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Three Contestants Vie for Princess Crown

(Left to Right) Contestant #1 Sh'Nyah Bacon, Contestant #2 La'Monee Morris, 2011 St. John Festival Princess Ashyria Kelly, the former contestant number three who is no longer taking part in the competition, and current Conestant #3 Tashyia King, are ready for the June 17 show.

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Julius E. Sprauve School students work on their new XO laptops during lessons with Columbus School of Girls students.

Ohio Students Teach Computer Technology To JESS Elementary and Middle Schoolers

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

For the third year in a row, students from the Columbus School for Girls, in Columbus, Ohio, spent two weeks at Julius E. Sprauve School teaching computer technology as the culmination of a year-long independent study course taught by Christine Murakami.

As the Technology Integration Specialist for the Upper School at Columbus School for Girls, Murakami has overseen this innovative program each year

and deemed this trip the most successful yet.

“The thing that really made a difference this year is that we keep coming back and that changes things,” said Murakami. “We are building trust and recognition at JESS and they’re starting to put their own effort into this program and that makes all the difference.”

Murakami’s students acquire, either through purchases or donations, specially developed laptops which were designed by the One Laptop Per Child

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Student Graduation Dates Announced

Guy Benjamin School will host commencement exercises on Wednesday, June 13, at 10 a.m. at the Emmaus Moravian Church.

Julius E. Sprauve School will host commencement exercises on Wednesday, June 13, at 6:30 p.m. at the Westin Resort and Villas ballroom.

Gifft Hill School will host its senior class graduation on Thursday, June 14, at 5:30 p.m. at Trayser Field at the GHS Upper Campus.

Dancing Competition Set for Jun. 12

Dancing Classrooms Virgin Islands will present the Colors of the Rainbow team match competition on Tuesday, June 12, at Reichhold Center for the Arts starting at 6:30 p.m.

Come out and cheer on all the teams. Join fifth graders from across St. Thomas and St. John dance the Merengue, Fox Trot, Rumba, Tango and Swing as they vie for the grand trophy.

Students from Guy Benjamin School, E. Benjamin Oliver, Julius E. Sprauve School, Gifft Hill School, Ulla Muller Elementary School and Joseph A. Gomez Elementary will compete.

The event will be emceed by legendary ballroom dancer Pierre Dulaine. The event is free and open the public. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Transportation from Red Hook is being arranged. For more information about transportation, text Cindy Rutnik at (340) 693-3455.

CBCC Hosting Wetlands Restoration Meeting on June 18 at GBS

The Coral Bay Community Council is hosting a community meeting on Monday, June 18, at Guy Benjamin School from 6 to 7 p.m. to engage residents in planning the wetlands restoration at 11 Estate Carolina, the Agriculture Department property, at the junction of Kings Hill Road and Route 107.

Dr. Gary Ray, botanist of Virgin Forest Restorations and CBCC staff, will lead the discussion of possible plans for species removal and new planting in the wetlands and siting a nature trail, as well as future plans for a small park area on the corner and a farm stand.

CBCC is partnering with the VI Agriculture Dept., the Coral Bay Yacht Club, Guy Benjamin School and seeking individual volunteers to undertake this wetlands restoration under a matching grant from the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation. Work will begin this summer and be completed in the fall.

For more information call CBCC at 776-2099.

Conch Season Closure June 1-Oct. 31

Department of Planning and Natural Resources Commissioner Alicia Barnes informed the public last week that the annual queen conch season closure in Virgin Islands territorial waters commenced on June 1 and extends to October 31, 2012, as established by regulation effective July 1, 2008.

Possession of queen conch during the closed season is prohibited. The conch season will reopen on November 1, 2012 and remain open until midnight May 31, 2013 or until the 50,000 lb. quota per island district (St. Croix District and St. Thomas/St. John District) is reached, whichever comes first.

DPNR asks everyone’s cooperation in order to protect Virgin Islands resources for the present and future benefit of the people of the Virgin Islands.

For more information on queen conch or other fisheries regulations, contact the Division of Environmental Enforcement at 773-5774 in St. Croix and 774-3320 in St. Thomas.

Hydrogen Sulphide Release Causing Strong Coral Bay Mangrove Smell

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Coral Bay residents have recently been complaining about a strong sulphur-type of smell emanating from the mangrove area, which is impossible to miss as anyone who passes near the area can attest.

Some residents have chalked the stink up to seaweed decomposing on the shoreline, while others have pointed their fingers at boats in the harbor.

The real culprit, however, is the naturally occurring release of hydrogen sulphide, explained St. John plant ecologist Dr. Gary Ray.

“People are smelling the release of hydrogen sulphide,” said Ray. “That area releases hydrogen sulphide because decaying matter gets incorporated into the soil, which is saturated with water.”

“So that matter is breaking down in an environment with no oxygen which alters the decomposition route giving you hydrogen sulphide instead of carbon dioxide, which we would hardly smell,” he added.

When organic matter decomposes in a forest area, for example, there are fungi and bacteria breaking down the top layer of soil, but there is plenty of oxygen, so the decomposition results in odorless carbon dioxide, explained Ray.



St. John Tradewinds News Photos by Jaime Elliott

The release of the heavy gas hydrogen sulphide is a normal occurrence and has brought an impossible to miss odor to the Coral Bay mangrove area, above.

“The forest is a mostly dry environment, but in a wetland, you always have a lens of water right near the surface and so all of this activity is going on in an environment that is pretty much anaerobic,” said Ray. “It could be a regu-

lar CO2 route, but here you have just stagnant water that will just sit there. When you have this with no oxygen because of all this water, it will choose a different route of decomposition.”

“Instead of aerobic, you have

anaerobic restoration which gives you hydrogen sulphide instead of carbon dioxide,” Ray said.

While this type of decomposition is occurring all the time, the smell grows stronger when the water table drops, Ray explained.

“It all depends on how much respiration is going on,” said the plant ecologist. “When we got the dry weather lately, the water level dropped and it exposed all of this area that held the hydrogen sulphide.”

Hydrogen sulphide release is common in wetlands areas, Ray added.

“The hydrogen sulphide was there, but we were just smelling the top part which was not strong,” he said. “It was there and you knew you were in a wetland, but when it gets dry that hydrogen sulphide is now being released.”

“It’s a gas now and it’s a heavier gas, so it doesn’t just go way up into the atmosphere,” Ray said.

“It kind of hovers near the ground and that is why it’s been a strong smell,” he added. “Also, there hasn’t been much wind, which would have helped disperse the smell.”

With winds last week hovering between 15 and 19 knots, the hydrogen sulphide smell improved somewhat, but what will really help is more rain, according to Ray.

“If there is enough rain to fill all the air space in the soil, which can happen pretty quickly, that will help with the smell as well,” said the local plant ecologist.

Bus Driver in April School Bus Crash Found “Negligible,” Removed from Job

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

The driver of a school bus which crashed into a portion of guard rail with students on board has been removed from the job, according to Department of Education officials.

A school bus carrying at least 15 students from Guy Benjamin School in Coral Bay, was en route to Cruz Bay when it slammed into a portion of guard rail on Centerline Road between Upper Carolina and Ajax Peak around 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday afternoon, April 4.

Immediately following the accident, the bus driver — whose name was not officially released by DOE officials, except being

“The driver stated that the bus had a steering defect that caused the crash. However, after a Motor Carrier inspection, the bus was found to be safe and in good working condition. The driver was found to negligible by failing to operate the vehicle in a safe manner.”

— Melody Rames, VIPD Information Officer

referred to as “Junior” — called a second bus to pick up the students. The students were removed from the first bus and transferred to the second bus before emergency responders arrived.

Parents didn’t find out about

the accident until students arrived in Cruz Bay. Several parents took their children to Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center for evaluation, but it took several days before DOE was able to contact all parents. Luckily, none of

the children were seriously injured as a result of the accident.

The buses are owned and operated by Varlack Ventures, a contract operator for the V.I. Department of Education, which initially caused confusion regarding emergency procedures and protocol.

In addition to DOE officials, who conducted their own investigation and met with concerned parents at two meetings in the weeks after the incident, V.I. Police Department’s Traffic Safety Division officers also investigated the April accident.

“The driver stated that the bus had a steering defect that caused the crash,” said VIPD spokesperson

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VINP Installing 15 Big Boat Moorings this Summer, Wrapping Up Plan

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

After more than a decade and about \$600,000 in funding from Friends of V.I. National Park, officials are set to wrap up the final phase of the mooring program this summer in VINP and Coral Reef National Monument waters.

VINP contractors this summer will install 15 big boat moorings, capable of accommodating boats measuring between 60 and 100 feet. Thirteen of those moorings will be in VINP waters, from the Leinster Bay area to Lameshur Bay, and two moorings will be installed in V.I. Coral Reef National Monument waters.

"We're so excited about this final phase of the implementation of the mooring plan which will accommodate boats from 60 to 100 feet," said VINP Superintendent Mark Hardgrove.

Making VINP anchor-free by implementing the mooring program was already a goal of Friends of VINP's even before the group's current president took over the reigns in 2001.

"The mooring program was already going on when I got here

in 2001," said Kessler. "The first moorings, about 200 of those white overnight moorings on North and South Shore, went in around 2000. When I got here, I started work on the Hurricane Hole portion of the program."

A total of about 345 moorings, including dive, fishing, storm day use and overnight moorings, have been installed in waters off St. John since the program kicked off in 2000.

In the decade since installing the VINP mooring system, the program has been a success for both the environment and for visiting boaters, Kessler explained.

"It's a win-win for everyone," said the Friends of VINP president. "It's a win for the environment because you don't get the damage to the seagrass beds and corals and it's also so much easier and safer for boaters. There are a lot of boaters who don't have a lot of experience anchoring."

"They might have a boat in the states and come down and get a bareboat charter, but they're used to coming in and out of a marina," Kessler said. "They're not used to anchoring in 15 to 20 knots of

breeze in open water. This way, they just pull up to the mooring and it's safe and secure and they don't have to worry."

Before the moorings were installed, the seafloor was disturbed with anchors with most of the seagrass beds destroyed, Kessler added.

"If you snorkel out to the mooring areas like Francis and Maho today, you can see how much the seagrass has really grown," he said. "Ten years ago it was all torn up."

That first phase of the VINP mooring program consisted of the installation of about 200 overnight moorings in 10 bays around the island and was funded by Friends of VINP to the tune of about \$265,000, according to the Kessler.

The next phase of the mooring program saw about 125 storm moorings installed in the Coral Reef National Monument in four different phases between about 2003 and 2008, Kessler explained.

"When Hurricane Hole was designated a National Monument, one of the mandates was that no

anchoring was allowed which precluded most of the traditional uses of those waters," he said. "We wanted to find a way to continue the traditional uses while furthering the protection of the monument."

Instead of tying to the mangroves in the area during storms, boaters now secure to a storm berth chain installed in Hurricane Hole which accommodates about 125 vessels. Friends of VINP also oversaw the installation of 11 day-use, six fishing and two dive moorings in Coral Reef National Monument waters. That phase of the program cost about \$340,000, according to Kessler.

Friends officials are still fundraising for this final phase of the mooring program, expected to cost about \$100,000, of which the National Park Service will cover about \$40,000, Kessler explained.

"We've been wanting to do this for a while," he said. "This is all part of an overall plan of the park that we've been promoting of making the park basically anchor-free."

There are 13 moorings for

boats 60 to 100 feet which will be installed in VINP on North Shore from Honeymoon to Leinster Bay and on South Shore at Salt Pond and Lameshur. Two of the big boat moorings will be installed for day-use in Coral Reef National Monument waters.

VINP officials are thrilled to be wrapping up the mooring program, explained Hardgrove.

"We're so excited about implementing this final phase of the mooring plan; it's a wonderful success story," he said. "Friends did a great job fundraising for this program. We're proud of them for making this one of their goals and sticking with it from the beginning to the end."

"This program has gone a long way to help the environment," said Hardgrove. "The impacts of this program are obvious on North Shore, South Shore and in Hurricane Hole. The monument is so beautiful and so clear and pristine these days."

The public notice for the mooring installation was issued two weeks ago and work should be completed this summer, Hardgrove added.

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(L to R) Contestant #1 Sh'Nyah Bacon, Contestant #2 La'Monèe Morris and Contestant #3 Tashya King will vie for the St. John Festival Princess crown on June 17.

Bacon, Morris and King Vying for Princess Crown June 17 at Winston Wells Ball Field

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Get ready St. John!

Winston Wells ball field is the place to be on Sunday evening, June 17, when the St. John Festival Princess Selection Show kicks off at 6 p.m.

Always an enjoyable night, this year the crowd is in for a treat as three talented young girls have been perfecting their dance steps and stage walks for months in preparation for the show.

Contestant number one is Sh'Nyah Bacon, a nine-year-old fourth grader at the Julius E. Sprauve School. Bacon decided to throw her hat in the Festival Princess ring in order for the community to learn about her.

"I decided to run for princess because I thought it would be a good experience for me," said Bacon. "I think it will be nice for people to get to know me better."

While putting in long hours of work with chaperones Shatik Stevens and Lee Ann Oquendo, Bacon has still been having fun through the experience, she explained.

"The best part of running for princess has been hanging around the other girls and getting to know them," Bacon said.

This poised young lady is not scared at all about taking the stage on Sunday night, June 17, she added.

Princess Show
Sunday, June 17th
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Winston Wells
Ball Field

"I've been dancing for a while," said Bacon. "I'm not nervous at all."

Contestant number two is La'Monee Morris, a 10-year-old Ulla L. Muller Elementary School fourth grader who is excited to show off her years of dance experience.

"I've been dancing since I was four-years-old," said Morris. "Jazz is my favorite type of dance."

Morris decided to enter the competition as away to set an example for younger students at her school, she explained.

"I wanted to run for Festival Princess because you get to make new friends and I wanted to be a good role model for people at my school," Morris said.

Morris has been working hard on those dance steps with her chaperone Teryssa Thomas, but still loves practice.

"Practice is the best thing about running for princess," she said. "I love practicing the dance routines."

Contestant number three is Tashya King, an 11-year-old sixth grader at Joseph Gomez Elementary School who is competing in her second Festival Princess Selection Show.

Although King did not end up taking home the crown two years ago when she vied for the title of St. John Festival Princess, she takes her hard-earned experience on stage in front of the crowd into the June 17 competition.

"I decided to run for princess again because they teach you etiquette, poise and you get a lot of exercise," said King. "Also it's a lot of fun."

While she wouldn't divulge what talent she will be showing off at the Selection Show, King is excited to wow the audience, she explained.

"I'm really excited about the swimsuit portion and the talent portion of the show," said King.

King's chaperones are Tashya Deyonca and Renee Wilkinson.

Whoever ends up taking the crown on June 17, the St. John Festival and Cultural Committee has a fantastic Princess Selection Show in store for Love City.

So mark those calendars, for Sunday, June 17, at 6 p.m. and pick up tickets at Chelsea Drug Store on the second floor of The Marketplace or W&W Fast Food in Cruz Bay.

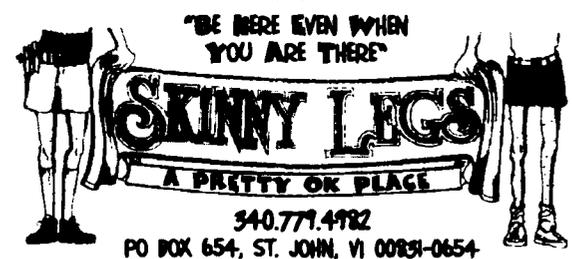
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Rotary Seeks Volunteers To Staff Children's Village

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Each year during the St. John Festival Celebration, the Rotary Club of St. John hosts a Children's Village, a drug- and alcohol-free area full of games and activities in the V.I. National Park parking area across from Mongoose Junction.

The club is hoping to keep the tradition alive and is asking for community support. The Children's Village runs from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, June 29, through Tuesday, July 3. Volunteers willing to set up the area should arrive at 5:30 p.m. and volunteers who help close the village and secure games can expect to stay until about 9:30 p.m.

The final night of Children's Village, Tuesday, July 3, will run later since all games and prizes need to be stowed away inside Rotary's trailer, explained

the group's president Bruce Munro.

The local Rotary Club is looking for about 20 to 25 volunteers for each night of Children's Village to ensure that all kids and parents have a safe and enjoyable Festival, Munro explained.

"We're asking for 20 to 25 volunteers each night, and we know that some people will do multiple nights as they have done in the past," said Munro. "This a great opportunity to serve your community and to bring much happiness to our young people. And everyone, even the volunteers, has fun."

For more details, call Joan Bermingham at 776-6182 or jlberm@msn.com. Volunteers can also contact Debbie Flemming, at 693-9130, BJ Harris at 693-7104, Bill Willigerod at 776-0883, Dulcey Rood at dulcey@hightidevi.com or Patrick Pearson at 776-1166.

USCG and CBIG Arrest Smugglers and Seize Vessel and \$8 Million in Cocaine Shipment Off Coast of PR

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Coast Guard and Caribbean Border Interagency Group law enforcement authorities, working in support of the Caribbean Corridor Strike Force, arrested six Dominican smugglers, seized a boat and approximately 330 kilograms of cocaine and over one kilogram of heroin Monday, June 4, approximately 50 nautical miles north-northwest off the coast of Aguadilla, Puerto Rico.

The drug shipment was estimated to have a street value of over \$8 million dollars.

"This is the second major drug bust in less than two weeks resulting from the close coordination between all law enforcement agencies in the region," said Capt. Drew Pearson, Sector San Juan commander. "Inter-agency outcomes like this keep drugs off the streets and puts criminals in jail where they belong. Our commitment is strong, as we continue aggressive interagency efforts to ensure the safety of the citizens in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands."

Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agents onboard a CBP DCH-8 marine surveillance detected the six men aboard a suspicious 25-foot unmarked fiberglass boat Sunday night, June 3, transiting illegally towards Puerto Rico.

USCG Watchstanders in Sector San Juan received notification from a CBP agent of the ongoing situation and proceeded to divert the USCG Cutter *Matinicus* to interdict the suspect vessel.

The *Matinicus* arrived on scene, interdicted the suspect vessel and detained the six men onboard. *Matinicus* boarding team members searched the suspect vessel and located 15 bales of suspected contraband. A field test conducted by *Matinicus* crewmembers on the contents of the shipment revealed the contraband to be cocaine, including over one kilogram of heroin.

The crew of the *Matinicus* rendezvoused with the USCG Cutter *Vigilant* and embarked the suspected smugglers to run a biometrics background check and verify if any of them had a previous criminal or illegal immigration history with the U.S. government.

The *Matinicus* transferred custody of the six Dominicans, the suspect vessel and the seized contraband to awaiting Immigrations and Customs Enforcement-Homeland Security Investigations special agents in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico Tuesday afternoon.

"These arrests and multi-kilogram seizure are a clear indication of the success of the Caribbean Corridor Strike Force Initiative," said Rosa Emilia Rodríguez-Vélez, U.S. Attorney for the District of Puerto Rico. "We will continue maximizing all of our combined resources to investigate and prosecute those who in flagrant disregard of our laws and way of life try to smuggle illegal contraband into our area of jurisdiction."



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GHS Class of 2012 Graduation June 14

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Fifth grade students from Julius E. Sprauve School above, and Giff Hill School, at left, get ready for the big Colors of the Rainbow competition on June 12 at the Reichhold Center of the Arts.

Dancing Classrooms Colors of the Rainbow Set To Impress June 12

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Get ready for the show of the year!

The wildly popular Dancing Classrooms Virgin Islands' Colors of the Rainbow competition is set to take over the Reichhold Center for the Arts on Tuesday night, June 12, at 6:30 p.m. with fifth graders from across St. John and St. Thomas showing off their dance moves.

Fifth grade student teams from St. Thomas and St. John will represent the E. Benjamin Oliver School, Giff Hill School, Guy Benjamin School, Joseph A. Gomez Elementary School, Julius E. Sprauve School and Ulla F. Muller Elementary School who will show off their mastery of Me-

rengue, Fox Trot, Rumba, Tango and Swing.

The show promises to be an exciting competition as the culminating event of the Dancing Classrooms program for this year.

Dancing Classrooms was founded by legendary ballroom dancer Pierre Dulaine in 1994 as a way to teach respect, self-confidence and more in New York City's inner-city schools. Since then, the program has expanded across the globe and inspired both the award-winning documentary "Mad Hot Ballroom" and the feature film "Take the Lead."

Dulaine, who was played by Antonio Banderas in the feature film, will be on St. Thomas himself on June 12 to host the show.

The Dancing Classrooms program, which was introduced to St. John three years ago, focuses on building social awareness, confidence and self-esteem through social dance. Teaching artists go into fifth grade classrooms for 10 weeks and use dance techniques to foster teamwork and the results are impossible to ignore.

"You absolutely see the difference in the kids who go through the program," said Dancing Classrooms VI Teaching Artist and Executive Director Katie Zaytoun. "I've literally said, 'Wait a second, this is a completely different individual now than who I saw on the first day.' You see shy kids who come out and shine through Dancing Classrooms

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From fitness to fun in the water, Sisterhood Agenda Mentoring Program students enjoyed a weekend retreat at Westin Resort and Villas recently.



Nine JESS Students Complete Sisterhood Agenda Mentoring Program

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Nine young ladies enjoyed a weekend of fun, fitness and more as they attended a retreat at the Westin Resort and Villas at the completion of Sisterhood Agenda's mentoring program.

Shadiyah Boynes, Len-Nika Charles, Ayana Coleman-Dixon, Zakiyah Gregorie, Diane Jackson, AlliYah Henry, Destyne Hill, Kemisha Hoheb and Darcaja Thomas will receive certificates of completion from Sisterhood Agenda on Thursday, June 14, at Julius E. Sprauve School.

The students, all in grades six through eight, met every week since February with Sisterhood Agenda president Angela Coleman for the mentoring program and covered topics from health and nutrition to conflict resolution.

"We met every week for one hour after their lunch at JESS," said Coleman. "We went over topics like sisterhood, which en-

tails how to be a resource and positive support for your fellow female students. It's all about being a positive peer group as opposed to a negative peer pressure."

Other topics covered during the four month program included self-esteem, history and heritage and public presentation, Coleman added.

As a conclusion of the program, the students enjoyed a two day retreat at Westin, where they worked out at the resort's gym, enjoyed the swimming pool and were feted at a celebratory dinner at Cruz Bay Prime.

"The kids loved exercising at the gym," Coleman said. "They say kids don't like to work out, but they loved it; they had so much fun. Don't prejudge kids, just give them an opportunity to do something they don't normally do, and you'll likely be surprised."

The Sisterhood Agenda's mentoring retreat weekend also included sessions on healthy relationships, public speaking and etiquette, Coleman added.

"The whole weekend was really great," she said. "It gave us a chance to really bond together as a group and get to know each other. We were able to discuss more intimate topics like healthy relationships and we practiced our social skills."

"We also dressed up and got to practice our etiquette at our celebration dinner," said Coleman. "Everyone had a great time."

While the ladies certainly enjoyed themselves, they also took home some important lessons, the effects of which will be seen for years, explained Coleman.

"I think we are planting seeds that will sprout and grow as the girls mature into adulthood," she said. "As we add new girls to the program, I hope we have the chance to work with these same girls as well. Their experiences as teenagers will be really different if they have this positive peer group and mentoring and group activities."

"The girls need to hear they are cool and beautiful and great people," Coleman said.

"We need to encourage them to have a plan for their lives that will be able to take them different places."

While Coleman is dedicated to continuing Sisterhood Agenda's mentoring program, the lessons the ladies learn through her must be reinforced in other areas of their lives, she explained.

"I think it's really important that these lessons are reinforced," said the Sisterhood Agenda president. "The program by itself is great, but it's more effective when it's reinforced by other people as well like school, home and their church environment."

For the final activity of the program the Sisterhood Agenda mentoring group enjoyed a tour of Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center and met with Dr. Veronica Powell.

Sisterhood Agenda has started registration for the next group of girls interested in the program. To register, call at 714-7076 or visit www.sisterhoodagenda.com.

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After Years of Work, GHS Hoisting New Flag on New Flagpole June 12

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In 2008, the Giffit Hill School Middle School Student Council decided to start raising some money to buy the upper campus a flag pole.

Headed by Middle School Student Council elected President 6th grader Jackson Barry, they managed to raise \$600 through school dances, movie nights and bake sales.

Unfortunately, this was not enough to purchase a flag pole, so the money was put aside for the following school year. A whole new group of children were elected to student council in 2009, but their ambition was not to raise funds for a flag pole, so the money was once again set aside.

In 2010, the same group of students who had run the 2008 student council were again brought back into office. John Spinale, Luca del Olmo, Kainoa Metcalfe, Craig Dawson, Treson Challenger, Makeda Dawson, JahSheada Griffith, Kai Merton and Jackson Barry, had more dances, bake sales, movie nights and even raffled off an iPod, finally raising more than \$1,000.

A stateside company, Discount Flags and Poles, was very generous in working with the GHS students on a price. The wonderful folks at St. John Hardware shipped the pole through their shipping company at no cost to the school.

Fred Trayser's construction crew donated their time and graciously dug the hole and got the pole standing. And St. John Blues Festival's main man, Steve Simon, donated a flag to the student council.

Now, this is not just any flag. This flag was flown over Baghdad by a US Air Force jet fighter plane during Operation Iraqi Freedom in honor of the men and women from the USVI serving in Iraq. The flag serves to remind everyone how precious freedom is.

When Simon heard about the new GHS flag pole, he approached Jackson Barry (now a 9th grader at the school) with the gift of this very special flag.

The flag will be hoisted for the first time by all the student council members on Tuesday, June 12, at 1 p.m. to proudly fly over the GHS upper campus. The public is invited to join this wonderful dedication.

Modeste Wins Elementary Spelling Bee

By Jaime Elliott St. John Tradewinds

While the national Scripps National Spelling Bee wrapped up last month with Snigdha Nandipati, an eighth grader from San Diego, California, taking top honors, young Love City spellers got into the action last week.

Students in second and third grades at Giffit Hill School and Julius E. Sprauve School went head to head in a highly competitive elementary spelling bee on Tuesday, June 5, at the GHS Lower Campus.

"The spelling bee was great," said Molly Murrill, assistant to the development director at GHS. "It was well attended. We had 10 students from JESS against 10 students from GHS."

"It was a nail-biter," said Murrill.

In the end, GHS swept the podium with third grader Naheem Modeste winning it all. Adelaide Jones came in second place and Lyric Vacharat placed third in the competition. Congratulations to all the spellers!



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(Left to Right) GHS spelling bee first place winner Naheem Modeste, second place finisher Adelaide Jones and third place finisher Lyric Vacharat.

GERS Hosting Count Down to Retirement Workshop on June 19

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Department of Housing, Parks and Recreation Commissioner St. Claire Williams last week outlined his department's plans for the 2012 Annual Summer Sports Camps, scheduled from June 25 through August 3.

A total of 18 sports camps will be conducted; participants can choose skills training options in baseball, tennis, basketball, cheerleading, boxing, swimming and cultural and outdoor adventure camps.

"The camps are designed for children with a true

interest in a variety of sports and recreational activities and are open to boys and girls, ages 7 thru 15," said Williams. "The Department is focused on ensuring a fun, safe, healthy, well-organized and well-supervised program for all children, in an engaging learning environment. The program helps participants to achieve a positive self-image and encourages creativity, a sense of learning and respect for others."

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United Tae Kwon Do Chung Do Kwan Association students.

United Tae Kwon Do Chung Do Kwan Association Promotes Students

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Members of the United Tae Kwon Do Chung Do Kwan Association pose with association Chairman and Grand Master Hyun Ok Shin June 3 on St. Thomas.

Master Shin traveled to St. Thomas to evaluate students from St. Thomas and St. John on the final exams in the martial arts. Promotional exams were hosted at the Do Tang training facility in Charlotte Amalie.

During the year, students train at St. Ursula's Multipurpose Center on St. John and the Methodist Training and Outreach Center on St. Thomas.

St. John Tae Kwon Do student Adam Eichenaur demonstrated a fighting stance at a qualifying exam June 3 on St. Thomas. He was one of several members of the United Tae Kwon Do Chung Do Kwan Association from St. Thomas and St. John who were awarded promotions.



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Adam Eichenaur demonstrates a Tae Kwon Do move.

VIPD Summer Camp Applications Available for Kids 6-16 Years

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V.I. Police Department Commissioner Henry White announced last week that applications are available for the VIPD-sponsored summer programs including P.A.L., S.A.D.D, Weed and Seed and DEFY.

These programs are police sponsored juvenile crime prevention programs which offer recreational, educational, cultural and social programs to youth aged 6 to 16 while strengthening the bond between the VIPD officers and young people.

White encouraged parents to sign their children up for the program.

"Studies show that youth who interact favorably

with police officers gain an early respect for the law and this contact lessens the chances of them being involved in criminal activity in the future," he said.

For more information on the summer programs and to download an application, visit the VIPD website at www.vipd.gov.vi A link is also posted on the VIPD Facebook page. Program applications are also available at any police station in the territory.

For more information on the VIPD summer programs on St. Thomas or St. John call the Crime Prevention office 776-1525. Donors are encouraged to contribute to the programs or sponsor a youth; call the Crime Prevention office to find out how to give.

Scotiabank International Regatta June 22 to 24

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Register now to join the fleet of 80 junior sailors from throughout the Caribbean, U.S. and Europe who are already signed up to race in the 2012 Scotiabank International Optimist Regatta (SIOR), June 22 to 24, and race prep Sea Star Clinic and Sea Star Team Race, June 18 to 21.

Entrants include 2011 SIOR champion Wiley Rogers and the U.S. World's Team who will compete in the Optimist World Championships in the Dominican Republic in July.

"The schedule of international regattas this summer created an opportunity for sailors to come to the SIOR as well as train in the Virgin Islands," said regatta director Margo Lynch. "We have teams arriving early to train and teams that are staying late to take advantage of the great sailing conditions in the USVI."

The entry fee for the SIOR is \$250. Final registration takes place June 21. The entry fee includes an event T-shirt, registration "goodie" bag, and all meals from Thursday, June 21, through Sunday Brunch.

Shore side activities include an opening Parade of

Nations, a Welcome Party, raffle, 20th Anniversary Party, ice cream social and Caribbean-themed night that includes fire dancers. The fun culminates with a beachside brunch and Awards Ceremony on Sunday, June 24.

Trophies will be awarded to the top five sailors in each fleet and top three overall. Additional trophies include the Peter Ives' Perpetual Trophy, the Chuck Fuller Sportsmanship Award and the top female sailor. The Sea Star Perpetual Trophy will be inscribed with the names of the sailors on the winning team racing team.

This year's event will follow an eco-friendly theme. Sailors will be urged to recycle all plastic water bottles, use the reusable water bottle in the goodie bag throughout the regatta, keep all lunch bags and wrapping out of the water and pick up any trash on shore and accept drinks without straws.

For more information call 340-775-6320; fax: 340-775-3600, or email: scotiabankregatta@gmail.com. For the Notice of Regatta, Registration Forms, information on hotel discounts and other information, visit the St. Thomas Yacht Club web site at www.styc.net.

AARP Seeking Troupe Participants

The St. John AARP Chapter #4777 is looking for members to join the group in walking in the St. John Festival July Fourth Parade. Contact Bev Biziewski at 776-6833 if interested. All national AARP members are welcome!

USFSC Hosting Sunset Sail on Kekoa

A fundraiser for the 4th Annual Using Sport for Social Change "Just Play!" event aboard the *Kekoa* catamaran is set for Sunday, October 7, from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

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Tickets are \$100 per person, (checks made out to SJCF Memo: USFSC sail) adults only please. Only 50 tickets will be sold for this fun sunset sail so get those tickets early at one of these sponsoring St. John businesses: High Tide Bar; The Tap Room; *Kekoa* office; St. John Community Foundation

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Custom Details Abound at Casa de Sonadores

By Jaime Elliott
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It's the details, both small — like the option of a garden shower — and grand — how about an eight seat movie theater-style media room — which set Casa de Sonadores apart from other properties for sale on St. John.

The five bedroom, five-and-a-half bath home in Virgin Grand Estates is for sale for \$2.99 million and boasts simply amazing views to go along with all the unique features, explained Merry Nash, broker/owner of Islandia Real Estate.

“There are so many features at Casa de Sonadores and the fit and finishings are impeccable,” said Nash. “The coral stone floors are impressive and there are a lot of hard wood doors, shutters and windows. Everything is custom

made.”

Designed by Michael Oxman and nestled in the gated enclave of Virgin Grand Estates, Casa de Sonadores includes a coral stone deck and large oval pool overlooking Pillsbury Sound. The sweeping views from the deck stretch from St. Croix in the south to St. Thomas and ensure amazing sunsets all year long.

Cook up some amazing meals outside on the custom designed native stone and stainless steel BBQ and dine al fresco on the shaded deck. Lush landscaping and covered parking are also included in the Casa de Sonadores property, which is located on a 0.43-acre lot.

Step inside and enjoy native stone walls and built-in bookcases in the great room. A nearby dining room accommodates large dinner

parties just off the professional kitchen with stainless steel appliances. The kitchen also includes a brick lined ceiling, a granite island and a semi-circular native stone bar area.

All five bedrooms include en suite baths and several also boast garden showers and decks upon which to soak up those amazing views.

Casa de Sonadores also has plenty of fun for the whole family. Play billiards in the game room or pull a bottle from the wine cellar and take in the latest DVD release in the movie theater style media room.

The villa is already a popular rental and would also make a great home for a potential buyer, Nash explained.

“Casa de Sonadores is located in a quiet, gated community not



Details include a native stone oval pool, above, and brick lined dome ceiling in the kitchen, below.



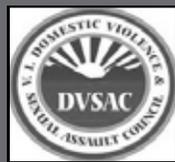
far from Cruz Bay,” said the Islandia Real Estate broker/owner.

Just a short drive to beaches, dining, shopping and nightlife, Casa de Sonadores, offers the convenience of Cruz Bay in a private,

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Sets are 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. with an extra set at 11:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday evening. On Thursday, June 28, at 9:30 p.m. EST, performances will be streamed live at www.jalc.org/live, courtesy of Jazz at Lincoln Center. Fans, friends, and family who are unable to attend in person are encouraged to tune in live.

On Wednesday, June 27, at 6:30 p.m. Dion Parson & 21st Century Band, with special guest trumpeter Marcus Printup, will present their new CD, "Live at Dizzy's Club Coca-Cola, Vol. 2," to the press and public. The entire band will be on hand to explain the origins of the group's unique sound, which is inspired by their Caribbean-African cultural heritage and modern American jazz.

Parson, who hails from St. Thomas, and his band members have wowed audiences around the globe with their amazing musical style, which blends jazz, calypso, soca, reggae, mento, quelbe, rara, ska, zouk, steel pan, bouyon, gombay, salsa, chutney, compas, tambu, spouge, and merengue with a pinch of African and New Orleans rhythms.



The eclectic sound harks back to 56 years ago, in 1956, when fellow Virgin Islander Sonny Rollins introduced the world to a new musical style with his groundbreaking song, "St. Thomas." Now Dion Parson & 21st Century Band serve as the inheritors, innovators, and leaders of what has been dubbed "the Pan Caribbean-African Jazz Movement."

Band members are Dion Parson, drums; Ron Blake, saxophone; Marcus Printup, trumpet; Reuben Rogers, bass; Carlton Holmes, piano; Victor Provost, steel pan; and Alioune Faye, sabar/percussion.

Dizzy's Club Coca-Cola is located in Jazz at Lincoln Center's Frederick P. Rose Hall, Time Warner Center, 5th Floor, New York City. For tickets or more info, call 212-258-9595 or visit www.jalc.org/dccc.

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Letters To St. John Tradewinds

Hugo Roller's Proposed Coral Bay Development Is "Tourist Destination," Not Campsite

The Detailed Description of Proposed uses on Mr Roller's DPNR rezoning application states: "A multi-use commercial area with both businesses and residential units. Types of business activities to include Health Spa services, food vendors, convenience market, etc."

This description is in conflict with the "Campground" label that Mr. Roller uses to describe his project in his two previous letters, in explanations of his proposal, or in his beautiful poster board presentation of his project.

I have absolutely no problem with Mr. Roller's plans to have a campground on his farm in Coral Bay. And no one else at the public hearing had a problem with that. (There is a question on how two story concrete "tree houses" with bathrooms can be considered campsites, since by definition campground structures must not be permanent and usually include cooking facilities).

The existing .89 acre of B-3 zoning would provide plenty of space for any and all retail, restaurant, commercial space for a campground of 13 "tree houses" and about 9 additional bare campsites — a potential of about 44 guests. So for Mr. Roller to have a Maho Bay type campground he simply needs a variance for his A2 parcel.

But Mr. Roller's is asking for more than that variance. His is asking for an additional 2.5 acres to become B-3 — a high density zoning designation that would permit up to 420 people to live on his property. The architectural drawing (created by the master of zoning exploitation, Michael Milne) shows a 50 car parking lot, two restaurants, a large grocery store, a spa, and retail shops for a total of about 18 structures.

When Mr. Roller was asked why he needed so much parking and commercial services for such a

small number of campers, he finally revealed that part of the master plan is to create a St. John "Tourist Destination", with bus loads of hundreds of cruise ship passengers coming to visit a "working farm".

In addition, all of these 18 or so buildings would have a second floor with rooms that would be rented to guests "who would not want to camp". Mr. Roller could not tell us how many hotel rooms he intended to build and seemed to resent them being called hotel rooms — which may be because B-3 zoning does not allow Hotels.

But this problem appears to be resolved by simply calling these rooms "residential units" rather than hotel units. After all, the same architect successfully used this technique to get the enormous Grande Bay Resort built and operating in a residential zone where hotels are not permitted.

So the actual proposed development is a large Resort with both Hotel rooms and Campsites, plus a Mountain Top type high volume tourist destination, with most of the details of the commercial operations undefined by Mr. Roller. And I do have a problem with that.

I would like Mr. Roller to present to the public details for the entire proposed project, including number of hotel rooms, sewage, garbage and water plans, etc. And to either alter his plans or change the zoning being requested so that his Hotel/Campground/Tourist Destination is legal.

Then the public will be able to accurately judge whether they are for or against the project. As it stands now, we simply do not have enough information to do anything except say no to another potential zoning disaster.

Sincerely,
Pam Gaffin

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Trump Parking Tower Made Us Laugh

Thanks for the laugh — even if parking has always been a problem on island!

Here is what my son and I concluded about the "airport."

Having been visiting the island almost every year for 30 years we know that the seaplane idea was eventually abandoned. We think the new airport will be located in the roundabout which replaced the Texaco

Station! Is that right???

Also noted another home we have rented from Windspreer over the years — Tree House — is for sale. Hope there might still be some places available for my next visit.

Pablo Machetzki
Pretend President of the Imaginary
St. John Far North Fan Club

SJSA Thanks Recital Supporters

St. John School of the Arts is so very grateful to the following people and businesses for helping with our music and dance/tumbling/theater recitals: Bill Stelzer, Andrew Penn and Penn's Trucking crew, Carli Powell, Epiphany Theater, Paul Devine, Paco Jones and last but not least the Westin and their staff.

Both recitals were well attended and the students

really shined! SJSA has created a wonderfully diverse curriculum for after school activities and our faculty could not be more pleased with how well the students performed.

We look forward next year!

Kim Wild, Executive Director
St. John School of the Arts

Letters To St. John Tradewinds

Apathy and Consequence

Thank you for the article about the rescue attempts to save my mother, Linda Kay McCasland, the 64-year-old woman who drowned near Waterlemon Bay.

I have been anxiously trying to find out what actually happened to her that day, and am still waiting, waiting for the report on the autopsy which was finally performed on Monday, June 4, 16 days after her death. I realize the medical examiner was off island, but the waiting has been absolutely excruciating, painful, and heart wrenching.

I have only been able to get snippets of information from nurses, police officers, NPS officials, but your article shed more light on her last hours than I have been able to obtain in the last nineteen days. And, of course, it hurts no less knowing the facts. I didn't expect it to.

To read that the EMS officials from the Morris F. deCastro Clinic merely sat in the emergency vehicle within sight of my dying mother because whatever rules, laws or guidelines that exist disallowed them to get "wet" was maddening.

I understand an ambulance cannot be driven across the water to a boat, but perhaps making a call for appropriate help, somehow offering instruction to the panicked people who were trying to save her life, or motioning the dingy to come pick them up would have been actions to take.

But to read that my mother was eventually placed into that ambulance, and then later pulled out and essentially dumped, regardless of how gently, onto the beach to wait for whoever was next in charge, ripped a

hole in my chest bigger than what was already there.

Has fear of litigation, rules of jurisdiction, or the simple game of "Not My Job" stripped our society of its humanity and compassion?

How can anyone be so callous as to pronounce a woman dead, dust the sand off their sleeves, and drive away, leaving her companions stricken, stunned, and waiting by her side until some other official comes along that is willing to accept responsibility?

Words like accountability and liability and blame echo fearfully in these people's actions. Words like apathy and indifference resonate as well. Drowning may have been the primary cause, but all these words have now come to define the consequential cause of my mother's death.

I understand I may not know all the details, and I understand there are complications and considerations I do not know either. She is gone, and it hurts like hell. Nothing can be changed. I am thankful she was at least among friends, no matter how short a time they may have known her.

But to learn that there was a window of opportunity that maybe, just maybe, she could have been saved if only someone cared enough to ask the right questions ("where exactly are you" perhaps the 911 operator could have asked), cared enough to get their feet "wet", and cared enough to take compassionate action regardless of whose jurisdiction or responsibility it may have been, saddens me greatly.

Candace 'Ace' McCasland

The daughter of Linda Kay McCasland

Lawsuits Inevitable in Leinster Bay Drowning Incident

First off, I want to say that I'm a regular visitor of St. John and I view your website on a daily basis. I really appreciate your articles that you provide. Your staff does a great job and I hope that you continue for years to come.

I noticed that the comments sections were removed and I wanted to comment on the recent drowning at Leinster Bay. It sounds like a tragic circumstance that occurred and I hope the friends and family of the victim can find peace.

As a Paramedic and Firefighter of 16 years in the states, I am positive there will be a lawsuit filed in this case against the emergency workers for neglect and poor decisions in patient care. Poor decisions resulting in delayed response within your control and

removing the patient from the ambulance after calling it in the field is something you would never do.

From the facts listed in your article, I am shocked by what occurred and would not be surprised if jobs are lost and licenses are pulled from the certified emergency workers. This is a bad one and I'm confident the victims families will seek damages to the fullest for the untimely death.

I hope you follow this story and post any new details. I will be curious how this is handled and I hope other emergency workers can learn from the mistakes made.

**Thanks,
Nate Davis**

ISLAND NOTES from the publisher

Good luck to GHS, JESS and GBS students at the Dancing Classrooms Competition on Tuesday evening, June 12th. Break a leg!

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776-6316, 776-6254

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Sunday School 10 a.m.,
Sunday evening 6 p.m., Thursday 7 p.m.

Christian Ministry

Cinnamon Bay Beach
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

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Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7 a.m.
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Saturdays, 779-4477

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

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

Word of Faith Church

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

Letters To St. John Tradewinds



A large group of friends attended a Celebration of Life for Steve Levin on Saturday, June 2, at Skinny Legs.

Levin Family Thanks Friends and Supporters

Steve paved the path for the Levin family to make St. John our home. We are so grateful he chose St. John. There are so many to thank for Saturday's memorial service.

Heartfelt thanks go out to Skinny Legs and Doug Bean and his staff for hosting the event; to Deli Grotto for great sandwiches and cake; to Baked in the Sun for delicious quiches; and to the musicians Jared, Troy, James, Greg and Matthew from the band Ish for the wonderful music.

A special thanks also goes to the air guitarist Seala

Matthias who entertained us all. We'd also like to thank Bernie Sheehan for being the perfect MC who brought us all together in this celebration of Steve's life.

To all others who helped and to all who attended, we thank you too. We'll be strong for you, and you'll be strong for us, for it does take a village to survive.

From our hearts we are sincerely grateful to our St. John family, Irene, Casey and Chris Levin

DeJongh Kicks Off Fourth Summer Reading Challenge

This week, I kicked off of my fourth Summer Reading Challenge, an initiative that encourages the territory's students to read five or more books of their choice over their summer vacations. The effort promotes reading for entertainment, personal enrichment and literacy among young Virgin Islanders.

The program provides students with a great opportunity to get involved in a community-based initiative promoting reading and educational achievement. By exercising the mind through reading outside of the academic school year, students remain sharp and engaged in topics that can help to minimize the learning loss associated with the summer months. I encourage students to embrace the 2012 Challenge.

Studies show that children score higher on tests and show comprehension and vocabulary gains if they read five to six books during the summer.

While the program will distribute books for free on all three islands, I ask all Reading Challenge participants to also visit their local library or exchange books with friends and family members to make sure to reach the goal of reading at least five books.

By inspiring readers of all ages and all reading levels to take up the Challenge, we take steps to increase reading comprehension levels, which promotes better school performance. It's also a great way for

young Virgin Islanders to participate in a shared goal amongst peers.

As an incentive to participate in the program, students who keep track of their reading and finish a minimum of five books will be invited to a "Fun Day" with the governor. Special events are planned throughout the summer in both districts to recognize student achievement.

I encourage students to access free e-books towards the five-book goal by visiting www.virginislandspubliclibraries.org. Books and tracking sheets will also be available to Reading Challenge participants at distribution events scheduled in both districts on Saturday, June 23, at the Tutu Park Mall on St. Thomas and at a Father's Day event on Saturday, June 16, at the Sunny Isle Mall on St. Croix. Times will be announced once confirmed.

Students are also encouraged to write to me throughout the summer to share their progress at contact@governordejongh.com or they may post comments at the Read Five web site at www.readfive.org.

I hope you will join me in supporting this important initiative.

**Sincerely,
John P. de Jongh, Jr.
Governor**

Obituary

Penny Haste Ramsdell March 1, 1934 - Mother's Day, May 13, 2012

St. John Tradewinds

"Though she was only a Penny, she was worth a million!"

Penelope Haste Ramsdell is survived by her brother, Jeffery Haste; four sons: Jamie, Adam, Eben, and Thad Snow; her daughter: Amy Ramsdell. She is also survived by four grandchildren, two great grandchildren, and Ziggy, her cat of 16 years.

(Also survived by Tina, who decided to be her other daughter in 1987, and Penny had been recovering ever since. J)

Miss Penny moved to St. John from Cape Cod in the early 70s. She came here to live a happy and free way of life. She loved to paint, to garden, to read, to cook, to sail, and to enjoy a good Martini at the end of the day. And that is exactly what she did.

Her first years on island were spent working at The Inn, The Out, Gallows Point, and she helped to start Pine Peace School. Many will remember her from Sailor's Delight, The Clothing Studio, Paradiso, and St. John Water Sports, just to name a few. Her most recent job on St. John was at Sea Leathers. Penny returned to Cape Cod in the end of 2010 for medical reasons, and to be closer to her daughter.

While on Cape Cod, she made many friends and renewed old friendships. Penny worked at the Newcomb Hollow Shop, and made hand-painted ceramic tiles. Recently her work was entered in an art show in Wellfleet, and she sold out on the first day. This brought her great joy, and a new sense of confidence in her artwork.

She will be missed for her sense of humor, her laughter, and her independence. Penny was a caring person, but was also very private and careful in whom she chose to love. If you were lucky enough to be one of those she let close to her, she was fiercely loyal and true. She had a way of really listening to the words that you spoke to her, and giving her honest advice, whether you were ready to hear it or not.

We would like to thank everyone who sent their kind words and financial support over the past few years. Penny fought a long, hard battle with cancer. When she became too exhausted to live the life she felt was truly hers, this beautiful and strong woman chose to drift away from us in a peaceful and dignified way. On Mother's Day. Typical.

A memorial on St. John will be announced at a later date

Historical Bits and Pieces Correction

In the Historical Bits and Pieces article on Ethlyn Hall in last week's edition, author Chuck Pishko misrepresented the amount of land that Mrs. Hall inherited from her mother Emily Harthman. Mrs. Hall received one-sixth of the 52-and-three-fourths acres.

The point the author was trying to make was that Mrs. Hall did not sell any portion of the family land that she owned, but actually increased her holdings by buying more land in Cruz Bay; thus respecting the St. John adage that you never sold your land unless it was an absolute

last resort.

Also, Mrs. Hall never sold land to the Peter Bay developers. *Tradewinds* thanks Elsa Hall, Ethlyn's daughter, for helping with this correction.

Please consider visiting Mrs. Hall's beautiful gravesite at Cinamon Bay.

V.I. Department of Justice Reminds Convicted Sex Offenders To Register

St. John Tradewinds

The Virgin Islands Department of Justice reminds all who have been convicted of a sex offense that they are required to register as a sex offender and to keep their registration current.

Registrations can be renewed until Friday, June 15, through the Department of Justice. Failure to register is a violation of Virgin Islands law, and will result in arrest and prosecution.

Sex offenders who reside in the District of St. Thomas/St. John and Water Island can appear at the Department of Justice offices located in the

GERS Building between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, or call 774-5666 for more information.

The Department of Justice asks all Virgin Islanders who know a sex offender or the whereabouts of a sex offender who has failed to register to call and report the violation.

To view all sex offenders in the territory who are listed as absconders for their failure to register or to renew their registration, visit the sex offender public website, which can be accessed through the Department of Justice's website, www.doj.vi.gov.

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St. John Tradewinds News Photo Bill Stelzer

Guy Benjamin School fifth graders are sure to impress at the June 12 Colors of the Rainbow competition.

Dancing Classrooms Colors of the Rainbow on June 12

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and want to do demonstrations and dance with newfound confidence."

"I tear up just talking about it," said Zaytoun. "It's a difference you can see and teachers see it too."

Zaytoun, who runs the entire Dancing Classrooms program in the Virgin Islands, is also the teaching artist for the three St. Thomas schools. On St. John, Gina Wellner is the teaching artist for all three Love City schools. The two dance instructors have been working hard with their fifth grade students for months and are excited for their students to show off their skills for the community.

Students will compete in each of the five dance disciplines in three rounds during the exciting and impressive show, which this year is being hosted in a top-notch venue. While Zaytoun admitted that Reichhold Center is not the closest venue for St. John residents to attend, the amphitheater at University of the Virgin Islands the premier stage in the territory.

"It's an amazing venue and the Reichhold has given us the deal of the century; we couldn't turn it down," said Zaytoun. "It is the ultimate community venue. Pierre is going to be here and it's going to be an incredible night."

St. John residents planning to at-

tend can either take the barge over since Zaytoun has worked with Boynes Inc. to offer a late barge returning to Cruz Bay one hour following the end of the show.

There is also a discounted shuttle for people who are taking the ferry to Red Hook, Zaytoun added.

And residents can text Cindy Rutnik to inquire about transportation options as well. For the shuttle, contact Rutnik, call or text 690-3455.

After starting out as a teaching artist in 2010, Zaytoun took over as executive director this past year and kept the program alive in the Virgin Islands. The program is operating under the fiscal umbrella of the Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands, yet still needs financial support to stay afloat, Zaytoun explained.

"We still need support for this program," she said. "If it were not for CFVI, there would not be a Dancing Classrooms in the Virgin Islands this year. They are our fiscal sponsor are the reason I was able to get grants from V.I. Council on the Arts and donations from large corporations in order to keep Dancing Classrooms going."

Now is the perfect time to donate to the program as the Lana Vento Charitable Trust has offered a generous matching program,

Zaytoun added.

"No matter how big or small, Lana Vento Charitable Trust has offered to match dollar for dollar anything that anyone can give," she said.

To make a donation through CFVI, call the group at 774-6031 or check out www.cfvi.net.

Although Zaytoun has been working almost around the clock on Dancing Classrooms Virgin Islands, she wouldn't have it any other way.

"It's a labor of love," she said. "I really love and believe in what I do. I feel that if you combine love with hard work, the result will be a positive one."

"I feel so grateful for all of the support Dancing Classrooms has received, allowing DCVI to bring the Dancing Classrooms program to more than 350 children across St. Thomas and St. John," said Zaytoun.

Be sure to attend the Colors of the Rainbow competition at Reichhold Center for the Arts on Tuesday, June 12. The show starts at 6:30 p.m. and doors open at 5:30 p.m. The event is free and no tickets are necessary.

For more information about Dancing Classrooms, check out www.dancingclassrooms.com. For more information about the competition call Zaytoun at 513-9361.

Lt. Governor Francis Shares Hurricane Preparedness Tips

St. John Tradewinds

Lieutenant Governor Gregory Francis last week encouraged all Virgin Islanders to review their insurance coverage as part of their preparations for the 2012 hurricane season.

Francis, who serves as the territory's Commissioner of Insurance and is a member of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, hoped that both homeowners and renters will make review of their coverage an annual activity as coverage needs change over time.

Francis urged residents, whether their primary resident is a house or a boat, to be proactive in their hurricane preparations in order to avoid any surprises in the event of a disaster.

"Talk to your insurance agent before the threat of a storm," he said. "Find out what is included in your coverage and what isn't. Know what your deductible or out of pocket expenses will be if your property is damaged."

Francis also reminded residents to do the following in order to prepare for the onset of hurricane season:

- Update their property insurance to reflect improvements, major purchases and increased rebuilding and replacement costs.
- Evaluate their property and purchase flood insurance if needed.
- If renting, secure renter's insurance to cover any losses of their personal property, since a landlord's coverage may only cover the building.
- Take photographs of their home; and also photograph and inventory valuables and other personal property inside of the structure; and
- Store important documents such as insurance policies, deeds, property records, etc. in a waterproof and fireproof container or at an off island location.

For more information on disaster preparedness and to download a disaster inventory checklist, visit www.ltg.gov.vi.

Driver in School Bus Crash Found Negligible, Removed from Route

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son Melody Rames. "However, after a Motor Carrier inspection, the bus was found to be safe and in good working condition."

"The driver was found to negligible by failing to operate the vehicle in a safe manner," said Rames.

Besides being found negligible, the driver was not charged with a crime.

DOE officials also wrapped up their investigation. Despite a program of installing video cameras on school buses, DOE did not have tape from the accident. For some unknown reason, that video camera was never turned on, DOE officials told GBS and Julius E. Sprauve School parents at a late April meeting.

DOE St. Thomas/St. John District Insular Superintendent Jeanette Smith-Barry was off-island last week and unable to answer questions about the department's investigation of the April accident.

DOE spokesperson Ananta Pancham, however, confirmed that "Junior" was no longer driving students on St. John

"The superintendent said in terms of the bus service, the driver has been removed," said Pancham.

In the wake of the accident, St. John Rescue members volunteered to ride the bus as monitors and help discipline students. No progress has been made on that front, according to the group's communications officer Gilly Grimes.

"We offered to volunteer and it was up to the Department of Education to move forward," said Grimes. "I told them we would definitely help. If we could monitor the ruckus on the back of the bus, the driver could worry about driving and that's all."

"People are willing so we'll see if we hear from them," said Grimes.

Police Log

LAND LINE: 911 / CELLULAR: 340-776-9110

Friday, June 1

5:07 p.m. - A Calabash Boom resident c/r that he was involved in an auto collision in the area of The Marketplace. Auto collision.

8:00 p.m. - A Giff Hill resident p/r that his brother threw beer in his face. Simple assault.

Saturday, June 2

12:13 p.m. - A citizen c/r loud music in the area of Coral Bay. Disturbance of the peace.

3:00 a.m. - A citizen c/r a disturbance in the area of Cruz Bay. Disturbance of the peace.

5:51 a.m. - A citizen p/r an auto accident in the area of Susanaberg. Auto accident.

4:35 p.m. - A visitor from WI p/r that someone broke into the glove compartment of his rental Jeep in the area of Kings Hill Road. Damage to a vehicle.

Sunday, June 3

2:00 p.m. - An Estate Adrian resident c/r that he was threatened by another male. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

7:57 p.m. - An Estate Quacco and Zimmerman resident

c/r someone trespassing on his property. Trespassing.

9:13 p.m. - An Estate Glucksberg resident c/r that she struck a tree on Centerline Road. Police assistance.

Monday, June 4

7:45 a.m. - A St. Thomas resident p/r that someone struck his vehicle in the area of Dreekets Bay. Auto collision, hit and run.

1:50 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r that someone has been using his credit card without his knowledge. Fraudulent use of credit card.

4:50 p.m. - An Estate Adrian resident p/r that his daughter's mother didn't show up with his daughter. Police assistance.

5:10 p.m. - A citizen c/re-requesting police assistance with a boat that ran aground. Police assistance.

Tuesday, June 5

11:31 a.m. - A citizen p/r that someone threatened her employees. Police assistance.

1:36 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident c/r that a male was disorderly. Police assistance.

6:50 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident c/r that he was harassed by four minors. Harassment.

Wednesday, June 6

11:51 a.m. - An Estate Adrian resident c/r an auto accident. Auto accident.

5:15 p.m. - A citizen c/r a disturbance in the area of Wharfside Village. Disturbance of the peace.

6:03 p.m. - A citizen c/r a male having an allergic reaction in the area of Wharfside Village. Police assistance.

Thursday, June 7

1:13 p.m. - A citizen c/r a disturbance with her boyfriend in the area of Coral Bay. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

6:06 p.m. - A citizen p/r that he was assaulted in the area of Cruz Bay. Simple assault and battery.

7:00 p.m. - A citizen r/ that two minors threw eggs and rocks at him. Police assistance.

9:15 p.m. - A citizen c/r a disturbance of the peace, threats. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

CRIMES STOPPERS U.S.V.I. CRIMES OF THE WEEK

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

St. John

On Friday, September 9, 2011 at about 7:00 p.m. in the area of #3G Enighed, a verbal confrontation between two males turned physical and one of the males was stabbed several times. The suspect who is wanted in this case is Jason Williams, AKA "Ras." Several photos of him can be viewed on our website at www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org. Help police locate him.

St. Thomas

In the very early morning of Friday, May 11, in Estate Solberg, 18-year-old Mohammed Salem was shot and killed in his vehicle. Tell what you know so police can identify and arrest the suspect(s) in this murder.

St. Croix

V.I. Police Department detectives are investigating a shooting death that occurred a few minutes after 9 p.m. on Sunday, May 27, in the LBJ housing community. A 24-year-old man was found dead in a vehicle with multiple gunshot wounds to his body. Another victim was shot at least once in the upper body. Tell what you know so police can identify and arrest the killer(s).

Please continue to help make the community a safer place to

live by submitting information on these or any other crimes at www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org or by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). Tips are completely anonymous, and the stateside operators speak several languages.

If a tip leads to an arrest or the recovery of stolen property, illegal drugs, or weapons, tipsters will receive a cash reward of up to \$2,500. The minimum reward for the arrest of a fugitive is \$357. For the arrest of a murder suspect it is \$1,500.

Only callers to Crime Stoppers are eligible for these rewards. Crime Stoppers has recently authorized nine new rewards. Anyone who submitted a tip since September 2011, should check to see if they qualify for a reward.

Community Calendar

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

Tuesday, June 12

— Dancing Classrooms Virgin Islands will present the Colors of the Rainbow team match competition on Tuesday, June 12, at Reichhold Center for the Arts starting at 6:30 p.m. The event will be emceed by legendary ballroom dancer Pierre Dulaine. The event is free and open the public. No tickets or reservations are required. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Transportation from Red Hook is being arranged. For more information about transportation, text Cindy Rutnik at (340) 693-3455.

Wednesday, June 13

— Guy Benjamin School will host commencement exercised on Wednesday, June 13, at 10 a.m. at the Emmaus Moravian Church.

— Julius E. Sprauve School will host commencement exercises on Wednesday, June 13, at 6:30 p.m. at the Westin Resort ballroom.

Thursday, June 14

— Giffit Hill School's graduation ceremony for the Class of 2012, is set for Thursday, June 14, at 5:30 p.m. at Trayser Field.

Saturday, June 16

— SJSA will host auditions for the Ruth "Sis" Frank Performance/Merit Scholarship on Saturday, June 16, at 2 p.m.

Monday, June 18

— The Coral Bay Community Council is hosting a community meeting on Monday, June 18, at Guy Benjamin School from 6 to 7 p.m. to engage residents in planning the wetlands restoration at 11 Estate Carolina, the Agriculture Department property, at the junction of Kings Hill Road and Route 107.

Sunday, August 26

— The 2nd annual Chaotic Kayak Race is set for Sunday, August 26, at Oppenheimer Beach and last year's winner is already talking smack.

Monday, October 8

— Using Sport for Social Change is hosting the 4th Annual Free "Just Play!" event to on October 8 at Winston Wells field in Cruz Bay.

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

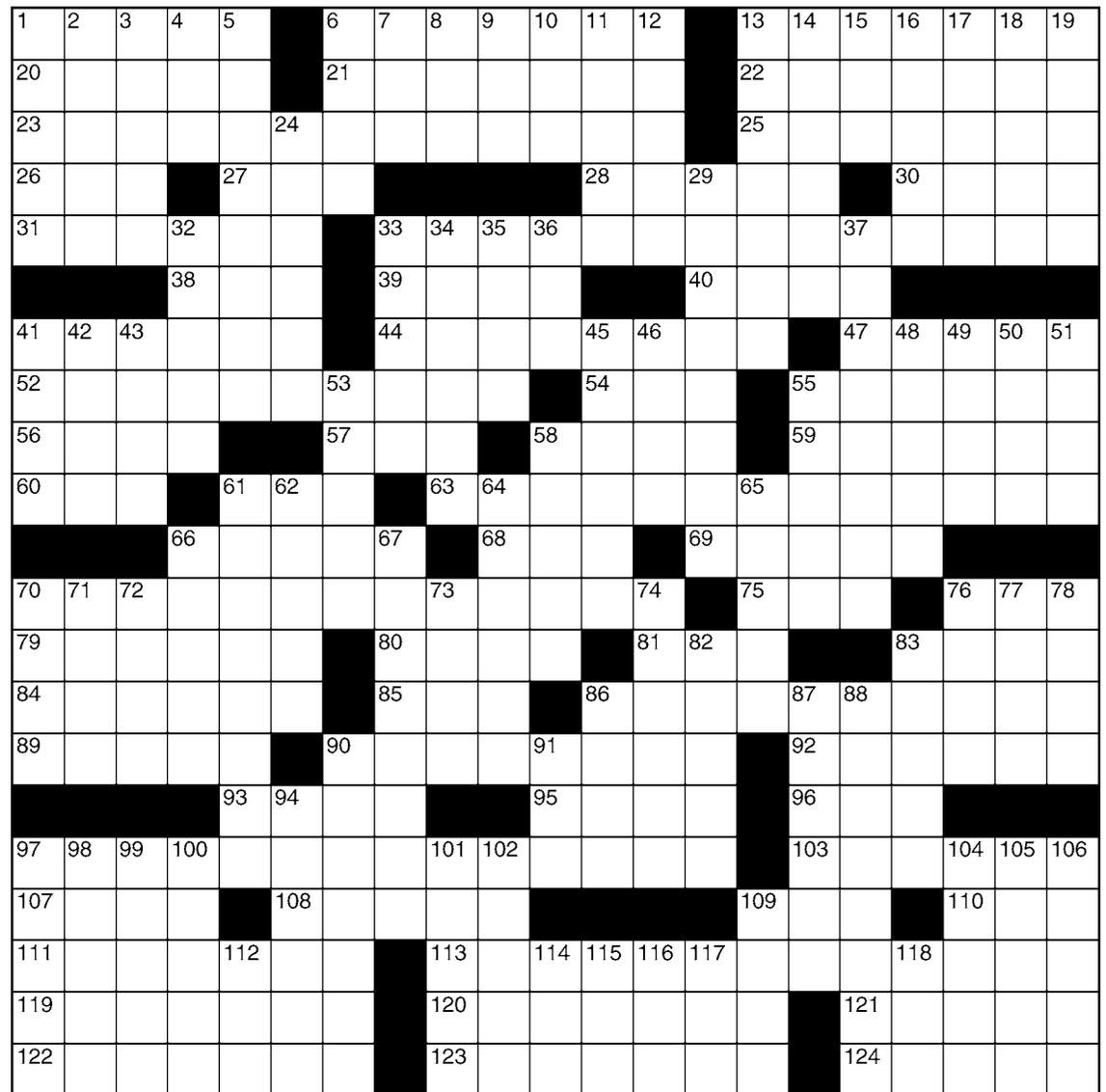
Narcotics Anonymous has open meetings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. every Saturday at St. Ursula's Church.

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



MOUNTAIN OPENINGS

ACROSS

- 1 "Sorry, I goofed"
6 Take a shot at
13 — Vineyard (island south of Cape Cod)
20 "Guitar Town" singer Steve
21 Italian wine
22 So-so
23 Venue for American art in Manhattan
25 Hyperactivity medication
26 Mauna — (volcano in Hawaii)
27 Walk- — (minor roles)
28 Mazda car
30 Young horse
31 Mozart work
33 California city south of Monterey
38 Pep
39 Miracle Mets member Tommie
40 German for "three"
41 Given a makeover
44 Air passage of the lung
47 Loafs about
52 Shakable liquid-filled souvenirs
54 — Kim (rapper)
55 — rasa
56 Competes (for)
57 Dark deli bread
58 Place to vote
59 Tehran inhabitants
60 Hdqrs. of law enforcers
61 Ontario's capital,

- on a sports ticker
63 Garden plants with large white flowers
66 Like charged atoms
68 Ovine mother
69 Author Bret
70 Exterior car adorners
75 Store (up)
76 Toward a boat's stern
79 — kick (football action)
80 Cheer yells
81 Jurists' gp.
83 Rural tower
84 Hawked anew
85 Crusty treat
86 Some crisp red fruits
89 Swirly marble
90 Fellini of film
92 Knocks it off
93 Sad notice in the paper
95 With 124-Across, yonder
96 Stuff making a big bang
97 Mom on "Rhoda"
103 Puts in office by ballot
107 Nothin' at all
108 Tax cheat's dread
109 — Lanka
110 Hee- —
111 Carrier to Muscat
113 Ensure a person's ruin
119 Enormous
120 Wrap around
121 Sprayed, as a sidewalk
122 Renters
123 Substance in chemical analysis
124 See 95-Across

DOWN

- 1 Whippers

- 2 Boorish sort
3 The Beach Boys' Wilson
4 Flier's stat
5 Standing for
6 Brenneman and Tan
7 Highland hat
8 Capote, to his pals
9 Curve in a driving exam
10 West in film
11 Long feather
12 Language of India
13 Epitomes of self-sacrifice
14 Fly a jet, say
15 Like many sr. citizens
16 Faint residue
17 Sainly glows
18 Quick-footed
19 — message to (got in touch with)
24 Nail varnish
29 King of Saudi Arabia
32 Affirms
33 Taxi driver
34 Matches up
35 Vintage Olds cars
36 Grown-up boys
37 Intense mirth
41 Abbr. on an invitation
42 City NNW of Oklahoma City
43 Bucks' partners
45 Place to hang apparel
46 Sword part
48 Humiliate
49 New Mexico tribe
50 Nobelist Wiesel
51 Back-talk
53 Utah senator Hatch
55 Pontifical crown
58 Puts in hock
61 "So long!"
62 "No Turn —" (traffic sign)
64 Sneaky laugh
65 — Lama
66 Bozo
67 Having a rug
70 Joyous Israeli dance
71 Certain blood type, briefly
72 Greek peak
73 Motel employee
74 Cup holder
76 Feels sickly
77 Skip town
78 Pitch
82 Borg of tennis
83 Large influx
86 Smallish bill
87 One- — (short plays)
88 Illuminator in a shirt pocket, perhaps
90 Puzzles (out)
91 Spoil, as food
94 Brown in fat
97 How fries are fried
98 Jean-Claude Van —
99 Singer Edie
100 Lion features
101 Less mean
102 Plum center
104 Picked out
105 Zapping gun
106 82-Down, by birth
109 Back-to-school mo.
112 Ending for prop- or hex-
114 Fertilized cells
115 Tavern barrel
116 Corrida cheer
117 NCO part
118 "Nice one!"

Classifieds

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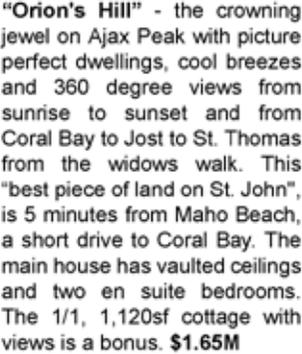
"Orion's Hill" - the crowning jewel on Ajax Peak with picture perfect dwellings, cool breezes and 360 degree views from sunrise to sunset and from Coral Bay to Jost to St. Thomas from the widows walk. This "best piece of land on St. John", is 5 minutes from Maho Beach, a short drive to Coral Bay. The main house has vaulted ceilings and two en suite bedrooms. The 1/1, 1,120sf cottage with views is a bonus. **\$1.65M**



"Beach Garden" is a Bali inspired waterfront work of art from which you'll enjoy mesmerizing sounds of the surf and cooling trade breezes. High end finishes throughout include tropical hardwoods, African slate, coral stone, copper & teak. 4 master suites, gourmet kitchen, multiple dining and office areas, media room, knife edge pool, spa, shady gazebo & lush gardens all on a private acre just minutes from town. **\$6.2M**



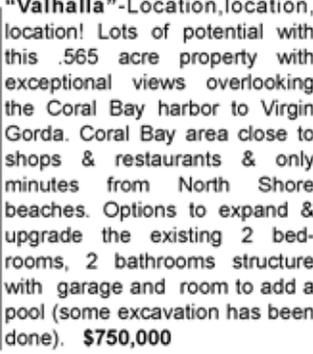
"Valhalla"-Location,location, location! Lots of potential with this .565 acre property with exceptional views overlooking the Coral Bay harbor to Virgin Gorda. Coral Bay area close to shops & restaurants & only minutes from North Shore beaches. Options to expand & upgrade the existing 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms structure with garage and room to add a pool (some excavation has been done). **\$750,000**



"Beach Cottage" - Nestled into the wooded hillside overlooking Great Cruz Bay, this cozy and handsome two bedroom cottage features a flexible layout with separate one bedroom apartment on lower level. Stroll across the grassy landscaped lawn to the beach access directly below for boating. Additional access is deeded at the community beach and dinghy landing just steps down the road. Near the Westin Resort and just minutes from downtown Cruz Bay. **\$945,000**



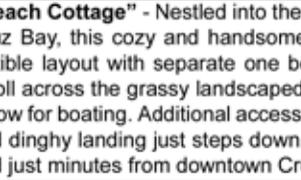
"Squire's Cottage" - Is a delightful and whimsical stone cottage with separate guest quarters in Chocolate Hole West, a short drive from Cruz Bay. Features include fine local stone and brick work, Turkish travertine floors, brick courtyard, custom light fixtures, large closets, custom hard wood doors & windows, stainless appliances, cathedral ceilings, slate roof and deeded rights to two beaches. The one level main house is handicapped friendly. **\$1.299M**



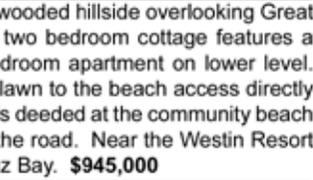
"Carolina Cottage" - Really cute two bedroom house with nice water views of Coral Harbor and Hurricane Hole. Faces east to catch the cooling trade wind breezes. Paved driveway and parking area. Partial furnishings included. A nice location close to Coral Bay with large deck and room to expand or add a pool. There is a laundry room on the lower level and space to add another bedroom. Paved drive way with easy turn around. **\$575,000.**



"Casa Del Palmas" - Is a completely rebuilt, large, comfortable West Indian style home with pool and spa, nice water and sunset views, easy access with paved circular driveway, established landscaping with many palm trees, colorful hibiscus, and good breezes. Upper level is 2 BR and the spacious lower level has 3 bedrooms, a private entrance, complete kitchen, and adjoins deck with a pool. **\$650,000.**



"Hansen Bay 7A" - 18 acres of waterfront near St. John's East End with trade wind breezes and great water views over Long Bay, Round Bay to the north, west to Rams Head and south to St. Croix. Deeded rights to sandy beach at Long Bay. Proposed subdivision map, road map and required studies available. An easy project for the first time developer or perfectly suited for a very private estate. Lots along the flat ridge top have 270 degree views to the north, west and south. Reduced from \$5.5M to just **\$2.99M**



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DeJongh Administration Updates Legislature on ARRA Spending

St. John Tradewinds

Public Finance Authority Executive Director Angel Dawson testified before the 29th Legislature today about the allocation of federal stimulus dollars received by the Virgin Islands.

The presentation to the Senate Committee of the Whole accounted for all the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) money spent from 2009 through the end of 2011.

The PFA, through the Office of Economic Opportunity, was designated by Governor John deJongh to manage and monitor ARRA spending in the territory.

Government agencies that received stimulus funds were the departments of Human Services, Health, Labor, Planning and Natural Resources, Public Works, Law Enforcement Planning Commission, the Virgin Islands Energy Office and the Office of the Governor.

Also, semi-autonomous agencies like the PFA, the University

of the Virgin Islands, Housing Finance Authority, West Indian Company and the Waste Management Authority. The rest of the stimulus money went to non-profits, business, and federal agencies that serve the territory.

The awards to the Virgin Islands, allocated across 14 categories of expenditures, totaled almost \$367 million, of which more than \$283 million has already been spent, Dawson told legislators.

The largest category funded was Fiscal Relief to Individuals and Business, with almost \$81 million allocated to personal and business loans, social security payments, college tuition grants and assistance to needy families.

The V.I. Department of Education received the most of any one government agency, with \$87,423,781 for teacher retention and education jobs funding. The PFA won \$67,454,924 to improve telecommunications infrastructure and create business opportunities. And the Housing Finance Authority

| Category | Total Amount Awarded | Actual Expenditure | Obligated Amount |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Agriculture and Food Development | \$404,000.00 | \$361,645.88 | \$42,354.12 |
| Arts and Entertainment | \$50,000.00 | \$50,000.00 | - |
| Broadband | \$67,454,924.00 | \$12,556,739.39 | \$54,898,185.61 |
| Education | \$87,423,781.00 | \$86,845,582.00 | \$437,559.00 |
| Energy and Water Development | \$36,164,382.00 | \$24,842,356.11 | \$11,157,659.07 |
| Fiscal Relief for Individuals | \$80,994,823.00 | \$80,994,823.00 | - |
| Fiscal Stabilization -- Government Services | \$12,915,583.00 | \$9,429,610.48 | \$3,142,176.39 |
| Health and Human Services | \$9,776,296.00 | \$8,475,872.15 | \$1,290,393.85 |
| Homeland Security FEMA | \$1,877,126.00 | \$871,087.00 | \$1,006,039.00 |
| Housing and Urban Development | \$33,327,248.00 | \$32,205,067.41 | \$1,122,180.56 |
| Interior and Environmental Protection | \$4,709,282.00 | \$4,655,947.13 | \$53,334.87 |
| Labor and Workforce Training | \$3,279,085.00 | \$3,279,085.00 | - |
| Law Enforcement | \$6,117,890.00 | \$3,986,180.29 | \$528,810.40 |
| Transportation | \$22,284,112.00 | \$15,040,012.00 | \$7,244,098.00 |
| GRAND TOTAL | \$366,778,532.00 | \$283,594,007.84 | \$80,922,790.87 |

received funds to support replacing housing stock, provide tax credit conversions to affordable housing, and conduct homelessness prevention and urban blight reduction programs.

The allocation to projects on specific islands was as follows: St. Thomas was awarded \$36 million, St. Croix more than \$25 million and St. John \$10,543,321. The re-

maining \$295 million will be spent territory-wide.

The almost \$81 million still obligated will be spent within time frames specified by the grant awards, Dawson explained.

Of that amount, almost \$55 million is allocated to the Broadband Program that will bring high-speed Internet service to the Virgin Islands.

Dawson testified that the Broadband Program's procurement, financial management and program management policies were all "significantly enhanced" during the reporting period.

Several awards have already been closed "with demonstrable and far reaching benefit to the territory," Dawson said.

The close out process for the grants requires assurances that the funds were put to appropriate use, without fraud, abuse or misuse. The PFA will meet all obligations in this regard as set by the Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board in the office of Vice President Biden, Dawson added.

"Let me assure you that the Public Finance Authority and the Governor of the Virgin Islands will continue to be vigilant unto the end," said Dawson. "Much of our effort will be dedicated to bringing the programs to an orderly end and continuing to provide the oversight and guidance required of ongoing programs' success."

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\$2,300,000

"DOVE COTTAGE" St. John's first luxury eco-villa 2 BR, 1.5 BTH w/ 280" views & pool. Solar & green building materials, recently remodeled w/ custom mahogany doors, room to expand or build more in upscale Dreeket's Bay.



\$1,800,000

"VILLA FAR NIENTE" Turn-key 3 bedroom, 3 bath villa in Pt. Rendezvous offers big views, breezes & great rental history. Beautifully-appointed, fully furnished, infinity-edge pool, interior staircase, artistic lighting and super sun and moonrises!



\$1,595,000

"STONE COURT" is a 3 bedroom haven. 1 acre of privacy with sweeping views from Ram's Head to St. Thomas. Island inspired architecture of stone and wood.



\$1,400,000

"TREE PALMS" Versatile 5 BR 5 BA property with solid rental history. Charming home w/ 2 kitchens, covered verandas, stone entrance, garden fountain, concrete pool and spa deck. Solar panels, and ocean views complete the package!



\$1,075,000

"DAY DREAM IN UPPER CAROLINA" Fabulous views - Coral Bay to BVI in masonry 3 bdrm/3.5 bath Majestic Mile home. New furnishings, private pool & bdrm suites, hot tub, stone/brick landscaping, solar hot water, shutters, custom cabinets & 10k generator. Cute wood cottage (NC) on property.



\$1,000,000

"SEAVIEW" vacation villa. Charming 4 Bedroom, masonry home in excellent condition with large pool in convenient location. Chocolate Hole with deeded rights to two nearby beaches.



\$949,000

"INCOME PRODUCER" 4 Unit Multi-family. Rare opportunity to own a multi-unit property close to Cruz Bay with big ocean views sitting on the hillside above the Westin Resort!



\$795,000

"VILLA MIMOSA" IS A BEST BUY! 4 bedroom private rental home- awesome down island & Coral Bay views! Turn key! Originally \$1,700,000 now priced to sell.



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"VILLA MOLLO" A nature lovers dream, walk to 2 beaches! 3BR/2BA villa sits on the water's edge of a salt pond and features custom stone and wood work and amazing Caribbean views.



\$595,000

"VILLA BAMBOO" - charming 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom cottage features views to the South shore & to sunsets over the cays, a generous floor plan and decks, well-maintained, tastefully decorated, and spacious grounds with unique Danish ruins.



\$589,000

"TREE FROG COTTAGE" Charming 1 x 1 home, surrounded by lush tropical forest with views of Coral Bay and the BVI. Close to shopping and restaurants, but very private. Good short term rental history.



\$439,900

"CARIBBEAN COTTAGE RETREAT" Relax in this comfortable home surrounded by trees, orchids and birds. Quiet private neighborhood has deeded rights to a beach. You won't get peace like this at a better price. Don't miss this opportunity!



\$249,000

"GRANDE BAY CONDOS" Enjoy life at this condo group in the center of town. Fully-furnished with equipped kitchens, easy walking access to shops/restaurants. Large pool deck, fitness & reception center, indoor parking & elevator service.



1 bd/1 bth \$715,000
3 bd/ 2 bth \$949,000

"PASTORY CONDO" This 1 bd, 1 bth spacious condo overlooks Pillsbury Sound & St. Thomas sunsets. Newly renovated kitchen & bath, custom cabinetry, granite countertops, mahogany doors, windows, pool & lush landscaping.



\$355,000

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Ohio Students Teach Computer Technology To JESS Schoolers

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initiative at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The XO laptops were designed for children with little or no access to computers or computer networks. They cost \$200 each, have a special screen for outdoor use, include open source software and are made to withstand high heat and even rain.

The Columbus School for Girls class is also affiliated with Tim Falconer's Waveplace Foundation, which is dedicated to bringing digital technology to Caribbean children. Waveplace has hosted XO laptop training at Guy Benjamin School in the past as well as other areas of the Caribbean.

Murakami's independent study course students deliver the laptops to JESS students, but as a "service learning" class, the students engage in much more than just handing over the machinery.

Columbus School students learn all about the laptops, from networking with other XO laptops to repairing hardware and software. The students then develop a curriculum, prepare lessons and finally spend two weeks on St. John teaching computer technology.

"The girls work with me all year long and develop everything themselves," said Murakami.

Among the 15, mostly sophomores and juniors, who spent two weeks teaching at JESS and staying at Maho Bay May 20 through June 2, were three young ladies who had also taken the class last year, explained Murakami.

"Another thing that seemed to make a difference this year is that we had three girls who returned for their second trip," she said. "We were in three classrooms this year and the returning girls were our team leaders. The girls were more independent than they'd ever been and these three team leaders had a lot to do with that."

Due to the Memorial Day break, the girls spent a total of nine days in three different JESS classrooms teaching XO laptop use to students in second, third and fourth grades. After their XO laptop sessions, the girls then taught JESS sixth, seventh and eighth grade students computers in the JESS computer

lab.

While the Columbus School for Girls students were fully prepared for the elementary school XO laptop work, the computer lab sessions were somewhat of a surprise, Murakami explained.

"The middle school teaching was a last minute addition," said Murakami. "Due to circumstances, they didn't know until the day before we got there that they were going to teach middle school computer classes."

The Columbus School girls were busy with finals just before their trip to St. John and Murakami didn't want to add any stress with the middle school class information, she explained.

But true to form, the girls accepted the challenge and shined, Murakami added.

"They are an impressive group of girls," she said. "They realized the challenge and did a great job. They are really extraordinary."

Murakami already has students signed up for next year's XO laptop service learning class and expects the program to continue improving each year, she explained.

"The first year we came down it was like, 'they were here and that was nice, now let's get back to normal,'" said Murakami. "But the fact that we continue to come back and have built that trust, the effort is now coming from JESS as well which is really important."

Murakami estimates that her program has distributed about 160 laptops to St. John students over the years, most of which are likely stuck in various closets around the island, and she'd love to have them back.

"There are over 160 laptops on St. John somewhere and we'd really like to get them back in circulation," said Murakami. "If anyone has an old laptop, even if it is broken, please consider giving it back to JESS. My girls would love to work on the broken laptops; it would be great practice for them."

"We have this ongoing exchange of broken computers, so we can still use them," said Murakami.

Anyone with an unused XO laptop is urged to turn it in at JESS or email Murakami at cmurakami@columbusschoolforgirls.org.



Columbus School for Girls teacher Christine Murakami, far left, with a Columbus student help a JESS student to use his new XO laptop.

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Festival & Cultural Organization of St. John, Inc.

PRESENTS:

ST. JOHN FESTIVAL 2012

MAY 26TH THRU JULY 4TH

THEME:

"Play Mas, Jump Up and Enjoy Yourselves for Festival 2012"
Submitted By: Marcus Andrews

Festival Village Honoree: **Clifton "Ashley" Boynes, Sr.**
 Festival Food Fair Honoree: **Gwendolyn R. Harley**
 Festival Parade Grand Marshal: **Rodney R. Varlack, Sr.**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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| <p>SATURDAY, May 26, 2012 Pan-o-Rama 4 P.M. AT WINSTON WELLS BALL FIELD CONTACT PERSON: IRA WADE (340) 690-7428</p> <p>FRIDAY, June 15, 2012 Senior Variety Show 7 P.M. AT WINSTON WELLS BALL FIELD CONTACT PERSON: JANE JOHANNES (340) 776-6450</p> <p>SATURDAY, June 16, 2012 Festival Bike Race 8 A.M. AT ST. JOHN NATIONAL PARK CONTACT PERSON: JANE THILL (340) 693-9467</p> <p>SUNDAY, June 17, 2012 St. John Festival Princess 2012 Selection Pageant 6 P.M. AT WINSTON WELLS BALL FIELD CONTACT PERSON: LOHRAINE RICHARDS (340) 626-4804</p> <p>FRIDAY, June 22, 2012 Festival Musical Mix 2012 9 P.M. AT WINSTON WELLS BALL FIELD CONTACT PERSON: LUCINDA JURGEN(340) 643-8074</p> <p>SATURDAY, June 23, 2012 St. John Festival Queen 2012 Selection Pageant 8 P.M. AT WINSTON WELLS BALL FIELD CONTACT PERSON: ENID DOWAY (340) 626-0785</p> | <p>SUNDAY, June 24, 2012 Food Fair & Coronation 1 P.M. AT FRANKLIN A. POWELL, SR. PARK CONTACT PERSON: LEONA SMITH (340) 690-3692</p> <p>Boat Races 3 P.M. AT CRUZ BAY HARBOR CONTACT PERSON: SLIM (340) 771-2498</p> <p>FRIDAY, June 29, 2012 Festival Village Opening 7 P.M. AT CRUZ BAY PARKING LOT CONTACT PERSON: JANE JOHANNES (340) 776-6450</p> <p>SUNDAY, July 1, 2012 Festival Beach Jam 1 P.M. AT OPPENHEIMER BEACH CONTACT PERSON: LEONA SMITH (340) 690-3692</p> <p>TUESDAY, July 3, 2012 Cultural Day 3 P.M. AT FRANKLIN A. POWELL, SR. PARK CONTACT PERSON: ALECIA WELLS (340) 344-9166</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, July 4, 2012 Jouvert 4 A.M. AT ST. JOHN NATIONAL PARK</p> <p>Festival Parade 2012 11 A.M. AT ST. JOHN NATIONAL PARK CONTACT PERSON: NATALIE THOMAS (340) 690-1725</p> <p>Festival Fireworks Display 9 P.M. AT CRUZ BAY HARBOR CONTACT PERSON: MALINDA NELSON (340) 776-6492</p> |
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