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“No Fleas, Please” Market Draws Huge Crowd



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ACC Event Nets Animal Shelter \$7,000 and Counting

The St. John Animal Care Center's fifth annual No Fleas, Please Flea Market fundraiser on Saturday, October 22, drew a huge crowd to the Winston Wells ball field. From the great weather to the smooth organization, the event was the ACC's best flea market yet, according to all accounts, and netted the non-profit animal welfare group about \$7,000. The day's success was due in large part to ACC board member Jason Corley, who organized the event, explained fellow board member Dr. Elaine Campbell.

"We owe Jason Corley a special 'Thank you' for a successful event," said Campbell. "It was the first ACC fundraising event he's been responsible for and he did an excellent job."

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St. John Mother and Son Are Sentenced to Probation on Drug Operation Charges

Marisol Ferguson and "Mason" Ferguson sentenced in plea deal

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Two of the nine defendants arrested in May in a federal drug operation were sentenced in plea agreements last week in U.S. District Court.

U.S. District Court Judge Curtis Gomez sentenced 43-year-old Marisol Ferguson of St. John to three years of supervised probation on Wednesday, October 19, for concealing knowledge of a felony, according to a report in the *V.I. Daily News*.

As a special condition of her release, Marisol Ferguson was ordered to complete substance abuse counseling, enroll in a GED program and pay a \$100 special assessment fee, according to a prepared statement from the U.S. Department of Justice.

Marisol Ferguson was arrested on May 6 when a Federal Bureau of Investigation search of her St. John home found more than a pound of marijuana belonging to her son. Marisol Ferguson, a mother of five with a degenerative muscle disease, admitted to knowing that the drugs were stored in her home.

She entered a plea agreement in June and faced a maximum sentence of six months in jail, according to the report in the *V.I. Daily News*.

Marisol Ferguson, her son Her-

bert "Mason" Ferguson Jr., and her husband Herbert Ferguson were all arrested along with Jerome Potter, James Stephens, Terrance Martin, Earl Skelton, Robert Shinnors and Felix Oliveri by FBI agents on May 6.

The group had been under investigation by the FBI for almost a year when agents set up a sting involving a fake drug drop just off Cruz Bay.

In total, the group was charged with 53 criminal counts including participating in a drug conspiracy, possessing cocaine, cocaine base and marijuana with intent to distribute and possession of a firearm while trafficking drugs.

"According to the indictment the defendants were involved in a drug trafficking organization that was operating a large scale, open market drug distribution of cocaine, crack cocaine and marijuana on the island of St. John," according to the U.S. Department of Justice press release.

The FBI indictment prepared by special agent Michael Day describes Herbert Ferguson and Jerome Potter as the drug trafficking ring's leaders with Potter providing the drugs, overseeing their importation and providing the boats used to bring the narcotics into the territory.

The indictment describes Herbert Ferguson as leading the dis-

tribution activities once the drugs were on St. John, operations his son was involved with as well.

Gomez sentenced Mason Ferguson, 19, to two more weeks in federal prison and three years of supervised probation on Thursday, October 20, according to a report in the *V.I. Daily News*.

In addition to the 1.35 pounds of marijuana found in the Ferguson home during the May 6 raid, agents also discovered two guns beneath Mason Ferguson's bed and 2.97 pounds of cocaine. Mason Ferguson was originally charged with several counts of possessing narcotics and conspiracy to operate a drug ring.

In a plea deal submitted in July, Mason Ferguson pleaded guilty to amended charges of possession with intent to distribute marijuana, distributing marijuana and using a communication device to facilitate the crime, according to the report in the *V.I. Daily News*.

He has already served five months in prison and will return to serve two more weeks before being released to three years of supervised probation at home on St. John. Mason Ferguson was also ordered to complete substance abuse counseling, enroll in a GED program and pay a \$400 special assessment fee. Gomez also ordered forfeiture of the two firearms —

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Chamber Meeting at Battery Oct. 25

The St. John Chapter of the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce will meet on Tuesday, October 25, at 5:30 p.m. at the Cruz Bay Battery.

The group will have a short business meeting to discuss the chamber's "shop local" initiatives and V.I. Energy Office's Miguel Quinones will give a presentation on the USVI WISE Energy program.

WISE is a recently instituted grant program dealing with energy efficiency improvements for small businesses. After an assessment, qualified businesses are eligible for grants of up to 40 percent of the cost of energy efficient improvements to the business.

IEK High School Open House Oct. 25

Ivanna Eudora Kean High School did not host its regular PTA meeting on Tuesday, October 18, and instead parents are encouraged to attend an open house scheduled for Tuesday, October 25, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

The open house will give parents an opportunity to meet with teachers and discuss their child's academic progress.

IEK Principal Sharon McCollum also advised parents that effective Tuesday, October 25, a seamstress will be at the school to hem boys' pants that are excessively long. The cost will be \$5 per pair. Patches for 9th graders can also be sewn on at a cost of \$1 per shirt.

Parents are also asked to encourage their children to attend the Beacon After School Program, which offers free tutorial classes from 3 to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday. For more information call 775-6380.

Senator Barshinger Hosting Noise Ordinance Meeting November 3 on STJ

Senator at Large Craig Barshinger will host a noise ordinance town meeting on Thursday night, November 3, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the new St. John Legislature building.

This will be the third meeting in a series of meetings which Barshinger has conducted to address residents' concerns with the current noise laws.

Barshinger invites both individuals and the business community to attend this meeting to voice their opinions and concerns regarding the current noise law, Act # 6930, in balancing the interest of these individuals.

Invitees include V.I. Police Department Commissioner Raymond Hyndman, VIPD St. John Deputy Chief Darren Foy, Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs Commissioner Wayne Biggs, St. John Administrator Leona Smith and members of the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce.

For more information contact Barshinger's office on St. John at 693-8061.

Woody's "Save Second Base" Block Party Fundraiser Set for November 5

Woody's Seafood Saloon is hosting the second annual "Save Second Base" Block Party on Saturday, November 5, from 7 to 11 p.m.

All proceeds raised at the event will go to the second Annual St. John American Cancer Society Relay for Life which is set for February 11 and 12, 2012, at Winston Wells ball field.

The Save Second Base Block party is the official kick-off fund raising event for the St. John Relay for Life. Representatives from the various relay committees will be on hand to sign up teams and answer any questions about the event.

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“There is no silver bullet that is going to fix the issues we have in this region. It will take all of us to put together the pieces of the pie in order to bring us some lower cost energy and more sustainable energy without being dependent on fossil fuels.”

– Hugo Hodge, executive director
Water and Power Authority

WAPA Continues Pursuing Alternative Energy Sources To Lower Electric Bills

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

The three-and-a-half years since Hugo Hodge took over the helm of the V.I. Water And Power Authority have not been the easiest of economic times for the territory or the world.

While many across St. John and the Virgin Islands continue to struggle with the rising cost of every day needs, there are few targets more battered in local media than the public utility WAPA with its reliance on oil, increasing LEAC rates and high KW cost.

“The toughest part of my job is the fact that everything seems to be personal in our culture,” said WAPA executive director Hodge. “It’s tough to keep employees motivated when they are being told such negative things in print. It’s a little unfair how you get rated when there are so many thresholds that have to be looked at.”

When Hodge started at WAPA in January 2008, the price of oil was \$92 a barrel and it spiked to \$100 his second week.

“That changes the way you have to go about addressing plans,” said the WAPA ex-

ecutive director. “Plus just the nature of the island system is very difficult. There is no neighboring utility to call when you have a problem — it’s just your own efforts.”

Lately WAPA’s efforts and especially Hodge’s time has been largely dedicated to finding ways of reducing the territory’s reliance on oil and thereby lowering those monthly utility bills.

Connecting to the power grid of Puerto Rico has been one of the major initiatives Hodge’s has been exploring since he started with WAPA.

“The way it first started was I heard about Puerto Rico’s natural gas plan which was going to reduce their energy costs by 40 percent,” said Hodge. “Being that we need energy at a lower cost than fuel oil and natural gas has lower emissions, we talked about maybe extending their pipe line since it’s only about 45 miles away.”

With a change in administration in Puerto Rico in 2009, the planned natural gas pipe line to Farajardo was scrapped. Talks then switched to connecting the Virgin Islands to Puerto Rico via a submarine cable, a plan

which continues to gain momentum.

“A submarine cable first and foremost gives us access to lower cost energy from the variety of fuel sources available in Puerto Rico,” said Hodge. “It also gives us some redundancy and reliability and mitigation in the event of a natural disaster.”

WAPA recently received feasibility studies about the cable which determined the project could proceed, Hodge explained.

“All of the possibilities between St. Thomas and Puerto Rico and St. Thomas and the BVIs came back feasible and the number was well lower than we thought it was going to be,” he said.

Hodge met with federal officials in Washington, D.C. about three weeks ago to discuss funding for the next phase of the project, the environmental feasibility study which is expected to take about a year, he explained.

“That is the longest-term item we have left to complete,” Hodge said. “Once the feasibility study is complete then the construction of the cable will take about nine months as well, but you actually lay the

cable in 60 days. So in all we’re looking at about two to three years from now.”

In addition to the lack of neighboring utilities to call up on for help, the island infrastructure also makes mistakes extremely costly, explained Hodge.

“When you have a system as small as ours you can’t afford to make mistakes,” he said. “You have to get the analysis correct. Mistakes are just more critical in this infrastructure.”

Governor John deJongh’s Administration has set a goal of reducing the territory’s dependence on oil by 60 percent by 2025 and WAPA has been working towards that goal by exploring ways of getting energy from the sun and the wind, explained Hodge.

“We have started a project to generate 10 megawatts of solar power,” said the WAPA executive director. “We received 27 bids which is a large amount and more than we expected. Right now we’re in the process of going through those bids to confirm who has met the qualifications and we’ll get a short list compiled around October 25.”

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Online Initiatives Urge WAPA To Act and Residents To Unplug

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Residents across the Virgin Islands have been using social media to announce initiatives and pressure government officials to take action on a number of fronts.

Lately two initiatives have been circulating to many Virgin Islands residents via Facebook addressing the V.I. Water And Power Authority rates.

The first is a petition titled “WAPA Destroying Our Economy” which was created by St. Croix resident Christina Lannen on the website SignOn.org, an online branch of MoveOn.org, which allows citizens to set up petitions electronically.

Lannen’s petition had garnered 2,710 signatures by Friday morning, October 21, with the goal of reaching 3,000 signatures easily within reach.

The petition urges Governor John deJongh to halt the feasibility studies and hook up to Puerto Rico’s grid immediately.

“The exorbitant electric bills of the residents and business of the US Virgin Islands is destroying our economy,” according to the petition. “Businesses are already closing because they cannot afford to pay their electric bill and stay in business. When businesses close that means lost jobs, wages and taxes.”

“We need action now,” according to the petition on SignOn.org. “The exorbitant bills that businesses and consumers pay for their electricity is obscene and is going to destroy our economy. It is time to stop the feasibility studies and just hook up to Puerto Rico’s power grid.

“WAPA’s plan of reducing the dependence on oil by 2025 is far too long of a wait.”

Lannen, a St. Croix resident and small business owner, was moved to create the online petition after hearing of numerous business owners struggling to pay their utility bills.

“I started the petition after seeing a photo of IHOP’s WAPA bill,” she said. “It was \$22,000. That’s seriously obscene. Church’s Chicken closed because they couldn’t sustain their business with the WAPA bills they were receiving.”

“I also heard that Harvey’s, a long time local restaurant, closed for the same reason,” said Lannen. “Restaurants are just hanging on. I’ve noticed that stores which used to be in downtown Christiansted have either closed or the prices have really increased.”

With no clear plan to reduce energy costs any time soon, Lannen thought it was time

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It's definitely less stressful — it's similar to taking 5,000 pounds off your shoulders."

— Ira Wade

DPW Deputy Director Ira Wade Retires After 16 Years of Service

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

After originally trying to retire 22 years ago when he moved to the Virgin Islands, Ira Wade has now officially entered his golden years.

The former Department of Public Works Deputy Commissioner of Operations, Wade officially retired from public service last month. But he first tried to enjoy retirement in 1989 after ending a 30-year military career which took him to Germany, Korea, Vietnam and Thailand.

Three months into his 1989 retirement in the Virgin Islands, however, Hurricane Hugo swept through the territory. With his military background in logistics, Wade couldn't sit idly by and applied for a job to help FEMA in the aftermath of the hurricane.

After working for FEMA, Wade moved to the Department of Human Services where he oversaw the territory's food stamp program. In 1995, DPW lured him away to become Deputy Commissioner of Operations for the island of St. John and since then he has overseen projects ranging from road paving, repairs and maintenance to tree cutting and even the Cruz Bay roundabout construction.

Wade officially retired from DPW on September 30, in part to deal with some nagging physical issues. He recently traveled to the states to meet with doctors about a possible knee replacement, but hoped to back in Love City by the middle of November.

"Right now I'm seeking treatment and just relaxing," he said. "Besides the health issues, I just got tired. It was time for new blood in the department."

That new blood for DPW is Dale Braithwaite, an eight-year St. John DPW veteran, who took over for Wade seamlessly in October.

"Dale is ready for this," said Wade. "He's been working with us in the shadows, watching what is



St. John Tradewinds News Photo File

Long-time St. John DPW Deputy Director Ira Wade, above at right, took a moment with Lt. Gov. Greg Francis after the Inauguration festivities last January.

going on. He has a good heart and he's a diligent worker."

"I think he knows the business and it's his time," Wade said. "We're in good hands and there is no doubt in my mind that he was the best person for the job. He's going to take care of the people of St. John."

Braithwaite has already been working hard to keep the island's roadways clear of overgrown bush and is excited about being able to help the community, he explained.

"I've been with the department about eight years and I've learned a lot," said Braithwaite. "The best part of the job is just helping the public. I just try to help everybody and I will continue to do the great job that Mr. Wade did for so many years."

When news of Wade's retirement spread last week, residents across St. John wished him well.

"Certainly I think everyone can appreciate the many, many improvements that Ira Wade has personally been responsible for during his years of service to St. John and the Virgin Islands," said Sharon Coldren, president of the Coral Bay Community Council. "We will certainly miss him and we wish him well as he enters real

retirement."

Wade was always available for the people of St. John at any hour, explained Bonny Corbeil.

"Ira always got out of his warm bed at any hour to deal with issues that simply required Public Work's attention," she said. "After Carnival or storms, he was the guy working tirelessly to see that the job was done. Ira was one of those bosses whose work ethic served as a role-model at every opportunity."

"Ira would never ask any worker to do anything that he wouldn't do, and that speaks highly of his character," Corbeil said. "Ira is a kind and good man who has been an absolute asset to St. John for many years now. He deserves to enjoy life a little more and I look forward to his involvement in community issues as a caring resident."

While he admitted to missing his job at times, Wade definitely plans to enjoy his hard-earned retirement.

"Some days you wake up with withdrawal symptoms almost," he said. "But I think you know when it's time, so you have to do what you have to do and hope for best. It's definitely less stressful — it's similar to taking 5,000 pounds off your shoulders."

VIPD Continue Search for 21-year-old Woman Seara Samantha James

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V.I. Police Department officers on St. John continue to actively search for 21-year-old Seara Samantha James, who was reported missing by her family on Thursday, October 13.

VIPD St. John Deputy Chief Darren Foy said several areas of the island were searched last week by officers with K-9 dogs and the search is continuing.

“My officers have been searching for Miss James every day since she was reported missing,” said Foy. “In one area the dogs detected a foul odor but the source turned out to be a dead animal.”

The Deputy Chief urged the community to validate any rumors or unverified reports they may hear regarding the whereabouts of Miss James by calling his office or the VIPD Public Information Officer.

Deputy Chief Foy urged the community to call police with any information they may have on the



Seara Samanth James

missing person. Anyone who saw her on the day she was last seen or anyone that may have any other information no matter how insignificant it may seem. That information may be the key police need to solve this case.

Anyone with information should call Crime Stoppers USVI at 1-800-222-TIPS, Leander Jurgan Command at 693-8880 or 911.

Former St. John Internal Revenue Supervisor Nealia Sprauve and Island Business Owner Joseph Clendinen Sr. Face Criminal Charges

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

That friendly face seen behind the counter at the St. John office of the V.I. Internal Revenue Bureau for years is facing a criminal trial.

Long-time St. John IRB supervisor Nealia Sprauve was indicted by a grand jury in June along with St. John business owner Joseph Clendinen Sr. on one combined charge of conspiracy to evade taxes.

Sprauve was fired from IRB in July for issuing tax clearance letters to 304 delinquent business owners, according to the report in the *V.I. Daily News*.

Although issuing tax clearance letters was outside of her scope of duties, an IRB internal investigation found that Sprauve issued 462 tax clearance letters from January 2007 to April 2011, with most of those going to delinquent taxpayers.

In order to renew a business license, a business owner needs a tax clearance letter, which is supposed to ensure that businesses are paying their fair share of taxes. Apparently that was not a difficult process to side-step on St. John.

Clendinen is the owner of JC Security Services, which was contracted by V.I. Port Authority to provide security at St. Thomas and St. John ports.

Every two weeks, VIPA paid Clendinen by check — which he would cash and then conceal the income by paying employees under the table, according to the report in the *V.I. Daily News*.

Sprauve faces five counts of fraud by an IRB employee and Clendinen is facing three counts of attempting to evade or defeat a tax for the years 2006 through 2008.

Prosecutors allege that Clendinen filed false income tax statements from 2006 through 2008 which under-reported his earning by \$623,541, according to the *Daily News* report. He is charged with conspiracy to evade and of evading at least \$89,310 in taxes.

A trial for the two was set to begin on Monday, October 17, in U.S. District Court, but that date was pushed back after prosecutors filed 69 pages of new evidence, according to the report.

The new evidence includes Clendinen’s tax returns from 2006 through 2008, according to court documents.

U.S. District Court Judge Curtis Gomez denied federal public defender Thurston McKelvin’s motion to strike the evidence, but did rule to continue the case until 2 p.m. on November 14 in light of the new material, according to the *V.I. Daily News* report.

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Second Annual GHS Gives Back Day Nov. 10

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Giff Hill School will host its second annual school-wide community service day, "Giff Hill School Gives Back," on Thursday, November 10.

In September, letters were sent to non-profit organizations on St. John requesting information regarding their ideas for projects. Teams of faculty members and students ranging in age from preschool through 12th grade will be working in the community all day doing service activities such as cleaning, maintenance, administrative help, repair work, and companionship for the elderly.

Questions or suggestions regarding GHS Gives Back can be directed to Angel Bolques or Molly Murrill in the Development Office at GHS by calling 776-1730 or emailing angelbolques@giffhillschool.org or mollymurrill@giffhillschool.org.

Dionysus Hosting Argentinian Wine Dinner at Gastro Grub

Gastro Grub is going South American on Tuesday night, November 1.

Dionysus Distributors is hosting an Argentinian wine tasting dinner at the restaurant on the second floor of The Marketplace, renaming the venue Gaucho Grub for the evening.

The event starts at 6:30 p.m. with four course dinner with wine pairings featuring Torrentes and Malbecs, all for only \$50. An Argentinian vintner will be presenting and wines will be for sale at a discount. To make a reservation call Gastro Grub at 779-1998. And don't wait too long, there are only 32 seats available.

Sample Wines from Around the World on November 1

Dionysus Distributors is hosting a trade show on Tuesday, November 1, from noon to 3 p.m. at Waterfront Bistro.

Stop by the restaurant at Wharfside Village and sample one of the 150 wines available. Talk with vintners and learn about how the wines were made, wine growing regions, food pairings and more. Don't miss this exciting wine event. For more information call Dionysus Distributors' St. John representative Terra Albee at 690-5672.

Kassav' Dance Party Postponed

The Reichhold Center for the Arts announced Friday, October 21, that the Kassav performance scheduled for October 28, was postponed to January 2012 due to unforeseen problems with the group's Visas.

The specific date will be announced within the next week. Ticket holders are encouraged to keep their tickets, which will be honored for the new date.

The Reichhold Center regrets any inconvenience this postponement may have caused. For more information contact the Reichhold Center Ticketing Office at 693-1559.

St. John Dockmasters Getting New Building at Enighed Pond

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Dockmasters on St. John will soon have a spiffy new office out of which to operate.

V.I. Port Authority contractor GEC LLC got underway last week on the first phase of construction which will bring a one-story 1,500-square foot dockmaster building to the Enighed Pond Marine Facility.

The St. Croix-based contractor was issued a notice to proceed on June 30 and last week started paving the area where cargo containers were formerly stored.

VIPA is paying for the \$2.1 million project with the last of the federal GARVEE bonds. The bonds were issued to the authority in 2004 to cover construction costs of the Enighed Pond Marine Facility. The dockmaster building is the final phase of the over-all Enighed Pond project, which saw all barge traffic move from the Cruz Bay

Creek to Enighed.

The building should be complete by March 2012, and will include two public restrooms, the dockmaster's office and an office to process cargo moving through the facility, according to VIPA public information officer Monifa Marrero.

"The staff is really excited about the new building," said Marrero. "Right now they are operating out of a trailer, so they are really looking forward to having a building."

Once construction is complete, VIPA officials plan to officially name the facility after eminent St. John Senator Theovald Moorehead, Marrero added.

"While the facility has been officially named the Theovald Moorehead Marine Facility, we have never hosted a naming ceremony," she said. "Once work on the building is complete, we'll erect a sign and have an official ceremony."



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

VIPA contractor GEC LLC got started on construction of a new dockmasters building at Enighed Pond Marine facility last week.

Adult Sailing Classes Available With KATS

The St. John Kids And The Sea Program is kicking off another adult sailing class next month. One four-week session will meet on Wednesday afternoons starting on November 2 and a second class will meet on Saturday afternoons starting on November 5.

The cost of the session is \$200 which goes to the volunteer St. John KATS program which teaches local youth about sailing and water safety. To sign up for the Adults and The Sea program call Connections East at 779-4994 and leave a message for Marie Naisby.

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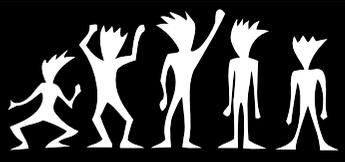
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Giff Hill School middle school students enjoy the scents and tastes of herbs from the Coral Bay Garden Center during a field trip last week.

GHS EARTH Program Students Enjoy Fruits of Flavorful Coral Bay Field Trip

By Jaime Elliott
 St. John Tradewinds

Giff Hill School middle school students took a tasty trip to Coral Bay last week.

All 40 middle school students traveled to Josephine and Hugo Roller's organic Coral Bay Garden Center as well as the Coral Bay Agriculture Station on Thursday, October 20, with GHS' Education and Resiliency Through Horticulture (EARTH) program to literally get a taste of crop cultivation.

"Josephine and Hugo Roller were so generous in their resources and their knowledge," said EARTH coordinator Sarah Haynes. "They showed us their property and the part that the kids really loved, which was really generous, was when they allowed us tastings of their crops."

GHS EARTH program students enjoyed sampling tatsoi, peppers, lemongrass, tarragon, basil, carambolas, cucumbers and more, Haynes explained.

"All of the kids came home with a bagful of yummy stuff that they're all going to cook with this



Coral Bay Garden Center's Josephine Roller

week," she said.

The group split in two with half of the students visiting the Coral Bay Garden Center first and the other stopping by the Coral Bay Agriculture Station where they got a tour of the fruit trees. By the end of the day, both groups were able to tour both facilities and see the differences in crop cultivation.

"Brady at the Ag Station showed us all the trees there and

let us taste cherries and star fruit," said Haynes. "We got to see the different styles of growing. At the Ag Station it was a little more laid-back style while at the Coral Bay Garden Center it is a commercial style of production."

GHS middle school students have been working with the EARTH program for several years now and relished the opportunity to see farmers in action first-hand, explained Haynes.

"We don't have many farmers on this island and these middle schoolers, who have been working with plants for the past few years, really understood those connections," she said. "They know what a resource it was and they were literally eating it up."

Back at GHS, EARTH program students continue to work on a new historical terraced garden at the Upper Campus, Haynes added.

"Ninth graders are spearheading the project and coming up with designs," said the EARTH coordinator. "We've gotten the steps put in and we're waiting for the top soil."

De Bonis Speaking at Next Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Meeting Oct. 30

St. John Tradewinds

The speaker for the St. John Unitarian Universalist Fellowship meeting on Sunday, October 30, will be Coral Bay Chiropractor Dr. Robert De Bonis.

De Bonis, who has worked in Coral Bay for four years, is a graduate of New York Chiropractic College and practiced in NYC for 28 years.

The title of his talk is "Chi-

ropractic Above, Down, Inside and Out." De Bonis is currently representing the Virgin Islands to the International Chiropractic Association and is a LIFE-force doctor for Life University. He is recruiting students into the study of Chiropractic.

The Fellowship meets at 9:45 a.m. and the talk begins at 10 a.m. at the lower campus of the Giffit Hill School. All are welcome.

SJFS Is Screening "Beatboxing — The Fifth Element of Hip Hop" Nov. 1

St. John Tradewinds

The St. John Film Society will be screening "Beatboxing — The Fifth Element of Hip Hop," on Tuesday, November 1, at 7:30 p.m. at St. John School of the Arts.

The night will also be the kick-off for SJFS' "On Screen/In Person" series with a lively 55-minute documentary directed by Klaus Schneyder and produced by Angela Viscido, which celebrates the incredible art form of making music using only the human body.

The evening is sure to arouse the Beatboxer in all, and especially in Virgin Islands musicians looking to perfect their personal style of the "Human Beatbox."

The film documents the history and evolution of this incredible art form starting with its genesis within Hip Hop culture and its use in various musical fields in countries across the world.

The group's post film discussion will be led by producer Angela Viscido, who will provide personal insight into the documentary filming, the people in it and the future of Beatboxing as a legitimate, sustainable musical format.

For more information about St. John Film Society visit: www.stjohnfilm.com.

St. John Rescue Finds Storage Office at The Marketplace; More Space Needed

By Jaime Elliott

St. John Tradewinds

After looking for a space to store their equipment, archives and more for years, St. John Rescue moved into The Marketplace last month.

The St. John volunteer non-profit organization provides an essential service to the island community, responding to about 150 calls for help each year. Yet despite the group's ongoing training and emergency response efforts, St. John Rescue had no place to store their equipment and archives — until now.

"We found a small office at The Marketplace where we can keep all of our supplies and our historical records," said St. John Rescue president Ron Dunford. "A lot of our materials and equipment were being stored in different members' homes. Medical supplies and things were being kept in storage areas at people's homes and I was collecting archives of documents at my house."

While the roughly 200-square foot space has eased the organization's storage burden, it is not meeting the group's need for a base of operations. St. John Rescue still needs space to host CPR classes and additional trainings, explained Dunford.

"The room we have is not big enough for classes, but The Marketplace has other areas we can use for meetings or trainings," he said.

St. John Rescue's Marketplace location is not staffed and is without a phone line.

"It's just a storage space, not an office," said Dunford. "We want to make sure that the community knows to call 911 for any emergency."

In the long-term the group would like to find a larger location to call home, but for now the air conditioned storage area at The Marketplace is a step in the right direction, according to Dunford.

"All of our materials are now safely under lock and key and being kept in an air conditioned room so things will just stay in better shape," he said. "In the long-run it would be nice if we could find some large place where we could hold trainings for up to 15 people and keep our dummies and equipment all in one area."

Until then, St. John Rescue will continue its work responding to island emergencies of all types. The group is 35 members strong, with a presence in both Coral Bay and Cruz Bay and fills a vital role in both education and first response.

"We're spread out across the

island with people in Coral Bay and Cruz," said Dunford. "While we don't respond to every call for help, we do respond to about 150 calls a year."

With its new storage space, a full team of members and on-going training, St. John Rescue will next turn its attention to bringing a much-needed oxygen generating system to St. John, explained Dunford.

"A big project Bob Malacarne is working on is getting an oxygen generating system on St. John so we can fill our own oxygen tanks that we use for patients," said Dunford. "Right now we have to go over to St. Thomas to get oxygen, just like the V.I. National Park, Fire Department, Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center and EMS."

"If there is a hurricane or something where transportation is cut off that could be a huge problem," said the St. John Rescue president.

If all goes well, the oxygen generating system would likely be located at MKSCHC and St. John Rescue would look after the equipment, Dunford added.

For more information about St. John Rescue check out the group's website at www.stjohnrescue.com.

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JFLI Kicking Off Coral Bay Cultural Corner Market on October 26

By Jaime Elliott
 St. John Tradewinds

The Coral Bay triangle will soon be the site of a new cultural attraction on St. John.

While John's Folly Learning Institute director Alvis Christian has been hosting weekly food sales for several months at the intersection of Routes 10 and 107, he's going to up the excitement next week.

Starting Wednesday, October 26, the triangle area will be transformed into the Coral Bay Cultural Corner with local plants, herbal teas, paintings, jewelry and more joining the local food and drinks for sale.

"We wanted to do more than just sell food," said Christian. "We'll still have some local foods like johnny cake and conch fritters for sale, but I wanted to offer tourists something more than that. When tourists come to Coral Bay, I want them to be able to get a local flavor of things and see things that are made here."

The cultural community market at the Coral Bay triangle will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each Wednes-

day starting October 26. Christian also envisions crafts people interacting with tourists and explaining their work at the market, he explained.

"I want to have the crafts people there and I want people to see what they make and how they make it," Christian said. "We could have basket weaving, wood carving, jewelry making — there are so many possibilities."

Christian will continue to host food sales on weekends, with proceeds from the markets and sales benefitting JFLI students' summer trip to St. Croix.

"We'll still have our regular food sales on weekends but I'm trying to expand it during the week to more than just food," he said. "I really want to just expose the culture a little more and make it accessible to people."

Stop by the JFLI market on October 26 to meet crafts people and see what wares are available, and don't forget to try some of the tasty local treats as well. For more information about the Coral Bay Cultural Corner call 693-5202.

Four GHS Students Join St. John Chapter of National Honor Society

St. John Tradewinds

Giffthill School announced the induction of four new members of the St. John Chapter of the National Honor Society. Coral Breuning, Nicole Morrisette, Mariah Scheer and Maggie Wessinger joined Patrick Smith and Careem Albert as members of this prestigious group at a ceremony hosted at GHS's Upper Campus on September 19, 2011.

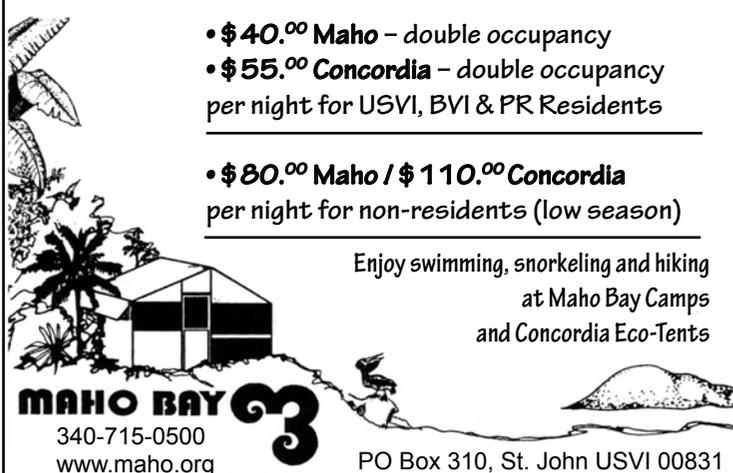
The NHS members were joined by GHS High School history teacher and NHS coordinator Mary Willen.

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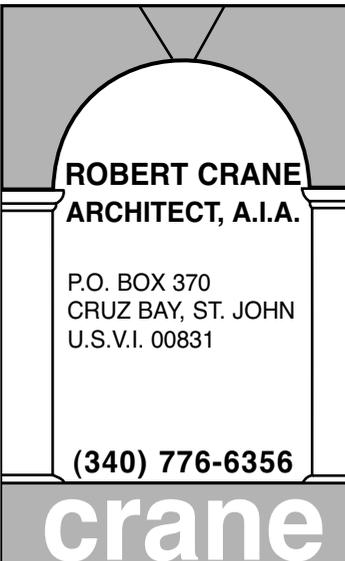
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Starfish Gourmet Promotes Marilisy De La Cruz

Starfish Gourmet officials announced last week that Marilisy De La Cruz was recently promoted to assistant manager at store.

De La Cruz, 28, is originally from the Dominican Republic. She has lived in the Virgin Islands for 17 years and graduated from Charlotte Amalie High School.

She is a dedicated mother of two boys who values reading and the company of her friends, explained Starfish Gourmet Manager Paul Tsakeres.

"Marilisy is well known for her spectacular smile, infectious laugh and great customer service," said Tsakeres.

Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott



With Fundraising Already Underway, St. John Relay for Life Committee Unveils New Logo

St. John Tradewinds

Members of the American Cancer Society's St. John Relay for Life Committee unveiled the group's new logo last week.

The logo was designed by 17-year-old Grace Bartolucci, a senior at Antilles School hoping to attend Savannah College of Art and Design next year, and the daughter of St. John Relay for Life chairperson Mary Bartolucci.

Bartolucci's logo depicts a palm tree and the outline of St. John against a backdrop of a bright sun on one half and a sliver of moon on the other, signifying the over-night nature of the event.

While the American Cancer Society's official Relay for Life logo changes each year, the St. John Relay for Life Committee opted to create its own distinct logo which will remain the same and be used for marketing purposes, explained the group's chairperson Mary Bartolucci.

"We are planning a marketing campaign with bumper stickers, posters, coasters and more to help create awareness of our event as well as provide businesses with an opportunity to show their support," she said.

The second annual St. John Relay for Life is set for February 11 and 12, 2012 in Winston Wells ball field. Relay committee member have high hopes for this event, as last year's inaugural relay netted \$130,000 for the local chapter of the American Cancer Society.

For that outstanding accomplishment, the St. John Relay for Life was honored by the national American Cancer Society with the 2011 Rookie of the Year award for the southern district.

The event kicks off at 4 p.m. on February 11, 2012,



with an opening ceremony. A survivor's dinner, for cancer survivors and one caregiver, takes place from 6 to 8 p.m. and the theme for the dinner this year is sure to please, explained Mary Bartolucci.

The emotional luminaria ceremony and survivor's lap takes place at 9 p.m. followed by music and entertainment all night long to keep team members walking that track. The event wraps up at 10 a.m. on February 12 with a closing ceremony and final lap.

But the fun, and fundraising for the event, has already begun. Yerger and a few friends hosted a Charity Golf Tournament for the St. John Relay for Life on Wednesday, October 19, at Mahogany Run Golf Course on St. Thomas.

The event raked in almost \$7,000 for the local chapter of the American Cancer Society and that is just the beginning. Woody's Seafood Saloon is hosting its Second Annual Save Second Base block party in Cruz Bay on Saturday, November 5, from 7 to 11 p.m. with all proceeds going to the local Relay for Life.

The Save Second Base block party is also the official kick-off event for the second annual St. John Relay for Life, explained Mary Bartolucci.

"Representatives from the various relay committees will be on hand to sign up teams and answer any questions about the event," she said.

Any restaurants or caterers interested in participating in the Relay for Life survivor's dinner should contact Yerger at steve@stjohncatering.com.

For more information about the St. John Relay for Life check out the group's website at www.relayforlife.org/stjohnvi.

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GHS Senior Patrick Smith Meets Former Presidents of Brazil and Ghana at World Food Prize Conference

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Taking a short break from classes, Giff Hill School senior Patrick Smith spent a few days rubbing elbows with former world leaders this month.

Smith, along with GHS science and math teacher Jim Willen, attended the World Food Prize conference in Des Moines, Iowa, October 13 to 15 where he also gave a five minute presentation on “Uganda and the Distribution of Research Information to Farmers.”

Patrick Smith, Adriana Navarro and former Mozambique president Joaquim Chissano.

“The best part of the conference was listening to President Lula da Silva speak,” said Smith. “When he was talking, his speech was so bright and engaging. He’s a very charismatic guy.”

The former president of Brazil Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva was just one of the world leaders Smith got the chance to hear from at the conference; he also mingled with the former Prime Ministers of Mozambique, Tanzania, Ghana and Nigeria.

These world leaders came together in Iowa in October for the annual World Food Prize conference, which was created by Nobel Peace Prize winner and Iowan Norman Borlaug.

Borlaug won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1970 for his pioneering work improving world agriculture by solving wheat production problems in Mexico. Borlaug’s practices eventually spread to Asia and Latin America and he is credited with starting the international “Green Revolution.”

“He is responsible essentially for saving the lives of millions of people,” said Willen. “Because of Borlaug’s work people can now grow wheat and other rice and cereal crops around the world and can use and eat and live off of them.”

Borlaug established the World Food Prize in 1986 to honor other individuals whose work also focused on improving the global food supply.

Today the World Food Prize is the most important international award honoring people who work to improve the “quality, quantity or availability of food in the world,” according to worldfoodprize.org. A Global Youth Institute, which draws 100 students and chaperones annually, was established in 1994 as a way to increase awareness of the World Food Prize mission among the nation’s students.

GHS was invited to attend the conference through its close relationship with Iowa State University’s agriculture department, which is working with the school on its Education And Resiliency

Through Horticulture program. Smith was invited to give a presentation because of his outstanding work in his science classroom, explained Willen.

“Patrick is a very bright and gifted student,” said the GHS teacher. “He was chosen to attend the conference because of his academic ability.”

Part of Smith’s preparation for the conference centered on his five minute presentation about world food production, the topic of which he basically left to chance.

“Actually I just ran my finger across a paper and picked a country and started researching it,” Smith said. “It was actually really interesting and I learned a lot.”

After picking a topic, Smith produced impressive research on the issues facing Ugandan farmers and the technology available to them, which he presented to a small panel of experts.

At the conference Smith and Willen also had the chance to attend symposiums by 2011 World Food Prize honorees Lula da Silva and former president of Republic of Ghana John Agyekum Kufor.

“We got to meet some amazing people,” said Willen. “In addition to Lula da Silva and Kufor we also got to meet the former prime ministers of Mozambique, Tanzania and Nigeria. I hadn’t expected to meet four ex-presidents of Africa and have them interact and talk to Patrick and ask him about his research.”

“It was really extraordinary,” Willen said.

Smith too valued his time at the World Food Conference.

“I thought it was a great experience and I would advise anyone to take part if they are interested,” said Smith.

While he excels at both math and science, Smith is still considering his future career options.

“Next year I plan to go away to college somewhere, but I’m not quite sure where,” said the GHS senior. “Right now I’m going through the application process and still figuring it out.”

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Letter To St. John Tradewinds

Public Works and St. John in Good Hands with Dale Braithwaite

We are not sure how many people have had contacts with Dale Braithwaite who's making sure that things stay on track with Ira Wade's retirement.

On Sunday, October 2, my wife and I dropped off a note at Wade's office reminding him that Route 1041 had not been trimmed. That's the road that goes to Fish Bay from Route 104 also called the Rendezvous/Fish Bay Road.

We didn't know of Wade's retirement since we'd been off-island since August 16. We were quite surprised to receive a phone call from Mr. Braithwaite on Monday morning saying that he had received our note and was surprised to hear that the road hadn't

been done.

Within two days the road was being cleared. I had reminded him that the rentals in the area would soon bring increased traffic and inexperienced drivers to the area.

Dale Braithwaite is to be commended for his fast action which assuredly prevented possible accidents. Next we hope they're able to focus on repairing the pavement by the Ackerman house where the road is severely undermined.

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Governor Convenes Cabinet To Review Territory's Economic Development Strategies

St. John Tradewinds

On Tuesday, October 18, Governor John deJongh convened a meeting of his Cabinet to provide an overview of the current fiscal condition of the territory and to discuss new initiatives in place focusing on economic development, job creation and economic growth.

The three-hour meeting focused on the strategic importance of focusing on economic revitalization as pivotal to the territory's forward progress as the Virgin Islands confronts the current financial environment.

OMB Director Debra Gottlieb, Personnel Director Kenneth Hermon and Bureau of Economic Research Acting Director Donnie Dorsett provided an analysis of the territory's economic indicators, underscoring the challenges ahead for Fiscal Year 2012.

Current projections describe continued high unemployment, strained budgets and decreasing revenue streams, resulting in slowed economic growth.

"Despite the challenging realities of the economic climate, we place a tremendous importance on aligning public policies of the government with private sector interests to embrace opportunities for investment and business development, thereby enhancing private sector activity and promoting economic health and vibrancy in our community," said deJongh. "In so doing, we impact the development of human capital and seek to generate additional resources to improve services, increase consumption and contribute to overall economic growth."

The governor challenged Cabinet members to continue to dedicate resources to help increase, spur and otherwise generate additional economic impact in the territory.

"We need to have even more focus on developing initiatives that create revenue, train residents for employment opportunities, and further our efforts to move the territory forward," deJongh said.

The governor outlined his areas of continued priority and focus, noting that each department and agency of the government must provide leadership from their designated platform on issues of overall economic development, and regarding education, energy efficiency, small business creation or retention, health, and public safety.

DeJongh is also requiring Cabinet members to aggressively identify potential funding sources for economic development initiatives both federally and via foundations and other financial sources.

Some of the initiatives discussed last week include Justice's new tax collection task force, Agriculture's entrepreneurial programs with its Virgin Fresh initiatives, the Housing Authority's completion of Louis Brown Villas Phase I and commencing senior housing programs on St. Thomas and St. Croix, Housing Finance Authority's new multi-family programs, WICO's exploration of ventures with the cruise lines, Labor's subsidy for on-the-job training, including basic skills and career specific programs, and viNGN's \$100 million broadband project.

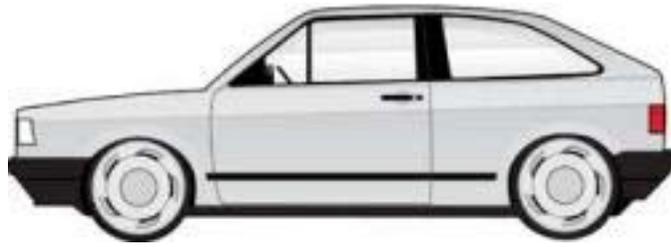
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ASK THE AUTO DOCTOR



Oil Changes for Island Miles

By Jack Brown

Special to St. John Tradewinds

Welcome to Ask The Auto Doctor, a new and fun column to discuss your car, car problems and car repairs. Each week, I'll answer your questions in an effort to help as many car owners as possible here on St. John. I won't be able to answer all submitted questions but I will attempt to answer as many as possible.

St. John Dog Miles

Q: My owner's manual says that I only need to change my oil every 7,500 miles but after my last oil change, I checked my oil level after about 2,000 miles and it was already pretty black and thicker than it should be. Should I wait for another 5,500 miles or get it changed sooner?

A: What you need to know right out of the gate, is that here on St. John the demands on engine oil are extreme because we are always driving up hills which puts extreme loads and demands on the engine and especially the oil. I have a term for this extreme mileage on St. John roads called "Dog Miles"

If you know anything about dogs, it's a known fact that for every year a dog lives it's equivalent to seven years in human terms. So one mile driven on St. John is equal to seven miles on normal roads. Over the last decade of repairing cars here on St. John, I've found that this is true for miles driven on St. John, compared to highway miles driven on flat roads elsewhere.

So the answer to your question, is to do what I recommend to all of my customers, if you can. Change your oil every 2,000 miles, or at the very most, every 3,000 miles. If you decide to change your own oil, don't make the same mistake my good friend did when changing the oil on his 2010 Ford pick-up. Because his truck sits so high off the ground he was able to drain the oil and remove his filter without having to jack it up.

Once he got the oil out and the filter removed, he found that he had purchased the wrong oil filter. So he jumped into his wife's car to go back to the parts store and get the correct filter. When he got back home his truck was missing from the driveway. He raced into the house only to find a note from his wife that she was gone to the store and would be back in about an hour.

With no oil in the truck, he could only sit by the phone and wait for the call he knew was about to come from his wife telling him that the engine was making some terrible knocking noises.

So, the point of this story dear reader, is that if you do decide to change your own oil you need to put big orange traffic cones and yellow police "Do Not Cross" tape all around the car so no one hops in and

drives it away. And don't just take the key, she had her spare set.

Now let's talk about oil. There's no such thing as a good bargain when it comes to oil. It's the lifeblood of your engine. If you needed a transfusion you wouldn't shop around for the cheapest blood you could buy, so don't scrimp on the most important thing to keep your engine alive. Make sure your mechanic is using the best oil available.

Unfortunately, some shops don't see it this way. And in order to maximize profits they will provide the least expensive oil and filter they can purchase. Always ask your mechanic what brand of oil and filter they use, and ask them to please bag the empty plastic oil bottles and leave them in the back of your car. This provides you with proof that you're getting the best oil, and gives you a place to store your old cooking oil before properly disposing of it.

Every mechanic has their preference, but I personally only use Castrol GTX high performance oil in my shop. It's a hold over from when I used to build Porsche racing engines for a living. There are other brand name oils that are good, but I'd rather pay a little more money for the best and get a lot more protection. I suggest only using the highest quality oil filters because they have a much better filtration element inside, unlike many cheaper filters available, that tend to clog more quickly.

Oil filters bypass when they start to get clogged and stop filtering. What this means is that once your oil filter has reached it's filtering capacity and can hold no more dirt, then a pressure relief valve in the engine opens up and the dirty oil just keeps circulating through the engine over and over without getting filtered — causing more and more wear on your engine.

The most common problem with oil that becomes too dirty and thick is that it can create hard deposits on the inside of the engine. These deposits eventually break off and find their way into the oil pan and your oil pump pick-up screen, thus starving the engine for lubrication which means game over for your poor engine.

So, whether you decide to change your own oil at home or have it done by a professional repair shop, the best way to avoid the extremely expensive nightmare of having to replace or rebuild your engine is to spend your money on more frequent oil changes, and the best oil and filter you can buy.

Jack Brown is a professional, factory trained mechanic with more than 30 years experience in car repair. If you have a question about your car, car problems or car repairs, email Jack at asktheautodoctor@hotmail.com.

WMA Hosting E-Waste Drives November 8 and 9 on St. John

St. John Tradewinds

The V.I. Waste Management Authority is hosting two E-waste drives on St. John in November. Bring those old computers, electronics, laptops and more to the Winston Wells ball field on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 8 and 9, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information call WMA at 777-3073.

DHS Hosting Family Fun Day October 29 on St. Thomas

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The Department of Human Services Division of Family Assistance invites all fathers, stepfathers, and all positive male figures to a Family Fun Day on Friday, October 29, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Emille Griffith Park, St. Thomas.

Join the motorcade at 9 a.m. from the Fort Christian Parking lot to Emille Griffith Park and enjoy the VI Bug Association exhibit, the VI Bike Club exhibit, the All Star VI Government Team vs. UVI Bucks Basketball Tournament, Boxing demonstration by the VI Boxing Federation, family fun games, kiddie bouncers and much more!

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

New DOT Webpage Offers Exposure for VI Businesses

St. John Tradewinds

In an effort to promote a wide range of tourism-related businesses on its official website www.visitusvi.com, the Department of Tourism will add a new page linking potential visitors to Virgin Islands businesses.

Presently, the website links to local accommodations, activities and attractions, restaurants, dive operators, tour and taxi operators, local airlines, destination management companies, film production service companies, and wedding service providers. The new page will comprise several different categories including retail stores and tourism support services.

"We want to provide as much information as possible to our visitors so that planning a USVI vacation is effortless from choosing a hotel to deciding where to shop," said DOT Commissioner Beverly Nicholson-Doty. "Backed by a solid marketing campaign and averaging 100,000 visitors a month, visitusvi.com gives VI businesses direct exposure to an audience of potential visitors."

To be listed on the DOT website, businesses must be located in the USVI, be properly licensed to operate in the USVI, and offer a tourism-related product or service for the visitor. The listing is free and includes the business name with a link to their website, or a phone number.

As an added bonus, all businesses listed on visitusvi.com will also receive a similar listing on My Virgin Islands, the official smartphone app of the USVI. Businesses requesting links should contact email akmoorehead@usvitourism.vi or call 774-8784 ext. 2234.

VINP Making a Clear Point



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaim Elliott

V.I. National Park officials recently installed new "No Parking" signs along the roadway at Maho Bay beach after the lane delineators — which officials had hoped would make clear that parking on the shoreline is no longer allowed — failed to make drivers understand parking restrictions. There is no parking allowed on the beach side of North Shore Road at Maho Bay, which the new signs should make clear to all drivers.

WAPA Continues Pursuing Alternative Energy Sources

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"Some really good bids came and we could expect to see this project completed within a year," said Hodge. "We'll fully vet these proposals to get the best result for the consumer. We're looking at the technology proposed, the type of solar panels and the ability to bring the project to fruition."

Each megawatt of solar energy requires about three to five acres of land to accommodate the panels needed, according to Hodge. WAPA has identified about 15 acres on St. Croix for the project and is looking for additional land on St. Thomas and is even considering some rooftop space, Hodge explained.

WAPA is also exploring ways to harness wind energy to generate power for the territory. The utility recently secured an anemometer to measure wind speed, which is the first step in the process, explained Hodge.

"All vendors require about 12 months of data," he said. "But once we get about six months of data,

we'll get the RFPs out and start looking at our options. We're very excited about the wind opportunities in places like Bovoni and along the south shore on St. Thomas and on St. Croix there are areas we know should have good wind too."

WAPA has also been working to reduce line loss, replace streetlights with LED lights and bury cables underground in order to get the most reliable system under the current conditions, Hodge added.

WAPA's executive director clearly sees the struggles ahead for both the utility and the community it serves. While admitting that there is no magic wand for the territory's high energy costs, Hodge continues to steer WAPA toward progress.

"There is no silver bullet that is going to fix the issues we have in this region," said Hodge. "It will take all of us to put together the pieces of the pie in order to bring us some lower cost energy and more sustainable energy without being dependent on fossil fuels."

Online Initiatives Urge WAPA To Act, Residents To Unplug

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for government to hear how people were being affected by their WAPA bills.

"People and businesses are hurting," said Lannen. "My personal feeling is that with the next LEAC increase, a great many businesses are going to close, which will put many people out of work. I know that everyone would love affordable electricity."

"Then the funds everyone had to pay WAPA with could be used to purchase goods and services which would lead to increased revenues and jobs," she said.

Lannen foresees a dire future for the territory unless something is done quickly — her petition calls for hooking into Puerto Rico's power grid — to lower energy bills.

"If our local government doesn't do something to provide serious relief in the very near future to the people and businesses of the U.S. Virgin Islands, eventually so many people will be out of work that money will not coming in to the government coffers," she said. "That will cause our local government to collapse because it will not be able to sustain itself."

A second initiative called "Flip the Switch" has also been circulating on social media sites and via email across the territory. While

it is unclear who conceived of the idea, the Facebook page for the initiative was created by St. John residents Paul Devine and Melissa Goodwin and had attracted 78 people who agreed to shut off their power on November 11.

"If you are tired of high WAPA bills, if you feel the LEAC is obscene, if you want to make a statement to WAPA and to the government please turn off your electric power all day 11/11/11," according to the Flip the Switch initiative. "A very dedicated group of people in the VI have [sic] been working hard to try to reverse and eventually eliminate the burden of the LEAC and press to eliminate WAPA as we know it! We are only asking for one day, please help us show that a unified effort can make a difference — let's "flip the switch."

The Flip the Switch is set to begin at 8 a.m. on November 11 and residents taking part are asked to not use any power until 8 a.m. on November 12. That seems like a long time without fans, but as one event attendee explained, many residents know exactly what it is like to be without power.

"Here we go people, let's do it," Stephen Deans wrote on the Facebook page. "It's only 24 hours. We have been without power much longer than that!"

Drug Ring Charges: Marisol and Mason Ferguson

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Davis .32 semiautomatic handgun and a H.R. Model 930 .22 revolver handgun — which were seized during the May 6 raid, according to information from the U.S. Department of Justice.

Herbert Ferguson was scheduled to be sentenced in U.S. District Court on a plea agreement last week as well, but his case was continued to December, according to the report in the *V.I. Daily News*.

Martin and Shinnors have also pleaded guilty to various charges in the indictment, while Potter, Skelton and Stephens remain in federal custody await trial on January 12, 2012, according to the U.S. Department of Justice press release.



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VIPD Investigating Double Murder on St. Thomas

St. John Tradewinds

V.I. Police Department officers on St. Thomas are investigating the shooting deaths of a male and female that occurred at about 9:15 p.m. Tuesday, October 18.

The victims were shot multiple times in a residential area in Estate Anna's Retreat. The victims have been identified as K'nesia Brathwaite, 20, of Tortola, BVI and 24-year-old Komorr Donastorg of St. Thomas.

According to the initial police investigation, officers were dispatched to a call of shots fired in Estate Anna's Retreat. When police arrived on the scene, they observed a grey four-door Honda Acura parked in the driveway of a private residence.

Upon closer inspection of the vehicle police observed the vic-

tim, Donastorg, in the driver's seat slumped over into the passenger's seat. Brathwaite was observed on the ground outside of the vehicle. Both victims appeared to have multiple gunshot wounds on their bodies.

Emergency Medical Technicians were on the scene and transported the victims to the Roy Lester Schneider Regional Medical Center for treatment where they were both pronounced dead.

VIPD urges anyone who has any information to call Crime Stoppers USVI and report a tip anonymously. The number for Crime Stoppers is 1-800-222-TIPS.

This case is being followed up by the Major Crimes Bureau detectives. Anyone wishing to speak to detectives regarding this case can contact them at 714-9202 or 714-9207.

CRIME STOPPERS U.S.V.I. Organization Seeks Information

St. John Tradewinds

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

St. John

Help law enforcement locate 21-year-old female Seara Samantha James of 1 WA Estate Bethany. On Tuesday, October 11, at 5:15 p.m., James and several friends went to Castaways Bar where they had drinks and socialized. The group then went to Cruz Bay attractions such as Mongoose Junction and Nature's Nook where they hung out for a while before leaving around 7:20 p.m.

James was last seen at Nature's Nook. She is black, 5' 5" tall, 140 pounds, has brown eyes, black hair, medium build and medium complexion. She has several tattoos, including a tribal tattoo on her right arm,

the word "Pascal" on her back, and a rose on her left leg. She was wearing a white T-shirt, black pants and was carrying a black handbag. A picture of Seara Samantha James is available on the website at www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org.

St. Thomas

Since February, there have been a series of burglaries in the areas of Estate Fortuna, Santa Maria, Bonne Esperance, Estate Hope, and Estate Pearl. Help law enforcement identify and arrest the burglars by telling what you know.

Please continue to help make the community a safer place to live by submitting information on these or any other crimes at www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org or by calling 1-800-222-8477.

Tips are completely anonymous, and the stateside operators speak several languages. If a tip leads to an arrest or the recovery of stolen property, illegal drugs, or weapons, tipsters will receive a cash reward of up to \$2,500.

Police Log

EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

LAND LINE: 911

CELLULAR: 340-776-9110

POLICE DEPARTMENT: 340-693-8880

FIRE DEPARTMENT: 340-776-6333

Friday, October 14

1:10 p.m. - An Estate Glucksberg resident p/r that someone entered onto her property and cut down two trees. Trespassing.

6:25 p.m. - A minor p/r that he was assaulted by another minor on the school bus. Simple assault.

10:00 p.m. - A St. Thomas resident c/r that he was in an altercation in the area of Cruz Bay. Disturbance of the peace.

Saturday, October 15

1:35 a.m. - An Estate Chocolate Hole resident c/r a disturbance. Disturbance of the peace.

6:56 p.m. - A citizen c/r loud music in the area of Coral Bay. Disturbance of the peace, loud music.

7:00 p.m. - A St. Thomas resident p/requesting police assistance with a purchase she made. Police assistance.

Sunday, October 16

2:14 a.m. - A citizen c/r loud music in Cruz Bay. Disturbance of the peace, loud music.

11:05 a.m. - Unit 433 and 438 p/r that a stolen motorcycle was recovered in the area of Estate Adrian. Recovered vehicle.

4:19 p.m. - A Starfish Market employee c/r that someone was stealing items from the store. Petit larceny.

Monday, October 17

1:35 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident r/ that he was assaulted in a Cruz Bay bar. Aggravated assault and battery.

1:38 a.m. - A Minnesota resident r/ that he was assaulted by a male in a Cruz Bay bar. Assault in the third.

5:00 a.m. - Badge #1009 p/ at Leander Jurgen Command with one Nicholas George Simmons of Estate Enighed under arrest and charged with aggravated assault and battery, resisting arrest, disturbance of the peace, simple assault and delaying and obstructing an office in the discharge of duties.

4:45 p.m. - A minor p/r that she was verbally assaulted by an adult female at school. Disturbance of the peace.

8:55 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r that his ex-girlfriend pushed him and refused to give him his clothes. Simple assault, D.V.

Tuesday, October 18

4:30 a.m. - A Wisconsin resident r/ a larceny. Grand larceny.

5:05 a.m. - A Giffit Hill resident r/ a disturbance at his residence. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

7:30 a.m. - A St. Thomas resident p/r that he was threatened by another male. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

3:15 p.m. - A resident p/r that an unknown vehicle struck her car and drove away. Hit and run.

11:50 p.m. - A Bellevue Village resident c/requesting police assistance. Police assistance.

Wednesday, October 19

12:30 a.m. - An Estate Adrian resident r/ a disturbance in the area of the Julius E. Sprauve School in Cruz Bay. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

10:30 a.m. - A St. Thomas resident p/r that she is being harassed via cell phone. Telephone harassment.

10:59 a.m. - The owner of

Love City Beach Shop c/r that damage was done to her business. Police assistance.

11:45 a.m. - An Estate Adrian resident p/r that there was a male in her yard playing with her dog. Trespassing.

Thursday, October 20

12:15 a.m. - A citizen r/ loud music coming from a house in the area of Enighed Pond. Disturbance of the peace.

8:36 a.m. - A citizen c/r that a government vehicle was damaged. Damage to a government vehicle.

10:25 a.m. - An Estate Grunwald resident p/r that someone scratched his vehicle while it was parked in Estate Pine Peace. Damage to a vehicle.

10:05 p.m. - An Estate Susanaberg resident p/r that he is being threatened by another male. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

2:45 p.m. - An Estate Carolina resident c/r that her dog is missing. Police assistance.

3:37 p.m. - Badge #747 p/ at Leander Jurgen Command with one Lisa DeKooning of unknown address under arrest and charged with delaying and obstructing an officer in the discharge of duties, disobeying a lawful order and D.U.I.

6:34 p.m. - An Indiana resident r/ that he lost his wallet. Lost wallet.

Friday, October 21

12:39 a.m. - A citizen c/r loud music in the area of Cruz Bay. Loud music.

7:53 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident c/r that his home was burglarized. Burglary in the third.

Ferry Schedules - Cruz Bay and Charlotte Amalie

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11:15 a.m.	1 p.m.
3:45 p.m.	5:30 p.m.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Workers started preparing Long Bay Road for new trees last week.

Long Bay Road Landscaping Underway on STT

St. John Tradewinds

The Long Bay road landscaping project got underway in mid-October, Department of Public Works Commissioner Darryl Smalls said last week.

The Plant Depot was granted a notice to proceed on October 15 and is expected to complete the project within 45 days. The contract calls for the installation of

landscaping and irrigation along the remaining 877 feet of Long Bay Road to include Royal Palms, Queen Palms, Purple Queens, Green Island Ficus, Song of India and sod.

The remaining work will not require the closing of an entire side of lanes, only intermittent single lane closures will be required until the project is completed.

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Wednesday Testimonials
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Community Calendar

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Every Sunday

— Junior tennis lessons will be offered on Sundays, starting on October 9, on St. John at the Cruz Bay tennis courts. For boys and girls 10 years old and under, QuickStart Tennis will be offered from 1 to 2 p.m. For older juniors, lessons will be offered from 2 to 4 p.m. Beginners as well as advanced players are encouraged to come out, sign-up and play this life-long sport. No fee is required but a one-time \$5 membership to the St. John Racquet Club will be encouraged. For more information call 776-6643.

Tuesday, October 25

— The St. John Chapter of the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce will meet on Tuesday, October 25, at 5:30 p.m. at the Cruz Bay Battery.

— Ivanna Eudora Kean High School did not host its regular PTA meeting on Tuesday, October 18, and instead parents are encouraged to attend an open house scheduled for Tuesday, October 25, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 28

The Rotary Club of St. John is hosting its annual Flavors fundraiser on Friday, October

28, at the Westin Resort and Villas.

Thursday, November 3

Senator at Large Craig Barshinger will host a noise ordinance town meeting on Thursday night, November 3, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the new St. John Legislature building.

Saturday, November 5

— Woody's Seafood Saloon is hosting the second annual "Save Second Base" Block Party on Saturday, November 5, from 7 to 11 p.m. All proceeds raised at the event will go to the second Annual St John American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

November 8 and 9

— V.I. Waste Management Authority is hosting two E-waste drives on St. John in November. Bring those old computers, electronics, laptops and more to the Winston Wells ball field on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 8 and 9, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Thursday, November 10

— For the second year in a row, Giffit Hill School would like to offer a day of service to non-profit organizations and people in need on Thursday, November 10.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

AL-ANON MEETINGS

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

PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

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STATE LINES

ACROSS

- 1 "Ditto"
- 9 Pop out from the cockpit
- 14 Capital of Eritrea
- 20 Flowed out
- 21 Bull using its horns, e.g.
- 22 "The — Cometh"
- 23 "Bus Stop" star, in Annapolis?
- 25 Offer freely
- 26 Null and void
- 27 "Life — cabaret ..."
- 28 Blue Light Special stores
- 30 Lots and lots
- 32 Question of incredulity, in Topeka?
- 37 Sing like Ella Fitzgerald
- 41 Eyelid hair
- 43 Next in line to reign
- 44 Opt (to)
- 45 Successful investors pay them, in Austin?
- 50 Tooth driller's deg.
- 51 Herb of the Tijuana Brass
- 52 Scooby- — (toon dog)
- 53 "Just a —"
- 55 Chairman with a "Little Red Book"
- 56 See 40-Down
- 58 Zig's mate
- 59 Josh
- 62 Slip — (blunder)
- 66 Adage fostering pity parties, in Jefferson City?
- 71 Color shade
- 72 Ping- —
- 73 "... as — say ..."

- 74 Financial adviser Suze
- 75 Influential Darwin work, in Salem?
- 79 Polite reply to a lady
- 80 Hobo's attire
- 81 Golfer Ernie
- 82 Relative of a reindeer
- 83 Ending for 115-Down in a cereal name
- 85 Billfold bill
- 87 Narc's org.
- 88 Persevere in
- 90 Java cup
- 93 Parasite-infested critter, in Montpelier?
- 100 Bar fixture
- 102 2,055, to Nero
- 103 Brontë's "Jane —"
- 104 "Do — others as ..."
- 105 Gulf War leader, in Atlanta?
- 108 Country rocker Steve
- 111 700-mile African river
- 112 Bit of land in a river
- 114 Disco activity
- 119 Most favorable conditions
- 121 "Not as simple as all that!," in Salt Lake City?
- 125 Corrupt
- 126 "— lift?"
- 127 Tooth next to a canine
- 128 "— Pointe Blank" (1997 film)
- 129 Italian city on the Adige
- 130 South-of-the-border citizen

DOWN

- 1 18-wheeler
- 2 "... I met — with seven wives"

- 3 Sportscaster — Albert
- 4 Irish New Age star
- 5 Foyers, e.g.
- 6 Web vending
- 7 Crime writer Ruth
- 8 Roush of baseball
- 9 Id regulators
- 10 Book after Obadiah
- 11 Drop the ball
- 12 Corp. biggie
- 13 Big fan of Captain Kirk and his crew
- 14 "Michael Collins" co-star Quinn
- 15 "Cape Fear" director Martin
- 16 Intellectual
- 17 Accrued
- 18 Hamelin pest
- 19 Meth- ending
- 24 — spot (shave imperfectly)
- 29 Chico or Harpo
- 31 Comedian
- 33 Very, very
- 34 Just painted
- 35 A-E fill
- 36 Sci-fi beings
- 37 Swindle
- 38 Soothing pink lotion
- 39 Designates
- 40 With 56-Across, marketing links
- 42 State bordering Veracruz
- 46 Melancholy
- 47 2, for helium: Abbr.
- 48 NASA scrub
- 49 Regarding
- 54 Resort near Naples
- 57 Bygone Toyota
- 58 Insults wittily
- 59 Foxworthy and Bridges
- 60 Job bid figs.

- 61 Extent
- 63 Discovered
- 64 Tilting
- 65 Ob- — (delivery Dr.)
- 67 Jerky sort
- 68 Film director Nicolas
- 69 Infringe upon
- 70 Scoffing sort
- 71 Tot's amuser
- 76 Hershiser of the diamond
- 77 Former Nair competitor
- 78 Screen siren Sommer
- 84 Prefix for "quintillionth"
- 86 Pro gridiron match-ups
- 87 Segments: Abbr.
- 89 Kiwi relative
- 90 Chinese food additive
- 91 Sport- —
- 92 Extend as far as
- 94 Hi-tech 'zine
- 95 Atmospheric music genre
- 96 — -ray Disc
- 97 Turn a blind —
- 98 Big gun gp.
- 99 Lush green vegetation
- 101 Planet paths
- 106 Laughable
- 107 "The Father of the Symphony"
- 109 Kind of paint
- 110 As a friend, to François
- 113 "— first you don't ..."
- 115 Alternative to vanilla: Abbr.
- 116 Jamaica, por ejemplo
- 117 Flatbread of India
- 118 Greek pita sandwich
- 119 Part of WHO: Abbr.
- 120 "— favor, señor!"
- 122 — Lingus
- 123 Visit with
- 124 Engine stat



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"VISTAERO" offers total privacy with breathtaking views over Rendezvous Bay & St. Thomas. 5 spacious bedroom suites, huge pool, gazebo & hot tub make this a top rental villa.



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\$1,750,000

"POINCIANA" is an island classic home on 1.24 acres of prime waterfront overlooking Hart Bay. 3 bedroom popular rental with one of the best views of the south shore.



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\$1,450,000

"WHALE WATCH" - Enjoy pristine East End in this lovely, 2 bedroom villa with big water views. Downstairs apartment offers additional living & income space. Hear the sound of the waves lapping below.



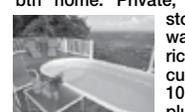
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"WILD ORCHID VILLA" in Skytop features privacy and amazing 270' panoramic views! Flexible floorplan 4 bdrm, 2 level villa is custom crafted in exotic hardwoods & stone-work. Awesome sunrises! Beautiful sunsets! Cool breezes!



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\$1,000,000

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\$999,000

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\$595,000

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Governor Convenes Cabinet To Review Territory's Economic Development Strategies

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Finance Authority and West Indian Company delivered presentations describing efforts to target local banks to provide increased local lending; partner with VIEO and WAPA to provide energy efficient affordable housing and increase employment opportunities through housing community development over the next five years; and expand the Havensight dock to accommodate larger ships and develop seven acres in Estate Liverpool for a vendor's plaza and tourist attraction, respectively.

During the meeting, EDA CEO Percival Clouden described new marketing strategies targeting specific companies and industries and a 42 percent increase in loan applications for Fiscal Year 2011.

"We are also reaching out to UVI and the schools, in partnership with departments of Labor and Education, to emphasize the importance of vocational and technical training as tools for individual economic advancement," Clouden said.

The EDA was recently awarded a grant from the State Small Business Credit Initiative Program at the U.S. Department of Treasury for \$13.1 million to encourage Virgin Islands banks to lend to small businesses, as well as a State Trade and Export Promotion grant from the U.S. Small Business Administration for \$489,646 to assist small businesses in expanding their exporting capabilities.



Governor John deJong and his cabinet got down to the hard work of looking at the territory's economy last week.



Human Services Commissioner Christopher Finch also noted that "an additional \$30 million in food stamps will be available for Fiscal

Year 2012."

"According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, for every food stamp dollar, an extra \$1.84

will be generated in the local economy," said Finch.

The Government of the Virgin Islands continues to take steps

through DPNR and DLCA to streamline the licensing and permitting processes to enhance private sector activity.



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