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Who Will Win the St. John Festival Queen Crown?

Five of these lovely young ladies, above, will take to the stage on Saturday night, June 23, at Winston Wells ball field for the St. John Festival Queen Selection Show, starting at 8 p.m. Contestant #6, at far left, dropped out of the competition due to personal reasons.

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The JESS 2012 eighth grade graduates, above. First honor student Khaleila Krall is second from left (front row).

Nineteen Eighth Graders Graduate at JESS Promotional Exercises

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Family members and friends of Julius E. Sprauve School eighth graders packed the ballroom at the Westin Resort and Villas on Wednesday evening, June 13, for the school's 46th annual promotional exercises.

Island dignitaries including Lieutenant Governor Greg Francis and his wife Cheryl, Senator Patrick Sprauve, Senator at Large

Craig Barshinger and St. John Administrator Leona Smith also attended last week's eighth grade graduation.

Welcoming the crowd, JESS Principal Dionne Wells told the graduates that hard work pays off in the end.

"You are a testimony that hard work pays off," said Wells. "You all have made my homecoming to JESS after six years one I will always remember."

A new coat of paint and inspirational murals painted across the JESS campus are just the beginning of changes for the school, Wells added.

"Things have just begun to change at JESS," she said. "Be informed that JESS is back."

As the eighth graders look ahead to high school, the graduates should know that the entire community of St. John is behind

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Wetlands Restoration Meeting 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.

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.

Customs Parking Lot Closing June 19

The Cruz Bay Customs parking lot will be closed to the public from June 19, to July 6, in order for officials to erect Festival Village. Vehicles which are in violation will be towed at the owner's expense.

Town Hall Meeting June 26 at JESS

The St. John Community is invited to participate in the St. John People's Agenda Town Meeting Tuesday, June 26, at 6 p.m. at the Julius E. Sprauve School.

The purpose of the meeting is to give the St. John community an opportunity to discuss: concerns regarding an additional access road from Coral Bay to Cruz Bay and its benefits to public safety; and up-keep and maintenance of beaches, trails and signage etc.

The People's Agenda suggests that with the limited summer employment opportunities for St. John youth, a partnership with St. John community organizations, private sector and V.I. National Park officials be developed to create a summer experience for youth in the areas of making signs for various sites and locations and learning how to restore and maintain trails.

The St. John Administrator, VI Fire Services, VIPD, VITEMA, DOI, and the Delegate to Congress have been invited to attend and participate in providing information to the St. John community.

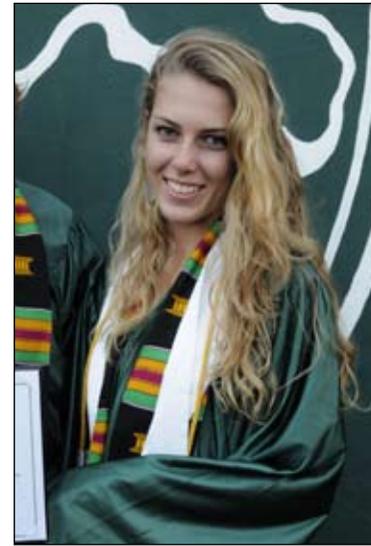
Dengue, Ciguatera Program June 28

The University of the Virgin Islands Caribbean Exploratory Research Center, the Medical University of South Carolina and the Coral Bay Community Council are hosting a community forum on Thursday, June 28, at Guy Benjamin School from 6 to 7 p.m. to provide a explanation of the UVICERC-MUSC project: A Collaborative Response to Public Health Challenges Linked to Climate Change Impacts in the Virgin Islands and the Caribbean – Implementation of On the Ground Mobilization Campaigns funded by the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities.

Dr. LaVerne Ragster, the project leader, will speak. The program will include a presentation on Dengue Fever and Ciguatera Fish Poisoning Prevention and Awareness, and an opportunity for residents to ask questions and express their concerns, and suggest solutions to these issues. Refreshments will be served.

CBCC, under this grant, partnered with UVI to provide presentations and brochures on dengue fever and ciguatera fish poisoning to three St. John schools and several churches. Any St. John groups which would like to have the 20 minute presentation should call the CBCC office and request it.

For more information or to schedule a presentation for a group, call the CBCC office at 776-2099.



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The GHS Class of 2012, at left, Valedictorian Coral Breuning, above center, and Salutatorian Patrick Smith, above right.

Giff Hill School Class of 2012 Graduates 11 Students

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Eleven seniors graduated from the sole St. John high school in an intimate commencement exercise ceremony at Giff Hill School's Trayser Field on Thursday evening, June 14.

The event was a celebration of all that GHS, a private pre-K through 12th grade, stands for, explained Head of School Judy Chamberlain.

"Today we celebrate all that GHS is about; academic excellence, dedication to the creative arts, active citizenship, passion for learning and the pursuit of dreams," said Chamberlain.

Guest speaker Dr. Franklin Chang-Diaz, a former astronaut and president of Ad Astra Rocket Company, was introduced to the crowd by his daughter, Liz Kinsella, GHS' Upper Campus Dean.

Chang-Diaz, the first naturalized citizen accepted into NASA's astronaut corps, was born in Costa Rica and overcame seemingly overwhelming odds on his way to logging hundreds of hours in space, Kinsella explained.

"You may think you are have nothing in common, but along the way, it was mentors who inspired and supported Dr. Chang-Diaz to achieve his dream of going to

"Today is not just about GHS seniors graduating, but it's reminder that all of you have raised great children and supported us all."

— GHS Class of 2012 Valedictorian Coral Breuning

"This year was full of ups and downs. We've experienced life-changing experiences this year. These are times we will never forget."

— GHS Class of 2012 Salutatorian Patrick Smith

space," she said.

While the road ahead might seem scary, the graduates are prepared for what comes next, Chang-Diaz told the GHS class of 2012.

"This is one heck of an accomplishment today and there are more to come for you," he told the graduates. "Some of you may be scared of the road ahead, but just look behind you. Look at what you have already achieved and be confident in yourselves."

Don't be afraid to look for help, Chang-Diaz added.

"No one gets anywhere without someone else's help," said the former astronaut. "You have many people who have helped you reach this point and there are many more people who will help you in the future. Stay with your dreams."

Following Chang-Diaz's inspirational remarks, Love City Pan

Dragons played "Don't Leave Me This Way" as a dedication to GHS graduating senior J'Keil Jacobs, a long-time member of the steel band and a mentor to many young players.

The competition and, in the end, the difference between valedictorian and salutatorian was so close, the two students chose to address the crowd together. Coral Breuning, who graduated at the top of the GHS class, and Patrick Smith, who finished the year just behind in second, thanked their parents, their teachers and the community for supporting GHS.

"Today is not just about GHS seniors graduating, but it's reminder that all of you have raised great children and supported us all," said Breuning.

"This year was full of ups and downs," said Smith. "We've expe-

rienced life-changing experiences this year. These are times we will never forget."

As the students head off to college next year, graduates should remember to listen to their hearts, Breuning added.

"The wisest follow their own direction," she said.

The 2012 GHS senior class was a special one, school college counsellor Meghan Duffy explained before handing diplomas.

"This class is fun-loving, close-knit and full of adventure," said Duffy. "Every single one was accepted to college and as of now — and this continues to come in — they have earned a total of \$300,000 in merit-based scholarships."

After speaking about each graduate individually, Duffy distributed diplomas the graduates.

The graduates are sure to accomplish great things in the future, Chamberlain said in closing remarks.

"Each of you has chartered a unique course to get here today," said the GHS Head of School. "We know you are going to be doing great things in the future."

And with that, the GHS seniors rose from their seats, flipped their tassels from right to left and celebrated finishing their high school

years.

Graduating from GHS were Coral Breuning, Shavoni Chichester, Justin Doran, Bradley Fessale, Keneeka Hodge, J'Keil Jacobs, Kanika Liburd, Aspen Moore, Bryan Morton, Jeanie Patrie and Patrick Smith. Congratulations to all the graduates!

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GBS sixth grade graduates, at right, and first honor student Khalid Smith, above, with Deputy Superintendent Michael Harrigan.



Eleven Students Graduate Sixth Grade at Guy Benjamin School

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Friends and family members of Guy Benjamin School sixth graders gathered at the Emmaus Moravian Church on Wednesday morning, June 13, to celebrate the school's annual promotional exercises.

GBS Acting Principal Brenda Dalmida, who recently stepped in when Principal Whitman Browne took time off for medical reasons, welcomed the crowd to the exciting and heart-warming event.

Dalmida, who has been the assistant principal at Julius E. Sprauve School for several years,

was careful not say "JESS" instead of "GBS" during her speech, and she nearly succeeded, only slipping once to understanding laughter.

"Today is a day for joy and celebration," said Dalmida. "We're celebrating all that you have learned and achieved here and I

extend major kudos to all of the promotees."

Dalmida's welcoming speech set the stage for an entertaining and intimate graduation for the Coral Bay public elementary school, with speeches by Department of Education's Deputy Superintendent Michael Harrigan and Sena-

tor at Large Craig Barshinger. The guest speaker was Savannah Lyons-Anthony, who graduated from GBS herself just six years ago.

Harrigan presented top honor student Khalid Smith with a gift certificate to Dockside Bookshop and a plaque proclaiming

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These five beautiful young ladies are sure to entertain the crowd during the St. John Festival Queen Selection Show on Saturday, June 23, at Winston Wells ball field.

- #1 – Sheniqua Davis
- #2 – Clarissa Doyling
- #3 – Shelsea Jean
- #4 – Khadijah Athanase
- #5 – Shanell Thomas

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A Night of Glamour in Store at June 23 St. John Festival Queen Selection Show

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Get ready to for a night full of glamour and glitz when the St. John Festival Queen contestants take to the stage for the Queen Selection Show on Saturday night, June 23, at Winston Wells ball field starting at 8 p.m.

The night will feature music by Cool Session Brass Band, dancers and more as five beautiful young ladies will strut their stuff in swimwear, active wear, ball gowns and show off their model walks and talent.

Eighteen-year-old Sheniqua Davis, Contestant Number 1, graduated from GHS in 2011 and just completed her first year at the University of the Virgin Islands where she is pursuing a degree in accounting.

"I've loved math ever since the second grade," she said.

Davis was inspired to join the competition in order to push herself, she explained.

"I wanted to get out of my comfort zone," said Davis. "I am an athlete and played a lot of basketball, so I wanted to try something different."

The best part of the experience for Davis has been getting to know her fellow contestants, she added.

"It's been a lot of fun," Davis said. "The best part

is learning new stuff and being around the other contestants."

Davis has been working hard and practicing every day with her chaperones Ywardia Wesselhoff and Tasheda Kelch, she explained.

"I'm really excited for the show," said contestant number one. "I'm trying not to get nervous."

St. John Queen Contestant Number Two is Clarissa Doyling, a 17-year-old who just graduated from Ivanna Eudora Kean High School. Doyling plans to attend Florida State University in the fall where she will work towards a degree in meteorology.

"I have always been fascinated with weather ever since I was a little girl," said Doyling. "I have always wanted to be a meteorologist and I'm excited to follow my dream."

Doyling threw her hat in the St. John Festival Queen ring in order to inspire others, she explained.

"I joined the competition because I wanted to be a role model for other girls in my school and my community," said Doyling.

Contestant number two had some advice for future Festival Queens dreaming of running for the title.

"Keep your head up and stay in school," she said.

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Fifth graders show off their dance moves during the Colors of the Rainbow Team Match Competition.

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E. Benjamin Oliver Elementary School Wins Dance Competition

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

It was a packed house at Reichhold Center for the Arts on Tuesday night, June 12, as fifth graders from across St. John and St. Thomas showed off their dancing skills at the Colors of the Rainbow Team Match Competition.

The competition was the culminating event of the Dancing Classrooms Virgin Islands (DCVI) program, which wrapped 10 weeks of in-school dance instruction.

Gina Wellner led classes at Guy Benjamin, Giffit Hill and Julius E. Sprauve Schools, while DCVI executive director Katie Zaytoun also acted as teaching artist at E. Benjamin Oliver Elementary, Joseph A. Gomez Elementary and Ulla F. Muller Elementary Schools on St. Thomas.

The competition was hosted by legendary ballroom dancer and Dancing Classrooms founder Pierre Dulaine, who wowed the audience himself. After going head to head in Merengue, Fox Trot, Rumba, Tango and Swing, only six points separated first and third place.



Katie Zaytoun, left, with Gina Wellner.

While all of the teams performed professionally and impressed the 800 person strong crowd, in the end E. Benjamin Oliver Elementary School took home the gold medal as first place winners.

Second place silver medal winners were the Ulla F. Muller Elementary and Julius E. Sprauve Schools. Third place bronze medal winners were Guy Benjamin, Giffit Hill and Joseph A. Gomez Schools.

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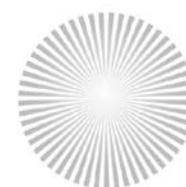
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Festival Parade Grand Marshal: *Rodney R. Varlack*

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2012 St. John Festival Parade Grand Marshal Rodney R. Varlack was born on the island of St. Thomas some 81 years ago to Sylvia James and Cecil Varlack. During his early childhood he moved to the island of Puerto Rico where he resided for seven years and became fluent Spanish. For some time, it even became the only language he understood! Except he was taught by his Mom to recite in English “Yes, Mom,” “No, Mom,” “Thank you,” “Hail Mary” and the “Lord’s Prayer.”

Varlack, also known as Chief, returned to St. Thomas at age seven aboard the M/V *Catherine* — after missing the vessel the week before because of the late arrival of his horse-drawn taxi to San Juan.

On St. Thomas Varlack and his mother resided on Garden Street and he attended the Catholic School. He was retained in the first grade because his English vocabulary was limited. The family moved to Savan, and then to Hospital Ground. Varlack’s mother fell ill and remained in the hospital for a period of two years during with time he visited her three times a week until she passed on.

Chief was left in the care of his father, Cecil and his wife Edith, and his Uncle Charles and his wife Chrsi. Varlack’s daily routine included fetching dog food, buying

bread, catching fire, making his bush tea for breakfast and cleaning lampshades. All this had to be completed before he went to school.

After school he had to take lunch to his father who worked at a grocery store located at the present day Department of Education. Not in agreement with his lifestyle, which included punishment, Varlack ran away from both homes on many occasions. While out on his own, he maintained himself by selling straps of fish and bunches of genips at the market.

Varlack bought and delivered groceries and bottled soda for anyone who was willing to pay between .50 cents and \$1. He walked to Magens Bay with his flambo, cruda bag and walking stick to torch crabs, which he also sold. Some days a Frenchie would give him fish, which he would roast on the beach.

He slept in old abandoned cars and arches and washed his clothes by the well, all the while still attending school on most days. For entertainment, he played softball as a pitcher or at shortstop. He also enjoyed swimming at Magens Bay where he met his long time friend Austin Brathwaite, better known as Pilot, who passed on a few years ago.

After being fed up with his vagabond lifestyle he went to live



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Rodney R. Varlack

with his Godmother Magalivetha Richardson, and told her of his desire to be admitted to the boys home. When that did not work out, being determined, he spoke to Ms. Proudfoot, a welfare personnel employee. Chief told her he wanted to move to St. John, but was disappointed when he was told he needed his father’s consent.

His Godmother eventually was able to convince his father to let him relocate and Chief entered the boy’s camp at age 11. He remembered his first boat ride to St. John was aboard the M/V *Watts*.

Varlack was under the watchful eye of Mr. Scott who ran the camp in Calabash Boom. At camp he felt good being around other boys of similar nature and his own age, like Lawrence Satory, Clyde Williams, Vern Callwood, Leando Hendricks, Raphy Hendricks and Andrew Prentice, to name a few. At camp is where he met Mr. Guy Benjamin, one of the most influential persons in his life.

Varlack’s daily routine at Calabash Boom was to pump water from the well to tanks. He also had kitchen duties and helped with the

cooking and baking and planted lettuce and cabbage. For recreation the kids played ball and went to the beach. On moon-lit nights they would catch lobster and whelks. They worked during the day and went to school at night from 7 to 9 p.m. Varlack stayed at Calabash Boom for just one year.

At the age of 18, he returned home from camp and got a job with the Department of Public Works on St. Thomas as a Machinist/Mechanic and at the Hilton during its construction period. The labor was hard and he only earned \$100 per week. Still determined to gain more knowledge and earn more money, Varlack quit the Hilton and went to work for Tropical Motors for five to six years, where he continued to improve his skills.

With a few dollars in his pocket, he purchased his first truck named “Island Girl Audrey.” Varlack turned that over and purchased a red convertible Studabaker, which he sold before he entered the U.S Army. He was stationed at Fort Knox for four and one-half years.

Chief was honorably discharged in 1956 and returned to St. Thomas, but worked on St. John. He continued to execute mechanic work and service cars with his partners Urman Fredericks and Edmond Thomas.

Varlack then leased property
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Patrick Smith Wins Rotary Club Scholarship

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This year's applicants for the Rotary Club of St. John Scholarship were all outstanding. It was a challenge for the Scholarship Committee to select a winner from this talented group of St. John graduating seniors.

The St. John graduating seniors who qualified as finalists for this year's scholarships are Coral Breuning, Julia Hogroian, Grace Bartolucci and Patrick Smith.

The Rotary Club of St. John is pleased to announce

that this year's scholarship has been awarded to Patrick Smith.

Smith is graduating second in his class from Giffit Hill School and has been accepted to attend the School of Engineering at Seton Hill University to pursue a degree in forensic science or engineering. Upon graduation, Smith plans to eventually return home to the Virgin Islands to give back to the community.

The Rotary Club of St. John congratulates Smith for all his achievements in life and wishes him luck in his pursuit of a higher education.

Register for JFLI Summer Program This Week

By Jaime Elliott St. John Tradewinds

Registration will be ongoing all week for students to enroll in John's Folly Learning Institute's Summer Program.

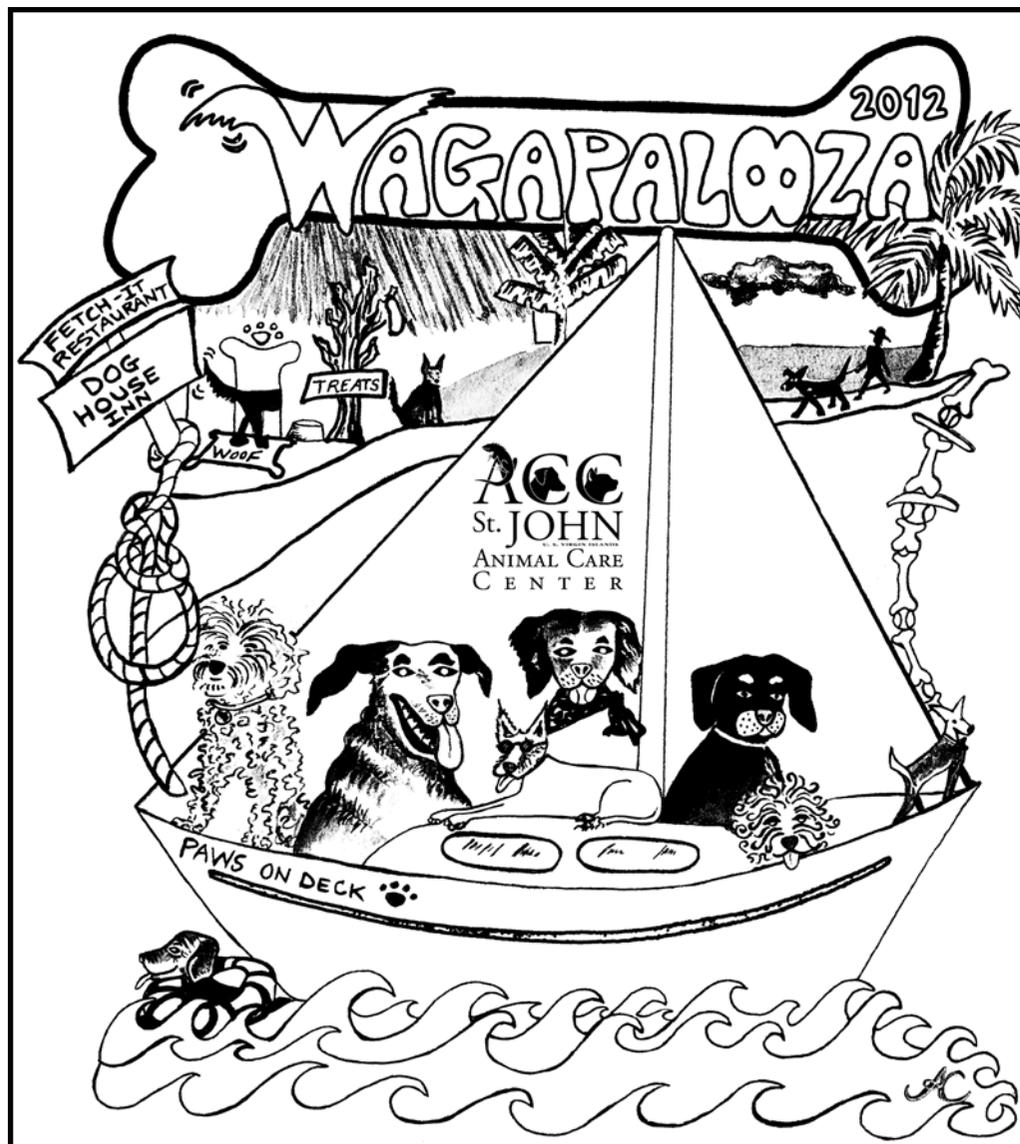
The program, which costs \$75 per family and is open to students from 7 to 15 years old, kicks off on Monday, June 25, and wraps up on August 17. Sessions will be hosted Monday through Fri-

day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. JFLI's Summer Program will introduce students to arts and crafts instruction, gardening, swimming, hiking, yoga, sports and more.

Students enrolled in JFLI's Summer Program will also enjoy a trip to St. Croix July 18 through 22, where they will learn all about Crucian arts, food, music and history at the Whim Plantation House.

JFLI officials will be hosting food sales at the Coral Bay Triangle each Wednesday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Stop by and pick up some local juices, pates and help support JFLI students.

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Festival Food Fair Honoree: Gwendolyn Rosetta Harley

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2012 St. John Festival Food Fair Gwendolyn R. Harley was born on the beautiful island of St. Thomas under the sign of Aries on April 14, 1931. She is the fourth of eight children born to the late William and Lolita Chinnery Blyden.

Gwendolyn Harley obtained her elementary and secondary education in the USVI public school system. She continued her studies with Polytechnic Institute of Puerto Rico (Inter-American University), Hampton-On-Islands (Hampton Institute, VA) New York University, Hartford University Right to Read Project, and the University of the Virgin Islands.

Mrs. Harley is a teacher by profession, retiring from the Department of Education in June 1990. Later, she taught at the Moravian School on St. Thomas.

In her community, Harley was a Girl Scout leader, a Sunday School teacher and a member of the Business and Professional Women's Club. She is a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, Patrick V. George Unit #90, a member of Christchurch Methodist Church Women's League and of the Community to Revive our Culture.

At the age of seven, she was taught to sew by her mother, Lolita Chinnery Blyden. That is when she began making dolls from her mother's sewing scraps. What began as a hobby, eventually developed into a busy enterprise.

In the late summer of 1984, Mrs. Harley decided to make historical dolls and animals with the idea that the dolls had to be handmade, because at that time, there were not many arts and craft stores in the Virgin Islands.

The inspiration for Gwen's Dolls and Animals are based on Virgin Islands culture. Each doll costume is historically detailed right down to the lace-edged

pantalets and hand-woven straw hats. The dolls include Market Ladies, party ladies known as Quadrille Dancers, Bamboula Dancers, French Ladies and French Men. The animals are donkeys, mongoose and iguanas.

Her dolls and animals, which represent the USVI culture, have won her three first prizes, one special prize and two special awards Tillet Garden's Arts Alive Fair in 1986-90 and 1992.

At the Virgin Islands Carnival Fair, Mrs. Harley's dolls have won first prize in 1989-92, 1994 and 1995. In November 1990, at the St. Thomas/St. John Agricultural and Food Fair she won first prize. She also won first prize at the Agriculture Fair Exhibition in Tortola, BVI during Farmer's Week 1995.

Mrs. Harley was honored for her cultural dolls and animals in November 1996 at Tillet Garden's 50th Annual Arts Alive Fair. Again in 1997, the V.I. Carnival Fair Committee honored Mrs. Harley and named the Carnival Food Fair in her honor. The Carnival Food Fair was named "Gwen's Doll House."

From 2000 through 2004, Mrs. Harley won first prize for her cultural dolls and animals at the Carnival Fair on St. Thomas. She also won for her replicas of historical buildings such as Government House, Fort Christian, Emancipation Garden, Senate Building, and the Annaberg Plantation, which was donated to the Elaine I. Sprauve Library on St. John.

Each doll is one of a kind and are named with the suffix "lyn" in honor of Mrs. Harley's first name. Her enterprise is called "Gwen's Historical U.S. Virgin Islands Dolls and Animals."

The dolls and animals are sold at her Mahogany Estate home on St. Thomas, where she also takes special orders. For more information about Harley's dolls, call her at 776-2706.

Festival Village Honoree: Clifton "Ashley" Boynes, Sr.

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2012 St. John Festival Honoree Clifton Ashley Boynes, Sr., better known as Ashley Boynes, is a resident of the island of St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands. He commuted to the island of St. Thomas to attend the Charlotte Amalie High School, where he graduated as a member of the class of 1962.

After graduation, Boynes worked with the Department of Education until he enlisted in the United States Army in 1963, and was stationed in South Car-

olina, Colorado and Korea.

Upon his return home, Boynes attended the then College of the Virgin Islands, now known as the University of Virgin Islands, where he studied construction technology.

During that time, Boynes worked as a Vocational Teacher at the Julius E. Sprauve School for two years. He has been a licensed boat captain for the past 41 years. Boynes joined Transportation Services, Inc. in 1971 as Boat Captain and served as the company's Operations Man-

ager until 2002.

In 1981, Boynes opened his own business "Inter-Island Boat Service," which he currently still runs. Boynes has been an active member of the St. John Action Committee as well as the Friends of the V.I. National Park.

In 1966, Boynes married his high school sweetheart, Lydia Harrigan, who was also a member of the class of CAHS 1962. The couple has two children, Clifton Jr. and Lori, and five grandchildren.

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Margarete Loghry, left, and her daughter Hannah enjoyed a free week's stay at a luxury villa thanks to Cimmaron's online competition.

Cimmaron St. John Enjoying Marketing Popularity on Social Media Sites

By Jaime Elliott
 St. John Tradewinds

Two lucky people enjoyed a free seven night stay last week at a luxurious villa just for liking Cimmaron St. John on Facebook.

Margarete Loghry and her daughter Hannah left St. John on Wednesday, June 13, after spending a week at Sweet Surrender, in Virgin Grand Estates. All Loghry did was "like" Cimmaron's Facebook page, which has almost 64,000 fans.

Loghry was one of thousands of people who entered to win the free St. John stay in a contest run by an independent third party, which is just one facet of Cimmaron's online social media marketing initiative, explained Cimmaron owner Dave Conro.

"We're investing pretty heavily in social media on Facebook and Twitter," said Conro. "Facebook has been pretty popular; we have just under 64,000 fans and we have a daily dialogue twice a day with all of those people. Our reach is pretty good too."

"Using our benchmarks, our total reach is up to 18.5 million people and we're basically using the social media right now to drive traffic to our website and ultimately our villas," said Conro.

Conro — whose wife Robin posts to Facebook twice daily and

receives hundreds if not thousands of likes and shares for each one — began embracing the new marketing platform about a year ago and the response has been great, which might have more than a little to do with the free week's stay the company was giving away, he explained.

"Last year when we started this we had a contest which we're going to now do annually where we give a free week's vacation away," said Conro. "A woman and her daughter, who just left [island], won the contest through a random drawing. The contest was administered by a third party and an independent, outside agency made the drawing."

Everyone who liked Cimmaron's Facebook page was entered into the contest, which the company hosted in October. The contest was a huge hit and since then, Cimmaron has watched as its online presence and popularity have skyrocketed.

"We're really banking heavily on the social media concept of marketing for our vacation rentals," said Conro. "We think it's the new wave and we've started to experience this."

Not only is Cimmaron reaching people all over the world, the company is targeting its exact demographic, Conro added.

"Interestingly enough, what we've found is that the demographics that we're hitting are mostly in the United States, but we're also getting a great following out of Canada, the UK and Germany," he said. "The gender is primarily female, about 76 percent, and the age group that we're attracting is mostly in the 45 to 54 year bracket. We're hitting the people we really want to connect with."

Conro and his wife have owned Cimmaron, which began as a construction company, since 2000. The company launched its villa management services in 2005 and then two years ago decided to get into the marketing world as well.

"We started with the villa management in 2005 and for the first several years all we did was pure management," said Conro. "Then two years ago we decided to make the move into bookings and marketing. I became a licensed real estate sales person in the Virgin Islands and we're now actively marketing the properties that we manage."

"We have control over the quality of the experience for visitors and control for the owners of the properties," Conro said.

For more information, check out Cimmaron St. John on Facebook or on the web at www.cimmaron-stjohn.com.

Friends of VINP's SCA Summer Trail Crew Arrives

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This month marks the twelfth summer that Friends of Virgin Islands National Park has worked in partnership with Student Conservation Association (SCA) and V.I. National Park officials to sponsor a student trail crew for four weeks during June and July.

This year's crew will arrive on Monday, June 18, and work on island through July 17. Friends' SCA Trail Crew Program provides students ages 15 to 19 with a unique outdoor experience repairing and maintaining hiking trails while living in VINP.

Through this program, trail crew members are introduced to a variety of topics including outdoor work, camping and hiking skills, low impact outdoor living, and a basic cultural and ecological knowledge of the island.

This summer's crew consists of four Virgin Islands students; all of whom are from St. Croix; and four students and two crew leaders from the continental US. At the request of VINP's maintenance department the crew will be clearing vegetation, building and repairing stone steps, repairing damaged drainage ditches, and removing loose rock on trails. The effects

of their work will reduce erosion to trails vulnerable to deterioration due to steep slopes, shallow topsoil, and severe rain.

In addition to learning about trail maintenance and developing an understanding of their role as responsible stewards of the environment, the students will learn important team building and leadership development skills while living together at Cinnamon Bay Campground. The crew's combination of local residents and non-Virgin Islanders also provides the participants with a unique and beneficial cross-cultural experience.

At the end of the four-week program, the park will have between six and eight miles of its most heavily utilized trails in safe and environmentally sound condition. The nation's National Parks continue to face severe maintenance challenges due to continued federal budget cuts. More and more, VINP relies on volunteer groups, like SCA, to help maintain the natural and cultural resources of the park.

For more about this annual program or provide support in any way, contact Audrey Penn, Friends of VINP Program Manager, at 779-4940.

Volunteers Needed To Help Staff Rotary Club's Children's Village

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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 help set up, should arrive at 5:30 p.m. and volunteers who help to close the village and secure games should expect to stay until 9:30 p.m.

The local Rotary Club is looking for about 20 to 25 volunteers for each night of Children's Village.

To volunteer, contact overall leader Joan Bermingham at 776-6182, or email jlberm@msn.com. To volunteer on Friday, June 29, call Debbie Fleming at 693-9130 or email debbiejfflemming@gmail.com.

To volunteer on Saturday, June 30, call BJ Harris at 693-7104 or email BJ@StJohnProperties.com. To volunteer on Sunday, July 1, call Bill Willigerod at 776-0883 or email william@willigerod.com. To volunteer on Monday, July 2, call Dulcey Rood at 244-5814 or email dulcey@hightidevi.com. To volunteer on Tuesday, July 3, call Patrick Pearson at 776-1166 or email appliances_plus@hotmail.com.

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Enjoy views from the bedrooms, above right, and the covered deck, left, at Villa Intimasea.



On *the* Market

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Soak In 180-Degree Water Views from Villa Intimasea

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

With 180-degree views of the Caribbean Sea stretching out to the horizon, you might not want to leave the shaded deck at Villa Intimasea.

A refreshing pool, however, might tempt you to brave the sun for a few hours or get your feet

sandy as you enjoy deeded access to two beaches, Hart Bay and Chocolate Hole Bay.

Villa Intimasea, a four bedroom, four bath home situated on a little more than a half acre in Chocolate Hole north, is for sale for \$1.825 million and that view is just one detail which sets this property apart, explained Holiday Homes

owner/broker Christie O'Neil.

"I was just speaking to the owner and she said the covered deck in front of the villa is one of her favorite places in the whole world," said O'Neil. "It's cool, with great breezes and amazing views and provides excellent outdoor space which greatly expands the living space."

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Villa Intimasea includes a garage, which could easily be enclosed to provide either more living space or a modern gym. The property even includes space to expand, with the potential of

creating a comfortable family compound.

The villa is already a popular short-term vacation rental, but would also make an ideal home for a family, explained O'Neil.

With so many possibilities, potential buyers should not forget the best feature of Villa Intimasea, O'Neil added.

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Learn How To Combat Risks of Dengue Fever and Ciguatera Poisoning at June 28 Public Forum

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

With warming air and water temperatures, experts foresee Caribbean residents facing increased rates of dengue fever and Ciguatera poisoning, and University of the Virgin Islands officials are gearing up to combat what is expected to be a serious public health issue.

Coral Bay Community Council has been working with UVI on the initiative and is hosting a public forum on Thursday evening, June 28, from 6 to 7 p.m. in room six at Guy Benjamin School.

"A Collaborative Response to Public Health Challenges Linked to Climate Change Impacts in the Virgin Islands and the Caribbean — Implementation of On the Ground Mobilization Campaigns," is an initiative of the UVI's Caribbean Exploratory Research Center.

"It's all about collaborating on how to address linkages between climate change and public health issues and this is specifically about mobilizing the public," said Dr. LaVerne Ragster, Professor of Marine Biology at UVI.

As air temperatures continue to warm, health officials expect both higher incidents of conditions, like more rain and storms, which breed the dengue fever carrying mosquitoes, *Aedes aegypti*, as well as more toxic mosquitoes, explained Ragster.

"We have an environment that has a lot of variability and trends towards increased temperatures," said Ragster. "One of the things that people have learned is that with increased temperatures, mosquitoes will have a shorter developmental larvae stage. So there will be more mosquitoes and they'll bite more."

"Also there will be more intense rain events expected which means we'll have more mosquito breeding areas and more mosquitoes," Ragster said.

Experts also expect increased rates of dengue hemorrhagic fever, Ragster added.

"There are four different types of the virus that gives us dengue fever and the territory has already

seen three of the types," said the UVI professor. "We've had four outbreaks in the last 25 years and the latest was a minor one in 2010."

While air temperatures will affect the mosquito populations, rising sea temperatures are expected to result in high concentrations of algae and more fish carrying Ciguatera poison, Ragster explained.

"Ciguatera is a trickier one, but we expect that even with slight temperature increases, there will be more algae and algae in more places like on rocks and ledges," she said. "If temperatures increase too much, the Ciguatera seems to die off. So we don't really know how this is going to affect the poison, but Ciguatera is one of the things that makes people very ill in this part of the world."

"One way to fight Ciguatera is to know where your fish is coming from and not to eat the whole fish at one time," said Ragster.

The Virgin Islands population, with high incidents of obesity and diabetes, is at an even greater risk of these illnesses, which have no cures, explained Ragster.

"The part that relates to health disparities is that you have a community that does not have the best level of health," said the UVI professor. "You have a lot of people, 35 percent, with an incident of cardiovascular disease, and high rates of obesity and diabetes. When you get dengue fever, you are at higher risk for dengue shock or dengue hemorrhagic if your health is already compromised."

People who have already suffered from one strain of dengue fever are also more susceptible to getting a more serious type of the virus, Ragster added.

"There are indications that once you get that first virus if you are bit again, that second time you are more likely to have the hemorrhagic or shock syndrome and those will kill you if you do not get immediate medical attention," she said.

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Thanks To VIPD Officer Angelo Liburd

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Henry and Maia Mongie



How Did Animals Create This Mess?

I read J. Weller's letter which blames the litter at and around the Susannaberg Transfer station on animals. I have to wonder what kinds of animals have produced this mess. And if a secure well-built fence surrounds the mess, I wonder how animals manage to drag pieces out onto the road.

Paula Myles

Crossword Answers — Puzzle on Page 20

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ISLAND NOTES from the publisher

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Letters To St. John Tradewinds

Negligent, Not Negligible

I note with amusement that the VI Police Department and the Department of Education have determined that the driver of the school bus which ran into the guardrail, and then failed to follow reasonable procedures afterward has been deemed “negligible”.

As he was the one at the wheel of the bus it would seem that he was significant rather than negligible,

but clearly negligent. Probably negligence could warrant a criminal charge, while being negligible is not (correctly) against the law.

You don’t suppose that our educators and protectors of the law don’t know the difference. Could be that a Virgin Islands education is negligible.

John Fuller, St. John

New Petition Calls for Elected USVI Attorney General

I wanted to let you know about a new petition I created on We the People, a new feature on WhiteHouse.gov, and ask for your support. Will you add your name to mine? If this petition gets 25,000 signatures by July 13, 2012, the White House will review it and respond!

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You can view and sign the petition here: <http://wh.gov/htz>

Here’s some more information about this petition:

Endorse the position of an elected US Virgin Islands Attorney General to minimize conflict of inter-

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Thanks!
Colleen Clarke

St. John Community Supports Colors of the Rainbow

I wanted to just give a big thank you to the St. John community for coming out in droves to the Reichhold Center Tuesday night for the 2012 Colors of the Rainbow Team Match. It seemed that there was just as much school support from St. John as there was St. Thomas.

A huge thank you to Boynes for providing a late barge return to St. John, and for giving each school four free roundtrip tickets. I heard that even though the barge didn’t leave for Cruz Bay until an hour and a half past time, the staff was so cheerful and they did everything they could to fit all of the cars back on the barge. I heard that they even picked up a car by hand to move it over to make more space. All cars got on but one.

Another thank you to the Westin St. John and Tropic Tours for providing roundtrip transportation for the Guy Benjamin students and support staff and families. Also to Nancy Bauman for purchasing the ferry tickets for the Guy Benjamin students.

One last thank you of course to the Principals,

teachers, and families from Giff Hill, Julius E. Sprauve and Guy Benjamin Schools for pulling together to make this happen. We understand it was not an easy feat, but everyone’s effort is so appreciated to make the Colors of the Rainbow Team Match an unforgettable event at the Reichhold Center in support of our children and community.

The staff at the Reichhold Center said this was the most attended local/school event they have ever had — almost 800 people!

So far \$900 and counting was raised from the audience members who donated to our challenge grant, awarded to DCVI by the Lana Vento Charitable Trust, who is matching every dollar that DCVI raises with another dollar.

We appreciate everything that was given as this will help us to continue to provide this amazing program to the Virgin Islands’ elementary and middle schools.

Katie Zaytoun
Executive Director
Dancing Classrooms Virgin Islands, Inc.

Clarification

The unnamed source quoted in the “Faster Response Could Have Saved Leinster Bay Drowning Victim” in the June 4-10, 2012 issue of *St. John Tradewinds* was not speaking on behalf of St. John Rescue. The individual was speaking as a citizen familiar with the situation and in no way represented the views of St. John Rescue.

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Festival Food Fair Honoree: Gwendolyn R. Harley

Festival Parade Grand Marshal: Rodney R. Varlack, Sr.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, May 26, 2012

Pan-o-Rama
4 P.M. AT WINSTON WELLS BALL FIELD
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FRIDAY, June 15, 2012

Senior Variety Show
7 P.M. AT WINSTON WELLS BALL FIELD
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SATURDAY, June 16, 2012

Festival Bike Race
8 A.M. AT ST. JOHN NATIONAL PARK
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St. John Festival Princess 2012
Selection Pageant
6 P.M. AT WINSTON WELLS BALL FIELD
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FRIDAY, June 22, 2012

Festival Musical Mix 2012
9 P.M. AT WINSTON WELLS BALL FIELD
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SATURDAY, June 23, 2012

St. John Festival Queen 2012
Selection Pageant
8 P.M. AT WINSTON WELLS BALL FIELD
CONTACT PERSON: ENID DOWAY (340) 628-0785

SUNDAY, June 24, 2012

Food Fair & Coronation
1 P.M. AT FRANKLIN A. POWELL, SR. PARK
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Boat Races

3 P.M. AT CRUZ BAY HARBOR

CONTACT PERSON: SLIM (340) 771-8498

FRIDAY, June 29, 2012

Festival Village Opening
7 P.M. AT CRUZ BAY PARKING LOT
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SUNDAY, July 1, 2012

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TUESDAY, July 3, 2012

Cultural Day
3 P.M. AT FRANKLIN A. POWELL, SR. PARK
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WEDNESDAY, July 4, 2012

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4 A.M. AT ST. JOHN NATIONAL PARK
Festival Parade 2012
11 A.M. AT ST. JOHN NATIONAL PARK
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Sunday evening 6 p.m., Thursday 7 p.m.

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Saturdays, 779-4477

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Thursdays Bible Study 7:30 p.m.
779-1230

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Guest Opinion

3-S Master Plan for Economic Security for Virgin Islands

St. John Tradewinds

Environmental Security + Energy Security + Food Security = Economic Sustainability

If we, as individuals, focus our intention and energy toward creating Environmental, Energy and Food Security for our communities, those actions will create Economic Security.

Environmental Security is created by the protection of our incredible natural environment, through green building/construction practices, environmental conservation and organic farming. Our natural environment is the basis for our main source of economic income. If we focus our attention on keeping the natural environment vibrant and healthy, that will also help to maintain a healthy and vibrant economy.

Energy Security is created by the transition from a fossil fuel based economy to a renewable energy based economy. The Virgin Islands most abundant, available and never ending (we hope) source of energy is the Sun (and Wind). It makes the most sense to generate energy where it is used, not in some distant single source power plant. Distributed, grid interactive solar (PV) generation systems with storage, have no moving parts, make no noise, require almost no maintenance and just sit there and produce power for years! PV modules have a 25 year warranty to back them up!

As a community, we need to begin to think and act "outside of the box" We need a forward thinking distributed, interactive renewable energy based grid with storage and digital grid management software. Once a renewable energy grid is established, there is no fuel cost, and LEAC goes way down! We need to ask the question. Is a \$300 to \$400 million dollar undersea cable to Puerto Rico, after which we will still have to buy power from Puerto Rico, thus keeping LEAC high, the highest and best use of our scarce economic resources?

For the same expenditure, the VI could install a "state of the art, micro-grid solar internet" system on every business and home with energy storage, all digitally interconnect to form a giant virtual solar power plant to provide power on demand to the grid. To use a telephone analogy, we need "iPhone" thinking, not old Vitelco land line thinking regarding the development of our energy security.

Our scarce economic resources should be used for a forward thinking interactive, distributed renewable energy grid with zero fuel cost which provides real energy (grid) security and job growth in the VI for the future.

Food Security, a topic that is rarely on the table for discussion, is really the most important of the 3 S'. What good does Environmental and Energy Security do, if we cannot feed ourselves? Food Security is created by utilizing our local resources to the fullest extent, which includes supporting and expanding

our local organic farmer networks with Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) and developing Community Vegetable Gardens (CVG's) throughout the Territory.

The Virgin Islands has a 365 day, year round growing season! This is unheard of in most places with short growing seasons and cold weather requiring expensive heated greenhouses in the winter!

For years, we have been "brain washed" into thinking that we cannot grow food in the Virgin Islands because we have no soil or water! That is not true! 60 percent of our waste is compostable. If we establish municipal and home composting systems we can produce huge quantities of rich compost to enhance our soil for growing food.

The Virgin Islands is currently dumping (throwing away) 4.5 million gallons of fresh water a day into the ocean. Those millions of gallons of purified water can and should be used (reprogramed) for agriculture or other useful purposes. Water is Life, we must use our resources wisely!

We need a coordinated grassroots plan to create a local sustainable organic food production and distribution system for the Virgin Islands and Eastern Caribbean region. We need to know where our food comes from and how it is grown!

UVI's and Eudora Kean's Acquaponics systems, if implemented throughout the community, can help provide food security for the VI. We can grow both fish and vegetables in a closed loop system powered by renewable energy. The waste water from the fish provides the nutrients which are used to grow vegetables. This process purifies the water for return to the fish tanks. These systems are organic and modular. They can be scaled for both home and commercial use. They use no toxic chemicals to grow food.

On an individual level, home organic container gardening with a simple drip irrigation system is another option (Earth Boxes are an example). Home container gardens, have a water reservoir below the soil, so the soil stays moist. Container gardening helps manage soil based pests and conserves water. Organic gardening does not use toxic petroleum based chemical fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides, which is healthier for us and the environment.

Remember the "old days" when our parents and grandparents had their home gardens? We can all grow a portion of our own food. If we grow excess we can have community based "Farmers Markets" where residents can come together weekly to share (sell or barter) their excess organic vegetables and fish.

Environmental, Energy, Food and Economic Security for the Virgin Islands are within our reach! We just need the "will" and the leadership to get there. Where there is a will, there is a way!

Occupy Yourself! Change starts with us!

– By Doug White

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Tune Into Channel 3 for VITEMA Alert System

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Innovative Cable TV reminds its customers that the National Emergency Alert System, which provides information locally through the Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency's Emergency Alert System, will display critical disaster preparedness alerts on Channel 3 on Innovative Cable TV's system in the districts of St. Thomas/St. John and St. Croix.

"When an alert is sent to our system, regardless of the channel that a viewer may be watching at the time, the digital converter will automatically retune the channel to Channel 3 so that all viewers can see the message displayed," said Terry Falls, Senior Vice President of Network Operations for the Innovative Companies. "Innovative Cable TV performs monthly internal tests of the Emergency Alert System to ensure that all procedures are

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According to the Federal Communications Commission, the EAS is a national public warning system that requires broadcasters, cable television systems, wireless cable systems, satellite digital audio radio service providers and direct broadcast satellite providers to provide the communications capability to the President to address the American public during a national emergency. State and local authorities may use the system to deliver important emergency information, such as AMBER alerts and weather information targeted to specific areas.

The FCC, in conjunction with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the NOAA's National Weather Service, implements the EAS at the federal level.

St. John Festival Queen Selection Show Set for June 23

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"Respect yourself, because if you don't, no one else will. And always be yourself."

Working daily with chaperones Tamika Santos, Kevin Swanston and Christopher Rivera, Doyling is excited to take to the stage on June 23.

"I'm a little nervous, but more excited," she said. "The best part of this whole experience has been learning the dances and getting to know the other girls."

Recent Charlotte Amalie High School graduate Shelsea Jean is Contestant Number Three. The 18-year-old is looking forward to heading off to Clark Atlanta University where she plans to study early childhood education with a goal of opening a day care center one day.

Jean grew up watching Festival Princess and Festival Queen selection shows and dreamed of being on stage herself one day, she explained.

"I've been watching the shows for years and I've watched all the contestants and seen how confident they are," said Jean. "I loved the gowns and the dances and thought, 'I want to do that someday.'"

Jean is most looking forward to two segments of the Festival Queen Selection Show, she added.

"I'm excited for the International Wear segment and the Talent segment," Jean said.

The best part about the experience of running for Festival Queen for Jean has been practicing with her chaperones Loren Abramson, Shatik Stevens and Lee-Ann Oquendo, according to contestant number three.

"Through all of the hard work and all of the practice, you really learn a lot about yourself," she said.

Khadijah Athanase, who just graduated from Ivanna Eudora Kean High School, is Contestant Number Four in the St. John Festival Queen Selection Show. Athanase is looking forward to attending Savannah State University in Georgia in the fall where she plans to study psychology.

"I want to be a social worker one day and come home here to help my community," said Athanase.

Contestant number four has been enjoying dance

practice, she added.

"The best part is the great exercise you get," said Athanase. "It's a lot of work running for queen, but it's a lot of fun too. It all pays off in the end."

Athanase had a few words of wisdom for future queen contestants.

"Go for it," she said. "This experience will help you in the future."

Athanase has been working hard with her chaperone Nya Edward Marsh, who is also her aunt.

Contestant Number Five is 21-year-old UVI student Shanell Thomas, who is studying to become a pediatric nurse.

"My mother is a surgical technician and I want to follow in her footsteps and have a career in medicine," said Thomas.

A native Virgin Islander, Thomas moved to Atlanta with her family when she was young, but never forgot where she came from, she explained.

"I left here when I was young, but would come back every summer," Thomas said. "I would go to the Queen and Princess shows every summer. This is part of my culture and I wanted to be a part of it."

The best part of the experience of running for Festival Queen has been meeting the public, according to Thomas.

"It's a lot of work, but the best part is when we go to public outings," she said. "It's fun to go out and meet new people."

Thomas has been logging long hours of dance practice with chaperones Midalia Feliciano and Richie Welch, but wouldn't trade the experience for anything, she explained.

"This has taught me to really step up my time management skills which has been a great lesson," said Thomas.

Be sure to get those tickets for the St. John Festival Queen Selection Show on Sunday, June 23, at Winston Wells ball field. Tickets are available at Chelsea Drug Store on the second floor of The Marketplace and at W&W Fast Food. See you there!

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Eleven Students Graduate Sixth Grade at GBS

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his achievement. Sharing a poem written by a middle school student, Harrigan tried to ease GBS graduates' fears about going to a larger school next year.

"Next year these students are going to be heading off to middle school and they will grow from kids to teens," said Harrigan. "It can be a scary time, but maybe we can unlock some of the mysteries of middle school."

The poem "What are Middle Schoolers" detailed the often contradictory experience of being teenagers, with futures unfolding each day. Harrigan also shared some hard-earned advice with the GBS graduates.

"Celebrate this day," he said. "You are all smart and motivated to do your best. Keep your love for learning and you will be outstanding middle schoolers."

Board of Education member Oswin Sewer urged graduates to make their families and their community proud.

"You've made us proud so far and you need to continue to represent your family, your school and your community," said Sewer. "GBS teachers and the community like to show off, so give them rea-

son to. We'll be watching."

Despite various rumors, DOE officials have no intention of closing GBS, Senator Barshinger assured the crowd.

"Despite all the great work that goes on at GBS, there is always talk about the school closing," said Barshinger. "I asked DOE if they had any considerations of closing the school and I'm happy to report that they said 'No.' GBS is too precious to lose."

Second honor student Jenekia Magras thanked her parents for her success, as they were the people who motivated her to achieve good grades.

"I didn't always realize the importance of reaching for the stars," said Magras. "I love basketball and that is all I wanted to do. I was just passing in classes until they called my mother in to school."

"She told me I had to pull up my grades or give up basketball," Magras said. "I couldn't give it up, so I pulled up those grades. I want to thank my parents for pushing me to achieve and for my teachers for knowing my potential."

First honor student Khalid Smith urged his classmates to keep their positive attitudes as they continue in school next year.

"We are the future and we must keep our positive attitudes and our strong spirit," said Smith.

V.I. Carnival Queen and recent Charlotte Amalie High School graduate Savannah Lyons-Anthony, who is heading off to Bard College in the fall, told the graduates to remain determined and always work hard towards their goals.

"Success is a journey, not a destination," said Lyons-Anthony. "You have begun this journey and every journey is different. It's important to have high expectations for yourself and always work on being your very best."

The entire sixth grade class entertained the crowd with a rendition of "Ain't No Stopping Us Now," and Coral Bay Community Council president Sharon Coldren distributed books to each class member before the graduates filed out of the church and posed for pictures with family members and friends.

Graduating from GBS were Khalid Smith, Jenekia Magras, D'Moi Martin, JahNyah Dalmida-McCain, Naiquan Frett, Tyreke Morton, Shanika Clendinen, Keegan Bertrand, Lion'Ess Bruce, Caliyah Stephenson and K'Lan Thomas.

Festival Parade Grand Marshal: *Rodney R. Varlack*

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from the Morrisette family and sold gas. It did not flourish, however, for there were only 10 cars on the island. He then resorted to selling tires and batteries and repaired transmissions.

At that time Chief purchased his first piece of property and then moved the entire operation. He became a Car Broker for Tropical Motors and Toyota.

Varlack is the one who is responsible for the creative design and construction of the present day safari buses which are used territory-wide. Next, he experimented with renting cars. The first car, "The Donkey" was rented below the Custom's Building in the park by miss Dorothy Bottom. He then rented the notorious Mini Mokes, the Thing, Jeeps and the like.

Island tours for visitors were the next venture. Varlack provided daily escorted full or half day tours which included his famous "Joy Juice," fry fish and Johnny cakes and lively scratch band music. These tours buses soon became school buses early in the morning and late in the afternoon.

To move his tours more efficiently between St. Thomas and St. John, he purchased his first vessel the M/V *Mein Kapitan*. Chief was also responsible for

the very first visits of the black ships, *Veendam* and *Radadam*, and the *Skyward* to the shores of St. John.

As that grew, and with the addition of the exclusive franchise, he purchased or built several other vessels to include *Cindy D*, *Bomba Challenger*, *Venture*, *Nicky V*, *Venture Star*, *Missy V*, *Venture Pride*, *Lady Venture* and last but not least the *Capital Venture*.

Along the way he sold ice, provided wrecker service, sold vehicle parts and supplies, provided welding service, and transported U.S. mail by land and sea. All of the mentions are the foundation for what is known as Varlack Ventures, Inc.

Even though Chief is in retirement, he still aspires to do as much as he can for the sea transportation between the U.S. Virgin Islands. He believes in keeping idle hands busy and has employed, trained and nurtured many young people in the community.

Varlack envisions a vocational school on the island of St. John one day that will afford the young ones an opportunity to learn a skill if moving away is not an option. Meanwhile, he continues to enjoy a quiet lifestyle, occasional reminiscing of his ventures, festive visits from his 13 children, 33 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

HPR Offers Summer Sports Camps

St. John Tradewinds

Department of Housing, Parks and Recreation Commissioner St. Claire Williams recently outlined his department's plans for the 2012 Annual Summer Sports Camps, scheduled to start June 25 and continue 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.

HPR encourages early registration for the summer sports camp programs for they are very popular and space is limited. Applications can be obtained on St. John at the Cruz Bay Recreation Center. For more information call 776-6531.

Dorney Is Guest Speaker June 24 at UU

The Unitarian Universalists of St. John meet every Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in the Great Room at Giffit Hill School Lower Campus.

The speaker for Sunday, June 24, is David Dorney who will speak on "Spiritual Occupations: The Spiritual Aspects of the Occupy Movement."

This will be our final session until November 2012. Childcare is available. Transportation is also available upon request from the Cruz Bay ferry dock. Call 776-6332 for more information.

Dengue Fever, Ciguatera Poisoning

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ling the mosquito population and protecting the public.

"You can do some level of control on mosquitoes but that is not going to take care of the problem," Ragster said. "You have to understand how to reduce the number of mosquitoes in your environment, but also protect yourself from being bitten. And if you are bitten you have to go to the hospital."

"If you have dengue fever, you know it," said Ragster. "If you get it a second time, especially if you have cardiovascular disease or diabetes, you have to go to the hospital immediately."

Ciguatera and dengue fever are both reportable diseases to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Ragster added.

"We need the statistics so we know when there is a real problem in the area," she said. "On a personal basis, you don't want to put your health at risk."

UVI's CERC has partnered with different organizations on St. Thomas, St. Croix and St. John to get the word out about these expected public health risks.

On St. Thomas, the Environmental Association of St. Thomas/St. John is planting trees in Estate Smith Bay to reduce mosquitoes and We Grow Food Inc. is working to protect farmers from den-

gue fever. Other organizations are working to develop a video, target the homeless population and raise awareness among boaters.

On St. John, CBCC's environmental projects manager Patricia Reed and president Sharon Coldren have brought the message about increased risks of dengue fever and Ciguatera to church groups and schools. On June 28, the group will bring their message to the public at a forum at GBS.

The night will also be a chance for CERC officials to hear from the public about initiative, explained Reed.

"We're focusing on an educational public awareness campaign," said Reed. "Our presentation is on prevention and then what to do once you have the illness. So far, we've targeted schools and church groups and this next presentation will be open to the public."

"We're inviting anyone who wants to come to hear our presentation and we're looking for feedback too," Reed said. "The leaders of the organization will be there so we want to hear what people think about the presentation and the campaign."

CBCC officials are also available to share their presentation with any St. John group which is interested. For more information, call CBCC at 776-2099.

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Friday, June 8

12:30 p.m. - A Giffit Hill resident p/r that he was threatened by a male. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

1:41 p.m. - A St. Thomas resident p/r that her minor son ran away. Runaway minor.

4:30 p.m. - An Estate Pastory resident r/ a dispute. Violation of custody agreement.

5:29 p.m. - A citizen r/ someone falling in the area of the U.S. Custom's Dock. Accidental injury.

Saturday, June 9

8:16 p.m. - An Estate Chocolate Hole resident c/r that someone stole his vehicle. Unauthorized use of vehicle.

Sunday, June 10

12:45 p.m. - A citizen r/ a disturbance in Cruz Bay. Disturbance of the peace.

9:00 a.m. - An Estate Pastory resident r/ a dispute. Police assistance.

4:30 p.m. - An Estate Enighed

resident p/requesting that her ex-husband is harassing her via the telephone. Telephone harassment.

4:37 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident c/r a disturbance at Wharfside Village. Disturbance of the peace.

6:59 p.m. - A citizen c/r an auto collision. Auto collision.

7:28 p.m. - A VIPD Offc. p/r a lost police badge. Lost government property.

9:40 p.m. - A citizen c/r hearing shots fired in the area of Klein Bay. Illegal discharge of firearm.

Monday, June 11

12:40 p.m. - A citizen p/r an auto collision in the area of Maho Bay. Auto collision.

3:07 p.m. - A citizen c/r being involved in an auto collision in the parking lot of Hawksnest Bay. Auto collision.

Tuesday, June 12

11:00 a.m. - An Estate Hard Labor resident p/r a larceny.

Grand larceny.

12:00 p.m. - An Estate Constant resident r/ that he was threatened. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

6:54 p.m. - A citizen p/r that her ex-boyfriend is threatening her. Disturbance of the peace.

9:25 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident c/requesting police assistance to remove someone from her residence. Police assistance.

Wednesday, June 13

3:10 p.m. - A Department of Public Works employee r/ that three tractor tires were stolen from DPW. Burglary in the third.

Thursday, June 14

6:56 a.m. - An Estate Emmaus resident c/r a disturbance with his wife. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

8:20 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident c/r a disturbance at her residence. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

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

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

St. John

Between Sunday, May 20, at 8 p.m. and May 24 at 3 p.m., a residence at #11A Glucksberg was burglarized. The burglar(s) broke into the home and stole cash and jewelry worth approximately \$6,000. For details on the items stolen go to the website at www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org. The minimum reward for the arrest of a burglar is \$714 plus 10 percent of the retail value of items recovered, up to a maximum reward of \$2,500.

St. Thomas

On Friday, June 1, at 1:30 a.m., a woman was at Starz Night Club with a friend. While outside the club, she was approached by an unknown male who held her against the wall while punching her several times in her face and body. The victim sustained lacerations and a fracture to the face. Help

police identify and arrest this thug and earn a minimum of \$900 in cash.

St. Croix

Cases involving illegal guns are on the rise. In recent days VIPD has had encounters with individuals in possession of illegal firearms. If anyone know of anyone who illegally possesses, sells, or is involved in the illegal trafficking of firearms, let us know. The minimum reward for the recovery of an illegal firearm is \$500.

Let's 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 state-side operators speak several languages. If a tip leads to an arrest or the recovery of stolen property, illegal drugs, or weapons, you will receive a cash reward to be paid according to the tipster's instructions. Crime Stoppers recently approved nine new rewards. Anyone who has submitted a tip, should check to see if they qualify for a reward as unclaimed rewards expire after six months.

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.

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, June 24

— The Unitarian Universalists of St. John meet every Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in the Great Room at Giff Hill School Lower Campus. The speaker for Sunday, June 24, is David Dorney who will speak on "Spiritual Occupations: The Spiritual Aspects of the Occupy Movement."

Tuesday, June 26

— The St. John Community is invited to participate in the St. John People's Agenda Town Meeting Tuesday, June 26, at 6 p.m. at the Julius E. Sprauve School.

Thursday, June 28

— The University of the Virgin Islands Caribbean Exploratory Research Center, the Medical University of South Carolina and the Coral Bay

Community Council are hosting a community forum on Thursday, June 28, at Guy Benjamin School from 6 to 7 p.m. to provide an explanation of the UVICERC-MUSC project: A Collaborative Response to Public Health Challenges Linked to Climate Change Impacts in the Virgin Islands and the Caribbean – Implementation of On the Ground Mobilization Campaigns funded by the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities.

Monday, July 9

— St. John School of the Arts will present "An Oversimplification of Her Beauty," a film by Terence Nance, starring Nance, Namik Minter and Chanelle Pearson on Monday, July 9, at 7:30 p.m.

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!" day event on Monday, 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.

Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

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DAD'S ACTING GENE

ACROSS

- 1 Measure that led to a 1773 Boston Harbor "party"
- 7 Battery ends
- 13 Five o'clock —
- 19 Medicine vial
- 20 Quick reviews
- 21 Finished
- 22 "Spartacus"; "Wall Street"
- 25 Music producer Brian
- 26 King, in Lyon
- 27 — de mer
- 28 Duplicity
- 29 "The Defiant Ones"; "Halloween"
- 37 "... — I've been told"
- 38 At a reduced price
- 39 Skimpy swimwear brand
- 40 UV part
- 44 See 17-Down
- 47 Fawn, e.g.
- 48 "On Golden Pond"; "Klute"

- 56 Tarnish
- 57 Adam named her
- 58 Noted period
- 59 Sci-fi vehicles
- 60 Active sort
- 61 Conniving
- 62 Egoist's love
- 64 Prepare for publication
- 65 Muppet frog
- 67 "Hot Shots!"; "The Fabulous Baker Boys"

- 74 Corporate shake-ups, briefly
- 75 Runtish
- 76 False god
- 78 Cpl. outranker
- 81 French for "mine"
- 82 Where dawn arises
- 83 Gave nutrients to
- 86 Prefix meaning "equal"
- 87 College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa
- 88 "Love Story"; "Little Darlings"
- 92 Ladder unit
- 94 Actress Mazar
- 95 Weed-B-Gon maker
- 96 Repetitive response to "Who wants ice cream?"
- 99 Othello's lieutenant
- 103 "... corn, — don't care"
- 107 "Badlands"; "Platoon"
- 113 Smart- — (wise guys)
- 114 Sort
- 115 Stop on a bus rte.
- 116 Tax return pro
- 117 "Chinatown"; "Prizzi's Honor"
- 124 Very disorderly
- 125 Fighting — (Big Ten team)
- 126 Drill directive
- 127 Glittery tree decoration
- 128 Latino corner store
- 129 Easier to see

DOWN

- 1 Develop a liking for
- 2 One-sharp musical key
- 3 Spill catchers
- 4 Black-and-white seabird
- 5 Bow of film

- 6 Mortise insertion
- 7 Ulna's place
- 8 — Marcus (retailer)
- 9 — razor ("keep it simple" rule)
- 10 Mexican flower
- 11 MPG org.
- 12 180 degrees from NNW
- 13 Emotion-hiding sorts
- 14 Come to a stop
- 15 Made mad
- 16 Marina — Rey
- 17 With 44-Across, just for fun
- 18 Sentence units: Abbr.
- 21 Together, musically
- 23 Executed
- 24 Size up from med.
- 30 BYOB part
- 31 Steinbeck's Tom
- 32 Model Macpherson and others
- 33 Foliage bit
- 34 Bursts (with)
- 35 Exemplar
- 36 Apologetic
- 41 Caustic stuff in Drano
- 42 Road gunk
- 43 Cellular stuff
- 45 Passed on a bicycle, say
- 46 Big name in soup mixes
- 48 — So Shy
- 49 Motorcyclist Knievel
- 50 Carter of sitcomdom
- 51 Naomi and Wynonna
- 52 Tell — (lie)
- 53 Journalist's tablet
- 54 Moore of film
- 55 Parched
- 63 All — naught
- 64 Turbine, e.g.

- 65 Kinte of "Roots"
- 66 — Friday's
- 68 2012, e.g.
- 69 "I! — best!"
- 70 On — to nowhere
- 71 Vienna loc.
- 72 Sedgwick of Warhol films
- 73 Sammy of baseball
- 77 Texter's titter
- 78 Theater curtain fabric
- 79 Cheese type
- 80 Choir part
- 82 Huge 1940s computer
- 83 Hide hair
- 84 Pro at giving first aid
- 85 Oaf's cry
- 89 Run before E
- 90 Saw or ax
- 91 Actor Wyle
- 93 Popular 1980s jeans
- 97 Grow wider
- 98 Common soccer score
- 100 Sword go-with
- 101 — Mae (loan company)
- 102 Miffing
- 104 It lures bees
- 105 Unthrone
- 106 More asinine
- 108 Electrically adaptable
- 109 Hush-hush govt. org.
- 110 "This — stickup!"
- 111 — Frome
- 112 Fry quickly
- 117 RR crossing
- 118 — get it now!"
- 119 Solo of "Star Wars"
- 120 Point on a pen
- 121 "I'm Real" singer, for short
- 122 Espionage gp.
- 123 Salty body

Classifieds

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- Two bedrooms, one bath, w/d \$1600
- Two bedrooms, one bath, w/d \$1700
- Two bedrooms, two bath, in Cruz Bay \$1800
- Two bedrooms, two bath on Gift Hill \$1600
- Two bedrooms, one bath, loft, in Cruz Bay \$2100
- Two bedrooms, one bath, furnished, A/C, w/d in Cruz bay \$2100
- Two bedrooms, two bath, large loft, w/d \$2700
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"Colibri" – Superb sunset and water views from this three bedroom waterfront home in Great Cruz Bay. Features include native stonework, large pool deck with gazebo, masonry construction, air conditioning, water views from every room and pool, and lots of room for expansion. Deeded rights to beach and dinghy landing. A complete refurbishing has just been completed. Good view of boat moorings. **\$3,795,000.**



"Coyaba" - means heavenly in the Arawak language and this 3 bedroom home is just that. On a flat one acre lot, this home offers water views of the Caribbean Sea and the bay below. The large open-style great room, kitchen and dining area plus bedrooms are located on one level. Enjoy the sounds of the surf together with breezy easterly trade winds from your pool deck. Deeded beach rights. Priced to sell **\$4.413M**



"Winter Moon" - Amazing views of Hurricane Hole and beyond from this well-built home with 1 bdrm, 1.5 bthrm on main upper level and a 1 bdrm apartment ("Winter Moon" currently in short term rentals) on the lower level. Live in main house with income from lower rental apartment. Enjoy close and easy access to stony beach at Zootenvaal, Brown Bay hiking trail and restaurants & shops in Coral Bay area. Plenty of room to expand and add pool. **\$950,000**



"Villa Lantano" - Magnificent North Shore views over Peter Bay to Jost Van Dyke from this spacious home in Upper Peter Bay. Features include custom kitchen, granite counters, stainless appliances, travertine marble floors throughout, including decks, lg pool deck with spa, water views from every room and lush professional landscaping. A beautiful new arched, stone gazebo makes a comfortable, shady outdoor seating area. **Just reduced by \$1M to \$6.9M**



"Palm Terrace Condos Unit 6" –The largest and most spacious condo on St. John with 4 bedrooms. Unit 6 is located on the ground floor just steps from the pool and sundeck. This condo was built in 2005 and features full kitchen with stainless appliances, granite countertops, dishwasher, private laundry and wine cooler. Walking distance to town and Frank Bay Beach. Less expensive than most 4 bedroom homes. **Just reduced by over \$150,000 to \$849,000.**



"Unicorn by the Sea" - high on the hillside in Fish Bay with fabulous views from every room. Remodeled in 2010, the upper level has an elegant open-air gourmet kitchen open to a covered dining area. The living area can be opened to catch cooling trade breezes or closed for full air conditioning. There are 2 air conditioned master suites that open onto a central pool and entertainment patio. Beyond the pool is a private, stand-alone one bedroom guest cottage. **\$1.595M**



"EAST END POINT" - The eastern-most point of St. John is now for sale. This estate sized lot is surrounded by water on three sides, is over five acres and has several natural building sites and unlimited views to the British Virgins from Tortola to Virgin Gorda, Fallen Jerusalem, Salt, Cooper, Ginger, Peter and Norman Islands. Located within "THE POINT AT PRIVATEER" St. John's newest upscale subdivision with minimum lot sizes of 1 acre, paved roads and underground utilities. True privacy at its best. **\$4.5M.**



"Amorita" is a beautiful, all masonry home in upscale Chocolate Hole North with large pool deck, spa & southeast exposure to catch the tradewind breezes. Water views of Hart Bay and the South Shore and a short walk to the Westin Resort. Features include mahogany trim, hand painted bathroom sinks, stone arches and vaulted cypress ceilings, screened gallery, arched courtyard entrance, fruit trees, and deeded access to Hart Bay & Chocolate Hole beaches. **\$839,000.**

DEVELOPMENT/COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES: Hansen Bay 7A is an 18 acre parcel with studies done and a 15 lot sub division permit. All lots have water views and breezes and 4 lots are on the flat top of a ridge with almost 360 degree views. Parcel has access to a cobble beach. Reduced from **\$3.18M to \$2.8M**; Estate Zootenvaal 20 acres over looking the marine preserve at Bork Creek just east of Coral Bay and bounded by National Park on two sides **\$7M**; **Group Dwelling permit for 6 apartments** and a driveway permit have been issued for this 0.9 acre lot in Estate Rendezvous & Ditleff. With sunset and water views to St Thomas from this gently sloping lot, this is a perfect parcel for development or for a single family home with lots of privacy. **\$499,000**

Estate Pastory - near Cruz Bay. Three adjoining lots at Estate Pastory with possible water views and gentle grades. Great spot for a contractor to build some spec homes or a family compound with several homes. Seller financing possible. **Starting at \$200,000 each or \$375,000 for all three!!!!**

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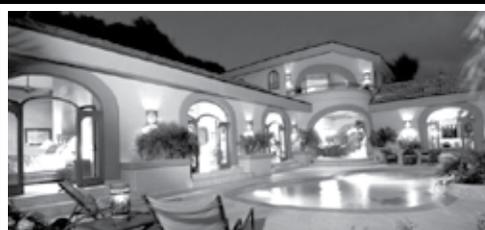
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Nineteen Eighth Graders Graduate at JESS Promotional Exercises

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them, Wells explained.

"This is a momentous occasion tonight and I am truly proud of you," said the JESS Principal. "You are off to high school and you will benefit from encouragement. Know that we are all deeply committed to supporting you."

Wells read the poem "Don't You Quit" which encouraged students to do their best and never give up on any problem.

"When the funds are low and the debts are high and you want to smile, but you have to sigh," recited Wells. "When care is pressing you down a bit, rest if you must, but don't you quit."

Department of Education Deputy Superintendent Joseph Sibilly told graduates that their principal is a tireless champion of all students at JESS.

"Your principal and vice principal are relentless to be sure that they get everything they can for the students at JESS," said Sibilly.

The best way to thank their parents for all they have done, would be for the students to continue to excel at school, Sibilly told the graduates.

"The most meaningful gift you can give

your parents is to continue with school and your education," he said.

The 19 eighth graders heading off to high school represent more than just the future of St. John, explained Board of Education member Oswin Sewer.

"Continue to make us all proud," Sewer said. "We all share your happiness. You are the future and not just the future of St. John, but the future of the Virgin Islands and the future of the world."

Successful people stay focused on their goals, St. John Administrator Leona Smith told the graduates.

"Do all you can to embrace every opportunity," said Smith. "Stay confident in your abilities and remain focused on your goals."

As the JESS students prepare to enter a larger school next year, they should not be intimidated, Lt. Gov. Francis explained.

"You will be going through a transition from a small school to a large school, but don't be intimidated," said Francis. "You have been prepared for this. Make your teachers and parents proud."

"Respect yourself and respect others," he said. "Don't settle for second best and always be truthful. There is no such thing as



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

First Honor student Khaleila Krall

second best."

As a transfer student, second honor student Raven Phillips had a lot to get used to as she adjusted to school in the Virgin Islands.

"As a transfer student, I struggled at first, but I learned to accept my name 'Yankee,'" said Phillips. "I also learned that there is no such thing as holding your tongue and that is better to be seen than heard. As teens we

are not always easy to deal with, but we are the future."

While it is sad to leave the school they have known for years, Ivanna Eudora Kean High School on St. Thomas will only offer more opportunities, First honor student Khaleila Krall told her fellow graduates.

"It's almost impossible to believe that we will be high school students the next time we step into a classroom," said Krall. "Don't let yourself be overwhelmed by new teachers and new classrooms. I was worried at first to leave JESS, but I am confident that Kean High will provide new experiences for us."

Pastor Clinton Liburd was the guest speaker of the evening, JESS Assistant Principal Brenda Dalmida recognized supporters and Jah'Haile Bruce delivered closing remarks.

Graduating from JESS were Amani Belizaire, Kareem Browne, Jr., Jah'Haile Bruce, Sokotto Clendinen, LaKeisha Hendrickson, Elisha Howe, LaTiah Jackson, J'eminee Jacobs, Jamel James, Khaleila Krall, Zaria Longueville, Joseph Moses, Raven Phillips, Escarlet Reynoso, A'Feyah Smith, Shevon Sprauve, Kassahun Stapleton-Harris, Ja'Leah Stephens and Jovanie Stephenson. Congratulations!

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"VISTAERO" offers total privacy with breathtaking views over Rendezvous Bay & St. Thomas. 5 spacious bedroom suites, huge pool, gazebo & hot tub make this a top rental villa.




\$1,875,000

INVESTMENT POTENTIAL: APARTMENT COMPLEX 3 finished 2 bdrm units w/ permits in place for 5 more. High cash flow, all masonry building, water views, breezes.



\$1,785,000

"WINDCHIME" is a very private 1.4 ac. estate set high atop Giff Hill. Dramatic views to the east w/ spectacular breezes and sunrises. This 3 bdrm villa has room to expand with an oversized pool facing the terrific view.



\$1,419,000

"WHALE WATCH" - Enjoy pristine East End in this lovely, 2 bedroom villa with big water views. Downstairs apartment offers additional living & income space. Hear the sound of the waves lapping below.



\$1,275,000

"WILD ORCHID VILLA" in Skytop features privacy and amazing 270° panoramic views! Flexible floorplan 4 bdrm, 2 level villa is custom crafted in exotic hardwoods & stonework. Awesome sunrises! Beautiful sunsets! Cool breezes!



\$980,000

"SAGO COTTAGE" adorable Caribbean style masonry cottage with wonderful island views and great rental history.



\$975,000

"SEABISCUIT" is a winner! Charming 2x2 Caribbean style masonry villa with panoramic views, very private pool & hot tub. Breezy location convenient to Coral Bay. Walk to shoreline water-sports.



\$895,000

"KABEJ PATCH" Caribbean style 5 bdrm pool villa, in a quiet, breezy location in desirable Chocolate Hole. Beautifully finished Brazilian hardwood home w/ stone accents is charming! Walk to beach. Excellent short term rental or private residence.



\$880,000

"BORDERS NATIONAL PARK!" EXCEPTIONAL CARIBBEAN CRAFTSMANSHIP masonry home w/ FLEXIBLE FLOORPLAN is a "must see"! Private, end of road FLAT lot with additional cottage. Completed in 2010 by Owner/builder/furniture maker from Santa Fe.




\$695,000

"TREE HOUSE" offers spectacular views from Upper Carolina's ridge top. This gentle parcel features a 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home which is bordered by National Park.



\$685,000

"FISH BAY" 4X2 INCREDIBLE VALUE! Huge panoramic views and a quiet, private, breezy location that borders Nature Conservancy property make this home a must see!



\$535,000

"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

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



Priced from \$59,000

"CONCH VILLAS": Why pay rent? Opportunity to own a 2br, 1ba &/or a 1br, 1ba condo close to Cruz Bay! Purchase one for yourself and stop throwing money away on rent or purchase both for additional income.



\$185,000 & \$210,000

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ESTATE CAROLINA	from \$115,000	SABA BAY	19 ac. WATERFRONT \$9,990,000	SAUNDERS GUT	WATERFRONT from \$345,000
CONCORDIA PRESERVE	from \$335,000	PETER BAY/NORTHSHORE	from \$1,500,000	VIRGIN GRAND ESTATES	from \$499,000
DRECKETS BAY	hillside & WATERFRONT from \$300,000	LOVANGO CAY	WATERFRONT South shore from \$285,000	CHOCOLATE HOLE	from \$180,000
				WESTIN TIMESHARES	from \$3,750 per week
				ONE MONTH FRACTIONALS	FROM \$59,000

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