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Spinnakers were flying on Friday, March 22, during the first day of racing in the 40th International Rolex Regatta, hosted by the St. Thomas Yacht Club.

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The Pine Peace basketball court, above, is undergoing construction.

DPW Starts Much Needed Work on Pine Peace Basketball Court

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Department of Public Works Commissioner Darryl Smalls announced last week that the rehabilitation work on the Pine Peace Basketball Court on St. John began.

“The department has contracted the services of Stone Masonry, Inc. in the amount of \$368,620,” said Smalls. “The scope of the

project includes addressing the drainage by elevating the entire property and installing a subsurface drainage system. The project will also incorporate the reconstruction and resurfacing of the basketball court, installation of new backboards and bleachers, and the construction of a new restroom facility.”

The basketball court will be

closed while the construction and rehabilitation work is ongoing, Smalls added.

DPW did not release information about how long the court is expected to be closed due to the construction.

“I encourage anyone who goes near the site to adhere to safety warnings and other directional signs,” he said.

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Next Recycler's Meeting Is March 28

The next St. John Community Foundation Recycler's meeting will be Thursday, March 28, at Giffit Hill School's Upper Campus back patio at 4:45 p.m.

The continuing topic is “How to expand the successful aluminum recycling effort to include glass and plastic!”

The St. John Recyclers have rescheduled their monthly meetings to coincide with Green Thursdays, so the group can bring its GoGreenVI initiatives to the table with Island Green Building Association, Giffit Hill School and any other organizations and individuals interested in Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle efforts on St. John.

For more information or to join the St. John Recyclers call Celia at SJCF at (340) 693-9410 or email allawe@sjcf.org.

Learn How To Save on WAPA Bills at Green Thursday on March 28

The rising cost of energy is something with which Virgin Islanders are well-acquainted; however, there are ways to get rid of the fear one experiences upon opening a WAPA bill each month — renewable energy alternatives.

Join the Island Green Building Association and Giffit Hill School's Education And Resiliency Through Horticulture program on Thursday, March 28, at 5:30 p.m. at the GHS Upper Campus atrium to learn about ways to break dependence on traditional energy sources.

A panel of professionals will be on hand to answer the most important questions on the economics, suitability, and efficiency of sun, wind, and water energy systems.

This presentation is a Green Thursdays Seminar, part of the Island Sustainability Series presented by IGBA and GHS's EARTH program. These monthly seminars focus on making the Virgin Islands a greener place to live. All are welcome to attend.

SJSA Faculty Concert Set for Mar. 29

While hosting visiting talent from across the globe, faculty members at St. John School of the Arts is set to take the stage themselves on Friday, March 29, at 8 p.m. at the arts school.

Don't miss the SJSA Faculty Concert and the chance to see and hear Eddie Bruce, Crystal D'abbraccio, Luba Dolgopolsky, Alesia Georgiou, Elizabeth Gowan, Drapes Jensen, Shikima Jones, Chris Meyer, Mindy Michtner, Alyson Perry, Jeuné Provost, Abigail Rene, Karen Samuel, Kazumi Schaub, Kim Wild, Jude Woodcock and a special guest artist!

The evening will feature both group and solo performances in genres ranging from guitar to yoga to drumming to violin.

Come out and see what inspires the SJSA faculty to teach in the arts. Tickets are \$30 and there are only a few left. So call 779-4322 or visit www.stjohnschoolofthearts.org to purchase/reserve a ticket.

Newfound Bay Clean Party March 30

Everyone is invited to come out to Newfound Bay and help clean up the shoreline while enjoying a raft up party with live music on Saturday, March 30.

Bring a dish to share and something to drink. Kiote and other boats will be sailing out of Coral Bay at 10 a.m. on March 30. Anyone who can't spend the night will be shuttled back to the Coral Bay dock by Fly Away Charters.

Trash bags, gloves and water will be provided by Skinny Legs. For more information call Kiote Charters at (340) 344-4341.

“Blues Clues” Writer Visits with Caneel Bay Resort’s Youngest Guests

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Caneel Bay Resort’s youngest guests got a treat last week when the head writer of the wildly popular television program “Blue’s Clues,” Angela Santomero, stopped by the resort’s Kid’s Club.

Santomero is the creator, Executive Producer and Head Writer of the award-winning preschool television programs, “Blue’s Clues” on Nickelodeon, “Super Why!” and her new program based on the work of Mister Fred Rogers, called “Daniel Tiger’s Neighborhood” on PBS.

She hosted a book signing and reading on Wednesday, March 20, at the newly-renovated Kid’s Club Turtle Town.

Santomero has visited Caneel in the past and was thrilled to spend time with some of her biggest fans last week.

“We’ve been down a few times and I thought this would be a great opportunity to meet the kids,” said Santomero. “I always love to meet the kids and get some feedback.”

After earning her master’s degree in child development and psychology with emphasis in instructional technology at Columbia University’s Teachers College, Santomero was approached by Nickelodeon to create a children’s game show, she explained.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Writer Angela Santomero, center, visits with fans at Caneel Bay Resort’s Kid’s Club.

“That was the original idea, so we were always focused on audience participation,” said Santomero. “But we wanted to set ourselves apart and look different which is why we have the animation and the live actor.”

Blues Clues has been running on Nickelodeon since 1996 and has

only gained in popularity by setting itself apart with strong visuals and strong positive messages.

“Our mission is to inspire, challenge and build self-esteem for kids between 2 and 5 and 3 and 6,” said Santomero. “We want to help them to learn and grow.”

Santomero’s second show, “Su-

per Why!” premiered in 2007 and continues to air to rave reviews on PBS. Her latest show “Daniel Tiger’s Neighborhood” is an homage to and a spin-off of Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood.

“I have always been a crazy Mr. Rogers fan,” said Santomero. “We became friends through Blue

Clues and after he passed away, I wanted to do something to promote his legacy.”

Daniel Tiger’s Neighborhood is based on the next generation of characters found in Mister Rogers’ original show. The title character is the preschool son of the original Daniel Striped Tiger, and he even wears a sweater and sneakers.

Other characters from the Neighborhood of Make-Believe like Katerina Kittycat, O the Owl and Prince Wednesday, all with their preschool children, can be found on Santomero’s newest show, which debuted last year.

With Daniel Tiger’s Neighborhood, Santomero is focusing more on teaching social skills, she explained.

Up next for the successful preschool program writer is a math series for Amazon called “Sara Solves It,” which will be available on Kindle and other e-readers this year.

While Santomero’s shows use different characters, they all strive to achieve the same goal, she explained.

“We want to change the world one preschool show at a time,” said Santomero.

17th “Almost Annual” CBYC Flotilla Draws Crowd To Support GBS



A huge crowd packed Vie’s Campground beach on the East End of St. John on Saturday afternoon, March 23, for the 17th “Almost Annual” Coral Bay Yacht Club Flotilla, a fundraiser for Guy Benjamin School. See next week’s Tradewinds for full story and additional photos.

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10 Internet Solutions for Iguana Over-population

By Okomon Eimkidin
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St. John Tradewinds

Some parts of the island are being overrun by the sons of Godzilla. While tourists find them creepily attractive, local gardeners are not quite so enthusiastic. Some see Iguanageddon. Search of the Web turned up many helpful sites.

Little know facts from Wikipedia:

The word "iguana" is derived from a Spanish form of the original Taino name for the species "Iwana" which means "lizard that everybody says tastes like chicken but doesn't." (Taino youngsters referred to it as "Ick-wana.")

Research has shown that the attention a gardener gives to a particular flower causes it to release powerful pheromones that are irresistible to iguanas.

Iguanas are strong swimmers. Noah found this out when he threw the couple of iguanas off the Ark.

The St. John Animal Center will provide strap-on handles for tourists who want to take one home as a pet. See www.stjohnanimalcenter.com/carryonluggage.

Iguana fencing can be found at <http://RevengeoftheTiano.com/turnyourhomeintoaprison>.

The two types of iguana repellents are contact repellents and area repellents. Contact repellents must be applied to the iguana's entire body, preferably with a hammer. Area repellents must be applied to your entire lot. Products guaranteed to work can be found at www.senddollars2nigeria.com/totalsuckers.

The Westin-Fish Bay Express is not helping so

send your iguanas to summer camp. See www.triptohell.com.

One hundred percent organic, all natural, speed bumps for island roads: <http://bestuses4iguanas.com>

Iguana condoms: <http://XXXlizards.com/scaleyjunk>.

Here's an idea that is not new or original — long-lasting, thorn-proof, lizard-skin shoes. They look very up-scale (so to speak) and attention-getting (for the moment — until everybody is wearing them.) DIY (do-it-yourself) home instructions may be found on www.fiftyshadesofgreen.com.

A few minor complaints: Some people report difficulties in hollowing them out. People behind you in line at the Post Office have trouble not stepping on the tails. Some wimps complain about persistent, noxious odor especially after long hikes.

Sell your green herd on eBay. Charge \$85 shipping. See www.ebay.com/crapnobodywants

High priority should be given to finding the moron that is feeding steroids to the iguanas on the western end of the island. See <http://lanzearmstrongs-vet.com>

Great iguana recipes at www.epi.really.curious.com/yuk.

Heard in the Street

The Queen has had gastroenteritis (or the Royal Ascot Trots) and will miss her annual trip to St. John. Susan Chair said that Mr. Bean called from Buckingham Palace with apologies from the Queen. He said that she is disappointed that she wouldn't be able to make the dive on the Rhone this year. Maybe it will happen next April 1.

Jazz Islanders Reuniting and Playing at The Beach Bar on March 31

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Mark those calendars St. John.

Steve Simon and the Jazz Islanders will be rocking out at the Beach Bar on Sunday, March 31, from 4 to 7:30 p.m. This is the first time in years that the old gang is getting back together to entertain the island's Jazz lovers.

"I'm really thrilled," said Simon. "I feel like a kids having his first Christmas. It's been a few years since I've been on St. John after having been there for almost 25 years and feeling the love of the island. I'm giving that love right back."

While planning his trip to St. John, Simon reached out to the other members of Jazz Islanders and suggested a reunion concert, he explained.

"Everyone I reached out to, across the board, said, 'Yes, definitely,'" said Simon.

The group will feature Joe Ramsay on sax, Andrew Cameron on drums, Vince Wallace Jr. and Les Burnside both on bass, Patrick Lockett on harmonica, Lewis Taylor on keyboards, Michael Banzhaf on flute and Simon on clarinet.

And don't be surprised to find even more musicians on stage that night, Simon added.

"There are always surprise guests who show up too," he said. "It's just really, really cool."

See you for the Jazz Islanders one night only, free show, at the Beach Bar on Sunday, March 31, from 4 to 7:30 p.m.

JFLI Celebrates 17 Years on April 6

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Join the John's Folly Learning Institute as it celebrates 17 years at an anniversary celebration on Saturday, April 6, at 11:30 a.m.

The celebration will feature performances by JFLI students and a full spread of food and drinks. The afternoon's keynote speaker will be Department of the Interior's Virgin Islands field officer Basil Ottley Jr.

Don't miss this celebration of learning and resiliency on Saturday, April 6, at 11:30 a.m. at JFLI in Estate John's Folly.



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27th Annual GHS Auction Raises About \$200,000 for School's Scholarship Fund

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Guests dressed to the nines packed the Westin Resort and Villas ballroom on Saturday night, March 16, for the 27th Annual Giff Hill School auction.

The evening featured professional live auctioneers, stunning local artwork and exciting trip packages, all to raise money for the GHS Scholarship Fund, upon which more than half of the school's student rely.

While final tallies won't be available for a while, GHS' assistant to the development director Molly Murrill estimated that the night raised at least \$200,000.

"We're still tallying and it always takes us a little time but we feel confident that we met last year's amount which was \$200,000," said Murrill.

GHS officials are still counting the fundraiser's tally because technically the event is still ongoing. Since not all the bid packages were sold on March 16, GHS is hosting an "After Auction" auction kicking off Tuesday, April 2.

This online auction will feature 10 items still available including a weekend at the U.S. Open in New York, tickets to the Indy 500, a weekend at the Kentucky Derby, a stay at an elegant estate in Tennessee, a weekend at St. John Inn and more.

"We still have about 10 trips which include some of the sports experiences and a few local packages which didn't sell at the auction," Murrill said. "Those will be available for a buy-now, not an auction. The items will just be up for sale."

"We're hoping that will add to our grand total and we're hoping to exceed \$200,000," she said.

While not every single item was sold at the March 16 event, GHS officials were pleased with the evening, Murrill added.

"We're very happy with the way the event went and we had some great bids for some of the trips," she said. "We sold out all the golden tickets and the winner was a last minute buyer from off-island who chose the Aspen trip."

Guests first had the chance to



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Yelena Rogers

Terry Bertolino bids on a package during the live auction portion of the 27th Annual Giff Hill School Auction on March 16.

view and bid on local art and more during the silent auction portion of the evening, which garnered a lot of interest, according to Murrill.

"The art went over really well this year and we had a lot of great sales for the artists," she said. "Overall our silent auction was wonderful."

Artists featured at this year's gala were Claudia Brookes, Janet Cook-Rutnik, Jan Etre, Lisa Etre, Ron Keele, Sandra Loeffler, Nicole Morrisette, Avelino Samuel, Shira Sofer, Charles Lowrie and Gail Van de Bogurt.

After the silent auction wrapped up in one of the ballrooms, the well-heeled guests moved into the other ballroom to get ready for the excit-

ing live auction hosted by Darron and Hope Meares of Meares Auctions, who donated their services for the fourth consecutive year.

With bid numbers flying in the air, the auction was a big success and kept the crowd on its toes throughout the night. After guests did their best in the "Heads or Tails" competition, it was Attorney Brion Morrisette who took home the wall of wine. Karen Ovicna was the lucky winner of a stunning R&I Patton multicolored sapphire bracelet.

Renowned local photographer and videographer Steven Simonsen once again had the crowd in tears after viewing his short film

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Serious Talent at SJSA Fundraiser Concert



St. John School of the Arts alumnus Jonte Samuel, above playing sax with his mentor Joe Ramsay, wowed a crowd at the Frank Powell Park during a fundraiser concert on Friday, March 22. SJSA music director Eddie Bruce, right, addresses the audience.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Registration Is Open for 10th Annual Beach-to-Beach Power Swim

St. John Tradewinds

Registration is now open for Friends of V.I. National Park's 10th Annual Beach-to-Beach Power Swim event which will be on Sunday, May 26.

The popular event draws hundreds of swimmers from local, national and international areas.

The race consists of three courses: a short course from Maho Bay to Cinnamon Bay, about 1 mile; an intermediate course from Maho Bay to Trunk Bay, about 2

and one-quarter miles; and a long course from Maho to Hawksnest, about 3 and one-half miles.

Swimmers compete in the long course as an individual or as part of a three-person team. Swimmers can also compete assisted by snorkel and/or fins in an "assisted swimmer" category.

Many local businesses sponsor the event and dozens of volunteers coordinate to make this fun swim a success each year. It has been called "the most beautiful swim in

the world" by *Swim* magazine.

Sponsorships for gate banners, T-shirts and more are currently available, and volunteers should also contact Friends of VINP to find a place in the fun.

This event fills up quick so register now by visiting Friends' website at www.friendsvinp.org or call 779-4940.

All proceeds help VI National Park and Friends of VINP protect and preserve the natural and cultural resources of the park.

Karen Jarvis Is Friends of VINP's New Program Manager

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

After spending five years ramping up Friends of V.I. National Park's seminar series and other educational programs, Audrey Penn recently accepted a position on St. Thomas.

While Penn leaves behind big shoes to fill, Friends of VINP's new program manager brings a rare combination of local knowledge and a passion for education.

Karen Jarvis has called St. John home since 1993 and has been an entrepreneur since 2002. After running a successful childcare business for years, she launched a new company last year, Love City Paddleboards.

While she will continue to rent and teach stand up paddle boarding, Jarvis is excited to jump into her new role as Friends of VINP's program manager.

"I'm really excited," she said. "It's a real departure for me and it feels really good to be flexing different muscles. It seems like the right time to do something a little bit different."

Jarvis' love for the community is what inspired her to apply for the position, she explained.

"I'm a very community oriented individual and working with Friends really felt like a good fit for me," said Jarvis.

While she has attended various Friends of VINP's programs and events for years, Jarvis has gained a new appreciation for the group.

"Working here has given me a really big insight into how much of an integral part of the park Friends is," said Jarvis. "Friends of VINP really carries the park in a lot of ways. From the School Kids in the Park to Ticket to Ride, they literally enable hundreds of kids and teachers and classes each year to use the park as an outdoor classroom."

"So this position kind of combines my love of children



Karen Jarvis

and teaching with working in the non-profit world," she said. "It's a great opportunity for me to still impact the lives of young people. That is my favorite aspect of the job so far."

While still in the "knowing phase," Jarvis has been focusing on learning as much as she can about each program Friends of VINP sponsors.

"I really want to immerse myself so I know all about the different programs," said Jarvis. "That's what I'm focusing

a lot on right now, knowing each and every one of the programs."

She won't have too much time to learn the ropes before hosting the Friends of VINP's annual Litter Stomp Parade and Earth Day Environmental Fair on Friday, April 19, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Jarvis will follow up the Earth Day fair by helping to host the Reef Fest on Saturday, April 20, at Trunk Bay from 12 to 5 p.m.

The group is also gearing up for the 10th Annual Beach-to-Beach Power Swim, set for Sunday, May 26, for which Jarvis is hoping to recruit about 80 volunteers.

All of those activities will help Jarvis to achieve one of her main goals — getting youth involved with Friends of VINP.

"Obviously my goal is to expand upon the framework that Audrey did such a good job of laying out," said Jarvis. "She definitely left big shoes to fill and I'd like to continue adding more seminars, and new and interesting seminars to the series. I want to keep that being fresh and creative."

"My biggest goal though is to continue reaching out to the island youth," she said. "If we can educate the youth, that is the most important thing because they will be the future ambassadors of the park. They are the future stewards of the island and the park."

And integrating her love for paddleboarding is not out of the question either, Jarvis added.

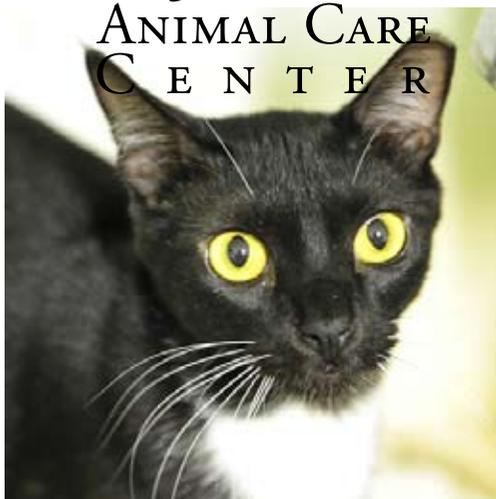
"I would love to organize a paddle event sponsored by Friends," she said. "That is definitely still a passion of mine. We haven't set a date yet, but it's something I'd really like to see happen."

For more information on Friends of VINP or how to get involved with the group, call Jarvis at 779-4940.



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Don't miss "Rise Up: Stories of Jamaican Underground Music" on April 2 at St. John School of the Arts.

SJFS Screening Two Films on April 2

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The St. John Film Society will screen two films on Tuesday, April 2, at 7:30 p.m. at St. John School of the Arts.

As part of the 4th Annual Traveling Caribbean Film Showcase, SJFS continues the festival with two films from Jamaica and Haiti.

"Rise Up: Stories of Jamaican Underground Music," follows the rise of three music artists — Turbulence, Kemoy, and Ice Anastacia — from the back alleys and crowded dancehalls of Kingston, to its privileged suburbs, to rural Jamaica.

The 88-min award-winning documentary by Luciano Blotta (2009) features appearances and performances by legendary artists such as Sly Dunbar, Robbie Shakespeare, and Lee "Scratch" Perry.

SJFS will also screen "Brooklyn Racine" on April 2, which tells the story of what happens when a group of young Haitian immigrants take the enduring legacy of Rara — voodoo-inspired walking music — from the hills of Haiti to the streets of Brooklyn, NY. The 12-minute documentary is by Jeremy Robins and Magaly Damas (2008).

The Travelling Caribbean Film Showcase is an annual film festival 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.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Listen to the music of Kingston, Jamaica in "Rise Up."

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.

TCFS is supported by ICAIC, UNICEF, UNESCO and MINCULT. 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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Poison Center Staff Hosting Education Seminar at St. Ursula's on April 4

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Staff with the Education Office of the Florida/USVI Poison Information Center, physically located in Jacksonville, FL, will be in the territory April 2 through 4 to participate in activities associated with the USVI Department of Health's National Public Health Preparedness Week.

The staff will also provide poisoning prevention awareness and education to various schools and community groups including AARP.

Debi Forrest, RN, CSPI, education coordinator, and Phyllis Bell-Davis, M.Ed., media relations and education associate, are scheduled to take part in the DOH Health Fair on St. Thomas on Wednesday, April 3, at Emancipation Garden.

"The health fair affords the opportunity to connect with the community to provide information on the free and life-saving services offered by the Poison Center," said Forrest. "If you suspect a poisoning has occurred, or if you have questions concerning poisonings, immediately call the Poison Center Help Line toll free, 24 hours a day at 1-800-222-1222 and a Specialist in Poison Information will assist you."

Also during the visit, the education staff will partner with the AARP State Office for a free presentation on St. John on April 4, 10 a.m. at the St. Ursula's Senior Center.

"We are pleased to partner with the Poison Information Center to address the rise in medication interactions in the 50+ population," said Denyce Singleton, AARP state director. "Knowledge is power, and

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it is our hope that this presentation will give Virgin Islanders the information they need to prevent potentially deadly interactions."

The education staff will also present poisoning awareness programs to several schools on St. Thomas which participated in the Regional Poison Prevention Week Poster Contest

The Florida/USVI Poison Information Center - Jacksonville has been responding to emergency poisoning calls since 2000. The Poison Center works under the auspices of the USVI DOH Commissioner and directly interfaces with Schneider Regional Medical Center, Governor Juan Luis Hospital and Medical Center, and other health professionals and community organizations to provide emergent care for poisonings, to answer poisoning-related questions, and to provide both public and health professional educational programs.

Anyone who suspects a poisoning has occurred, or if who has questions concerning poisonings, should immediately call the Poison Center Help Line toll free, 24 hours a day at 1-800-222-1222.

Don't waste time searching the Internet; call the Poison Center for the right answer the first time.

Innovative FUSC Rate Changing April 1

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As a result of action taken by the Federal Communications Commission that affects carriers nationwide, Innovative Telephone, Innovative Wireless and Innovative Long Distance customers will notice a decrease in the Federal Universal Service Charge effective April 1.

The FUSC Surcharge Factor recovers the costs associated with the carrier's contributions to the federal universal fund program. The government-mandated program is designed to help keep service rates affordable for all customers, in all areas of the United States.

Effective April 1, there will be a decrease in the FUSC charge factor from 16.1 percent to 15.5 percent. For residential telephone customers and single-line business subscribers, the FUSC charge will decrease from \$1.18 to \$1.13. Multi-line telephone business subscribers will experience a decrease from \$1.66 to \$1.60 per line.

Customers with questions regarding this notice should contact the Innovative Business Office at 340-779-9999. Innovative's Business Office hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday.

David Dorney Speaking at March 31 Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

The Unitarian Universalists of St. John meet every Sunday at 10 a.m. in the Great Room at Gift Hill School Lower Campus

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JESS Ballroom Dancers Entertain Arts Festival Crowd



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Julius E. Sprauve School's Dancing Classroom team wowed the crowd at last month's 13th Annual St. John Arts Festival.

The students performed at Frank Powell Park on Saturday, February 16, to the delight of art festival attendees. The team won the hotly contested "Dancing Classrooms" colors of the rainbow competition.

ACC Offering Free Cat and Dog Registration During Month of April

Special to St. John Tradewinds

The Animal Care Center's new Shelter Manager Ryan Moore is offering free pet registration for the month of April.

All pet owners in the USVI with dogs over the age of three months are required by law to have their dogs registered. Ordinarily, this registration costs \$10, but for the month of April, Moore and the ACC are waiving the cost.

Moore is setting up a registration record to be maintained at the shelter so that any lost dog turned into the shelter can be easily tracked back to its owner.

Moore described the registration process as "super easy." Come to the shelter any time Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and fill out the simple registration form. Pet owners will receive a license tag and if a collar to attach it to is needed, there is a selection of large and small collars for sale inexpensively at the shelter.

Because ACC supports "equal opportunity" for St. John cats and

dogs, ACC is extending this offer to feline pets as well. Although cats are not legally required to be registered, their safety and chances of being returned to their home if lost will be enhanced if cat owners also register their pets at the shelter. The same offer applies — a free tag during the month of April.

Moore has a large quantity of dog tags already on hand and has ordered a supply of smaller kitty tags for feline friends who will also be entered in the ACC registration record. Moore is also ordering a supply of "break-away" collars for island cats so that they, too, can sport pet jewelry!

The ACC shelter is located on the library road just off the South Shore Road in Cruz Bay. Look for the ACC sign posted on the telephone pole at the entrance to the library road.

Please call Ryan Moore at 774-1625 for more information. The April pet tag promotion also gives everyone an opportunity to stop by at the shelter to greet the new Shelter Manager and to thank him for initiating this great idea.

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“Sir Francis Drake Channel I and II” by Denise Wright.

Wright, Bass and Lee Are Featured Artists at April 5 Bajo Reception

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Bajo el Sol Gallery is hosting an opening reception for three St. John artists, Denise Wright, Mariel Bass and Greg Lee, on Friday, April 5, from 5 to 8 p.m.

They are all strong artists, who work in strong methods and use great color, which will be on display at the opening.

Wright, working in a medium she refers to as multi-media continues to bring color and composition to her works of art.

“The technique I utilize for my pieces is known as ‘layered art,’” said Wright. “It is distinguished not as much as a technique, but more by the individual mind of the artist. Layers are built, metaphysically as well as physically, incorporating various mediums and disciplines.”

“Many of the layers are transparent, some visible,” she said. “Layers may be hidden and known only to the artist. My work contains words, objects, and symbols; all primarily Spiritual.”

Bass and Lee, the primary glassblowers at Maho Bay Glass, have shared much and learned much during the years at Maho. In keeping with the theme of recycling, some of Lee’s work goes beyond the glass aspect to the total art piece.

The base for one of his creations incorporates steel from a deck beach chair and a fuel tank bracket from an old Jeep.

Bass will display pieces wowing the viewers with explosive colors and inspiring creations.

“My inspiration for this body of work is derived from the natural environment on St. John,” said Bass. “My artistic interpretation is both a literal and imagined attempt to capture a moment or essence of the beauty I am surrounded by. I use color to accurately represent certain fish species, add texture and depth, and bring several sculptural elements together harmoniously.”



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A piece by Maho Glass artist Greg Lee.

“These pieces were achieved through the use of traditional Italian goblet making techniques, contemporary glass sculpting methods, and a few of my own experimental discoveries,” she said.

Enjoy classical guitar music by David Laabs and celebrate the artistic accomplishments of these and other St. John artists. The artists will be featured during the month of April.

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Enjoy Panoramic North Shore Views from Villa Rotunda

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Designed by an esteemed architect, bordering V.I. National Park land and affording stunning panoramic northern views, Villa Rotunda is an exceptional property on St. John.

This five bedroom, five and a half bath villa located in the gated enclave of Upper Peter Bay is for sale for \$7.485 million, explained Holiday Homes sales associate Abigail Schnell O'Connell.

"What really stands out about this property are the views," said O'Connell. "From this gated Upper Peter Bay location, you have amazing views from St. Thomas all the way to Soper's Hole in Tortola."

Villa Rotunda's Upper Peter Bay location also entitles the homeowner to a very nice amenity; a white sandy beach at the foot of

the hill, O'Connell added.

"The home allows access to the white sandy beach of Peter Bay, yet is also just minutes to Cinnamon and Trunk Bays," she said. "The home is ideal for someone in search of private beach access, but still wants a panoramic view that only a hillside property will afford."

The home was designed by architect Michael Oxman and completed in 2006. It is situated on a three-quarter acre parcel and boasts a commanding view of the famed Trunk Bay.

"The bird's eye view of Trunk Bay will never grow old nor will the constant boating traffic and sunsets," said O'Connell.

An expansive veranda and inviting infinity-edge pool will entice you spend long afternoon soaking up the sun. Or enjoy the shade under the covered veranda which is

also ideal for dining al fresco.

You won't have to go far with a native stone wet bar found poolside. A flat screen TV, deep freezer and industrial quality beverage cooler will make entertaining poolside a breeze.

Inside don't miss the custom built Nicaraguan mahogany doors and windows found throughout the home. The professional grade kitchen comes complete with stainless steel Viking appliances and Cherry wood cabinets.

All bedrooms are en suite with the master — which boasts a private balcony — and a junior suite found in the main house. Two additional bedrooms are located in a guest house, which affords privacy for everyone.

The fifth bedroom is located in a carriage house with a full bath, kitchen and sitting area. Easily accessed from a separate entrance off



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Jaw-dropping, panoramic northern views abound at Villa Rotunda.



the driveway, this unit would serve as an ideal caretakers unit, making Villa Rotunda ideally situated for use as either a short term rental or private residence.

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Hats Galore at JESS Gala



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Event goes Nikolay Hotze, Ronnie and Pat Lee above, Alicia Wells and Dionne Wells, below, donned their best hats for the annual JESS Gala fundraiser March 23. See next week's edition for full story.



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Letters To St. John Tradewinds

Pine Peace Basketball Courts Need Your Help

As you may or may not have noticed, renovation of the Pine Peace basketball court has begun. Soon St. John youth will have a brand new, fully functional court that doesn't turn into a swamp every time it rains!

This is the only full size court on St. John and when its renovation is complete, will be home to a myriad of new sports events including camps, competitions and trainings to name a few.

The new court has been engineered in such a way as to prevent the constant flooding which occurs due to its being situated over an underground spring. The scope of this project includes the court as well as ad-

acent restroom facilities. Some additional things are needed to make it a high quality recreational facility.

I am seeking community monetary and volunteer support for the following items: aluminum bleachers, a cover for the bleachers and tiny tot playground equipment. Checks will be made out directly to the manufacturer of the specific item.

The finished venue will be greatly utilized by the community and I look forward to your assistance. Please feel free to contact me at (340) 227-9319 or alicevkrall@gmail.com.

Alice Krall

Special Projects Coordinator

Proud To Help the St. John ACC

My kids and I are extremely invested in the St. John Animal Care Center. Last year we adopted our sweet Gremlin from the ACC.

We own property here, so we are frequent visitors to St. John and my Dad lives in Coral Bay. Every time we visit, we spend each morning walking the great dogs in the shelter.

I feel a special need to write to say how happy we are to work every morning with Ryan and the won-

derful kennel tech Kade. They are so perfect for their jobs, calm, helpful, knowledgeable, caring with both the animals and people around them.

That is a rare find and I feel the shelter is extremely fortunate to have them. We also loved the previous two managers. We are proud to assist such a super shelter.

Jackie Wood

Visitor Finds Lost Wet Suit at Saltpond

We are here for three weeks and on Monday we, (two couples) went to Salt Pond. When we returned to Sunset Ridge Villas in Cruz Bay, my new wet suit was missing.

We figured it had dropped out of the bag. The next day we headed out to the same area and, low and behold, there it was hanging over the gate heading down

to Salt Pond.

Thank you to the very kind person for bringing it up to the gate. There are truly great visitors to St. John. By the way, it was the first time I wore it.

Pete Parsil

Sunset Ridge Villas

A Collector's Item

I recently read an article about a pastor who committed adultery. A picture of the family was included and the wife was gorgeous. How can a man blessed with a faithful woman wander away?

Could it be that we men acquire things too easily? Or that we're entitled to taste everything? Maybe there's too many beautiful women in the world.

Whatever the case, staying faithful should be the only option, but oftentimes we fall short. Like a notch on our belt or a trophy on the shelf, a stunning wife is good to look at, bragged about and claimed. After that, the conquest begins again.

It's unimaginable that we can equate a human being to a car, boat or paintings. But it happens all the time. Shallow attention is given to the surface while underneath is ripe with gold.

We are too busy maintaining an air of confidence, arrogance and pride. Without self-control and accountability, it is easy to fall into temptation. Both of the eyes and flesh.

It should be a badge of honor to say that you only

have one mate. But in the world's standards, guys are looked upon as "studs" for having multiple partners.

That habit is hard to break even when you've become married. Putting that romantic spark back into a marriage after so many years can be a challenge. Intentionally fanning the flames can keep both spouses satisfied.

Folks oftentimes acquire stuff without giving serious thought to the upkeep of the item (relationship). The mind set doesn't shift to a more responsible thought process. Marrying without total commitment robs the union of its security. Putting someone up on a pedestal to be admired only denies them true intimacy.

The more I think about it, men also need more intimacy, tender words and foreplay in order to temper their drive. Don't go overboard and do anything, but open up so that genuine appreciation for each other can be shown.

Emmanuel Prince

Letters To *St. John Tradewinds*

With a Grain of Salt and a Sprinkling of Facts

On March 11, 2013 the Virgin Island's Senate heard from several applicants for zone changes and variances at the Earle B. Ottley Legislature building on St. Thomas. Being unaware that the 8:30 a.m. barge was not scheduled because of dry-docking and maintenance, I arrived about 20 minutes after the start of the hearing and did not benefit from the opening remarks made by Senate President Shawn-Michael Malone.

Critically significant was the explanation I later read in the *St. Croix Avis*, that the hearing was not a forum for decisions on the requests. All requests required sponsorship by a Senator who would then present a bill for consideration and a vote before the Senate body at a later date.

Regrettably, Senator-at-Large Craig Barshinger, who represents St. John, utilized his allotted time to apologize for the hearing being held on St. Thomas, expressed his reservations about the necessity of zone changes, and extended an offer to assist me in procuring transportation back to Red Hook. If Senator Barshinger, who we might reasonably assume is well versed with this process, had any interest in offering his assistance by sponsoring the required legislation, he certainly would have expressed it at that time. As a consequence, I will seek the required sponsorship from other Senators.

To correct certain deficiencies in the articles that appeared in *The Daily News* and the *St. Croix Avis*, this effort is to set the record straight and better inform the public of the proceedings that dealt with my request.

Amanda Norris, the staff reporter at *The Daily News*, had several errors of note in her article published March 12. On page 3 in paragraph 3 of that article she stated the following, "The farm grows field greens and herbs and currently is zoned for both business and agricultural purposes, but the proposal Roller presented to the Senate would grant all of the property B-3 (Business Scattered) status and impose a use variance for three parcels totaling 4.79 acres to permit a camping-based eco-resort."

The facts that I presented to the Senate included the following information. Of the 17.78 acres which comprise the farm, .89 acres known as parcel 8-4-1-A is zoned B-3; 13.88 acres known as 8-4-1 Remainder is currently zoned A-2, and 3.01 acres known as parcel 8-4-2 is zoned R-2. Of the original 15.08 acres that was listed in the warranty deed for 8-4-1 Estate Carolina, .31 acres was lost due to an error made by the surveyor and not noticed until years later by a surveyor for the adjacent property owner.

The request before the Senate is to have 2.5 acres rezoned from A-2 to B-3 within parcel 8-4-1 Remainder. This 2.5 acres would become known as 8-4-1-B if the zone change is approved. The variance request would cover 14.77 acres composed of parcels: 8-4-1 Remainder, 8-4-1-A and 8-4-1-B. Parcel 8-4-2 would remain R-2, thereby serving as a buffer to the residential area across the street.

In paragraph 6, Norris wrote, "Roller said if the Senate denies his request, he will be forced to look elsewhere to open an eco-resort establishment, according to his testimony."

In a brief conversation with Norris after the hearing, I explained that other sources of income are necessary to achieve the required financial stability to maintain a small farm over the long term. The Senate's denial would require an investment in another community.

Should this rezoning and variance request be denied, in all likelihood, the idea of an eco-resort would end there. This proposal is based on quite a number of unique elements all present at the site of the farm. While another investment would be necessary, in no manner did I suggest that an eco-resort would be considered for other locations.

In paragraph 9 Norris stated: "Stuart Smith, director of the Comprehensive Coastal Zone Planning division of DPNR, said the department had hosted two public hearings on St. John about the proposal."

After placing a phone call to Stuart Smith, to confirm the facts, it should be noted that only one public

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Appalled by "Amazing Race"

I was appalled at the last showing of Amazing Race. I could not believe what I just saw, and immediately turned to a different channel.

It was an insult to Vietnam Veterans and should be to all Veterans. It reminded me of Hanoi Jane, only now we have Hanoi CBS, their entire staff, and, yes, even the contestants and host who were on the show, should be hung to the nearest tree limb by their toes.

And they all did not even blink an eye. They were too interested in the million bucks. Using that as a "pit stop." That was sad and disturbing.

CBS should be boycotted to the fullest. And this does not deserve any apology, as that in itself would

be another stab in the back to our Veterans.

It is time for CBS to be shown the exit door from America, like what should have been done to Hanoi Jane and her followers. Enough is enough.

Our Vietnam Veterans have suffered much more than most Veterans by our fellow Americans. They also fought and served our country like all Veterans before them and after them.

If any one should be in our sights it should be all at CBS. It will be the last time that I look at a CBS broadcast.

**Totally disgusted,
Jerry Runyon**

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Annual Chamber Awards Dinner Set for May 11

St. John Tradewinds

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.

At this year's gala, the Wilbur "Bill" LaMotta Community Service Award, and the Award for Community Economic Investment will be presented.

The Wilbur "Bill" LaMotta Community Service Award, established in 1983, recognizes the outstanding contributions to the U.S. Virgin Islands of public officials and private citizens whose achievements reflect the commitment and dedication exemplified by the life and work of Bill LaMotta.

Prior to his death in 1980, LaMotta was President of the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce, a Small Businessman of the Year, a civic leader and re-

nowned Caribbean composer and musician. The award is presented to individuals who exhibit dedication, sincerity, forthrightness and ethics in the performance of his or her duties or in the practice of his or her business or profession.

The 2013 Wilbur "Bill" LaMotta Community Service Award recipients are Cornel Williams, President of International Capital and Management Company; Lena Steele Williams, Director of Central Office Engineering Innovative Companies; Dr. Sharon-Ann McCollum, Principal of Ivanna Eudora Kean High School; and Idalia "Dolly" Dockery, teacher at Charlotte Amalie High School.

In 1999, the Board of Directors added the recognition of an individual involved in the leadership of a non-profit or charitable organization or an organization for the service it provides to the community. This year Michael Akin,

Executive Director of Catholic Charities of the Virgin Islands will be honored.

The Award for Community Economic Investment or Design Excellence was established in 1999 to recognize an individual or corporation's capital investment in the territory.

Awards that are chosen for Design Excellence exemplifies sensitivity to the natural beauty and culture of St. Thomas and St. John. Awards for Community Economic Investment are given to a company that shows a sincere and committed investment in the economy and future of the Virgin Islands. This year Innovative Companies will be honored.

The evening will begin with a cocktail reception beginning at 7 p.m. followed by dinner, dancing and the program. Entertainment will be provided and the attire is island elegant.

With a Grain of Salt and a Sprinkling of Facts

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hearing was held, as required by statute. Follow-up contacts were made as further input was accepted by his office and written revisions were transmitted to all concerned parties electronically to address those issues brought up.

Concerning the article by Andrew Wilkens which appeared on March 12 in the *St. Croix Avis*, in paragraph 2 he writes, "He [Roller] said the entire project would come in phases over 10 years, but the first phase would include nine small cabins, constructed to minimize the impact on the surrounding land."

During the question and answer session with Senators, I made an effort to address some of the concerns expressed at the May 22, 2012 public hearing on St. John at which the size and scope of the project were questioned by some of those present.

True, the project would proceed in phases over a 10 year period, but five air-conditioned units with additional amenities would be constructed on a second floor addition over the existing farm-market, and four free-standing tree-house structures would be located in close proximity to the pond at the center of the property. These nine units would offer a selection of accommodations that would allow us to both 'test the waters' as to visitor preferences, and to grow the business in an orderly manner, hopefully avoiding costly financial errors.

In paragraph 10 of Wilkens article he states, "One of the markets he sold produce to on St. John recently closed, making the pivot to eco-campground more important for his livelihood, Roller said."

In the concluding paragraph of my prepared statement, which I am transmitting to all publications that receive this letter, I stated, "As recently as last week, we lost a valued customer of ours in Red Hook, St.

Thomas; the well-known Marina Market that had at one time been the largest retailer to carry our products. With our customer base being eroded by such closures, we need to diversify now more than ever."

Marina Market at one point had two outlets, one in Cruz Bay, St. John and the other in Red Hook. It was at that point that they retailed more of our product line than any of our other business customers. The Cruz Bay outlet closed a few (at least four or five) years ago, but it was the recent St. Thomas closure that I was referencing.

As I noted elsewhere in my statement, market forces are having a very negative influence on local food producers. The closure of St. Thomas Dairies, Island Dairies and the cattle industry of St. Croix are all further examples of a very challenging environment for local agriculture.

After 29 years of struggling to establish and operate a farm through 100 percent owner financing; and a local government that at various times seemed more intent on offering obstacles rather than assistance, I take umbrage at the statement which Senator Barshinger made at the hearing in which his only concern regarding me personally was my ability to get back to where I started out that morning.

Once the facts are known, I believe the public will be in a better position to judge the professed support that so many of our representatives (both past and present) have espoused for agriculture over the years.

Good judgments require an ample amount of facts, and when news is viewed in its best light, as "food for thought," it should also be well done. In furtherance of that recipe, I hope the public will benefit from the corrections I offer.

Hugo Roller, Coral Bay farmer

Obituary

John "Jack" Wallace, 52, Passes Away

St. John Tradewinds

John "Jack" M. Wallace passed away unexpectedly on December 25, 2012, at his home on Giffit Hill, with his partner Steve St. Onge by his side.

Jack was born and raised in Lawrence, MA, attended St. Augustine's Grammar School and graduated from Central Catholic High School in 1978.

Jack moved to St. John with his partner Steve St. Onge 12 years ago. He loved the island life and enjoyed going to the beach as often as possible. He had a great love for animals, was involved with the Animal Care Center and his St. John family consisted of several shelter cats over the years.

Jack and Steve are the owners of www.villafish.com, a villa rental company for the Caribbean islands. Jack worked hard to build the company, and loved to help his guests plan their dream island vacations. He truly enjoyed his job, and thought that living on St. John was his personal paradise found.

Jack is predeceased by his parents William and Rita (Michaud) Wallace, and brother Gary of Lawrence, MA. He will be deeply missed by his partner of 16 years, Steve St Onge, as well as his brother William Wallace and his wife Eileen of Methuen, MA; his niece Jamie (Wallace) Gabriel and husband Kenneth of Salem, NH, and their children William and Olivia; and niece Lynne (Wallace) Rourke and her husband Brian, of Dracut, Ma., and their daughter Ryann.

Jack also leaves behind a large number of friends, both near and far, who miss his laughter, his humor, and his gentle spirit.



Jack Wallace

We ask that anyone who wishes to make a memorial donation, please do so in Jack's name, to St. John Rescue, P.O. Box 1225, St. John, VI 00831.

Please join us on Sunday, April 14, at 11 a.m. for a celebration of his life at a beach party at the pavilion at Oppenheimer Beach. Jack's favorite island pastime was sharing food and drink with friends and loved ones on one of the island's amazing beaches.

In true island style, please bring a dish to share and your favorite beverage. For more information, please call Steve at (340) 779-4437. Everyone is welcome to join us in sharing the memories of Jack's laughter and smile; his was a generous heart that left us all too soon.



ISLAND GREEN LIVING

by Lovango Cay resident Dan Boyd

Water Conservation

St. John Tradewinds

With the latest drought/dry season upon us, I thought it may be a good idea to discuss water conservation.

Many of us here in the islands have learned to be more conservative with our water than our stateside neighbors. Water is one of our most precious resources. It is not a luxury; it is a necessity to live.

The more we conserve the better it is for all. Here are some ways I have learned to conserve water.

- Wash dishes in a dish pan so the wastewater can be used on plants around the house.
- When showering, wet down, shut off the water and lather up. Then turn the water back on to rinse off the soap; this is also known as a sailor's shower.
- Check gutters and downspouts often to make sure they are working properly.
- Don't water plants during the daytime to help stop water evaporation.
- When washing clothes; only wash large loads.

Some ways you can make your home more water conservative include installing low-volume flow fixtures, low volume flush toilets and aerobic septic systems, which let you use your sewage water for irrigation.

Some other ideas are to turn off your irrigation system when it rains. Terrace your property to capture more of the rain. Purchase new energy efficient washing machines. The one I just bought uses half the amount of water that my old one did.

It's pretty easy to waste water, but hard to find once you are out!

For a greener tomorrow!

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.

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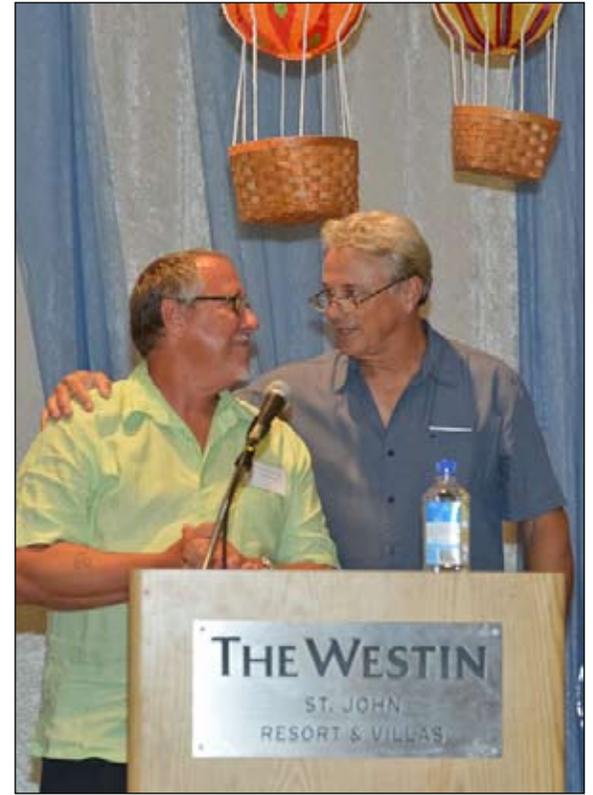
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(Clockwise from top left): Guests bid during the live auction; Steve Simonsen and Fred Trayser; Sophie Rutnik and Audrey Penn.

27th Annual GHS Dinner Auction Raises About \$200,000

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about GHS. Truly sending the point home about how hard GHS officials work to give students opportunities were seniors Careem Albert and Mariah Scheer, who spoke about their years at the school.

After the last bid was accepted, the crowd filtered out to of the ballroom made its way to Mongoose Junction where La Plancha del Mar hosted an after party featuring DJ LS1 and special raffle prizes.

"It was great," Murrill said about the evening. "We had a really fun time and it was very successful. We are very grateful to the Westin for their staff and the venue and to our many volunteers who were so helpful."

Don't miss the chance to buy even more exciting packages during GHS' After Auction auction on Tuesday, April 2. For details check out www.giffthillschool.org/auction.



(Clockwise from above): Mathayom Vacharat and Sara Haynes; artist Shira Sofer talks with a guest; Beth Jones and Molly Murrill.



Residents Reminded To Prepare for Earthquakes and Tsunamis

St. John Tradewinds

Every year approximately 800 seismic events occur in the Puerto Rico and US Virgin Islands region.

While some of them are imperceptible, others remind us of the urgency to prepare ourselves better to survive no notice emergencies, such as earthquakes and tsunamis. The Federal Emergency Management Agency last week emphasized the role of prepared communities that become stronger and smarter by planning and practicing what to do to survive and recover faster from this type of events.

“A destructive earthquake can occur anytime and once it happens, it’s too late to prepare ourselves,” said FEMA’s Caribbean Area Division Director Alejandro De La Campa. “We encourage everyone in our communities to be ready NOW as you might not be with your family, your children might be at school or you could be at work.”

A great first step to include in an emergency plan is to look for information about emergency plans in places where one and one’s family spend time like work, daycare and school. If no plan exists, the following simple steps can help one begin developing a family emergency communications plan.

Identify an out-of town contact. It may be easier to make a long-distance phone call than to call across town, so an out-of-town contact may be in a better position to communicate among separated family members.

Be sure every member of the family knows the phone number and has a cell phone, coins, or a prepaid phone card to call the emergency contact.

Teach family members how to use text messaging (also known as SMS or Short Message Service). Text messages can often get around network disruptions when a phone call might not be able to get through.

In addition to being aware of risks, learn what to do during diverse emergency situations.

WHEN EARTHQUAKE HITS:

- Drop to the ground;
- Take cover by getting under a sturdy desk, table or other piece of

furniture. If there is none around to get under, get down near an interior wall and cover head and neck with arms and hands; and

- Hold on to the furniture or to head and neck until the shaking stops.

PAY ATTENTION TO SOME OF THESE TSUNAMI WARNING SIGNS:

- A strong earthquake, or one that lasts for 20 seconds or longer;
- The ocean withdraws or rises rapidly;

- A loud, roaring sound (like an airplane or a train) coming from the ocean; and

- Tsunami warnings broadcast over television and radio, by beach lifeguards, community sirens, text message alerts, National Weather Service tsunami warning center Web sites and on NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards.

WHEN A TSUNAMI HITS:

- Keep calm;
- Immediately move to the local tsunami shelter using defined tsunami evacuation routes;

- If there are no evacuation routes defined, move to higher ground that is at least 100 feet in elevation, a mile inland, or to the highest floor of a sturdy building and stay there;

- If already in a safe location, stay there;

- Move by foot when possible — do not drive — this keeps the roads unobstructed for emergency vehicles.;

- Stay tuned to NOAA Weather Radio or news broadcasts for changes in tsunami alerts; and

- Stay away from the coast and low-lying areas until local officials say it’s safe to return.

For more information on earthquake safety, including what to do before, during, and after an earthquake and how to check for earthquake hazards, visit <http://www.fema.gov/hazard/earthquake/>.

Further information regarding tsunami safety, evacuation, safe relocation and the tsunami ready program is available at www.tsunami.gov and <http://prsn.upr.edu>.

For emergency planning information and how to put together an emergency kit and other preparedness initiatives to be ready for disasters, visit www.ready.gov.

Police Log

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EMERGENCY CELLULAR: 340-776-9110

POLICE DEPT: 340-693-8880 / FIRE STATION: 340-776-6333

Friday, March 15

6:05 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r having a verbal disturbance with his roommate. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

11:37 p.m. - A citizen c/r loud music in the area of Coral Bay. Loud music.

Saturday, March 16

1:38 a.m. - An Estate Bethany resident c/r that her tenant was creating a disturbance. Disturbance of the peace.

2:54 a.m. - A visitor staying at a villa in Coral Bay c/r that a female walked into the house by mistake. Police assistance.

11:15 a.m. - A citizen c/r that her ex husband is calling her and threatening her using abusive language. Telephone harassment.

3:13 p.m. - A citizen c/r an auto collision in the area of Mongoose Junction. Auto collision.

3:22 p.m. - A citizen c/r that a child fell off the dock into the water. Police assistance.

Sunday, March 17

12:50 p.m. - An Estate Bethany resident p/r that she wants

to turn in a gun she found while cleaning her closet. Recovered firearm.

2:12 p.m. - A citizen c/r a burglary at her residence. Burglary in the third.

4:35 p.m. - A citizen p/re-requesting police assistance. Police assistance.

9:38 p.m. - A VIPD Officer discovered a red truck in the roadway near Castaways without a diver. The vehicle was left with the keys in the ignition and the engine running. The officer had the vehicle towed by Bells Towing.

Monday, March 18

7:23 p.m. - A citizen p/r that she is receiving harassing text messages from a female. Telephone harassment.

Tuesday, March 19

9:42 a.m. - A Coral Bay resident p/r a lost document. Lost document.

6:00 p.m. - A citizen p/r that someone broke into his vehicle in the area of Annaberg. Damage to vehicle.

Wednesday, March 20

12:12 p.m. - An Estate Con-

stant resident p/r that he was threatened by a male in the area of Cruz Bay. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

4:54 p.m. - Badge #1175 p/ at Leander Jurgen Command with one Clint Tetrick of Estate Pastory under arrest and charged with failure to appear in court. Bail was set at \$10,000 by order of the court. He was detained at Leander Jurgen Command and later transported to the Bureau of Corrections on St. Thomas to be remanded.

5:20 p.m. - A citizen c/r a disturbance in the area of Mongoose Junction. Disturbance of the peace.

8:35 p.m. - A citizen c/r having an altercation with her boyfriend. Simple assault.

11:07 p.m. - An Estate Carolina resident c/r a disturbance with his neighbor. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

Thursday, March 21

10:20 a.m. - A Department of Health security officer c/r that a vagrant was trespassing on the property and had defecated on same. Trespassing.

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 with 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.

St. John

On Thursday, March 7, at about 5:40 a.m., police received a call through 911 that a vehicle near Island Blues in Coral Bay was engulfed in flames. If you know anything about this incident please let us know.

St. Thomas

On Wednesday, March 13, at about 9:45 p.m., a man was driving his car with a friend in the area of Tabor and Harmony near the turnoff into Hid-

den Valley, when two unknown males flagged him down. The men jumped into the vehicle, pulled out handguns and ordered them to empty their pockets. After taking their belongings the gunmen forced them out of the car, and then sped off.

Let’s continue to help make our community a safer place to live by submitting information on these or any other crimes at www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org, or by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), or by texting “USVI” plus your message to CRIMES (274637).

Your tips are completely anonymous. 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 reward for the arrest of a murder suspect is \$1,500. For an armed robber it is \$900. For an arsonist it is \$714.

Community Calendar

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

Thursday, March 28

— The next St. John Community Foundation Recycler's meeting will be Thursday, March 28, at Giffit Hill School's Upper Campus back patio at 4:45 p.m.

— IGBA and GHS's EARTH program's next Green Thursdays Seminar on Thursday, March 28, at 5:30 p.m. at the GHS Upper Campus atrium will feature a panel of professionals who will answer questions on renewable energy alternatives. All are welcome to attend.

Friday, March 29

— While hosting visiting talent from across the globe, faculty members at St. John School of the Arts is set to take the stage themselves on Friday, March 29, at 8 p.m. at the arts school.

Saturday, March 30

— Everyone is invited to come out to Newfound Bay and help clean up the shoreline while enjoying a raft up party with live music on Saturday, March 30.

Sunday, March 31

— The Unitarian Universalists of St. John meet every Sunday at 10 a.m. in the Great Room at Giffit Hill School Lower Campus. The guest speaker for Sunday, March 31, is David Dorney who will speak on, "Resurrection of Whom and/or What: One of our UU Roots."

Tuesday, April 2

— The St. John Film Society will screen two films on Tuesday, April 2, at 7:30 p.m. at St. John School of the Arts. As part of the 4th Annual Traveling Caribbean Film Showcase, SJFS continues the festival with two films from Jamaica and Haiti.

Saturday, April 6

— Join the John's Folly Learning Institute as it celebrates 17 years at an anniversary celebration on Saturday, April 6, at 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, May 18

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

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

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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CD CHANGER

ACROSS

- 1 Rest lazily
- 7 "Fame" singer
- 16 Wood-trimming tool
- 20 Ice-block houses
- 21 Bottom-line costs
- 22 Taunt in fun
- 23 Talks Texas-style while trapped by some rubble?
- 25 Era-spanning story
- 26 Legislator in D.C.
- 27 Crowded
- 28 — -Magnon man
- 29 Part of rpm
- 30 "As — often the case ..."
- 31 Things enjoyed at a beer-selling gallery?
- 38 — charge (gratis)
- 41 Become swollen
- 42 Dried out
- 43 "Quiet down!"
- 44 What major flooding may do to an Australian state?
- 49 Hammy actor
- 51 Item swiped for credit
- 52 Sums of cash
- 55 "There is Nothin' Like —" ("South Pacific" song)
- 56 Suffix with fool or ghoul
- 57 A law unto —
- 59 Order Barrymore to stay in?
- 61 Game with pawns
- 63 Baby tiger
- 65 "— Gold" (Peter Fonda film)
- 66 SSE part
- 67 Dull color worn by

- violinists?
- 72 Gem with a play of colors
- 76 John Hersey's "A Bell for —"
- 78 Prefix with physics
- 79 Take potshots (at)
- 80 Papas who love pekoe?
- 85 Riches
- 89 Elite retreat
- 90 Second part of a play
- 91 Not live, as a TV show
- 93 Shark to watch out for
- 95 Team esteem
- 97 Gorgeous resident of Rome?
- 99 Brian of Roxy Music
- 100 Nest eggs for srs.
- 103 Aleve rival
- 104 Cure — (panaceas)
- 105 Dog trained to load ships?
- 108 "The Man" Musial
- 111 Seat winners
- 112 Sorority letters
- 113 Hideaways
- 115 Hedge shrub
- 118 Conical-bore instrument
- 120 Boy shopping for foppish clothes?
- 125 Loathsome
- 126 Very big dog
- 127 Broadway's "Miss —"
- 128 See 117-Down
- 129 "The Divine Sarah" of stage and screen
- 130 Data-entry person

- 4 At once
- 5 Top medals
- 6 Twisty paths
- 7 Little hotels
- 8 Gave out new hands
- 9 Summer, in Toulon
- 10 "On the Media" aier
- 11 Time of note
- 12 About, in dates
- 13 Squirrel food
- 14 Modify, as a program
- 15 Set a price of
- 16 Totally lost
- 17 Proxima Centauri, e.g.
- 18 — and zag
- 19 Sorority letter
- 24 Game using a large deck
- 29 Fabricated in advance
- 30 Ames' home
- 32 Wall-to-wall people, e.g.
- 33 Poi base
- 34 Jellyfish woe
- 35 Rapping "Dr."
- 36 Main topic
- 37 Mole's kin
- 38 Counsel
- 39 Singer Yearwood
- 40 Quick bites
- 41 F preceders
- 45 CBS military drama
- 46 Large tank
- 47 CPA hirer
- 48 Ireland's — Lingus
- 50 Like a heavy favorite
- 53 In- — -face
- 54 Toni Morrison bestseller
- 58 PC monitor type
- 60 la. neighbor
- 62 Arenas
- 64 Plead
- 67 Rage

- 68 — -Aryan
- 69 Bring to ruin
- 70 Braid anew
- 71 Fawn nurser
- 73 Flower part
- 74 Plea
- 75 Finds out
- 77 Many newspapers
- 79 Mets' old ballpark
- 80 Housebroke
- 81 — Lodge
- 82 Appalling
- 83 Takeoff abbr.
- 84 Kitchen wrap
- 86 — nitrite (angina treatment)
- 87 Chou En- —
- 88 Blast stuff
- 92 Mani- —
- 94 Actor Arkin
- 96 Make a gaffe
- 98 "The Lost Weekend" co-star Ray
- 101 Hope (to)
- 102 Silk spinner
- 106 Genuflected
- 107 Chinese, e.g.
- 108 Punker Vicious
- 109 Amorous rendezvous
- 110 Test, as ore
- 114 Work without —
- 115 Berra of baseball
- 116 Valentine's Day god
- 117 With 128-Across, sped
- 118 A bit askew
- 119 Furry scarf
- 120 Soviet Union spy org.
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