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Broadway Comes to St. John Soon

Get ready to enjoy a night of top-notch entertainment, while supporting St. John School of the Arts, on Saturday, February 16, when Broadway Comes to St. John with "One World, One Heart." Students have been working hard like the fourth graders at Giff Hill School, above. **SEE STORY ON PAGE 9.**



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VINP Announces Smoke-Free Beaches

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Effective immediately the prohibition of smoking and tobacco use on all National Park beaches within 50 feet of the water line in both directions, Virgin Islands National Park and Coral Reef National Monument Acting Park Superintendent Mike Anderson announced on Thursday, January 31.

The decision was made after the VINP Superintendent reviewed several public comments related to the impacts of smoking on park visitors and the marine environment.

The full extent of this action is outlined under the 2013 Park Compendium and 36 Code of Federal Regulations 2.21 Smoking.

36 CFR Section 2.21 Smoking:

(a) The Superintendent may designate a portion of a park area, or all or a portion of a building, structure, or facility as closed to smoking when necessary to protect park resources, reduce the risk of fire, or prevent conflicts among visitor use activities. Smoking in an area or location so designated is prohibited.

2013 Park Compendium:

61. Smoking is prohibited as follows:

- A. Within the interior portions of all NPS buildings.
- B. At locations posted as no smoking areas
- C. Within 50 feet of a gas pump or flammable materials storage area.
- D. Smoking is prohibited on all Park beaches within 50 feet of the



waterline in both directions, Park picnic pavilions, and inside restrooms.

The purpose of the tobacco prohibition on park beaches is to protect all visitors and the marine environment. Smoking and smoking debris pose a second hand smoke hazard to park visitors and constitutes a general safety and sanitation hazard especially to small children playing on the beach.

The accumulation of toxic cigarette butts and other tobacco byproducts directly onto Park beaches is a preventable hazard to park marine life. Birds and marine animals can ingest cigarette butts leading to choking, poisoning, and or death.

The plastic and toxic chemicals found in cigarette butts leach into the marine environment within one hour of contact with water. Over time this leads to the bioaccumulation of toxins from cigarette litter which is ultimately passed up the food chain throughout the marine environment.

Research has shown every littered cigarette butt can take from two to 25 years to breakdown as toxic chemical compounds con-

tinuously leaching into the environment.

Smoke Free Beach signs along with cigarette disposal receptacles will be ordered and installed in heavy visitor use areas. Smoking will be allowed in all other areas of VINP, but excluded in areas specifically designated as closed to smoking as outlined in the Park's Compendium. The VINP Compendium is available to the public upon request.

This notice also serves as a reminder that throughout VINP, discarding cigarette butts, tobacco products or any containers is considered littering thus is prohibited. This regulation is under 36 Code of Federal Regulations 2.14 Sanitation and Refuse.

VINP officials have already heard positive responses to the smoking ban, explained VINP Chief Ranger Lloyd Morris.

"Most people are happy about it," said Morris. "Most people are compliant. We haven't had anyone being negative about this smoking ban."

"Some people who were smokers were disappointed, but no one has been adamant or angry about this," Morris said. "This has been greeted with a lot of positive responses."

For more information contact Morris at (340) 776-6201, ext. 254, or write to VINP Deputy Superintendent, Mike Anderson; Virgin Islands National Park; 1300 Cruz Bay Creek; St. John, Virgin Islands 00830.

CBCC Hosting Touring of Watersheds

The Coral Bay Community Council is hosting NOAA's Watershed Coordinator for the Caribbean Rob Ferguson, and a team of people involved in sediment prevention habitat restoration work on February 8 and 9. There will be a discussion meeting open to the public on Friday, February 8, at 4 p.m. at Guy Benjamin School, Room 6. At 5:30 p.m., the group will move over to Skinny Legs to continue informal discussions. All are welcome.

On February 9, the group will tour various neighborhood watersheds in Coral Bay to view the CBCC NOAA-ARRA projects done in 2010 and 2011 and see the successes in reducing sediment plumes reaching the bay, and stopping erosion.

To participate on Saturday, call CBCC at 776-2099 or email coralbaycommunitycouncil@hotmail.com. This is part of Coral Bay Community Council's Watershed Management Project: Phase 2.

St. John Relay for Life Feb. 9 and 10

A full night of entertainment and fun is in store this weekend.

Join the American Cancer Society at the third annual St. John Relay for Life. The event starts at 4 p.m. on Saturday, February 9, at Winston Wells ball field and ends the next morning at 10 a.m.

A total of 26 teams are set to walk around the make-shift track in the field all night, as team members remember that "Cancer Never Sleeps."

The event will include plenty of entertainment and even an appearance by Miss St. John Shanelle Thomas. An exciting, and certainly soon-to-be-famous, chicken wing eating contest is planned for 8 p.m. in the field. A survivor's dinner will be hosted at 6 p.m.

Be there to support friends and relatives fighting cancer. See the glow of the luminaries lit in memory of loved ones during a spectacular ceremony starting at 9 p.m.

And it's still not too late to get involved. Join a team or sponsor a luminary bag by calling 775-5375.

Annual Kid's Fest and Fish Fry Feb. 9

Come out to the St. John Montessori School at the John's Folly Learning Institute just before Concordia for a full day of fun starting at noon on Saturday, February 9.

There will be face painting, donkey rides, crab races, games, prizes and crafts for the kids. Delicious fried fish, johnny cakes, home made sides, and drinks galore will be available!

Come have fun for the whole family while supporting the children of the St. John Montessori School. Look for the signs just after Aqua Bistro to the event.

Everyone is welcome and the day promises to be fun for all ages!

For more information, or to volunteer for this event, call the school at 775-9594.

Free Vow Renewal on Valentine's Day

Join the love on Thursday, February 14, at 5 p.m. at Trunk Bay Beach at a free vow renewal ceremony hosted by Minister Anne Marie Porter.

Known as the island's barefoot minister, Porter has been hosting this free event for the past decade. She has been joined on the beach by 875 couples and many tourists who return annually to St. John just for the vow renewal as well as locals who find it a meaningful way to celebrate Valentine's Day.

No reservations are necessary. Couples just show up and many bring their families and friends to witness their wedding vow reaffirmation. For more information call (340) 626-4658.

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Cruz Bay One of Three Communities Selected for Street Naming Initiative

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Giving directions in the Virgin Islands, which often consists of “turn right at the mango tree,” might one day actually involve a street name.

Cruz Bay, along with a section of Mon Bijou on St. Croix and Charlotte Amalie on St. Thomas, has been chosen to be a part of a pilot project for the territory’s Street Addressing Initiative. The project’s goal is to name all streets and number all buildings across the territory in order to bring local addresses into conformity with national standards.

Officials from Lieutenant Governor Gregory Francis’ Office, which is overseeing the USVI Street Addressing Initiative, hosted a public meeting at St. Ursula’s Multipurpose Center on Wednesday afternoon, January 30, which drew about 10 people.

Senator at Large Craig Barshinger sponsored legislation in September 2010 to fund a program to transform the territory’s current estate-based addresses to street-based addresses.

The pilot program, expected to kick off in March and wrap up by the end of June, spells out a process for the territory to adopt uniform street addresses by first starting with a single neighborhood on each of the three main islands.

The program will not remove the territory’s traditional estate names, but will add numbers and street names to the current estate system, explained Raymond Williams, Lt. Gov. Gregory Francis’ Chief of Staff.

The project, which has been discussed for years and planned for the past two, will improve public safety, explained Williams.

“We are far, far behind the ball in developing a uniform street addressing system,” he said. “In order to get better safety and security in our communities we need a uniform system of addressing. The process has already taken about two and half years and we are now ready to begin the pilot projects.”

The Lt. Governor’s Office contracted the University of the Virgin Islands for the project, which in turn subcontracted AppGeo and Spatial Focus. Those two stateside-based companies have experience creating the type of street-based addresses which are expected to improve everything from public safety response, to parcel deliveries and car navigation systems, according to officials.

“Every year people die because it takes emergency services 35 minutes to arrive instead of 10 minutes,” said Sen. Barshinger.

AppGeo and Spatial Focus officials have already been working with Department of Public Works staff to collect information on all street names in the territory, Williams explained.

“We do have some information on the Danish names and we’re asking residents for more information,” he said. “Some areas have been subdivided and there are no names for them.”

In addition to the public safety aspects, logical street-based addresses make it easier for everyone to navigate, explained Spatial Focus’ Martha Wells.

“Good addresses can make a big difference,” she said. “Address systems work when they are logical and visible on the ground, with numbers and street signs. Parcel numbers are not designed for an addressing system.”

Many streets in the territory



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CCZP Planner Stuart Smith and Real Estate Broker Margie LaBrenz, from left, listen to officials during last week’s Street Addressing Initiative public meeting.

simply have no names and often building numbers make no logical sense, Wells added.

Officials are now compiling all the information on street names and identifying all streets which lack names, according to Wells.

“Every street needs a name,” she said. “If your street has one, we’ll use it. If it doesn’t have a name, we’ll name it with the help of the community.”

As the pilot project gets under way next month, AppGeo and Spatial Focus will hire UVI students to go house to house in the Cruz Bay area hanging information packets on every door. These packets will ask the property owner to confirm, or contest, their street name and building number.

“We are going to be putting street names and numbers on all houses and businesses in the pilot project area,” said Wells.

The packet allows residents to reply via mail, telephone or email.

“We’re asking people to please respond with the requested information,” Wells said. “If you don’t respond, we’ll be back.”

Once the streets are all named, officials will then develop a system of numbering the buildings.

Lt. Gov. Francis’ Office will continue to host public meetings throughout the process in order to engage the community, Wells added.

“We are trying to figure out how best to do this without causing disruption,” she said. “That’s why we’re doing it as a pilot first before we go out to do this for all three islands.”

Officials will use the information collected in the pilot project areas to create a data base and eventually name all streets and number all buildings across the ter-

ritory. In order for that to happen, however, the initiative needs community support, explained Wells.

“We need you to be on board and support this,” she said. “We need help with existing street names and we need you to review the information packet and confirm your addresses.”

Crews are expected to begin placing information packets on doors in March. The pilot projects should be wrapped up by the end of June and then officials are hoping to expand the program across the territory.

“We’re hoping to smoothly run into expanding this to territory-wide,” said Wells. “We’d like to keep moving once we get going on this. We will need more grants and funding for the project.”

Once all the addresses are assigned, the final part of the project will be to obtain the actual signs and numbers for installation.

The initial legislation appropriated about \$500,000 for the project, but officials will need more like \$1.5 million to complete the Street Addressing Initiative, according to Barshinger.

For more information about the USVI Street Addressing Initiative, call the Lt. Governor’s Office at 776-8505.

Delinquent Property Auctions Scheduled for STT/STJ District Feb. 27 and 28

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The Division of Real Property Tax, Office of the Lieutenant Governor, announced last week that the next round of auctions for properties in delinquent payment status of 10 or more years has been scheduled for the St. Thomas/St. John District on February 27 and 28, in the courtyard of the GERS Building on Kronprindsens Gade.

The property auctions will begin at 9 a.m. on each of the scheduled auction days. In the event the auction does not conclude on the first day, it will continue on the second day. Potential bidders must register by 9 a.m. on the auction day in order to participate.

Bidders cannot register in advance of the auction or register once the auction has begun. Po-

tential bidders are also advised to view the properties in advance of the auction. Delinquent properties are sold “as is, where is.”

Owners of delinquent properties can either pay their balances in full or enter into an installment arrangement in order to avoid the sale of their properties. Property owners interested in making arrangements are advised to contact

the Office of the Tax Collector at 776-6737 on St. John.

Property owners whose properties are in probate are reminded to file their cases with the Recorder of Deeds Office in their district before the scheduled auction.

A list of the properties that are slated for auction in the St. Thomas/St. John District can be viewed at www.ltg.gov.vi.

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A total of 325 acres in the White Cliffs area of VINP, above, are off-limits until further notice.

Illegal Trail Cutting Prompted VINP Closure of 325 Acres To Protect Rare Native Shrub

By Jaime Elliott
 St. John Tradewinds

When V.I. National Park officials made the decision to close 325 acres of parkland recently in order to protect an endemic and rare shrub species only found within park boundaries, they didn't make the decision lightly, explained VINP Acting Superintendent Mike Anderson.

"We considered all other alternatives to closing the area, as we're required to do under the regulations," said Anderson. "For example, we looked at the possibility of issuing permits for individuals to go into the area or putting enclosures around the plants, but until we know where the plants are and their numbers, we had to close the area."

Concern over the rare plant, *Eugenia earhartii*, prompted the closure of 325 acres in the remote White Cliff area of VINP located near the Reef Bay, Lameshur and Europa Trails, explained Anderson. (See related story on page 17). An illegal trail was continually cleared through the White Cliffs area, disturbing a population of the *Eugenia earhartii*, despite ongoing



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Eugenia earhartii, a rare plant found only on St. John will be evaluated.

attempts to block access, he said. "Someone cut a trail down through the middle of this population of rare and endemic plants," he said. "Unfortunately this species only grows a half a millimeter a year. So even those small cuttings at the base could take decades for the plant to recover in height."

"Last year a ranger tried to disguise the trail and put brush across it," said Anderson. "Someone came by and removed the brush and flagged the trail. Later, the ranger kept taking down the flags and they kept being put back up."

The VINP ranger even tried to close the trail, Anderson added.

"The ranger put up a 'closed'

sign which was vandalized, broken in two and thrown aside," said the VINP Acting Superintendent. "At the time we didn't want to draw attention to this rare plant species, but when we confirmed, and I myself saw this, that they were cutting right through the middle of this we had no choice but to close the area until we can do some research."

Anderson himself toured the area and was convinced it needed to be closed, he explained.

"I walked with the resource staff to look first-hand at the damage that had been done and the condition of the unauthorized trail and I looked at safety," he said. "I looked at relying on the experts as far as this plant that is endemic to St. John and found only within the park. That is a population of those plants that needs to be protected."

The habitat of the plant in question was untouched before this illegal trail was cut, according to local botanist Gary Ray, who has studied the species for years.

"Its habitat was completely pristine prior to the illegal cutting of a trail," said Ray. "The trail cut threw two populations harboring

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Energy Costs, Economic Development Are Top Concerns Voiced at Delegate to Congress Christensen's Town Meeting

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Transportation, energy costs and economic development were the main areas of focus during a town hall meeting hosted by Delegate to Congress Donna Christensen on Tuesday evening, January 29, at Julius E. Sprauve School.

The meeting drew about 20 residents, several of whom asked about how to lower skyrocketing Water and Power Authority electrical rates.

"As, perhaps, the single most critical element in determining the sustainability of our economy at the territorial level, what role should the Federal Government play in assisting us to determine a long-term strategy to cope with our crumbling infrastructure at WAPA," asked Hugo Roller.

"Could a federally funded 'costs versus benefits' analysis of all possible options be considered as an appropriate starting point for us to avoid further costly mistakes as our community grapples with this issue?"

The federal government does provide utilities with long-term loans and technical assistance, Christensen explained.

"A resource integration plan would look at the best way to be the most efficient at the lowest cost," said the Delegate. "We have to look at our needs and see what will give us the most bang for our buck. I am meeting with WAPA."

Albert Willis waited almost two years for an inspector from the Department of Planning and Natural Resources to inspect the solar panels on his roof and continues



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Delegate to Congress Donna Christensen, above seated at far left, listens to Jose Penn, seated at far right, during last week's meeting.

to wait for WAPA to install a new meter, he explained.

"We're kind of on our own here," said Willis. "I don't feel we are getting the help we need to get the projects done. These energy costs affect everyone; more things have to be done."

Christensen agreed with Willis and suggested several federal grants, available for businesses and low income homes to offset electrical costs.

"Most are designed to help rural communities so we'll have to make sure that the territory qualifies," Christensen said.

Problems with WAPA are nothing new, but it's time that something is done, explained William Wade.

"These problems with WAPA go back so many years," said

Wade. "Something must be going on that they are not telling the public. I just got a WAPA bill and it was \$27 for usage and then \$147 for LEAC."

The government must find a way to ensure that future generations of Virgin Islanders don't have to leave the territory to find employment, explained Jose Penn, who is a member of the EDA Board of Directors.

"Our biggest resource is our young people," said Penn. "We have to ask ourselves how the future generations are going to make a living. We don't want change, but our grand kids need work."

Two years ago when landslides threatened to close the lone access road to Coral Bay, residents were reminded of the need for an

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A DPNR Enforcement Officer in July 2012 on the Coral Bay public dock, above, seen with his gun clearly out of its holster.

One DPNR Officer “Reprimanded” for Waving Gun on Coral Bay Dock

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

After more than six months of silence, Department of Planning and Natural Resources officials last week issued a press release related to their Enforcement Officers’ actions in Coral Bay.

DPNR Enforcement Officers swept through Coral Bay in July 2012, cutting mooring lines and threatening citizens, according to several eye witnesses. One DPNR Enforcement Officer was even video-taped waving his gun around on the public dock with children and other citizens in the area.

Those actions prompted wide-spread and vocal protests by Coral Bay residents, who asked DPNR officials to look into the matter. Days after the incidents, DPNR Commissioner Alicia Barnes announced that the Department of Justice was leading an investigation into the matter.

Finally last week, DPNR issued a press release on the DOJ’s report on that investigation. The actual DOJ report, however, was not available last week. Repeated calls to Attorney General Vincent Frazer’s office were not returned last week.

The press release from DPNR in its entirety:

“Department of Planning and Natural Resources Commissioner Alicia Barnes said Thursday that her agency is in receipt of the Justice Department’s findings on the Coral Bay, St. John investigation.

“The investigative report was prompted by allegations from the Coral Bay community of intimidation and improper enforcement actions by DPNR Enforcement Officers in July 2012.

“[DPNR] Commissioner Barnes considered these allegations to be serious and solicited the assistance of the Department of Justice to carry out an independent investigation.

“The investigation included interviews with certain members of the boating community in Coral Bay

and the DPNR Enforcement Officers involved in the incident. Director Roberto Tapia of the Division of Environmental Enforcement confirmed that the division was involved in a week-long initiative in Coral Bay to rid the area of illegal moorings and to enforce on the large number of unregistered vessels in that area.

“The Department of Justice’s report reiterates that Title 25 subsection 303 of the VI Code provides that every Peace Officer, including DPNR Enforcement Officers, shall have the authority to stop and board any vessel to enforce the safe operation of all motor vessels.

“Therefore, DPNR Officers had legal authority to board the vessels in question in July 2012.

“The department acknowledges that DPNR Officers exercised poor judgment in the handling of their weapon and in the execution of their duties.

“The Justice’s report has recommended that DPNR Enforcement Officers must advise persons receiving citations that failure to pay the fine will result in a summons to appear before the Virgin Islands Superior Court, which allows the person to contest the ticket if they wish. This will reduce the occurrences of these incidents and allow the Court to interpret the law and provide guidance to both parties involved in the matter.

“The Justice report also recommended that 1) all DPNR Enforcement Officers complete annual in-service training provided by the V.I. Police Department’s Training Academy to all law enforcement officers and 2) that an Enforcement Officer be reprimanded for improper handling of his departmental-issued weapon.

“Although there was no finding of malicious intent, DPNR has followed the guidance from the Department of Justice and has reprimanded one officer for the improper handling of his weapon. I also note that

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V.I. Police Officer Charged with DV

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A V.I. Police Department officer assigned to the St. Thomas/St. John District has been arrested and charged with Aggravated Assault and Battery Domestic Violence.

VIPD officials said on January 28 at about 6:30 p.m. the officer, 24-year-old Travis Wyatt, pushed and struck the mother of his child causing her injuries. He was arrested at about 10:50 p.m. and held without bail pending his Advice of Rights hearing.

At the Advice of Rights on January 29, Wyatt was released on his own recognizance by the presiding judge. At this time Wyatt is on leave with pay, pending further internal review of his case.

"It's a sad day anytime an officer who is sworn to uphold the law is arrested for breaking the



V.I. Police Department Officer Travis Wyatt

law," said VIPD Acting Commissioner Rodney Querrard.

Officers are well aware of the consequences of Domestic Violence, Querrard added.

"It is part of the Police Academy curriculum, and in my address to every graduating class I emphasize that Domestic Violence can ruin your police career," Querrard said.

Ahn Trio Dazzles Sold Out Crowd at SJSA

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On Friday, January 25, The Ahn Trio dazzled the audience at St. John School of the Arts, which was a sold out crowd!

This is exactly what St. John needs — a shot of three very talented and beautiful sisters who can play an instrument to its max, according to SJSA Director Kim Wild.

"Their music comes from their bodies and out of their fingertips lifting us all on a higher and meaningful plane," said Wild.

But the evening would never have happened without the help of some St. John residents, Wild explained.

"In this particular instance and without the courtesy of Caneel Bay and Nikolay Hotze, Jim and Carol Furneaux and Harvey and Glenda Werbel, this concert would have never been possible," she said. "SJSA is so very grateful to them."

The entire SJSA concert series



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

The talented sisters of the Ahn Trio wowed the crowd at St. John School of the Arts on Friday evening, Saturday, January 25.

would not exist without sponsors as well, Wild added.

"Of course none of our concerts would be happening without the rest of our sponsors: Barefoot Design Group, LLC; Robert F. Crane,

AIA; Furneaux and Company; Ronnie and Pat Lee; The Lumberyard; The Marketplace; Merchants Bank; Scotiabank; and Andy and Joy Stillman," Wild said. "Thank you for your support."

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St. John Cancer Fund Hosting 8 Tuff Recovery Party February 24

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

St. John Cancer Fund officials are hosting a party for all those 8 Tuff Miles runners to enjoy a day of relaxation on Oppenheimer Beach.

Join the St. John non-profit on Sunday, February 24, at Oppenheimer Beach from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. to recover from those eight tough miles and support the fight against cancer.

Soak in the water, feast on an island-style clam bake and BBQ, and enjoy some cool libations, all while grooving to great DJ tunes and live music right on the beach.

Attendees are asked to park in Cruz Bay public parking areas and take a \$5 shuttle to the beach. There is no parking at Oppenheimer Beach.

All proceeds will benefit St. John Cancer Fund, which was established last year in order for Love City residents to have another source of support in the fight against cancer.

There is no cover charge to get into the party, but St. John Cancer Fund officials are hoping people feel generous, explained Advisory Board member Hank Slodden.

“There is no cover charge, but it is a donation-based event,” said Slodden. “We’ll accept donations for food, beverages and the entertainment we are providing.”

Attendees who burned a lot of calories hoofing it over the

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— Hank Slodden, advisory board member

hills of the 8 Tuff Miles course, will enjoy indulging in New England lobster rolls, little neck clams, oysters, hot dogs, hamburgers as well as vegan rotis.

There will also be massage therapists on hand to help ease those sore muscles, Slodden added.

“There will be some sore legs out there so, we’re hoping people donate a little something to get a rub down,” he said.

There will also be raffle drawings during the event and St. John Cancer Fund officials are continuing to accept donations for prizes.

The St. John Cancer Fund’s mission is to provide monies for prevention, treatment and supportive services in the fight against cancer on behalf of the community of St. John.

The fund was formed by a committee of St. John resi-

dents who wanted to see financial support for cancer with an expanded list of eligible expense coverage, additional preventative screening options, and flexible cap limits, according to information from the group.

“About 75 percent of our residents are small business owners and independent contractors,” according to St. John Cancer Fund. “Most do not have access to corporate or government offered insurance coverage, and individual health insurance policies are expensive and restrictive.”

“St. John Cancer Fund mission is to invest in the health of our community, and although the advisory committee, may vote to make donations to other organizations who have and continue to support our residents, the primary distribution of the funds raised by St. John is to St. John residents,” according to the group.

St. John Cancer Fund officials urge all who are interested in helping support the group’s efforts to become involved in its plans to host an array of fund raising events throughout the year.

Individuals and businesses may contribute to the fund at any time. Visit the website www.stjohncancerfund.org for more information or email stjohncancerfund@gmail.com.

For more information about the February 24 event and how to volunteer and donate raffle prizes, email stjohncancerfund@gmail.com.

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Fourth graders at GHS, above, practice dance steps with Donna Drake, far left, and Rhonda Miller, center.

Get Ready for Broadway Comes to St. John February 16 at Westin

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Get ready to be wowed St. John!

Four professional Broadway actors have been working with fourth graders at Julius E. Sprauve School, Guy Benjamin School and Giffit Hill School on an original musical production which will be presented at the Westin Resort and Villas' ballroom on Saturday, February 16.

The Broadway Comes to St. John event is a fundraiser for the St. John School of the Arts and promises to be a night of top-notch entertainment. The evening, however, is really about much more than teaching dance steps and song lyrics to local students.

The four accomplished actors — John Tartaglia, Laura Barnao, Rhonda Miller, Michael Shawn Lewis and Donna Drake — pay for their own travel expenses and donate all of their time in teaching and creating the production.

The group began planning this year's show before they even returned to New York following last year's performance, explained Lewis.

"We technically started talking about this year's show on the plane ride back home after the show last year," he said.

"We were so happy with last year's show and the reaction it got and we all started talking about 'what's next,'" said Barnao.

"That's where the idea for 'One World, One Heart' came from, but all we knew was we wanted it to be about celebrating what we all have in common," said

Tartaglia. "But, the real work started in mid-September which is when we usually gather for our first meeting about the show."

"It's a lot of pre-planning before we ever come down; figuring out what musical numbers the kids will sing, how many dances, projections, how we travel down the special effects, the schedule for building the costumes and props," said Miller.

"We try to plan out as much as possible before the holidays hit, then usually after Christmas we really ramp into gear and build and write and sew and create for the next few weeks before we hop on a plane and get here," said Drake.

Across the board, the actors find it more than worthwhile to spend so much of their energy working with St. John students.

"Without a doubt what makes it worthwhile is seeing the children learn not only about what goes into creating and putting on a show, but learning more about themselves," said Drake. "Seeing confidence grow in kids who have very little self-esteem, watching a song or a dance instill some self-worth in someone."

"The reality is, the five of us are so blessed to be as successful as we are doing what we do," said Lewis. "We're working in an industry that isn't the easiest to be employed in and we are very thankful for that."

The Broadway Comes to St. John SJSA fundraiser is the perfect way for the actors to give back to the community of St. John, a place they have grown to

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Residents enjoyed raffles and great deals at IGBA's 20,000 Thanks Anniversary Event.

IGBA Welcomes 100 Guests, Raises \$1,800 at "20,000 Thanks Anniversary Event"

St. John Tradewinds

With about 100 people in attendance and \$1,800 raised, the Island Green Building Association's Saturday, January 26, anniversary event was a smashing success.

The event, dubbed 20,000 Thanks, celebrated the one-year anniversary of the non-profit's ReSource Depot, and 20,000 pounds of new and gently used building and home materials kept out of local landfills.

Slightly damp skies couldn't dampen spirits as a wide range of event-goers came out for good food, good drinks, and good company. IGBA welcomed those who'd shopped at the Depot before and those who'd never been to the Depot, along with a representative from the V.I. Water and Power Authority and visitors from the V.I. Waste Management Authority's Susannaberg Transfer Station, located just across the street from the Depot.

Big-ticket items including a dishwasher and sliding doors were sold at highly discounted prices, and prizes including a tumbling composter were raffled off.

"People didn't just drop in; they stayed," said IGBA Executive Director Barry Devine. "They had something to eat, they talked, and we met a lot of people we hadn't met before. The overall feeling was that people are happy to have a group like IGBA on the island."

By the time the event took place, the actual number of waste kept out of local landfills had risen to 25,000

Event Raffle Winners

Composter: Joyce Hrebeck

\$50 certificate: Erik [last name unknown],

\$50 certificate: Linda Bechstein

Polo shirt: Debra Ramsey

Canvas bag: Jean of Beaverton, OR

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pounds, or about 13 tons.

"That's like 10 dump trucks that have been kept from going in to the dump," said Devine. "It's encouraging, and the board walked away from the event with a renewed energy."

The ReSource Depot, located at Giffit Hill and Centerline Roads across from the Susannaberg Transfer Station, is open for donations and purchases on Mondays and Thursdays from 7:30 a.m. to noon, and on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon.

For more information on IGBA, visit www.igbavi.org or follow the group on Facebook.

SJCF Awarded Specialty Crop Block Grant

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The Virgin Islands Department of Agriculture awarded St. John Community Foundation a Specialty Crop Block Grant.

Specialty Crop Block Grant funding is competitively awarded by USDA to states and territories which design their own programs within USDA parameters.

SJCF's proposal highlighted the fact that over the years, orchards have played an important role in the history, culture and imagination of St. John. Traditional orchards, once commonplace across the island, are now a small and dwindling number.

With this decline, alongside the loss of habitats for birds, bees and other animals, also comes the loss of local fruit varieties. SJCF's goal is to create and maintain a Community Orchard on its Giff Hill Road property for the benefit of local people and wildlife, and to preserve the availability and diversity of some of the island's time-honored fruit trees.

The proposed crops for the Giff Hill Orchard are all "traditional" Virgin Islands fruit, all native to the Caribbean basin. They were all cultivated on St. John in the twentieth century, within a mile radius of the Giff Hill Road property.

Extensive soursop and guava orchards on Estate Susannaberg were productive for many years, and ancient mamee apple trees can be found on the L'Esperance property to the east, now overgrown. Sugar apple, once prolific on island, are now hard to find. These four trees are generally problem-free and not prone to serious insect pests or diseases here.

None are commercially available on the island, and there is a large potential enjoy, share and market to restaurants, tourists and residents. This project will provide a host of opportunities for activities from education to celebration.

SJCF has successfully been carrying out the mission of providing services and supporting programs that positively engage people, build resources and strengthen the St. John community since 1989.

SJCF continuously looks for ways to fill service gaps and cultivate community assets including people, organizations, programs, and resources to effectively respond to changing needs of the community now and for future generations.

Caribbean Reception will Look at The Land Feb. 8

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Get ready for a night of fine art, exciting dance and tantalizing food while supporting the St. John School of the Arts on Friday, February 8, from 5 to 9 p.m.

Kimberly Boulon Fine Art Gallery, located on the second floor of The Marketplace, is hosting an opening reception exploring the beauty of Japanese and Caribbean aesthetics, called Caribbean.

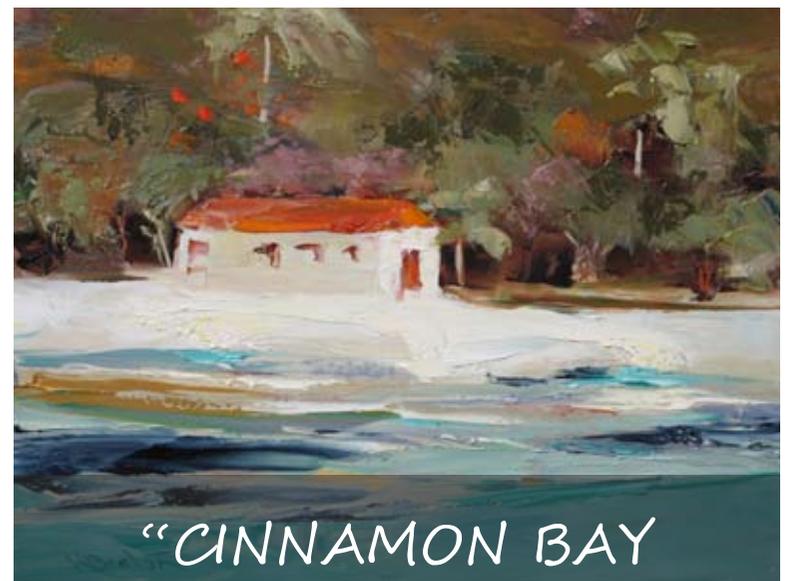
Boulon hosted the first Caribbean opening reception in December, 2012, which focused on The People. The February 8 show will feature The Land and a third show, planned for March, will focus on The Sea.

The February 8 show will feature Michael Banzhaf and Katha Ricciardi playing flute duets and a dance performance choreographed by Jude Woodcock.

Woodcock will join dancers Chris Meyer, Mindy Michtner and Alison Perry in the modern dance "Palms and Bonsai," which will feature interpretations of both types of trees.

The reception will also feature appetizers by Andy Marcellin, confections by Chef Gail Anderson and wines by West Indies.

In addition to Boulon's paintings, the dance and musical performances, the evening will also showcase work by St. Thomas-based ceramic artist Jerrilee Roberts.



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tiful oil painting "Cinnamon Bay Plantation House (ca. 1680)" for SJS. Raffle tickets, \$10 each or six for \$50, are available at SJS and Kimberly Boulon Fine Art Gallery.



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Rotary Club Past President Bruce Munro, above at right in both photos, awarded certificates to Julie van Pelt and Jason Howard, respectively. Rotary President Joan Birmingham delivers the club's final promised payment for a three-year telemedicine project to Dr. Joseph DeJames, bottom right photo.

Munro presented a Flavors certificate to the owners of Cafe Livin' at an earlier meeting.

Rotary Honors Flavors Winners, Helps Fund Final Year for Telemedicine Project

St. John Tradewinds

Rotary Club of St. John members honored winners of the group's annual Flavors fundraiser last week.

During Rotary's weekly meeting at the Westin Resort and Villas, members distributed awards to winners of several categories from the group's November 2012 Flavors fundraiser.

Flavors 2012 Chair and Rotary Past President Bruce Munro presented an award to la Plancha del Mar owner Jason Howard for Best Mixology, and to

Julie van Pelt of St. John Farm to Table Caterers for the Overall People's Choice.

Telemedicine Project

Also, Rotary's speaker at its January 30 meeting was Dr. Joseph DeJames of Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center. The club awarded a check for \$32,179 from Rotary President Joan Birmingham which represented the final payment for a three-year pilot telemedicine project, partially funded by Rotary Club of St. John.



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On *the* Market

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

Enjoy Sunsets and Privacy at Villa Ellison

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

With an open flow great room and stunning sunset vistas, Villa Ellison offers plenty of privacy while still being locating only a few minutes outside of bustling Cruz Bay.

Nestled in the gated subdivision of Virgin Grand Estates, Ellison is a three-bedroom, three-and-a-half bath villa for sale for \$1.75 million, explained Islandia Real Estate broker/owner Merry Nash.

The home includes three large bedrooms, each with en suite bath, a masonry pool and an expansive great room. Living areas are spread over three levels offering privacy and plenty of spaciousness for everyone.

Soak up those beautiful Caribbean sunsets from the masonry pool and pour yourself a cold one from the pool deck wet bar.

"Villa Ellison has great privacy and beautiful sunset views west to St. Thomas," said Nash.

Inside, find a large kitchen with custom hard wood cabinets, granite counters and stainless steel appliances. The ability to whip up gourmet meals without having to be separated from your guests, is one of the best features of Villa Ellison.

"The best feature is the large



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Views from the home include sweeping sunset vistas.

and open great room in the villa, which includes dining, living and kitchen areas," said Nash.

Stretch out on one of the king size beds found in all three of the oversized bedrooms which also feature native stone details in the charming outdoor, garden showers.

Those three master bedrooms at Ellison make the home a popular short-term rental, Nash added.

"This is an excellent property for short term rentals with those three equally spacious and well appointed bedrooms," said the Islandia Real Estate broker/owner.

Enjoy the view from the covered deck area or work on that tan from the pool deck, which enjoys

day-long rays and those amazing sunsets.

"The most outstanding feature of Villa Ellison is the absolutely gorgeous sunsets," said Nash.

Located in Virgin Grand Estates, Ellison is also just a short drive to the dining and nightlife of Cruz Bay. The villa is also close to the Westin Resort, which offers fitness facilities, massages, shops, restaurants and more, only a quarter of a mile away.

So whether you're looking to lounge on the endless decks or hike down the hill for happy hour, Villa Ellison has it covered.

For more information on Villa Ellison, call Nash at Islandia Real Estate at 776-6666.



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Three levels of deck mean plenty of sun, or shade, at Villa Ellison.



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Letters To St. John Tradewinds

Test Drive

As evident by the popular car commercial, customers try out a new automobile and assume ownership without paying the cost.

They are so wrapped up in the beauty, comfort and performance that they forget true ownership comes from signing the dotted line. How ironic is it that some young men today want to test drive the ladies before putting a ring on their finger.

The philosophy of these men is that they have to find out if the women are good in bed before popping the question. Well I have a question or two of my own.

How many encounters in the bedroom does it take before finding out the answer? You might think one, but folks are still living together after many years. Apparently the test drive was good, so the next logical step is to make it legal.

How do you realistically expect a virgin to know how to please if she doesn't have the experience? Within the bounds of marriage, the wife can explore, understand and satisfy her husband. It takes time and patience for both persons to enjoy this union.

That being said, buying a vehicle today is a costly endeavor. Walking onto a car lot and seeing all the makes and models complicates the decision process. You must choose carefully in order to get your money's worth and the peace of mind knowing that this

automobile will last.

This same consideration should be given when choosing a mate. Factors such as maturity, religious beliefs, virtues, cooking/cleaning abilities, financial responsibilities, goals in life are essential to insure a long and fulfilling marriage. A beautiful smile is just as important as the shape and size of her figure.

It would certainly help the young men to see the other ones treat women with utmost respect. But sadly, many of them, through lack of discipline and motivation, have caused many bodies to be used and hearts broken.

So how can we turn the tide of this self-indulgent lifestyle? Read Esphesian 5:23-33; Philippians 4: 6-13; and 1 Corinthians 7: 1-9.

Use these Biblical texts to transform your hearts and minds while raising the moral standards in our communities. Ignore the influence of media, friend/family and yes, your own body, in order to remain true. By replacing lust with love, we can begin to improve the relationships between man, woman and God.

Antique cars are worth more today than when they first rolled off the assembly line. Special care must be given to preserve their uniqueness.

**Don't forget the way,
Emmanuel Prince**

Excerpts from deJongh's 2013 State of Territory Address

St. John Tradewinds

Members of the Clergy, Lieutenant Governor Francis, Delegate Christensen, members of the Judiciary, members of my Cabinet and other agency heads, Mrs. Francis, my wife Cecile, other distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, my fellow Virgin Islanders. Good evening.

We are at a transformative point. Since 2008, we have adjusted to the legacy of the Great Recession and in the last year we endured a major setback with the closing of our largest employer and taxpayer. But ours is a history of overcoming challenges, and now we must continue our path forward. For ours is a journey that remains incomplete. We have gone from a municipal council to a legislature, from an appointed Washington representative to an elected delegate, from appointed governors to those elected, and, more recently, we saw the final recognition of our Supreme Court by the Congress of the United States. And while we still grapple to draft and approve a constitution, we clearly know our future is ever brighter as we continue toward our full destiny as Americans.

Full political maturity, however, is dependent upon restoring full integrity to our election system. We must eliminate the cloud that hangs over the process, and utilize available new technologies to address valid concerns, and put in place the improvements required. This can be done as we also implement needed reforms to early and absentee voting. I am prepared to work to achieve these objectives by the next election.

Last year, when I stood before this body to give the State of the Territory Address, it was in the wake of the deeply stunning and painful realization that the era of Hess and Harvey — the half-century of heavy industry on our land — had come to an end. I delivered this message as our community remained weary from the impact of the Great Recession that started in 2008, and the very unpopular, but necessary, decisions we made in 2009, 2010 and 2011.

The statistics of this moment in time portray a story that tells of progress, but I would remind us all that financial numbers change constantly, and we must plan and act accordingly.

Our Gross Territorial Product rose in 2010, though it remains down 7 percent from its peak in 2007 to approximately \$4.5 billion. This is before the HOVENSA closure.

Governmental tax and fee revenues remain 19 percent below their 2008 peak.

While the total number of cruise ship passengers are near pre-recession levels, and air visitors are now higher, total visitor expenditures remain down significantly.

At the governmental level, operating deficits continue, though they have declined appreciably due to the prudent steps we have taken, yet in the current fiscal year our operating revenues remain \$50 million below expenditures and there remain substantial obligations that are not funded. Our healthcare costs are rising

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ISLAND GREEN LIVING

by Lovango Cay resident Dan Boyd

Appliance Energy Savings

St. John Tradewinds

The number one appliance consumer of energy in your home is most likely your refrigerator. If you have a refrigerator that is more than 10 years old, replacing it now will save you enough money that it will pay for itself in about one year.

Here's the math on an old refrigerator: 4.2 amps \times 110 volts = 462 watts per hour.

The average refrigerator runs about 12 hours a day, so 12 \times 462 = 5,544 watts.

Multiply by 30 days per month and you have 166,320 watts every month.

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a day = 1,320 \times 30 days = 39,600 watts.

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The next big consumer of electricity in your home is your water heater. An electric water heater can be as much as a quarter of your electrical costs every month.

One easy way to save is to turn it off when you are not using it. Turn the water heater on half an hour before you shower, do dishes, or wash laundry, then shut it off.

Televisions, computers, and cell phone chargers draw power even when they are not turned on. The best way to shut them completely off is to plug them into a power strip. When you are done using those devices, simply shut off the

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each year, as our population is aging. And we have a pension system with an unfunded liability that has been underfunded for decades.

This is our financial reality, at this point in time.

Our challenge is to find the balance that maintains essential public services, serves our elders, gives a voice and meets the needs of those most in need, pays our debts, and creates opportunities so our young people can realize their full potential. Our efforts over the years have continued to focus on the three cornerstones of our long-term future — economic development, education and public safety.

Our tourism sector continues to grow, and both cruise and air passenger visits are at or near their highest levels in a decade. Our challenge now is not just to attract the cruise lines and airlines, but to expand on the range and diversity of landside activity and retail options; to increase our air lift by continuing to reach out to partner airlines; and to build the resorts and marinas that have long been on the drawing board.

Carambola on St. Croix was strengthened by its branding as a Marriott, Seaborne Airlines has stepped in where American Eagle exited, William & Punch is close to full permitting, and we anticipate the renovation of an existing resort on St. Thomas and the construction of a marina on St. John.

But even as we are making strides, there are clear challenges in our path.

Our energy costs remain unacceptably high. They drain cash resources from our family budgets and cripple small businesses. Last year when I stood before you,

I called on the Governing Board of the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority to deliver to me a revised and realistic plan to get us moving on a path that will bring the cost of electricity down substantially. And they have done so.

While the timeline will not change things overnight, WAPA is on a path to convert to a flexible generating capacity so that it can always use the lowest cost available fuel — be that diesel, propane or natural gas — within 18 months. The change to propane is projected to reduce electricity costs by one-third, while the longer-term conversion to liquefied natural gas should enable further reductions in electricity costs.

Never before has the value of an education been so vividly proven as during this painful national recession, when those with an education stayed employed and those without lost their jobs.

Our initiatives in education have been designed to broaden the possibilities for each student to achieve her goals, to realize his dreams. We continue our commitments to and investments

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National Wildlife Week

Dear EarthTalk:

What is the purpose of National Wildlife Week, which I understand will take place in March 2013?

**Melissa P.,
Burlington, NJ**

National Wildlife Week is a program of the non-profit National Wildlife Federation that is designed around teaching and connecting kids to the wonders of wildlife. Each year, the group picks a theme and provides fun and informative educational materials, curriculum and activities for educators and caregivers to use with their kids.

This coming March 18-24, the theme of National Wildlife Week is "Branching Out for Wildlife" with a focus on trees. Participating kids will learn about the parts of a tree, the role of trees and how wildlife depend on trees for survival. They can also participate in environmental service projects addressing climate change, healthy habitats, reforestation and connecting with the environment.

Teachers, instructors, coaches and parents can sign up with NWF and get a wide range of free resources — lesson plans, posters, trading cards, etc. — to help spread the educational messages of National Wildlife Week into school curricula, after-school and even at-home activities.

The year 2013 marks the 75th year NWF has run National Wildlife Week, making it the group's longest running educational program. To mark the milestone anniversary, NWF has adopted the goal of planting 75,000 trees across the country.

School and youth groups can apply to host a tree planting event with NWF, which will provide native trees adapted to the local climate, as well as tree guards, shovels, mulch, watering supplies and gloves.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

National Wildlife Week is March 18-24 this year. The theme is "Branching Out for Wildlife," with a focus on how wildlife depend upon trees for survival. Pictured: A pair of Northern Cardinals on a tree branch.

Beyond National Wildlife Week, all year long NWF will feature detailed information on their website about different types of wildlife that live in or are dependent upon trees across the country. Young people are encouraged to stay on the lookout for wildlife near them throughout National Wildlife Week and log their sightings accordingly — and can share them online via NWF's interactive Wildlife Watch Map.

The Branching Out for Wildlife Mega-Poster is comprised of smaller sections that each graphically display the different parts of a tree — roots and soil, forest floor, trunk, branches and leaves/fruit/flowers — and the wildlife that frequent them. At five and a half feet tall, the complete mega-poster is a real attention grabber in any room. Anyone can print out the sections for free as they are all available via the NWF website as PDF downloads.

Wildlife Week is not the only way NWF educates kids and inspires a lifelong love of nature. The group has worked with teachers for decades to get kids learning outdoors.

Recently NWF launched a campaign to get 10 million more American children out of their indoor habitats and into the great outdoors over the next three years. And its Eco-Schools USA and Schoolyard Habitats programs harness the power of teachers and students to green thousands of K-12 schools across the country.

And the group's Earth Tomorrow campaign is a multi-cultural youth environmental program that creates opportunities for underserved youth to learn about their world and contribute to the ecological health of their communities.

For more information check out www.nwf.org/national-wildlife-week.aspx.

Merry Stockwell Speaking at UU Feb. 10

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

The guest speaker for Sunday, February 10, is Merry Stockwell who will speak on "The Fear Factor — How Can We Deal With That In Our Daily Lives?"

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

St. John Film Society Returns To Coral Bay on February 20 at Cases by the Sea

This year the St. John Film Society will host a number of films in Coral Bay, in addition to its Cruz Bay film offerings, kicking off with "Ring of Fire," on Wednesday, February 20, at Cases by the Sea at 7:30 p.m.

"We are very excited to have films in Coral Bay once again after a brief hiatus," said Andrea Leland, SJFS Director. "For our first film we are particularly happy to have found a partner in Cases by the Sea which features a large screen and food and drink for sale. It can be an evening out."

Cases by the Sea and Reggie's BBQ feature food and drink at picnic tables under an open-air pavilion "or, bring your own chair if you like," suggested Leland.

Join SJFS in kicking off the Coral Bay season with "Ring of Fire," about St. Thomas boxing welterweight champion Emile Griffith, on February 20 at 7:30 p.m. The suggested do-



Emile Griffith
in "Ring of Fire"

nation is \$5.

SJFS is supported in part by the National Endowment for the Arts, Virgin Island Council on the Arts, and St. John Community Foundation.

For more information contact Leland at (340) 715-0551 or Michelle Ward at (340) 201-2407.

St. John Montessori Flame and Fusion Dinner Auction Set for March 2 at Concordia Eco-Resort Cafe

Get ready for a evening of dance, music and exciting entertainment while supporting education on Saturday, March 2, from 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Concordia Eco-Resort.

St. John Montessori School is hosting its first annual Flame and Fusion Dinner Auction at Concordia to support the school's scholarship fund. The evening will feature three musical performances with headlining talent, a silent auction and stunning fire dancing.

Tickets are \$125 each and are limited to only 60 guests. Transportation from Cruz Bay is available upon request.

Enjoy cocktail hour and a moonlit dinner at the beautiful pavilion at Concordia Eco-Resort overlooking Salt Pond Bay. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 775-7108 or check out www.stjohnmontessorivi.org/auction.

325 Acres in White Cliffs Land Area Closed

St. John Tradewinds

Virgin Islands National Park and Coral Reef National Monument Acting Park Superintendent Mike Anderson announced the temporary closure of approximately 325 acres of park land to visitor access in the area of White Cliffs.

This remote area is located on the south side of St. John and this temporary closure does not affect public access to any VINP beaches or designated VINP trails.

The closed area (see related image) is described south of Lameshur Bay Trail, west of Europa Bay Trail and east of Reef Bay Trail/Reef Bay Sugar Mill.

Whereas the actual shoreline remains open, no access to the closed area is permitted from or between the shoreline at Reef Bay and Europa Bay. This includes rock climbing as well. In addition, the temporary closure does not restrict use or access to the adjacent southern shoreline.

Visitors are reminded there are no authorized or maintained park trails inside this temporarily closed area but there are authorized VINP trails that delineate the external boundary of the designated closed area.

The Reef Bay Trail, Reef Bay Factory Ruins, Lameshur Bay Trail, Lameshur Bay Factory Ruins, and the Europa Bay Trail surrounding the area of temporary closure will remain open to the public.

The National Park Service is dedicated to conserving unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations.

The purpose of the closure is to protect a rare plant, *Eugenia earhartii*, a very slow growing shrub in terms of height and circumference, found in the remote White Cliff area of VINP. The plant is endemic to St. John and is known to be found only within VINP.

The temporary closure of the 325 acres will remain in effect while the plant and the surrounding plant habitat undergo further evaluation.

Eugenia earhartii will be evaluated for potential listing under the Endangered Species Act. A botanist confirmed in January 2013 that several plant specimens of *Eugenia earhartii* plants had been cut by unknown person(s) in the process of opening and/or maintaining an unauthorized trail.

Prior to August of 2012, VINP Rangers made several attempts to disguise an unauthorized trail in the White Cliff area and remove evidence of pink flagging. However, flags would subsequently reappear, and illegal trail and area closed signs were then posted. In December 2012, VINP Rangers discovered the closed area signs had been torn down, broken and tossed aside.

VINP Management would like to remind the general public that 36 Code of Federal Regulations Section 2.1, prohibits unauthorized plant or trail cutting.

Section 2.1 states the following is prohibited: possessing, destroying, injuring, defacing, removing, digging, or disturbing from its natural state (ii) plants or the parts or products thereof. Furthermore, anyone found within the designated specified map area below without written permission or permit from Virgin Islands NP Management may be subject to a fine for violating 36 CFR 1.5, Violation of Closure and Public Use Limits.

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Get Ready for Broadway Comes To St. John Feb. 16

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love, explained Barnao.

"We've all been best friends for many years and fell in love with St John together on a vacation and always desired to spend more time down here," she said. "When this opportunity came along it was just the perfect blend of passing on what we love to do to the younger generations and celebrating this incredible island and it's people."

"It really does feel like home to us," said Tartaglia.

"Plus, though we're working professionals, we all seem to share that love of 'let's put on a show,'" said Lewis.

"Yeah, it's very Mickey and Judy in a barn with only an hour to pull the show together," Tartaglia said.

Without fail, the actors are actually able to watch the students grow through the show preparation process.

"We've had several kids who had never sung a note before, never danced in public before, never held a puppet before," said Miller. "They suddenly get this confidence to stand up there and just soak it all in. It's a great experience to watch the parents' faces when they see their child like that for the first time."

"It's amazing when you get a kid who doesn't think he or she is good enough and then ends up loving the spotlight," said Tartaglia.

"I think one of our favorite moments is the day of the show when all three of the schools come together for the first time and have to literally put on a show together," Lewis said. "Not only do new friends get made, but suddenly the kids within each school form a bond that's very trusting."

The program also teaches self-expression, collaboration, teamwork and more, according to Lewis.

"We think the arts provides a healthy and safe outlet for so many behavioral and growth-based issues for kids," he said. "It's self-expression and that is something that is not covered in a typical 'STEM' curriculum in schools."

"We hope that kids walk away with a better under-

standing and respect for collaboration and teamwork as well as honesty, discipline, respect and tolerance," said Barnao.

"That's also why we try to theme the show around positive themes so that hopefully they can walk away with that as well," Miller said.

In addition to raising much-needed funds for SJSA and imparting critical lessons to students, the show is going to be a highly entertaining evening.

"We've decided to raise the stakes a bit this year," said Tartaglia. "Since it's an international theme, we're featuring a lot more of a variety of music, more flashy costumes, a ton of new special effects and digital projections, professional lighting, new puppets and even some true surprises."

"Everything the audience has come to enjoy over the past two years will be there, but just pumped up another few notches," said Drake.

"Plus there will be dinner and dancing at The Westin," said Lewis. "It's exciting to see how it's grown."

"We've had packed houses and everyone here on the island just seems to love the show," said Barnao.

"Honestly, that's what drives us to make each year even better," Miller said.

Don't miss out! Angel tickets, for \$200, include a seat the 6 p.m. premier of "One World, One Heart," plus dinner and dancing on the beachfront at the Westin Resort and Villas. There will also be an 8 p.m. show which is open to the public and SJSA officials will accept any donations.

SJSA is also selling raffle tickets, for \$100 each, for the chance to win a trip to London. The "St. John Goes to London" raffle includes round-trip airfare for two, tickets to a show in London's West End, dinner and three night's hotel accommodation. The winner may then choose to take advantage of an additional three nights in Paris or Scotland, but must make travel arrangements on their own.

There will only be 150 raffle tickets sold. Tickets are available now at SJSA or online at www.stjohn-schoolofthearts.org. For more information about Broadway Comes to St. John, call SJSA at 779-4322.

DPNR Officer Reprimanded for Waving Gun

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as part of in-service training, all DPNR officers presently complete annual, week-long, refresher courses covering topics from constitutional law to firearms certification," Barnes said.

"The Department of Planning and Natural Resources will continue to enforce all laws which govern our territory's marine industry but at the same time, will take serious note and action when complaints of this nature are filed with the department," Barnes concluded.

DPNR's press release, however, did not satisfy many Coral Bay residents.

"I hope the reprimand and the training for those guys is about their attitude, not just about that gun," said one Coral Bay resident, who asked to not be identified. "They came in here cutting moorings and they've done it before."

Far from being an isolated incident by one officer,

Coral Bay residents allege that this type of behavior is continually seen by DPNR Enforcement Officers.

"This press release is totally ridiculous," said Will Hudson. "The way they treated us goes way beyond getting a little slap on the wrist. They violated our civil rights and I'm not satisfied with this."

"This type of thing happens across this island, not just in Coral Bay, and on other islands too," said Hudson. "This is the way they operate at DPNR. This cannot continue."

Coral Bay Community Council President Sharon Coldren and Coral Bay Yacht Club Commodore Stephen Hendren both declined to comment until they could read the DOJ's report.

"We would like to see the report from the AG's Office," said Hendren. "This is incomplete, we don't have all the information."

"We were promised the report from the AG's office and we need to see that report," said Coldren.

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alternative route to the community. Roller questioned the delegate about plans to open Kings Hill Road to traffic.

"Coral Bay has, in recent years, seen the possibility that its remoteness and limited road access can have potentially life-threatening implications as storms have resulted in landslides and an existing primary roadway has shown ongoing deterioration due to structural weaknesses in its design and construction," said Roller. "The existing and original road into the area, known as King Hill Road, offers a secondary access route that could mitigate the risks that the community now faces."

"For that road to become completely serviceable will require concrete paving and a much needed bridge, without which its use is severely restricted during heavy rainfall events," Roller said.

While there was at one point federal funds appropriated for Kings Hill Road, the project was scrapped after it was determined to be an engineering nightmare, explained Coral Bay Community Council president Coldren.

"The \$850,000 was not spent because when engineers looked at it, the project was way bigger than that," said Coldren.

Kings Hill Road meets Centerline Road at an angle which makes it too dangerous, according to Coldren.

"In order to make the road usable, the north and south sides of the road need to be built up to be flat with the intersection of Centerline Road," she said. "A four-way intersection with no visibility

would be way too dangerous. And to build up the roads would be very expensive."

Officials should also look at opening South Shore Road, according to Yvonne Wells.

"In addition to Kings Hill Road, we need to open South Shore Road to Coral Bay," said Wells. "It's been too many years we've been talking about this and it's the same story. We will eventually just have to react instead of act, because something will happen."

"Coral Bay was the hub of St. John in the 30s and 40s and it will become revived and be a shining light on St. John," said Wells.

With so many issues facing St. John, the island needs better representation in government, explained Bonny Corbeil.

"Can we get better representation than this ridiculous position of Senator at Large," said Corbeil. "We are in dire need to be able to identify and prioritize our needs. How can we do this better than we do it now?"

"There has to be a better way," Corbeil said. "If we have better representation, we will have the opportunity to put the democratic process in place."

During the meeting, Christensen also outlined the bills she introduced during her last term as well as areas she intends to focus on in her current term.

"We must deal with violent crime and guns," said Christensen. "Guns, drugs and other contraband are carried in here. We will continue to work with Homeland Security to give added help and support to try to help fight crime in the territory."

Illegal Trail Cutting Closes White Cliffs Area

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perhaps 95 percent of the species global numbers. For a perspective, imagine 650 plant species native to this island — only two species are endemic."

"This one is the most threatened with extinction," Ray said. "My new burden is to clean up weeds, replace shrubs these vandals destroyed, and watch for a long list of new disturbance problems."

By clearing this illegal trail, the plants were also made vulnerable to a host of exotic and feral ani-

mals, Ray added.

"When trails are built, animals use them," he said. "White-tailed deer and goats, key habitat destruction factors, are all over these populations now. There are other problems, including rats, and this is not a simple issue."

"There is a list of rare plants in this habitat, not just one plant species," Ray said. "The remainder of our native forest has been compromised by human activities over the years, and this is one of the last relicts of primordial forests. Now,

Police Log

Friday, January 25

1:20 p.m. - A citizen p/r that his landlord's brother is leaving disturbing messages on his door. Disturbance of the peace.

3:20 p.m. - An Estate Emmaus resident p/r that the manager of his business is stealing money. Embezzlement.

6:57 p.m. - A citizen c/r loud music in the area of Cruz Bay. Loud music.

Saturday, January 26

2:47 a.m. - A citizen c/r an auto accident on Centerline Road in the area of Bordeaux Mountain.

4:37 a.m. - Badge #1250 p/ at Leander Jurgen Command with one Lindsay Gage of Estate Adrian under arrest and charged with DUI and negligent driving. Bail was set at \$500 by order of the court. She was detained at Leander Jurgen Command and later transported to the Bureau of Corrections on St. Thomas to be remanded.

9:17 a.m. - A St. John Animal Care Center employee r/ that she is receiving threatening messages. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

9:57 a.m. - A citizen p/r a possible DOA at Estate Mandahl. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

8:04 p.m. - An Estate Contant resident c/r a disturbance with her nephew.

8:30 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident c/r that his neighbor is creating a disturbance. Disturbance of the peace.

10:00 p.m. - A resident c/requesting police assistance to remove a male from his family's property. Police assistance.

Sunday, January 27

12:41 a.m. - A citizen c/requesting police assistance with some passengers

who were drunk. Simple assault.

1:22 p.m. - A Spring Garden resident p/r that he was assaulted. Simple assault.

4:13 p.m. - A citizen p/r that someone damaged his door. Accidental damage.

11:24 p.m. - A resident c/requesting police assistance with having a male removed from Caneel Bay Resort. Police assistance.

Monday, January 28

8:27 a.m. - A citizen p/r an auto collision in the area of Santo's Laundry. Auto collision.

11:06 p.m. - A citizen c/r loud music in the area of Coral Bay. Loud music.

Tuesday, January 29

1:10 p.m. - A citizen p/r that someone is sending threatening text messages to his cell phone. Harassment.

No time given - An Estate Contant resident p/r that the starting motor to her vehicle was removed. Grand larceny.

4:56 p.m. - A visitor from Canada c/requesting police assistance to find her husband. Police assistance.

10:12 p.m. - An Estate Bethany resident r/ that she was assaulted by another female. Simple assault.

Wednesday, January 30

10:20 a.m. - An Estate Haulover Bay resident p/r that he lost his wallet. Lost wallet.

8:24 p.m. - A citizen c/r loud music in the area of Coral Bay. Loud music.

10:12 p.m. - A visitor from Florida r/ that he lost his wallet. Lost wallet.

10:29 p.m. - A Coral Bay resident c/requesting police assistance with helping his friend who overdosed. Police assistance.

Thursday, January 31

9:13 a.m. - An Estate Bethany resident p/requesting police assistance with her neighbor. Police assistance.

10:40 a.m. - An Estate Glucksberg resident p/r that a male is making remarks to his grandson. Police assistance.

11:00 a.m. - An Estate Bethany resident p/r that he is being harassed. Disturbance of the peace.

11:13 a.m. - A citizen c/r a bin fire in the area of Coral Bay. Bin fire.

11:52 a.m. - A Cruz Bay resident p/r that she was assaulted by a female. Simple assault.

2:10 p.m. - A citizen c/r that a government vehicle caused him to run off the road.

2:30 p.m. - A citizen p/r that he bought a vehicle and the seller refused to give him the registration. Police assistance.

3:23 p.m. - A citizen p/r that she was bitten by a dog in the area of Giffit Hill Road. Dog bite.

6:10 p.m. - An Estate St. Quacco and Zimmerman resident c/r that a male came to her door and threatened to kill her. Disturbance of the peace.

6:11 p.m. - An Estate Glucksberg resident c/r that her sister threatened to slit her throat. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

8:00 p.m. - Badge #1090 p/ at Leander Jurgen Command with one Kaya Charles of Estate Glucksberg under arrest and charged with destruction of property, D.V. No bail was set by order of the court. She was detained at Leander Jurgen Command and later transported to the Bureau of Corrections on St. Thomas to be remanded.

even this is getting hammered by the selfishly motivated."

Closing the area will allow Ray and other scientists to study the plant and identify all other rare species in the area, Anderson explained.

The Acting VINP Superintendent, however, could not estimate for how long the area would be closed to the public.

"It's going to take some time to do the research," he said. "Once we get more information we will be able to determine how long the area will remain closed. It's a temporary closure, but until I get that information, I can't say how temporary is temporary."

VINP officials will not outline the area with "Closed" signs, but will post several signs along closed land and will monitor the area, Anderson added.

"It's a large geographic area so we won't be putting up signs in sight of distance along the entire length," he said. "We will post signs at access points leading to the closed area and we have a ranger who lives out there who will be monitoring. We will also have researchers out there."

VINP officials will also look into removing feral and exotic animals from the White Cliff area, Anderson explained.

"Our biologist will be removing any feral animals or exotic animals where there is heavy grazing," said the Acting VINP Superintendent. "I think it's either deer or goats, but we'll take a look at that."

The issue is simply about protecting resources, according to Anderson and Ray.

"We are about preserving and

protecting park resources; that is our main objective," said Anderson.

"The core problem is that thousands of trees have been cut by these people without authorization — directing all into habitat that is highly sensitive and already compromised," said Ray. "It is completely within the charter of our National Parks to protect rare habitats as they see fit with their own or hired expertise. Government by law is about both rights and responsibilities."

"You cannot complain that the NPS is unfairly keeping you out of sensitive areas after you pushed beyond your legal rights and violated federal law by cutting thousands of plants," Ray said. "This is the most serious breach of land ethics I have ever witnessed on this island."

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.

Tuesday, February 5

— The Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Care Relay for Life team is hosting a bake sale on Tuesday, February 5, at MKSCHC from 8:30 a.m. until the goodies run out.

— St. John Film Society will host a number of films from the 4th Annual Traveling Caribbean Film Showcase this year. The group kicks off the festival with three films on Cuba on Tuesday, February 5, at 7:30 p.m. at St. John School of the Arts.

Saturday, February 9

— The St. John Relay for Life is just around the corner and planned activities have kicked into high gear. Teams from across St. John and even St. Thomas are expected to pack the Winston Wells ball field for the event, which kicks off at 4 p.m. on Saturday, February 9.

Thursday, February 14

— Join the love on Thursday, February 14, at 5 p.m. at Trunk Bay Beach at a free vow renewal ceremony hosted by Minister Anne Marie Porter.

Saturday, February 16

— The Third Annual Broadway Comes to St. John — the St. John School of the Arts Fundraiser of an original musical featuring fourth graders

from across St. John — will be Saturday, February 16, 2013.

February 16-20

This year's St. John Arts Festival, set for February 16 through 20, will include a Caribbean Film Festival, historical explorations and more

Wednesday, February 20

— This year the St. John Film Society will host a number of films in Coral Bay, in addition to its Cruz Bay film offerings, kicking off with "Ring of Fire," on Wednesday, February 20, at Cases by the Sea at 7:30 p.m.

February 21-23

— The Annual Folklife Festival in celebration of Black History month in February will be on Thursday, February 21, and Friday, February 22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday, February 23, from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Annaberg Sugar Plantation ruins.

Saturday, February 23

— The 9th Annual Friends of VINP Gala at Presidio del Mar in Estate Peter Bay on February 23.

Saturday, March 2

— Get ready for an evening of dance, music and exciting entertainment while supporting education on Saturday, March 2, from 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Concordia Eco-Resort.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

AL-ANON MEETINGS

For Al-Anon meeting location and times, please call (340) 642-3263

Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

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- 20 More wicked
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- 22 Puerto — (Mexican resort)
- 23 Take part in a Halloween tradition
- 25 Dollar, in slang
- 26 Big —, California
- 27 Wilt
- 28 Stage lighting technique
- 30 Dovish murmur
- 32 Barely visible
- 36 Porkpie, e.g.
- 37 Actress Chase
- 38 Thick-piled 96-Down
- 40 Partakes of
- 41 Runway guess: Abbr.
- 43 Prolific inventor Nikola
- 44 Pindar's H
- 45 Ends early, as a mission
- 47 Suffix with priest
- 50 Rough figure
- 53 Developing fetus, slangily
- 56 Captain of Verne's Nautilus
- 57 "E:60" ailer
- 58 Tidal mouth of a river
- 59 "Gosh darn!"
- 62 Arabian nation
- 64 Dr. Seuss' — -am
- 67 One- — (biased)
- 68 — -Z
- 69 What a burnt child does,

- in an old proverb
- 73 Propyl ending
- 74 Not a single soul
- 76 Pet dog in "The Thin Man"
- 77 Like pets
- 78 Title in Uncle Remus stories
- 79 Not stored on disk, say
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- 84 It flows to the Rhine
- 86 Nickname of Utah
- 89 Berate loudly
- 93 Wood and Wynn
- 94 Wrist-related
- 95 Quadri- less one
- 97 Wipe the chalk from
- 98 Singer Folds
- 99 Toys — (kids' chain)
- 100 Second man on the moon
- 103 Moneyless
- 106 100-yr. stretch
- 107 Sea east of Greece
- 108 Former jet to the U.K.
- 109 Like the languages Hebrew and Somali
- 113 Gear part
- 115 Astonishment
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- 118 Region between the Adirondacks and Catskills
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- 2 Affirms
- 3 Hearty beef cut
- 4 Sitcom ET
- 5 Co. biggies
- 6 Typo list
- 7 Ice-T's music
- 8 Dada artist Jean
- 9 Cartoonist Keane
- 10 Muscular
- 11 She visited Rick's place
- 12 Premiere-to-finale period
- 13 "Something to Talk About" singer Bonnie
- 14 Salts' saint
- 15 Untidy sort
- 16 Ashy-faced
- 17 "You're — pall!"
- 18 Inventory
- 19 Kraft coffee brand
- 24 Golden — (senior)
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- 38 Mlle. who's canonized
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- 55 Yes, to Yves
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- 59 Ulm's river
- 60 Made right

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- 69 Contraption
- 70 Pilfers
- 71 Computer since 1998
- 72 With 57-Down, bangs into from behind
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- 78 Vanduykes and goatees
- 80 Politico Bayh
- 81 Article in Ulm
- 83 Stop bugging
- 85 Film segment
- 87 Butter knife, frequently
- 88 Tease
- 89 Shirt tag info
- 90 Trumphet Wynton
- 91 So to speak
- 92 A fifth of fifty
- 96 Wall-to-wall, for one
- 98 "Jane Eyre" novelist
- 101 Baseball Hall of Famer Wheat
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St. John

On Thursday, October 13, 2011, the family of 21-year-old Seara Samantha James filed a missing person report on her disappearance. Lab results have now confirmed that the skeletal remains found on St. John in August of 2012 belong to James. If you know how she died, please tell us.

St. Thomas

On Sunday, January 20, at 10 a.m., police received calls of shots fired in the area of Hospital Ground. When police arrived at the scene, they found 24-year-old Lucas Reid Jr. in a blue Honda Civic with

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"Brisas del Mar" has beautiful panoramic views from every room looking over Coral Bay & Hurricane Hole to the British Virgins. There is an open floor plan with custom kitchen, 2 bedrooms on the main floor and a spiral stair case to the third bedroom suite, which has its own balcony. The pool & spa decks face the cooling easterly trade winds and rising sun and moon. This home is great for a family or for short term rental. **\$1.35M**



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"Glucksberg Gazebo" - a wooded lot with large trees and a nifty large gazebo type structure with hip roof with 12 volt solar panel, screened walls and sturdy floor. This is a great spot for gardening and growing orchids. All wood components are pressure treated, rafters are oversized 2 x 12, all joints & footers are lag bolted and Hurricane ties at the rafters. **\$124,500.**



"Boatman Point Waterfront" - Stunning easterly facing parcel with wonderful breezes, soothing sounds of the waves and breathtaking sun & moon rises. Spectacular homesite on a downhill build with topo included. The shoreline is a mix of cobble beach & rock face, with great snorkeling. 175 feet of frontage at a fantastic price. **\$730,000**

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DLCA Warns Residents of Fake USVI Hospital Scam

St. John Tradewinds

The Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs notified the public of the latest scam investigated by the Consumer Protection Services Division.

DLCA confirmed that the website www.unitedstatesvirginislandshospital.com and all information included on the site are indeed fraudulent.

"There is no United States Virgin Islands Hospital in existence on St. Thomas," said DLCA Commissioner Wayne Biggs.

The website mentions the hospital's location as, "at the corner of Smith Bay and Shirley Street." It also details the address as "6226 Estate Smith Bay, Ste 235; St. Thomas, VI 00802" and provides a Google map image of the location.

However, no such address exists, no such structure exists, and no such hospital is licensed with DLCA, according to Comm. Biggs. The United States Virgin Islands Hospital is bogus and nonexistent. Residents familiar with the Virgin Islands, specifically residents of St. Thomas should be aware that there is only one hospital on island, Roy Lester Schneider Hospital, he added.

The website features various tabs which provide additional fictitious information about the United States Virgin Islands Hospital. A lengthy history of the hospital and all of its amenities are outlined in the "About Us" tab.

The site also highlights employment opportunities

available through the hospital with a program called "project5." This program claims to "provide healthcare assistance to the unprivileged families in the Slum areas of South and East Africa and in the world." It also encourages persons to send their resume for review and that the hiring coordinator who is listed as Bill Martins would "contact you to discuss suitable positions."

DLCA has reviewed the website in its entirety and confirms that everything regarding the United States Virgin Islands Hospital is a scam. As a result of this scam being presented via the internet, DLCA's CPS Division has reported the website and scam to the National Fraud Information Center.

This official report which flags the website will be logged into the National Law Enforcement Database operated by the Federal Trade Commission. This particular database is used extensively by the FBI, FTC, Secret Service, U.S. Postal Inspection Service, Department of Justice, U.S. Attorney Offices, state and local consumer protection offices which bring criminals to justice.

DLCA also reached out to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Internet Crime Complaint Center to advise them of the website and its fraudulent claims. Additional agencies alerted by DLCA on the matter include the National Consumer League and the Federal Communications Commission which was advised as a precaution since much of the internet is wireless.

Residents are reminded to be cautious and on the lookout for any offer, claim, or solicitation that are unfamiliar to them.

"The originators of these and other scams try to make the scheme sound legitimate by adding a story line behind of it," said Biggs. "They will go to every extent to sell the story and convince potential victims that it is legitimate. For this particular scam, they created an entire website to sell the scam."

"Through the submission of something as basic as a resume, they can access your personal information," said the commissioner. "People are generally careful with releasing their social security number, credit card numbers, or bank information but may not be as protective with their name, age, and address. This information in the wrong hands can yield access to your most secured information and money."

DLCA also implored consumers to be aware that every and anything can be posted on the internet. Just because something appears on the internet does not make it credible.

As the leading agency of consumer protection DLCA will continue to monitor the existence of potential scams that are circulating throughout the territory to heighten residents' awareness. For more information or to file a complaint, call DLCA's Division of Consumer Services at 774-3130.

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help children be more successful.

- In Saturday Academies offering classes in mathematics, reading, science, English, and social studies.

- In a Career Academy Program geared towards increasing the graduation rates for high school students with disabilities.

- In Microsoft Academies that will offer technology-based foundations to our middle and high school students with the ability to obtain industry-level certification.

And we continue to move ahead with a new school on St. John.

Public safety is the third cornerstone of our future development and the quality of life in the territory. It is a vexing challenge. The problem of violent crime in our community is unresolved. It is a deep systemic problem, yet one where everyone's initial instinct is to point the finger of blame at someone else.

In 2012, we had 56 murders, a number that is unacceptable by any standard. It is troubling that half of the murders involved people 30 years of age or younger. Yet I watch in astonishment as the parents of young people committing crimes point to the government for its failures to address the problems of crime, while in their own homes they ignore the ob-

vious signs of illicit gains and behavior.

In the aftermath of the tragic shooting that took the lives of 26 at the Sandy Hook Elementary School, our Nation's attention on gun control, and our President's plan to address the issue of guns in our society, we have initiated a review of our gun licensing procedures, the security measures at our schools, and the over-arching issue of guns in our territory. Our laws do not allow for the ownership or licensing of assault weapons. We restrict ammunition capacity to no more than twelve rounds, and we require background checks. Indeed, last year, we increased our recovery of illegal weapons by seven percent.

However, the fact remains that we do not manufacture or assemble guns in the territory. Whatever guns are in the Virgin Islands were brought here. We need to eliminate the unregulated and uncontrolled entry of weapons, as well as their transport between our islands, and new measures to detect such transfers will be put in place. We need the Postal Service to reinstate the postal inspectors it transferred to other jurisdictions, as the Delegate has requested.

Our public safety challenges confront us all - all across the Territory. The courts. Our parents. The family circle. Police recruit-

ment. Church involvement. Police retrenchment. From posses to gangs. Easy access to drugs. The parole system. Impacts of poverty. The prison system.

None of this is a secret.

I believe that we have made steady progress in improving our police department. And in saying this I am not just viewing those factors set out in the consent decree under which our police department has been operating for a number of years, but other measures that reflect our efforts to build a more effective force in which we, as a community, can have confidence and take pride. That all segments of the community are coming forward and offering more and more information and assistance to the police is just such a measure.

Our police department has been working not only harder, but smarter, in identifying where to apply its still-stretched resources. From all sources, including community input, the department has been gathering and using intelligence on who and where to target their efforts. We all know that most in our territory have heard it said that in a place this small the police "must know" who the bad guys are. Well they do, and they do with increasing information and better targeting.

Each of our agencies and departments has had to do more with less, and I am grateful for their performance. Our government today is

substantially smaller than when I took office. Since 2007, total central government employment, those paid from local as well as federal funds, has been reduced by 1,700 workers, or 20 percent, from 8,800 to 7,075. Within the General Fund, we have reduced employment by over 1,400, or 21 percent, from 6,740 to 5,300.

But for whatever strides we have made in reducing the cost and size of our government, the simple truth is that we have a long way to go. You - the members of this Legislature - and I have much more to do. The reality of our economic situation is that our revenues remain significantly below our operating expenditures. We have not seen the end of the need for budget cuts.

We have made great strides and we have grown as a community. We have come too far, and worked too hard to win our rights, to now lose that future. We know - all of us know - that if we are to make it through these tough times, we cannot stand still and we cannot dream of "good old days" that never were, of days when others did for us or to us what today we are challenged to do for ourselves. We all know that to build the future we want for ourselves and our children will take commitment, and courage, and selfless acts, from each of us. But I know - and I believe you know - that this we can do.



Merci!

Thank you to all for a successful and fun event!



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