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St. John Youth Get Active at Just Play Day

Hundreds of St. John youngsters converged on the Winston Wells ball field on Monday, October 10, for the third annual Just Play Day. Hosted by Using Sport for Social Change, kids competed in a variety of activities and took home some great prizes from Nike and other sponsors.

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St. John Recyclers Shooting for Waste Management Authority Grant Funding

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

St. John residents can still drop their aluminum cans at island dumpster sites thanks to the efforts of the volunteer St. John Recyclers, at least for now.

The group has “muddled” through without grant funding over the past year, struggling to keep up with piles of bags loaded with aluminum cans waiting to be transported to St. Thomas for recycling, according to Paul Devine, a member of the St. John Community Foundation board of directors.

Devine was the sole attendee at a V.I. Waste Management Authority public meeting on its Community Enrichment Grant (CEG) program on Thursday evening, October 13, at the St. John Battery.

Under its CEG program WMA is able to appropriate \$50,000 twice a year — there are two six-month grant cycles starting in April and again in November — to all three islands.

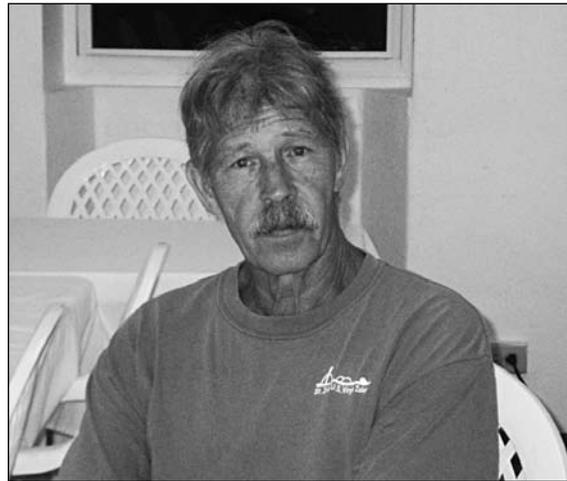
St. John Recyclers needs that money, explained Devine.

“We want that grant,” he said. “We have to keep the recycling going and we need that money for trucking services, for new bins and bags and a variety of things.”

St. John Recyclers was formed in 2008 and started collecting aluminum cans across the island in 2009 under an agreement with WMA. The group received funding from WMA’s CEG program in 2009, but missed out on last year’s cycles of grants.

While it was unclear why St. John Recyclers didn’t receive the grant in the November 2009 cycle, the group’s April 2010 application was denied because it was missing information, according to WMA’s district environmental programs manager Cordell Jacobs.

“There were questions about their application,” Jacobs said about the St. John recycling group. “We can’t give a grant without having these budget details. There were bottom lines that weren’t adding up and we needed to have that corrected.”



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Paul Devine met with WMA last week in hopes of securing grant funding for the St. John recycling effort.

WMA officials issued a list of questions still remaining about the grant application to the St. John Community Foundation, which acts as St. John Recyclers’ fiduciary, Jacobs added.

The only St. John group which was awarded funding under the CEG program during the previous cycle was the Giffit Hill School which was given \$2,000 for beach and environmental clean-up efforts, according to Jacobs.

The Sisterhood Agenda had also applied for WMA’s CEG, but the group was denied because its planned project — erecting a wall around the Cruz Bay roundabout — was out of scope with the grant guidelines, Jacobs explained.

Even with its spotty funding, the St. John Recyclers have made a big difference on the island. Since the volunteer recycling effort launched in August

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WAPA Customer Appreciation Oct. 18

In recognition of customer appreciation and V.I. Energy Awareness Month, the V.I. Water and Power Authority, in partnership with the V.I. Energy Office, will host a series of outreach events throughout the territory.

WAPA and VIEO personnel will share conservation and energy efficiency tips and information about available programs such as the weatherization assistance program for the elderly, disabled, and low-income, as well as the renewables rebate program.

Energy saving compact fluorescent light bulbs will be distributed as well. Officials will be at the St. John WAPA office on the third floor of The Marketplace on Tuesday, October 18, from 8:30 to 3 p.m.

Residents are encouraged to come out and learn more about the initiatives in progress by WAPA and the VIEO and various ways to save on electrical and/or water bills.

St. John Homeless Connect Project Set for October 21 at Lutheran Church

The first Project Homeless Connect on St. John is scheduled for Friday, October 21, at the Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cruz Bay from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Volunteers, barbers, and masseuses are needed to help facilitate this activity. Training for volunteers will be at the Nazareth Lutheran Church hall on Monday, October 17, at 2 p.m. and again on Thursday, October 20, at 6:30 p.m.

Anyone interested in volunteering or providing a service may contact Celia Kalousek at the St. John Community Foundation at 643-0019 or 693-9410.

Adult Sailing Classes Available at KATS

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

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

Gaffin Is Guest Speaker at UU Service

Long-time St. John resident Pam Gaffin will be the guest speaker at the Sunday, October 23, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship service at the lower campus of the Giffit Hill School. Meet and greet is at 9:45 a.m., with service beginning at 10 a.m. Gaffin traveled to the interior of Mali and will speak of her experience and present a slide show of her photos.

Woody’s “Save Second Base” Block Fundraiser Party Set for November 5

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

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

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

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Using Sport for Social Change founder Dean Doeling, above, welcomes St. John youth to the third annual Just Play Day where activities included a football toss, above right, and 50-yard dash, at right.

Hundreds of Kids Enjoy Tennis, Soccer, Football and More at Third Annual Island Just Play Day

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

The Julius E. Sprauve School was not in session, but the Cruz Bay public school was swarmed by children tossing footballs, kicking soccer balls and hitting tennis balls during the third annual Just Play Day on Monday, October 10.

Hosted by Using Sport For Social Change, Just Play is a free annual event which allows kids between the ages of two and 17 to compete in a safe and friendly environment. The day of games and entertainment is the premier event for USFSC and each year Just Play is a little more organized thanks to the organization's founder Dean Doeling.

A senior production artist for Nike, Doeling was on vacation on St. John when he was

inspired to find ways to improve the island's athletic opportunities. Back home in Oregon, Doeling's idea blossomed into USFSC and he organized the first Just Play Day back in 2009 with a small group of St. John parents.

Each year, the event has grown in both participants and activities and Doeling has earned the support of an array of sponsors.

"We had a little over 120 kids take part which is on par with previous years," said Doeling. "We had a good amount of volunteers again this year as well, about 60 to 70. In my opinion this year was very, very well organized."

"It just keeps getting better and better," he said. "The community support is just wonderful. I don't know off-hand but we had more than 20 sponsors which is considerably more than previous years."

Doeling is guided by a common sense principle when organizing Just Play Day each year, he explained.

"I've always been about taking what works and using it and fixing what doesn't work," said the USFSC founder. "I think this year we pretty much nailed it."

While the event still saw children taking part in a number of activity stations, from a 50-yard dash to a basketball throw, judging only took place in the morning, allowing the students to take part in a sport of their choice during the afternoon.

Medals were awarded for different age groups for both boys and girls for each activity. Those scores were recorded during the morning session and tallied while the students reloaded on

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A perennial contender in its class, look out for *Zing*, above, to be atop the leader board at CBYC's 30th Annual Thanksgiving Regatta November 25 and 26.

Coral Bay Yacht Club Is Hosting 30th Annual Thanksgiving Regatta Is Set for November 25 and 26

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The Coral Bay Yacht Club on the eastern end of St. John will host the 30th Annual Coral Bay Thanksgiving Regatta November 25 and 26.

Sailors can expect two days of great racing and two nights of fun parties with live music at Skinny Legs. Serious PHRF racers, plus Gaff Riggers, Cruisers, Multi-Hulls, Single Handers, and Traditional boats compete.

The Friday after Thanksgiving is when all the fun starts, and it continues through Saturday night in Coral Bay. On Saturday, November 25, the PHRF class will start together. All other classes will have staggered starts in a Pursuit Race that day. A boat's handicap rating will determine its start time with the goal of most boats finishing together.

Skinny Legs Restaurant is the home of the Coral Bay Yacht Club, and the place to meet for skipper's meetings, music, food, drink and the awards ceremony.

Racing on Friday, November 25, will be open to Gaffers, Single Handed 30 ft. and under, Single Handed over 30 ft. but under 40ft., Single Handed 40 ft. and over, and Multi-Hulls Race. Registration will be at 8:30 a.m. at Skinny Legs with a Skipper's Meeting at 9:30 a.m. at Skinny Legs.

There is a mandatory registration for all Saturday Pursuit racers on Friday evening, November 25, from 5 to 7 p.m. This is for all boats other than PHRF. If a skipper is unable to attend, call Dick Burks at 643-5261 to obtain a start time for Saturday morning.

Racing on Saturday, November 26, will be open to PHRF I, PHRF

II, and Pursuit Class Race. A Skipper's Meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. at Skinny Legs. Pursuit Racers' start times will be announced.

The awards ceremony is Saturday, November 26, at Skinny Legs at 5:30 p.m.

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First Ever St. John Project Homeless Connect Is October 21

By Jaime Elliott
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Volunteers are gearing up for the first ever St. John Project Homeless Connect, set for this Friday, October 21, at the Nazareth Lutheran Church starting at 9 a.m.

The event is designed to be a one-day, one-stop program to provide services from showers to haircuts for people at risk of or experiencing homelessness.

While similar events have been hosted on St. Thomas and St. Croix, this week's Project Homeless Connect will be the first of its kind on St. John. The program is being hosted by the Department of Human Services, Innovative and the United Way with much of the St. John effort being handled by the St. John Community Foundation's Celia Kalousek.

The national program was originally launched in San Francisco in 2004 and today Project Homeless Connect events are hosted across the country. The event focuses on connecting homeless persons with essential services in a non-threatening environment; offering services, support and quality of

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— St. John Community Foundation's Celia Kalousek

life resources in a dignified environment.

United Way has spearheaded the program for the past five years on St. Thomas and St. Croix and decided to launch a Project Homeless Connect on St. John after being contacted by Innovative.

"We have been doing Project Homeless Connect for the past five years in collaboration with Department of Human Services on St. Thomas and St. Croix," said Cherise Creque-Quain, executive director of United Way Virgin Islands. "This year in conversations with Innovative, who is one of our large corporate donors, they wanted to do a special day with their employees. We talked about how

doing a Project Homeless Connect on St. John would be something to fit into their special day."

"They decided to partner with us and be a sponsor for the day of caring for the Project Homeless Connect on St. John," said Creque-Quain.

Organizers have already been meeting to plan the day, but it's still not too late to get involved. The program will offer breakfast and lunch to individuals taking part and donations of food are welcome. Volunteer escorts, who will help people take advantage of all of the available services, are also still needed as well as donations of men's clothing, explained Kalousek.

"During the last homeless count on St. John, we had 45 documented homeless and 40 of those people were men," she said. "We really need donations of men's clothing. We also need compassionate people who can escort people from service to service with respect and dignity."

There are two volunteer training sessions this week for Project Homeless Connect. Anyone interested in volunteering for the program should meet at the Nazareth Lutheran Hall on Monday, October 17, at 2 p.m. or Thursday, October 20, at 6:30 p.m.

Homelessness is more of a problem on St. John than most people realize, Kalousek added.

"In January there was another homeless count organized by HUD," she said. "The previous count was in 2009 and a total of 26 homeless individuals were identified. Now just two years later the number of documented homeless has increased to 45, and that does not include the hidden homeless and the individuals who are teetering on the edge of homelessness."

"I know a lot of people who are one medical accident and two pay checks away from being homeless," said Kalousek. "The Project Homeless Connect gives people a chance to learn what is out there for people they know or for themselves."

Volunteers, barbers, and masseuses are needed to help facilitate this activity. Training for volunteers will be at the Nazareth Lutheran Church hall on Monday, October 17, at 2 p.m. and again on Thursday, October 20, at 6:30 p.m.

Anyone interested in volunteering or providing a service should call Kalousek at the St. John Community Foundation at 643-0019 or 693-9410.

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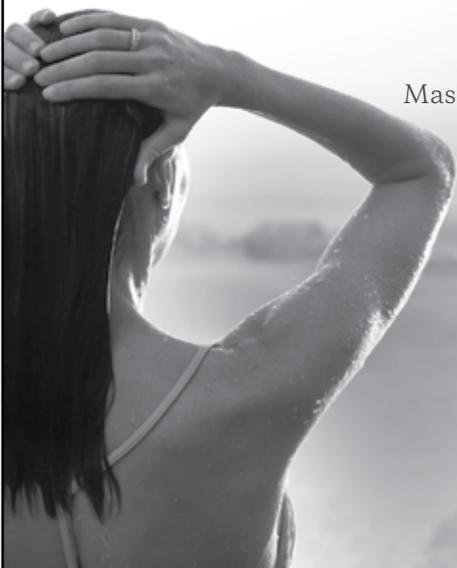
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Caneel Bay Resort Kicks Off 55th Season with New Resort Manager

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Caneel Bay, A Rosewood Resort, reopened on Friday, October 14, for its 55th season with Andreas Pade as Resort Manager.

During the seasonal closure, \$1.5 million was spent to enhance the beauty of the resort set on 170 acres in the Virgin Islands National Park.

Pade joins the resort from Cotton House Resort on Mustique Island where he served as General Manager since 2009 and will now work closely with Caneel Managing Director Nikolay Hotze. Pade is a dynamic hospitality professional with a record of achieving and exceeding hospitality service expectations.

"We're delighted to welcome Andreas to Caneel Bay and the U.S. Virgin Islands and we're excited to begin our 55th season with him as a key member of our management team," said Hotze. "We are constantly reinvesting in maintaining the grounds and facilities of the resort for our overnight guests as well as our day visitors. As part of a recent investment and preparation for the season ahead, \$1.5 million was spent on landscaping and structural improvements."

Kassav' Dance Party October 28

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Reichhold Center for the Arts kicks off its new season with a big dance party featuring zouk powerhouse Kassav' on Friday, October 28, at 8 p.m.

Get tickets by calling 693-1559 or purchase tickets online at www.reichholdcenter.com. Tickets are also available at Connections. St. John residents should call 693-1550 to sign up for the discount shuttle.

SJFS Screening "Beatboxing" on November 1 at SJSA

St. John Tradewinds

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

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

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

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

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

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



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Shoppers at this weekend's ACC Flea Market fundraiser will have the chance to pick up some great toys at great prices at the children's table.

Find Clean, New and Nearly New Toys at ACC's October 22 Flea Market

St. John Tradewinds

New and very nearly new toys will again be available at the Children's Table at the St. John Animal Care Center's Flea Market on Saturday, October 22, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Winston Wells ball field in Cruz Bay.

Carefully chosen large and small colorful, sturdy toys and some games and puzzles will sell for half or less of their store prices. Every dollar earned at the Children's Table will go directly towards the care, shelter, feeding, and medical needs of the island's homeless cats and dogs.

Well-known brands such as Fisher-Price, Little Tykes, and even a large, rigid plastic Home Depot child's workbench will be featured as well as several games and puzzles from the Boston Science Museum.

Some examples include a lion-headed riding scooter with a light-up nose, and a pretty pink bathtub for Barbie with faucets that gurgle water sounds when touched. Where batteries are called for, they've been installed so that children can enjoy their new toys right away.

In addition to the larger toys, there will be smaller items in the \$3, \$4, and \$5 range. There may even be a Pirate's Chest from which children can select two or three little items for \$1. Several brand-new children's books will also be at the table

All year, part-time residents John and Elaine Campbell search for appealing toys that they bring down from Boston during their three yearly flights back to their St. John home. Every item is spotlessly clean and many of the toys and puzzles are in their original packaging. During past ACC flea markets, some forward-planning parents and grandparents bought toys and put them aside for birthdays or Christmas.

When the ACC planned its first flea market five years ago, the Campbells saw an opportunity to donate the excess toys that their grandchildren received. The children often received duplicate toys from parents, Godparents, aunts and uncles. Elaine admitted that her grandchildren, Rowan, Grace, Grant, and William, are fortunate children who sometimes lacked in-

terest in a new gift, and the children happily shared their abundance to help the animals of St. John.

When Campbell's neighbors in Sudbury, Massachusetts, learned about the mission to bring suitable, attractive toys to share with the island children, at the same time benefiting the homeless cats and dogs of the island, more and more items turned up at the Campbell home.

As a consequence, the grandparents always board their plane laden like pack ponies carrying shopping bags and bundles of peculiar shapes and sizes. They've become accustomed to defending to flight attendants the number of their carry-on pieces of luggage.

The ACC "No Fleas, Please" market will be on October 22 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Winston Wells ball field in Cruz Bay.

Come see what childhood treasures will be available at the Children's Table and don't plan to bargain because everything is already fairly priced. As this event is a charity for our island animals, purchase costs can be claimed as tax-deductible donations.



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Calling All Love City Ladies

Casting Call for First St. John Girl Band is October 20

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Calling all St. John girls — Sisterhood Agenda and St. John School of the Arts are partnering to offer an exciting new creative opportunity!

Sisterhood Agenda president Angela Coleman is coordinating Love City's first Girl Band and is looking for young ladies between the ages of 8 and 15 who are interested in singing, dancing, rapping, set design, spoken word and more.

"There is a place for everyone in the band," said Coleman. "We need singers, musicians, rappers, dancers, people interested in spoken word or girls who want to do video or set design. There are a lot of opportunities."

Mark those calendars for Thursday, October 20, at 6 p.m. for the Girl Band casting call.

"We want the casting call to be a chance for the girls to show us what they want to do and to be an indication of where their area of interests are," said Coleman.

Whether singing, rapping or dancing, Sisterhood Agenda's SJSA Girl Band will offer an opportunity for young ladies to nurture their talents, explained Coleman.

"The whole thing came about because Girl Band is an opportunity for teenage girls who have maybe never taken a class at SJSA to get involved and take advantage of this valuable resource in the community," she said. "And it's a chance for the girls to shine. We want to highlight and nurture their ability and develop their talents."

While Coleman is coordinating the effort, she will rely on creatively talented adults in the community to mentor the girls and help teach vocal lessons and instrumentation, she added.

"This is also an opportunity for creative people to engage in community service and share their talent with young people," said Coleman. "The teachers will be people in the community. Some lessons will be led by me but we'll also have guest speakers and lecturers and we'll have mini-groups for

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musical practice."

The program will also promote sisterhood in the sense of working toward a common goal, according to Coleman.

"This is also designed to promote sisterhood," she said. "Historically, girl bands, or even boy bands, don't really stay together. So we're also going to be talking about supporting each other and working together as a group."

"Girls really need to learn to work together," said Coleman. "We are in a pageant-driven culture and this is an opportunity to develop that talent, sure, but it's also good to have additional skills."

The Girl Band program also includes a videography component. Coleman envisions a "reality show" type of filming with episodes airing online, she explained.

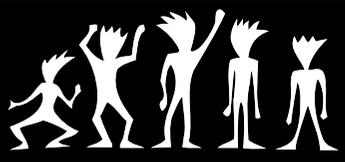
"A lot of girls are using media, but it's mostly social media, and they're not usually using it to de-

velop their talent or skills," said Coleman. "What we want to do is devise the Girl Band sessions into different episodes which will be aired online. Each episode will have a theme and it will deal with the drama of coming together to create a band and promote SJSA and the arts in general."

The program will meet each Friday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at SJSA starting on October 21. The cost is \$10 per class and at the end of the 10-week program the Girl Band will share their talents with the community, Coleman explained.

"We're going to have a big holiday performance as our finale," she said. "We're hoping that the Cruz Bay park will be open before then so we can have our concert there for the whole community."

Anyone interested in joining the band should go to SJSA at 6 p.m. on October 20. For more information call the school at 779-4322.



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After Four Years on Market, s/v *Liberty* Has New Captain

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

The prettiest lady in Coral Bay harbor has a new owner.

Liberty first sailed into Coral Bay harbor on Christmas Day 1987 under the direction of Robin Clair-Pitts and her late husband Fletcher Pitts.

Ever since that day, the 70-foot John G. Alden-designed classic 1924 Malabar VI pocket schooner has held the title of prettiest boat in the harbor. Soon, however, *Liberty* will be setting sail to a new port under the direction of a new captain.

Clair-Pitts recently agreed to sell *Liberty* to renowned classic yachtsman Feargus Bryan, who is chairman at Scandinavian Classic Yacht Trust.

The new owner plans to sail *Liberty* to Trinidad where she will be hauled out in preparation for major structural repairs, explained Clair-Pitts.

"He's done a lot of sailing on classic boats all over the world," Clair-Pitts said about *Liberty's* new captain. "He's going to take good care of her. We are so happy about it."

For years the Pitts, along with a crew of 10 to 12 skilled sailors, raced *Liberty* to a number of regatta wins, including many first in class and first overall finishes in Antigua Classic Yacht Week, Sweethearts Classics and Foxy's Wooden Boat Regattas as well as a Wayfarer Marine Trophy.

After living in Coral Bay aboard *Liberty* for years — and spending every single vacation working on her in one Caribbean boatyard or another — Fletcher Pitts passed away on Christmas Day 2004.

Since then, Clair-Pitts and a core group of

close friends have worked hard to keep *Liberty* in tip-top shape. They have continued to sail the vessel in numerous local regattas and lately have been showing her to prospective buyers. No potential buyers impressed Clair-Pitts much, however, until she met Bryan.

"*Liberty* has been for sale for four years," Clair-Pitts said. "I was kind of slow on it though. We had a website and advertised in a few publications, but we didn't really find anyone who fit until now."

Bryan's wife was the one who came across *Liberty* and told her husband to check her out, according to Clair-Pitts.

"Feargus' wife found the boat and told him about *Liberty*," she said. "About a week after Antigua Classics, I got call from Feargus that he was coming up and wanted to see *Liberty*. He came up and we had the boat surveyed and went for a sail and he fell in love with her."

"Both Feargus and his wife are really into classic boats; restoring classic boats and racing classic boats," Clair-Pitts said. "And they are not afraid to work on classic boats."

Clair-Pitts couldn't be happier about the sale, the price of which she declined to share. Instead of citing figures, Clair-Pitts was getting used to the idea of someone else looking after the vessel she has cared for more than three decades.

"Feargus has done a lot of sailing on a lot of different classic boats all over the world and I know he is going to take good care of *Liberty*," she said. "It's really like a dream come true. I felt like I had this sacred trust to take care of *Liberty* and now she's in the perfect hands."

"I'm so happy, I don't know what to do," said Clair-Pitts.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by D'Alberto Courtesy of MaLinda Media

The Alden-designed 1924 Malabar VI pocket schooner *Liberty*, above, will soon no longer call Coral Bay its home port.

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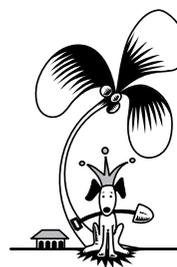
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Caribbean Writer Issues Call for Submissions

St. John Tradewinds

The Caribbean Writer, the University of the Virgin Islands' international, refereed, literary journal with a Caribbean focus, has issued a submission call for its 26th edition.

Issues unique to the Caribbean should be central to work submitted, or the work should reflect a Caribbean heritage, experience or perspective. Besides the usual poetry, short fiction and personal essays, Volume 26 will be dedicated to the environment — nature and ecology.

As the world moves into the 21st century it is time to be mindful of the environment, how to care for it, how to preserve and maintain its pristine beaches, lush mountains and diverse, extraordinary bird, insect and animal life.

The Caribbean Writer seeks works that celebrate as well as explore this relationship to nature, how tourism impacts the environment, the role nature plays in many lives and nature's rich flora and fauna.

Volume 26 will also celebrate women writers. Editors welcome interviews, essays and personal narratives on Sylvia Wynter, Olive Senior, Paule Marshall, Claire Harris, Lorna Goodison, Nancy Morejon, Velma Pollard, Erna Bordber, Zee Edgell and other prominent

Caribbean women writers.

Individuals are encouraged to submit poems (five maximum), short stories, personal essays or one-act plays. Only previously unpublished work will be considered. (If self-published, give details.) Include brief biographical information and put all contact information, plus the title of the manuscript, on a separate page. Only the title should appear on the manuscript.

All submissions are eligible for these prizes: The Daily News Prize for best poetry (\$300); The Canute A. Brodhurst Prize for best short fiction (\$400); The David Hough Literary Prize to a Caribbean author (\$500); The Marguerite Cobb McKay Prize to a Virgin Islands author (\$200); and The Charlotte & Isidor Paiewonsky Prize for first-time publication (\$250).

Send e-mail submissions to submit@thecaribbeanwriter.org as attached Word or RTF files, or submit via the "Submissions" page at www.thecaribbeanwriter.org. Submissions may also be sent by postal mail to The Caribbean Writer, University of the Virgin Islands, RR 1, Box 10,000, Kingshill St. Croix, VI 00850-9781. Submission deadline is November 30.

For more information visit www.TheCaribbeanWriter.org or call 692-4152.



St. John Tradewinds News Photos by Alfredo del Olmo

Love City's Tomas del Olmo represented the island well in a recent tennis tournament in Puerto Rico where he won the final in straight sets.

Tomas del Olmo Wins Challenger III Tennis Tourney

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Giffit Hill School's Tomas del Olmo won his division in U.S. Tennis Association's The Challenger III Tournament hosted by the Centro De Tennis Honda and Parque Centrale in Puerto Rico.

Del Olmo won in the final match on Sunday, October 2, beating Puerto Rico's Luis Torrellas 6 to 3 in the first set and 7 to 6 in the second set.

"I'm very proud of him because he has been working hard," said proud father Alfredo del Olmo, who can be found on one of Love City's tennis courts with both of his sons most afternoons.

The budding St. John tennis star's next tournament is the Challenger IV on November 4 when he'll compete in the 12 and under division.

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October Is Domestic Violence Awareness Month: Take Back the Night Set for October 20 at Frank Powell Park in Cruz Bay

St. John Tradewinds

Governor John deJongh proclaimed October as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in the Virgin Islands to confront a social ill that the Centers for Disease Control has called "an urgent and costly public health crisis."

Crimes of domestic violence violate their victim's trust and sense of safety. They can take many forms, including forcing, coercing or manipulating someone into unwanted sexual activity and physical, emotional or mental abuse.

"By proclaiming Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we are calling attention to this unacceptable behavior and encouraging all members of our community to work together to end the suffering of victims at the hands of those who are closest to them," deJongh said.

Domestic violence encompasses the crimes of rape, incest, child sexual assault, ritual abuse, assault, battery, sexual exploita-

tion, sexual contact, harassment, bullying, exposure or voyeurism. Those crimes can be perpetrated by anyone from a school teacher to a coworker, from a religious leader to an athlete, from a date to a family member.

Victims are at a significantly higher risk of experiencing long-term mental health problems, including suicide, eating disorders, substance abuse, promiscuity, low self-esteem, psychiatric hospitalization and post-traumatic stress disorder.

The Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Council encourages all Virgin Islanders to wear a purple ribbon during the month of October to commemorate the victims of domestic violence and raise awareness about the problem.

The Council will be putting on Take Back the Night marches and candlelight vigils across the territory on Thursday, October 20. On St. John the march will begin at 6 p.m. at Franklin Powell Park.

All who attend are asked to wear purple.

DeJongh urged all Virgin Islanders to help make this month the beginning of the end of domestic and sexual violence and encourages all to attend events scheduled during the month.

"We can stop the cycle of domestic violence by working together to advocate for the rights and needs of victims, by making prevention a priority, and by holding perpetrators accountable," deJongh said.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo File

The St. John Take Back the Night event will feature a candle light vigil and placards bearing the name of domestic violence victims.

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GHS Day of Service November 10

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

Last year's event was a great success, and GHS is excited to expand on the project this year. School officials are currently organizing teams of faculty and students — ranging in age from pre-school through 12th grade — to do service projects in the community throughout the day, and are hoping to hear from organizations about

how best to assist.

Anyone interested should contact GHS. Last year's projects included beach clean-ups, office help, cleaning and maintenance projects at the Elaine I. Sprauve Library, fire station, churches, and St. John School of the Arts, a visit to the senior centers to provide companionship and singing by the youngest students; and gardening help at Julius E. Sprauve School.

Call 776-1730 or email mollymurrill@giffthillschool.org for more information.

Elementary Schools Encouraged to Apply for Fresh Fruit Program Funds

The Department of Education's State Office of Special Nutrition Programs is announcing the availability of its Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program for the 2011-2012 school year.

For this school year, the territory will receive \$27,167 for the program, and all elementary schools are encouraged to apply.

Applications are available at the Special Nutrition Programs offices. The deadline for applying is November 4. For more information call 774-9373.



St. John Tradewinds News Photos by Bill Stelzer

Tug of war, football toss and running, St. John youth got active on October 10 at the third annual Just Play Day free community event at Winston Wells ball field.



Hundreds of Kids Enjoy Third Annual Just Play Day

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carbohydrates thanks to a catered pasta lunch by St. John Catering and Mathayom Private Chefs.

“For the second year in a row, Mathayom has done an amazing job not only with the food, but with doing it correctly and getting the kids through the line and fed,” said Doeling. “The food is always amazing and there is always enough for all of the kids and all of our volunteers. If it wasn’t for him, this event would sorely be lacking in sustenance.”

During the afternoon session, students were able to return to their favorite activity while listening to the Calypso sounds of King Fidel and the talented pan players in the Love City Pan Dragons.

“Doing it differently in terms of judging in the morning and having free time in the afternoon

worked out really well,” said Doeling.

Also new to Just Play Day this year was tennis. The activity was added to the day’s events thanks to Caneel Bay Resort’s Director of Tennis Donald Becker, who brought racquets and balls and led skills exercises along with Patrice Harley.

Judging from the popularity of the activity, tennis will be a permanent part of Just Play Day and the next Rafael Nadal just come be discovered on the Winston Wells ball field.

“It’s important for kids to be physically active and tennis a great sport,” said Becker. “It seems like the kids are really having fun so I’ll be back for sure.”

Doeling too has made a commitment to bring Just Play Day back again in 2012 for the fourth annual free community event.

“The amount of support that each of the businesses here on St. John and a lot of individuals too, have given us is just wonderful,” said Doeling. “It’s nice to know that I have the confidence of these people who believe that I will be back and I will put on a good show. I will be back indefinitely.”

Even after Just Play Day wrapped up, USFSC kept on giving. On Wednesday, October 12, Doeling visited all three island schools to donate the balls used at Just Play Day.

“What happens is I send down balls all through the year for groups who need them or they are put in storage for Just Play Day,” said Doeling. “After we use them, they all get dispersed to schools and Parks and Recreation.”

Looking ahead, USFSC will

also be hosting its essay contest for the Tortola Surf Classic, paying for essay winners to travel to Tortola and take part in the surf competition in February, explained Doeling.

“The Tortola Surf Classic is February 17 and we’re going to do the essay contest again but it’s going to be better organized this year,” he said. “We’re going to start the competition earlier this year but we will not extend the deadline.”

Doeling is also hoping to partner with Friends of V.I. National Park to host a Just Swim event with the focus of improving water safety awareness.

“The idea originally was to do a weekend event covering water safety with toys and games and just getting kids in the water,” said Doeling. “It’s looking like this might be a kick off event for

getting swimming lessons within the schools. We’re still working out logistics but there is a lot of interest.”

So from surfing and swimming to throwing footballs and kicking soccer balls, Doeling and USFSC will continue to support St. John athletics.

“I saw a need for something like this down here and I really had an epiphany,” said Doeling. “I knew I had the ability to make some positive changes and I continue to see positive changes on the island through sports in general and through this initiative.”

For more information on USFSC and Just Play check out usingsportforsocialchange.com. Keep an eye out at the October 22 St. John Animal Care Center’s No Fleas, Please Flea Market fundraiser for a USFSC booth and help support Just Play.



St. John Tradewinds News Photos by Jaime Elliott

GHS stayed with JESS for the first part of the game, allowing the Sea Gulls to score only once in the first half.

JESS Sea Gulls Put Up Big Second Half in 32-8 Win Over GHS Barracudas

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

The Giff Hill School Barracudas' JV flag football team hosted the Julius E. Sprauve School Sea Gulls at Trayser Field on Tuesday afternoon, October 11, in a cross-island match-up.

The Barracudas hung tough with the Sea Gulls for the first half. Although unable to cross the hash marks themselves, the Barracudas managed to keep the Sea Gulls out of the end zone for most of the first half as well. When the two teams broke for half-time JESS was only up by a score of eight to zero.

The second half, however, was a different story.

The Sea Gulls seemed to settle after their drive to Giff Hill from Cruz Bay and scored four more TDs while only allowing GHS to sneak into the end zone once. In the end, the JESS Sea Gulls retained their unvarnished record winning by a score of 32 to 8.

The JESS JV flag football team continues its quest for another St. John/St. Thomas District Championship on Tuesday, October 18, when they face off against Bertha C. Boschulte at 3:45 p.m. at the Winston Wells ball field in Cruz Bay.

The Barracudas will look for another win on the gridiron on Thursday, October 20, when they take on Antilles School at Trayser Field at 3:45 p.m.



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Rapes: 1

Letters To St. John Tradewinds

ACC Board of Directors Requests Personal Dialogue

Dear Ms. Mahoney,

The Animal Care Center board of directors acknowledges your letters and appreciates your concern and passion for the homeless cats of St. John. We would like to continue this dialogue in person, and invite you to join us at a board meeting you are able to attend.

Please contact either me or Sally Nelson, our Shelter Administrator, for the schedule. We look forward to meeting and working together to do what is best for St. John animals.

Sincerely,
B.J. Harris, President
Animal Care Center of St. John

Fed Up

Ms. Mahoney,

I'm speaking for myself, not the Animal Care Center.

And frankly I'd prefer not even to dignify your irrational tirades by responding to them. They're repetitious, ignorant of all historic truth and they're filled with allegations that cannot possibly be supported by facts.

Whatever your hateful agenda may be, I myself have had enough.

Paula Myles

Mahoney Is Only Hurting the Animals

Patricia Mahoney,

Your poisonous rants in *St. John Tradewinds* against the St. John Animal Care Center do not hurt the people your hatred is aimed at, but rather the many innocent animals the shelter helps on a daily basis.

Anne Marie Porter

St. John Montessori School Thanks Kids First!

As our fourth school year begins at St. John Montessori School I must voice my appreciation for the Kids First! organization.

Over the past few years they have enabled us to provide a quality education to families for whom it would be unaffordable. Bruce Claffin and the Board of Kids First! have been a concrete support for our school, which has provided scholarships for children in need.

Kids First! realizes that when it comes to early childhood education, time is of the essence and there is no greater period of concentrated absorbent learning than between birth and six years of age. Research

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President Obama in a 2007 speech said, "For every \$1 we invest in these programs, we get \$10 back in reduced welfare rolls, fewer health care costs, and less crime."

Thanks again Kids First! from all our families island-wide that receive the great gift and opportunity for early learning. Your dedication to the children of St. John is making a difference!

Debra Polucci

Director
St. John Montessori School

Crossword Answers — Puzzle on Page 20

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The library at its best is a citadel of knowledge and a haven for new ideas. The full measure of its precious contents can never be replaced if lost or ruined.

In my opinion, the destruction of a library is cause for great mourning. But is the enemy, us? An understaffed, threadbare library that is not accessible when it is needed is not used. Over time, it may as well be dead.

Our territory's libraries require adequate funding, a robust staff, and evening and weekend hours to make

them accessible when adults and children can benefit from them.

As a board member of the Friends of St. Thomas Public Libraries, I'd like to invite everyone to SOL — Support Our Libraries during National Friends of Libraries Week, October 16-22, by demonstrating love for our libraries on all three islands simultaneously.

On Wednesday, October 19, from 4 to 5:30 p.m., we will host our 3rd annual Gathering of Friends event by with "SOL — Support Our Libraries." Join us, and bring a book to read and share.

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Anita Davis



Senator at Large Reports

By Senator Craig Barshinger

FY 2012 Budget Sessions

St. John Tradewinds

On September 21, the Legislature hosted the most important Session of the year recently, namely the one in which we vote on the budget for the upcoming year (this time it was Fiscal Year 2012).

This year it was a real challenge because revenues are down, but the need for public services remains high.

I voted “no” on all of the budget bills which began with the devastating language, “Notwithstanding the limitations on the use of public funds prescribed in the VI Code...”

What this means in plain English is, “Setting aside all the safeguards on how tax money is spent...”

The budget bills were crafted with this phrase by Governor John deJongh’s office, and approved by the senate majority. As a non-majority senator, it is my role to critique the actions of the majority — the Senate majority abandoned its duty by accepting the Governor’s badly-crafted bills.

How bad was it? Well, the safeguards are so decimated that the governor could build another \$500,000 improvement to his property with public funds and this time it would be legal. The legislature basically gave the governor “carte blanche” to do what he will. It is my hope that he will not abuse this authority. I will be watching, as all of us must.

One budget bill of particular interest to St. John is bill 29-0184, which diverts all of the money deposited into the St. John Capital Improvement Fund to the purpose of trash hauling.

There are zero dollars left for any capital improvement. This is a tragedy after we worked so hard last year to ban raids on the Capital Improvement Fund, and ensure that all of its money would be used for the intended purpose, namely

Budget Bill 29-0184 (St. John Capital Improvement Fund)

Senators who voted against using FY 2012 St. John Capital Improvement Funds for the purpose of trash hauling:

**Craig Barshinger
Nereida Rivera-O’Reilly
Terrence Nelson**

Senators who voted for using FY 2012 St. John Capital Improvement Funds for the purpose of trash hauling:

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St. John capital improvements.

With the simple word, “Notwithstanding”, all of that progress was undone. It’s a legal maneuver, powerful but devastating.

I sounded the alert in my last Senator at Large report, urging St. John residents to contact their senators to vote “no” to raids on the Capital Improvement Fund. I know that a few of you did, but it wasn’t enough.

The senators voting who stood with me were Sens. O’Reilly and Nelson. The senators voting for the 29-0184 raid were: Sens. Dowe; Hansen; Hill; James; Malone; Richards; Russell; Sanes; Sprauve; White; Williams; and Young. You might let these sena-

tors know what you think of their raid on the St. John Capital Improvement Fund.

We know money is tight. That is no excuse — it is improper to raid a Capital Improvement Fund for operational expenses. That’s sloppy management. Governor John deJongh knows better. He owes St. John an explanation.

There was a clearly explained editorial on this subject by Steve Black in the previous edition of *St. John Tradewinds*.

Transparency of Government Expenditures has been in the news recently, with startling revelations about the senate audit in the *Avis* Newspaper and an FBI raid of a senate office.

I am a big believer in transparency, and following the *Avis*’s articles, I posted my senate expenses for 2009 and 2010 online at visenate.org. You can get them by clicking on “Downloads.” It is my hope that my colleagues will follow suit. Some may, but others will simply be mad because they don’t want to.

My prediction is that there will be some new faces in the Legislature 15 months from now, and I would like to see one or more St. John residents vie for senate seats.

You see me working hard for St. John, but it is only because I love St. John and see such need. In fact, the Senator at Large is supposed to represent St. Croix, St. Thomas, and St. John equally. St. John residents should be looking to get more representation from St. Thomas/St. John District Senators. To do that we need to run!

In future reports we’ll be announcing details of our November 3 “Noise Ordinance” meeting, to deal with this difficult subject that ignites passions on all sides of the issue.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Senator at Large!

Lack of Commissioner Contributing To Problems at Department of Health, Says Senator Sprauve

St. John Tradewinds

During the September 21 Legislative Session, Senator Patrick Simeon Sprauve, chairperson of the legislature’s Committee on Health and Hospitals, offered an amendment appropriating \$375,000 to the Department of Health’s program dedicated to Maternal and Child Health (MCH) and Children with Special Health Care Needs.

This amendment became Section 20 of Act 7307 which provided for lump sum appropriations from the Health Revolving Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2011 and ending September 30, 2012.

The appropriation was designed to alleviate the imminent need for DOH to dismiss several of its employees. On October 7, Governor John deJongh signed Act 7307 into law but vetoed Section 20 of the Act, rejecting in its entirety, Sprauve’s \$375,000 appropriation for DOH’s MCH program.

Despite efforts by the legislature to act quickly after its belated learning of the dismissals, deJongh chose to retain appropriations having less direct impact on the lives of Virgin Islanders and veto this relatively small appropriation from the Health Revolving Fund which would have preserved all important jobs during the current economic crisis.

The governor’s continuing failure to nominate a much needed DOH Commissioner is certainly a factor contributing significantly to the oversight and/or mismanagement which led to the failure by DOH to know in advance and to timely convey to the legislature the threat to the positions of the dismissed DOH employees, explained Sprauve.

DOH officials testified before the Committee on Health and Hospitals on September 7 that no federally-funded positions within the department were in jeopardy, according to Sprauve.

“To learn that dismissal letters were nonetheless issued broke my heart, which goes out to those dismissed in these trying times,” said the senator. “Avoiding this scenario was the reason for the appropriation and was the justification for its request offered by DOH. It is my hope that the department did not then have full knowledge that their representations to the legislature were untrue and mere false pretenses to acquire the desired appropriation.”

“This type of mismanagement and lack of accountability within DOH is a clear symptom of the lack of appropriate leadership,” said Sprauve. “I continue to implore the governor to appoint a DOH Commissioner so that accountability and responsibility will be restored promptly to DOH.”

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

St. John Tradewinds

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

St. John Recyclers Shooting for WMA Grant Funding

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2009, the group estimates that it has taken about one and half million cans out of the island's waste stream, Devine explained.

Volunteers agree to "adopt" collection areas and transport the cans from their site to a central collection site at Enighed Pond Marine Facility, to eventually be transported to St. Thomas for recycling. The recyclers' Enighed Pond storage area, however, was the source of the latest woe for the group.

St. John Recyclers learned on Monday, October 11, that the group had to relocate its container from the V.I. Port Authority owned land at Enighed by Thursday, October 13, in anticipation of the area being paved, Devine explained.

"We only had two days notice that we had to move the container," said Devine. "And now we're not sure if we'll be welcome back after the paving is complete."

For now, St. John Recyclers is storing its cache of cans on private property in Estate Grunwald but hoping to be able to either return to the Enighed Pond area or relocate to an area near the Susanaberg Transfer Station, explained Devine.

"If we could extend our agreement with WMA and remain at Enighed that would be great," he said. "Or we would ideally like to have a permanent place at Susanaberg where we could keep our containers in a more central location."

St. John Recyclers and WMA have successfully worked together for years and will hopefully continue their relationship in the future, Devine added.

"We depend on WMA for a lot of things," he said. "They allow us to put our bins at the dumpster sites and have been a good partner. We have had good luck working with WMA and we hope to continue to do so."

To find out how to help the St. John recycling effort call Celia Kalousek at the St. John Community Foundation at 693-9410. For more information about WMA's CEG program call the authority at 777-3073.

Newly Installed Parking Bars To Prohibit Parking Clearly Not Working



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Beautiful weather on Sunday, October 9, drew big crowds and lots of cars to Maho Bay Beach. While V.I. National Park officials recently installed lane delineators, above, to halt parking on the beach-side of North Shore Road, their message seems to not be coming through clearly. Several vehicles, including the one above, squeezed in beside the markers and parked on the shoreline anyway.

Department of Tourism Seeking Hospitality Hosts and Entertainers

St. John Tradewinds

The Department of Tourism is seeking hospitality hosts and hostesses to welcome visitors, provide island information and assist guests on St. Croix, St. Thomas and St. John.

Applications for contracted employment may be picked up at DOT offices at the Visitors' Center in Cruz Bay, St. John.

In addition, entertainers including musicians, dancers, and other performing artists who are interested in performing for visitors should visit the DOT offices to provide demos and prices. Entertainers who have worked with the DOT in the past are also urged to contact the department to update their files. All entertainers are required to have an appropriate Virgin Islands' business license.

For more information regarding either work or entertainment opportunities contact Ernest Knight at 340-775-0021 on St. Thomas/St. John.

Tsunami Warning Sirens To Be Tested

St. John Tradewinds

American Signal Corp., the contractor who manufactured and installed the Virgin Islands' Tsunami Siren Warning System, will arrive in the Virgin Islands next week to make adjustments to the system which includes increasing the audio output.

On Monday through Wednesday, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., American Signal Corp technicians will adjust the volume of each siren located across the territory individually. This will require the activating each siren at least a few times before the adjustment is completed. The work is scheduled for Monday on St. Thomas, Tuesday on St. John and Wednesday on St. Croix.

The adjustments to the system will culminate with territory-wide full audio testing on Thursday and Friday, between 9 and 11 a.m. and 2 and 4

p.m. This will allow the V.I. Territorial Emergency Management Agency and American Signal Corp to once again gauge the range of the system and to exercise the activation process.

"We ask that the public not be alarmed when sirens activate, even repeatedly, throughout the week," said VITEMA Director Elton Lewis. "The testing will begin on October 17 and be completed by October 21. If there is a real emergency, the testing would cease immediately and no sirens would be sounded."

"This adjustment of each siren individually and the full audio tests are necessary to ensure that we are using the warning system to its fullest potential," said Lewis.

Anyone within 1,000 feet or more of the sirens will hear warning tones and/or voice messages.

Governor DeJongh Refuses To Sign FY 2012 Budget

"It is the 29th Legislature's and Theirs Alone"

St. John Tradewinds

On Friday evening, October 7, Governor John deJongh delivered an address to the people of the Virgin Islands on radio and television stations throughout the territory.

In his remarks, the governor announced his intended actions regarding the Fiscal Year 2012 budget which was passed by the 29th Legislature during its most recent session and the impact the legislature's spending plan will have on government operations.

"Over the past five years, the legislature has forwarded hundreds of measures to me for action. Not once have I let any piece of legislation become law without my signature even though that is one of the options available to me under the Revised Organic Act.

Very often I have signed what I felt was flawed legislation and called for it to be corrected, or improved. I have worked with our legislature to reach the best possible outcomes for all of our people. However, when I have felt legislation was too wrong or too misguided, too much in the interest of a few, or so flawed that no one could reasonably be expected to administer it, I have vetoed such legislation.

Today, I find myself confronted with a very different situation. Ten days ago the legislature sent to me a General Fund Budget that had fully gone through the legislative process. After three stages of review — the Committee on Finance, the Committee on Rules, and the entire Senate — and after a summer of reviews and hearings, they moved ahead with their budget. They voted on it and they approved it, and that is the budget I have before me now.

The budget that they have sent to me is more than \$15 million dollars short of the balanced budget that was sent to them by my Administration. After dozens of meetings and hearings before the legislature by members of my Administration, and after countless requests to keep the budget balanced against our current projected revenues, the legislature has ignored our ef-

forts and submitted a budget that is not sustainable.

Now I have but three choices: I can sign it, I can veto it, or I can let it become law without my signature.

If I veto this budget this risks a shutdown of our Virgin Islands government. This is not a risk I will consider given the gravity of our current economic conditions and the fact that all of the families of our territory would be immediately impacted.

If I sign it I am agreeing with the Senate that their "fix" to our budget crisis is to dismiss several hundred employees of this government perhaps as soon as December 1. This is an outcome I have worked long and hard to avoid. Yet the Senators voted knowing what the budget they passed will require.

To be very clear, I will state it again: This budget shortfall means that they are leaving to me the obligation to eliminate more expenses from your government, and the only place to cut is personnel and personnel costs.

The ability to raise taxes is not mine. I proposed a one-percent increase in the gross receipts tax that the Senate rejected and cut in half; I also proposed nine unpaid holidays that the Senate again rejected. The proposed budget by the legislature has done nothing to generate the real revenue without which their budget is not balanced and is simply not sustainable.

The budget process is a continuing process, but you have to have a starting point where revenues and expenses are in balance. Good government — just like good business — requires certainty in order to plan and to operate. It is simply unfair to leave employees always anxious about what is coming. Everything cannot be left to a future fix; everything cannot just be kicked down the road.

Back in March when I made my proposals for cuts in holidays and increases in taxes they said "No, leave it to us; we will fix it in the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget."

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Police Log

EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

LAND LINE: 911 CELLULAR: 340-776-9110

POLICE DEPARTMENT: 340-693-8880

FIRE DEPARTMENT: 340-776-6333

Friday, October 7

10:25 a.m. - A citizen c/requesting assistance in helping a citizen seek medical attention. Police assistance.

4:30 p.m. - A citizen r/ an auto collision on the General II barge. Auto collision.

10:57 p.m. - A citizen r/ that he was assaulted in the area of Wharfside Village. Assault in the third.

Saturday, October 8

12:59 p.m. - The owner of Paradise Lumber c/r that a male stole a door from her business. Petit larceny.

7:24 p.m. - An Estate Chocolate Hole resident c/r that someone was in her yard without au-

thorization. Trespass.

8:25 p.m. - A St. Thomas resident c/r that a company vehicle was stolen. Unauthorized use of vehicle.

Sunday, October 9

1:55 a.m. - A vehicle reported stolen was recovered in the area of Mongoose Junction. Recovered vehicle.

Monday, October 10

11:35 a.m. - A St. Thomas resident p/r that her step-mother accused her of stealing her jewelry. Police assistance.

Tuesday, October 11

12:58 p.m. - An Estate Fortsberg resident r/ that he needed police and medical assistance. Attempted suicide.

3:15 p.m. - An Estate Carolina resident p/r that a vehicle struck his parked vehicle in the area of Estate Pastory. Auto collision.

Wednesday, October 12

6:15 p.m. - Badge #1105 p/ at Leander Jurgen Command with one Hensley Sonson of Estate Enighed placed under arrest and charged with assault in the third. His bail was set at \$25,000 by order of the court. He was detained at Leander Jurgen Command and later transported to the Bureau of Corrections on St. Thomas.

8:50 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r that her husband is calling her cellphone and harassing her. Telephone harassment.

CRIME STOPPERS U.S.V.I.

Organization Seeks Information on Crimes

St. John Tradewinds

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

St. John

On October 6 between about 8:30 and 11:30 a.m., a burglar entered a residence at 2U Estate Bellevue by climbing up onto the back porch and entering through the porch door. Once inside, the burglar broke into a locked bedroom and stole several pieces of jewelry, including a gold Gucci bracelet, a gold square-shaped ring with a diamond on top, a gold Omega chain and pendant, and a white G-Shock watch.

St. Thomas

On January 5 at about 1:30 a.m., Shakir Richardson was killed in the area of Joseph Gomez School lower parking lot. Tell Crime Stoppers what you know about this murder so law enforcement can identify and arrest the killers(s) and bring closure to his family and friends.

St. Croix

Musa-Raji Sharmouj, age 19, was reported missing by his family on April 9. He was last seen by family members around April 6. Sharmouj is of Middle Eastern descent, he is 5'11" tall, has short black hair, sideburns, a beard, and hazel eyes. He was last seen in the area of Consumer's Gas Station. Help law enforcement find him and bring closure to his family and friends.

Please continue to help make the community a safer place to live by submitting information on these or any other crimes at www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org or by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). Tips are completely anonymous, and the stateside operators speak several languages. If a tip leads to an arrest or the recovery of stolen property, illegal drugs, or weapons, you will receive a cash reward to be paid according to the tipster's instructions.

The minimum reward for the arrest of a burglary suspect is \$714 plus 10 percent of the value of any property recovered. For the arrest of a murder suspect, the reward is \$1,500. Only anonymous callers to Crime Stoppers are eligible for these cash rewards.

Ferry Schedules - Cruz Bay and Charlotte Amalie

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

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3:45 p.m.	5:30 p.m.

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New Deli Cases Shine at Starfish Market



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Starfish Market officials unveiled new deli display cases last week. Carlson Construction completed the project over a week while the supermarket remained open. The new cases are more energy efficient and shoppers can expect to stock up on their favorite salads, hot food and more.

Church Directory

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Community Calendar

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

Every Sunday

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

Saturday, October 22

— The Animal Care Center of St. John will host its annual feal market on Saturday, October 22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Winston Wells ball field in Cruz Bay.

Sunday, October 23

— Long-time St. John resident Pam Gaffin will be the guest speaker at the Sunday, October 23, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship service at the lower campus of the Giffit Hill School. Meet and greet is at 9:45 a.m. with service beginning at 10 a.m. Gaffin traveled

to the interior of Mali will speak of her experience and present a slide show of her photos.

Saturday, October 28

The Rotary Club of St. John is hosting its annual Flavors fundraiser on Friday, October 28, at the Westin Resort and Villas.

Saturday, November 5

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

November 8 and 9

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

Thursday, November 10

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

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

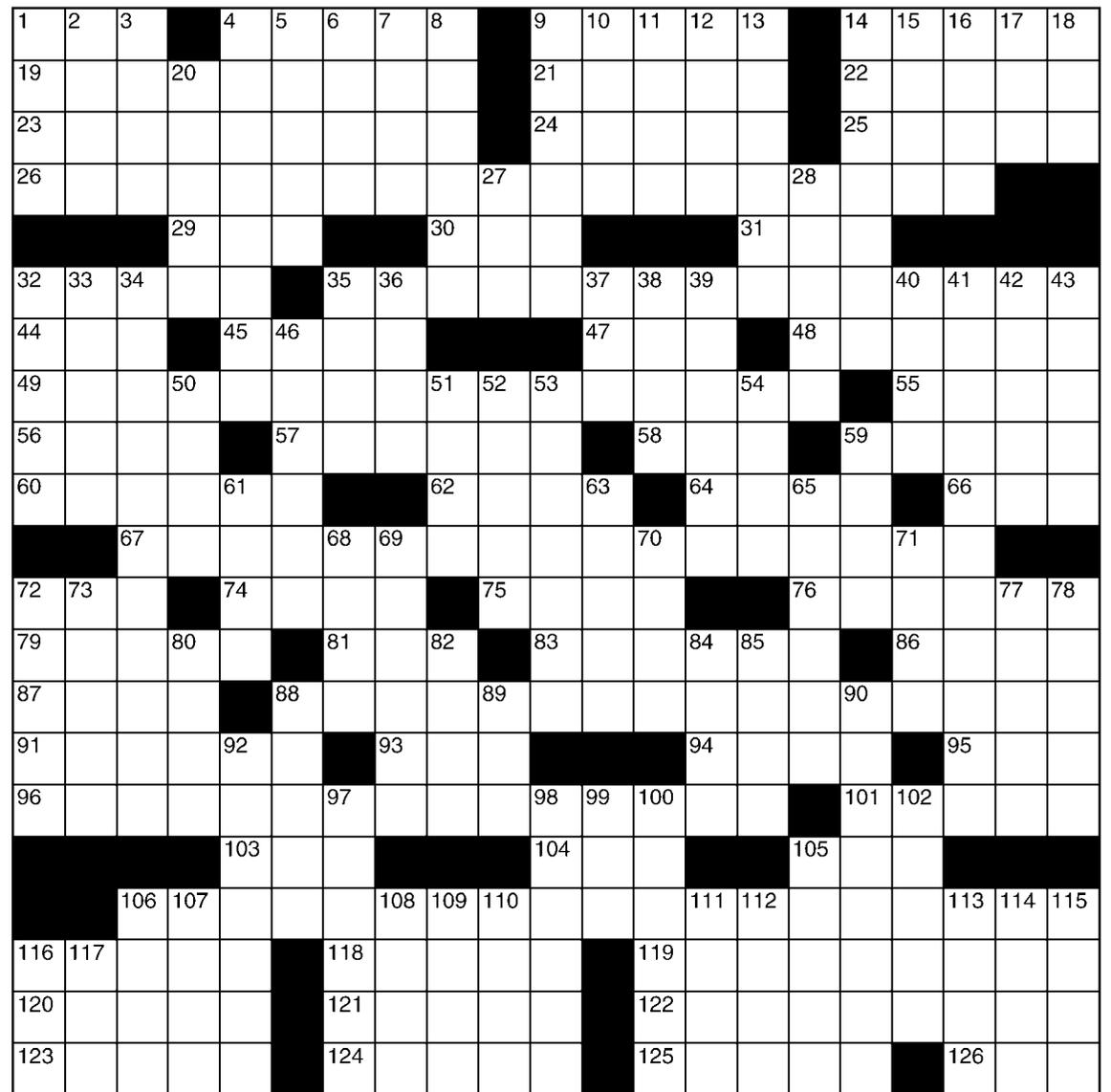
Narcotics Anonymous has open meetings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. every Saturday at St. Ursula's Church.

AL-ANON MEETINGS

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

PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo



LUMINARIES

ACROSS

- 1 Oklahoma tribe
4 Placed in position
9 Restrict
14 Hair hides it
19 Sing barbershop-style
21 Make — for (run to)
22 Threesome
23 Large tanks for marine life
24 Death, in Venice
25 Jul. 4 cookout
26 Los Angeles tourist draw
29 Blvd. crosser
30 Eternally, to bards
31 Fleur-de-
32 Cushy class
35 Military bigwig's garb
44 Early Beatle Sutcliffe
45 "Get — writing"
47 Maui necklace
48 "L.A. Confidential" novelist James
49 Gossip sheet
55 Carl Sagan's sci.
56 "Born Free" feline
57 Nike rival
58 Rejuvenation location
59 "There's — Out Tonight"
60 Eye part
62 Grant, Tan, and Carter
64 Letters after zetas
66 Hunters' gp.
67 The Best Picture is its culmination
72 Diary writer Anaïs

74 Lead-in for byte or hertz

- 75 Shuttle org.
76 Cosmetician Rubinstein
79 Bone: Prefix
81 "Walk- — welcome"
83 Rescind
86 Toward shelter, to a sailor
87 Israel's Golda
88 June 14 "honoree"
91 Nautical chart
93 Feel lousy
94 Protein-rich bean, to a Brit
95 Wallach of film
96 Loose celestial grouping
101 Misplaces
103 Rocker Petty
104 Rebuffing responses
105 Cool, in the 1940s
106 Theme of this puzzle
116 Western holler
118 Bring down
119 Exact same
120 Soup utensil
121 Warning
122 1981-89, politically
123 Schmoes
124 Prescription bottle data
125 Old-style fax
126 Glistening grass stuff

DOWN

- 1 "Pick me! Pick me!"
2 Gordita kin
3 Sportscaster Hershiser
4 MacBook Air alternative
5 Bedazzled

6 Beginner: Var.

- 7 Basso Pinza
8 Anesthetize
9 Hedy of "Algiers"
10 Major celeb
11 Author Twain
12 Analogy part
13 Viral illness
14 Fourth-cen. Greek prelate called "the Great"
15 Pack tight
16 Million or billion suffix
17 Test facility
18 "Stat!"
20 Indian Ocean archipelago
27 Teeny-tiny
28 Less coarse
32 Oleate, e.g.
33 "... — told by an idiot"
34 Not trivial
35 Literature Nobel list
André
36 Feminizing suffix
37 Swiss mountain
38 Rural tracts
39 Didn't guzzle
40 "The Film- — Man" (1967 film)
41 "Citizen Kane" director
42 Helicopter part
43 Loy of films
46 Angry lecture
50 Not of the clergy
51 Auction Web site
52 Grown girl
53 To the heavens
54 Partakes of
59 Tennis pro Arthur
61 Western mil. alliance

- 63 Postpaid encls.
65 Mary-Kate Olsen's twin
68 Land o' Blarney
69 Raving type
70 Captivated
71 Royal name of Norway
72 Chinese menu notice
73 "— Dark Stranger" (1946 spy film)
77 1960 Wimbledon winner Fraser
78 Sponsorship
80 Writer Bombeck
82 Clic — (Bic pen brand)
84 Make lighter
85 — below cost
88 Author Sinclair
89 July third?
90 Store receipt add-on
92 Not merely words
97 "That pleases me"
98 Takes guns from, e.g.
99 Souze
100 Casual cotton top
102 Decide to join
105 Neolithic British Isles monument
106 Hammer-wielding god
107 Fish piercer
108 Unaided
109 "— ever thus"
110 "Take one"
111 "Zip- — -Doo-Dah"
112 Cutlet meat
113 Got 100 on
114 Hard to find
115 Picnic dish
116 Financial daily, briefly
117 Gibbon, e.g.



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Governor DeJongh Refuses To Sign FY 2012 Budget

“It is the 29th Legislature’s and Theirs Alone”

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When they realized that we would run out of money in Fiscal Year 2011 before reaching September 30th, they passed an early retirement incentive program, which it should be noted was passed without the necessary funding to pay the proposed incentives. They also passed an 8 percent pay cut across the board for everyone.

Neither of these measures was enough, but the senators said work with us and we will find a way to fix the rest in the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget. Well, they have now spoken: and they have said, “Our fix is you, Governor; not us — you have to fix this.”

Approximately 70 percent of our annual budget goes toward personnel costs. So what the Senators told me with their budget is send home enough people to cut the many millions of dollars that must be cut, but they said it in such a way that they thought they would not have to say it too loud and in plain English.

What they have said is: “Governor, you do it; we have an election next year, so you do it.”

The senators know, as does anyone who has looked at a newscast or read a newspaper that the national and global economy is not recovering. It is, in fact, getting worse, not better around the world — and this does not bode well for

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our near term revenues. And without revenues there is no cash and the government cannot lawfully issue checks without money in the bank to cover the checks.

So here is my decision: I am not going to put my signature on this budget so as to indicate to you, the taxpayers of the territory, or to the senators of this Legislature, that this is my Budget. It is not. It is the 29th Legislature’s and theirs alone.

So, this budget — this budget of the 29th Legislature — will become law without my signature. My Administration will immediately begin the task of deciding how the territory

can live under this budget, what must be cut, who must be dismissed and when.

None of this was really necessary and the legislature can take steps to fix this. But they have spoken clearly and said, “Governor; this is up to you, we are not up to the task.”

I will be preparing plans for living under their budget. This will, as we all know, come at a terrible cost to individuals and families, as well as to private sector businesses and their employees who count on the business of our government workers for their livelihoods.

Ours is a small economy that is all inter-connected. Ours are problems that cannot be avoided by ducking. That is not what the people who elected us sent us to do. They sent us here to be leaders, in good times and bad. And economically speaking, these are not good times.

The budget passed by the legislature was an action that calls for hundreds to be dismissed. The senators knew what they were doing and so does the electorate. The rightness of their actions will be judged in due course by those who have the last word. Meanwhile, I will continue to work together with all persons of good will to try to find a better path forward for our Virgin Islands and all its residents.

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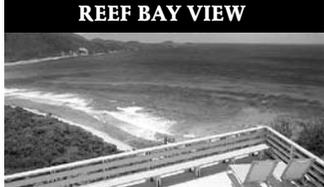
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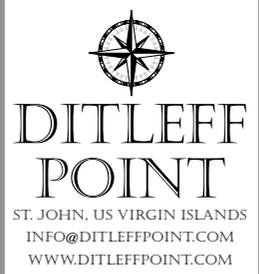
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Cecile deJongh Launches Tiny Tokens of Hope Initiative

St. John Tradewinds

On Monday, October 10, First Lady Cecile deJongh launched the Tiny Tokens of Hope initiative to provide care packages, including personal hygiene items, to the territory's homeless population.

The effort kicked off on St. John at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church and was launched on World Homeless Day and VI Homeless Day, as proclaimed by Governor John deJongh.

Departments and agencies of the Virgin Islands Government were encouraged to participate by collecting unused toiletries from travel and hotel stays, and dropping them off at any Government House location in St. Thomas, St. Croix and St. John.

"In our work with groups and organizations that provide services to the homeless, while food, clothing and other items are regularly donated, we found that a missing piece was in providing toiletry items to assist their personal hygiene," Cecile deJongh said. "Based on the success of the program thus far, I am pleased to invite the wider community to participate, providing support not only to our homeless population, but also to the service organizations that assist them on a daily basis."

Noting the spirit of generosity and compassion that made possible the wide-scale donations, the first lady thanked the departments and agencies of the Government for their participation and encouraged individuals to continue to give.



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First Lady Cecile deJongh distributes a Tiny Token of Hope outside Mt. Carmel Catholic Church in Cruz Bay.

"The Tiny Tokens of Hope program is a small but effective way to directly assist our homeless population," she said. "Especially as the holiday season approaches, it's a special way that we can all help make a difference."

Participating agencies included the Departments of Human Services, Labor, Planning and Natural Resources, Police, Property and Procurement, the Office of Collective

Bargaining, VI National Guard, and American Legion Post and Unit 102 on St. Croix. In addition, some government employees purchased items for donation, including washcloths, combs, and other personal care items.

As part of the Territorial launch, toiletries were also donated on Tuesday, October 11, to the homeless in St. Thomas, in partnership with the Family Resource Center, and at the Southgate Baptist Church Lighthouse Mission in St. Croix. Thanks to the generous contributions received, more than 300 care packages were created for distribution on VI Homeless Day.

The deJongh/Francis administration works closely with numerous groups and organizations year-round to assist community members who have fallen on hard times, or struggle with mental illness or addiction.

Project Homeless Connect events, for example, are observed every year to gather resources, including healthcare service providers, homeless advocates and volunteers, to provide a full array of medical and other services, to help manage the transition to stability and facilitate progress in the lives of our homeless population.

"As a community, it's important that we take steps to let the homeless know that we care about their well-being and help them reconnect with society, to the benefit of all in the territory," deJongh said.

The Tiny Tokens of Hope initiative will distribute toiletries to the Virgin Islands homeless population twice a year.

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