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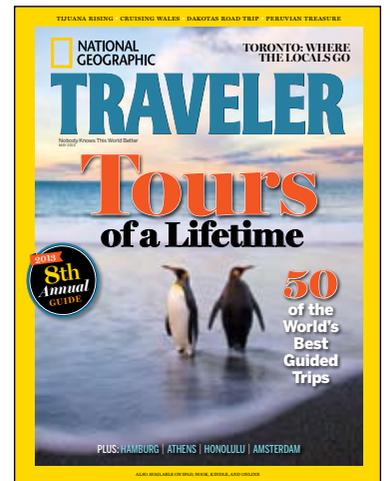
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## Love for the Environment

St. John schoolchildren lean in for a hug from the V.I. Waste Management Authority mascot during the Earth Day Litter Stomp parade through Cruz Bay on Friday, April 19. The parade culminated at the V.I. National Park ball field, where the Friends of the VINP hosted its Earth Day fair for hundreds of local schoolchildren. **SEE STORY AND PHOTOS, PAGES 7 AND 24.**



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## Territorial Flags at Half Mast Last Week in Respect for Boston Marathon Bombing Victims



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Consistent with a Presidential Proclamation issued by President Barack Obama, Governor John deJongh directed that flags on all public buildings in the Virgin Islands fly at half-staff last week until sunset on Saturday, April 20. The White House ordered flags at half-staff as a mark of respect for the victims of the senseless acts of violence perpetrated on April 15 in Boston, Massachusetts.

## UUF To Host Beach Cleanup on April 28

The Universalist Unitarian Fellowship of St. John Green Sanctuary Beach Cleanup at Cinnamon Bay will meet at 10 a.m. to the left of the museum building (and right of the windsurfer shack) on Sunday, April 28, in celebration of Earth Day.

Bring bug spray, large plastic bags, gloves, hat, sunblock and a swim suit, as well as something to drink and a snack.

## Town Meeting Set for Thursday, May 2

Senator Donald Cole and the St. John Community Foundation are hosting a Town Hall meeting at the St. John Legislature Annex in Cruz Bay on Thursday, May 2, from 5 to 7 p.m.

## Next Green Thursdays Seminar May 2

IGBA and GHS's EARTH program will host a presentation by Dr. Barry Devine, "A Naturalist's Journey from Ridge to Reef: Virgin Islands Resources Worth Protecting" on Thursday, May 2, at 5:30 p.m. at the GHS Upper Campus atrium. This is a potluck event, and all are welcome.

## Women Empowerment Workshop May 3

Join Senator Jeanette Millin Young, her team of dedicated staff and women of St. John as the group strives to empower each other to be the best. The group will meet in Cruz Bay on Friday evening, May 3. For details call SJCF at 693-9410.

## Second Ever Donkey Softball Game Set for May 11 in Coral Bay Ballfield

The Carolina Corral will host the Second Ever First Annual Donkey Softball Game on May 11 at 11 a.m. at the Coral Bay ballfield. Two games of five innings each will be played, followed by a championship donkey softball game.

The entry fee is \$10 per adult; 12 and under enter free. Donkey softball players pay an additional \$15 to play.

Food and drink will be available, as well as children's games. Carolina Corral owner Dana Bartlett is looking for restaurants and other local businesses to form teams of at least nine members each. Teams can be a mix of children or adults.

Anyone interested in participating should contact Bartlett at 693-5778. Lessons on donkey handling will precede each game.

This event will benefit the donkeys on St. John, and all Carolina Corral animals wish to thank everyone for their constant support. Everyone is encouraged to come out and be a part of this fun family day.

## AIA Sustainable Design Workshop Set

Coral Bay Community Council is hosting an American Institute of Architects Sustainable Design Workshop focused on community visioning Wednesday, May 29, to Friday, May 31.

The workshop will offer public meetings on the evenings of May 29 and May 31 as well as smaller group special purpose meetings during the days. The meeting times and places will be announced.

All residents and property owners in Coral Bay are encouraged to participate in these community visioning sessions. Please mark those calendars. More information will be available soon. Volunteers are being sought to assist with the logistics.

Anyone who would like to help with the workshop should call CBCC at 776-2099.

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Hugo Roller's plans for his Coral Bay eco-resort include elevated tree house-style accommodations with pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly sidewalks, open fields, and fruit trees throughout.

## Roller Granted Rezoning for Coral Bay Eco-Resort

By Andrea Milam  
St. John Tradewinds

The V.I. Legislature voted last week to approve a rezoning and variance request submitted by Hugo Roller for his land in Estate Carolina for the purpose of constructing an eco-resort and community commercial center.

The governor has 10 days following the Legislature's approval to veto the bill; however, Roller does not anticipate that happening.

"I was told that all 15 senators voted for it, so I see nothing that would appear objectionable to the governor," he said.

Roller's request asked that 2.5 acres be rezoned from A-2 to B-3, and that 11.4 acres, currently zoned A-2, be given a variance for the campground.

Plans for the property include elevated tree house-style accommodations, a restaurant, a health and fitness facility offering spa treatments, and perhaps a larger

supermarket.

Roller testified in March before the senate that the latest green technologies will be used throughout the project, and said that he hopes the addition of the eco-resort will allow his family's farm to become a "truly sustainable operation."

Roller stressed in his testimony that the project will remain in harmony with the surrounding community.

"The objective is that growth will be achieved with, rather than in opposition to, the character of the community," he said in his testimony.

After two years of planning the eco-resort at his Coral Bay Garden Center farm, Roller was thrilled with the news that his rezoning request had been approved.

"I was elated," he said. "How can you help but be elated after that type of ordeal?"

Roller and his wife Josephine Roller, who together run the Coral

Bay Garden Center, are anxious to begin the project.

"We definitely want to move forward quickly to try and get this thing accomplished," he said, noting that the project will be phased in over 10 years.

Residents expressed concern about the rezoning at a May 22, 2012, Department of Planning and Natural Resources hearing on the rezoning. Concerns ranged from the size of the project to the fact that the B-3 zoning opens up the door to numerous different uses that may not fit in with the Coral Bay community.

Roller said he hopes to deliver a satisfactory project, quelling the fears of Coral Bay residents.

"I feel it's a challenge to rise above all their comments and to present the community with an eco-resort that goes beyond everybody's expectation," said Roller. "That's the best I can do. What I want to accomplish is something

positive; that's what this resort is going to be about."

The eco-resort will feature a main welcoming center, with pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly sidewalks throughout. Staying true to the nature of the Coral Bay Garden Center, there will be gardens and open fields where wild island animals go to pasture. Fruit trees will dot the landscape.

Guests at Roller's eco-resort will be encouraged to become friendly with one another, possibly filling the void of a community-centric eco-resort that will be left when Maho Bay Camps closes on May 15.

"Unquestionably, Maho's closing has been an incredible incentive to bring this to fruition," said Roller. "At Maho, guests wait in line to eat, use the bathroom, and shower, and there's a certain camaraderie that results. We want to bring that kind of element into what we're going to offer."

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# Historical Society Plans To Construct Permanent Home on Bellevue Land

By Andrea Milam  
St. John Tradewinds

As the St. John Historical Society approaches its 40th anniversary, the non-profit organization dedicated to promoting appreciation and understanding for the island's history and cultural heritage announced at the Thursday, April 18, St. John Community Foundation meeting that it will construct a permanent home.

The announcement came on the heels of an agreement between the SJHS and the SJCF over approximately 6,000 square feet of the Community Foundation's Bellevue land. The SJCF will lease the land to the SJHS for 99 years at a rate of \$1 per year.

The SJHS hopes to construct a base of operations on the Bellevue parcel, finally creating a permanent home for the society's numerous archives and collections. Plans for the building are still in the early stages, explained SJHS 2012-2013 President David Knight.

"At this time, the scope and scale of the SJHS facility on the site remains undetermined," said Knight. "We are presently in the process of investigating our options, and committees have been formed by incoming SJHS President Lonnie Willis to move the process along. Generally speaking, the society is in immediate need of at least a modest office



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Andrea Milam

SJHS 2012-2013 President David Knight, center right, and SJHS board member Eleanor Gibney, center left, present a check to SJCF President Rob Crane, left, and SJCF board member Lonnie Willis, right, for a 99-year lease of a portion of the Community Foundation's Estate Bellevue property.

space and a secure, climate-controlled repository for its archive and collections."

Although plans are still forthcoming, Knight hopes that the SJHS will eventually expand its

facility to include a publically-accessible library and archive, along with a cultural history museum, he explained.

"In the end only time will tell, but I believe we are off to a very

positive start, and I encourage the St. John community to support and embrace this vision," said Knight.

The agreement between the two island non-profits came to be after the Community Foundation real-

ized that historical ruins on the site were in need of preservation.

"When we were given the land from Reliance Housing, which is the company that did the Bellevue affordable housing project, we knew there were ruins on the property that needed to be preserved," said SJCF President Rob Crane. "We thought the St. John Historical Society would be the perfect partner for this aspect of the land."

The SJHS is confident in its abilities to care for the ruins at Bellevue, which date back to the early 18th century, Knight explained.

"As a condition of the lease, the area of the property that contains significant historic ruins is to be investigated by a professional archaeologist, and then surveyed to delineate a mutually agreed-upon 'Historic Preservation Zone,'" he said. "It is this area that the SJHS is most qualified to oversee."

The Community Foundation hopes an interpretive trail through the historic ruins will be established by the SJHS, Crane explained, and the SJCF looks forward to the island's need for a repository for historical artifacts, data, and documents finally being met.

"This is a win-win situation for both of our organizations, but more importantly, it is a huge win for the island of St. John," said Knight.

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# Publicity Spotlight Shines on St. John, Local Businesses

By Andrea Milam  
St. John Tradewinds

It seems the word is out: St. John and some of its local businesses have been put on the map recently thanks to plenty of positive publicity.

The island itself received a huge accolade from the world's largest travel website, TripAdvisor, when it was dubbed the second highest-rated island in the world. St. John came in behind the number one island, Ambergris Caye, Belize.

The rankings were based on the quality and quantity of the most highly-rated hotels, restaurants, and attractions listed for each island on TripAdvisor gathered during a 12-month period, according to the website.

"We are very proud to receive these recent accolades which help to keep the destination top-of-mind among travel professionals and the traveling public," said V.I. Department of Tourism Commissioner Beverly Nicholson-Doty. "We appreciate the confidence both travelers and the media have placed in our territory, and along with our partners will continue striving to create memorable vacation experiences for our visitors to enjoy."

Another big accolade was recently bestowed upon Arawak Expeditions by National Geographic Traveler, which included the tour company's British Virgin Islands kayaking and camping tour on its 50 Tours of a Lifetime feature in the May 2013 issue.

"The selection process was competitive and our editorial team worked long and hard to find 2013's most authentic, most innovative, and most immersive, best-guided, and most sustainable tours," the magazine announced in an email to Arawak owner Arthur Jones.

"This year marks the 125th anniversary of the National Geographic Society," said Executive Editor Norie Quintos. "The tours we selected capture that spirit of exploration. They push the boundaries of mainstream tourism, whether taking travelers to the far corners of the globe, or helping them dive deep into the culture of familiar destinations."

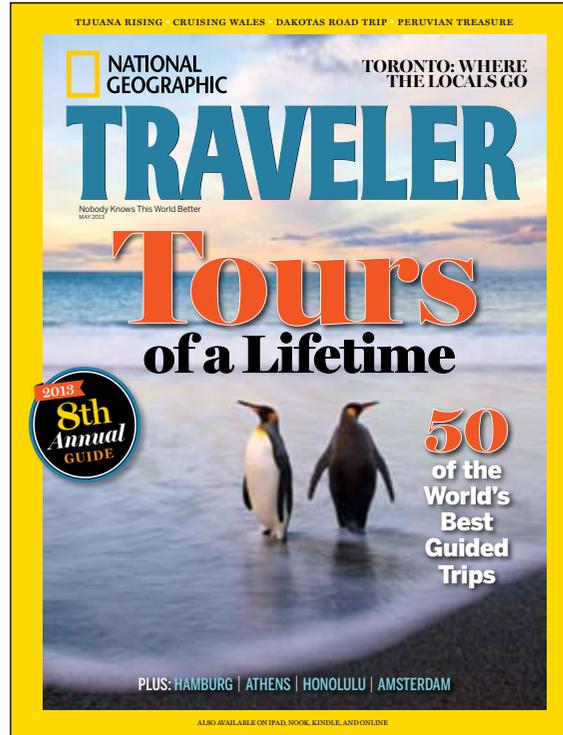
National Geographic Traveler has the largest audience of any travel magazine, meaning information on Arawak's BVI tour will reach more than 8.5 million readers.

Jones is thrilled to have been chosen by National Geographic Traveler for Arawak's BVI kayaking and camping trip, which starts on St. John with stops on Peter Island, Norman Island, Tortola, and Jost Van Dyke.

"We're delighted of course," said Jones. "There were only nine tours or trips selected from North America, and we were one of them."

Also in the spotlight recently is St. John Brewers, which was featured in two national publications.

Beer Advocate magazine featured the brewing company in its article, "It's 5-Percent Somewhere,"



Arawak Expeditions' BVI kayaking and camping trip is featured in National Geographic Traveler's cover story, 50 Tours of a Lifetime.

about brewing in remote places.

In addition to St. John Brewers, brewing companies in Guam and Hawaii are also featured. Chirag "Cheech" Vyas, who co-owns St. John Brewers with Kevin Chipman, explained in the article why they decided to have their recipes brewed and bottled in the states by Shipyard Brewing Company in Portland, Maine.

"Our brewery started out of the back of a pickup truck," Vyas says in the article.

"They hand-bottled and self-distributed until demand for their beers became difficult to meet," according to the article."

St. John Brewers was also featured in Draft Magazine, where their back story is highlighted in the article "Island Beer: What's Brewing in the Tropics."

"It's nice to be recognized by the industry," said Vyas of his company's recent publicity. "It's about getting the message out that there is brewing in the Virgin Islands. Sometimes that's overlooked, so it's nice to be recognized by the American craft beer scene, since we are a part of it."

Additional recent publicity includes accolades for Caneel Bay Resort, Trunk Bay, Lameshure Bay Beach, and St. John as a whole in publications including Gayot.com, CNN.com, *Travel + Leisure*, *Conde Nast Traveler*, and by esteemed travel writer Arthur Frommer.

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Maho Bay Camps resident Spooky is shy, but opens up when offered a treat. Maho staff is looking for a permanent home for Spooky as the eco-resort's impending May 15 closure nears.

## Maho Bay Camps Cats Seek New Homes as Campground Closure Approaches

By CiCi Davis  
St. John Tradewinds

Ever wonder where pets get their names? Some get them from physical traits, favorite places, others from their personalities.

A Maho Bay Camps cat named Princess certainly earned hers. She has been treated like a princess by Maho staff for as long as most can remember. Now a new family is allowing her to live up to her name in a new home.

Sarah and Paul are Maho guests who love the cats. They were here earlier this season and were curious as to the future of the resident cats with Maho Bay Camps set to close on May 15. Some of the camp staff started the Maho Feline Relocation Program for the resident cats, ensuring the animals would have loving homes to go to once Maho closed.

After returning home, Sarah could not stop thinking about the program and one cat in particular that she thought wouldn't be ad-



Althea helps herself to the tents and beds of Maho guests, taking naps wherever she sees fit.

opted. So she booked an unscheduled trip back to St. John for the sole purpose of taking a Maho cat home with her.

Squeaks, the cat that had concerned Sarah, made it very clear that he was quite happy where he was and would not be moved elsewhere. Princess was another story.

Sarah and Princess soon came to like each other and after a clearance from Canines, Cats and Critters, the two new friends were on their way home. Since returning to

Massachusetts, Sarah emailed to let us know that Princess was doing great and quickly made herself at home.

Maho guests are known for being friendly and caring; Sarah and Paul proved once again just how wonderful they can be.

All but three of the Maho cats are spoken for. Cleo, Spooky and Althea are available. Althea is by far the camp's oldest resident cat and a favorite of guests. She would need to stay on island. The other two could go anywhere there is loving home following a full check-up at Canine Cats and Critters.

If you are interested in adopting one of these lovely cats, please email us at mahobay@maho.org. If you fancy yourself a wild cat wrangler, you are welcome to try again with Squeaks.

**Editor's note:** CiCi Davis is the wife of Maho Bay Campground's General Manager, Adrian Davis. Asher, their son, is four years old.

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Giff Hill School students display their posters encouraging green living during the Litter Stomp parade, above, while local botanist Eleanor Gibney, second from right, talks plants with St. John schoolchildren, right, at the Friends of the VINP's Earth Day fair on Friday, April 19.



## Hundreds of Kids Celebrate Earth Day at Friends of VINP Event

By Andrea Milam  
St. John Tradewinds

Shouts of "Go green!" and other Earth Day-inspired chants rang through the streets of Cruz Bay as more than 100 island schoolchildren paraded from the Julius E. Sprauve School to the V.I. National Park ball field in the Litter Stomp parade, sponsored by the V.I. Waste Management Authority, on Friday morning, April 19.

At the culmination of the parade, children made their way into the VINP ball field, where local organizations, government agencies, and vendors awaited them with fun activities like face painting and making necklaces, all in the name of Earth Day.

"Children need to be educated about the basics of life — nature, plants, and how connected we all are," said Delroy "Ital" Anthony, who was at the event representing

his Native Arts & Crafts business.

"We're here so the kids can make something and have some fun," said Gerry Londergan of the Unitarian Universalist Church, which helped the kids make paper necklaces.

Several island schools were represented, including Head Start, whose young students were delighted to have their faces painted.

"We try to encourage participation and

learning as much as we can," said Head Start teacher Bernice Roberts. "We try to teach them what's important about Earth Day. The kids are having fun."

Giff Hill School students marched in the Litter Stomp parade carrying handmade signs promoting Earth Day, and GHS middle schoolers performed their own litter stomp dance at the VINP ball field.

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# St. John Film Society Presents Spotlight on Cuba May 7



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This year St. John Film Society is one of a select few Caribbean organizations showing the fourth annual Traveling Caribbean Film Showcase — films from and about the Caribbean diaspora. On May 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the St. John School of the Arts, SJFS will feature an insightful look into contemporary Cuba with two films telling stories of homemakers, architects, government officials, street sweepers, and soldiers – inspiring, controversial, and uniquely Cuba.

The films to be shown include *Old House*, a 93-minute feature film by Lester Hamlet, and *Cuban Missile Crisis*, a 12-minute animated comical rendering of an important historical moment. Attendees are asked to make a suggested donation of \$5.

“We are very excited about the May offerings,” said Michelle Ward, who heads up membership and publicity efforts for SJFS. “Although SJFS has a solid reputation in the documentary film arena, this time around we are mixing it up a bit by offering a powerful feature-length drama from Cuba, preceded by a short animated film — a comical rendering about the Cuban missile crisis.”

Later in the month on May 22, the Traveling Caribbean Film Showcase continues in Coral Bay with a family program from the Bahamas and Guadeloupe, for young adults and their parents. Be sure to check *St. John Tradewinds* for the details.

The Travelling Caribbean Film Showcase is an annual film festi-

val representing filmmakers, producers and directors from around the Caribbean. Sponsored regionally by UNESCO and supported by ICAIC (Cuban Institute of Art and Cinematographic Industry) in collaboration with the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), the Travelling Caribbean Film Showcase brings together the works of 40 filmmakers from 15 Caribbean countries including the Bahamas, Venezuela, Jamaica, Costa Rica, Cuba, Haiti, Dominican Republic, and Trinidad & Tobago. All films are subtitled when not in English.

This fourth edition, dedicated to the Caribbean Diaspora, includes films that reflect the troubles, the culture, and the history of the Caribbean. The films, which include feature length and short films, animation and documentaries, reveal the realities and challenges of Caribbean emigrants in the region and the greater Diaspora, and promote Caribbean cultural identity.

The primary objective of the TCFS is to make the Caribbean population aware of the talent and creativity existing in the region in the film industry, and is presented at different times of the year in most countries of the Caribbean.

The St. John Film Society is the organization bringing some of the films from the fourth edition of the Travelling Caribbean Film Showcase to St. John.

TCFS is supported by ICAIC, UNICEF, UNESCO and MIN-CULT. St. John Film Society is supported in part by the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Virgin Island Council on the Arts.

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## Work Continues on New State of the Art Ferries



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V.I. Department of Public Works Darryl Smalls reported last week that construction on two state-of-the-art catamaran ferries that will operate between Cruz Bay and Red Hook is proceeding on schedule.

“Those vessels, the first in the country that are being constructed under new U.S. Coast Guard regulations for passenger vessels, should be delivered by the third quarter of this fiscal year and go into operation soon after,” he said. “The territory’s two franchise ferry companies will lease and operate the ferries, which will improve the speed, service, reliability and capacity of the ferry service that so many Virgin Islanders and tourists rely on every day.”

## The Quelbe Method To Be Presented on Monday, April 22 at UVI

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The CD is funded in part by the Virgin Islands Humanities Council. CDs and books can be acquired at the event. The books

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# St. John Brewers Reaches Out To Thousands of Potential Island Visitors at Stateside Beer Conferences

By Andrea Milam  
*St. John Tradewinds*

Thousands of people in Washington, D.C., and Atlantic City, New Jersey, recently got a taste of the Virgin Islands thanks to Kevin Chipman and Chirag Vyas, the guys behind St. John Brewers.

The two represented their brand and the Virgin Islands at the Craft Brewers Conference, where they rubbed elbows with reps from other craft breweries like Sierra Nevada, and at the Atlantic City Beer Festival, which was attended by more than 20,000 people.

In Atlantic City, the duo estimate they reached around 7,000 attendees with samples of their products.

"We were sampling out our beers to the masses," said Chipman. "People get really excited about the Tropical Mango Ale. That's our only product that's sold nationally, and it's what put us on the map."

St. John Brewers also offered samples of their Island Summer, Island Hoppin', and Liquid Sunshine Ales to event-goers, many of whom recognized the St. John Brewers name because of their distribution in the New Jersey area, or because of previous visits to the territory, Chipman explained.

"We saw people wearing our shirts," he said. "A lot of people told us, 'I'll be honeymooning in the Virgin Islands in May,' or 'We come down every year.'"

"These events help showcase St. John to an audience that has either visited or plans to in the future," said Vyas. "Craft beer drinkers are a key demographic as they tend to be adventurous and appreciate quality products, which St. John embodies. Those that have visited the Virgin Islands in the past often share their experience with their fellow craft beer enthusiasts, who may be visitors in the future."

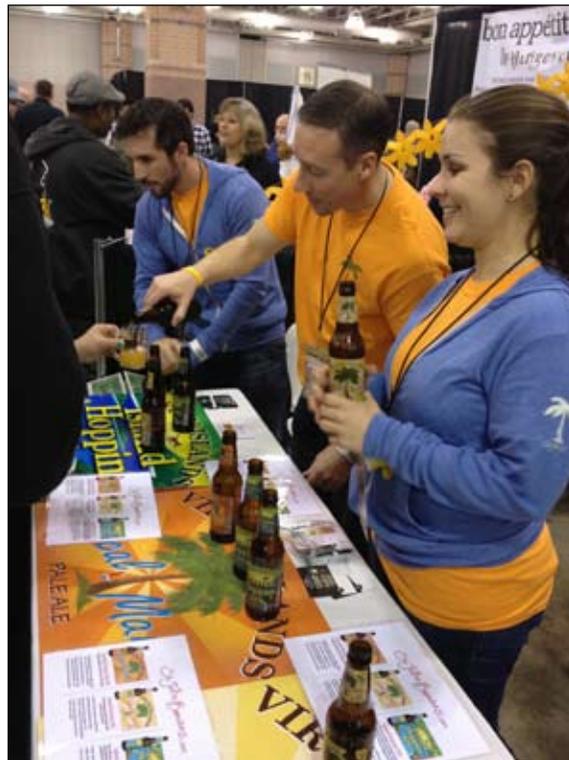
In addition to reaching out to potential island visitors, Chipman, who manned the St. John Brewers booth with the help of some friends and family, got to have some fun as well.

"It's a fun event," he said. "They have a lot of food vendors there. There's music — Rusted Root played the final show on the last day — and they have a rodeo bowl, a silent disco, sand sculptures, and a lot more."

While the Craft Brewers Conference, a week-long event for craft brewing professionals, served as more of an educational experience for Chipman and Vyas, it also gave them the opportunity to get the word out about their products and the Virgin Islands.

"We met brewers from a small brewery outside Juno, Alaska," said Vyas. "It was interesting to talk to them about the challenges they have brewing in remote regions. We're definitely going to build a relationship with them, and look forward to a possible collaboration."

The Craft Brewers Conference couldn't have come



*St. John Tradewinds News Photo Courtesy St. John Brewers*

St. John Brewers representatives handed out around 7,000 samples of several of their products at the Atlantic City Beer Festival.

at a better time for the brewing duo, as they look forward to opening their own on-site brewery to the public. Located just across the parking lot from the Tap Room, the brewery has already been churning out small batches of unique products, like their Double Prop IPA, Roundabout Coffee Stout, and their winter seasonal Frozen Cistern Ale.

"We came away with some new ideas to improve our brewing capabilities here in the Virgin Islands," said Vyas. "We're coming back with a new perspective on how to operate our new brewery, which we hope to open to small tours within the next few months."

In addition to the brewing side of things, Chipman and Vyas learned a lot about managing their growing business. Craft brewing is the only part of the beer business that's growing at the moment, Chipman explained.

"The amount of microbreweries has doubled in the past 10 years," he said.

"A lot of the lectures and seminars focused on how to handle growth," said Vyas. "Everyone seems to be growing in this industry."

This was St. John Brewers' sixth time attending the Atlantic City Beer Festival, and their second time attending the Craft Brewers Conference.

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Forty-two attendees enjoyed a dinner that was almost entirely farm to table created by students of the GHS EARTH program at a private Estate Catherineberg home, Pie in the Sky.



## GHS's EARTH Farm to Table Dinner Fundraiser a Smashing Success

By **Andrea Milam**  
St. John Tradewinds

Students in the Giffit Hill School's Earth and Resiliency Through Horticulture program brought the farm to table movement to St. John, and raised close to \$8,000 for an educational trip to Iowa at its Saturday, April 13, Farm to Table Dinner.

Forty-two people attended the event at Pie in the Sky, the Estate Catherineberg home of Dana and Martha Robes.

The funds helped send nine GHS stu-

dents on a farm and college immersion trip to Iowa beginning Friday, April 19, where they planned to visit farms, food processing plants, botanical gardens, and Iowa State University, which coordinates the school's EARTH program.

The Farm to Table Dinner was a culmination of EARTH events, which this year included a trip to St. Croix's Ridge to Reef Farm, and a cocktail party where passed appetizers made from locally sourced foods were served. Students were led by the cu-

linary expertise of Mathayom Vacharat of St. John Catering/Mathayom Private Chefs. Local cheese expert Kathy Guidi also volunteered her time, and Terra Jane Albee of Dionysus arranged for four wines to be donated for pairings with each course.

"The vision all along was to be able to produce a whole meal from beginning to end with local produce and locally and sustainably harvested meats and seafoods," said EARTH Coordinator Sarah Haynes. "I couldn't have hoped for more. The students

gave 100 percent in the kitchen."

Students spent hours prepping and cooking for the event, and several got to experience creating foods they'd never made before. Ninth grader Thomas Nguyen spent a solid four hours in the kitchen making paneer cheese with Guidi's guidance.

"It turned out that making cheese was pretty hard, but it was fun," said Nguyen. "It felt good to know that we had a part in growing the food."

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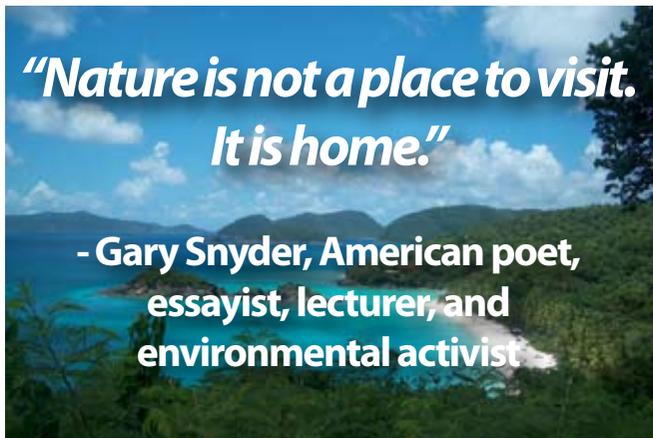
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Please bring a dish to share to this potluck event. Note the date change from April 25 to May 2 so as not to interfere with St. Thomas Carnival festivities

Giff Hill School's Education and Resiliency Through Horticulture program, in coordination with the Island Green Building Association and NOAA are sponsoring monthly seminar series focusing on making the Virgin Islands and St. John greener places to live. The path to this future includes each and every resident taking personal steps toward improving your quality of life for current and future island generations. If you have an idea for a future speaker, please contact us.

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# Waga Registration Open

*St. John Tradewinds*

The Animal Care Center of St. John announces that registration forms for the island's May 18 dog show are now available. They can be picked up at the ACC shelter on the library road in Cruz Bay; at Canines, Cats, and Critters on Centerline Road; and at Connections in both Cruz Bay and Coral Bay.

Registration is \$20 per class before May 10 and \$25 thereafter. This year, ribbons will be awarded in all show classes, including the "Parade of Paws," which will be open to all dogs not participating in registered classes. Trophies will be awarded to the Waga King, the Waga Queen, and the "Babe" which honors a shelter dog who has improved most in spirit and health over the last year. This includes dogs adopted from the ACC shelter as well as from any other shelter. In addition, a trophy will be awarded to the school that has the most participants.

A new, very exciting, addition to this year's Wagapalooza will be the award of money prizes. A donor has given ACC funds for prize money in all nine classes as follows: \$50 for first place, \$30 for second place, and \$20 for third place. The donor does not wish to be named in pre-Waga publicity, but the name of the donor business will be included on the registration form.

Checks, credit cards, money orders, and cash will all be accepted at the time of registration, although checks are preferred.

All proceeds from Wagapalooza go directly to funding the care, feeding, medical needs, and shelter for St. John's homeless cats and dogs.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo File

The Liston "Huntie" Sprauve ambulance boat spent some time dry-docked on St. Thomas last week for routine maintenance.

# Ambulance Boat Dry-docked for Routine Maintenance

*St. John Tradewinds*

V.I. Department of Health Commissioner Darice Plaskett announced last week that the Liston "Huntie" Sprauve ambulance boat was dry-docked in Sub-Base Monday through Wednesday to undergo a routine maintenance check.

The routine maintenance involves pressure washing the boat and checking for potential structural repairs, below the water line.

The ambulance boat was expected to be back in service as early as Thursday afternoon, April 18, unless

there was a need for more than routine maintenance.

During the ambulance boat's time in dry-dock, Ocean Dreams LLC, provided back up boat service with Emergency Medical Services staff augmenting the crew.

The ambulance boat will also be dry-docked briefly next month for its annual maintenance check by Gold Coast Yachts Inc., the company which built the 55-ft catamaran-hull design. As in the past, this will entail the boat sailing from St. John to St. Croix, where the company is based.

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## MSI 2013 Carnival T-shirt Sidesteps Tradition, Marks Significant Milestone

*St. John Tradewinds*

The MSI Building Supplies' 2013 Carnival t-shirt celebrates a major milestone the company's history: 40 years of "Island Tough."

"We usually design shirts that are more in keeping with the community's traditional, cultural Carnival celebration," said MSI Vice President for Purchasing and Sales Tommy Brunt. "But this year's focus, though festive, is on MSI and our 40 years as a small, family-owned, Virgin Islands business."

The 2013 MSI Carnival t-shirt also breaks from the color traditionally associated with a ruby anniversary. Instead of focusing primarily on red, the shirt features bright, lively colors on a black background. The colors are symbolic of the company's vibrancy, industry leadership and bright future even during dark economic times.

An oversized orange four is prominent while the zero is visible through a multi-colored screen of shooting stars and MSI logos on the t-shirt's front. On the reverse, the company's logo is in orange, while the letters "MSI" appear in fuchsia, lime and yellow respectively. The one bow to convention is the sleeve design wish for a "Happy Carnival 2013."

"We are grateful to the entire community, especially the residential and commercial contractors and builders as well as our other loyal clients who have supported MSI, and helped to make MSI the leading local supplier of quality building material in the U.S. Virgin Islands," said Brunt.

Thomas Brunt III along with his wife Kris founded MSI in 1973. Brunt, a builder at the time, created a market niche in response to the community's need for quality building material.

MSI subsequently developed the Island Tough brand, and is best known as the territory's leading provider of building products proven and trusted to withstand the Virgin Islands' tough climate extremes.

MSI and its affiliate companies employ 41 residents. The company has been actively involved in Carnival for several decades, and has produced an iconic t-shirt design each year.

MSI Carnival t-shirts are available in sizes children through adult XXXL at MSI for \$5 while supplies last.



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Sweeping ocean and island views and a majestic mahogany tree welcome you home at Giff Hill's Windchime villa, on the market for \$1.295 million.



## On the Market

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

### Dramatic Views at Windchime

**By Andrea Milam**

*St. John Tradewinds*

Sweeping south shore views from a beautiful, sunny pool deck. Privacy. Handsome mahogany interior finishes. Sound interesting? Then check out Windchime, a beautifully decorated and maintained three-bedroom, three-bath villa listed by Miles Stair of Holiday Homes for \$1.295 million.

Windchime, set apart from other island villas thanks to its generous lot size of 1.4 acres, is situated high atop Giff Hill. Room to expand and its private location make Windchime a steal.

The three-bedroom villa, which is centered around

a great room with the master suite situated above the pool deck, has a successful short-term rental history.

Welcoming you home is Windchime's entrance, shaded by a majestic mahogany tree. The home is solid masonry construction, built by island craftsmen.

The home is beautifully decorated, but the real wow factor comes from Mother Nature herself. Those sweeping south shore views come with steady breezes and dramatic sun and moon rises.

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Shootings: 1

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Armed Robberies: 1

Arsons: 0

1st Degree Burglaries: 3

2nd Degree Burglaries: 3

3rd Degree Burglaries: 40

Grand Larcenies: 72

Rapes: 1

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Homicides: 0

Shootings: 0

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Armed Robberies: 0

Arsons: 0

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2nd Degree Burglaries: 0

3rd Degree Burglaries: 5

Grand Larcenies: 25

Rapes: 1

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## Letters To St. John Tradewinds

### Hearing From a Wounded Warrior

The mention of the Wounded Warriors in my Christmas letter brought this comment from a nursing cousin who treated one of the Wounded Warriors that was here in November: The veteran wanted all of St. John again to know how much he loved that time spent here.

It's a mystery how the subject found its way here but it shows once more how small the world really is.

**Beverly Biziewski,  
President  
St. John AARP Chapter #4777**

### Adults Show Respect

There is a reason why young people have no fear of authority. The same reason they curse, lie, cheat, steal, fight, smoke, and drink. We adults have taught them. By our own actions, they have watched us litter the environment, text while driving, gamble away income, complain about each other, and show up late for work.

There are things that we have not done like turn off the television on a school night, assign specific chores, set a curfew, and read a book. We run our mouths all day, adding to the noise of the world. And we can't/won't take the time to sit down and read. We wonder

why young people can't settle their differences without resorting to violence, yet we hurl spoken missiles in the bedroom, in meetings, and in the streets. Probably the only thing we haven't taught them is to wear their pants low. That's totally on them. But we have the influence to tell them to pull them up.

Our society, governed by God's law, has to maintain discipline in order for us to survive. If we cannot forgive when wronged, heal when hurt, let go when possible, we will be a volcano ready to erupt. And only destruction comes when lava flows.

**Emmanuel Prince**

### Tsunami Warning Signs Unnecessary

Imagine my surprise when I drove into town and back to my home in Coral Bay this morning to find out just what a dangerous place I've been living in for the past 12 years. Suddenly, overnight, this tranquil, safe and peaceful place that I've called home and always considered to be one of the safest places in the world, and I am confronted with large alarming warning signs all over town of what to do when the tsunami happens or if I feel the occasional slight earthquakes that happen at all-too-regular intervals.

There are even warning signs posted in several places at the roundabout advising how to escape this impending threat complete with emergency evacuation routes. If you want to see our government efficiency in action check out the evacuation route at the roundabout that points you down towards Natures and then check out the same evacuation route sign at the end of the road at Natures and you'll see that the arrow in the evacuation sign points you back up the same road you just came from back up to the roundabout.

I cannot believe that that our government has forced this new tsunami warning scare on St. John without any input from our community. To begin with, there has not been a tsunami in the Virgin Islands since 1867. That's not to say it couldn't happen again, but in this day and age I don't know of anyone that doesn't know to move to higher ground in the event of a major earthquake.

A tsunami is an extremely unlikely event, so why the rush to panic tourists with the scary signs all over the island? We might just as well post additional signs reading "Warning, Possible Meteor Impact Zone" with a sign showing a large meteor crashing onto someone.

Why have our government leaders allowed this unnecessary scare tactic of an extremely unlikely tsunami to unnecessarily alarm our tourists? Doesn't anyone in our government understand that once the U.S. Virgin Islands, now by our government's own admission, is a "Tsunami Hazard Area," that it will negatively impact the very tourism industry that we've all strived for decades to promote, nurture and depend on? We may as well disband the V.I. Department of Tourism if this is the vision of the Virgin Islands that our government wants to promote.

I've included a picture of the new warning sign posted at the entrance to Coral Bay. As if it's not bad enough to alarm people that we are now considered to be a tsunami hazard area, the actual signs show a huge wave cresting over the top of some poor victim trying to scramble to higher ground to escape being killed!

The most alarming sign is the one posted at the arrival to Coral Bay that literally warns every tourist that they are "ENTERING TSUNAMI HAZARD ZONE" with the threatening graphic of a person having to scramble for higher ground as a huge wave is about to crash over them. Not even the wording of "Entering a 'potential' tsunami hazard zone." No, this sign warns that a tsunami hazard is imminent and could happen at any moment.

What kind of message are we trying to send our visiting tourists? That this is a dangerous place and that they have to be worried about their very safety the entire time they are in Coral Bay or at sea level? What kind of stupid nonsense is this and who was the genius that thought this scare tactic up?

All Virgin Islanders, and especially here on St. John, have done everything imaginable to promote the

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## Letters To *St. John Tradewinds*



*St. John Tradewinds News Photo*

The island's new tsunami warning signs could frighten tourists and are unnecessary, claims an anonymous letter-writer.

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safety and welcoming nature of our islands. Here in Coral Bay the business community has gone the extra mile in the face of extreme economic hardships over the last several years to keep open existing businesses and even open new businesses and restaurants in order to keep our small community alive and vibrant, only to have our government post what can only be described as a "WARNING, KEEP OUT" hazard sign advising tourists that Coral Bay is a dangerous area that they should avoid and not enter.

I work with tourists every day and was confronted by a family that had only just arrived on St. John with their three small children and were alarmed to find out that there was such an imminent threat of a tsunami that warning signs had to be posted everywhere. They said that if they had known that St. John was such a hazard zone they would have never booked their vacation here. The most telling point is that when they took their first exploring drive over the island to Coral Bay they actually stopped when they saw the Tsunami hazard zone warning sign at the entrance to Coral Bay, turned around and went straight back over to Cruz Bay out of fear of the safety of their three

small children.

This is not what we here in Coral Bay or the entire Virgin Islands have worked so hard to establish a viable and vibrant tourism industry only to have our government post these foolish alarming signs to frighten off tourists and destroy the tourism industry that we all depend on.

I suggest that everyone write or phone every member of the legislature and demand that these alarming signs be taken down before we become known throughout the tourism industry as an unsafe place to come for a vacation. These signs could have the same negative effect on our tourism industry as an actual tsunami happening year after year every year.

We here on St. John were recently recognized by Trip Advisor, the largest tourist-driven website, as the number two most desirable island vacation destination. This could and probably will change with the newly posted imminent threat of a tsunami happening here in the Virgin Islands once word spreads across the Internet. This is a classic example of what's called "shooting oneself in the foot."

Name Withheld by Request

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 776-6731

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 776-6339

**St. John Methodist Church**  
 Sunday 10 a.m., 693-8830

**Seventh Day Adventist**  
 Saturdays, 779-4477

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 Sunday 11:05 a.m., 6:30 p.m.  
 Tuesdays Prayer 7:30 p.m.,  
 Thursdays Bible Study 7:30 p.m.  
 779-1230

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## Environmental Justice Movements



### Dear EarthTalk:

*I understand that the “environmental justice” movement seeks to protect the poor and non-white communities from being unfairly targeted to host activities like sewage treatment plants, landfills and polluting factories. Have there been notable victories?*

**P. Silver  
 Peekskill, NY**

The environmental justice movement was born in September 1982 when a group of poor residents of rural Warren County, North Carolina laid down in front of trucks transporting waste containing toxic PCBs to a nearby landfill.

Those primarily African American activists eventually lost their battle to keep toxic waste out of the area, but their actions eventually led to an executive order by President Clinton in 1996 that institutionalized the U.S. government’s duty to identify and address “disproportionately high adverse health or environmental effects of its policies or programs on low-income people and people of color.” It also mandated that the federal government look for ways to prevent discrimination by race, color or national origin in any federally funded programs dealing with health or the environment.

In the time since, many other low income or minority groups — Latinos, Asians, Pacific Islanders, Native Americans and others — have learned to raise their voices and stand up against the discriminatory locating of hazardous waste landfills and transfer stations, polluting factories and utilities, and other triggers for bad air quality and compromised waterways and soils across the U.S. and beyond.

Some of the better known environmental justice groups came to be out of specific struggles in their own local neighborhoods. Concerned Citizens of South Central LA was created to fight the now infamous LANCER incinerator in the late 1980s, and today provides leadership on environmental and other social justice issues throughout southern California.

Likewise, Mothers of East LA, originally formed to stop the siting of a prison in an East Los Angeles community, has become a strong voice against incinerators and other waste processing and landfill facilities interested in moving to the area.



An environmental justice rally in Rogers-Eubanks, North Carolina, above. Many low income or minority groups have learned to raise their voices and stand up against the discriminatory locating of hazardous waste sites, polluting factories and other sources of bad air quality and compromised waterways and soils.

Elsewhere, West Harlem Environmental Action formed in 1998 to fight (unsuccessfully) the building of the North River Sewage Treatment Plant in West Harlem in New York City. Despite that defeat, the group is now a leader on environmental justice issues around New York State.

And the Deep South Center for Environmental Justice began with humble activist roots but is now in high demand helping rural communities in Louisiana’s “Cancer Alley” protect themselves from further degradation and harm at the hands of oil refineries and other heavy industry located there.

Several national organizations now devote significant resources to these issues. The Center for Health, Environment and Justice, which emerged out of the 1970s Love Canal controversy when the U.S. government relocated 800 families from their polluted Niagara Falls, New York neighborhood, today functions as an activist clearinghouse for related issues.

The Natural Resources Defense Council has devoted significant resources to environmental justice efforts, including helping to identify cancer clusters in poor communities near heavy industry. Many Sierra Club local chapters battle environmental discrimination in their neighborhoods. And the federal government today provides millions of dollars to environmental justice projects through the Environmental Protection Agency and other agencies.

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### CRYPTOQUIP

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Today's Cryptoquip clue: Y equals T



## ISLAND GREEN LIVING

by Lovango Cay resident Dan Boyd

### 300-Watt Solar Panels with 300-Watt Inverters

#### St. John Tradewinds

I am happy to announce that there are now more powerful solar panels and also more powerful micro-inverters.

Two companies, Sharp and Suniva, have just introduced 300-watt solar panels to the market. Both panels are made in the USA and are UL approved.

Although they are slightly larger, at 21 square feet compared with the average 17.5 square-foot panel, these new panels have more generating capacity per square foot. They are only one foot longer and are actually one inch narrower than the average 240-watt panel. If you have limited roof space, this is the panel you want. And these larger panels are the same cost per watt as the smaller panels.

Power One has just put its new micro-inverter, the

Aurora Micro-0.3-1, on the market after extensive testing. A micro-inverter, also called a "string inverter," transfers your DC power to AC power on each panel. This micro-inverter will produce 300 watts per panel, has wireless web-based monitoring, and is made in the USA. Power One has been in the power business for more than 40 years.

If you are looking to invest into solar grid tying for your home, give us a call to find out how you can get the best value for your dollar and the best power production.

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Dan Boyd of Island Solar is a Virgin Islands Energy Office authorized vendor. For more information contact Boyd on his cell phone at 340-626-9685 or by email at [islandsolarvi@gmail.com](mailto:islandsolarvi@gmail.com).

## Cultural Conquest Announces Poetry Contest

#### St. John Tradewinds

Cultural Conquest Association, Inc. will be sponsoring a poetry contest for Virgin Islands students as a means to preserve and promote Virgin Islands culture. Poems should be culturally based and no more than one page in length, 12pt font Arial or Times New Roman.

There will be two categories. Category one is open to students from 2nd to 6th grade and category two is open to students from 7th to 12th grade.

To register, email [culturalcon-](mailto:culturalconquestvi@gmail.com)

[questvi@gmail.com](mailto:questvi@gmail.com) or call 244-8393. Students can also obtain a registration form from Cultural Conquest Association's Facebook page. Entries should be mailed to: Cultural Conquest, PO Box 991, Christiansted, VI 00821.

The contest will begin on May 1st and end on May 30. Entries that do not meet the postmarked deadline of May 30 will be disqualified. The winner will be selected and contacted on June 10.

The first place winner of each category will receive a \$200 gift

certificate. No prize substitutions, assignments or transfers are permitted. All prizes and offers are forfeited if not used within one year of the issued date. The selected vendor's terms and conditions will apply.

By participating, all participants acknowledge and agree that all entries submitted are honestly and fairly represented, parental consent has been given to entrants under the age of 18, and full rules and details of the contest have been made available in writing. In addition,

## Governor Issues Carnival Celebration Proclamation

#### St. John Tradewinds

Governor John deJongh last week signed a proclamation authorizing administrative leave for government workers during the celebration of the 61st anniversary of Carnival.

"During this historical and festive season, hundreds of families, friends, visitors and supporters will be visiting the territory to enjoy and partake of our cultural activities and the sights and sounds of Carnival," deJongh said. "This annual celebration provides a tremendous financial boost to our economy and helps promote a greater understanding and appreciation of Carnival and our culture."

In order to encourage greater participation in the celebration of Virgin Islands Carnival, deJongh authorized administrative leave for government workers as follows:

#### St. Thomas-St. John Only:

Wednesday, April 24, noon to 5 p.m. — Food, Arts and Crafts Fair Day

Thursday, April 25, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. — J'ouvert

#### Territory-wide:

Friday, April 26, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. — Children's Parade Day  
Virgin Islands Carnival has become one of the region's top festivals, attracting thousands of people to the islands.

all participants, parents, and legal guardians agree that neither Cultural Conquest Association, their agents, affiliates, sponsor, nor representatives have any liability with respect to the use of a prize. By entering this contest, participants agree to be bound by these rules.

Cultural Conquest Association Inc. is a newly founded non-profit organization that would like to

give back to the local community. The organization is composed of a group of young professionals eager to make a difference in the Virgin Islands by empowering local youth with knowledge. One of the organization's priorities is keeping the local culture alive by reigniting the fire of Virgin Islands pride and creating an exhilarating and educational experience.

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**Answer to April 21 Cryptoquip:**  
ARGENTINA'S PERON IS NOT AT FAULT  
FOR FAILING TO ACCOMPLISH THIS JOB.  
IN FACT, NO JUAN IS TO BLAME.

## Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

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### MASKED DESTRUCTION

#### ACROSS

- 1 Hair grows out of them
- 7 Flip out
- 13 Encroaches upon
- 20 He served with Bill Clinton
- 21 Charm
- 22 Life stories on film
- 23 Persist in
- 24 Sneezer's sheet
- 25 Takes
- 26 Start of a riddle
- 29 Howard or Paul
- 30 Liquor option
- 31 Comedienne Imogene
- 34 Riddle, part 2
- 45 Acts theatrically
- 46 Relieved sighs
- 47 Any time at all
- 48 Pal, in Brest
- 49 — metabolic rate
- 50 Affirms, with "to"
- 53 Zany comic Philips
- 54 Pro-school gp.
- 55 Riddle, part 3
- 59 Suffix with Ecuador or Caesar
- 60 Long of "Alfie"
- 61 Do a post office job
- 62 Peace-keeping gp.
- 63 Airplane seat restraint
- 67 Letter between vee and ex
- 71 "The Sun — Rises"
- 74 Bottom part of a hair
- 76 Org. that aids the stranded

- 77 Raises, as the ante
- 80 Riddle, part 4
- 88 "— have to?"
- 89 "— big girl now"
- 90 New — (Mardi Gras locale)
- 91 Make fun of
- 92 Jillian of TV
- 93 Tetra, e.g.
- 95 Nick Jr.'s "— the Explorer"
- 96 Mistreat
- 97 End of the riddle
- 102 Utah's state flower
- 103 Tankard drink
- 104 Orangutan, for one
- 105 Riddle's answer
- 117 Classic dancer Fred
- 119 Up-and-down park fixture
- 120 Awful
- 121 Small African mongoose
- 122 Abdominal injury
- 123 Surfing the Net, say
- 124 Pale colors
- 125 Storage site for weapons
- 126 Brand of cooking oil

#### DOWN

- 1 H.H. Munro's pseudonym
- 2 Staff symbol
- 3 Grew mature
- 4 Bound along
- 5 Gala for grads
- 6 Bilbao brides
- 7 Arrive on the redevye, e.g.
- 8 Tending to the matter
- 9 "What — to do?"
- 10 "— sorry!"
- 11 Recline lazily
- 12 Enticed
- 13 Bridge beam
- 14 Actor Nolte
- 15 Viva — (orally)
- 16 Quick glance
- 17 Sot's cravings
- 18 Outer: Prefix
- 19 Military draft org.
- 27 E-mail giggle
- 28 With 42-Down, quick inspection
- 32 Bonding stuff
- 33 Hard Italian cheese
- 34 "What a tangled — weave"
- 35 City in Nebraska
- 36 Violin bow application
- 37 And others, for short
- 38 Montana's capital
- 39 Like Cheerios
- 40 "Boy, that was close!"
- 41 Twisty road curves
- 42 See 28-Down
- 43 Road rig
- 44 1982 film and video game
- 50 "Moby-Dick" helmsman
- 51 Stomped (on)
- 52 Blood fluid: Prefix
- 56 Advice bit
- 57 Abbr. on an A/C
- 58 Lions' quarry
- 63 Horror film star Chaney
- 64 Before, in verses
- 65 Western wolf
- 66 Group of gigs
- 68 Embargoes
- 69 Fall behind

- 70 Calif. barrio locale
- 71 Last name of Uncle Fester
- 72 Canadian one-dollar coin
- 73 Fence "doors" that automatically return to their closed positions
- 75 "Niña" mark
- 77 Moving van
- 78 Outmoded
- 79 Spirited horse
- 81 Comb (through)
- 82 Don't include
- 83 Pulp mixture
- 84 Author Uris
- 85 Taser missile
- 86 Doing terribly
- 87 In fine fettle
- 94 Miami team
- 96 Skating spectacle
- 98 Capital of Tasmania
- 99 "24" actress Cuthbert
- 100 Shiny wood overlay
- 101 Prefix with center
- 106 Be fond of
- 107 With 118-Down, shrinking body of water in Asia
- 108 Gelatinizes
- 109 "Cootie"
- 110 "This — joke!"
- 111 Hair remover brand
- 112 Absent
- 113 Addresses for techies
- 114 Purple bloom
- 115 — -Tibetan
- 116 Ideal garden
- 117 Electrical unit
- 118 See 107-Down

# Tourism Launches Promotion To Attract More Danes to USVI

## St. John Tradewinds

In an effort to draw more visitors from Denmark to the territory this summer and fall, the V.I. Department of Tourism announced the launch of a new bookable offer during a visit to the Scandinavian country last month by V.I. Department of Tourism Commissioner Beverly Nicholson-Doty. Since the announcement, more than 25 hotels on St. Croix, St. John and St. Thomas have signed on to participate demonstrating the strong interest in tapping this growing market.

Travelers who book the promotion will receive a \$150 instant credit on bookings of five nights or more, and an additional \$150 instant credit when booking another back to back five night stay at a hotel on a different island within the USVI. The offer may be booked now through July 31, 2013 for travel between May 1 and October 31, 2013.

"We designed the offer to appeal to the Danish visitor whose average length of stay is longer than the typical U.S. visitor and to encourage exploring multiple islands within the USVI," said Nicholson-Doty. "This helps all islands to benefit while providing a rich and diverse experience for the visitors as they sample the unique offerings of each island."

Participating St. John hotels include: Caneel Bay, St. John Villas - Great Expectations and The Westin Resort and Villas.

Reservations for this promotion can be made through a number of Danish tour operators including: Nyhavn Rejser, Risskov Travel Partner, Stjernegaard Rejser, Strobel Travel, Team Benns and Profil Rejser.

Denmark has traditionally been the largest international tourism market for the USVI with the majority of guests visiting the island of St. Croix. As a result of aggressive promotions and new charter flight service from Denmark, in 2012 the USVI welcomed more than 16,900 visitors from Scandinavia, representing a 129 percent increase from the previous year.

## VIPD CARNIVAL Safety TIPS

**Tip #3:** Carnival events bring large crowds. Make sure your children are safe. Pin your small children's names and telephone numbers inside their clothing. Have older children agree on a place to meet if they get separated. Teach them conflict resolution. Have them use the buddy system. Monitor their internet usage; prohibit the posting of personal information. The 10 p.m. curfew will be enforced for children under 16.

**Tip #4:** When you own a business safety and security is your number one priority. Do you have private security, video surveillance, alarm systems or a silent alarm? Rotate the times that you take money to and from the bank. Closed means closed! That customer you let in after closing may commit a robbery or worse. Always leave your business in teams, never solo.

The VIPD wishes everyone a Safe and Happy Carnival!



1-800-222-TIPS (8477)

Remain Totally Anonymous  
Collect Rewards in Cash  
Help Our Community be Safe

## Police Log

### Friday, April 12

9:10 a.m. - A resident of Calabash Boom p/ at Jurgen Command and r/ an assault. Assault in the third.

12:36 p.m. - A resident of St. John c/r a citizen was struck by a vehicle. Auto collision.

1:47 p.m. - Head of security at the Westin c/r a trespasser on the property. Trespassing.

2:42 p.m. - Badge #1200 p/ at Jurgen Command with one Stefan Lewis of Enighed under arrest and charged with trespassing at the Westin Resort. Trespassing.

3:43 p.m. - A citizen c/r her neighbor's dog was in her apartment in the area of Enighed. Ferocious, vicious and mischievous animals.

7:00 p.m. - A citizen c/r a male had shot and killed a mother hen in the area of Cinnamon Bay Campground. Cruelty to animals.

### Saturday, April 13

4:22 p.m. - A citizen c/r a male breaking bottles in the middle of the road in the area of Bethany. Disturbance of the peace.

7:17 p.m. - A citizen c/r shots fired in the area of Bordeaux. Unfounded illegal discharge of a firearm.

### Sunday, April 14

2:08 p.m. - A citizen c/r a

larceny at the Love City Beach Shop. Grand larceny.

5:41 p.m. - A citizen r/ an unknown male assaulted him in the area of the Cruz Bay dock. Assault in the third.

### Monday, April 15

1:03 a.m. - A resident of Constant p/r his child's mother struck with him a bottle in the area of the Lumberyard. Assault in the third, domestic violence.

9:08 a.m. - A resident of Adrian p/r that a cleaning company was cleaning the side of the road with a weed eater, and a rock struck her windshield breaking the same. Damage to a vehicle.

2:04 p.m. - A citizen c/r a male looking into vehicles in the area of Francis Bay. Suspicious activity.

6:27 p.m. - A resident of Adrian r/ a disturbance involving her minor daughter at the youth center in Cruz Bay. Disturbance of the peace.

9:13 p.m. - The manager of Castaways r/ a disturbance with a male and requested that he be removed from the establishment. Police assistance.

### Tuesday, April 16

7:45 p.m. - A citizen c/r a disturbance at Gallows Point. Police assistance.

### Wednesday, April 17

12:51 p.m. - A citizen c/r need-

ing assistance with some tourists who refused to pay for their rental vehicle at Denzil Clyne Jeep Rental. Police assistance.

No time given - A citizen c/r a male was smoking on Hawksnest Beach. Police assistance.

### Thursday, April 18

1:19 a.m. - A resident of Adrian c/r her boyfriend molested her daughter. Unlawful sexual contact, first degree.

2:17 a.m. - Badge #1252 p/ at Jurgen Command with one Jose Nunez of Adrian, placed under arrest and charged with unlawful sexual contact in the first degree. Bail was set at \$10,000 by order of the court. Defendant was transported to St. Thomas' Richard Callwood Command for processing and handed over to the Bureau of Corrections. Unlawful sexual contact, first degree.

3:45 a.m. - A resident of St. John p/ at Jurgen Command and r/ a rape. Burglary in the first.

5:43 p.m. - A resident of Calabash Boom c/r someone broke her vehicle's window. Damage to a vehicle.

7:49 p.m. - A citizen c/r a vehicle was blocking the exit to Mongoose Junction. Police assistance.

10:38 p.m. - A citizen c/r a disturbance in the area of Wharfside Village. Assault in the third.

## Crime Stoppers — United States Virgin Islands

### St. John Tradewinds

Crime prevention is up to all of us. We will not see a significant reduction in crime until everyone comes forward and tells law enforcement what they know. Crime Stoppers allows you to do that anonymously, with no fear of retaliation and without having to testify in a court of law. If you know something, say something and help get these criminals off our streets. Even the smallest bit of information may be just what is needed to solve these cases.

### St. John

On April 3, at about 2:45 a.m. in the area of Frank Powell Park, a man was assaulted by another unidentified man who struck him several times with a rock. Tell us what you know so police can identify and arrest the assailant.

### St. Thomas

On March 28 at 10:20 p.m., a woman and her son were driving home. As they approached Constant in the area of the old mill, the mother heard gunshots and realized she had been hit by at least one of the bullets. Help police identify and arrest the shooter(s) so no one else becomes a victim.

Be part of the solution. Help make our islands a safer place to live and visit by telling us what you know about these, or any other crimes, at [www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org](http://www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org) or by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). You can also text "USVI" plus your message to CRIMES (274637).

If your tip leads to an arrest or the recovery of stolen property, illegal drugs, or weapons, you will receive a cash reward to be paid according to your instructions. The minimum cash reward for the arrest of an assailant is \$900. For the arrest of a fugitive it is \$357. Our maximum reward is \$2,500.

## 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.

### Sunday, April 28

— The Universalist Unitarian Fellowship of St. John Green Sanctuary Beach Cleanup at Cinnamon will meet at 10 a.m. to the left of the museum building (and right of the wind-surfer shack) on Sunday, April 28, in celebration of Earth Day. Bring bug spray, large plastic bags, gloves, hat, sunblock and a swim suit, as well as something to drink and a snack.

### Thursday, May 2

— Sen. Donald Cole and the St. John Community Foundation are hosting a town hall meeting at the St. John Legislature Annex in Cruz Bay on Thursday, May 2, from 5 to 7 p.m.

— IGBA and EARTH present A Naturalist's Journey From Ridge to Reef: Virgin Islands Resources Worth Protecting, 5:30 p.m., GHS Upper Campus atrium.

### Friday, May 3

— Join Senator Jeanette Millin Young, her team of dedicated staff and women of St. John as the group strives to empower each other to be the best. The group will meet in Cruz Bay on Friday evening, May 3. For details call SJCF at 693-9410.

### Tuesday, May 7

— On May 7 at 7:30 p.m. at

the St. John School of the Arts, SJFS will feature an insightful look into contemporary Cuba with two films telling stories of homemakers, architects, government officials, street sweepers, and soldiers – inspiring, controversial, and uniquely Cuba.

### Saturday, May 11

— The St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce 2013 Annual Awards Banquet and Dinner Dance, a "Spring Floral Spectacular" will be on Saturday, May 11, at the St. Peter Greathouse.

### Saturday, May 18

— The Animal Care Center's fundraiser Wagapalooza will be Saturday, May 18, at the V.I. National Park ball field in Cruz Bay. Sally Furlong and Viky Becker are event co-chairs.

### Sunday, May 26

— The Friends of V.I. National Park's 10th Annual Beach-to-Beach Power Swim event will be on Sunday, May 26.

### May 29 and May 31

— Coral Bay Community Council is hosting an American Institute of Architects (AIA) Sustainable Design Workshop focused on community visioning Wednesday, May 29, to Friday, May 31.

### ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

All meetings are now open. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 6 p.m. Nazareth Lutheran Church, Cruz Bay; Thursday 7 a.m. Nazareth Lutheran Church, Cruz Bay; Sunday 9:45 a.m., Hawksnest Bay Beach; Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 6 p.m. at Moravian Church, Coral Bay

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

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#### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS DIVISION OF ST. THOMAS AND ST. JOHN

JOAN OAT : CIVIL ACTION  
: :  
v. : : No. 03-115  
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SEWER ENTERPRISES, LTD, et al. : :  
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TO: U.S. MARSHAL, DISTRICT COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS DIVISION OF ST. THOMAS AND ST. JOHN

CC: JOAN OAT, pro se

#### WRIT OF ASSISTANCE

WHEREAS, on June 7, 2007, in an action pending before this Court, Joan Oat (Oat) was awarded judgment (Document 402) against Sewer Enterprises, Ltd. for the foreclosure of a leasehold mortgage interest in the following described real property:

Parcels No. 3-h and No. 3-i Estate Enighed, St. John, Virgin Islands

WHEREAS, Oat's right to possession of the Property has been adjudicated and settled by a confirmed sale of the leasehold by Order of the Court (Document 532) entered on March 20, 2012, and the redemption period has expired;

WHEREAS, a Mr. Llewellyn T. Sewer, Oswain Sewer, and Charlie Marsh are in unlawful possession of the Property;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the judgment giving Oat any and all writs necessary to execute the terms of said judgment, Oat has petitioned the Court for a Writ of Assistance (Documents 538 and 560) to gain possession thereof;

NOW THEREFORE, you, the United States Marshal, is hereby required to assist Oat, purchaser, in gaining possession of the Property and you are further required to remove Llewellyn T. Sewer, Oswain Sewer, and Charlie Marsh and their agents from the Property and to make due return to this Court.

Dated: *March 28, 2013*

*Glenda L. Lake*  
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# GHS's EARTH Farm to Table Dinner Fundraiser a Smashing Success

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Vacharat and Haynes helped students source nearly every food item that went into the menu from within the territory, including from EARTH's own garden — with the exception of smaller items like vegetable oil and butter.

"We got some lobster, mahi, snapper, and lamb," said Vacharat. "Even the eggs came from local chickens or ducks. It really, truly was 99 percent farm to table, locally sourced."

Each student submitted an idea for a dish, and with the help of Vacharat's creative culinary skills, a top-notch menu was put together. Dishes included an appetizer of banana leaf tamale with smoked venison, hubbard squash, roasted beets, sauteed broccoli leaves and rosemary oil, and an entree of Caribbean rock lobster and roasted lamb with taina/sweet potato provisions and a green papaya-mango slaw with toasted nuts.

Feedback from the dinner's attendees was overwhelmingly positive. Local architect and supporter of the island green movement Doug White dubbed the dinner a "watershed event" for the island.

"EARTH's Farm to Table Dinner proved beyond a shadow of a doubt that the EARTH Program is a huge success," said White. "I was really blown away by the quality of the event and the fact that the EARTH program has shown that we may be much closer to creating food security on St. John than we think. For

the students to have grown, harvested, prepared and served a truly gourmet dinner, for more than 40 people, all from local food harvested in and around St. John, is truly a remarkable achievement."

As citizens become more aware of the harm caused by genetically modified, factory produced food, Vacharat was happy to be able to teach St. John students about the importance of good, quality foods.

"I wanted to make an impression with these kids and say, 'Look, this is an important thing to me, because it doesn't matter what you do or how much you exercise, if your food source is tainted, ultimately what you are putting into your body is not a good thing,'" he said. "I wanted for them to be able to make the connection between the farm and the table. I think the more we can expose kids to better habits like that in general, the better it will be for us in the long run."

Following the success of the Farm to Table dinner, Haynes and Vacharat are already looking toward the future, with Haynes envisioning a farm to table dinner produced entirely in the GHS Upper Campus's new kitchen, which is set to be constructed this summer. Vacharat looks forward to working with the school on a more permanent basis next year.

"People don't realize the potential we have here," said Vacharat. "It took a lot of work to make the dinner truly farm to table, but it can be done."



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GHS students spent hours in the kitchen under the guidance of local culinary experts creating their Farm to Table dinner on Saturday evening, April 13.

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Hundreds of St. John kids from various schools across the island were wowed by the Friends of the VINP's Earth Day celebrations at the VINP ball field, where they enjoyed face painting, games with VINP Education Specialist Laurel Brannick-Bigrigg, and a whole host of activities put on by local organizations and government agencies.



## St. John Kids Celebrate Earth Day

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"We're here to spread the word about keeping the Earth green," said GHS Lower Campus Dean Beth Knight.

The St. John Montessori school has participated each year in the Friends' Earth Day event, explained school director and founder Debra Polucci, who had 25 students and several teachers and parent helpers in attendance.

"We do a lot of ecology with our children," said Polucci. "We talk about the Earth, soil, pollutants, and botany. This event is kind of a culmination."

On hand monitoring the day's events was

Friends of the VINP Program Manager Karen Jarvis, who expected close to 400 schoolchildren to attend the Earth Day festivities.

"Obviously the world is changing, and we need to encourage our kids to have green habits," said Jarvis. "Little changes can make a huge impact, and that's especially magnified here on St. John. Today's kids will be ambassadors, preserving what we have here."

The Friends' Earth Day events concluded on Saturday, April 20, with the Reef Fest at Trunk Bay.

