoInnovation offers a powergrid where each solar panel is attached to its own Enphase Energy microinverter which then connects to an Enphase Envoy which plugs into an electrical outlet and connects to a broadband router.

Through the Enphase Envoy, each solar panel is constantly being monitored and if there are any problems with the system, the provider or owner is alerted to the issue, Udhwani explained.

"Our powergrids consist of the panels balanced with the inverters, the racking and at the heart of the system is the Enphase inverter," he said. "You know the inverter is working because the inverter connects to your broadband and tells you how much power each panel is generating."

"It plugs right into your modem and gives you a reading for each panel in your system," Udhwani said.

Most solar powergrid systems use only one inverter which does not supply the detailed analysis of each panel like the Enphase does, Udhwani added.

The system, however, does rely on WAPA current — or an alternate current from a generator or wind turbine — in order to operate since the Enphase Envoy must plug into an existing powerline.

"This is not for backup electricity," said Udhwani. "For backup power, get a generator. This is to

reduce your energy bill. When the power is out, the devices immediately disconnect."

"The system only works when WAPA works well," he said.

The electricity being produced by the solar panels will be fed back to a resident's power meter, and WAPA will credit the homeowner for the generated electricity. While WAPA's old turning meters will show the dial actually spinning backwards as energy is produced, after the new powergrid is installed, WAPA will install a new digital reader to the residence, explained Udhwani.

"If you have the new digital meters, your meter will not run backward, but you will see how much electricity you sold WAPA on your bill," said the EcoInnovations owner.

WAPA credits residents for the electricity they produce, but operates on a yearly cycle, Udhwani explained.

"You don't really want to produce more electricity than you use because they credit you by a yearly cycle," he said. "By December 31 you have to use all of your credits. Or run a lot of Christmas lights."

There are several local and federal rebates available to residents installing solar powergrids. A V.I. Energy rebate program will reimburse a resident for 50 percent of a 2 KW system up to \$10,000, according to Udhwani.

That rebate must be applied for within 30 days, he added.

Federal tax credits for up to 30 percent of the system are also available, Udhwani explained.

"You get a 30 percent tax credit for the system which you file in your income taxes," he said.

EcoInnovations' powergrid systems can run anywhere from \$15,000 before rebates and tax credits for a 2KW grid system, to \$35,995 for a 5KW grid system, before rebates and tax credits. Udhwani also offered \$500 discounts to residents attending the IGBA meeting.

For more information about EcoInnovation's products and services call Udhwani at 266-3349. For more information about IGBA check out www.igba-stjohn.org.

Senator Barshinger Questions Frank Powell Sr. Park Renovations

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

The latest voice to question the Frank Powell Park renovations arose last week from the V.I. Legislature Hall.

After being contacted by several constituents, Senator at Large Craig Barshinger viewed the planned changes to the highly-visible Cruz Bay park, which has been surrounded by a tall beige fence since renovations began in February.

"I have heard several constituents complain about the park," he said. "People are not happy with all sorts of aspects of it. As I heard more and more complaints, I became more and more concerned."

The loudest complaint regarded the timing of the project, Barshinger explained.

"The timing was inane," he said. "Starting the renovations when they did knocked the Arts Festival out of the park. It's like shooting yourself in the foot."

"It's the kind of situation where some nice benefactor creates a nice event and we make it hard for him to do," said the senator. "Why would someone come and do something nice if we are abusive to him?"

Other complaints Barshinger heard centered around the lockout of food vendor Sheila Liburd of Sheila's Pot and the six-month time frame of the project, he explained.

To find out more about the project, and what would take six months to complete,



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Most of the walking surfaces in Frank Powell Park, above, are being ripped out and replaced with variegated tile.

Barshinger viewed diagrams of the renovations at St. John Administrator Leona Smith's office. The senator was not impressed, he explained.

"I went over there and looked at the diagrams," said Barshinger. "The things they are doing are not structural and are really just paving. The fact that they want six

months for this is not appropriate."

"We want it to be done correctly, yes, but why do you close the park in the middle of high season and why do you need six months for this," said the senator at large.

The project, overseen by Department of Public Works, was awarded to Apex Construction to the tune of \$200,000, and work

got underway in early February. Renovations are scheduled to wrap up in mid-June and until then it seems that the Cruz Bay waterfront sidewalk will remain behind the tall beige fence currently in place.

The diagrams which Barshinger viewed did not include an artist's rendering of what the prominent park will look like once renovations are complete, he explained.

"It's just engineering stuff there and it shows that they are basically changing very little," said the senator. "I did my best to read the diagrams and it seems that all of the walking surfaces will be redone. They are putting in variegated pavers over sand."

"They are very careful to specify every aspect of the technique to put the pavers over sand and put sand between the pavers," said Barshinger. "But there is not going to be a lot different in the park. They are not using space in a new way or restructuring the area."

The plans were reportedly created years ago by a committee, which has since disbanded.

"A committee recommended many of these changes 10 years ago and that committee has since disbanded," said Barshinger. "I tried to call a phone number listed on the drawings and the number was out of order. Who decided all this stuff?"

"There are a lot of questions about this project," he said.

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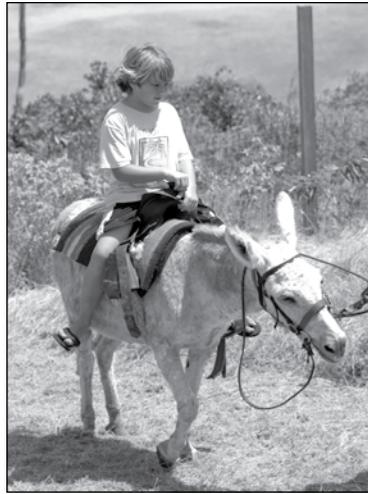


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St. John Montessori School students and friends enjoyed a great day at the school's John's Folly site. While raising \$4,000 for the school, kids enjoyed donkey rides and the school's playground.

Fish Fry Rakes In More Than \$4,000 for St. John Montessori School

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

Children with beautifully painted faces cheered on their crab race competitors, enjoyed donkey ride after donkey ride and gobbled up delicious fried fish on Saturday afternoon, April 2, all in the name of a good cause: raising money for the St. John Montessori School.

The second annual fish fry fundraiser brought in more than \$4,000 for the school, which teaches 20 young children.

More than 100 plates of food were sold, and \$2,400 was raised through the raffle alone, which featured 26 different prizes. Money was also brought in via various game and craft tables, where kids created their own jewelry and original works of art.

"I like the diversity of people who came out from all over the island," said school founder Debra

Polucci. "The purpose is to show off this lovely campus. Not only did all our families participate, but the community members did as well."

Indeed, St. John Montessori's windswept John's Folly campus, which overlooks the island's dramatic south shore, was alive with students of the school, as well as kids from across the island and their families.

Laurel Brannick-Bigrigg and her husband, Marc Bigrigg, attended the fish fry with their young son, a Giffit Hill School student, in the interest of supporting Montessori's unique approach to education.

"It's a great school, and it's such a nice environment for kids," said Brannick-Bigrigg. "It's an individual style of learning, and they get to go at their own pace. This event is a fun non-beach thing to



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Ryan Witbeck

Volunteers worked at the entrance gate and sold tickets during the fair, which raised \$4,000 for the school.

do for families, and the fish was delicious."

"If you don't help out the schools, what do you have?" added Bigrigg.

Parents of students who attend Montessori raved about the school and its student-centered focus on learning.

"We love it," said Ingrid Ott-

Zucker, whose two young daughters attend Montessori. "It's the best school on the island, and we'll do what we can to support it."

Julie Lonski, who helped man the ticket table at the fundraiser event, praised the school, which has been up and running for three years.

"Montessori is an outstanding educational option, and we're really blessed to have it," said Lonski, whose four-year-old son Cruz is in his second year at Montessori. "The one room school house with a breathtaking view inspires the kids to learn."

The money raised at the fish fry will be put toward materials for the children, according to Polucci. The school also has an annual fundraiser dinner at Aqua Bistro, and hopes to implement a fundraising gala sometime this fall.

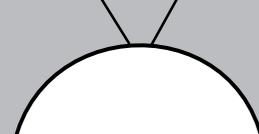


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(Left to Right): Jayden Brooks (3rd Place Winner), Brianna Perez (2nd Place Winner) and Nadia Leoni, the 2011 JESS Primary Bee School Champion.

Nadia Leoni Wins 2011 Julius Spruave School Primary In-School Spelling Bee

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Twenty-four excited and nervous Julius E. Spruave School first through third grade students participated in the 2011 Primary In-School Spelling Bee on Wednesday, March 30.

After stiff competition, second grader Nadia Leoni was crowned the 2011 JESS Primary Spelling Bee School Champion. Brianna Perez and Jayden Brooks, both third graders, finished second and third place respectively. Leoni will represent JESS in the St. Thomas/St. John District Spelling Bee on April 28, in St. Thomas.

Reading teacher and long-time JESS spelling bee coordinator Lucinda Parsons and JESS vice principal Brenda Dalmida presented each of the participants

with a “Speller’s Survival Kit,” which included an eraser, since everyone makes mistakes, pencils and more.

Spelling bee participants were also presented with certificates for their dedication to improving their spelling, increasing their vocabulary, learning concepts and developing correct English usage, explained JESS elementary literacy coach Anna Sewer.

The spelling bee tradition at JESS has been a successful event for years thanks to the staff’s hard work, Sewer added.

“Ms. Lucinda Parsons has coordinated the JESS Spelling Bees for many years and we appreciate her dedication and hard work to keep this tradition alive,” said Sewer.

Public Libraries Celebrate Library Week

St. John Tradewinds

Governor John deJongh signed a proclamation designating the week of April 10 to 16, National Library Week in the Virgin Islands, a time to celebrate the contributions of libraries, librarians and library workers in schools, campuses and communities nationwide.

This year, the American Library Association has set the theme for National Library Week as “Create your own story at your library.” In recognition of National Library Week and in celebration of Virgin Islands Public Libraries, DPNR’s Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums announce the National Library Week’s library participation, activities and events.

The division will also be hosting site visits and tours of the Enid Baa Public Library & Archives, Florence Williams Library, Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped and the Athalie McFarlane Public Library for approximately 30 library staff and library professionals from Guadeloupe, French West

Indies during the week.

Territory-wide, book amnesty will be a key incentive at the public libraries during the week! Library patrons are encouraged to return their overdue books and have the accrued fines waived. Lost book fines are excluded from book amnesty week.

Library Week on St. John

The Friends of the Elaine I. Spruave Public Library on St. John have erected and will dedicate a large mahogany sign on the grounds of the public library to commemorate National Library Week. The sign was generously donated by Jean Gibbs and Mr. and Mrs. John Wasilchak, members of the Friends of the Elaine I Spruave Library.

There will also be a special guest reader at the story hour on Thursday, April 14, at 11a.m

For more information call the Elaine I. Spruave Public Library at 776-6359, or visit the public library’s website at www.virginislandspubliclibraries.org for a calendar of events, or more information.



Attention!

Effective Friday, April 1, 2011, the Administrative Fee for services at all Department of Health Immunization clinics territory-wide **will change.**

The Administrative Fee will be charged for vaccination services as well as for vaccine exemption letters.

The new fee schedule is as follows:

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Thanks to donations by members of the Friends of Elaine I. Sprauve Library, the library unveiled a new sign last week, above.

New Sign at Elaine I. Sprauve Library Eliminates Museum Confusion

St. John Tradewinds

The Elaine I. Sprauve Library continues to spruce up its distinguished appearance.

Librarian Carol McGuinness unveiled a brand new sign on the library grounds which was donated by Friends of Elaine I. Sprauve Library members Jean Gibbs and the Wasilchak family.

The sign was designed by Mark Hansen and installed by Richard Bates. The new wooden sign should silence the complaints McGuinness heard often regarding the old sign.

"Everyone got mad and would complain because the old sign said 'Library and Museum,' and there is no museum here," said the librarian.

With the false advertising now removed, McGuinness hopes to hear only compliments about the new sign.

"It's really gorgeous," said McGuinness. "We're very happy with the new sign and we're going to do some landscaping around it now to make the area even prettier."

Giff Hill School EARTH Students Celebrate Spring with Eggplant Party and Mosaics

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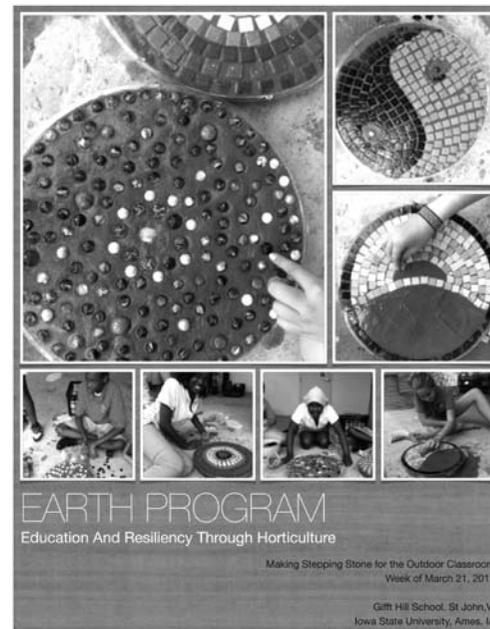
As March turned to April, the Giff Hill School's Education and Resiliency Through Horticulture Program's outdoor classroom came alive.

With summer on its way, and with the Iowa State intern's time coming to a close, EARTH's outdoor classroom has come to life, explained program coordinator Kris Bennett.

"The classroom looks like it belongs to the school, connected by fruit, fruit, and more fruit," said Bennett. "We have planted pineapple, Suriname cherries, passionfruit, guava, pomegranate and more this week. Although we have to wait patiently to enjoy the fruits of this labor, the anticipation brings excitement for the future."

Students enjoyed creating mosaic stepping stones designed for the pathway to the outdoor classroom and hosted an eggplant party to celebrate last month's bounty, Bennett added.

"Please also look forward, with us, to the growth happening everywhere around the EARTH Program," she said.



Caneel Bay Goes Local for Earth Day with Special Organic and Sustainable Dinner

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

As groups and residents across the island gear up to celebrate all things “eco” on Friday, April 22, the 41st annual Earth Day, Love City’s eminent luxury resort is getting into the mood by going local.

Caneel Bay Resort is hosting a special Earth Day menu that night only which will feature 100 percent organic, local and sustainable fare, explained Laura Lopez, who works for the resort’s public relations firm Hawkins International.

“Caneel Bay will show appreciation for the Earth’s natural environment by hosting a special dining event in celebration of Earth Day,” said Lopez. “The event will allow guests and neighbors to enjoy a three-course meal entirely organic and prepared with locally sourced ingredients.”

Guests will start their Earth Day fete with a choice of line caught local wahoo ceviche with young coconut juice, citrus segments and locally grown herbs, or a salad of Coral Bay organic greens, local daikon radish, mango and avocado tossed with a ginger-tamarind vinaigrette.

For the second course, diners will opt for either a lobster spring roll served with shredded green papaya and a Caneel Bay chili, lemongrass and Coral Bay honey sauce or a tamale made with local pig carnitas, Caneel avocado and

tomato salad, with grilled mango and local cilantro pesto.

A refreshing soursop sorbet will be the perfect intermezzo as guests prepare to dig into one of the three enticing entrees available. Diners will enjoy either a banana leaf wrapped grouper filet prepared with ginger, coconut and herbs accompanied by local tomato confit, sauteed Coral Bay bok choy and sweet potato puree or a coffee and cashew crusted pork loin, with organic potato and plantain puree and sauteed Coral Bay long beans with a pineapple honey gastric.

The vegetarian entree option is a tantalizing local pumpkin ravioli tossed with oven cured Josephine’s tomatoes, wilted Coral Bay arugula, sage and local goat cheese.

Guests should definitely save room for a little something sweet as the night’s dessert options should not be missed. Diners will choose from a brown sugar spice cake with roasted banana ice cream and young coconut jelly and a Coral Bay honey souffle with a roasted pineapple and Cruzan Rum sauce.

Dinner will be served at either The Beach Bar and Grill or in The Equator Ruins, where space is already filling up quickly.

The dinner runs \$135 per person which does not include gratuity. Reservations can be made by calling Caneel at 776-6111 and should be made early, according to Lopez.



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Diners at Caneel Bay Resort on Earth Day will enjoy delicious fare — using only local ingredients.

Spike in Tremmers Is Nothing Unusual, NOAA Announces

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Individuals who have signed up for V.I. Alert, recently launched by the V.I. Territorial Emergency Management Agency, may have noticed a dramatic increase in notifications of earthquake activity in the region last week.

According to the Puerto Rico Seismic Network at Mayaguez, between approximately 9 p.m. Monday, April 4, and 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 5, there were more than 50 tremors recorded near Latitude 19 degrees North, which is just north of the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Officials at the Puerto Rico Seismic Network have confirmed that this is just the normal swarm

of tremors which takes place every year in different parts of the Caribbean region.

This recent increase in activity is not being viewed as a reason to become alarmed, according to VITEMA.

However, as it regards earthquakes, every citizen should always be prepared, the agency explained.

“If indoors and a major earthquake is felt, duck, hold and cover under a sturdy piece of furniture until the shaking stops,” according to information from VITEMA. “If near the shoreline, wait until the shaking stops and immediately head to higher ground on foot.”

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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.

There's something in the program to appeal to fans of classical music from every era. In addition to short pieces by Handel, Haydn, and Mozart, the choir will perform "Gloria," a Renaissance gem by Francesco Cortecchia, and two songs from the 20th century with decidedly modern tonal arrangements.

"In keeping with the Easter season, there's an emphasis on sacred music," said John Cahill, who has directed this chamber choir since 1982.

The guest artist for the show is 13-year-old violinist Alana Davis, who performed with the choir at its holiday concerts last December. Davis, who has been trained in classical music since the age of three, also enjoys fiddling and jazz improvisation.

"I love performing," Davis said. "When I play music, everything around me is happy. The pieces I picked out for this concert come from my heart."

Cahill will accompany Davis on piano, and the St. John Singers will be accompanied by Janice Ballard. Tickets cost \$15 for adults and \$5 for students and will be available at the door.

Bethany Moravian Church Hosting "Honoring Our Ancestors" April 16 & 23

On Saturday, April 16, and 23, beginning at 8 a.m. the Bethany Moravian Church on St. John Board of Stewards will be hosting workdays to clean the cemetery and grounds at the church.

All members are encouraged to come and bring their families. A light breakfast and lunch will be served.

Steve Simonsen Sharing His Caribbean Bird Photographs at Last Audubon Meeting of the Season on April 19

Join the V.I. Audubon Society at its last meeting of the season on Tuesday, April 19, at the great room at Giff Hill School.

For the end-of-season celebration, VI Audubon is honored to have Steve Simonsen as the guest speaker. A St. John resident and internationally renowned photographer, Simonsen will present his photographs of Caribbean birds from his various assignments throughout the past few years in places like the BVI, Tobago, St. John, St. Thomas, St. Croix, Jamaica and more!

See What Using Sport for Social Change (USFCS) Has Been Up To at April 23 Meeting at La Tapa

Using Sport for Social Change, in conjunction with the St. John Community Foundation and the Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation, invite the community to attend a social gathering on Wednesday, April 27, at La Tapa.

During this fun, casual, catered event, USFSC founder Dean Doeling will give an update on what the group is, what it has accomplished in the past year, and what officials hope to accomplish in the 2011-2012 year.

The group will also unveil the new levels of sponsorship for the third annual Just Play Day, set for October 10, 2011. For more information check out www.usingsportforsocialchange.com.



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Missy Hensel and Laurie Damron show off one of the adorable puppies available from the ACC during a recent adoption clinic at The Marketplace.

ACC Has Doggies and Puppies Galore

Special to St. John Tradewinds

Adoptions of kittens and puppies from the island shelter have been brisk this season.

Starting in January, when Connie Joseph and Kimber Marnen of the St. John Animal Care Center drove a dog to the St. Thomas airport for an off-island adoption, Love City's four-legged "Ambassadors of Good Will" have been flying out of the shelter in Cruz Bay.

"In fact, more of our animals have been adopted by visitors this season than by residents," said Marnen, the ACC shelter dog technician.

For example, when three women from Michigan stopped by at the shelter in March, "Just to see," they ended up taking the kitty Fig (short for Figaro) back to Michigan with them.

"Most of the tourists go to the beach when they're here, but we thought we'd be different and take a look at the animal shelter," said one of the women laughingly during their visit to the shelter.

Kennels are Full

That's the good news. But the high season is starting to wind down and despite these record-high off-island adoptions, the shelter is still full to capacity. Rescued animals and litters of puppies have been pouring through the doors of the ACC. There are no more spaces in the dog kennels even though some of the kennels house two dogs, provided they get along well together.

The 11 spacious kennels currently house 18 dogs, six of which are puppies. Many of the adults are pit bull mixes, although there are a couple of exceptions like Fuzzy, a poodle/terrier mix, and Rocky, a very sick, sweet stray who appears to be a rottweiler mix.

Fuzzy, who is as cute as a button, is deaf and needs an especially understanding person to adopt her. Rocky, who still unstable on his legs from starvation and dehydration, is shy of anyone he hasn't gotten used to, but he's quickly learned to love Marnen and

ACC Shelter Administrator Sally Nelson.

Nelson said she would "adopt Rocky in a heartbeat" but she has six island rescue cats at home and no yard for an 18-month old canine youngster.

Rocky's only been at the shelter for a month and a half and he gets better and better every day.

There are also six truly beautiful puppies. They have smooth, fawn-colored coats, and romp together in the huge "puppy pen." Five of them are from the same litter and one, Charley, is the last of an earlier litter.

Buster is a pit bull who was seized with police assistance from his owner. He was found locked in a cage with no food, dirty water, and his own waste. Despite neglect and abuse, he is friendly, lovable, and wags his tail all the time.

He has gained an amazing 14 pounds in three weeks at the shelter and is learning how to walk on a leash. He came covered with cuts from being forced to fight, but all he wants now is to play with his kennel mate and get lots of hugs from Marnen. He's just about ready to become a member of a family.

Fostering

Compassionate, full-time residents are needed for fostering special needs dogs and to help alleviate the kennel crowding. Laurie Damron, one of the ACC's most dedicated volunteers, explains that although fostering is a great way to relieve overcrowding at the kennels, it doesn't always work best for the dogs.

The ideal case is when a foster parent falls in love with a dog he or she has brought home to foster and decides to keep the dog permanently. However, often the dog becomes attached to the foster parent only to find himself back on the concrete floor of the shelter kennel, confused and dispirited.

On the other hand, a sick, sweet dog like Rocky, according to Damron, would get better faster in a

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ACC Among 95 Finalists for \$100K Prize — Daily Votes Needed

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The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals® (ASPCA®) last week announced that 95 shelters spanning the nation from Hawaii to the U.S. Virgin Islands have been selected to compete in the qualifying heat of the 2011 ASPCA \$100K Challenge.

The contenders, including the St. John Animal Care Center now must get their supporters to vote online until April 15, and the 50 shelters with the most votes will go on to compete for more than \$300,000 in prize grants, including a grand prize of \$100,000.

“The idea behind the qualifying heat is to inspire communities to support their local shelters,” said Bert Trough-

ton, vice president of community outreach for the ASPCA. “Casting a vote for your local shelter is a way of saying, ‘We care about the animals in our community and want to help our local shelter save animals.’”

“When people work together with their local shelters, more animals are saved, which has a positive impact on the entire community,” said Troughton. “Our contest provides added incentive because the public can both help save animals in their community and bring important grant dollars to their local organization.”

During the 2011 ASPCA \$100K Challenge, 50 animal shelters will compete to save at least 300 more animals — during the months of August, September, and October

2011 — than they did over the same three-month period in 2010.

The shelter with the biggest increase in animals saved will win a \$100,000 grant for their shelter. The agency that gets the most community members involved in saving animals will win a \$25,000 grant; and those organizations that do the best in their regions will be eligible for between \$5,000 and \$25,000 in grants.

Fans and supporters can vote for their favorite shelter daily until April 15; the 50 shelters with the most votes at the end of the qualifying heat will earn a spot in the ASPCA \$100K Challenge. To vote, visit www.votetosavelives.org.

Enighed Pond Parking Area Is 90 Percent Complete, Says Smalls

St. John Tradewinds

In response to numerous and repeated inquiries from the community regarding the opening date of the temporary public parking lot now under construction at the Theovald Moorehead Marine Facility at Enighed Pond, St. John, Public Works Commissioner Darryl Smalls said last week that although the parking lot may appear completed, his agency continues to work with the project contractor Wharton-Smith International, LLC to complete punch-list items.

“The project is about 90 percent finished and the official opening of the lot will be announced as soon as these last few items have been wrapped up,” Smalls said Friday, April 1.

The Department of Public Works has constructed the temporary parking lot on V.I. Port Authority property at Enighed Pond to alleviate parking congestion in Cruz Bay, St. John, according to Smalls.

“The project began late last year and costs \$998,450 which was paid for by Public Work,” he said. “The lot will also be managed by the department.”

Transportation Needed for Can Recycling



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Aluminum cans pile up in Estate Enighed waiting to be delivered, and cashed in, to STS on St. Thomas for recycling. Anyone going to St. Thomas this week and willing to transport some cans should swing by Estate Enighed, pick up as many cans as possible and take them to STS in Subbase.

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Letters To St. John Tradewinds

More Police Presence Is a Welcome Sight

I am starting to see more police officers around — riding around in their cars, even walking and, once in a while, on bicycles. I don't know about you, but I think it is great.

A couple of weeks ago I had a buddy down to go fishing. On his last day here he took me to the ferry, it was the first time he has ever driven here. Well, I told him to turn into the dumpsters and as we turned, the cop parked there flashed his lights at us. I told my buddy to park by the dumpster and I got out and threw the trash in the dumpster.

The cop came over and started to yell at my buddy who couldn't understand a word the he was saying. So I went to the officer and found out that he was giving us a ticket because I took my seat belt off before

we stopped. After he gave us a ticket he left and after I got my buddy calmed down I went over to the officer in his car and I told him I was glad to see him in Red Hook.

Anyway, it is nice to see them around St. John too. Did you know that the *Tradewinds* used to keep score on the St. John police, Cops vs. Bad guys?

Every year it was murders 1 cops convictions 0 rapes 30 cops 0 robberies 46 cops 0. Finally I wrote a letter asking them to stop keeping score, the cops kept getting beaten too badly. Well things are looking a lot better now, maybe it is time to start keeping score again. I think the cops might do a lot better.

Greg Miller

CBCC Appeals To Potential Members

An Open Letter to Coral Bay Residents and Property Owners:

This week, the Coral Bay Community Council is sending letters out to local Coral Bay property owners who are not already members of CBCC.

We want to be sure we give everyone on St. John who lives in Coral Bay or owns property in Coral Bay an invitation to join the current 200 members in helping assure that Coral Bay has a bright future.

We focus on planning, community education and involvement, and active projects to improve services and the environment. In addition to grant funds, we depend on volunteers and membership dues of \$30 a year plus small donations to support our work.

When you get your letter, please read it and consider joining this great group of caring people! If you don't get a letter — we don't have your address (or you are already a CBCC member!) — but you can still join by stopping by our office or Connections East and filling out an application.

If you have access to a computer, please see our website at www.coralbaycommunitycouncil.org.

Sometimes we get asked who is eligible to join? In short, anyone who is interested in Coral Bay's future is welcome. A voting member is a resident or property owner. A supporting member can be anyone or a business. We also include East End, Mandahl, Bordeaux and Mamey Peak in the definition of broader Coral Bay — in short — everything east of the National Park on Route 10.

So if you aren't already a member of CBCC, keep an eye out for the letter in your mail and send back the form. CBCC's current members have invested in mailing these invitations to you — hoping you will be receptive to joining our eight-year-old community nonprofit organization — and making Coral Bay even better for everyone.

**Thank you,
Sharon Coldren, President,
Coral Bay Community Council**

Energy Conservation Begins With Me

I am not going to waste one second criticizing WAPA'S latest LEAC increase in this editorial. The price of oil is hovering around \$106 per barrel, we are 100 percent dependent on fossil fuel, our power plants are 40 plus years old and have been inadequately maintained for decades, and as a consequence the optimum efficiency will never be realized unless we invest in updating our power source.

However, at our finger tips, we can implement energy-saving measures in our homes, place of employment, and place of worship. Yes, energy saving can be realized at our place of worship!

Nevertheless, in order for us to have a visual picture of "from whence we came" first I must take you back to my childhood. Growing up in Bovoni in the very early 70s I recall how many electrical appliances were in our home at that time. The list includes the following items: black and white TV, fridge, electric stove, toaster and hot water heater.

Then let us fast forward to 40 years later: fridge,

electric stove, toaster, hot water heater, six ceiling fans/with lights, four color TVs, three cable boxes, three DVD players, three cordless phones, microwave, washer/dryer, three bedroom lamps, desk top computer and two cell phone chargers.

In my home we have increased our energy consumption by some 500 percent! Now I can deduce that most of our homes have increased it energy consumption by at least 300 percent. If we multiply 53,000 customers by 300 percent then we can get a clear picture of our energy predicament in the Virgin Islands.

Can we continue to use energy at this astronomical rate without dire consequences? No! So as a result of my family contribution to a leaner greener V.I. for all I have to suggest very sternly that one way we can combat our ever-increasing LEAC is through energy conservation.

Energy conservation is neither a new phenomenon nor trend in the environmentalist movement, which

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I am proud to be apart of. Energy conservation refers to efforts made to reduce energy consumption.

Energy conservation can result in increased financial and environmental quality, individuals and organizations that are direct consumers of energy choose to conserve it to reduce energy costs and promote economic security. Industrial and commercial users can increase energy use efficiency to maximize profit.

Our challenge must begin and end with self. If we conscientiously apply the following energy-saving tips to our collective homes, place of employment and worship, not only will we save on our LEAC, we will also save the beautiful environment.

Turn your refrigerator down. Refrigerators account for about 20 percent of household electricity use. Use a thermometer to set your refrigerator temperature as close to 37 degrees and your freezer as close to 3 degrees as possible.

Make sure that its energy saver switch is turned on. Set your clothes washer to the warm or cold water setting, not hot. Turn down your water heater thermostat or put a timer on it. Thermostats are often set to 140 degrees F when 120 are usually fine.

Select the most energy-efficient models when you replace your old appliances. Look for the Energy Star Label, your assurance that the product saves energy and prevents pollution. Buy the product that is sized to your typical needs, not the biggest one available. Moreover, when you purchase Energy Star appliances you will become eligible to file for a tax deduction on those items.

Purchase energy-efficient compact fluorescent bulbs for your most-used lights. Although they cost more initially, they save money in the long run by using only one quarter of the energy of an ordinary incandescent bulb and lasting 8 to 12 times longer. They provide an equivalent amount of bright, attractive light. Only 10 percent of the energy consumed by a normal light bulb generates light, the rest just makes the bulb hot.

Plant shade trees and paint your house a light color if you live in a warm climate. Reductions in en-

ergy use resulting from shade trees and appropriate painting can save you top dollars every year. Work with your employer to implement these and other energy-efficiency and waste-reduction measures in your office, workplace or worship.

I believe that our school officials should remove the plastic shield from the windows of our schools from the middle of October through April. There is a private school on the east end of St. Thomas that has an open air Band Room, no windows, and no doors.

What a great energy-saving concept. Can you imagine how much it cost to provide air conditioning for approximately 40 schools and administration building in the Virgin Islands? The weather has been moderately cool in the VI over the past five months and we should have been utilizing the beautiful trade winds to cool off our sealed up government buildings and schools as opposed to the very expensive cost of running AC, where many of the students, staff and employees are wearing sweaters because it is too cold.

In addition, how many employees of our government have personal space heaters plugged in under or next to their desk because they trying to keep warm in a frigid office building? Those space heaters utilize a large amount of energy which the tax payers must pay every month.

Let us become vigilant in the pursuit of a cleaner, greener VI. Collectively, when we implement these energy conservation methods, we can trim down our collective LEAC, by forcing WAPA to burn less oil, which in turn makes WAPA purchase less fuel, which in turn will be reflected on our light bills.

Let us form or join local citizens' groups like EAST, RHA, VICS, SEA, St. John Community Foundation, East Enders, and YPN and work with local government officials, like the Energy Office.

The wonderful staff at the Energy Office under the Directorship of Bevan Smith can provide you with a Home Energy Audit where a trained professional will come out to your home, employment and worship center, evaluate your energy consumption and make recommendations that will save you money immediately!

Clarence Payne

Birth Announcement: Cruz Jon Gottschall

Robert and Jayme Gottschall welcomed Cruz Jon Gottschall, 7 pounds 6 ounces and 21 1/4 inches long, born on March 8, at 9:51 a.m. in Albany, New York. Cruz is now back home on St. John with his parents and big sister Gianna.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo
Courtesy of Gottschalls Family

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.

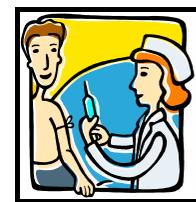
Avoid the back to school rush! Call your healthcare provider or the Department of Health Immunization Clinic in your area. The Immunization Clinics are open year round Monday through Friday at 8:00am:

St. Thomas (340) 776-8311 ext. 2120

St. Croix (340) 773-1311 ext. 3254

St. John (340) 776-6400

Don't wait; Vaccinate!



Doggies and Puppies Galore

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loving home where he might have someone's undivided attention. Only 18-months-old, Rocky could become someone's sweetheart for life, especially if his foster parent falls in love with him and gives him a "forever" home.

Sable is another special needs dog. She's about 14 years old and has been bounced from pillar to post. She's grey on her muzzle and the vet believes she only has a couple of years to live. She is totally loving and accustomed to indoor life, but can't be adopted by anyone who has other dogs or cats.

No one knows what in her early St. John years causes her to attack other dogs or cats. Perhaps she's another of our island's dogfight "rejects" because, despite being trained to attack other dogs, she's just not vicious. Someone could adopt or foster Sable for the last few years of her life. In the meantime, she remains lonely in her kennel, a living tribute to ACC's "no kill" policy.

A recent happy ending dog fostering situation is Carly's case. She is a beautiful three-legged rottweiler who came to ACC starving and exhausted. Carly had been passed from owner to owner and no one ever really wanted her. She lost her leg when she was four months old and never let it bother her. Once she gained weight and became healthy, she began visiting with people during her dog walks and enjoyed sitting on the grass at the tennis courts.

A couple who split their time between St. John and the states wanted to foster Carly during their winter stay. They took Carly and after a month decided to make it permanent. She now has a fabulous home with lots of space to enjoy. When her owners are in the states, the couple who live as caretakers for their villa also take care of Carly.

Adoption Guidelines

ACC has a questionnaire that must be completed by anyone seriously considering adopting one of the shelter animals. An adoption contract and an adoption application are required. Often a site visit will be made to ensure that

the future home is suitable. Even after a dog is adopted, the Shelter Administrator will follow up to check if the dog is being cared for properly.

Nelson lists the St. John ACC's adoption guidelines under "do's" and "don'ts." First some of the "do's" that ACC requires: all cats and dogs must be spayed or neutered; all animals being adopted must be vaccinated; prospective owners must contract to provide veterinary care; all animals adopted out of the shelter must have a collar and ID tag; if the adopting party lives in a rental unit, ACC requires the landlord's permission for adoption; and all the adults living in a house must consent to the adoption.

And some of the very important "don'ts." ACC does not: place animals for breeding purposes; permit adoption of animals to minors; place dogs for hunting or fighting; place cats strictly for mousing; place animals for the purpose of profit; place cats, kittens, dogs, puppies to be "surprise gifts;" return adoption fees; or place pets under four months with children under six years of age.

Adoption Clinics

The shelter visiting hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Nelson and Marnen welcome visitors to see the spotless 5-by-15-foot kennels and meet our resident puppies and dogs (kittens and cats, too).

In addition, Missy Hensel and Laurie Damron host an adoption clinic on the first floor of The Marketplace on Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The clinics are very popular with both visitors and island residents. Not infrequently, people will see a kitty at the clinic and go straight to the shelter to start the paperwork and adoption process. Damron and Hensel also plan to add a Saturday adoption clinic at The Marketplace."

Dog Toys Needed

The shelter desperately needs a continuous supply of sturdy dog toys. Anyone who would like to donate some toys and need suggestions, should call Marnen at the shelter at 774-1625. And since the dog beds get washed every few days, extra beds and towels are always needed as well.

CBCC Storm Water Projects

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A project at Lower Bordeaux Road, Route 108, is still under construction. Officials have cleared out a culvert in that area which had been blocked for years, Coldren explained.

"It took two days of work to get in there and dig out the culvert," she said. "That area was blocked since it was paved. We installed silt screens on the grates to keep things out that should not be in the culvert."

"Now we hope the culvert will function properly," said Coldren. "It should also be easier to clean out with the silt screen."

DPW officials will assist in maintaining the culvert on Route 108, Coldren added.

"On this project and on many of our projects we're actively working with DPW," she said.

High on Bordeaux Road, where DPW recently completed a paving project, CBCC is installing a trench drain to reduce the amount of water flowing into Plum Gut, Coldren explained.

"When the road was cut up there, it directed a lot of water into Plum Gut instead of the natural gut where water used to flow properly," said the CBCC president. "The drain should reduce the flow into the Spring Garden area."

Residents in the area, who formed the Bay Rum Estates, are working with CBCC to install a swale over their roadway to keep the water in its natural gut, according to Coldren.

"They'll put the swale in where the water crosses their road, so their road won't be washed out and the water will remain in its natural gut," she said.

CBCC is currently in the process of obtaining a minor Coastal Zone Management permit from the Department of Planning and Natural Resources to pave the Spring Garden gut road crossing, the CBCC president explained.

"We're working with the Clendinen family who owns the property in the neighborhood to pave the gut where it crosses the road," said Coldren. "That will ensure the water stays in the gut."

The St. John CZM Committee approved a major permit application for CBCC to install a sediment detention pond in Estate Lower Carolina off Centerline Road, which is expected to restore the main gut. CBCC is wrapping up required paperwork on that project and hopes to hire a contractor soon, Coldren added.

CBCC is also working with residents on Mill Vista Road to pave a portion of the dirt road. CBCC plans to pave the intersection where the road meets Centerline Road and a small portion of the neighborhood road, while residents are hoping to pave a larger portion of their access road, according to Coldren.

"Residents in Mill Vista are really doing a great job of jumping on board and cooperating with us," she said. "They are really going to take a look at how their driveways meet the road and they're go-

ing to pave a larger portion of their road. They are really stepping up to the plate and doing a companion project making the project more effective all around."

CBCC also has storm water projects planned on Gerda Marsh Road, in the lower Carolina Valley, where it is working with the Lower Carolina Valley Homeowners Association, William Marsh Road and on the Lower Carolina Valley main roadway off King's Hill Road.

A planned hydro-dynamic separator in the gut located next to Shipwreck Landing will be the first time the technology is used in this area of the Caribbean, Coldren explained.

"It's basically a vortex that you install and it takes muddy water flowing down the gut and across the road and it will reduce the amount of sediment" said the CBCC president. "It will not clean the water 100 percent, but it should substantially reduce the plume flowing into the sea there."

The hydro-dynamic separator will require regular maintenance and here again CBCC is working in conjunction with DPW, Coldren added.

In the John's Folly area, CBCC is also working with a homeowners' association and Estate Concordia Preserve owners to remove a culvert, regrade the road to pitch it to direct water to its natural flow and install a swale, according to Coldren.

"We're all partnering in that area to redirect the water back to its natural watershed where it feeds a fresh water pond in the area," she said. "It will also reduce the storm water runoff in John's Folly bay below."

CBCC also plans to improve areas of Route 107 in the John's Folly area to further reduce storm water runoff and erosion in the area, Coldren added.

When June 30 does roll around, Coldren hopes to have all projects either wrapped up or underway, she explained.

"Our goal is completion, but we'll settle for underway," said Coldren.

Even after the grant ends, CBCC will continue to work toward reducing the amount of storm water runoff in the Coral Bay watershed. The group will also plan meetings with stakeholders and government agencies to share lessons its learned through the grant projects, Coldren added.

"All of these projects are elements of the larger Coral Bay Watershed Management Plan, for which we were selected to be a pilot and model community," said the CBCC president. "We want to meet with other agencies and groups to talk about lessons learned and how these projects can be implemented in other areas."

For more information on CBCC and its ongoing storm water projects, check out www.coralbaycommunitycouncil.org, or call the group's project coordinator Blake Parker at the CBCC office at 776-2099.

Email Obituaries: editor@tradewinds.vi

Charles Penn and Darryl Ward Arrested on Drug Charges

St. John Tradewinds

V.I. Police Department officers on St. John arrested two men on Tuesday, April 5, for separate crimes.

One man was arrested on drug charges and the other was arrested for stealing a cell phone.

Charles Penn, 58, of Estate Grunwald was arrested shortly before 2 p.m. and charged with Possession with Intent to Distribute, Simple Possession of a Controlled Substance and Drug Paraphernalia.

VIPD officials said they were conducting a routine inspection of Cruz Bay and saw the suspect, later identified as Penn, in a vacant lot known for squatters, vagrants and criminal activity. Penn was found with a small amount of marijuana and 46 small zip-lock baggies containing a white residue. His bail was set at \$10,000 and he was released on an unsecured bond, according to VIPD officers.

About an hour before Darryl Ward, 44, of Estate Pastory was also arrested. Ward was charged with Grand Larceny after admitting to stealing an iPhone from a restaurant in Cruz Bay.

Ward also had drug paraphernalia in his possession when he was arrested. His bail was set at \$35,500 and he was remanded to the Bureau of Corrections on St. Thomas pending further court action.

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.

Sisterhood Agenda Meeting April 19

Sisterhood Agenda is hosting a community meeting "Dreamers and Doers" on Tuesday, April 19, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Fish Tails Restaurant in Red Hook, St. Thomas.

Calling all sisters from St. Thomas, St. John and St. Croix — find out how you can be a part of this positive movement to uplift women and girls. For more information call Angela Coleman at 714-7076 or visit www.sisterhoodagenda.com.

JFLI Celebrating 15 Years on April 23

Join the John's Folly Learning Institute as it celebrates 15 years on Saturday, April 23, at 11:30 a.m. at the school. Senator Jeanette Millin-Young will be the guest speaker. For more information call JFLI president Alvis Christian at 626-2686.

Summer Food Program Site Training

Mandatory training workshops for Summer Sites Coordinators/Owners/Directors interested in participating in the 2011 Summer Food Service Program will be on Monday, May 16, and Thursday, May 26. Both sessions will begin at 9 a.m. at the district Curriculum Center in Anna's Retreat. All persons who will be involved in any aspect of meal service for their program should attend one of the scheduled training sessions and make every effort to be on time. The 2011 Summer Food Service Program will operate from June 27 through August 5. For more information contact the School Lunch Program at 774-8070.

Police Log

Friday, April 1

No time given - VIPD officer r/ a male was in violation of his court order in the area of downtown Cruz Bay. Violation of court order.

Saturday, April 2

10:38 a.m. - Government of the Virgin Islands confiscated contraband in the area of downtown Cruz Bay. Recovered contraband.

Sunday, April 3

4:39 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident r/ that a restaurant in the Lumberyard is still playing loud music. Disturbance of the peace.

6:17 a.m. - A citizen p/r that a male threatened her in downtown Cruz Bay. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

Monday, April 4

12:14 a.m. - An Estate Pastory resident r/ that a male was creating a disturbance and assaulted him. Simple assault.

12:59 a.m. - A Great Cruz Bay resident r/ that guests were creating a disturbance. Disturbance of the peace.

8:15 a.m. - An Estate Powerboyd resident r/ that she can't take care of her four children and is turning them over to the government. Police assistance.

10:40 a.m. - An Estate Bellevue resident p/r he is being ha-

rassed. Harassment.

10:58 a.m. - Security at the Westin Resort and Villas r/ a theft. Grand larceny.

11:54 a.m. - Department of Tourism employee on St. John r/ an attempted burglary. Attempted burglary in the third.

No time given - An Estate Bellevue resident p/r that her son was creating a disturbance at her residence. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

Tuesday, April 5

5:50 a.m. - A citizen p/r that an alarm was sounding and smoke was coming from Fatty Crab in Cruz Bay. Fire.

10:30 a.m. - An Estate Contant resident r/ a larceny at Quiet Mon Pub. Grand larceny.

11:10 a.m. - An Estate Giff Hill resident r/ a broken car glass. Damage to a vehicle.

11:30 a.m. - An Estate Giff Hill resident r/ someone used his credit card. Fraudulent use of credit card.

12:15 p.m. - Badge #1105 p/ with one Darryl Ward of Estate Pastory under arrest and charged with grand larceny and possession of drug paraphernalia. Bail was set at \$35,500 by order of the court. He was transported to the Bureau of Corrections on St. Thomas to be remanded.

1:40 p.m. - People of the Vir-

gin Islands r/ a person in possession of drugs in the area of Cruz bay. Possession with intent to distribute.

4:42 p.m. - Badge #90 p/ with one Charles Penn of Estate Grunwald under arrest and charged with possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute and possession of drug paraphernalia. Bail was set at \$10,000 and he was released on an unsecured bond.

Wednesday, April 6

11:32 a.m. - A Calabash Boom resident r/ an auto accident at Pine Peace Mini Mart. Auto collision.

Thursday, April 7

3:09 p.m. - An Estate Bethany resident r/ an auto accident in the area of Estate Rendezvous. Auto accident.

3:27 p.m. - People of the Virgin Islands made contact with an individual who did not register with the Department of Justice in Estate Pastory. Failure to register.

8:30 p.m. - George Simmonds Terrace resident r/ damage at Estate Enighed. Destruction of property.

Friday, April 8

12:06 a.m. - A citizen r/ that he needed police assistance in removing a vagrant from the area of Beach Bar.

CRIME STOPPERS U.S.V.I.

Organization Seeks Information on Recent Crimes

St. John Tradewinds

Crime Stoppers needs your help to solve the following crimes. If you know something, say something, so law enforcement can get these individuals and their guns off our streets.

St. John

On Wednesday, March 30, at 5:49 p.m., gunshots were fired at Cases by the Sea Bar in Coral Bay. The owner of the establishment stated that while he served a customer a drink, four to six shots were fired. He looked out by the pool table patio area and saw a male with braids and a small handgun, leaving. Customers said the male had fired the shots after getting into an argument with another male.

St. Thomas

On Friday, April 1, at 9:56 p.m., police were

summoned to the area of Mandahl Beach due to shots being fired. Upon arrival they found an overturned vehicle on the roadway. The occupant, Sean O'Connell, had apparent gunshot wounds and later died of his injuries. Law enforcement is appealing to the community to provide the information needed to identify the killer(s).

Please help law enforcement identify and arrest these criminals 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 an illegal weapon, the tipster will receive a cash reward. The minimum reward for the arrest of an armed individual is \$500. For assault it is \$900, and for murder it is \$1,500.

Ferry Schedules - Cruz Bay and Charlotte Amalie

CRUZ BAY TO RED HOOK

Every hour on the hour from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.

RED HOOK TO CRUZ BAY

Every hour on the hour from 6 a.m. to 12 a.m.

CRUZ BAY TO DOWNTOWN CHARLOTTE AMALIE

Leaves Cruz Bay	Leaves Charlotte Amalie
8:45 a.m.	10 a.m.
11:15 a.m.	1 p.m.
3:45 p.m.	5:30 p.m.

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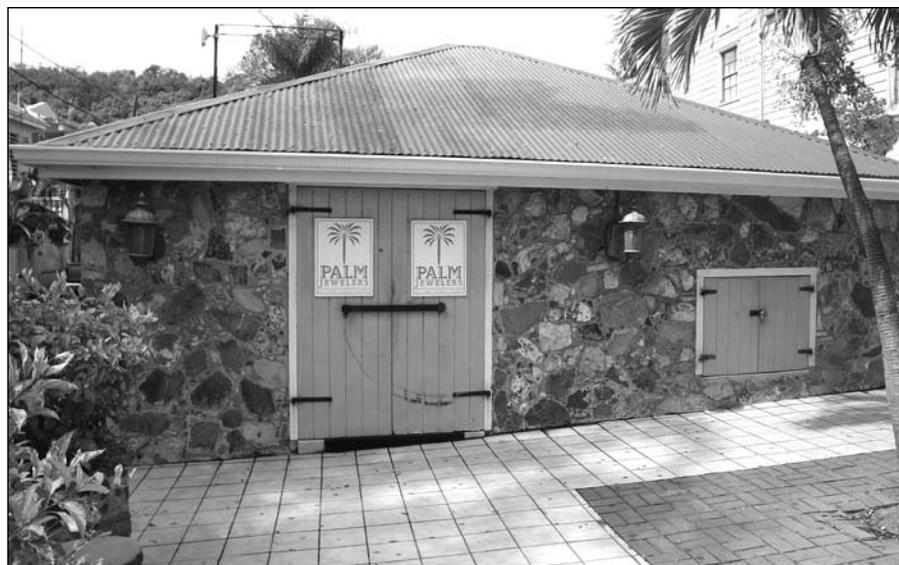
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Palm Jewelers Shuttered



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Here one day and gone the next. Shoppers at Wharfside Village were surprised to see Palm Jewelers, above, shuttered. There was no word last week on why the business closed or when it would reopen or be replaced.

Church Directory

Baha'i Community of St. John
For Devotions and Study Circles, call 714-1641
7:30 p.m. Fridays; Study Circles 9 a.m. Sundays
776-6316, 776-6254

Bethany Moravian Church
11 a.m., Sunday School 776-6291

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

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

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

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
Sun. 9 a.m., on St. Thomas . 776-2379
Sun., 5 p.m., STJ, Lumberyard

Cruz Bay Baptist Church
Sunday 11 a.m., 6 p.m. 776-6315

Emmaus Moravian Church
Coral Bay, Sun. 9 a.m. 776-6713

Jehovah's Witness
7:30 p.m. Tuesdays; 7 p.m.
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
Sat. 6 p.m., Sun. 7:30 & 9:30 a.m., Spanish Mass
5:30 p.m.; Monday and Tuesday, 7 p.m.;
Wednesday and Friday, 8:30 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 9 a.m.; Bible Class, Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.
777-6306

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
9:45 a.m. Sunday, 776-6332

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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.

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.

— The Coral Bay Community Council's planning discussion series will continue at 6 p.m. in room six at Guy Benjamin School room 6.

Tuesday, April 12

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.

Wednesday, April 13

Friends of V.I. National Park invite the community to join in the official opening of the Accessible Trail at the Cinnamon Bay Factor Ruins at 11 a.m.

Friday, April 15

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

— The Department of Human Services invites the St. John community to commemorate Crime Victims' Rights Week by attending a "Victim No More" crime and violence ceremony at the V.I. National Park ball field from 4 to 8 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."

Tuesday, April 19

V.I. Audubon Society meeting will at the great room at Giff Hill School.

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. LONGU

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GETTING EFF-ENDED

ACROSS

- 1 Disjoined
- 9 Spanish rice dishes
- 16 Little newts
- 20 Spoken test
- 21 Shekel earner
- 22 Boatloads
- 23 "If I Were a Rich Man" musical
- 25 Dirt-dishing Barrett
- 26 Appraises
- 27 Here, to Jean-Luc
- 28 Medical school subj.
- 29 Unkosher
- 30 San Francisco tourist area
- 34 Field of flight technology
- 40 King, in Nice
- 41 U.S. immigrants' subj.
- 42 Treat for the prodigal son
- 45 Gentlemen: Abbr.
- 49 Booker T. & the —
- 52 Luau hellos
- 53 Tiny charged thing
- 55 Online gabbing site
- 57 France's Coty
- 58 Do some written legal summarizing
- 62 "Laura" director
- 63 Back-country
- 66 George's lyric-writing brother
- 67 Country-pop singer
- 69 Polar laborer
- 72 Government bailouts, e.g.
- 76 "Phooey!"

- 77 Rust away
- 79 "... goes, — go!"
- 80 Under penalty —
- 82 Korea's continent
- 83 Crease to create two equal sides
- 87 "If only — known"
- 91 Germinate again
- 93 "Boy!"
- 94 Topped cracker
- 96 Tiny bit
- 97 Surpluses
- 100 Coq au vin maker, often
- 103 Ecol. monitor
- 105 "Bang!"
- 107 Property confiscations
- 108 Not be ailing
- 115 Sitar music
- 116 Purvey
- 117 It's not gross
- 118 South Pacific island
- 124 "Have — a deal for you!"
- 125 Be beaten by
- 129 Nixing mark
- 130 Quaint batting game
- 131 See 33-Down
- 132 Canine lines
- 133 Some apples and potatoes
- 134 "Definitely, count me in!"

DOWN

- 1 Big couch
- 2 Discord deity
- 3 Hippies' digs
- 4 Alan of films
- 5 Have faith in, with "on"
- 6 Tree fellers
- 7 La Brea gunk
- 8 Funny Philips
- 9 Toss
- 10 More pale
- 11 Sonnet preposition

- 12 Wyoming city
- 13 Singer Lewis
- 14 Take out — (borrow cash)
- 15 Puts through a strainer
- 16 Rare — (some elements)
- 17 Wallpaper design, often
- 18 Printer ink
- 19 Walking stick
- 24 "— for Noose" (Grafton novel)
- 30 TV regulator
- 31 "... — joy forever"
- 32 CD- — (PC insert)
- 33 With 131-Across, U.S. Military Academy students
- 34 Way, way off
- 35 — of tears
- 36 Take — faith
- 37 Alternate
- 38 Classy org.?
- 39 Airport requests
- 43 — Abner
- 44 Adversary
- 46 — -fi movie
- 47 County lawman
- 48 Nadal of tennis
- 50 Mobster John
- 51 Struck, biblically
- 54 Getting exactly right
- 56 Burgle
- 58 Die down
- 59 — de la Cité
- 60 "It's chilly!"
- 61 Actress Charlotte
- 64 ET craft
- 65 Coyote's kin
- 68 Art teacher's deg.
- 69 Digital greeting
- 70 "— turn" (dreaded game instruction)
- 71 Game using a flying disc
- 73 Lightning —

- 74 Jackie's #2
- 75 Cyber-guffaw
- 78 Blame
- 81 Cringe
- 84 P.O. item
- 85 Playboy nickname
- 86 — Lingus
- 88 "Ver-r-ry funny"
- 89 Adopt- — (animal shelter program)
- 90 Dicts. are full of them
- 92 Nonfictional
- 94 Ovid's 300
- 95 Spa sigh
- 98 Hunks
- 99 Trinity part
- 101 Slim fish
- 102 Rubber check abbr.
- 104 China items
- 106 Assailed
- 108 Artist Kahlo
- 109 Raring to go
- 110 "Hell — Heroes" (1962 film)
- 111 Reeves of "The Matrix"
- 112 French feminine plural pronoun
- 113 Small paving stones
- 114 Ending for ordinals
- 118 Part of a dog
- 119 A.D. part
- 120 Sharp Aquos, e.g.
- 121 "Ah, yes"
- 122 Legal wrong
- 123 "Assuming that's true ..."
- 126 Hole in one
- 127 Prefix with dermis or glottis
- 128 Brick holder

Businesses Reminded of Name Requirements

St. John Tradewinds

The Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs reminded all business license holders that the name in which their business has been licensed must match the operational name of their business or establishment.

For example, if the name on the license reads "Consumer Affairs," the name posted on signage or displayed for the establishment must also read "Consumer Affairs," not "Customer Affairs" or "Consumer Agency." Both names must be the same.

It is a violation of Virgin Islands licensing laws if the license and establishment names do not match. In addition to violating Virgin Islands licensing laws, businesses would be engaging in an act of deceptive trade practice, pursuant to the Deceptive Trade Prac-

tices Act, as stated in Title 12A, Section 101 of the Virgin Islands Code. This violation carries fines of up to \$500.00 for businesses not in compliance.

DLCA Commissioner Wayne Biggs advised all businesses to ensure that their license name and d/b/a or name posted for the establishment are the same.

The mission of DLCA is twofold with significant attention paid to businesses and consumers. Biggs also reminded the community that a key function of the department is to ensure that all businesses and individuals comply with the licensing laws of the Virgin Islands through education, regulation, and enforcement.

For more information, contact the Licensing Division of DLCA at 774-3130.

St. John Community Foundation and Friends of the VINP Are CFVI Mini-grant Recipients

St. John Tradewinds

The Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands has awarded \$24,546 in grants to 33 community projects through the 2011 CFVI Mini-Grants program, ranging from \$250 to \$1,000, according to President Dee Baecher-Brown.

Mini-Grants are provided to organizations or individuals who propose innovative programs which seek to improve the lives of children and families in St. Croix, St. Thomas and St. John.

Since 1997, the Mini-Grant program at CFVI has awarded more than \$404,546 to approximately 630 grantees.

"CFVI believes that the Mini-Grants program is a wonderful example of how long-term commitment and small grants can have a big impact in our community," said Baecher-Brown.

CFVI Mini-Grants support the Foundation's mission to enhance the educational, physical, social, cultural, and environmental well-being of children, youth and families

in the Virgin Islands. Mini-Grants support a wide range of service organizations and individuals working to provide positive alternatives for children and families and help meet social challenges, including child abuse and neglect, domestic violence, drug abuse and illiteracy.

The annual mini grant program which is a great benefit to children and families in the Virgin Islands is made possible through the generosity of CFVI Angel donors. CFVI also distributes scholarships to students throughout the Virgin Islands and grants to individual teachers for innovative classroom projects.

Two St. John organizations were awarded grants from CFVI this year. The St. John Community was awarded \$500 for the organization's GoGreen VI School Presentation Series. Friends of V.I. National Park was awarded \$1,000 for its Earth Day Environmental Fair and Reef Fest.

For more information call CFVI at 774-6031 or visit the website at www.cfvi.net.



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"Le Chateau" - an elegant and private Mediterranean style pool villa on a 2 acre parcel in prestigious Estate Catherineberg with exceptional views of St. John's North Shore. The main house has a large great room with both indoor & outdoor living/dining, 2 spacious bedrooms with en-suite baths, & large pool deck. Separate caretaker's cottage has 2 bedrooms. There is also a parking garage and work shop. **\$3.5M**



"Sundance & Moonsong" - Two houses for the price of one in desirable Estate Chocolate Hole. Both Sundance and Moonsong are successful short term rentals within walking distance of Hart Bay beach and just a few minutes from Cruz Bay on paved roads. Sundance is three bedrooms with a pool & spa and a large sundeck. Moonsong is two bedrooms two baths with a spa. A great opportunity to live in one house and rent the other. **\$1,275,000.**



"Villa Tramonto" - Is an elegant, contemporary styled villa located high atop the gated community known as Virgin Grand Estates. Built in 2010, the stately, fully air conditioned four bedroom home offers sweeping water and sunset views from Great Cruz Bay to St. Thomas and beyond. Amenities include large pool and entertainment deck, underground utilities and paved access roads. Solid masonry construction and the finest finishing materials. **\$2.67M**



"Amorita" is a beautiful, all masonry home in upscale Chocolate Hole North with large pool deck, spa & southeast exposure to catch the breezes. Water views of Hart Bay and the South Shore and just a short walk to the Westin Resort. Features include mahogany trim, hand painted bathroom sinks, stone arches, vaulted cypress ceilings, screened gallery, arched courtyard entrance, fruit trees, deeded access to Hart Bay & Chocolate Hole. **Just reduced to \$849,000**



"Ridgetop" - Is a two-story, two-bedroom private getaway vacation rental nestled in the hills overlooking Coral Bay. From its locale in Eden Place, a small private neighborhood, it is an easy drive to the island's beautiful beaches, hiking trails, restaurants and entertainment. A shared swimming pool with deck and gazebo is located adjacent to the house & is used by only four other homes. **\$649,500.**



"Seashore Allure Condos" - These new waterfront Condos set a higher bar for quality in St. John condos. Just completed, these are a "must see" with such features as travertine tiles, Brazilian hardwood floors, native stone work, graceful arches framing water views, solid mahogany doors, custom cabinets, spa jet tubs, high end appliances, and twice fired Brazilian clay roof tiles. The sounds of the surf, trade wind breezes, beachfront location make these condos a tropical dream come true. Walk to Cruz Bay downtown. **\$1.97M to \$3.39M.**



"Mango Terrace Villas" - Brand new and spacious condos on a Cruz Bay hillside overlooking the turquoise waters of the Caribbean. All units have spacious interiors, ample decks from which to enjoy the cool Easterly breezes and expansive water views. Amenities include private laundry, granite counter tops, travertine tiles, stainless appliance and large shared deck & pool. Walk to Cruz Bay & Frank Bay beach. Financing available. All units have just been reduced by as much as \$300,000. Seller is looking for a quick sale. Unit #6, a two bedroom ground floor condo with over 1100 sq ft was just reduced to only **\$499,000**

DEVELOPMENT/COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES: Hansen Bay 7A is an 18 acre parcel with studies done and a 15 lot sub division permit. All lots have water views and breezes and 4 lots are on the flat top of a ridge with almost 360 degree views. Reduced from **\$3.18M to \$2.99M.** Estate Zootenvaal 20 acres over looking the marine preserve at Bork Creek just east of Coral Bay **\$7M.** Adjoining 4.5 acre parcel with 4 cottages and white sand beach also available.

Estate Pastory - near Cruz Bay. Three adjoining lots at Estate Pastory with possible water views and gentle grades. Great spot for a contractor to build some spec homes or a family compound with several homes. Seller financing possible. **Starting at \$200,000 each or \$375,000 for all three!!!!**

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BATTERY HILL Exceptional second floor 2BR/1BA unit. Offering beautiful views of Cruz Bay Harbor, this well maintained and intimate eight unit complex has a inviting pool with impressive manicured grounds. \$485,000

BETHANY One bedroom, one bath at Upper Deck Condos. Panoramic STT sunset views. This corner unit has been completely renovated with marble floors & counters, mahogany cabinets & stainless steel appliances. \$495,000.

BETHANY Two units in one! Two 1 bedroom, 1 bath units. Upper level is currently short term rented. Lower level 1 bedroom, 1 bath is long term rented. Common pool on site. Expansive water views of South Shore. \$649,000

Senate Approves Gross Receipts Tax Hike

St. John Tradewinds

In late March, members of the 29th Legislature, by an eight to seven vote, supported an amendment in the nature of a substitute bill which changed certain items in a controversial measure sent down by Governor John deJongh to make up the central government's projected budget shortfall of \$75 million by October 1 and \$131.5 million in fiscal year 2012.

The legislation, Bill No. 29-0045, included eliminating two paid government holidays, making them unpaid days; laying off 300 part-time and per diem employees; and increasing the gross receipts tax for businesses territory-wide by 0.5 percent.

The measure also granted government supervisors the authority to cut workers' salaries, provided they don't go below \$20,000, required by law.

Policy makers met outside of the legislative session and went into a Committee of the Whole to take testimony from the governor's financial team, union representatives and religious organizations on the measure.

Members of the body understood the measure sent down by the governor was proposed because the government needed an immediate infusion of \$75 million into the central government's bank account, explained Senate President Ronald Rus-

sell.

Luis Morales, president of the United Steelworkers, proposed other cost saving measures which would help generate more revenues such as a six tax on cigarettes, cigars and other tobacco products, and issue a proposal to amend future EDC beneficiaries after 10 years to reduce the benefits from 100 percent to 75 percent.

In Committee of the Whole, both the St. Thomas/St. John and St. Croix Chambers of Commerce strongly opposed the gross receipts tax increase of 0.5 percent.

"This two year increase is necessary to generate additional funds," said Nathan Simmonds, chair of the governor's financial team.

The current gross receipt rate was implemented in 1986 and has not been increased in 25 years. The hike is expected to generate about \$34 million per year, according financial experts.

President of the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce Richard Berry, however, urged the senate to not approve the tax hike.

"The proposed increase will force businesses to close their doors if this increase is approved," said Berry.

He strongly suggested that the government collect gross receipt taxes from all businesses and not penalize those that pay their taxes.

Accident Takes Out Church Fence



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

A Jeep Wrangler reportedly lost its brakes on Friday afternoon, April 1, and careened into the white picket fence in front of Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cruz Bay, above. No one was reported injured in the one car collision, and it was not the first time church officials had to repair the fence.

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