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ST. JOHN STOPLIGHTS:

Contractors installed the first island stoplights on Thursday afternoon, August 20, at the roundabout construction site in the heart of Cruz Bay. The traffic lights are directing traffic through the construction area at four different locations. Operating in sequence, the lights will be in operation through the completion of the roundabout.



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Solomon Golden with his father William Lee Golden, left, Kenny Chesney, center, and William Hall and Isaac Smith.

Kenny Chesney Receives Golden Painting

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Country music legend William Lee Golden of The Oak Ridge Boys presented Kenny Chesney with a painting of Trunk Bay on St. John backstage at Chesney's concert in Orange Beach, Alabama, on August 6.

The great country music entertainers share a love

for the Virgin Islands and St. John in particular. Chesney owns a home on Love City while Golden escapes to the island every January.

Golden has a successful dual career in art and exhibits his paintings around the world. For more information on Golden and his art check out www.williamleegolden.com.

VIPD Arrest Two on St. John

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Two suspects were arrested on St. John Saturday, August 8, and charged with Burglary.

V.I. Police Department officials said the suspects confessed to breaking into a business and a residence.

Arrested was 36-year-old Nicholas Digregorio, who is originally from Pennsylvania and 27-year-old Gregory Hodge,

originally from South Carolina.

Both Hodge and Digregorio have no fixed addresses on St. John and are listed as vagrants.

Police said the pair broke into a residence in Estate Enighed and removed items valued at more than \$100 dollars.

Gregory Hodge was also arrested and charged with Burglary Third Degree. Police said Hodge confessed to going into

Hurricane Alley on July 25 when the business was closed.

Digregorio's bail was set at \$70,000. Hodge's bail was set at \$60,000 on the Burglary Second charge and \$45,000 on the Burglary Third.

Both suspects could not post bail and they were remanded to the custody of the Bureau of Corrections pending further court action.

IEKHS Orientation Schedule Modified

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Principal of the Ivanna Eudora Kean High School, Dr. Sharon McCollum, advises parents, students and the general public of several changes in the orientation schedule for school year 2009-2010. The changes impact the previously announced dates for the 9th, 10th and 11th grade students.

Seniors will register on Tuesday, August 25, from 3 to 5 p.m. Ninth graders will register August 26 from 3 to 5 p.m. and new ninth graders will register August 27 from 3 to 5 p.m. Tenth graders will register August 28 from 8 a.m. to noon and 11th graders will register on August 26 from 1 to 4 p.m.

STJ Chapter Chamber Meeting Aug. 25

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The St. John Chapter of the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce will host its monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 25, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. upstairs at Ocean Grill. Chamber members and potential members are invited to attend.

Open House at the Battery on Aug. 27

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St. John Administrator Leona Smith is hosting an open house at the Battery with Department of Agriculture Commissioner Dr. Louis Petersen and Department of Human Services Commissioner Chris Finch on Thursday, August 27, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The community is encouraged to come out and meet members of Governor John deJongh's cabinet.

Silt Fence Workshop Set for Aug. 27

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The Coral Bay Community Council is hosting a silt fence installation "lunch and learn" workshop at Sputnik's in Coral Bay on Thursday afternoon, August 27, from noon to 1 p.m.

CBCC Stormwater Engineer Joe Mina, P.E. will be the presenter. The workshop will cover the proper usage of silt fence for erosion pollution prevention, including a "hands-on" demonstration of proper installation techniques. Types of fencing and alternatives will be discussed, depending on the site and slope. Contractors should invite their workers too.

Participants can bring their own lunch or enjoy Julietta's rotis available for sale. Attendance at four of these workshops will result in an EPA-CARE "I Care" certificate.

Call the CBCC at 776-2099 for more information.

Head Start Orientation Is August 28

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The Department of Human Services Head Start Program will be conducting parent orientation for the parents of new and returning students at the St. John center on Friday, August 28, at the Julius E. Sprauve School cafeteria at 10 a.m.

Guy Benjamin School Starts Aug. 31 with Mandatory Parent Orientation

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Guy Benjamin School will begin on Monday, August 31, when a mandatory parent orientation will also take place.

Parents with students in kindergarten through third grade will meet at 9 a.m. and parents with students in fourth through sixth grade will meet at 10 a.m. Students are to accompany their parents. School time will be from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.



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IGBA Supports Bill To Limit St. John Buildings to Three Stories

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

When several recent large-scale developments pushed building heights on St. John to new records, residents feared towering skyscrapers were just around the corner.

Senator at Large Craig Barshinger and Island Green Building Association St. John,

however, are trying to ensure that never happens.

Barshinger has sponsored a bill to restrict buildings heights on St. John to three stories, which the local IGBA group is throwing its weight behind.

"IGBA has a petition on our website in support of the measure to limit building heights to three stories and we're trying ramp up

our efforts and really get more people behind this," said Doug White, IGBA St. John president.

The building cap would protect the architectural feel of Love City and protect the community from large-scale developments, which harm more than just the view shed, according to White.

"We need this height restriction in order to maintain the scale of

building and quality of life on St. John," White said. "Quality of life is an issue because these tall buildings have a further impact. They impact our infrastructure, parking and electricity use."

"They have a much greater impact than just being visually inappropriate for St. John," said White.

The building height restricting

bill would also close current loopholes in the building code which allow for some buildings, while remaining technically within the zoning story limits, to have visual impacts of taller structures.

"We're hoping the bill will spell out exactly what three stories is and how to determine that," White said. "Bill Willigerod, Rob Crane and myself are trying to work out the exact language and where you measure from, that would include basements and lofts."

"We're trying to eliminate these loopholes that exist and work out exactly where you measure the three stories from," said White.

While the bill is currently worded for holding only residential buildings to the three story height limit, White hoped to expand the scope to include all buildings, he explained.

"We are in favor of all buildings being included in this measure and I believe the senator is willing to go along with that if there is support for it," said White.

A hearing on Barshinger's bill, number 28-0097, will be on Monday, August 24, at Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas at 9 a.m.

For more information on IGBA St. John, check out their website at www.igba-stjohn.org.

Bank Foreclosure Seems Likely at Sirenusa

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

As senators consider this week whether to cap building heights on St. John, many residents are pointing to the top of Jacob's Ladder as a reason to support the proposed bill.

After several large-scale developments shot up across the island, Senator at Large Craig Barshinger proposed a bill to limit building heights on St. John to three stories (see related story on this page).

In backing the bill, many residents pointed to the imposing Grande Bay condominium along the Cruz Bay waterfront and the towering Sirenusa development atop Jacob's Ladder, as a reason to stop out-of-scale construction projects on St. John.

"We need this bill so we never have another Sirenusa," said Doug White, Island Green Building Association St. John president.

The luxury condominium complex Sirenusa drew fierce opposition from neighbors who claimed the development was out of step with the neighborhood — and that was just the beginning.

Sirenusa owner Carlo Marzano was originally granted a group dwelling permit to construct 40 units in 28 two-story buildings. Over time, however, those plans changed to 40 units in 15 three- and four-story buildings.

The final straw for many St. John residents came when Marzano requested a zoning variance in order to construct an additional seven units at the site. The request was approved by members



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tom Oat

Sirenusa condominiums stand quiet and two multi-story buildings remain unfinished since the reported foreclosure by Banco Popular, which has allegedly taken a \$50 million loss on the re-sale of the property.

of the senate in 2007, vetoed by Governor John deJongh and then approved again by senators who voted to override the governor's veto.

At the time he was requesting the zoning variance, in April 2007, Marzano said he needed the additional units in order to make good on his multi-million dollar loan from Banco Popular.

"We're out of money," Mar-

zano said. "The project will shut down and become an eyesore if I don't have the additional seven units."

Now it seems that is exactly what has happened. Work at the Sirenusa construction site has been quiet lately and rumors have been swirling across the island that Banco Popular foreclosed on Marzano's loan.

Banco Popular, which floated

Marzano a \$60 million loan for the project, is rumored to have sold the property to a Puerto Rico-based developer for \$10 million, taking a \$50 million loss on the project. Bank officials declined to comment on the Sirenusa rumors.

It also remains unclear whether or not the hotly contested zoning variance is transferable to new owners.

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Social Security Official on STJ Sept. 2

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A Social Security Administration representative will be at the Department of Human Services office from 9 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. on Wednesday, September 2. For more info call 714-0136 ext. 3002.

Bethany Activist Is Hosting Pre-Labor Day BBQ Sept. 5 at Moravian Church

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The Bethany Activist of the Bethany Moravian Church on St. John will be hosting a Pre-Labor Day Barbecue on Saturday, September 5, beginning at 6 p.m.

Stop by for delicious plates of barbecue chicken, ribs, steak and grilled fish. Pre-sold tickets are available and tickets will also be sold at the door. Prices range between \$10-\$15.

Contact Stacie January at 626-6279 for additional information.

Hurricane Preparation Tips Shared

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

By this time in the hurricane season, which started June 1 and runs through November 30, all families should have a plan and supplies ready, representatives from federal and local emergency response agencies told residents at a town hall meeting at the St. John Legislature building on Wednesday night, August 12.

Hosted by the Department of Human Services, the meeting brought together officials from the

Federal Emergency Management Agency, Small Business Administration, American Red Cross, Mental Health Disaster Counseling and V.I. Territorial Emergency Management Authority.

The St. John meeting was the second of three meetings hosted by DHS across the territory last month and came just a week before the first named storms and first hurricane of the 2009 Hurricane Season formed.

As the lead agency for mass care in the territory, most individual and household emergency relief programs filter through DHS, explained the department's Deputy Commissioner Moleto Smith.

In the event of a disaster, VITEMA is the local agency which coordinates emergency response, deputy director Alvis Christian explained.

"We coordinate the efforts of all government agencies, businesses and non-profit organizations involved with disaster management," said Christian. "Our goal is to make sure that all the entities are as ready as possible or as ready as can be. We're already in hurricane season and by now everyone should be ready."

"One disaster is one too many," Christian said.

The American Red Cross has been active in the Virgin Islands for decades and is ready to assist families and individuals with their preparation needs, according to Marla Mathews, the group's territorial disaster chairperson.

"We want people to not only be ready, but to be 'Red Cross ready,'" said Mathews. "You should have a plan. You should know the vulnerabilities in your area and have an emergency route, kit and evacuation plan in place by now."

In case of an emergency, resi-

dents should stock up on drinking water and nonperishable food supplies and have their medications and personal documents in order, Mathews explained.

"If you need assistance from any number of federal or local agencies you will need your driver's license, so you should be sure to have that on you," Mathews said.

Seeing eye dogs are the only animals allowed in a storm shelter and residents should bring along blankets and pillows to be more comfortable, Mathews added.

On St. John, Red Cross volunteers staff shelters at the Julius E. Sprauve School, Bethany Moravian Church and Emmaus Moravian Church.

FEMA's individual assistance programs are only activated once a Presidential emergency proclamation is issued, explained the agency's individual assistance program specialist Idamis De Jesus.

There are a number of assistance programs available to residents in the wake of a disaster, and officials can help make the process as smooth as possible, explained De Jesus.

Residents must register with FEMA to be eligible for loans from Small Business Administration, explained Carl Abbott, a field operation supervisor for the agency.

"Registering with FEMA gets you into the system," said Abbott. "Then a determination will be made to transfer your case to SBA or to a loan or grant program. It's important to go through the process."

If a storm hits the area, agencies will establish a presence where residents can get more information about assistance programs available. For more information about SBA check out www.sba.gov, or for more information about FEMA go to www.fema.gov.

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TS Ana, Hurricane Bill Are First Storms of 2009 Hurricane Season

By Jaime Elliott
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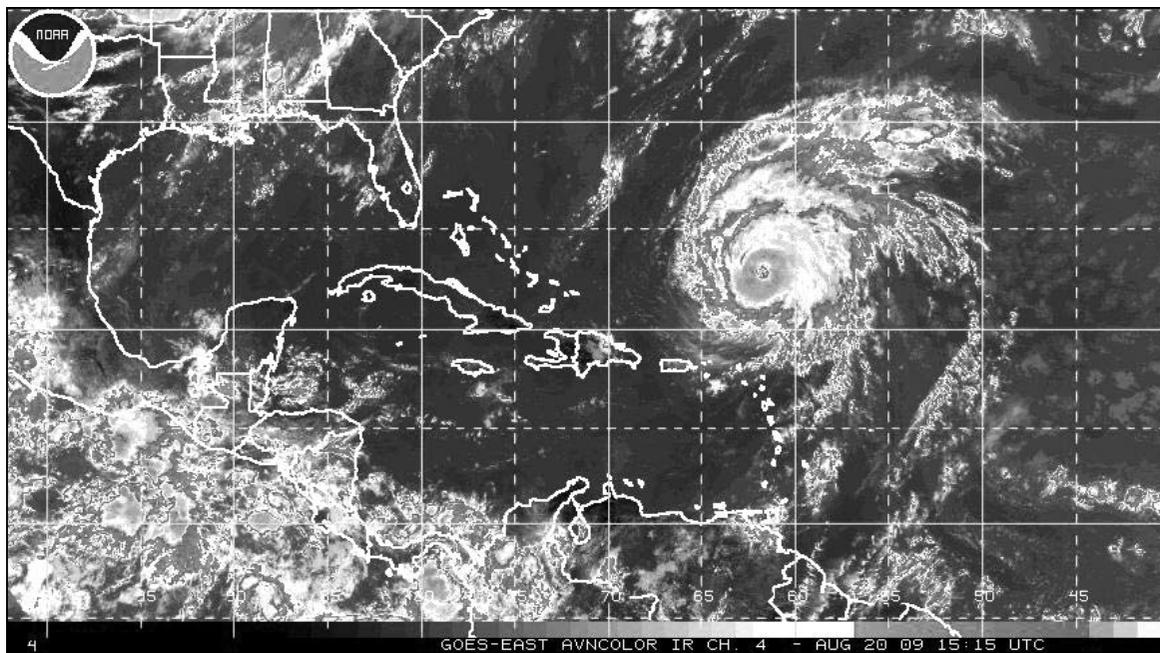
After a quiet start, Virgin Islanders were reminded last week what time of year it is as the first storms of the hurricane season formed over the eastern Atlantic Ocean.

Tropical Storm (TS) Ana was the first to develop, with what started out as Tropical Storm Bill right on its heels. TS Ana formed southeast of the territory and was downgraded to a tropical depression by the time it passed south of St. John on Monday, August 17, drenching the island with passing showers.

After initially planning to close all St. John ports at 9 a.m. Monday morning, V.I. Port Authority officials decided to leave the ports open and Tropical Depression (TD) Ana did not disrupt inter-island travel.

As residents stocked up on drinking water and tidied up their yards in anticipation of TD Ana nearing the territory, most were eyeing the storm behind it, and for good reason.

What started out as Tropical Storm Bill quickly developed into Hurricane Bill by Sunday, August 16, and was classified as a Major Category Four Hurricane with



St. John Tradewinds News Graphic Courtesy of NOAA

Hurricane Bill, packing winds of 135 miles per hour, passed north of St. John last week.

winds of 135 miles per hour by Wednesday, August 19.

With residents and officials nervously watching the growing storm inch closer to the islands, Hurricane Bill continued its projected path and passed about 500 miles

northeast of the St. John on August 19.

By Thursday morning, August 20, Hurricane Bill was located at 20.6 degrees North and 60.3 degrees West and was downgraded to a category three hurricane with

winds of 125 miles per hour.

Hurricane Bill impacted the territory with choppy seas and gusty winds and a small craft advisory was in place for the islands through August 21.

While the island was spared any

severe weather, local authorities were ready. V.I. Territory Emergency Management Agency and American Red Cross personnel prepared for action and V.I. National Park officials opened Hurricane Hole as a refuge for boaters.

The Department of Planning and Natural Resources and U.S. Coast Guard issued warnings to boaters and urged mariners to take precautions.

“Adverse weather effects generated by a depression, storm or hurricane can cover an area hundreds of miles wide,” according to the USCG statement. “Even those recreational boaters and the maritime industry who fall outside of the direct path of the storm are advised to be cognizant of dangerous weather conditions and take appropriate precautions to stay safe and minimize damage.”

With Hurricane Bill safely to the north, VINP requested boats to vacate Hurricane Hole by August 24.

The double storm formation last week was certainly a wake-up call for residents who were enjoying a quiet 2009 Hurricane Season, which started on June 1 and runs through the end of November.

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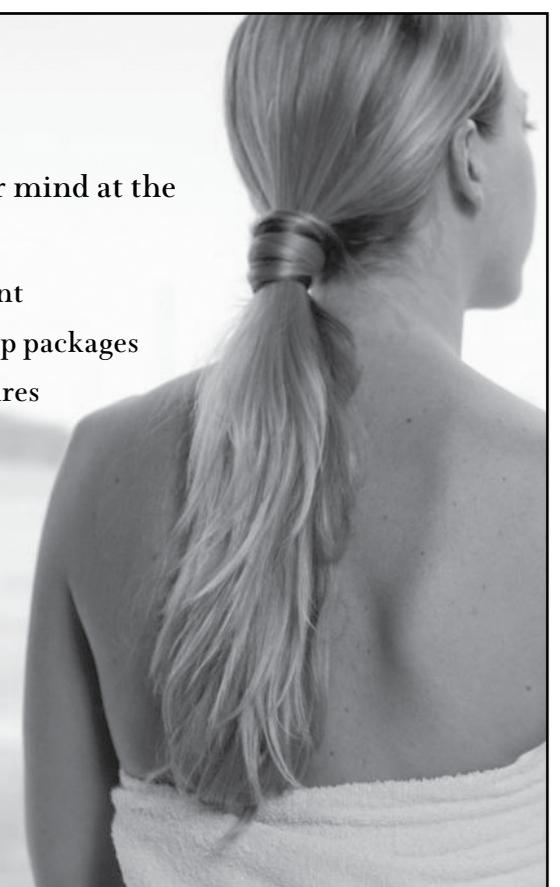
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PSC Approves Reduced Summer Ferry Service to Down Town Charlotte Amalie

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

As V.I. Public Service Commissioners continue to mull over the fate of ferry fares, officials okayed a reduction in the Charlotte Amalie run during an August 12 PSC meeting on St. Thomas.

In April, the PSC approved a plan for the two ferry companies — which have exclusive franchises on runs between St. John and St. Thomas — to increase most passenger fares.

The current fares are \$5 for an adult one-way ticket to Red Hook from Cruz Bay and \$10 for an adult one-way ticket to Charlotte Amalie from Cruz Bay. The approved rate hikes would jump the fare for a one-way adult ticket to

Red Hook to \$7 and decrease a one-way ticket to Charlotte Amalie to \$8.

After the decision came down, V.I. Unity Day Group members filed a petition with the public utility regulating body to rescind the order, citing questions in both Varlack Ventures' and Transportation Services' financial statements.

PSC officials stayed their order to change the fares and assigned St. Thomas attorney Jennifer Jones as the new hearing examiner to take another look at the matter. Jones has requested additional time to assess the ferry companies' financial statements completely.

The order to raise the ferry fares is now on hold until October 15 and a public hearing on the mat-

ter is expected to be scheduled in early September.

In the meantime, the ferry companies petitioned the PSC to suspend their Cruz Bay to Charlotte Amalie runs for the summer months, which the PSC denied. Instead, the commission voted to allow the ferry companies to run a shortened schedule until November 1.

The new schedule, which went into effect on August 22, will offer three daily round-trip runs between downtown St. Thomas and St. John.

Ferries to Charlotte Amalie will leave Cruz Bay at 9:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. Ferries to Cruz Bay will leave Charlotte Amalie at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Jones Gets Okay To Develop Estate Susanaberg

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Ronnie Jones got the go-ahead from the V.I. Senate last week to build an apartment complex on his almost three acre Estate Susanaberg land.

Jones had requested a rezoning of his property from R-1, residential low density, to R-4, residential medium density, in order to build 18 apartment units in six buildings, a pool and laundry facility.

The rezoning was originally approved by the V.I. Senate, but then vetoed by Governor John deJongh.

Senators voted to override deJongh's veto on Thursday, August 20, paving the way for Jones to go ahead with development plans

During the same session, senators also voted to override deJongh's veto of a second zoning change on St. John.

Gershwin Sprauve had requested to change the zoning on his 0.23-acre Estate Adrian property from R-1 to R-4 in order to double the number of units in an existing building on his property.

Sprauve's existing concrete building, which is located off Cen-

terline Road, already consists of two four-bedroom units and he requested the rezoning to construct an interior wall to create four two-bedroom units. After it was originally approved by the senate, DeJongh vetoed Sprauve's rezoning request, a move reversed by senators last week.

All senators except Senator Adlah Donastorg, who was absent for the two votes, and Senator at Large Craig Barshinger, who abstained from voting, voted in favor of the overrides, according to a report in the *V.I. Daily News*.

Wha's Happ'nin' by Sis Frank

Jazz at The Beach Bar

St. John Tradewinds

We all miss the Queen of Jazz, but when Louis Taylor took his daughter to college last Sunday, guess who sat in on piano — Gary Dial!

What a great surprise! Gary has built a house at Calabash Boom that finally is finished! He teaches at Manhattan School of Music in NYC and we all look forward to his retirement so that

he can continue teaching piano classes at the Art School!

The music on Sunday was full of pep and great rhythm — you could see that the musicians were swept away! If you weren't there, you missed a great show!

New Band Name?

The name of the new band is still being decided, ranging from Jazz V.I. to Jazz All Stars. If you have a suggestion, let Andrew

Cameron know.

Old-timers Joe Ramsay on sax, Andrew on drums, Rhett Simmonds on bass, Dale Harrigan on trumpet and Conrad Lettfeldt on flute, were joined by members of The Young Lions, Jonte Samuel, J'moi Powell and Tabari Lake.

Bring your friends to The Beach Bar every Sunday from 4 to 7:30 p.m.

Library Reopens, Patrons Welcomed To New Comfortable Environment

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

Elaine I. Sprauve Librarian Carol McGuinness has noticed a difference in the library's patrons since the building reopened a month ago — they are no longer in a hurry to get their books and get out.

Thanks to the library's comfortable new atmosphere and air conditioning, which was installed during the renovation process, patrons are actually spending time there, relaxing and reading their books.

The year-long renovation process wrapped up last month when the library moved from its temporary trailers back into its historic Enighed home. The building, which is actually the Enighed Estate House dating back to the turn of the 19th century, underwent a complete overhaul.

"I love it here," said McGuinness.

"People are happy to be in here. The patrons like it because they can sit and read in the nice beautiful chairs the Friends of the Library bought from Mark Hansen Designs."

Air conditioning was installed, electricity was rewired and the interior walls of the building were plastered during the renovations. The roof was repaired and varnished, the exterior was scraped and repainted, and the cistern was cleaned out and resealed.

The bathrooms were remodeled and the building's grounds were cleaned up and landscaped.

A wireless network was set up for the library's computers, and new comfortable chairs were brought in to provide seating areas for patrons.

The project cost nearly \$700,000, going only slightly over budget when it was discovered

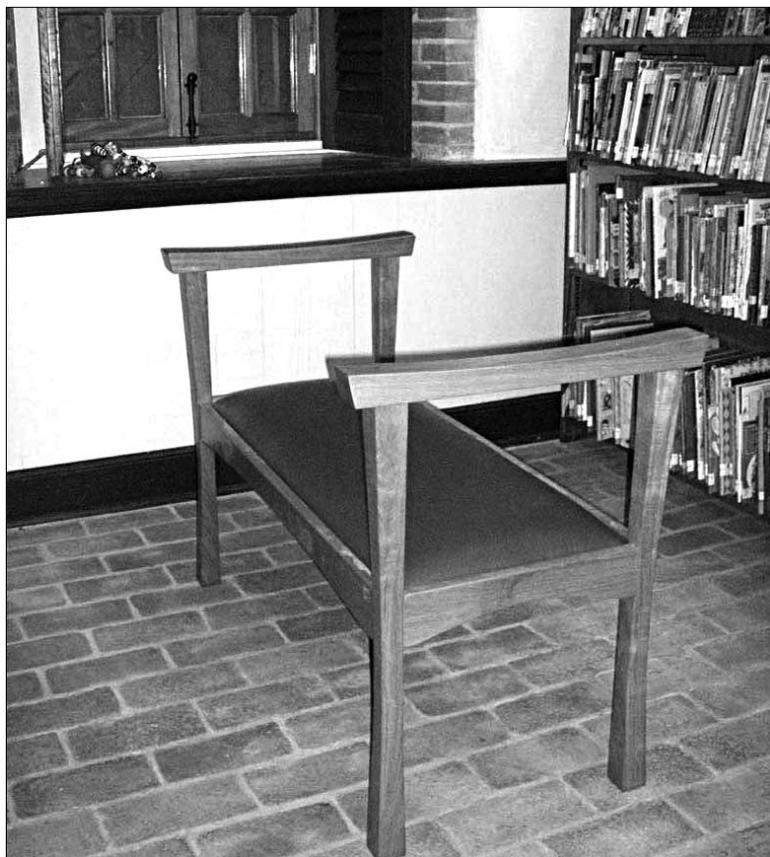
that the building's entire east wall needed to be excavated and sealed. The renovations did take longer than expected, explained Department of Planning and Natural Resources Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums Assistant Director Donald Cole.

"We could have moved a little faster, but we had to let the contracts go through the governmental process," said Cole. "We didn't want to be in violation of Virgin Islands law, so that slowed down the work. The pace was a little slow, but we provided services to the public throughout the renovation process."

The library operated from two small trailers located in the building's parking lot during renovations.

Cole praised McGuinness and library technician Rena Dawson

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St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Carol McGuinness

Friends of the Library purchased new furniture, including this bench above, from Mark Hansen Designs.

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Mad Hot St. John: Dancing Classrooms Comes to Love City

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Precision, hard work and elegance will culminate in classrooms across Love City this year, as fifth grade students at all three island schools will have the opportunity to learn the exciting world of competitive ballroom dancing.

On the heels of the wildly successful documentary “Mad Hot Ballroom,” and “Take the Lead” — the feature film adaptation starring Antonio Banderas — dance instructor Pierre Dulaine’s Dancing Classrooms has taken off across the country, and the globe.

Dulaine, an internationally acclaimed dancer and dance instructor, launched the first Dancing Classrooms in New York City in 1994 and watched as troubled teens embraced and excelled at the program.

Last year, Dulaine’s 20-session program saw 40,500 children in 400 schools learn classical dances like tango, swing and merengue — and self-respect, pride and teamwork along the way. Dancing Classrooms is not an elected after-school activity, but a mandated class and part of a school’s main curriculum.

Starting next month, Dancing Classrooms is coming to St. John thanks to First American Development Group/Carib, the developers behind the luxury fractional own-



St. John Tradewinds News Photo Courtesy of Dancing Classrooms

Students show off their swing dance moves at a Dancing Classrooms competition.

ership resort Pond Bay Club in Estate Chocolate Hole.

The development company was looking for a community project to launch on St. John, when principal Bob Emmett was inspired by the Dancing Classrooms program.

“We always pick one project

that will have a positive impact on the community,” said Emmett, no stranger to dance himself as his mother was a member of the famed Rockettes. “We were looking for a project here that would integrate education and be something really exciting for the community.”

Emmett brought program manager Jacye Gossett, a former competitive Latin and Ballroom dancer, on board and Dancing Classrooms Virgin Islands is starting to take shape.

“Jacye and I worked on projects before and we both saw ‘Mad Hot

Ballroom’ and loved the concept,” said Emmett. “What Pierre did was go to kids who were in detention and he used ballroom dancing as a way to teach them self-respect and male-female relationships and all these kids started staying out of trouble. We said, ‘let’s see if this will work.’”

After meeting with government personnel, including Governor John deJongh and Department of Education and Department of Tourism officials, Emmett got the go-ahead to start the program in fifth grade classes this school year.

“Everyone has been totally behind this and very supportive,” said Emmett. “All of the principals and government officials, everyone who has heard of the program is totally supportive of it.”

Gossett will oversee the entire Dancing Classrooms St. John, and Emmett also enlisted the help of three local women, who flew to New York City to be certified through Dulaine’s instructor program.

After a week of intensive training, Elizabeth Gowan, Teresa Fraguada and Gina Wellner are now certified Dancing Classroom instructors and will lead classes in merengue, fox trot, waltz, tango and swing.

“The training was very intense, but it was amazing,” said Wellner.

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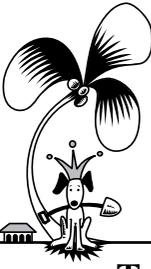
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The annual Coral Bay Labor Day Parade will be on Monday, September 7, starting at 11 a.m.

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Photo by Steve Simonsen

St. John resident and world-renowned photographer Steve Simonsen captures a Leatherback sea turtle hatchling on Sandy Point, St. Croix.

Steve Simonsen Captures Sea Turtle Nesting at Sandy Point Wildlife Refuge

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

The beach comes to life when the sun sinks below the horizon at a pristine shoreline stretching south of Fredriksted, St. Croix.

As the moon shines down on the 360-acre Sandy Point National Wildlife Refuge massive Leatherback sea turtles lumber ashore to dig their nests and begin an ancient reproduction ritual.

Because unnatural light disorients sea turtles, National Wildlife Refuge managers rarely grant photographers access to Sandy Point, leaving few images of the endangered species' local nesting grounds.

Steve Simonsen is about to change that. After 13 years of trying, the local photographer and videographer was finally granted access with his cameras to Sandy Point this year.

After taking several trips to St. Croix and spending hours on the darkened shoreline with researchers and wildlife officials, Simonsen filmed amazing footage of immense Leatherbacks nesting and tiny hatchlings emerging.

While Green and Hawksbill sea turtles also use the St. Croix beach for nesting, it is the Leatherbacks — the largest and deepest diving

of sea turtles — who will headline Simonsen's films.

Simonsen is creating a short film to run in the visitors' center at Sandy Point — which currently includes not one photograph of a sea turtle — and a longer version which he will enter in the upcoming St. John Film Festival next year.

The footage is awe-inspiring and a testament to the need to keep the area protected.

When Sandy Point was originally established, thanks to the hard work of V.I. National Park resource manager Rafe Boulon, researchers recorded only about 18 Leatherback nests. Last year, scientists observed more than 200 female Leatherbacks using the shoreline.

Researchers with the St. Croix-based non-profit group West Indies Marine Animal Research and Conservation Service have learned a vast amount of information by studying the nesting mothers and emerging hatchlings at Sandy Point.

It's remarkable how little researchers who study sea turtles anywhere know about the animals. While sea turtles have been cruising the Earth's waters since before the dawn of dinosaurs, scientists

have only been studying the creatures for about 30 years.

Although their numbers were prolific throughout most of their 200 million year history, sea turtles were pushed to the edge of extinction due to human involvement.

Development on land disrupts turtles' nesting grounds, sea turtles get tangled in fishing lines and are harvested for food. As a result, all sea turtles are considered Threatened or Endangered Species.

Nesting ground protections, like at Sandy Point National Wildlife Refuge, and fishing regulations have helped sea turtles in the Atlantic Ocean regain a foothold. While the story in the Pacific Ocean is a sadly different situation, conservation efforts have paid off in the Atlantic.

Sandy Point is closed to visitors during peak nesting season, and only open two days a week the rest of the year. Several nights a week during nesting season, researchers lead groups of residents on walks along the shore to watch hatchlings emerge.

The outreach helps local residents to understand why the beach is closed for most of year, and Simonsen's footage is expected to help bridge that gap as well.

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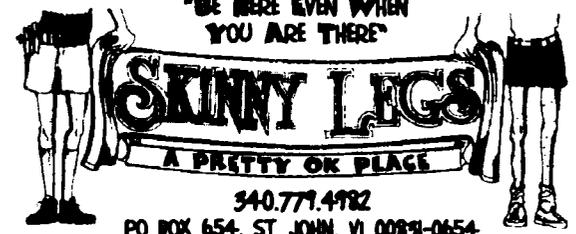
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Teachers Hear from Top Researchers at Special Education Conference

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Teachers from across the territory heard from top education officials and researchers at the seventh annual State Office of Special Education Summer Institute at the Westin Resort and Villas August 10 through 14.

"Our focus is always improving outcomes for children with disabilities," said Carrie Johns, State Director for Special Education for the Virgin Islands. "We have top of the line people making presentations in their fields of study. Our line-up this year was very impressive."

This summer's institute drew about 140 participants from St. Thomas, St. John and St. Croix, the highest turnout for the conference to date, Johns added.

Presenters included specialists in early childhood special education, dropout prevention and post-school outcomes. Keynote speaker Dr. George Sugai, an endowed chair in Behavior Disorders at the University of Connecticut, shared effective means of positive behavior support, social skills instruction and strategies for school-wide, classroom and individual behavior management.

"Dr. Sugai gave a very informative and engaging presentation about positive behavior support

for teachers to improve students' behavior in the classroom," said Johns. "He gave teachers strategies that really work to reinforce positive attitudes."

The annual summer conference is part of the State Office of Special Education's mandate to provide professional development to all stakeholders, according to Johns.

"We strive to continually educate teachers, parents and administrators about the latest research and techniques to continually improve special education in the territory," she said. "The teachers have direct contact with the students, but all of the stakeholders should be working in concert to support positive outcomes."

Interacting with parents was a new branch of research educators learned about at this year's summer institute, Johns added.

"Teachers partnering with parents is a new strand we learned about this year," said Johns. "We heard about how teachers can relate to parents and welcome them into the classroom and reinforce what they're working on in the classroom."

Participants also heard about co-teaching, where students with disabilities are integrated into mainstream classrooms, but with a double dose of educators, ex-

plained Gail Harris Perez, St. Croix's District Director of Special Education Services.

"Co-teaching is a model that can work by integrating students into larger, mainstream classes and having the general education teacher and the special education teacher both working together," said Perez. "This is a strategy that can really help all children."

Perez makes sure to attend the Special Education Summer Institutes in order to keep abreast of the latest strategies and research in the field, she explained.

"It's really important to hear about the latest scientific based strategies and best practices to keep our work progressing," said Perez. "We have all of these teachers here who took time out of the end of their summer vacations. They don't have to be here."

"This shows how many dedicated teachers we have in the territory," said Perez.

Other presenters at the conference were Larry Korterling of Appalachian State University, Sandra Covington Smith of the National Dropout Prevention Center for Students with Disabilities, Dr. Charlotte Alveson of the University of Oregon's National Post-School Outcomes Center and Attorney Gary Reusch of UW-Milwaukee School of Exceptional Education.

Hurricane-Resistant Home Open House Set for Sept. 4

St. John Tradewinds

With housing prices soaring through the roof, the dream of home ownership might seem impossible. But not so with a hurricane resistant concrete home built by Caribbean Affordable Housing Company (CAHC).

The first of many of these homes will be unveiled at an open house on Saturday, August 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Fish Bay, St. John.

"I wanted to offer land-owning Virgin Islanders the opportunity to own a home that was not only affordable and comfortable but would also allow them to feel safe during hurricane season," said Maurice Wheatley, an owner of CAHC. "This unique housing option is eco-friendly, energy efficient and can be customized to the owners' specifications. Our first house features artistic touches by the homeowner which speaks to the infinite décor possibilities."

Three floor plan options are currently available ranging from 1040 to 2100-square-feet. Each complete home, made of steel-reinforced poured concrete,

features solar water heating, bathrooms and kitchens with the necessary basics, windows and doors, compact fluorescent lighting fixtures, corrugated aluminum hurricane panels, and stained concrete floors—everything you need to move right in.

"Our dream was to have a small, safe, affordable house and Caribbean Affordable Housing Company helped us realize this dream," said St. John artist Livy Hitchcock and her husband Tom, owners of the first house built by CAHC. "In spite of the warning that building in the Virgin Islands is a nightmare, working with CAHC has been nothing but a pleasure. We have never regretted our decision to build with CAHC."

Shuttle service to the open house will be available at a discounted rate of \$6 round-trip from the St. John ferry dock for individuals traveling from St. Thomas. Call 998-9899 for directions.

One open house attendee will win a 6-night stay at the Westin St. John Villas for the nights of August 30 through September 4, 2009. For more information ocheck out www.caribaffordablehousing.com.

Love City Triathlon Sept. 6

St. John Tradewinds

The 11th annual Love City Triathlon will take place on St. John, on Sunday, September 6.

The race consists of a half mile swim, 14-mile bike ride, and a four mile run. The event begins in Maho Bay at 7 a.m. then circles St. John and ends at the Annaberg Ruins.

Also taking place that morning is the Aquathon event, consisting of a half mile swim and a 3.4 mile run. The aquathon and the triathlon will have staggered starts, with both events finishing at the Annaberg Ruins.

Participants in the triathlon can do all three legs competing as an individual or form a relay team with one or two other participants and each compete in one or two legs. Please note, participants cannot compete as an individual and be a member of a relay team as well, nor can a participant be a member of more than one relay team.

Participants in the aquathon

must compete as an individual. There will be no relay category in the aquathon.

The race as a whole (i.e. triathlon, aquathon, and the relay added together) will be closed at 110 participants in total, so participants are encouraged to register early.

Registration fees are \$35 for individual triathletes, \$30 for relay triathletes and \$35 for aquathon. Registration forms are available at the Tap Room. Race numbers and goodie bags can be picked up on Saturday, September 5, at Maho Bay Campgrounds from 4 to 5:30 p.m., which will also be the last opportunity to sign up for the race, if space is still available.

Following race check-in, there will be a mandatory pre-race meeting at 5:30 p.m.

For more information contact Louise Wearmouth by email at louise@surfbvi.com, or Jude Woodcock at woodjudecock@hotmail.com or 340-779-1416.

STJ Racquet Club Meeting Sept. 12

St. John Tradewinds

The St. John Racquet Club will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 12, at the Cruz Bay tennis courts. All Racquet Club members, junior members and anyone interested in joining the club are invited to attend.

Commander's Bugle Call

American Legion Viggo E. Sewer Post #131



Keeping Veterans Informed



**By Jerry Runyon
St. John Tradewinds**

As summer comes to a close, I hope all enjoyed their vacations. Your Commander's trip to Ireland was great, he struggled to complete a mile beach-to-beach swim which was a great preparation for his competition at the 2009 National Veterans Golden Age Games where he won two swimming gold metals in his age group in Birmingham, Alabama.

Keeping fit is the key to a healthy life and all are encouraged to get out and exercise. Winning is secondary — volunteering at the games and assisting fellow veterans is the main goal. Of course, getting better competitive times than those younger is a plus and says do not count out the older generation.

Post 131 continues its quest for an American Legion Department of the Virgin Islands. The results of a recent census from Post 131 members continues to confirm 100 percent support for such a department.

Having a V.I. Department is worth the extra work and finan-

cial burden to set the path for our younger generation of American Legion Veterans to be independent of Puerto Rico. We must develop the vision to look into the future. Now is a time for "change." Status quo cannot be an option.

A VSO Caribbean Health System will be at the St. John Legislature on August 26 at 2 p.m. All St. John Veterans are encouraged to attend. Contact Lorelei Monsanto at the Delegate to Congress Office at 776-1212 or Elmo Rabsatt at 693-8577 for more information.

A Freedom Walk is scheduled for September 11, 2009. For more information call Corine Matthias, Post 131 Adjutant, at 779-4250.

Wounded Warriors from various VA hospitals will be visiting the territory with Team River Runner November 1 through 8. Post 131 and Post 90 on St. Thomas have teamed up to assist these incredible warriors coming down for rest, recuperation and kayaking around St. John.

Post 131 with Team River Runners is attempting to develop a three to five year program for these Wounded Warriors to come to the

Virgin Islands. We need the community's assistance to make this happen.

The American Legion Post 131 is the St. John contact for support of our Wounded Warriors. Contact Doug Benton, Post Finance Officer, at Crabby's Water Sports at 714-2415 or Paul Devine, Post Vice Commander, at 514-6615 for details and to make donations or contribute services.

The Veterans Ball will be November 7 from 6 to 11 p.m. at the Westin Resort and Villas ball room. Tickets are \$75 for a single and for \$140 couple. Music will be provided by Paradise People. All proceeds will go to youth sports, scholarships, community, veteran and Wounded Warrior programs.

We encourage the entire community to join us in supporting our Veterans and the celebration of the 90th Anniversary of Veterans Day. Advertisement costs for our Veteran Ball Booklet range from \$250 to \$20. Contact either Matthias or Devine for details.

It will be an event for the community to come out for dancing

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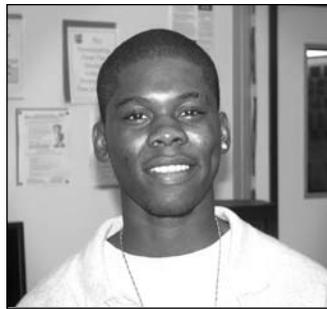
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Rhythm & Views

An outlook on young adult interests and concerns
by Malik Stevens

Postive Rally for Peace & Change

St. John Tradewinds

As they say, "Rain don't stop the carnival." And neither did it stop the St. John Youth Committee's first ever Positive Rally for Peace and Change on Friday, August 14.

The people of the island were awe struck by the well organized and much needed program the young ground breaking group had put together.

With the leadership of chairperson Hadiyah Sewer, who has maintained this role while keeping her Dean Scholar status at Spelman University, executive member Jessica Samuel and Bonnie Corbeil, who has been a firm activist on the island for years, the group put together an intriguing four hours of speeches, questions and answers, performances and a wealth of information for all ages.

The evening began with speeches by St. John Youth Committee members, explaining the history of the group, its goals, and, of course, the reason for the rally.

The group's goal for the past two years of its existence has been to advocate for, inspire and empower the youth.

"The rally is to serve as a catalyst for change here on St. John," said chairperson Sewer.

St. John Festival Queen Leah Scott and former Miss St. John Razzilee Oquendo gave speeches, followed by a dance by the French Academy of Performing Arts, and a special address by Keynote Speaker Cheryl Francis.

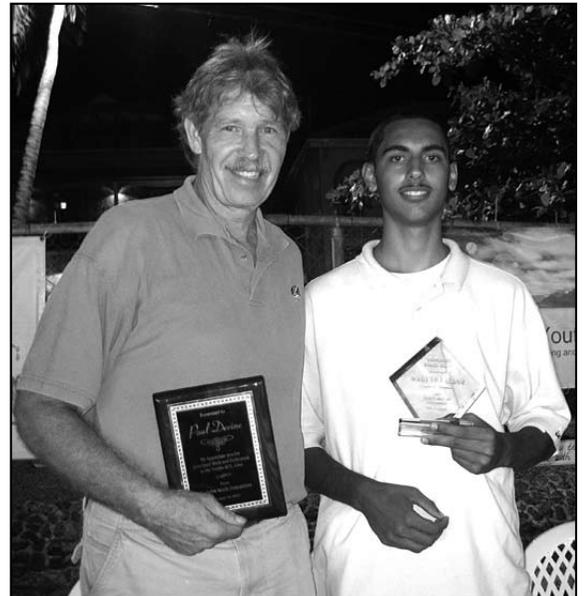
Francis is head of the Stop the Bleeding Campaign in the VI and the chairperson of the board of directors of the newly formed Junior Achievements group. Francis urged people to learn how to do without what they don't have as well as how to make the most of what they do have.

After Francis' address, poetry was offered by young black poet Dave Queely.

"The message is that peaceful coexistence, cooperation and communication are keys to helping complete the mission of good must conquer evil and love must triumph over hate," he said.

To add to the performances, Ms. USVI Senior Ina Lee gave inspirational remarks geared especially towards the parents. After the speeches, a panel was formed and questions were asked by members of the youth group as well a the attendees.

The panel included Department of Education Commissioner Dr. La Verne Terry, Chief of Staff for Senator Nelly O'Reilly, Jay Wiltshire, Guy Benjamin, Nydia Lewis, representing concerned parents, Chade Edwards, representing St. John youth, Giff Hill School head Ben Biddle, Minister George, and Sean LaPlace who represented youth activists. Numerous questions were asked ranging from the education system to church issues as they related to the youth of the islands.



St. John Tradewinds News Photos by Malik Stevens

Paul Devine and Sean LaPlace with their community service awards.

After being asked "If you had to rate the current state of the VI educational system on a scale of 1 to 10," DOE Commissioner Terry's responded that "it is different as it pertains to different areas," but she "would give it a six."

The DOE Commissioner also added that the department is working hard to improve and it takes more than just the Board of Education to do this.

With a quick intermission for food, the panel lasted for approximately two hours allowing everyone to get things off their chests while bringing clarity to many of the interested guests.

The evening was also a night of honors as Paul Devine and Sean LaPlace were awarded for their hard work and dedication in their communities.

Devine has been active on Love City with the St. John Youth Committee as well as the St. John Community Foundation and bringing sports like flag football to the youth through the American Legion.

LaPlace, 17, has been fervently working to improve the environment, saying that his main goal is to leave a clean atmosphere for his kids and their kids to enjoy.

What began at 4:30 p.m. lasted until minutes before 10 p.m. as the committee gave their final remarks and called the rally to a close.

It was evident that the event was a success and that the people felt empowered. Though the members of St. John Youth Committee are all in college now, they will still partake in group activities and are now planning to restructure with new students who will keep the fire burning.

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Historical Bits & Pieces

by Chuck Pishko

New Machinery Leads the Way at Adrian/Trunk Bay

St. John Tradewinds

In 1847 as the islands geared up for the Emancipation of the enslaved Africans, an Englishman, John Elliott, purchased the Adrian/Trunk Bay/Hermansfarm Estates from the State-Treasury.

Elliott came to St. John by way of Ireland and St. Croix. He made major improvements in the sugar-making facilities on the plantation.

Then in 1855 the government entered into an unprecedented arrangement with Elliott to grant him "the use of the balance of compensation bonds for people emancipated from said estates amounting to two thousand seven hundred dollars with the interest thereon" on these conditions:

1. "That the works and machinery be completed by the building of a new substantial steam chimney so as to enable the estate to take off not less than 12 coppers a day."

2. "That an efficient pumping apparatus for supplying the works with water worked by the steam engine"

3. "That each improvement be inspected and their efficiency certified to the satisfaction of the Government." (RA VLA VGLK STA 1852-1871 Adrian)

This consolidation of sugar processing of several estates using the latest innovation in mechanical power was unprecedented on St. John.

While James Murphy, a for-

mer slave trader, had consolidated several plantations with Annaberg at the beginning of the century, he still depended on the labor of enslaved Africans to man the operations. Elliott employed emancipated workers and helped establish the post-slavery society.

The steam engine was invented by two Englishmen, Thomas Newcomen and Thomas Savery, and initially used to pump out mines, but it took a Scotsman, James Watt, to make it the work engine of the Industrial Revolution.

McOnie and Miriles of Glasgow produced the steam engine that drove Adrian's sugar production to new heights. This information on Watts et. al. comes from "How the Scots Invented the Modern

World," by Arthur Herman, Random House, 2001.

Scotch managers and engineers played pivotal roles in the development of the Caribbean and the United States as the "Clearance" changed the nature of their homeland.

The basic configuration of the engine is an unusual "A" frame — i.e. the main support beams are cast in an A configuration. Steam was let into confined spaces above and below the piston, alternately pushing the piston up and down.

As the steam expanded in the cylinder it drove the piston — as it cooled and condensed it helped to draw the piston back. The movement of the piston pushed or pulled a reciprocating beam, which in turn drove a crankshaft connected to a set of gears that turned the rollers of a cane crushing mill.

An intervening flywheel smoothed out the strokes of the cylinder. In addition to driving the cane crusher, the engine also ran two pumps — one drew water from the nearby ghit to the sugar works and the other maintained pressure to the boiler to keep it full.

The steam engine at Adrian

provided about 20 horsepower to the mill; the engine ran at about 15 revolutions per minute, and drove the 12 foot main drive gear and crushing rollers at about one revolution per minute — by way of comparison, a small modern car generates about 50 to 100 horsepower and runs at 750-1000 rpm in idle and up to 5,000 rpm climbing hills.

All of the steam engine's power was delivered to the top or drive roller of the crushing mill, which was pinion-gear to two bottom rollers. The cane entered the mill between the top and front, or feed roller and emerged between the top and back, or discharge roller, thereby performing two separate crushings that extracted up to 70 percent of the juice from the cane.

The spent cane stalks, known as bagasse, were then dried and fueled the fires that heated the steam boiler and sugar pots.

Before long Elliott was processing 70 percent of the sugar produced on St. John. Unfortunately, John Elliott passed in 1868 and with him, for all intents and purposes, so did sugar production on St. John.

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3rd Degree Burglaries: 67
Under Investigation: 67
Solved: 0

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Under Investigation: 68
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1st Degree Burglaries: 2
Under Investigation: 2
Solved: 0

2nd Degree Burglaries: 15
Under Investigation: 14
Solved: 1

3rd Degree Burglaries: 46
Under Investigation: 42
Solved: 4

Grand Larcenies: 45
Under Investigation: 43
Solved: 2

Rapes: 1
Under Investigation: 1
Solved: 0

Letters to St. John Tradewinds

The Motor Vehicle Bureau

Editor,

I have had some good experiences with Inspection Lane as of late and I have heard a lot good feedback about the quality of service as well. What I don't understand is — just what is the Motor Vehicle Bureau and who runs it??

Recently, a vehicle owner attempted to renew a registration for a pickup truck and found that the fee doubled. When questioned, the friendly clerk announced that the Bureau had been setting the fees incorrectly for a long time and that now they were going to do it right!

According to the motorist, Bureau personnel had "taken a course" and it was found that, through modern training, the gross vehicle weight determined the fee (at least for the pickup truck).

After hearing this, I immediately went on line to check out the new regulations at the MVB site. Alas! There is no site! In fact, I had to go to the governor's site to establish for myself just who was running the Bureau.

At first, I was puzzled because every kid older than 10 has a website. It turns out that a guy named Jerris T. Browne is the Director and he is part of the Governor's cabinet. Of course, there was a phone number: for St. Thomas its 713-4268 and for St. Croix it's 774-4268 (clever huh? That

way you can't forget the last 4 digits) He even has an email address browne@viaccess.net. That doesn't sound like a government addy but hey — whatever works!

I continued to diligently search. I used Google and a bunch of other search engines but...nothing! Well, not exactly nothing. I found a PDF file which contained the entire Virgin Islands Driver's Manual. What a find!

I found out that it was okay to stop or stand where a sidewalk was painted yellow as long as the driver was in or near the vehicle. Too bad I found that out now after getting a ticket some years ago for doing exactly that. Oh, by the way, it makes no mention of needing to seatbelt your dog unless "passenger" means pets too. I also found that taxis can do just about anything they want, whenever they want to whoever they want.

So, how does MVB set the registration rates? Or any rates for that matter. What fee schedule do they use? Is it posted anywhere? Has MVB ever announced to the public that new rates would be forthcoming? Before the training, those smiling clerks must have used something!

When will MVB ever get their own website so the public knows who they are and what they do? Oh yeah, they register vehicles and give out licenses, plates, stick-

ers and use a lot of staples but shouldn't we know at least a little about what their policies are?

I guess we have to tip our hats to Director Browne for training the help. With his vision, the territory will most likely bring in a lot more funds by doubling fees on unsuspecting motorists. Heck, the government needs the money and we have been paying less than our fair share for so many years so I say — pay up you slackers!

I have a pickup too so I can expect to pay double next year (unless I can find a way to alter the gross weight sticker on the driver's side door). I'm sure not going to complain because the friendly people at Inspection Lane have also taken training in customer service and it's been a pleasure for me just to visit the MVB.

When my payment for about \$140 by cash, credit card, money order or cashiers check (apparently, MVB still has a hard time with checks) is happily handed over to the government coffers, I will go away assured that, for another year, my vehicle will meet the stringent inspection requirements MVB is so famous for.

Maybe those new and improved fees could actually provide enough funding for a website. Left signal, right signal, windshield wipers, honk the horn...

Paul Devine

Yes, A Burglar Can Make Your Day

Editor,

Yes, a burglary can make your day.

I fell into the trap of napping in front of the TV without securing my home first. I might as well have put up a sign for the burglars.

When I discovered items missing within an hour, I headed straight for the police station, networking in the meantime with a couple savvy friends outside.

Within minutes one item was

retrieved; by the next morning a neighbor was at my door with the rest, which had been abandoned in her yard.

The officers whose names I have: officers Bedminster and Brown and Detective Vincent, along with several others, acted immediately, eagerly, and in a spirit of true neighborliness. I have nothing but praise for their professionalism, good advice and friendliness.

Thanks also to my good neighbors, whom I'm guessing might prefer to remain unnamed, but whom I count without hesitation as real friends.

An experience like this goes a long way in dispelling the pall of cynicism that can easily overwhelm one in these difficult times.

**Thank you,
Elaine Penn**

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Obituary

Jean Cornwell Mason: January 14, 1921-July 25, 2009

By Downing Biddle
St. John Tradewinds

Jean Mason, described by long-time St. Johnians as an island icon of her day, lived on St. John for over 40 years and died here, peacefully at home, last month. She was 88 years old.

Jean was one of four daughters born to Ray and Doris Ellis Cornwell in Wareham, Massachusetts, where her father was a funeral director in a family business dating back to 1862. Like her father, Jean had a lively sense of humor. She recalled playing in the family garage, where the black hearses were parked, and leading a movement to decorate the solemn vehicles with bright paints and a cheerful design.

Jean met her future husband, John Mason II, when she was only 13 years old. She was forever grateful for her wise choice in a mate.

"I loved every day with my husband," she was known to say, "God, I loved that man!"

John learned to sail from his father, graduated from Brown University with a degree in engineering and served time in the Navy.

Like Jean, John was artistic and extremely clever. He invented things, painted beautifully, designed jewelry for Jean and was, to her, a wonderful companion. The two valued personal freedom above social convention and sunshine above gray skies.

Early in their marriage, they sold their two-story brick house in Barrington, Rhode Island and relocated to the water.

They arrived in Haiti on an elegant 56-foot Bill Hand motor sailer named *Sixpence* and managed a hotel there. Jean recalled with humor the challenges of living in Port-au-Prince at a time when once a cow fell in a cavernous pot-hole and couldn't be seen.

Henry Mongie, a longtime St. John resident from South Africa, met Jean and John in Antigua in 1963, when they were living in English Harbor. His wife, Maia, met Jean there later and became one of her most devoted friends.

"She was an icon of the era,"



Jean Mason

Henry said, "We were very good friends and did a lot of things together...enjoyed each other's humor."

And of her glamour: "You should have seen her when she was 42! Whoa! Always gorgeous... just like she was the day she died... every day like that. Very stylish!"

The Masons came to St. John in the 1960s and chartered all day cruises, including gourmet luncheons prepared by Jean, for \$20 per person.

"We get a lot of sincere compliments from epicures and the hungry alike," Jean wrote.

She advised guests, "You don't have to do anything... Many people just sit in the sun or shade, breathing in and out contentedly."

A guest aboard *Sixpence* in 1966 described a luxury experience with a delightful hostess.

"She excels in the culinary department and sets a magnificent table...She serves an amazing variety of very good and high quality food, including the tenderest of roasts, with such embellishments as wines, white tablecloths, real silver and crystal and generally in a manner one would not expect... also, in her own right, (she is) an extremely competent sailor."

Of their sailing abilities, Jean wrote, "Mr. Mason is a veteran of the United States Navy and Mrs. Mason is a veteran of many years of Mr. Mason."

The Masons lived aboard *Sixpence* in Cruz Bay harbor for

many years, finally taking a place on land in a house called "The Rock," where The Banana Deck is now located. There began many long friendships; there, her extended family took root — with her "girls," Barbie Divine, Pat Schomer, and young Amy Ramsdell, tucked into houses around her.

Those were the days when women wore long dresses for cocktails at the Gallows Point "Honor Bar," where regulars poured their own and left a donation.

Charlie Deyalsingh, or "Trinidad Charlie" as he is known from his line of hot pepper sauces, began to crew for Jean and John in 1969, not long after he arrived on the island.

"They took me under their wings," Charlie said, which meant overnights aboard *Sixpence* and visits to Jost Van Dyke to renew his visa.

"She was quite the lady...an aristocrat...conservative in appearance, but radical in the way that she lived," mused Charlie, speaking in an affectionate lilt. "She could talk about anything, with anyone. She was straight-up, and had great dignity."

Many recall John Mason as a man of few words.

"But when he did say something," Charlie chuckled, "it was usually very funny, and often way over your head."

Charlie remembers that the Masons enjoyed their time alone together, and would stay up late into the night conversing. Another guest on *Sixpence* was Robert Oppenheimer, who sometimes came aboard for a nightcap.

"I always felt sorry for him because he was too smart," Jean said.

John's death in 1987 was a shock to Jean. She spoke of that first year without him only to say that she'd not have survived without the love of her devoted "girls."

Some years earlier, the Masons sold *Sixpence* and bought a black-hulled Cheoy-Lee sailboat, named *Mira Ceti*, which they would take out for sunset sails. After John

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Obituaries

Ernest Morris Passes

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Services were Saturday, July 25, for Ernest Morris who died July 14.

The viewing was at 9 a.m. at St. Ursula's Anglican Church followed by the funeral at 10 a.m. Burial was at the Cruz Bay Cemetery.

Morris is survived by his daughter; Angola Morris; brother, Harold Gallop; granddaughter, Tamara

Morris; grandsons, Kmoy Morris and Peabo Fleming; nieces, Claudia Gallop and Kim Pagani; nephew, Mark Walters; great-grandchildren, Kennecia, Shakira, Shekia and Shamara Morris; stepsons, Alrick, Ronald, Austin, Eric and Athneil Thomas; adopted grandchildren, Kaiesha and Keshyra Thomas; and many other friends and relatives.

Arrangements were by Turnbull's Funeral Home.

Jean Cornwell Mason: January 14, 1921-July 25, 2009

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died, Jean sold it and rarely went out on the water again.

Over the next two decades, Jean lived alone in several locations on St. John, and transformed each into a place of beauty with her strong sense of design and her natural green thumb.

"I must have been a frustrated gardener all those years on the boat," she remarked.

At the last place she called home — a humble one-room cottage on Giff Hill — she conquered the overgrown land with steadfast precision and shaped it into a welcoming garden.

Even in her old age, Jean tackled ambitious craft projects — painting a floral bench when she was 87, repairing furniture, sewing and embroidering, and varnishing all conceivable surfaces. She was artistic, and a perfectionist, and it showed in everything she did. At the end of the day, she often mused about what might be left undone: the unplanted hibiscus bush, a garden door...

Regardless of where she lived, Jean created a 5-star environment — not, it seemed, because she felt entitled, but because she knew of no other way, and could not see the point in short-cuts.

As she grew frail, when most would have relied on canned soups and a microwave, Jean continued to prepare rack of lamb and cassoulet, drunk duck and chicken soup from scratch, peeling bowls of pearl onions by hand, and insist-

ing on freshly ground French roast coffee prepared in a French press. Her modern mind was a delightful contrast to traditional New England ways.

Jean was well known for her humor, which was predictably ripe until the end. She enchanted friends with stories, and left them with memorable, if unprintable, descriptions of people and events.

A supremely loyal and thoughtful friend, she absorbed every detail of a loved one's achievement, or crisis, and offered a "big picture" perspective, delivered with wit or a perfectly placed profanity. Her friends were always laughing and brimming with admiration.

Abundantly generous with those she loved, Jean frequently entertained, and nobody did it better. Her door, truly, was always open.

"Everything has a place," she would say, as she tidied up. In the same way, there was a special place for everyone in her life.

Jean had no children of her own, but left behind an extended family of friends and those she called daughters, granddaughters, great-grandchildren and even an adopted dog named Boris, who arrived one day and refused to leave the unusual comforts of her cottage and company.

During a recent hospitalization, an attendant noted, "You have no children, Mrs. Mason."

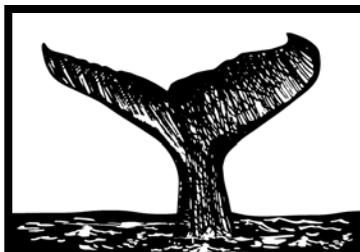
"Yes," Jean replied, "I do. Tons. All daughters. They'll want to know everything."

To her devoted family of loved

ones, there was no better company or comfort than Jean Mason, who ritually ended her day with a Skye vodka martini. Often two. Jean's blue eyes twinkled with joie de vivre until, at last, they closed.

A memorial cocktail gathering for Jean will be on Monday, August 24, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the home of Henry and Maia Mongie on St. John. Take the Chocolate Hole East road to Pole 13. Turn right. The house is at the end of the road. Park where you can along the road. For more information call the Mongies at (340) 776-6828.

Jean's ashes will be buried at Cruz Bay cemetery, next to her beloved Johnny.



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and to meet their Veterans and the men and women who are serving to protect us all. Look for our posters to be displayed across the island for both the Veterans Ball and Veterans Day.

In celebration of the 90th Anniversary of Veteran's Day, Post 131 is hosting a parade, ceremony and BBQ/pig roast in Coral Bay on November 11.

We are inviting all who would like to participate in the parade to contact Matthias. All donations will go to our youth sports, scholarships, community, veteran and Wounded Warrior programs. We hope the community will come out and show their support for our veterans.

Our next regular monthly meeting will be Saturday, September 12, at 10:30 a.m. at the Coral Bay Agriculture Station terrace. All members are encouraged to attend. We need your input on ways to better serve you, our Veterans and the community. We also need volunteers to make another milestone, the Veterans Ball on November 7 a success.

Again, I cannot stress enough the importance of being a mem-

ber of Post 131 and continuing to grow. Without a strong voice and more representation at the district level, we will not be heard. Contact Matthias to become a member. Please renew early, 2010 cards are here. Also contact Aubrey Sewer in Coral Bay at 779-4158.

Of equal or more importance is the need for all Virgin Islands Veterans to sign up at the VI Veterans Affairs. Contact Assistant Director Harry Daniel at 774-6100.

Also sign up at the Veterans Caribbean Healthcare System, St. Thomas Clinic. All Veterans are strongly encouraged to obtain new VA cards. Call the clinic at 774-6674 or Rabsatt for information concerning Veteran Health and VIVA needs.

The Video "Proudly We Served," Virgin Islands Veterans of WWII, is available at Post 131 for a donation of \$15. Contact Devine or Sewer for more information. This video documents interviews by our Virgin Islands WWII Veterans.

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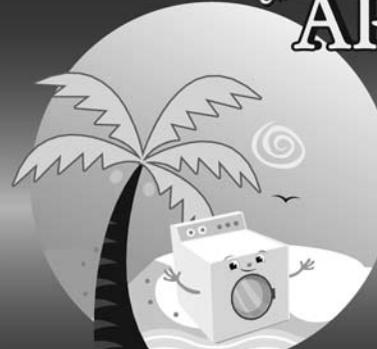
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Library Reopens, Patrons Welcomed

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Dawson for continuing to serve the public from the undersized trailers.

"We really have to give tremendous credit to Ms. McGuinness and Rena," said Cole. "They are the ones who had to man the station day to day in the trailers. They were a little tight, and we really have to commend them highly for bearing there with us."

Cole also thanked the project's architect, Spencer Brown Jr., along with contractor Custom Builders, for their work on the renovations.

"The department is pretty happy with it," said Cole. "We also want to thank the public for bearing with us."

Nearly a month after moving into its newly renovated home, things at the library appear to be running smoothly. The building's new generator was even put to the test recently when power flickered several times during stormy weather from Tropical Storm Ana — and it worked like a charm, according to McGuinness.

The librarian is incredibly happy with the renovations, and especially the air conditioning, she explained.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Carol McGuinness

A Mark Hansen Designs chair at the Elaine I. Sprauve Library.

"It's so different," said McGuinness. "It's like a whole new job — the best job that got better."

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Thank You Supporters

On behalf of the St. John Youth Committee, we would like to thank all of our supporters, donors and volunteers — because without them this rally would have not been the success it was. Special thanks goes out to Scotia-bank, ZoZo's Restaurant, Baked in the Sun, Storage on Site, Skinny Legs, Bayside Mini Mart, St. John Hardware, Nest and Company, BGM Engineers and Surveyors LLC, Starfish Market, and to everyone who came to the event and showed their care for our youth.

Goodbye For Now

By the time this hits newsstands, I will have already left for college and this is my last Rhythm and Views article.

My time writing for the people of St. John has been amazing. I learned a lot and I do hope that I made a difference. The job will be given to someone else, whom I am confident will do an amazing job in keeping the people informed and entertained as to the concerns and thoughts of the youth.

Though I am leaving, I will try my best to continue writing now and then to keep in touch and to give some views from Georgetown.

Before I'm out, I would like to thank everyone who helped me along my way. From simple things like complimenting me on my articles to financially helping me get to places some students get to only imagine, thank you and I will always appreciate it.

I will keep working hard and do my best to represent St. John well.

St. John Police Report

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Friday, August 7

1:15 p.m. - Det. Vincent and Offc. Callwood p/ with one Nicholas Digregorio placed under arrest and charged with burglary, grand larceny and possession of stolen property. Bail set at \$70,000

2:30 p.m. - 74B and 402E p/ with one Gregory Hodge placed under arrest and charged with burglary in the second degree and grand larceny. Bail set at \$60,000.

3:15 p.m. - 74B and 402E p/ with one Gregory Hodge placed under arrest and charged with burglary in the third degree and grand larceny. Bail set at \$45,000.

Saturday, August 8

8:00 p.m. - A resident r/ an auto accident on North Shore Road. Auto accident.

9:30 p.m. - A citizen c/requesting police assistance in removing items from her residence. Police assistance.

Monday, August 10

11:00 a.m. - An Estate Contant resident p/r that someone broke into his villa. Burglary in the third.

Tuesday, August 11

9:30 a.m. - An Estate Grunwald resident c/r that he was assaulted in Coral Bay.

9:45 a.m. - A citizen c/r that someone

caused damage to his vehicle. Damage to a vehicle.

2:00 p.m. - A citizen c/r that someone tried to steal his motorcycle and kicked it over. Damage to a vehicle.

2:45 p.m. - An Estate Fish Bay resident r/ that her landlord called her and threatened her. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

Wednesday, August 12

8:30 a.m. - A citizen c/requesting police assistance at his residence. Police assistance.

7:50 p.m. - ADT c/r a sounding alarm at Scotia Bank. Activated alarm.

Thursday, August 13

7:10 a.m. - A citizen c/requesting police assistance in the area of Bellevue Village. Police assistance.

10:44 a.m. - A citizen p/r a disturbance at her residence. Aggravated assault and battery.

Friday, August 14

9:15 a.m. - An Estate Susanaberg resident p/r that he is being harassed by two minor males. Disturbance of the peace.

10:15 a.m. - An employee at Sun Deck Cafe c/r that someone unknown entered

the business. Burglary in the third.

5:30 p.m. - St. John Rescue c/r a possible drowning at Cinnamon Bay. EMS and Rescue on the scene. Police assistance.

Saturday, August 15

4:00 a.m. - A citizen r/ he is being harassed by an adult male with whom he had a previous confrontation. Disturbance of the peace.

4:15 a.m. - A citizen c/r that he was assaulted by an intoxicated patron at Jake's. Simple assault.

4:20 a.m. - Jake's owner c/r that a male was throwing stones into his restaurant. Destruction of property.

4:30 a.m. - An Estate Gift Hill resident r/ that someone broke into his house. Burglary in the third.

9:15 p.m. - A citizen p/r a disturbance with a male in the area of Boulon Center. Disturbance of the peace.

Sunday, August 16

10:00 a.m. - A citizen c/r that someone broke into her guest house. Burglary in the third.

4:15 p.m. - A nurse at Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center c/r an assault. Simple assault.

Monday, August 17

No time given - A resident r/ that an apartment had been vandalized.

No time given - Unit 51 p/ with one male. D.U.I.

Tuesday, August 18

8:00 a.m. - A citizen c/r that someone broke into his residence. Burglary in the second.

No time given - A citizen p/r that cash was removed from his vehicle. Grand larceny.

6:30 p.m. - A citizen p/r that she was threatened. Disturbance of the peace.

10:00 p.m. - A citizen r/ that his backpack was stolen. Petit larceny.

Wednesday, August 19

10:15 a.m. - A visitor r/ that he hit a wall with his rental vehicle. Auto accident.

10:45 a.m. - A citizen r/ that she hit someone's car. Auto accident.

Thursday, August 20

3:30 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r she was beaten by her boyfriend. Assault in the third, D.V.

1:35 p.m. - A citizen p/r that someone threatened his life. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

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Brummel Germain, at far left, ate more watermelon slices than anyone in the Starfish eating contest.

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Germain Wins Starfish Watermelon Bash

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

With the Caribbean summer heating up, Starfish Market management offered a way for residents to cool down and win some great prizes last week.

The store hosted watermelon eating contests for adults and children on Saturday, August 15, where participants tried to eat as many fruit slices as possible in three minutes. The competition drew crowds of spectators cheering on the speedy eaters.

In the youth division, about 10 youngsters were pitted against each other with trays of watermelon slices at the ready. After putting away nine watermelon slices, Rasean Rogers, 12, was named the youth division winner and took home a \$50 gift certificate to Office Max.

"It was cold," said Smith, about downing so many watermelon slices in three minutes. "But it wasn't too hard. It was fun."

All children who took part in the contest took home a bag of back to school supplies.

The adult division was hotly contested, but in the end Brummel Germain won top honors and a \$100 gift certificate to Starfish, after downing eight watermelon segments. CJ Scatliffe took second place and a \$50 gift certificate after putting six slices under his belt and Nyisha Lewis took third place and a \$25 Starfish gift certificate for eating four slices of fruit.

With trays of fruit available and boxes of watermelons to give away, no one went home empty-handed from the Starfish Market watermelon bash.

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Dancing Classrooms Comes to Love City

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"It's all about joy and celebrating the positive. I'm really excited about the program."

Classes will start the first week of school and are expected to culminate in school-wide competitions and then an island-wide competition in mid-December, which will be emceed by Dulaine himself, according to Emmett.

In addition to obvious physical benefits of Dancing Classrooms, the program — through an integration with school curriculum — has proved to have a positive impact on all areas of students' lives.

"Besides the physical aspects of dance, which helps to combat childhood obesity, Dancing Classrooms was recently singled out for its impact on student's school work, helping students overcome social anxieties and increasing student awareness of other cultures," said Gossett.

Research conducted in Washington D.C. with Dancing Classrooms participants backs up those claims. When interviewed about the impacts of Dancing Classrooms, researchers found a positive change in children with behavioral management problems and an overall improvement in school atmosphere,

according to information provided by the non-profit group.

Much of the program's success is predicated on parental and community involvement, Gossett added.

"While all students will have a taste of ballroom dance, the teachers and parents are an important part of the program as well," she said. "Teachers and parents are taught dance and encouraged to get involved so the children are supported all around."

Emmett hopes to eventually expand the program to include eighth grade classes and foresees Dancing Classroom as the beginning of a Love City dance renaissance.

"We're bringing something to the community that we think is a little unique and will have a positive impact," said Emmett. "We'd like to use this as a spring board to re-engage a thriving dance program on the island."

A kick-off party for Dancing Classrooms, which Dulaine himself will attend, will be Thursday afternoon, September 10, at Frank Powell Park. A formal fundraiser for the program will be on September 11, where attendees will have a chance to dance with Dulaine.

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BOATMAN POINT - Masonry 4 bd. home on spectacular 1 ac. waterfront site with amazing views & outstanding neighborhood. \$2,795,000.

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GOLDEN DRAGON - Beautiful stone villa w/exceptional craftsmanship. 4 bds./4 baths, infinity pool, multi patios & decks, lush gardens, Pt. Rendezvous location. \$2,195,000.

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