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## It's a Girl! Caneel Bay Resort Welcomes Baby Donkey

Caneel Bay Resort officials welcomed their newest family member recently — a baby donkey. The baby girl was born at Hawksnest Beach on Friday night, March 2, and Caneel's Oriel Smith was on hand to make sure all went well. The little one has not been named yet, but Caneel officials are accepting suggestions on their Facebook page. Baby and mom have been doing just fine, enjoying many treats from a doting Smith.

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Photo by Oriel Smith



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# Governor DeJongh Signs Gross Receipts Tax Hike From 4.5% To 5% Into Law

*St. John Tradewinds*

On Wednesday evening, March 7, Governor John deJongh signed a number of bills into law, including one that makes possible the borrowing necessary to stabilize the territory's economy by raising the Gross Receipts Tax.

In addition to the Gross Receipts measure, which raises the tax half a percentage point and facilitates up to \$120 million in borrowing, the governor approved bills supporting small business and economic development in the territory, senior housing and early childhood education.

"The long-awaited adoption of an increase in Gross Receipts taxes from 4.5 percent to 5 percent will provide me an opportunity to engage in substantive negotiations with the relevant banking institutions to determine the next steps forward in handling our urgent fiscal issues," the governor wrote Senate President Ronald Russell in a letter explaining his actions on the seven bills before him.

DeJongh ratified a Major Coastal Zone permit for Compass Point Marina. The permit will expand the number of boat docks on the east end of St. Thomas and spur economic activity involving yachting and sailing.

The governor also signed a bill establishing a voluntary pre-kindergarten program for 4-year-old children, which is in accordance with his administration's efforts to promote high quality early childhood education for all Virgin Islands youngsters.

DeJongh has already directed the Virgin Islands Department of Education to assemble an implementation team to make the pre-kindergarten program a reality.

Another bill signed into law authorizes the Virgin Islands government to purchase land for the site of a new senior housing project which, once completed, will allow the territory's seniors to receive federally funded rent subsidies.

The governor also approved the S.T.A.R.S. Act which provides additional incentives and benefits for

**"...increase in Gross Receipts taxes from 4.5 percent to 5 percent will provide me an opportunity to engage in substantive negotiations with the relevant banking institutions to determine the next steps forward in handling our urgent fiscal issues."**

— Governor John deJongh

film and music production, further diversifying the territory's economy while enhancing its marketability. While he signed the law, deJongh encouraged the Legislature to work with the Department of Tourism and the Economic Development Authority to adopt revisions that will make it more effective.

The bill that included the Gross Receipts hike had several other provisions, some of which were item-vetoed because they were flawed in construction or even unconstitutional.

Receiving vetoes were measures to allow private sector employees to participate in the Government Employees Retirement System, which would terminate the pension fund's exempt status under federal law and threaten its overall solvency; subsidies for services on St. John that were already over-appropriated; and an attempt to halt foreclosures that could have potentially devastating effects on the territory's banking system.

Some other measures, while well-intentioned, the governor also vetoed because they were either impractical, redundant or poorly conceived.

DeJongh did approve a section of the bill that recognized the Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs' role in determining the signs used by tobacco vendors to prevent sales to minors.

"I look forward to working in further conjunction with the 29th Legislature on this path towards an optimistic fiscal outlook," the governor wrote.

## SJHS Film Screening March 13

Join the St. John Historical Society on Tuesday evening, March 13, at 7 p.m. at the Bethany Church Hall, for a screening of "Roots Unknown," a film from the acclaimed Danish documentary series Slaves in Our Family, hosted by special guest Camilla Jensen.

This one-hour episode was filmed in Denmark, the BVI and St. John, and follows the story of Jensen, who as a young woman discovered that her great-great grandfather was born in the West Indies, the son of an enslaved African.

## St. Patrick's Day Parade March 17

The annual St. John St. Patrick's Day Parade will kick off at 12 p.m. noon on Saturday, March 17, in Cruz Bay. The parade will start at the Cruz Bay tennis courts and wind down through the town past the Quiet Mon Pub. Wear your green and see you there!

## St. John Christian Academy Accepting Applications for 2012-13 School Year

The St. John Christian Academy is now accepting student applications for K-4 through third grade for the 2012/13 school year. Application forms may be picked up at the school office across from E&C Service Station. For more information call 693-7722.

## Almost-Annual CBYC Flotilla Fundraiser for GBS Set for March 24

The almost annual Coral Bay Yacht Club Flotilla to benefit the Guy Benjamin School is set for Saturday, March 24, at Miss Vie's Campground starting at noon.

Join CBYC members for a sail to the beach and back for only \$40, which includes lunch. Don't feel like sailing? Drive out to the beach and pay \$10 for children and \$20 for adults for lunch and entertainment by local reggae favorites Inner Visions.



The classic pilot boat *Roseway* is coming to Coral Bay.

## KATS Fundraiser Set Aboard *Roseway*

The historic Grand Banks schooner *Roseway* is coming to Coral Bay, St. John!

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Join the non-profit youth sailing organization St. John Kids And The Sea (KATS) on Saturday night, March 31, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. for a sunset sail aboard this registered U.S. National Historic Landmark. Departure will be from the KATS dinghy dock directly behind Skinny Legs at 5 p.m.

Tickets, \$75 which includes light refreshments, are available at Connections in Coral Bay and Cruz Bay. Don't miss this amazing opportunity and support youth sailing on St. John. The number of passengers is limited, so don't wait to buy those tickets!

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Volunteers helped complete the second phase of the Francis Bay boardwalk, above, expanding the accessible trail by more than 750 feet.

## Volunteers Complete Expansion of Francis Bay Accessible Boardwalk

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

With the terrain of St. John making it difficult for persons with mobility issues to access many of the island's beaches and trails, the newly expanded boardwalk at Francis Bay is a welcome opportunity.

Friends of Virgin Islands National Park first started the Francis Bay accessible trail three years ago, laying about 500 feet of wooden walkway with toe rails starting near the gravel parking lot and winding along the salt pond.

Thanks to skilled volunteers, the solidly-constructed walkway offered level ground for people with mobility issues to safely enjoy a walk through the wooded area and the prime bird watching at the salt pond from a viewing deck.

Now people can use the trail to walk around the pond and almost all the way to the sandy shoreline of Francis Bay.

Recently, another team of skilled volunteers showed up in force to help Friends of VINP president Joe Kessler expand the boardwalk

to more than double its length.

Starting on Monday, February 27, a team of between 10 and 15 volunteers showed up at Francis Bay to help saw, hammer and screw down more than 750 feet of additional walkway. Volunteers showed up every day at 8 a.m. and worked until about 4 p.m., putting in the last few screws on Monday afternoon, March 5.

Now someone can get out of their vehicle and use the level ground of the boardwalk to walk all the way to just steps from the Francis Bay shoreline at the eastern side of the beach.

"Huge thanks go out to our volunteers," said Kessler. "These people worked really hard out here and we couldn't have done it without their skilled help."

Kessler even got some help from a few visitors, he explained.

"There were a few girl scouts from New Jersey who were on island with their mother visiting their grandmother," said the Friends of VINP president. "Their grandmother has mobility issues

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## Bill 29-0289 Proposes Hearings To Determine if Public Is in Favor of Recalling deJongh/Francis Administration

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

If bill number 29-0289 ever sees the light of day, St. John residents will join citizens across the territory to determine whether or not to oust Governor John deJongh and Lieutenant Governor Greg Francis.

Sponsored by St. Croix Senators Terrence "Positive" Nelson and Nereida "Nellie" Rivera-O'Reilly, bill 29-0289 calls for the initiation of a recall election for the governor and lieutenant governor on several specific grounds.

The bill cites that the administration "relied almost exclusively on borrowing as a means to close the budget shortfall," "consistently misled the Legislature and the

**"We don't have impeachment powers in the Virgin Islands. Recall is our form of impeachment. If this bill passes through the legislature, the election board will have to go about the business of conducting a recall election."**

— Terrence "Positive" Nelson

public regarding the financial state of affairs," and has "not proposed or implemented any solutions to the energy crisis in the Virgin Islands."

The bill slams the administration for not exercising "sufficient influence on and communication with officials at HOVENSA in or-

der to receive greater advance notice of HOVENSA's closure."

On a personal note with the territory's top brass, the bill also lambasts the governor for being "vindictive."

"Governor John deJongh has consistently used his pulpit as Chief Executive of the territory in

a vindictive manner to lambast his political opponents, the Legislature, the business community and the general public rather than propose meaningful solutions to our territory's problems," according to bill 29-0289.

With no impeachment procedure options available to residents or legislators in the territory, using a recall election is the only way to unseat an administration. While the bill does not call for deJongh to be recalled, it proposes putting the measure to a popular vote, explained Senator Nelson.

"We don't have impeachment powers in the Virgin Islands," he said. "Recall is our form of impeachment. If this bill passes

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IGBA members pepper Doug White, standing, about the ins and outs of successful composting at the group's meeting last week.

## IGBA Members Learn Composting 101 from Doug White at Monthly Meeting

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

"What do composting and old wooden boats have in common," Doug White asked about 45 people at an Island Green Building Association meeting on Thursday night, March 8, at The Marketplace.

"Boat yards are friendly places where people will often come and tell you the best way to do things," said White. "Pretty soon you'll find that there is more than one best way to do the bottom of your boat. The same is true with composting."

"There is no right way or wrong way to compost; it's just a matter of how it's done," he said.

White, who is a local architect and owns an organic farm in Dominica which extensively composts, shared basic composting tips with the group and discussed why composting is important in the first place.

"There are two primary reasons to compost," White

told the crowd at last week's IGBA meeting. "First of all if we all do this together as a community, it will have a significant impact on the amount of waste we generate as an island."

"Also, it's a way to make great soil for your garden or house plants," he said.

Showing pictures of the Susanaberg Transfer Station and how trash hauling on St. John is paid for with the island's Capital Improvement Fund, White said it was time for residents to think about what they discard.

"We need to begin to take responsibility for our own waste," he said.

More than 80 percent of the territory's waste stream could be recycled or composted, White explained, showing data from the V.I. Waste Management Authority.

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## St. John Man Arrested for Stealing from Safe at Cruz Bay Ferry Dock Office

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

V.I. Police Department officers arrested Steve Gregoire, 32, of Cruz Bay around 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 5, and charged him with stealing \$3,680 from a safe in the ticket office at Cruz Bay's Loredon Boynes Sr. Ferry Dock.

Gregoire was advised of his rights on Wednesday, March 7, before V.I. Superior Court Magistrate Judge Kathleen Mackay, who upheld charges of Grand Larceny against the Cruz Bay resident, according to a report in the *V.I. Daily News*.

The theft was reported on Tuesday, February 7, by Transportation Services of St. John employees, who told police that the last time the safe had been cleared was February 3, according to the report.

When an employee went to clear the safe on February 6, the door came off in her hand and about \$3,680 in cash was missing, according to the *V.I. Daily News* report.

VIPD officers interviewed a witness who said that Gregoire frequently visits employees at the ferry dock office, according to the report.

According to court records, Gregoire was at the ticket office on February 6, and was spotted bending over the counter and breaking the safe door, according to the *V.I. Daily News* report.

Mackay allowed Gregoire to post \$1,000 of a \$10,000 appearance bond, to secure his release, according to the report.

## St. John School of the Arts Board Names Kim Wild Executive Director

St. John Tradewinds

St. John School of the Arts's Board of Directors recently named Kim Wild as executive director.

Wild has been with the arts school for 13 years, working closely with Sis Frank, co-founder and former executive director, and Jan Kinder, who developed SJSA's early programs as well as serving for six years as executive director. Last June, Wild assumed the role of acting director when Kinder stepped down and relocated to Florida.

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New wrought iron gates welcome students to Guy Benjamin School in Coral Bay in style.

## New Gates, Lights and Drainage Spruce up Guy Benjamin School

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

Instead of a shabby chain link fence, new wrought-iron gates now welcome students to Guy Benjamin School in Coral Bay.

Crafted by welder Oscar Bridgewater of St. Thomas, the new gates bear the school's initials and are just the latest in improvements seen at the Coral Bay public elementary school campus.

"It's not just the gates," said GBS Principal Dr. Whitman Browne. "When I went to my first PTO meeting this year, I realized that the entire campus was dark. I didn't think that was good enough for the school, so we lit it up."

Browne oversaw the installation of lighting across the GBS campus for safety and to facilitate night-time meetings, he explained.

The principal also did not like having the school's entry gates swing into the road, he added.

"I didn't like the idea of the gates swinging into the street and I thought we could do better than

what we had," said Browne. "I know a welder on St. Thomas who did some work for me in the past and he made them with the initials of the school."

A new concrete swale along the roadway was also installed near the vehicle entrance gate at GBS, which should help alleviate flooding, Browne explained.

"We've put in the swale so the water from the road doesn't run under the gate and into the school," he said. "The water used to wash away the soil, and so preventing that will prevent the gate from being undermined. Also, the yard used to be very swampy so the swale should change that."

While using Department of Education funds to pay for school improvements, Browne's efforts to spruce up the GBS campus came without the help of DOE officials, he added.

"Historically, I've gotten so little help from the department as far as getting things done, I don't bother," he said. "I call people I

know who are competent and who get the job done. So I know that the job will be done and will be done well."

"For example, when I first came here at the beginning of the year, there was a broken urinal in the boys' bathroom," said the principal. "DOE came out and looked at it and after six weeks, they had not returned. So I had someone come out and fix it and when DOE finally came back, it was already fixed."

Browne's campus improvement efforts are about more than just improving school grounds, he explained.

"To me the school is not just the learning environment," said Browne. "You are also talking about the physical environment of the school and that should be welcoming."

"That is one of the things that I'm trying to do here is make the children comfortable and happy because the school looks good," the GBS principal added.

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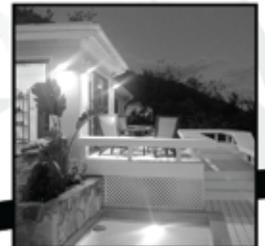
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With ACC's container already full of gently used items, the group is hosting a mini-flea market on March 18.

## March Winds Bring Many Good Things

By Dr. Elaine Campbell  
Special to St. John Tradewinds

March winds bring the Rolex Regatta, the kick-off of the sailing season, on St. Thomas March 23 through the 25.

March winds blow in the first day of Spring on Tuesday, March 20; St. Patrick's Day on Saturday, March 17; and now there's a new date to mark on the calendar.

On Sunday, March 18, the Animal Care Center of St. John will host its first mini-flea market from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Many residents are familiar with ACC's October "No Fleas, Please" at the Winston Wells ball field. They bring their nearly new furniture, household items, sports equipment, tools, and books to the shelter throughout the year in preparation for the big event.

ACC's storage trailer is now already full and it's only March. Judy Chamberlain, Headmaster of Giff Hill School, where the storage trailer is located, has graciously granted permission for an interim "mini" sale to be hosted on the school grounds.

Chamberlain's assistant, Jill Hale, is rounding up students to participate as volunteers, and members of the ACC Board of Directors will be on hand setting up, selling and cleaning up from the event.

ACC fundraising chairman Jason Corley is being assisted by board member Oriel Smith who is already trucking donated furniture to the site. The sale will be at the meadow where the storage trailer is located.

The high, green meadow is beyond the Fred Trayer ball field which is reached by way of the upper school's main road. Corley is planning to place signs in the area which will point to the access road located



The meadow behind GHS, above, will be full of great bargains at ACC's mini-flea market on March 18.

off Giff Hill Road.

All money collected at the mini-flea market will go to the care, housing, and feeding of the homeless dogs and cats residing at the ACC shelter. As ACC's funds are currently at a critically low level — money donations have been lower this past year than ever before and expenses are much higher — the mini-flea market is an effort to tide the humane organization over until Wagapalooza. "Waga" has traditionally been ACC's major fundraiser, but it's still two months away.

Anyone with donations for the March event, should bring small items to the shelter on the library road in Cruz Bay. Arrangements for pick-up of large items can be made by contacting Corley at jrcorley5@gmail.com.

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# Chabuz Passes 808 Runners in 8 Tuff Miles and Rakes in \$6,000+ for TRR

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

With wounded Afghanistan war veteran Andre Cilliers by his side, St. John runner Maurice Chabuz began the 16th Annual 8 Tuff Miles road race in Cruz Bay on Saturday February 25, at the very back of the roughly 1,100-entrant pack.

Chabuz, who owns Skinny Legs restaurant, hasn't kissed his running days goodbye; he ran the popular St. John race as a fundraiser for Team River Runner, collecting money from sponsors for each person he passed on his way to Coral Bay.

En route to the finish line, which he crossed after one hour, 16 minutes and 41 seconds, Chabuz passed 808 runners and walkers, and raised about \$6,000 for TRR. And that figure is sure to grow as Chabuz continues to accept donations from sponsors.

TRR is a non-profit organization dedicated to supplying wounded veterans with health and healing through adaptive kayaking. The group was founded by Washington D.C. area kayak enthusiast Joe Mornini, who began teaching kayak skills to wounded veterans at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center pool in 2004.

Since then, TRR groups have sprung up at military hospitals across the country, mostly led by veterans who have been through the program themselves and then go on to start a new TRR chapter in their area.

A TRR group first visited St. John five years ago, staying at Cinnamon Bay Campground and taking kayak trips right off the beach. The group had to cancel their second trip, however, due to lack of funds, which is when Chabuz was inspired to step up to



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Yelena Rogers

Moe Chabuz, above left, waves to the camera with veteran Andre Cilliers by his side during 8 Tuff Miles.

the plate, or rather the starting line of 8 Tuff Miles.

A veteran runner who has hoofed it in marathons from New York to Oregon, Chabuz decided to lace up his sneakers for the 8 Tuff Miles that year for a reason.

"When I heard the group couldn't afford to come down, I had to help in some way," said Chabuz.

Collecting money from sponsors for each person he passed along the race route, that

first race netted \$10,000 for TRR. So did the second race and Chabuz is still confident that he'll reach his \$10,000 goal this year as well.

"We sent in over \$6,000 already and we have another \$1,000 in hand and more coming in," said Chabuz. "We're hoping to reach \$10,000 again."

Chabuz wasn't expecting to finish the race as quickly as he did, he explained.

"Andre is a runner, but he usually runs on

flats, so I thought I was going to be waiting for him on the hills," said Chabuz. "But he was the one running backwards up the hills waiting for me. But he is less than half my age."

Cilliers helped Chabuz shave about two minutes off last year's race time and likely passed a few more runners as well.

"I want to thank all of the walkers for making it easier for us to pass," said Chabuz. "That was a big help."

While many people pledged anything from a dime to a dollar for each person Chabuz passed in the race, many other simply donated to the cause, he explained.

"A lot of people just came up to us after the race and were giving us donations and asking how to donate," said Chabuz.

Cilliers, who took a shot in the shoulder during his tour of duty, ran with an arm brace, which gave some people the wrong impression, explained Chabuz.

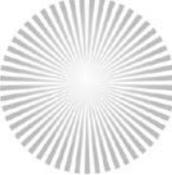
"A lot of people thought he was running with a broken arm," he said. "I think he gets that all the time. But he was shot in the shoulder and he's going to go back to the Middle East as a civilian employee in the future."

TRR will be back on St. John in November with a new group of wounded veterans, sure to enjoy the island's healing waters. And it's still not too late to help make their trip a little easier by donating to Chabuz's effort.

Checks can be made out to Team River Runner and sent to P.O. Box 654, St. John, VI, 00830, or dropped off at Skinny Legs in Coral Bay. For more information check out the website [www.skinnylegs.com](http://www.skinnylegs.com) and click on the "Help Us Help Our Veterans" link.

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# 16th Almost Annual GBS Flotilla set for March 24 at Miss Vie's Campground

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

It's almost Spring time on St. John, which means the March winds are blowing strong and the Coral Bay Yacht Club will soon be offering the best sailing deal on the island.

The 16th Almost Annual Guy Benjamin School Benefit Flotilla is just around the corner. The party will be at Miss Vie's Campground on Saturday, March 24, and the fun can be accessed by water or by land.

CBYC members are offering day sails aboard their vessels for only \$40, which will get one a sail from the Coral Bay dock to Miss Vie's beach and admission to the party which includes live music and lunch.

Anyone who doesn't feel like braving the waves to the beach is welcome to join the party by car and pay the \$20 entry fee.

All proceeds from the Flotilla will go to the Coral Bay public elementary school Guy Benjamin School, which plans to upgrade its computer labs and expand its ebook capabilities, according to Principal Dr. Whitman Browne.

"We've been having some computer problems and we want to make sure that we have more computers in each classroom," said Browne. "We're also interested in learning technology and electronic books to entice our students to read, read, read."

GBS students will enjoy a sail out to the party aboard Coral Bay's tall ship, the 110-foot *Silver Cloud*. Once at the beach, everyone is welcome to enjoy hot dogs and hamburgers grilled up by Captain Will Hudson and CBYC members or scrumptious local fare whipped up by GBS parents.

When not splashing in the



St. John Tradewinds News Photo File

GBS students get ready for a fun day in the sun at last year's Flotilla.

waves off the sandy beach, St. John reggae stars Inner Visions are sure to keep the crowd en-

tertained. The local reggae band will kick off their afternoon set at 12 p.m. There will also be raffle

tickets for sale for the chance to take home a number of prizes, including the grand prize of a cool \$500 in cash.

There will be a cash bar at the beach and day sailers are asked to bring beverages of their choice along with them for their cruise over to Vie's. Guests sailing over should meet at the Coral Bay dinghy dock at 9 a.m. on March 24 and drivers should plan to arrive at the East End beach at 12 p.m.

Browne thanked CBYC members, and the Coral Bay community, for their continued support of the school.

"We really appreciate the support from the community," said the GBS principal. "It's really appreciated how the people here are concerned about the school and how they support us."

Skippers willing to sail guests to the flotilla should call Dick Burks at 643-5261.





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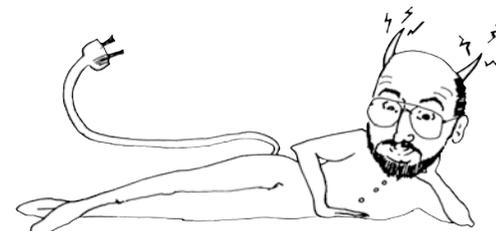


### Tragedy Hits Close to Home

Friends on St. John were reeling last week with the news of the sudden death of Kristi Hansen. The long-time island resident was a familiar face in Cruz Bay, welcoming guests at La Tapa for several years before moving stateside recently. Hansen was 35 years old and six months pregnant when she died suddenly.

*St. John Tradewinds* sends deepest sympathies to Hansen's family and friends.

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## Night of Dancing Classrooms Planned for March 31 at Rhumblines Restaurant

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Dancing Classrooms, a social development program for fifth grade children which utilizes ballroom dancing as a vehicle to change the lives of not only the children who participate in the program but also the lives of the teachers and families who support these children, is gearing up for an evening of dance, drink and fun to take place on Saturday, March 31, at Rhumblines Restaurant.

Doors open at 9:30 p.m. with dance lessons, to include Merengue and Salsa, beginning at 10 p.m. DJ Adonis will keep the party going until 2 a.m. Dance lessons will be led by Liz Putnam and Katie Zaytoun, who will be demonstrating the Dancing Classrooms teaching method.

The night's theme is "Noche Latina!" Admission is \$10, which includes one free specialty cocktail — mojito, margarita or sangria — and dance lessons. There will be a cash bar in addition to specialty cocktails available. Several great raffle prizes will be up for grabs.

Help keep this amazing program in St. John schools. All proceeds will support funding needed to provide the Dancing Classrooms program at Guy Benjamin School, Giffit Hill School and Julius E. Sprauve School.

Dancing Classrooms will begin classes at all participating schools the week of March 26. Ulla F. Muller, Joseph Gomez and E. Benjamin Oliver Elementary Schools from St. Thomas will take part in the program as well. The final competition will take



*St. John Tradewinds News Photo*

Students master more than just moves through Dancing Classrooms, they learn poise and respect as well.

place June 12. Pierre Dulaine, founder of Dancing Classrooms will be returning to the Virgin Islands to emcee this event!

Thanks to Rhumblines, La Plancha del Mar and Asolare for donating goods and services to the event. For information on how to sponsor Dancing Classrooms, call the Executive Director at 340-513-9361.

Dancing Classrooms Virgin Islands, Inc. is a charitable non-profit organization under the Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands. Donations are tax-deductible to the full extent allowed by law. To learn how to help call CFVI at (340) 774-6031 or visit <http://www.cfvi.net>.

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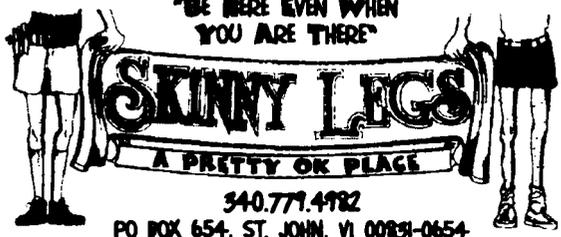
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## Affordable Conch Villas Units Can Make Condo Ownership a Reality

By Jaime Elliott  
 St. John Tradewinds

With sweeping views of the Caribbean Sea, quiet gardens and private screened in porches all just a stone's throw from the shopping and dining of Cruz Bay, Conch Villas offers the best of island living.

Now two recently reduced condominium units at the six-unit Conch Villas can make one's island ownership dreams a reality, explained Holiday Homes sales agent Sara Lovegreen.

Priced to sell at \$185,000, Unit C in Conch Villas is a stand-alone, one-bedroom, one-bathroom condo with a private screened in porch in a serene garden setting. Step out to the common deck area for expansive ocean views out to St. Croix and refreshing breezes.

With estimated monthly payments of around only \$1,300 a month for this unit, condo ownership could be easily within grasp, according to Lovegreen.

"Estimated payment amount includes insurance and CAM payment, is based on a specific interest rate of 5 percent and other terms which may not be the actual terms applicable to each buyer and may not in-

clude all costs," according to information from Holiday Homes.

A second unit available in Conch Villas, Unit D, is a first floor, two bedroom condo featuring a large living room and open kitchen. Spacious bedrooms and a private screened in porch offer small water views, while the shared deck area just a few feet away boasts a panoramic Caribbean view.

Also recently reduced, Unit D is available for \$210,000 with estimated monthly payments of only \$1,400, explained Lovegreen.

The big difference which sets these Conch Villa units apart from the many other condos available on St. John is simple, Lovegreen added.

"It's about the price," she said. "These units are the lowest priced residences currently for sale on St. John. And condo fees are very low at only \$500 a month."

"Most condo fees on St. John are \$1,000 a month or more," said Lovegreen. "The next lowest priced residence on St. John is in the \$285,000 to \$289,000 range and then they jump to \$375,000."

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## Second Annual Relay for Life Tally at \$180,000 and Growing

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

St. John Relay for Life planning committee volunteers continue tallying up donations from the group's second annual fundraiser for the local chapter of the American Cancer Society on February 11 and 12.

"So far we're at \$180,000 and we're still counting," said St. John Relay for Life planning committee chairperson Mary Bartolucci. "Some people are still getting their money in, so that amount will grow."

Hundreds of residents packed a make shift track in Cruz Bay's Winston Wells ball field starting at 4 p.m. on Saturday, February 11, and kept at least one person from their team walking around the track all the way until the closing ceremony at 10 a.m. on Sunday, February 12.

The all-night event strives to drive home the message that "cancer never sleeps" and the St. John event also illustrates how cancer affects everyone, explained Bartolucci.

"The event truly brings the whole community together because cancer does not discriminate," she said. "Even our planning committee is made up of people of all different ages from all different backgrounds."

On the heels of the planning's committee's second successful Relay for Life, the group recently convened to congratulate itself and see what was up for next year, explained Bartolucci.

"We had a little get together last week for the Relay committee and everyone decided to come back again and plan the event next year," she said. "It was amazing that everyone was back on board, so I told them if they were call coming back, then I would come back too."

"The thing is, the committee is such a great group of people and there are no power plays and no games," said Bartolucci. "Everyone did their jobs and they did them well. They are a great group of people to work with."

While the committee's full roster is set to return to their posts in the fall to start planning the third annual St. John Relay for Life, the group could use a few more volunteers to add as co-chairs, Bartolucci added.

"Some of the committee chairpersons might need some help, so we'll need some co-chairs to help out," she said.

With the now veteran Relay for Life planning committee on board for a third annual event in February 2013, supporters can expect another amazing event.

"When you get a group that works as well as we do, it's like the dream team," said Bartolucci. "Why mess it up?"

The group will take a much deserved several month break before regrouping in October to begin planning for the Third Annual St. John Relay for Life. Anyone interested in joining the planning committee, should email Bartolucci at [marybartolucci@gmail.com](mailto:marybartolucci@gmail.com).

## Francis Announces New Hours of Operation for Lt. Gov. Office

St. John Tradewinds

Lieutenant Governor Gregory Francis announced last week new hours of operation for the Offices of the Lieutenant Governor throughout the territory, effective April 2, 2012.

As of April 2, the offices will serve the public from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Persons conducting business processes requiring payment are advised to visit the Office before 4 p.m., which is the cut-off for the cashiers to accept funds. Employees of the Lt. Governor's Office will continue to observe regular working hours from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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# Chef's Corner

## *St. Patrick's Day Fare Beyond Corned Beef and Cabbage*

**By Mares Crane  
St. John Tradewinds**

St. Patrick's Day is upon us and most people are surely thinking of Corned Beef and Cabbage along with anything that could be made festive with a bit of green food coloring. Instead of those old stand-bys, here are a few traditional dishes from the Emerald Isle which will elevate that St. Patrick's Day meal while still honoring all things Irish.

### **Steak and Guinness Pie**

Steak and Guinness Pie is a rich and hearty dish sure to transport you to the land of leprechauns and four leaf clovers.

Olive oil

2 pounds stewing beef cut into 2 inch cubes

2 large carrots chopped

2 large onions chopped

3 cloves of garlic minced

2 sticks celery chopped

1 small package of button mushrooms, cut into quarters

Several sprigs of rosemary and thyme (dried is okay) chopped

1 can of Guinness

2 Tbsp all purpose flour

2 tsp tomato paste

2 tsp worcestershire sauce

1 box ready made puff pastry sheets

1 beaten egg

Salt and pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 375 F

In a large ovenproof pan, pour in a tablespoon of oil. Saute carrots, onions, garlic and celery until soft. Spoon out onto plate.

Toss the beef in the flour. Add some more oil to the pan and brown the beef in batches. Don't overload the pan.

Place all vegetables and meat back in the pan. Add mushrooms, tomato paste, worcestershire sauce, herbs and Guinness. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Bring to a simmer and then cover with lid and

place into oven for one and a half hours.

Remove from oven and stir. Return to oven and bake until the meat is tender and sauce is rich and dark, about one more hour. If mixture is too watery, place on stove top burner and reduce liquid further.

Allow to cool.

Place meat mixture in pie dish. Brush water on rim of pie dish and cut puff pastry to cover. Put a full puff pastry sheet on top of the pie dish. Cut off excess and seal edges. Make a small slit in center of pie and brush with beaten egg.

Bake until pastry is golden brown and filling is bubbling, about 35 to 40 minutes.

### **Champ**

The Irish love all things potatoes and this dish is no exception. It is similar to Colcannon, which is another favorite of the Irish, but it uses kale as well. Feel free to add kale or other green leafy vegetable.

1.5 pounds of potatoes, peeled and quartered

1 cup of finely chopped scallions

2 oz. butter

1/3 cup milk

Salt and pepper

Simmer potatoes in salted water until cooked. Potatoes should be soft in the middle when pierced with a knife.

Drain potatoes well and add butter and milk. Mash until creamy, but not pasty.

Add finely chopped scallions and season well with salt and pepper. Top with scallion greens for decoration.

To make champs even richer, swap heavy cream for the milk.

### **Traditional Irish Coffee**

This is my Mum's absolute favorite and I'm sure it will be a favorite of yours soon as well.

1/2 cup good quality coffee

1.5 fluid ounces Irish whiskey

2 tsp sugar

1 1/2 Tbsp heavy cream

Put a teaspoon into a glass with a stem and pour near boiling water into the glass to warm it. The teaspoon will prevent the glass from cracking since it absorbs heat. But be careful, the spoon will be very hot.

Pour in the whisky and then the coffee, leaving about an inch of space on the top of the glass.

Pour in sugar and make sure it dissolves. This is necessary to ensure that the cream will float.

Place the spoon onto the rim of the glass, face up so it is just touching the coffee.

Pour cream over the spoon. It will flow over the edge and rest right on top. Perfect!

If you use Tia Maria or Baileys, they will have enough sugar you won't need to add the extra. The cheat's way to make the cream presentation is to whip the heavy cream.



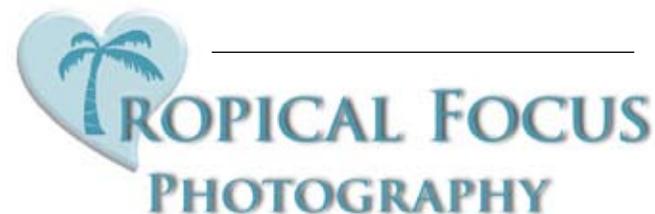
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## *Bajo el Sol Is Featuring Boulon and Samuel for Month of March*

### *St. John Tradewinds*

Bajo el Sol Gallery, up the stairs at Mongoose Junction, is featuring the art of Kimberly Boulon and Avelino Samuel during the month of March.

Both artists spend a good part of the year preparing for their feature at Bajo and the results are exceptional.

Boulon continues to develop her talents in the art medium of oil painting. Her work often is Impressionistic and ranges from "mood light to moon shadows." This show promises to be a series of land/seascapes including her favorite locations in different light, times of day, and times of year.

Samuel, while continuing to share his gift through teaching, is for the first time in 30 years not spending every day in his classroom, having retired from teaching in the public school system last fall.



A bowl by  
Avelino Samuel

Taking the art of wood turning to an even higher level, Samuel has created a unique body of work for his show. Many types and shapes of wood are being used for the first time and the results show the time and talent needed to achieve this level of art.

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## Keeping Track of Crime

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Homicides: 0	Homicides: 0
Shootings: 0	Shootings: 0
Stabbings: 0	Stabbings: 0
Armed Robberies: 0	Armed Robberies: 1
Arsons: 0	Arsons: 0
1st Degree Burglaries: 2	1st Degree Burglaries: 3
2nd Degree Burglaries: 8	2nd Degree Burglaries:
3rd Degree Burglaries: 51	3rd Degree Burglaries: 10
Grand Larcenies: 58	Grand Larcenies: 18
Rapes: 1	Rapes: 0

## Letters To St. John Tradewinds

### No Where To Park in Cruz Bay — Simple Logic Needed

This morning, March 8, at 8:30 a.m., I was searching for a parking place close to the Post Office, as I had a box to mail. We all know the problem of finding a parking space in town while doing our daily business.

As usual, I cruised through the parking lot across from the Post Office, and as usual, it was overflowing. I know people park in this lot all day because I have heard people admit to parking early, then taking the ferry to St. Thomas to work all day.

Is it not true the new parking lot near the car barge was created for this purpose? If we have boxes to mail or pick up from the Post Office, the new parking lot, while a wonderful addition, is less than convenient. Is it too much to ask for the daily commuters to plan five extra minutes for a walk from the new lot to the dock?

I then tried the five parking spaces we have by the

beach, next to taxi parking. Two of the spaces were taken by large taxi vans; one was taken by a police car. There were several empty spaces in the taxi parking strip. Can someone explain to me how this is fair?

We are not allowed to park in the taxi spaces. Why are the taxis allowed to take a public space when we have so little available? Seems to me a better plan would be to allocate to the public all of the dock spaces with the exception of three.

All but three taxis could park at the new parking lot and use either cell phones or another communication system to call the next needed taxis once the dock side taxis move with their passengers onboard.

I realize everyone wants to park where it is most convenient for them, but shouldn't logic prevail for allowing what is most fair for the most people?

**Denise Wright**

### Board of Elections Must Go; Interim Supervisor Needed

**Office of Insular Affairs  
Director Nikolao Pula**

**Asst. Secretary Anthony Babauta,**

This is a follow up to the correspondence of February 17, 2012 regarding concerns of the residents of the U. S. Virgin Islands. Again, I write on behalf of those whose voices continue to be ignored.

In the above mentioned correspondence assistance is sought from the Department of the Interior/Office of Insular Affairs to: procure the electronic apparatuses necessary to conduct and ensure a transparent, certifiable 2012 election; remove the Supervisor of Elections and the entire Boards of Elections; appoint interim supervisor and board.

This is an extremely time sensitive issue and needs the immediate intervention and assistance of DOI/OIA to bring resolve to our up coming election of the Legislative Branch and the Boards of Election and Education. In light of all that has and is taking place here in your Unincorporated Territory, a colony of the United States, we have no where else to turn but to the Department of Interior/Office of Insular Affairs. It is imperative that your offices actively and aggressively address the concerns raised in both correspondences.

The residents through solution oriented town meeting discussions will begin to develop consensus as to what we envision the Virgin Islands can and should be. We must determine and prioritize what are the five most important life and death issues of the Virgin Islands. Determine what resources are needed and can be available to provide immediate relief and long term solutions.

The people of the Virgin Islands petition the Department of Interior, Office of Insular Affairs to assist the Legislative Branch to obtain the true financial status of the Virgin Islands Government as well as the Legislature. The Legislative Branch represents the people and continues to approve borrowing and float-

ing of bonds to avoid dismissals. The Chief Executive continues to hire individuals at six figure salaries while nurses, teachers, police and fire personnel along with hundreds of essential employees are terminated for political reasons.

The assistance from DOI/OIA to request an emergency audit by the Federal Inspector Generals to determine the financial state of all Virgin Islands government accounts to include but not limited to all miscellaneous and operating accounts.

Once we know the truth we can participate in determining what the priorities should be and what else the people are willing to sacrifice. Then and only then will and should the Legislative Branch decide what can or should be borrowed and appropriated.

The Legislative Branch and the Chief Executive's heartless actions continues to provoke, antagonize and threaten the human element. The inhumane manner of the dismissals and many other punitive actions are pushing the people to civil disobedience.

Legislative Branch passed: 8 percent income cut for Government employees; approved borrowing in excess of \$250 million and increased gross receipts 0.5 percent. The Executive Branch continues to hire, yet dismisses nurses and teachers, misuses stimulus funds and has not collecting property taxes for four years.

When was the last general audit conducted on V. I. government funds, accounts etc.? We do not have a gun to our heads! We do not have to react irrationally, emotionally or in fear. Let us take this time to plan!

The Council of State Governments Eastern Regional Conference on Wednesday, August 10, 2011 unanimously adopted the following resolution: "Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the Council of State Governments/Eastern Regional Conference (CSG/ERC) supports the efforts of the USVI leaders to petition the US Congress and the President of the US,

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### Crossword Answers — Puzzle on Page 20

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## Letters To St. John Tradewinds

### Why We Must Recall Elected Officials

A Recall is one of the few and legal last resorts we voters have to ousting any member of any elected office in this U.S. territory. It is afforded to us by simple language (or complicated, depending on who you ask) found in Title 12 of the Revised Organic Act of 1954 (ROA).

The current recall effort of both the St. Croix as well as the St. Thomas/St. John voting districts, dubbed 'Operation Recall,' is well underway. It was initiated by a bunch of very concerned voters who are adamant about our right to free and transparent voting processes; processes currently void here in the U.S.V.I.

As you read this, we are the only jurisdiction under the U.S. flag still using almost 30-year-old archaic voting machines that do not meet forward and lawful electronic voting machine technology; technology which mandates a component that evidences our votes as they were cast.

Please read the Help America Vote Act of 2002. Much like a bank's ATM or a store's automated cashier machine does, tangible proof of our votes as they were cast should appear from the voting machine and left at the polls should the need for a true recount arises.

Back in Election 2010, those of us diabolically opposed to voting on such untrustworthy contraptions demanded either the provisional or the paper ballot. We were categorically and overwhelmingly denied, especially St. Croix voters; six here and none there. Whereas the denial of a paper ballot may be deemed lawful, the provisional was not; yet the System and Board got away with it.

We have until mid-to-end of March to complete Phase One of the Recall. Phase Two will commence only when it has been determined that we have met the required number of votes. Because that has been an issue from day one, the matter of precise formula is now before the District Court of the V.I. on St. Croix.

There are several reasons for alarm of this election cycle. 1. While the Elections System of the Virgin Islands has already released its Official Election

Events Calendar 2012 dated December 5, 2011, we remain troubled that they would proceed with business-as-usual while we also remain steadfast on voting on new, federally-certified machines, if any. By its own recent letter dated February 27, 2012, Joint Board of Elections' Chairman Ross admits the failure and urgency of our Senate's compliance with "fixing the portions in the "Move Act", that leaves the territory of the Virgin Islands in non-compliance with the Move Act.

The MOVE Act (Military & Overseas Voters Empowerment Act) is a federal mandate we toyed with for years and now it has caught up with us. It represents a voting pool of which its toying will be no longer tolerated by the feds.

2. Our St. Thomas ESVI office is still not in compliance with federal ADA laws. The physically challenged do not have equal access to that office.

3. This general election, as always every two years, there will be the federal seat of Delegate to Congress. That office is at risk since it makes no sense for the U.S. Congress to contain a member elected via machines they, the nation's primary lawmakers, have already outlawed.

4. Our local laws hold that only EAC-certified voting machines will be allowed in this territory. To date, ours are not. This new local requirement for new voting machines is already law as of Dec. 28, 2011. The old and current machines are officially outlawed, both federally and locally. The slow pace at which the Board of Elections and the ESVI are now functioning will cause the dawn of highly requested provisional and/or paper ballots as the only options we voters have.

Those options will have need to be formalized as a Plans B and C; all because of 11 stubborn BOE members. Without federally-certified scanners to count specially created ballots, we will not know the results until much later. Some advocates hold that is not an issue since the winners cannot serve until after inauguration the following January anyway. Others say they want to know much sooner than that. We can never

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### Birth Announcement: Latalia Robin Cornelius

Latalia Robin Cornelius was born on January 10, 2012, at 2:03 p.m. weighing 6 pounds and 8.9 ounces, and measuring 19 inches long. Her proud parents are Liatoya Erskine and Ayala Cornelius. Her proud grandparents are Linda Erskine and Deborah and Michael Penn. Latalia joins her brothers Malachi, LeShaun and LaTrone.



## Church Directory

### **Baha'i Community of St. John**

For Devotions and Study Circles, call 714-1641  
7:30 p.m. Fridays; Study Circles 9 a.m. Sundays  
776-6316, 776-6254

### **Bethany Moravian Church**

11 a.m., Sunday School 776-6291

### **Calvary Baptist Church**

13 ABC Coral Bay, 776-6304  
Sunday School 10 a.m.,  
Sunday evening 6 p.m., Thursday 7 p.m.

### **Christian Ministry**

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Inter-Denominational, Sunday 8:30 a.m.

### **Christian Science Society**

10:45 a.m. Sunday- Marketplace  
Wednesday Testimonials  
7:45 p.m. on last Wed. of Month

### **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**

Sun. 9 a.m., on St. Thomas . 776-2379  
Sun., 5 p.m., STJ, Lumberyard

### **Cruz Bay Baptist Church**

Sunday 11 a.m., 6 p.m. 776-6315

### **Emmaus Moravian Church**

Coral Bay, Sun. 9 a.m. 776-6713

### **Jehovah's Witness**

7:30 p.m. Tuesdays; 7 p.m.  
Saturdays (Español), 10 a.m. Sundays,  
340-715-053

### **Missionary Baptist Church**

9:30 a.m. Sunday Services, 10:45 Worship,  
Tuesday 7 p.m. Bible Study 693-8884

### **Nazareth Lutheran Church**

Sunday 9 a.m., Sunday School 8 a.m.  
776-6731

### **Our Lady of Mount Carmel**

Saturdays 6 p.m.; Sundays 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.  
Tuesdays and Fridays at 7 p.m.  
Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7 a.m.  
776-6339

### **St. John Methodist Church**

Sunday 10 a.m., 693-8830

### **Seventh Day Adventist**

Saturdays, 779-4477

### **St. John Pentecostal Church**

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

### **St. Ursula's Episcopal Church**

Sunday 9 a.m.; Bible Class, Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.  
777-6306

### **Unitarian Universalist Fellowship**

9:45 a.m. Sunday, 776-6332

### **Word of Faith Church**

Word of Faith International  
Christian Center, Sundays 7:30 a.m.  
Giff Hill School 774-8617

## Board of Elections Must Go; Interim Supervisor Needed

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to allocate a portion of the Federal Gasoline Excise Tax to be returned to the territory to address health and environmental concerns, establish an energy grid system with the islands of Puerto Rico, St. Thomas, St. Croix and St. John and access renewal geothermal energy in the neighboring islands of Nevis and St. Kitts to offer energy relief from fossil fuel dependency and to provide the territory with a more stable reliable energy system.”

While this support is warranted, very much needed and appreciated, we, the people through the town meeting community discussion process, must first participate in offering suggestions for the comprehensive plans and budgets to address the infrastructure for the four Virgin Islands.

Based on the previous letter to the DOI we request that until an interim governor is in place it would not be in the best interest for the VI to receive these funds for the requested intent or anything else at this time.

Would you leave a “suspected” pedophile to still be in charge of your child’s day care center? The people need to know what was the proposed plan and budget that the Virgin Island leaders submitted to request those funds.

Through the town meeting discussion process we can develop realistic, applicable, comprehensive plans for the use of the excise taxes and duties, derived from petroleum products shipped from the Virgin Islands to the United States. We must participate

in determining where and how the Federal Gasoline Excise Tax and duties should and will be best used in the healing and rebuilding of the U. S. Virgin Islands.

Establishing an energy grid between the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico puts the Virgin Islands again in a dependent state! Here we go again using the majority of our limited USVI resources to benefit someone else.

We are already 100 percent dependent on oil for our energy. And now we’re going to continue the dependency for energy on an outside entity, Puerto Rico? Now does that really make economic sense? And don’t tell me it’s temporary, what should be temporary in the V. I. ends up being permanent.

Precedence has been set, by the unanimous adoption by the Executive Committee to support the Virgin Islands petition to allocate a portion of the excise taxes and duties imposed on petroleum products shipped from the Virgin Islands to the U.S.

The Virgin Islands’ petition to Congress and the President (to allocate/transfer revenues) must reflect extensive, comprehensive, holistic plans and budgets that will financially and retroactively correct many issues that directly impacted on the then very fragile infrastructure, as well as providing the resources necessary for future growth and development of the U. S. Virgin Islands.

**Respectfully,  
Stephanie Scott-Williams**

## Why We Must Recall Elected Officials

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please everyone all the time. To each their own.

5. By now, ALL BOE members have seen demonstrated in one form or another EAC and non-EAC-certified machines. They also have the unhindered opportunity for readily accessible re-demonstrations via available videography. There is absolutely no need for the manufacturers to come here again, nor for further delay of the RFP process (Request for Proposal) being held up at our Department of Property and Procurement. The now unfortunate disband of the Election Reform Committee represents the toss of great work done to secure true election reform.

For those of you who plan to seek public office in Election 2012 (should there be one), but you have failed to sign on to these district Recall Petitions, just know that that position questions your integrity as a concerned political party, voter, candidate, citizen and/or eventual elected official sitting to represent us.

However, our skepticism is not limited to the former grouping; it equally spans across all incumbents. We have your number. We know who have signed and who have not. We thank those who have. There were even various news mediums who declined our invitation for discussion of this pressing matter. We thank those who have not.

Why would any voter or resident put themselves in potential harm of voter fraud by failing to do what it takes to simply demand new, federally-certified electronic voting machines? This November 2012, do we

really want to vote on machines that are illegal and were outlawed in every jurisdiction under the U.S. flag, including our own?

While yes our Senate has a lot more work to do, it has done some of its job to bring us up to par with basic national voting requirements. Now if they’d add the missing portions MOVE Act, and we’d all be happy.

Do we understand that local voting laws expressly prohibit any changes to our election laws within six months of an election challenge unless ordered by a court? Which of our courts do you think would move expeditiously to permit any change? No answer? I thought so.

Are we really the American morons some people believe we are? I beg the differ! Sign the territory-wide Recall Petitions today. We deserve no less than voters of any other U.S. jurisdiction!

Fraudulent political representation breeds contempt by all residents for not being adequately represented. However, such a scenario extends way beyond voters. It equally infringes upon the livelihoods of non-voters and it negatively touches upon the usually beautiful experiences of our tourists alike.

So, in essence, not signing the territory-wide Board of Elections Recall Petitions only hurts all of us! Sign the Recall Petitions today. Call 642-9098, 344-8177, or 779-6486 for sites, answers to your concerns, and/or more information. Thank you.

**Harriet Mercer  
St. Thomas**

## Community Foundation of Virgin Islands Announces List of 2012 Academic Scholarships

### St. John Tradewinds

The Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands last week announced the list of scholarships available for the year 2012.

"CFVI is grateful to our generous donors who recognize that by supporting higher education, they are helping to insure the long-term health of our community," said CFVI President Dee Baecher-Brown.

She also noted that there is an additional undergraduate scholarship available this year, funded by Glacial Energy.

"Glacial Energy is proud to announce the sponsorship of the Glacial Energy Business Scholarship for a student who will be attending The University of the Virgin Islands," said Mark Finley, President of Glacial Energy. "The scholarship will be awarded to a 2012 graduating senior from the Virgin Islands public school system wishing to pursue an education in the business field who demonstrates exceptional academic performance, leadership, community service and extracurricular activities, as well as the need for financial assistance."

### Undergraduate Scholarships

**A9- VI RECYCLING INC Scholarships:** Two scholarships of \$5,000 each to graduating high school seniors pursuing a degree in environmental science or related field.

**ALEXANDER A. FARRELLY:** One \$1,500 Scholarship in early childhood or health sciences

**ARTRELLE M. WHEATLEY Scholarship:** One year full tuition to the University of the Virgin Islands, to a student with an outstanding record in community service who will have completed two semesters at UVI by June 2011.

**BARRY LAW ENFORCEMENT Scholarship:** Awarded to a graduating senior of Charlotte Amalie High School pursuing a degree in Law Enforcement.

**CHARAF FAMILY Scholarship:** Two \$1,000 scholarships preferably in the arts.

**CORAL WORLD Scholarship:** \$3,500 to a student pursuing a four-year degree in science at any accredited college or university, with first preference going to applicants in the fields of environmental science or marine biology.

**Glacial Energy Business Scholarship:** This scholarship will be awarded to a 2012 graduating public school senior pursuing an education at UVI

in the business field who demonstrates exceptional academic performance, leadership, community service and extracurricular activities, as well as the need for financial assistance."

**GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM Scholarships:** Up to three renewable grants of approximately \$2,250 per semester each to a graduating high school student from St. Thomas, St. John and St. Croix who are dependents of contributing members of GERS.

**ISAAC AND REBECCA PAIEWONSKY Scholarship:** \$2,000 per year for up to four years, to a graduating Senior from Charlotte Amalie High School.

**LANA VENTO Scholarship:** Up to eight scholarships, preferably for students interested in marine and environmental sciences.

**NIGEL O. HODGE FOUNDATION Scholarship:** \$1,000 to a graduating senior who is interested in a related degree related to health, medicine and nursing at an accredited college or university.

**THEODORE E. SHARP SCHOLAR Awards:** \$2,000 award to one student or \$1,000 to two students with outstanding records in community service that have applied to, or are already enrolled in an accredited college or university.

**TUNICK FAMILY FUND Scholarship:** An award of \$1,000 to a student at the University of the Virgin Islands, with academic excellence and financial need who is pursuing an undergraduate degree in business.

**ANNA WALSH SCHOLAR Awards:** Ten scholarships of \$1,000 awarded to students that have applied to, or are already enrolled in any accredited college or university.

### Graduate Scholarships

**CAHS PHYSICIAN ALUMNI Scholarship Fund:** \$5,000 per year for a 4 year period to a CAHS graduate that attended CAHS for at least 3 years and resided in the V.I. for at least 5 years and who has been accepted to an accredited U.S. medical school.

**CYNTHIA DE HAYNES HEALTH SCIENCE Scholarship:** \$3,000 to a student pursuing graduate studies in alternative medicine, pharmacy or nursing.

**NSL GRADUATE STUDIES FUND Scholarship:** An award of \$2,000 each year to a student pursuing graduate degrees in the humanities, the social sciences or the fine arts.



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(L to R) Diane Jackson, Len-Nika Charles, Zakiyah Gregoire, Angela Coleman, Shadiyah Boynes, AlliYah Henry, Lanique Sylvester, Kemisha Hoheb, Darcaja Thomas and Ayana Coleman-Dixon. Not pictured are Destyne Hill, Kemica Bell and Ashley Doway.

## Mentoring Program Kicks Off at JESS

### St. John Tradewinds

Sisterhood Agenda recently began its Sisterhood Mentoring Program at Julius E. Sprauve School.

The program, led by Sisterhood Agenda's president Angela Coleman meets every Wednesday until the end of the school year.

Coleman acts as a Big Sister to help 10 female students go through their "journey toward womanhood" together in the spirit of sisterhood.

Funded by the federal Community Development Block Grant Program, there is no cost to participate in the mentoring program.

"The Sisterhood Mentoring Program is a good opportunity for girls to spend time with someone who has a positive influence on them with discussions and activities," said JESS Principal Dionne Wells. "We need a lot more of that."

"Our young ladies can bond in less competitive ways, learn strategies for working together, and appreciate the importance of sisterhood," said JESS Assistant Principal Brenda Dalmida. "It will help them see strengths in each other and in themselves."

The Sisterhood Mentoring Program promotes comprehensive self-development and educational success. With a written curriculum and student manuals, program activities include: sisterhood; self-esteem; diet and nutrition; health and fitness; public presentation; etiquette; healthy relationships; and life skills.

Other local Sisterhood Agenda programs include Girl Band, Sisterhood/Brotherhood New Year's Eve Youth Extravaganza, and Sisterhood/Brotherhood Career and Life Skills Training Summer Program.

Volunteers from the community are invited to speak to the group and present information. Anyone who would like to volunteer, become a Big Sister or participate, contact Coleman at 714-7076 or visit [www.sisterhoodagenda.com](http://www.sisterhoodagenda.com).

## Cain Speaking at UFF on Mar. 18

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of St. John meets at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday in the Great Room at Giff Hill School.

The guest speaker for March 18 is Cynthia Cain who will speak on "Whose Coming for Dinner: Eating as an ethical act." For transportation from Cruz Bay call 776-6332. Childcare is available upon prior request. For more info visit [www.uufstjohn.org](http://www.uufstjohn.org).

## Tae Kwon Do Classes Available

Tae Kwon Do classes are at St. Ursula's Anglican Church Multipurpose Center each Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Students ages 6 to Adult are welcome. For more information call Anthony Lewis at 344-1581 or call Olivine Smith at 776-6249.



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**Island Getaways**  
888-693-7676,  
islandgetawaysinc.com  
kathy@islandgetawaysinc.com

**Suite St. John Villas/Condos**  
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or locally at 340-779-4486

**VIVA Vacations**  
tel. 779-4250  
P.O. Box 1747, STJ, VI 00831

## Architecture

**Crane, Robert - Architect, AIA**  
tel. 776-6356  
P.O. Box 370, STJ, VI 00831

**Barefoot Design Group, LLC**  
tel. 693-7665 fax 693-8411  
P.O. Box 1772, STJ, VI 00831

## Banking

**Firstbank**  
Located in downtown Cruz Bay  
340-776-6881

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#1 Mortgage Lender in the VI  
The Marketplace (340) 776-6552

## Insurance

**PGU Insurance**  
Located at The Marketplace  
776-6403; pgunow@gmail.com

**Theodore Tunick & Company**  
Phone 775-7001 / Fax 775-7002  
www.theodoretunick.com

## Jewelry

**R&I PATTON goldsmithing**  
Located in Mongoose Junction  
776-6548 or (800) 626-3445  
Chat@pattongold.com

## Landscaping

**Alfredo's Landscaping**  
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P.O. Box 91, St. John, VI 00831

**Coral Bay Garden Center**  
tel. 693-5579 fax 714-5628  
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tel. 643-6348  
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## Real Estate

**Debbie Hayes, GRI**  
tel. 714-5808 or 340-642-5995  
debbiehayes@debbiehayes.com  
www.stjohnvirealestate.com

**Holiday Homes of St. John**  
tel. 776-6776 fax 693-8665  
P.O. Box 40, STJ, VI 00831  
info@holidayhomesVI.com

**Islandia Real Estate**  
tel. 776-6666 fax 693-8499  
P.O. Box 56, STJ, VI 00831  
info@islandiarealestate.com

## Restaurants

**Concordia Cafe, 693-5855**  
Happy Hour 4:30-6pm  
Dinner 6-8:30pm Tues-Sat

**Fish Trap Restaurant  
and Seafood Market**  
tel. 693-9994, Closed Mondays

**La Tapa Restaurant**  
tel. 693-7755  
Open 7 Days a Week

**Skinny Legs**  
"A Pretty OK Place"  
tel. 340-779-4982  
www.skinnylegs.com

**Sun Dog Cafe**  
Casual Dining at Mongoose  
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## Services

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The Francis Bay boardwalk now includes a second viewing platform, above, for visitors to enjoy prime bird watching at the salt pond.

## Expansion of Francis Bay Accessible Boardwalk

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and when they heard about the trail work being done, they came over and volunteered for a day."

Beyond functional, the newly expanded walkway is quite beautiful as well, offering an additional salt pond viewing platform and enveloping a small tree.

"That is Cristina's hugging tree," said Kessler, referring to his wife, who also volunteered on the boardwalk trail project. "It was the only tree that we couldn't wind around and we couldn't cut it down, so we just circled it."

Volunteers promised to erect a sign on the tree urging people to "hug me." The hugging tree was described as a "Gregre" tree, according to volunteer Les Anderson.

"I'm not exactly sure of the name, but that is what I've always called it," said Anderson. "I call it a Caribbean oak tree because it grows really big and is really hard. It's an indigenous tree and you certainly don't see as many as you used to."

Kessler thanked the many volunteers who put in the hard work of completing the second phase of the Francis Bay accessible boardwalk as well as MSI Building Supplies, St. John Hardware, BBC Concrete, the Unilever Foundation, the Linden Family, David Witham, Chuck and Monica McQuaid and Rob and Mares Crane.



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Volunteer Weldon Wasson helps hammer down the toe rail on the expanded Francis Bay boardwalk trail.

## IGBA Members Learn Composting 101

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"Eighty-one percent of our waste is compostable or recyclable," he said. "Organics — yard waste and food waste — make up 32 percent of our waste stream. That is the largest percent of the waste stream."

Composting is the natural process of decomposition and requires only air, water and compostable material to occur. Aeration is the first key ingredient needed for the process, explained White.

"You need a supply of oxygen in order to compost," he said. "Turning the compost will get air into the compost and will break it down faster, but you don't have to turn it."

Moisture is another key part of successful composting, according to White.

"Your compost should have about 50 percent moisture in the overall mix," he said. "This is something you pick up naturally; you'll know if it's too dry or too wet."

One of the most important, and trickiest, aspects of composting is getting the right carbon to nitrogen ratio, according to White.

"Having 30 parts carbon to one part nitrogen seems to work best," said the local architect and composting expert. "Microorganisms need carbon for energy and nitrogen for growth. If you don't have enough nitrogen, your load could stay for years without composting."

"If there is too much nitrogen, it will create ammonia, which is

easy to smell," said White.

Nitrogen comes from green waste like green grass clippings, raw fruit and vegetable waste and coffee grounds. Carbon comes from brown waste items like dead leaves, untreated saw dust and black and white newsprint.

"It's a question of creating balance and figuring out what will work for your environment," said White.

Monitoring the compost's temperature will help determine the carbon to nitrogen ratio, White added.

"You can use as compost thermometer, which is a thermometer on a long stick, and check the temperature," he said. "You should have between 150 and 160-degrees and you can often get that by keeping a ratio of about four parts green waste to one part brown waste."

Ideally homes should have two composting areas, one for yard waste and a different one for household waste, White explained.

Many people have a small container right in their kitchens, which they fill first over a few days and then add to the household waste composter. A yard waste compost pile is often found farther away from the home and can be used for all trimmings and brush, White explained.

"It doesn't take a large amount of space or time to do this," he said. "Anyone can compost."

For more information about IGBA, check out the group's website at [www.igba-stjohn.org](http://www.igba-stjohn.org).

## On the Market: Conch Villas

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With prices like these, anyone who thinks they missed the good old days of affordable condo ownership on St. John, is wrong, explained the Holiday Homes sales agent.

"These condos are ideal for long term residents who feel that they had previously 'missed the boat' on St. John real estate," said Lovegreen. "At the current price and with the right mortgage terms, one's monthly payments could be less than average monthly rent."

"For someone looking to invest, the units, with the walk to town lo-

cation, would rent well in the long term," she said. "Or they could be successfully marketed as discount short term rentals."

And to make the deal even sweeter, the seller of these units is offering an incentive. Buy both Unit C and Unit D for only \$375,000 and expect monthly payments of around \$2,610.

"Buyers could live in one unit and rent out the other either short term or long term," said Lovegreen.

For more information about Conch Villas or to book an appointment, call Lovegreen at Holi-

## Police Log

### Friday, March 2

9:44 a.m. - A citizen c/r an auto accident in the area of the Westin Resort and Villas. Auto collision.

### Saturday, March 3

12:15 p.m. - Government of the Virgin Islands r/ recovering drug paraphernalia. Recovered drug paraphernalia.

2:40 p.m. - A citizen c/r an auto collision by the Cruz Bay taxi stand. Auto collision.

8:48 p.m. - A citizen p/requesting police assistance in retrieving personal belongings. Police assistance.

### Monday, March 5

10:15 a.m. - An Estate Grunwald resident r/ that she had a disagreement with her boyfriend. Police assistance.

1:59 p.m. - A citizen r/ that one building at Pond Bay Club had damages to the dead bolt. Attempted burglary.

3:30 p.m. - An Estate Mandahl resident p/r she slipped and fell. Accidental injury.

7:25 p.m. - Badge #1109 p/ at Leander Jurgen Command with one Steve Gregoire of Cruz Bay Apartments under arrest and charged with grand larceny. 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.

8:15 p.m. - A citizen p/r that he had a disturbance with another male. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

### Tuesday, March 6

1:21 a.m. - A citizen c/requesting police in downtown Cruz Bay. Police assistance.

7:00 a.m. - People of the VI requested police assistance with a male in John's Folly. Police assistance.

11:20 a.m. - An Estate Carolina resident p/r a larceny. Grand larceny.

12:30 p.m. - A visitor from New York p/r damage to a vehicle. Damage to a vehicle.

7:10 p.m. - A citizen p/r an assault. Assault in the third.

10:22 p.m. - A citizen c/r loud music in Coral Bay. Disturbance of the peace.

### Thursday, March 8

11:45 a.m. - An employee of the Westin Resort and Villas p/r that a guest's luggage was missing. Police assistance.

1:45 p.m. - An Estate Pastory resident r/ that she is being threatened by an unknown male. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

3:57 p.m. - An Estate Bethany resident p/r that she is being harassed by her landlord. Disturbance of the peace.

11:05 p.m. - A visitor from CT c/r a grand larceny on the Cruz Bay beach. Grand larceny.

### Friday, March 9

12:06 a.m. - A visitor from CT r/requesting police assistance in the area of Cruz Bay. Police assistance.

12:58 a.m. - An Estate Glucksberg resident c/r a trespassing. Trespassing.

## CRIME STOPPERS U.S.V.I.

### Organization Seeks Information on Crimes

#### St. John Tradewinds

Crime Stoppers is asking the community's help to solve the following crimes. If anyone knows something, they should say something. Even the smallest bit of information may be just what law enforcement needs to identify and arrest the suspects.

#### St. John

On Saturday, February 18, at 6 a.m., the housekeeper for Villa Venuroso at 17A-1 Enighed was robbed by a male who came through the northern front door, pointed a knife at her and demanded money. She gave him \$300 from her purse, and then he slapped her on both sides of her face before running away. The suspect, who was barefoot, was wearing short black pants and a

long black hoodie with a black shirt over his face.

#### St. Thomas

On February 24 at about 6:35 p.m. police responded to a report of shots fired in the area of Paul M. Pearson Gardens and found a deceased black male lying partially under a truck with multiple gunshot wounds.

While on the scene the officers learned there were two other victims at the Roy Lester Schneider Hospital, both of whom had been shot.

#### St. Croix

The island's public housing communities are being plagued by vandals who are stealing aluminum windows, electrical wiring and copper tubing from propane gas tanks used by residents

for cooking; it is all being sold as scrap metal. Most often, the persons involved are not residents of that particular community. When we come together to help our neighbors, we are helping our community grow and prosper. Give law enforcement the information to identify and prosecute the ones responsible for these incidents.

Be a part of the solution. Help make the community a safer place to live by submitting information on these or any other crimes at [www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org](http://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

## 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](mailto:editor@tradewinds.vi) or fax 693-8885.

### Tuesday, March 13

— Join the St. John Historical Society on Tuesday evening, March 13, at 7 p.m. at the Bethany Church Hall, for a screening of "Roots Unknown," a film from the acclaimed Danish documentary series *Slaves in Our Family*, hosted by special guest Camilla Jensen.

### Sunday, March 18

— On Sunday, March 18, the Animal Care Center of St. John will host its first mini-flea market from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

— The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of St. John meets at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday in the Great Room at Giff Hill School. The guest speaker for March 18 is Cynthia Cain who will speak on "Whose Coming for Dinner: Eating as an ethical act." For transportation from Cruz Bay call 776-6332. Childcare is available upon prior request.

### Saturday, March 24

— The almost annual Coral Bay Yacht Club Flotilla to benefit the Guy Benjamin School is set for Saturday, March 24, at Miss Vie's Campground starting at noon.

### Saturday, March 31

— Join the youth sailing organization St. John Kids And The Sea on Saturday, March 31, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. for a sunset sail aboard the historic *Roseway*. Departure will be from the KATS dinghy dock directly behind Skinny Legs at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$75 and the number of passengers is limited. For more details call 514-3718.

— Dancing Classrooms, a social development program for 5th grade children which utilizes ballroom dancing as a vehicle to change the lives of not only the children who participate in the program but also the lives of the teachers and families who support these children, is gearing up for an evening of dance, drink and fun to take place on Saturday, March 31, at Rhumblines Restaurant. Doors open at 9:30 p.m. with dance lessons, to include Merengue and Salsa, beginning at 10 p.m. The night's theme is "Noche Latina!" Admission is \$10, which includes one free specialty cocktail and dance lessons.

### 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

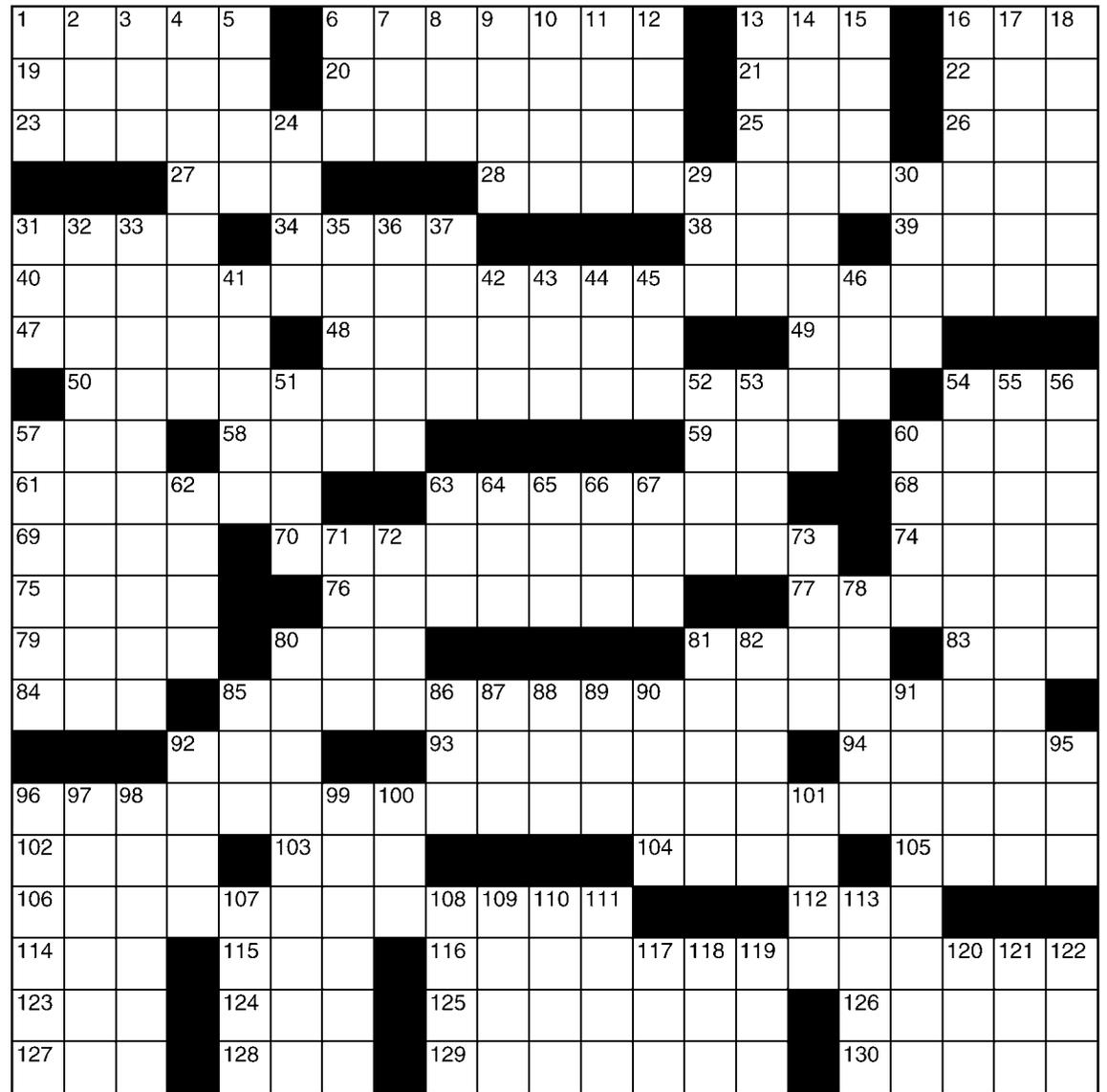
Narcotics Anonymous has open meetings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. every Saturday at St. Ursula's Church.

### AL-ANON MEETINGS

Al-Anon meets on St. John every Monday at Scandic Executive Service's meeting room in Mongoose Junction from 6:30 to 7:30pm; and every Tuesday from 1 to 2 p.m. at the VINP ball field bleachers. Warm line: 340-642-3263.

## PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo



### BODY HITS

#### ACROSS

- 1 Ill-chosen  
6 See 126-Across  
13 Grand — (sporty Pontiacs)  
16 Tattoo fluid  
19 Port south of Milan  
20 Milan opera house  
21 "Citizen X" star Stephen  
22 "Oh, give — home ..."  
23 1988 hit for Breathe  
25 LAX letters  
26 Poor review  
27 Co. kingpin  
28 1972 hit for the O'Jays  
31 Water color  
34 Answer an invite  
38 Dot- —  
39 Invention's origin  
40 1974 hit for John Denver  
47 "Evita" star LuPone  
48 "Sugar, Sugar" group, with "the"  
49 Parts of dols.  
50 1975 hit for America  
54 Machines near mice  
57 Provide relief  
58 See 59-Across  
59 With 58-Across, guys-only  
60 Kansas town  
61 Moves on ice  
63 Cordial  
68 Take a dip  
69 Jazzy Horne  
70 1982 hit for the Alan Parsons Project  
74 Funny Jay  
75 Eons

- 76 Absorption process  
77 Mafia's code of silence  
79 Overly quick  
80 "Spring forward" hrs.  
81 — Beach (Atlantic coast city in Florida)  
83 "— Dieu!"  
84 Raised trains  
85 2000 hit for Creed  
92 Sue Grafton's "— for Undertow"  
93 Statistic in a used-car ad  
94 Mentions  
96 1976 hit for Elton John and Kiki Dee  
102 Gulf country  
103 Lago feeder  
104 "— I say!"  
105 Assassinate  
106 1994 hit for Boyz II Men  
112 Biblical suffix  
114 Cotillion girl  
115 Always, in a sonnet  
116 1985 hit for Tears for Fears  
123 Before, in a sonnet  
124 Brow's curve  
125 Goddess of the hunt  
126 With 6-Across, "All Shook Up" singer  
127 Barrett of rock  
128 Mao follower?  
129 One who's hardly saintly  
130 Tickle a ton

#### DOWN

- 1 "Disgusting!"  
2 Museum-funding org.  
3 Raggedy —  
4 Web feeds

- 5 Stun with a charge  
6 Fatah's gp.  
7 Cheering cry  
8 Jargon suffix  
9 Antiunionist  
10 Volcano flow  
11 Certain util.  
12 Pull sharply  
13 Retort to "Am not!"  
14 Brand of fiber powder  
15 Swedish car  
16 Hamper  
17 Not so far  
18 Olathe locale  
24 "Crucify" singer Amos  
29 Learning inst.  
30 Offers  
31 Cleo's doom  
32 Somewhat within the law  
33 Messy state  
35 Copy a cur  
36 Border (on)  
37 A little, in music  
41 Blackjack request  
42 Bruins' gp.  
43 Prefix with life or wife  
44 "— -haw!" (rodeo yell)  
45 IRS form info  
46 Piece of mail: Abbr.  
51 Tranquility  
52 Linden and Prince  
53 Supermodel Wek  
54 Hard rock subgenre  
55 Most of the 1990s, politically  
56 Person from Pago Pago  
57 Harshly bright  
60 Dot in a lake  
62 Bit, as of salt  
63 Point a rifle  
64 Trio before P  
65 "TGIF" part  
66 Yellowfin tuna, on some menus  
67 Wanna- — (imitators)  
71 Baseballer Eddie or Footballer Fielding  
72 Book before Job: Abbr.  
73 Long ago  
78 Be a sponge  
80 Ailments  
81 Actor Mortensen  
82 Abnormal plant swelling  
85 Freak (out)  
86 "Botch- —" (1952 hit)  
87 Narrow estuary  
88 Jan. b'day honoree  
89 Six, in Italy  
90 Mage's stick  
91 Lower pastry crust  
92 — Reader (bimonthly magazine)  
95 Hog's place  
96 Some electron tubes  
97 Really testy  
98 Hauled in  
99 Satirical dictionary writer Ambrose  
100 Diviner's tool  
101 Belgian river  
107 Not messy  
108 Genghis —  
109 Stout's Wolfe  
110 "... could — horse!"  
111 Blissful plot  
113 Fare-well link  
117 Texter's "Wow!"  
118 "C'est la —!"  
119 Class for aliens: Abbr.  
120 Longoria of the screen  
121 Kindled  
122 Vane abbr.

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### Public Notice



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#### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Department of Planning and Natural Resources-Division of Environmental Protection has received a renewal application for a Title V Operating Permit for a Major Source from:

**The Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority  
Cruz Bay, St. John USVI 00804**

The Department of Planning and Natural Resources tentatively intends to approve the renewal application.

The application is for the operation of the following:

- **one (1) 2.5 MW diesel engine generator**

This facility produces electricity on its property in Estate Cruz Bay. During operation, this unit will have a potential to emit 167 tons per year (tons/yr) of nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>), 10 tons/yr of sulfur dioxide, 42 tons/yr of carbon monoxide (CO), 4 tons/yr of volatile organic compounds (VOC), and 3 tons/yr of particulate matter 10 (PM<sub>10</sub>) microns and particulate matter 2.5 (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) microns into the atmosphere.

Copies of the application and draft Title V permit are available for public review at the Department of Planning and Resources office in Cruz Bay, St. John located adjacent to the Elaine Ione Sprauve Library beginning March 12, 2012 between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, except holidays, for thirty (30) calendar days.

#### SEND WRITTEN COMMENTS to:

Alicia Barnes, Commissioner  
Department of Planning and Natural Resources  
Division of Environmental Protection  
8100 Lindberg Bay, Suite # 61  
Cyril E. King Airport, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
St. Thomas, USVI 00802

Comments will be accepted no later than **Tuesday, April 12, 2012**. The public hearing will be held on **Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at 6:00 P.M.** in the office of Department of Planning and Natural Resources Cruz Bay, St. John. Additional information may be obtained by calling Mr. Vernill E. Roberts, Jr. at 774-3320, ext 5216 or Ms. Verline Marcellin, Air Pollution Control Program Manager at 773-1082, extension 2274.

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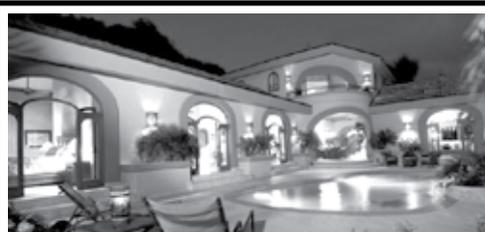
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# Bill 29-0289: Recalling deJongh/Francis Administration

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through the legislature, the election board will have to go about the business of conducting a recall election.”

“First of all, it’s important for us to clarify that this effort is not recalling the governor, it’s just providing an opportunity for the people to decide if they want to continue to keep the current administration,” said Senator O’Reilly.

The legislation did not pop up overnight; the move for creating this bill actually began years ago, explained Nelson.

“This started a long time ago from the governor’s initial activity with spending public funds on his personal home,” Nelson said. “I didn’t rush to do this. I have been quietly observing his behavior as governor and much of his behavior — from the corruption with the house to his handling of certain proposals which have come down to the legislature — a lot seems to be of personal interest to the governor.”

“This is also about his immature behavior and his playing the blame game instead of coming up with solutions to our problems,” said Nelson. “The night of the State of the Territory address, the governor called out senators and in our current conditions, he spent more than 60 percent of his speech blaming the business community and even workers. That told me that he is not in touch with reality.”

Both senators questioned whether deJongh had a concrete plan and vision for the territory in the first place.

“Taking into consideration all the things that have taken place, from the \$40 million in retroactive wages that were paid to the negotiation of union contracts prior to his reelection

**“He’s gotten everything he asked for and on top of that he’s gotten federal funds and on top of that he’s gotten almost \$300 million in recovery funds and he used all of this money and we have not seen improvement. Conditions continue to worsen in the territory, and not only the infrastructure, but the efficiency of the government too.”**

— Terrence “Positive” Nelson

tion and then the sudden change once his second term was secured, it calls into question the governor’s intention and whether or not he had a plan for the territory,” said O’Reilly. “His only plan appears to be borrowing money.”

The legislature approved many of deJongh’s measures, which have done nothing to improve the territory’s economy, explained Nelson.

“This governor has had a great relationship with the legislature in terms of getting his measures through,” said Nelson. “He’s gotten everything he asked for and on top of that he’s gotten federal funds and on top of that he’s gotten almost \$300 million in recovery funds and he used all of this money and we have not seen improvement. Conditions continue to worsen in the territory, and not only the infra-

structure, but the efficiency of the government too.”

Bill 29-0289 is currently stalled in committee awaiting hearings to be scheduled on all three islands, explained Nelson.

“They sent the bill to committee and there are supposed to be hearings on all three islands so the people can say whether this is something they want or not,” he said.

Senate President Ronald Russell would be the one to set dates for those hearings for the bill, which he had not done as of press time.

Citizens who want those hearings to be scheduled should call Russell’s office and request such, explained Nelson.

If the bill does not ever come up for vote, there is another recall route citizens can launch; a recall petition. If 51 percent of registered voters sign a petition demanding a recall election, the Virgin Islands Board of Election would be forced to organize it, Nelson added.

“Many people don’t like to sign their names to petitions, so we’re hoping this legislation makes it through,” he said.

In the end, Bill 29-0289 is about the people, explained O’Reilly.

“I feel that there seems to be a lot of rancor and concern out there,” she said. “Government workers, non-government workers and even the business community are feeling that there is no direction for us. I want to give the people of the Virgin Islands the opportunity to decide if they want to keep this administration or not.”

To read the full bill and get contact information for the full legislature, check out [www.legvi.org](http://www.legvi.org).

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**“PARADISE ON THE ROCKS”** Tropical living, big views & masonry home centrally-located on Ajax Peak. Two units: - 2 bedrooms, 2 baths & Great Room upstairs; private entry 1 bedroom apartment downstairs. Rent one, live in the other!



**\$1,150,000**

**“SEABISCUIT”** is a winner! Charming 2x2 Caribbean style masonry villa with panoramic views, very private pool & hot tub. Breezy location convenient to Coral Bay. Walk to shoreline watersports.



**\$895,000**

**“SEA BLOSSOM”** A Caribbean style 3.5x3 home in peaceful Fish Bay. Solid masonry construction, pool, and turnkey short-term rental capabilities make this a great value in today’s market.



**\$810,000**

**“UPPER CAROLINA COTTAGE”** 2 bdrm-2bth well-built & maintained home. Nice mountain views & breezes, comfortable wrap-around deck. Adjacent view parcel also available. Live in cottage while building main house. Deeded access to common beach parcel.



House alone **\$609,000**.  
With land **\$825,000**.

**“3 UNIT INCOME PRODUCER!”** Near town, all masonry. Top floors each 3 bedrooms with decks, A/C, plus lower studio. Renovated 2003: Corian counters, new appliances & tile floors.



**\$590,000**

**“UPPER CAROLINA” 3X3** - Recently upgraded & well kept house with 3 income producing units. Easy access to Cruz Bay and beaches.



**\$495,000**

**“GALLOWS POINT”** Unit 9C—one bedroom, 1.5 bath loft with private deck/patio, common beach, pool and spa. Restaurant and concierge services on property. Walk to town!



**\$1,100,000**

**“CORAL BREEZE”** Well kept 2br, 2ba condo live in or continue successful short term rental. Beautiful views of Great Cruz Bay & beyond. Convenient to town & recently added common pool and deck make Bethany Condos unit 6 a great investment.



**\$415,000**

**“OWN A MONTH IN A LUXURY HOME”** Choose a 3 BR 3.5 BA or a 4 BR 4.5 BA villa in upscale Virgin Grand Estates. These 3,000 sq ft villas feature STT & sunset views, pool, AC & more.



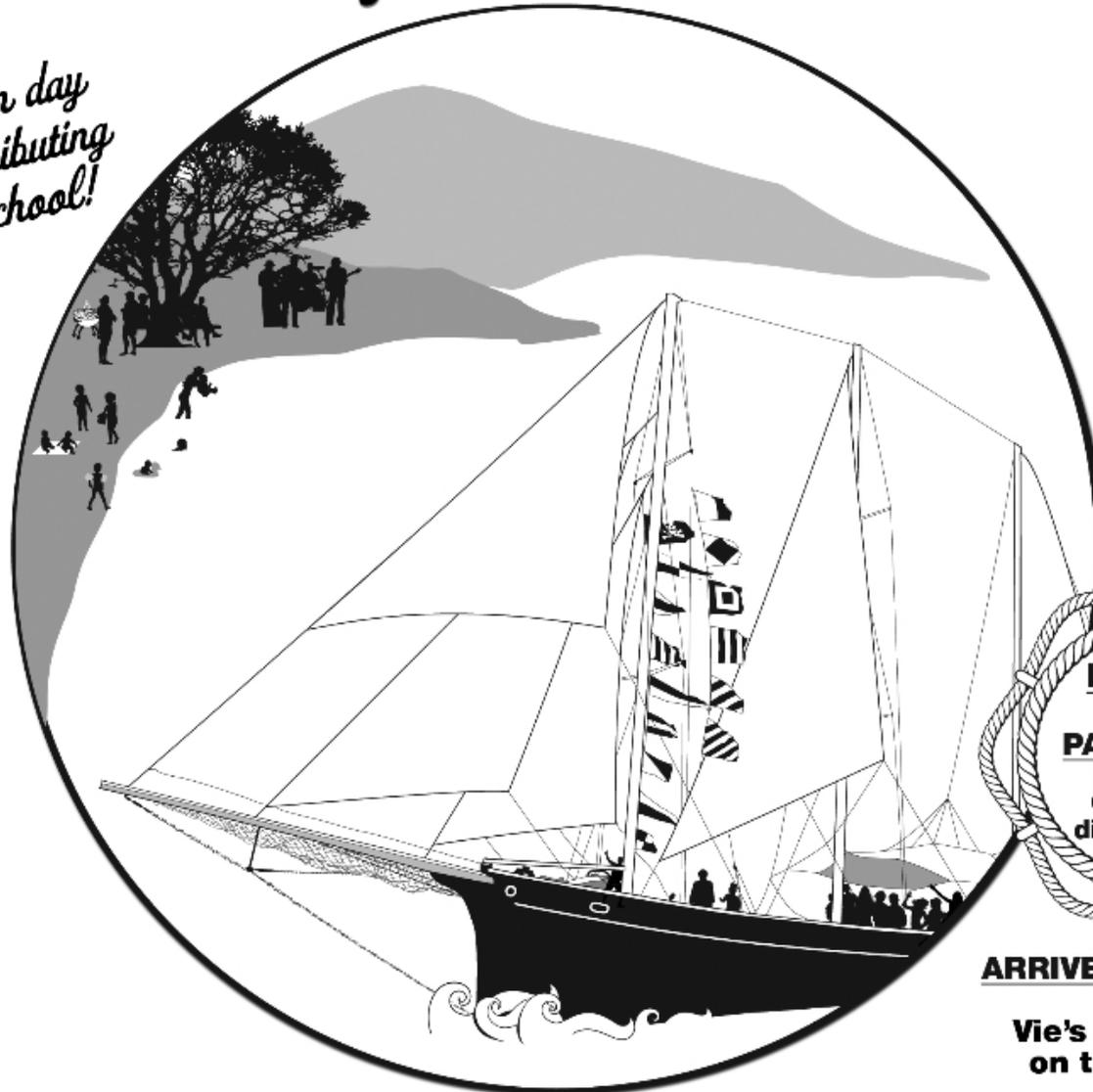
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LOTS OF LAND LISTINGS!!		MOTIVATED SELLERS!!		SOME SELLER FINANCING!!	
ESTATE MANDAHIL	\$85,000	PRIVATEER BAY/HANSEN BAY	hillside & WATERFRONT from \$199,000	UPPER MONTE BAY	hillside from \$799,000
ESTATE CAROLINA	from \$115,000	SABA BAY	19 ac. WATERFRONT \$9,990,000	BOATMAN PT./RENDEZVOUS	WATERFRONT \$825,000
CONCORDIA PRESERVE	from \$275,000	PETER BAY/NORTHSHORE	from \$1,500,000	VIRGIN GRAND ESTATES	from \$499,000
DRECKETS BAY	hillside & WATERFRONT from \$300,000	LOVANGO CAY	WATERFRONT South shore from \$285,000	CHOCOLATE HOLE	from \$365,000
				SAUNDERS GUT	two WATERFRONT lots <b>\$345,000</b> each
				WESTIN TIMESHARES	from \$2,000 per week
				ONE MONTH FRACTIONALS	FROM \$69,000

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*Saturday, March 24th, 2012*

*Have a fun day  
 while contributing  
 to our school!*



**DAYSAIL  
 TO  
 PARTY - \$40**  
 9:00 a.m.  
 Coral Bay  
 dinghy dock

or

**ARRIVE BY CAR - \$20**  
 Noon  
 Vie's Campground  
 on the East End

**INNER VISIONS BAND**

will be rockin' at the beach, starting at noon

**PARTY WITH A PURPOSE - \$500 CASH RAFFLE PRIZE!!!!**  
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*Best Day Sail/Party Deal on St. John!*

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 Burgers & hot dogs made by Capt. Will & Coral Bay Yacht Club as well as  
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