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Royalty Crowned at Festival Food Fair

Contestant #5 Shanell Thomas, center, is officially crowned Miss St. John Festival Queen 2012-13 at the Festival Food Fair on Sunday afternoon, June 24. **See Back Page** for full story on food fair.

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Children's Village Volunteers Needed

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. To volunteer on Friday, June 29, call Debbie Fleming at 693-9130. To volunteer on Saturday, June 30, call BJ Harris at 693-7104. To volunteer on Sunday, July 1, call Bill Willigerod at 776-0883. To volunteer on Monday, July 2, call Dulcey Rood at 244-5814. To volunteer on Tuesday, July 3, call Patrick Pearson at 776-1166.

U.S. Customs Parking Lot Closed

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.

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 by Patricia Reed, CBCC's environmental projects manager. Residents will be able ask questions and express concerns, and suggest solutions to these issues.

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.

Remembering Guy H. Benjamin

Chuck Pishko
St. John Tradewinds

St. John has turned Guy H. Benjamin over to the King directly from his treasured home in Coral Bay.

"The worst thing with which you can threaten a St. Johnian is to tell him that he is going to the hospital on St. Thomas," Guy had a direct flight most likely arranged by his very special friend, Fred Samuel.

After his obligatory stop at the Gate, I'm sure that the first person he saw was Fred. What a party they must be having!

Guy was a St. Johnian through and through and I'm sure would have been the same person if he had never left East End/Coral Bay in his lifetime. However, he had to share his rich beginnings and traditions with the world both the ones who came to him and those he met in his wide travels through Europe, North Africa, and Asia. For all his travels, it seems his best photos are of Coral Bay and his dusty road.

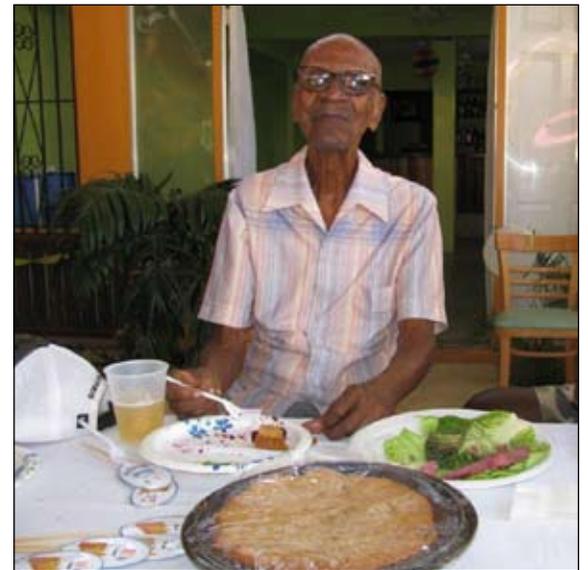
His love of history was boundless. When Guy was thirteen years old, Colonel Charles Augustus Lindbergh visited St. Thomas in his plane, "The Spirit of St. Louis." Colonel Lindbergh was a genuine American hero after flying the Atlantic solo for the first time. Guy begged his grandmother for permission to go to St. Thomas to see Lindy. Guy had never traveled further than Coral Bay. St. Thomas was a magical place. Guy had heard all the amazing stories.

Guy wrote in his book "Me and My Beloved Virgin" (1981) about his first adventure in St. Thomas.

You must bow to the buoy. There was another before entering harbor, with a bell that rang as the waves moved it. St. Rupert's Rock! French Wharf! The West Indian Company! Cars and Electric Lights! Ice Cream! Sugar Babies!

Five minutes into the boat ride Guy was seasick. He was impressed with Lindbergh who rolled his plane to a halt on the ground of Mosquito Bay, which was renamed Lindbergh Bay in his honor. He touched the "Spirit of St. Louis" which was eventually roped off.

He soon saw that personal memories would limit him to about two generations and he took to the Na-



St. John Tradewinds News Photo File by Chuck Pishko

Mr. Guy Benjamin celebrates his 97th birthday surrounded by friends and family at Fred's in Cruz Bay in October 2010.

tional Archives with glee.

With his good friend Bernie Kemp, Guy created a historical picture of the East End that has no equal. I've talked with him extensively about Emancipation and he appeared to me to firmly maintain that no one could give a person freedom but that freedom must be strived for and paid for with valiant struggles and even death.

My lasting memory of Guy will be our stop at his home with over 50 hikers. Normally, Dr. Gilbert Sprauve would see if Guy was home to pay our respects and to let him know what we were doing in Coral Bay.

On November 26, 2011 he found Guy at home and Guy came out onto his front porch and waved to all of the hikers going by who were about to march up Fortsberg to commemorate the Slave Revolt of 1733.

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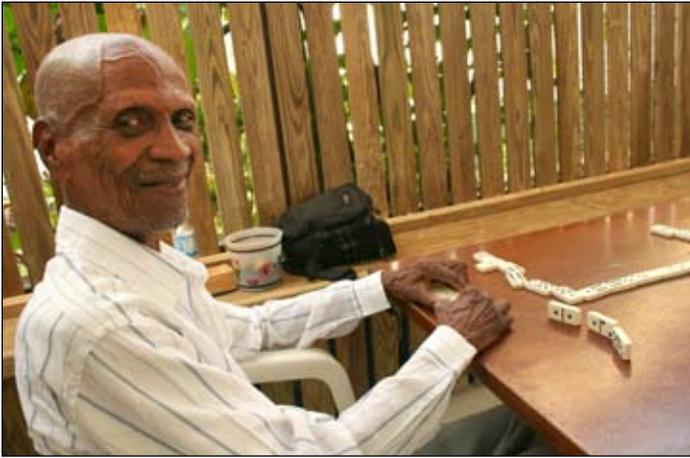
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St. John Tradewinds News Photo File by Eliza Magro

Guy Benjamin smiles for the camera on his birthday in 2007 while engaged in one of his favorite pastimes, playing dominoes.

Dominoes, Dominoes, Dominoes for Days and Guavaberry Wine for Christmas

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It feels strange to be so sad, yet so happy at the same time. Sad for our loss, for the Virgin Islands' loss, the planet's loss, and so happy to have met Benji and gotten to know and love him. Such a remarkable individual!

My heart goes out to his family and his friends in the thousands, particularly Milton, Cid, Cristina, Gary, Jean and the rest of his faithful dominoes crew. As I write this I just know that he's hanging out with Fred.

A proud, proud son of the Virgin Islands, Benji always spoke of "us" when referring to both US and British Virgin Islanders, and particularly his fellow St. Johnians. He enthusiastically welcomed one and all into his home, regardless of color or belief.

As I wrote to his dear and devoted friend Cid, *"surely, if all his beliefs and preparations are true, he's marching with the battalions of God, no longer shuffling his feet unsteadily or limping. He's striding purposefully and strongly, like a young man again. And his voice. That beautiful, sweet voice isn't wavering on any note. There's no hesitation, trying to remember any words. He's belting out his favorite hymns. From today I'll imagine a young, slightly cocky, confident Benji who's thrown off the cumbersome and unresponding mortal shackles of his aging body. He's greeting his friends, he's regaling visitors, he's writing down his thoughts, with his mind racing and his fingers trying to keep up. I can see his pen on the paper and he's writing in his flowing and flowery script, so pleased with himself that he'll write a whole other page."*

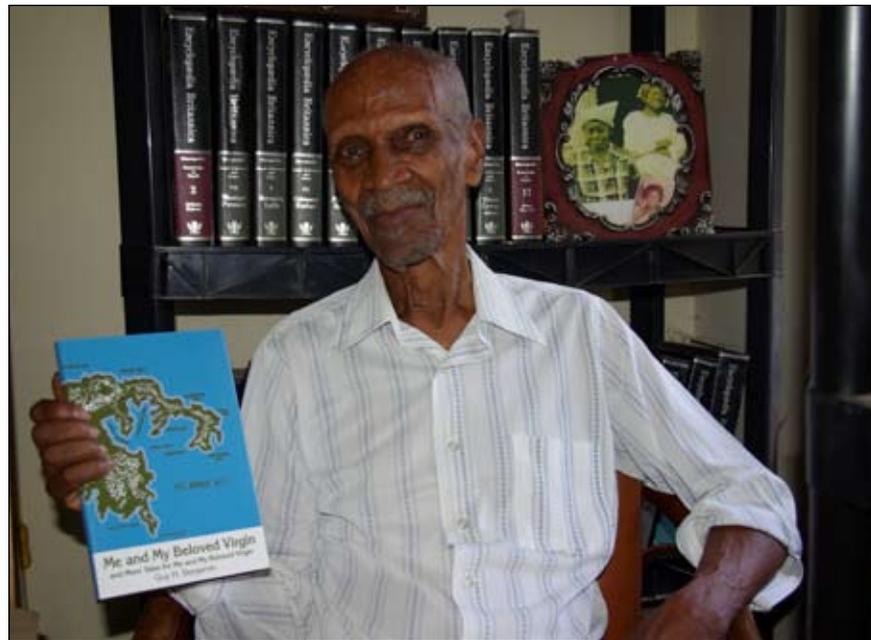
Benji has been ready to step across heaven's threshold for quite some time now. He's been eager and impatient to meet his Creator and re-unite with his long lost family and friends, and no doubt looking forward to seeing his cranky and devoted geese, his doting donkeys, and even those annoying goats and sheep once again.

To Cid I wrote *"Who knows, Benji and I might be hiking in Nepal, or sailing in the South Pacific together soon. Wherever he is there'll be dominos, dominos, dominos for days and days and definitely guavaberry wine at Christmas."*

As Benji often said when he smugly slapped down that last domino, showed his empty hands and bowed his head in humility, "Thank you, thank you, thank you. You're too kind."

Take care all, remember Benji, love all creatures, and be kind to yourselves and to others.

– Fraser Drummond



Guy Benjamin shows off his acclaimed memoir "Me and My Beloved Virgin" in his photo taken in 2007.

St. John Tradewinds News Photo Courtesy of St. John Magazine by Carol Beckowitz

Island Elder, Educator and Author Guy H. Benjamin, 98, Passes

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

St. John residents were mourning last week when news spread across the island that esteemed island elder, education pioneer and author Guy H. Benjamin had passed away at his Coral Bay home on Tuesday evening, June 19, at the age of 98.

Benjamin was born on the East End of St. John in 1913 and quickly showed an aptitude for learning and education. He was the first St. John resident to graduate from Charlotte Amalie High School, where he earned top honors as valedictorian.

He also earned a bachelor's degree from Howard University as well as a master's degree from New York University.

As the first teacher at John's Folly School, now the John's Folly Learning Institute, Benjamin has long been an integral part of education on St. John. Benjamin also taught at Bethany School, today Julius E. Sprauve School, and the Benjamin Franklin School, which was named Guy Benjamin School in the Coral Bay educator's honor in 1975.

Benjamin also served as a principal for the V.I. Department of Education as well as the St. Thomas/St. John Superintendent of Schools. He was instrumental in launching ferry service between Love City and St. Thomas in or-

Guy Benjamin Memorial Service Set for June 26

A memorial service will be hosted on Tuesday, June 26, for esteemed island elder Guy Benjamin, who passed away on June 19.

People who wish to speak about Mr. Benjamin are invited to Emmaus Moravian Church at 9 a.m. The service will follow at 10 a.m.

der for St. John students to be able to attend school beyond the sixth grade.

He also wrote two cherished books, "Me and My Beloved Virgin," about his life on St. John and a follow up titled "More Tales for Me and My Beloved Virgin."

Benjamin was a member of Emmaus Moravian Church and was a steady presence at Coral Bay and St. John events from the annual Flotilla Fundraiser for Guy Benjamin School to the Coral Bay Community Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.

A devoted dominoes fan, Benjamin could often be found playing games of dominoes with friends. For years, Benjamin had a weekly hotly contested game with close friends at Fred's in Cruz Bay.

Tributes and condolences poured in last week from government officials to island residents who all fondly remembered Benjamin.

A memorial service for Benjamin is set for Tuesday, June 26, at Emmaus Moravian Church. Speakers are welcome to share tributes

starting at 9 a.m. and the service will begin at 10 a.m. Funeral arrangements were made through David Funeral Home.

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Brews Festival Slated for July

By Sowa Note
Entertainment Editor
St. John Tradewinds

Ron Krill announced plans for the 3rd Annual Coral Bay Brews Festival. This year “alternative” steel pan music will be the theme. Featured will be bagpipes and harmonicas with steel pans.

“I think this will showcase the direction I’d like steel pan music to take. Bagpipes and harmonicas just don’t get the respect they should when played with steel pans.”

Mr. Krill continued, “Brews have been a major part of music since pre-history. In a cave near New Orleans they found the remnants of a 3-string guitar and a pottery shard that analysis showed had held a brew.”

And he added that they have been a major part of St. John history and continue to be central to its future. He wants to celebrate that fact with the Brews Festival. This replaced Steve Shaman’s Booze Festival that became totally besotted.

Funding will again be provided by prominent island business couple Niles and Susan Chair.

“Brews have been the chief focus of our lives,” said the Chairs.

The local Kebin & Chong Brewery will be the sole suds supplier.

Star performers will be Pans, Goat bladders and Reeds from the Isle of Right with their hit “Brews before Sunrise,” The Misbegotten and Forgotten from jazz hot spot Littlitt, Thailand and The Pan Perpetrators from Upper Kaput, Nevis featuring Adele.

The venue has not been set since the regular site will be disrupted by the construction of the eastern-most terminal of the Bullet Train. If you have a large backyard (attendance was 3,305 last year) and have ear plugs, you might want to consider hosting the popular festival. Krill says he will throw in two free tickets.

July 4th was selected since there is nothing much going on the island at that time and the weather is so reliably cool.

“Unfortunately, Niles and Susan plan to be on a Costa cruise to Somalia celebrating the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic and will miss the whole festival,” said Krill.

Plans are already under way for next year’s “Summer Brews: Carillons and Kazoos” that will feature The Dothan Alabama Marching Comb & Paper Ensemble and The Bells of St. Mary’s.



Stop by Shuga Shack, at left, to pick up electric lemonade in reusable plastic cups.

St. John Tradewinds News
Photo by Jaime Elliott

Sweet Way To Go Green During Festival 2012

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This Festival season on St. John, Friends of V.I. National Park Program Manager Audrey Penn and elementary educator Valerie Prakas have paired their enthusiasm for their “real jobs” into something to celebrate.

The sweetest booth in Festival Village, The Shuga Shack, will be going green this year to celebrate conservation and education during Festival 2012.

Everyone makes at least one trip to the shack each night, right? So make it count! Order your Electric

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Tucker's Ville: Festival Village Coming To Life



It's almost time to "Play Mas, Jump Up and Enjoy Yourself for Festival 2012" as the U.S. Custom's parking lot in Cruz Bay closed in preparation for Festival Village. Workers were erecting booths last week in the parking lot which will soon feature music and entertainment, as well as food and drink, nightly. The village opens on Friday, June 29, and will be named in honor of Ashley Boynes this year.



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Festival Food Fair Honoree: **Gwendolyn R. Harley**
Festival Parade Grand Marshal: **Rodney R. Varlack, Sr.**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<p>SATURDAY, May 26, 2012 Pano-Rama 4 P.M. AT WINSTON WELLS BALL FIELD CONTACT PERSON: IRA WARD (340) 690-7488</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 TRILL (340) 620-1407</p> <p>SUNDAY, June 17, 2012 St. John Festival Princess 2012 Selection Pageant 6 P.M. AT WINSTON WELLS BALL FIELD CONTACT PERSON: LOUHAINE RICHARDS (340) 626-4804</p> <p>FRIDAY, June 22, 2012 Festival Musical Mix 2012 9 P.M. AT WINSTON WELLS BALL FIELD CONTACT PERSON: LUCINDIA JORDEN (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) 620-0285</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) 771-8418</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: ALICIA WELLS (340) 344-1066</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, July 4, 2012 Jouvert 4 A.M. AT ST. JOHN NATIONAL PARK Festival Parade 2012 11 A.M. AT ST. JOHN NATIONAL PARK CONTACT PERSON: NATALIE THOMAS (340) 690-1785 Festival Fireworks Display 9 P.M. AT CRUZ BAY HARBOR CONTACT PERSON: MALINDA NELSON (340) 776-6480</p>
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FESTIVAL VILLAGE MUSICAL LINE-UP

<p>FRIDAY, June 29, 2012 COOL SESSIONS BRASS ONYAN AND BURNING FLAMES</p> <p>SATURDAY, June 30, 2012 VOLUME NU VYBES (SUGAR BAND) DESTRA</p> <p>SUNDAY, July 1, 2012 JAM BAND DADDY JONES AND CREW</p>	<p>MONDAY, July 2, 2012 ONE BLOOD WCK OUT OF DOMINICA DJAKOUT #1 (OUT OF HAITI)</p> <p>TUESDAY, July 3, 2012 XPRESS BAND SMALL AXE KROSPYAH</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, July 4, 2012 OUTTA LIMITS (AFTER THE PARADE) AH WE BAND SPECTRUM SHURWAYNE WINCHESTER</p>
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Barge and Ferry Passenger Screening Will Help Keep Fourth of July Festivities Safe

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Together with federal law enforcement partners, Virgin Islands law enforcement agencies will stage random passenger screening operations for persons traveling by barge or passenger ferry to participate in the annual Fourth of July festivities on St. John.

"As the events surrounding the Fourth of July celebration begin to take shape, I remind everyone that the passenger screening initiative is for ev-

eryone's safety," said Governor John deJongh. "We first implemented this initiative three years ago and each year, it has yielded an incident-free festival. On average, more than 5,000 passengers are screened at checkpoints on St. Thomas."

The screenings will be on random days and will occur either at Red Hook or at the Cruz Bay docks or at both locations. Passengers are encouraged to have a form of identification on their person and to comply

with the directions of the security officers to avoid any delays in the screening and boarding process.

Agencies participating in the screening include: V.I. Police Department; V.I. Port Authority; and the Department of Planning and Natural Resources. Federal law enforcement partners include: Transportation Security Administration; Customs and Border Protection; Homeland Security; and the Coast Guard.

BVI Cyclists Take Men's and Women's Titles at Festival Bike Race

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

A total of 15 riders headed out under sunny skies on Saturday morning, June 16, for the annual Festival Bike Race.

After completing the challenging 14 mile course — which has cyclists start in Cruz Bay, wind along Centerline Road to Coral Bay, then head down King's Hill Road and finally along North Shore Road to the finish line at Hawksnest Bay — it was Darel Christopher Jr. from the British Virgin Islands who took first place with a time of one hour and two minutes, according to St. John Festival and Cultural Organization officials.

Reggie Douglas from Nevis took second place on the men's side with fellow Nevian James Weekes taking third place.

On the women's side, Sally Blackmore of the BVI's finished first with a time of one hour, and nineteen minutes. She was followed by Margaret Majette of St. John who took second place and Jude Woodcock of St. John who finished in third place.

All finishers were awarded medals and Festival and Cultural Organization officials also handed out trophies and cash prizes to the top finishers.

Congratulations to all of the riders!



St. John Tradewinds News Photos Courtesy of Sally Blackmore

The overall male and female finishers were Darel Christopher Jr. and Sally Blackmore, above. Top male finishers, Christopher, Reggie Douglas and James Weekes join Blackmore at the finish line at Hawksnest Bay, below.



Sh’Nyah Bacon Crowned St. John Festival Princess 2012/2013

Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Three adorable young ladies strutted their stuff on the stage at the Winston Wells ball field during the St. John Festival Princess Selection Pageant on Sunday evening, June 17.

A huge crowd enjoyed the entertaining show which featured the Dynamic Dancing Divas, Mickey Mouse and Friends and music by Wreccion Band in addition to the six competitive segments.

Princess Contestant #1 Sh’Nyah Bacon, Contestant #2 La’Monee Morris and Contestant #3 Tashiya King each treated the crowd to an impressive performance, but in the end only one of these young ladies could take home the crown.

Winning Best Evening Wear, Miss Intellect, Most Photogenic, Best Sports Wear and Best Storybook Character, Bacon was crowned St. John Festival Princess 2012/2013. Morris was named Miss Congeniality and Best Talent, while King was named Miss Cooperative.

Each of the contestants wowed the crowd during the opening segment and the swimwear portion of the show. In a dazzling bright pink one-piece suit with white polka-dots, and an oversized white sun hat, Bacon was ready for the waves.

Morris embraced an adorable

sailor theme for her swim wear segment, sporting a red and white striped one-piece with a red and blue striped skirt and a jaunty sailor hat. In a beautiful teal monokini with sparkling mesh detail, King looked as pretty as a mermaid during the segment.

For the sports wear segment of the show, Bacon got the crowd’s energy level high as she strutted her stuff in a Julius E. Sprauve School cheerleader outfit complete with pom poms. Morris embodied a stylish motorcycle rider for the segment while King dazzled in a black and pink jumpsuit, dressed ready for a NASCAR stock racing event.

With a bright red bonnet and green and white striped stockings, Bacon shared the story of Strawberry Shortcake while showing off her baton moves during the storybook character segment of the show.

Morris transformed into a Power Puff girl for her storybook character segment and defeated the evil character ready to harm St. John Festival. Showing poise and a flair for drama, King told the moving story of Disney’s Mulan fighter and had impressive sword moves to match.

The impressive girls continued to wow the crowd during the talent segment of the night. Bacon embodied a young girl destined to learn the importance of history, diversity and unity while showing off dance and singing talent.

Morris showed off years of dancing and music classes with a performance which included tap dance and playing tunes on both the trumpet and steel pan.

King again showcased her talent for acting, embodying a young girl whose mother finally relents and allows her to play steel pan in Festival Parade, while acting the parts with precision and showing off her skill on the steel pan.

After music by Wreccion Band and children getting the chance to play with special guests Mickey Mouse and Friends, it was time for the evening wear segment of the show. In a dress with tiers of white crystals, Bacon was as pretty as the princess she was hoping to be crowned. Morris looked darling in a teal blue dress accented with a crystal-studded bodice. King looked as beautiful as a tropical flower in her confection of tangerine and pink.

All three young ladies showed maturity and poise as they answered thoughtfully during the Q and A portion of the night and then it was time. The crowd cheered with excitement as emcee Sheldon Turnbull read off the winning contestant for each category. And then, it was finally what the crowd was waiting for..

“St. John Festival Princess is... Contestant #1 Sh’Nyah Bacon,” Turnbull said, to thunderous applause by the crowd.



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St. John Festival Princess 2012/2013 Sh’Nyah Bacon wins the crown. **Additional photos on page 18.**

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USA World Team Wins 2012 Team Racing Championship

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Record-setting is the perfect way to describe the largest junior sailing regatta in the U.S. Virgin Islands and in the Caribbean.

A first-time ever 127 8- to 15-year-olds representing 15 countries set sail in the 20th Anniversary Scotiabank International Optimist Regatta, June 22 to June 24. And that's not all!

An all-time high of 78 sailors competed in the pre-regatta Sea Star Clinic June 18 to 20 and record 15 teams raced in the Sea Star Team Racing Championships on June 21.

"Unbelievable and beautiful" is how St. Thomas' Henry Menin, who is now chairman of the International Sailing Federation's Match Racing Committee, described the growth of a regatta that he and former St. Thomas Yacht Club junior sailing instructor, Karen Paige, founded two decades ago.

"The regatta happened because it needed to happen," said Menin. "There was fertile ground for junior sailing to take hold here and in the whole of the Caribbean."

The Scotiabank International Optimist Regatta is an event that has grown exponentially, and welcomed hundreds of international sailors over the years. Yet, it's a regatta that has literally stayed in the family too. Trinidad and Tobago's Joe Affoo, for example, is back for his 17th year. Affoo first came with his three sons and now with 13-year-old daughter Abigail, who participated in the Sea Star Clinic.

"I had a lot of fun in the clinic," said Affoo. "Best of all I was able to improve my starts and get accustomed to racing in bigger fleets."

The clinic was run by internationally-recognized coaches from OptiSailors.com, who included St. Thomas Yacht Club Coach, Agustin 'Argy' Resano; Gonzalo 'Bocha' Pollitzer, Manuel 'Manny' Resano and Esteban 'Pilo' Rocha from Optisailors.com, Eric Bardes from Team Florida Ocean Racing,



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Dean Barnes

Scotiabank Sea Star Clinic and Team Racing Championship drew a record crowd of sailors.

Santiago Galan, US Virgin Islands team coach and Justine O'Connor, and USA team coach.

Fifteen teams of five sailors each took to the seas off St. Thomas' east end to compete in the Sea Star Team Racing Championships on June 21. At the conclusion, it was the USA Worlds Team, made up of Roman Screve, Ivan Shestopalov, Wiley Rogers, Nic Muller and Will Logue, which emerged victorious.

"It's difficult racing in cold water but we acclimated better here and I think that helped us," said Screve, from California.

"Working as a team," is how Miller, from Florida, described the reason for the team's success.

For Will Logue, from Connecticut, "it was the breeze here. I love the winds in the Virgin Islands."

"Not getting into any problems," was Florida-based Shestopalov's winning explanation.

"We worked well together and it was a solid winning

combination," added Wiley Rogers from Texas.

Rogers is the 2011 Scotiabank International Optimist Regatta champion. He's ready for the challenge of defending his title.

"I'm training for the World Championships in the Dominican Republic in July and I just want to improve and do as well as I can," said Rogers.

The 20th Annual Scotiabank International Optimist Regatta got underway Friday, June 22. Sailors representing Antigua, the Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, Dominican Republic, Curacao, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Russia, Spain, St. Maarten, Trinidad and Tobago, the USA and USVI competed in this three-day regatta that ends Sunday.

"Scotiabank has been a strong supporter of the International Optimist Regatta since the very beginning, some 20 years ago," said Lawrence AQUI, vice president of Scotiabank for the U.S. Virgin Islands. "As a title sponsor of this annual event, through our global philanthropic vision, the Scotiabank Bright Future Program, we bring together the passion of our employees, the insight of our partners and the spirit of our community. Scotiabank believes in the importance of encouraging kids to get active and involved in sports."

In addition to the hi-caliber racing, shoreside activities included a Parade of Nations and Welcome Party, as well as a Caribbean-themed night that include fire blowers and finally a beachside barbecue and Awards Ceremony on Sunday, June 24.

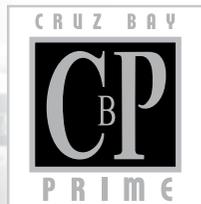
Trophies were awarded to the top five finishers in each fleet and top three overall. Additional trophies include the Peter Ives' Perpetual Trophy, the Chuck Fuller Sportsman-ship Award and the Top Female sailor.

For more information, visit the St. Thomas Yacht Club website at www.styc.net.

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DOH Confirms Cases of Dengue Fever in Territory

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Department of Health Acting Commissioner Darice Plaskett said last week that the department received reports of confirmed cases of Dengue Fever in the territory and urged residents who exhibit symptoms including nausea, eye, joint and muscle pain, to seek immediate medical care.

A Dengue Fever case was confirmed in the St. Thomas/St. John District and another case involved a visitor to the island of St. Croix who tested positive for Dengue Fever. Neither individuals, one of whom was a 58-year-old woman and the other a 17-year-old male, were hospitalized.

DOH is also awaiting confirmation of a suspected Dengue Fever case in the St. Croix District.

Dengue Fever cases can only be confirmed through testing and all health care providers are reminded that all suspected cases should immediately be reported to the DOH, explained Dr. Thomas Morris,

DOH Epidemiologist.

A Notification of Infectious Disease Form should be submitted via confidential fax to 713-1508. The form can be downloaded from the DOH website www.healthvi.org.

Last week, DOH issued its annual Dengue Fever Advisory, to coincide with the Hurricane Season, which runs June 1 through November 31.

“Increased rains can make certain areas near the home a haven for mosquito breeding and place individuals at risk for Dengue Fever,” Plaskett said. “We went through both the hurricane and rainy seasons last year without a positive case of Dengue being reported and with these confirmed cases, we urge residents to be vigilant and help their communities and the Department of Health stop the spread of Dengue Fever by doing basic things.”

Dengue Fever is caused by a virus transmitted by the Aedes Aegypti mosquito and symptoms in-

clude headache, joint and muscle pain, nausea, vomiting and loss of appetite. Residents should seek immediate care, if they have those symptoms, Morris explained.

More complicated cases of Dengue Fever can result in Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever which is characterized by high fever, bleeding and circulatory failure and in rare instances, may result in death.

Morris also urged residents to spray dark closets as the mosquitos which cause Dengue are usually in the house.

“They hide in dark closets and sleep when we sleep and are awake when we are awake,” he said.

DOH is also tracking reports of Dengue Fever in nearby Puerto Rico, according to Plaskett.

“The Virgin Islands is home to many Puerto Rico natives, many of whom travel back and forth between islands so we urge residents who experience Dengue Fever symptoms after traveling, to seek immediate care,” he said.

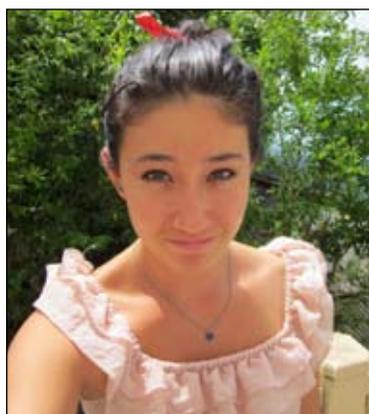


Amos Rutnik

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AMOS

Our son has died, without warning or goodbye; his handsome body laid quietly to rest next to Ruby.
 My big brother is gone, with his laughter and smile, my protector and hero now at peace with his Ruby.
 My father did not come home, only a picture to comfort me; he is now under the tree next to Ruby.
 My husband cannot comfort me, my mind struggles with the loss; he is now with his sister Ruby.
 The settled earth marks Ruby's grave, her death a tender memory, her tears for Amos now moisten the soil
 Next to Ruby lies his burial mound, while the fresh earth settled around Amos, his soul quickly escaped
 Our garden of tears so carefully tended, with small stones and crosses to remind us of where
 We gather on birthdays to celebrate their day and share in our sorrow because they are not here
 Reinforced by the comfort that all have bestowed, our spirits and hearts fight all the despair
 With bonfires at the graves of our beloved Amos and Ruby, we send messages of love and ask for their help
 Yet each day the bright sun brings fresh hope and new life to a family whose tears are dried by its power
 To those who comforted us with words and tears,
 You have filled our hearts and eased our fears
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 You are now an angel, with glory and power from above,
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 We are a family that lives in two worlds, one that walks the perilous earth and one that loves us from above
 So you say how sad and tragic a loss we endure,
 Our Amos rests so peacefully, with his spirit so pure.



Clockwise from Top Left: Emily Wild, Jah-Haile Bruce, John Ovcina, Kaitlyn Cummings and Tiareh Schaub.

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 Photos Courtesy of SJSA

Five Students Earn SJSA Merit Scholarships

St. John Tradewinds

Auditions for the Ruth “Sis” Frank Performance Merit Scholarships were hosted on Saturday, June 16, at St. John School of the Arts.

Three independent community leaders judged six auditions. Tiareh Schaub won Platinum Level for the-

ater and Silver Level for voice.

Emily Wild (art) and Jah-Haile Bruce (music) won Gold Placement. John Ovcina (piano) won Silver Level and Kaitlyn Cummings (dance) won Bronze Level.

Congratulations to all those talented students!

Upon this anniversary we are reminded again of the outpouring of love and compassion, the generous acts of labor and support, the contributions to Amos's family and children and the many kindnesses that have touched us deeply as we mourn our beloved son, Amos—we are forever grateful. Thank you.

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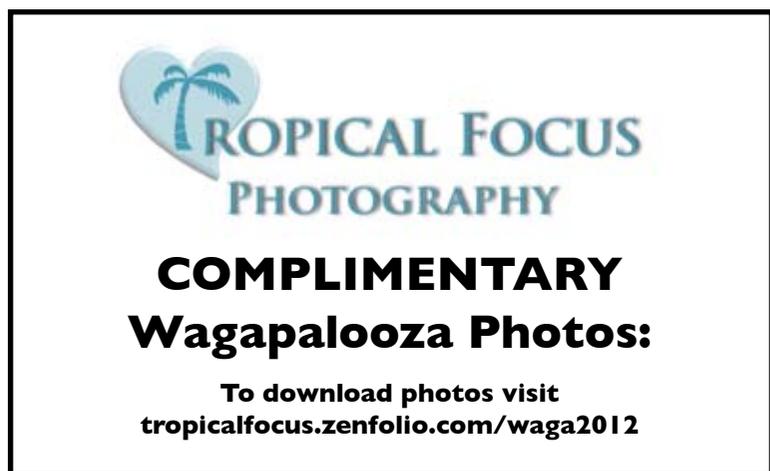
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DOH No Longer Accepting Samples for Health Cards at deCastro Clinic

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Department of Health Acting Commissioner Darice Plaskett announced last week that the department will soon implement new procedures for obtaining a Health Certificate/Food Handler Card, commonly referred to as a health card.

As part of these new procedures, beginning June 25, the Morris F. de Castro Clinic on St. John will no longer serve as repository for laboratory specimens necessary for obtaining a health card.

"This new procedure is being established to ensure proper collection, storage and transport of laboratory specimens that are compliant with guidelines established by the Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute," Plaskett said.

The process for acquiring a health card territory-wide will also involve an educational video on infection control and proper food handling as well as demonstrations of hand washing techniques.

"Food handlers' knowledge of infection prevention and control measures such as proper hand washing techniques will help to reduce the transmission of food borne illnesses and safeguard the health of the community," Plaskett said.



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Services continue to dwindle at Morris F. deCastro Clinic. The clinic also no longer provides women's health services.

Nine Awarded Ruby Rutnik Scholarship

St. John Tradewinds

This year the Ruby Rutnik Scholarship Fund received its highest number of applications — nine — and gave the highest number of awards with each applicant receiving an annual award of \$1,500 or \$2,500 for this coming academic year, 2012-2013.

These awards are merit and financial aid scholarships. This is a special year as it culminates the last 15 years that the Rutnik family, with the help of the Virgin Islands community, has hosted the Annual Ruby Rutnik Memorial Softball Tournament, which has been the largest inter-island sports event in the VI. The first tournament in 1997 was hosted by Love City's own Royal Sisters.

The Ruby Rutnik Scholarship Fund Selection Committee has chosen Grace Bartolucci and Julia Hogroian of Antilles School, Christin Marsh of Southern Adventist University, Khadijah Lee of Charlotte Amalie High School, Kissa Williams and Jhelisa Krigger of Ivanna Eudora Kean High School, and Kaneeka Hodge, Kanika Liburd and Jeanie Patrie of Giff Hill School for the 2012-2013 annual scholarship awards.

Kissa Williams was given the \$2,500 Tournament Championship award that the Lady Devil

Ray's won in this year's tournament.

In addition to the nine awards to this year's applicants, two scholarships will also be given to Giff Hill School students. One of the two \$2,500 awards will be going to a new student, boy or girl. This award is given in honor of Elaine Penn for her tireless work with the Love City Pan Dragons over the years. The Pan Dragons parents and supporters have manned the concession for the Softball Tournament for the past decade or more.

Last year this award was given in honor of Miss Alice O'Connor, an early founder of the Royal Sisters. Since 2008 a one year \$2,500 award is given to a qualifying student, boy or girl, to attend the early learning center at Giff Hill School. Applications for these two scholarships are available through Beth Knight at Giff Hill School at 776-6595.

Giff Hill School was Ruby's alma mater back in the early days of its founding as Pine Peace School. Many will recall that Ruby was a senior at American University when she died tragically in a car crash. Because of her local fame as a championship pitcher while at Antilles School, a Softball Tournament was estab-

lished to raise funds for the Scholarships given in her memory.

Since 1997 more than \$140,000 scholarship awards have been given out and the Ruby Rutnik Scholarship Fund has raised over \$400,000 leaving an endowment fund of \$250,000 which will become the foundation grant for the Giff Hill School's Scholarship/Financial Aid Endowment Fund.

Through the generous support of an anonymous donor \$100,000 will be offered this fall to qualifying students wishing to attend Giff Hill School from pre-school through high school.

This annual scholarship/financial aid donation will give the Giff Hill School Endowment Fund five years to achieve its' million dollar goal, enabling it to sustain the annual award of \$100,000 in financial aid to Virgin Islands students wishing to attend this world class school.

The Ruby Rutnik Scholarship Fund, Inc. and the Rutnik family are deeply grateful for the support of the community these past 16 years and look forward to growing success for future students. The scholarship winners join the Rutnik family in expressing gratitude to the Virgin Islands community for its continued support of the Scholarship Fund.

Solar Producers Must Complete Net Meter Agreements with WAPA

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

“What’s going on with the WAPA meters?” is a question that has been on many St. John lips lately.

Some St. John homeowners who have purchased and installed solar panels enjoyed watching their old V.I. Water and Power Authority analog meters spinning backwards since they were producing their own energy instead of using the grid system.

These same residents, however, did not enjoy it when WAPA officials removed those analog meters and replaced them with new digital meters.

“A lot of people are excited about solar power and went out and got solar panels,” said one resident who asked to not be named. “After you have the panels installed you go out and see that WAPA has replaced their back-spinning meter with this new one that doesn’t show how much energy you are producing.”

“After you see this, you call WAPA and it takes forever for them to come out and give you a net meter,” said the resident.

While it’s easy to point a finger at the public utility provider, WAPA officials are only doing their jobs when they replace the old analog meters, explained Dan Boyd, owner of Island Solar.

“You have to have a net meter agreement with WAPA, which means that you go down and fill out the necessary paperwork and have the electrical system inspected by Department of Planning and Natural Resources and take that paperwork into WAPA and do an agreement that you will be doing net metering,” said Boyd.

People who are seeing WAPA switch out their analog meters with digital meters have not completed those net meter agreements with the public utility, Boyd added.

The meters WAPA is removing did spin backwards, but they did not calculate how much energy was being produced by a solar

“The new net meters will be able to tell what you use and what you can put back into the system.”

– Dan Boyd, owner of Island Solar

grid tie system, explained Boyd.

“When you put in a grid tie system with that old analog meter, it will spin backwards, but WAPA can’t tell from those meters what you are putting back into the system,” said Boyd. “Say you have an eight kilowatt system, WAPA doesn’t know what you are producing; it just made your meter spin backwards.”

The new net meters, which WAPA installs after residents complete their net meter agreements, will keep track of how much power a solar grid is producing, explained Boyd.

“The new net meters will be able to tell

what you use and what you can put back into the system,” he said.

Residents who have had their meters switched from analog to digital still need to complete their net meter agreements with WAPA, according to Boyd.

“What happened is the installers did not get the paperwork completely done,” said Boyd. “So what you have to do is go to WAPA and request a net meter agreement. It takes about two weeks to a month and once you get that agreement, they’ll come out and put in a net meter.”

Once the net meter agreement is complete and WAPA installs the new meter, residents can just sit back and watch their saving pile up, Boyd added.

“Once you have the net meter and everything is in place, you will see exactly what you are producing,” he said. “And WAPA will be able to tell what the solar power system is putting back into their grid so they can have a good audit.”

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Check out Wild Thyme Boutique's new digs on the first floor of Palm Plaza.

Wild Thyme Boutique Opens in New Palm Plaza Location

Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

After five years in Wharfside Village, Wild Thyme Boutique opened its doors in a new location recently.

With plenty of customer parking, Wild Thyme owners are thrilled with their new home on the first floor of Palm Plaza, across from St. John Market.

"We moved over here because the space became available and because there is parking," said Keturah Williams, who owns the

boutique with her parents Marijean and Bill Williams.

Wild Thyme's new home is the exact same size as its previous Wharfside location, yet feels bigger, Williams explained.

"We didn't lose any space," said Williams. "And even though it's the exact same size, the layout feels more like a boutique in here."

From bright Jams clothing for men and women, to oversized straw sun hats, jewelry and shoes, Wild Thyme has literally some-

thing for everyone.

For little ones there are bathing suits, shirts, shorts and dresses. Men will find high-quality Hawaiian style button down shirts, board shorts and T-shirts.

Ladies will want to check out Wild Thyme's Jam clothing line full of funky printed tank tops, dresses, skirts and more. And don't miss the shop's new Custo Barcelona line of brightly printed dresses, tops and skirts from the hot Spanish designer.

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Still Room for Campers at VIERS Eco-Camps

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

With school out and Festival just about under way, V.I. Environmental Resource Station officials are getting ready to welcome campers to their popular, annual, free summer programs.

Each year, the remote South Shore research facility located near Lameshur Bay welcomes students of various ages to enjoy several different camp experiences, ranging from a two-night stay to week-long Ranger in Training program.

Friends of Virgin Islands National Park officials have been sponsoring the camps for the past 12 years and are delighted to be able to offer a total of 110 campers the chance to experience these nature-based programs.

For the younger kids between seven and 12 years old, VIERS offers four three-day, two-night Eco-camps during the month of July. The first camp meets from July 9 to 11, with successive camps meeting from July 12 to 14, July 16 to 18 and the final camps from July 19 to 21.

Participants in the VIERS Eco-camps will be able to cool off by snorkeling nearby pristine Lameshur Bay, learn about the area during a shoreline hike with a V.I. National Park Ranger and even enjoy s'mores and camp fires under the stars.

This year, VIERS officials also have a few new activities for Eco-campers.

"We've built a few raised beds for gardens and planted a bunch of fruit trees out here this year," said Randy Fish, VIERS manager. "In addition to our standard marine biology, this summer at Eco-camps we're going to focus on organic gardening."

"We're going to be planting vegetables and building raised beds," Fish said. "Also each camper will take home seedlings and the knowledge of how to become little farmers."

Students from across St. John, St. Thomas and St. Croix are welcome to take part in the camps, and VIERS officials will even pick the campers up in Cruz Bay, Fish added.

"It's difficult to get all the way out here, especially for people in Cruz Bay and on St. Thomas," he said. "But parents don't even have to make the trek out here. We'll pick the kids up in Cruz Bay at 9:30 a.m. the first day of camp and take them back the last day."

In addition to the four Eco-camps for the little ones, VIERS is also hosting a Science Camp for students between the ages of 13 and 15 from July 23 through July 27.

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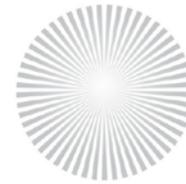


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Located on a full half-acre waterfront lot, it is the commanding view which will enthrall you at Rhapsody. It will surely be difficult to pull yourself away from the 16-foot-by-32-foot infinity pool or expansive deck. Soak up the sun from a pool-side lounge chair or enjoy sundowners while watching the sky fill with fiery colors in the

four-person hot tub.

A shaded deck area offers an incredible outside living space and beckons as the spot to watch yachts cruising by and take in those tropical sunsets.

The great house and several pods surround the pool and deck area and boast private balconies. Each of the bedrooms is en suite and two of the master suites also include private sitting areas.

The modern kitchen has granite counter tops, hardwood cabinetry and stainless steel appliances while the great room includes beautiful native stone walls, oversized windows and a unique masonry construction, explained Nash.

"There are lots of stone walls and a distinctive 'show through' plaster finish on some exterior walls which gives the look of an aged, Danish Caribbean villa or fort," said the Islandia Real Estate owner/broker.

A popular high-end short term rental, Rhapsody accommodates up to 10 adults and four children,

while maintaining the feel of a private get-away.

Located just north of the entrance to Great Cruz Bay harbor on Contant Point, the home is also only a short drive to the dining and shopping of Cruz Bay and not far from the white sand beaches of North Shore Road.

"Rhapsody is one of the top high-end rentals on St. John," said Nash. "It's located at the end of a road which means it is extremely private and quiet. But it's on Contant Point, so it's really close to town too."

While Rhapsody offers the privacy of a true Shangri-la, the home is conveniently located just a five minute drive to restaurants and shops. But with so much right at Rhapsody — how about six flat screen TVs, an iPod docking system, wireless internet and outdoor speaker system — you might not be inclined to go anywhere.

For more information about Rhapsody, call Nash at 776-6666 or on her cell at 642-2246.

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2011

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

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Homicides: 0
 Shootings: 0
 Stabbings: 0
 Armed Robberies: 1
 Arsons: 0
 1st Degree Burglaries: 3
 2nd Degree Burglaries: 1
 3rd Degree Burglaries: 18
 Grand Larcenies: 36
 Rapes: 0

Letters To St. John Tradewinds

Please Help St. John Get New Buses

Dear Delegate to Congress Donna Christensen,
 Can you please help the people of the “good” island of St. John?

We have had only one old bus which has run every two hours now for more than year. This bus has no air conditioning, the seats are in disrepair and there are some serious mechanical problems.

There is no bus service on Saturdays or Sundays or Holidays, which has affected church attendance. Since St. John does not have any “dollar buses” like

on other islands, we have no alternative when the VI-TRAN is not running.

It is known that there are 10 new buses which have been awaiting shipment to the territory for more than a year, as the people of St. John suffer. We do not know the reason for the delay. Can you please help out the good people of St. John?

Thank you!

**Yours truly,
Norman Gledhill**

A Warming Earth Means Erratic Weather and More

I was asked to give a talk on global warming at Rotary Sunrise on St. Thomas. They said I had 10 minutes so I thought that I might as well expand the subject a little.

Earth was created about 4.5 billion years ago and the first microscopic life formed within the first billion years, this limited form of life lasted about a billion years. In the process of living this microscopic life took in carbon dioxide and gave off oxygen and ozone. Over time most of these organisms died out and some new forms of life developed that took in oxygen and gave off carbon dioxide.

About a billion years ago the first multi-celled plants appeared. As recently as 650 million years ago the earth was so cold that all the oceans froze.

About 230 million the dinosaurs evolved, about 65 million years ago the dinosaurs became extinct, due to climate change possibly caused by a meteorite crashing into the planet. They lived a long time.

About 2 million years ago human ancestors developed. About 200,000 years ago modern humans developed and started to populate the planet. About 32,000 the first cave paintings appeared and about 8000 years ago humans started to plant crops and live in permanent settlements.

About 100 years ago, when my grandfather was a boy, horse power was an animal you used to ride to work or pull your wagon. Forty five years ago humans walked on the moon.

Life on this planet is very diverse, there are between 500 and 1000 species of bacteria living in our bodies, many help us digest food and keep us clean and many more have no positive or negative effect on us. There are approximately 10 trillion cells in our bodies and about 10 times that many bacteria, fungi and other forms on life inside our bodies.

About 45 years ago the Gaia hypothesis was formulated by the chemist James Lovelock. Initially this idea was ridiculed by other scientists, but recently it has been accepted by most scientists.

This theory suggests that the earth is a living planet and all life as well as non life interact to create a symbiotic relationship. My simple version is the oak tree breaths in carbon dioxide and exhales oxygen, and drops acorns all over the ground. The squirrel eats the acorns breaths in the oxygen and exhales carbon dioxide and poops on the ground to fertilize the tree.

Each year the world loses about 32 million acres of forests. Since 1946 we have reduced the amount of forested lands on the planet by 50 percent. Most of this reduction in forested lands is caused by expansion of farming, to feed people.

Today there are 765 motor vehicles per 100 people in the US, there are 12 per 100 in India and 10 per 100 in China. As the people through out the world become more “affluent” the effects of our actions are going to have a much greater impact on the environment.

By measuring the Oxygen and CO2 content in deep ice scientists can determine the historic records of the planet’s atmosphere. CO2 is an important component of Earth’s atmosphere because it absorbs and emits infrared radiation at wavelengths of 4.26 μm (asymmetric stretching vibrational mode and 14.99 μm (bending vibration mode), thereby playing a role in the greenhouse effect.

The green house effect is caused by a higher level of CO2, water vapor, nitric oxide, ozone and methane in the atmosphere which traps the heat, much like a car sitting in an open parking lot with the windows closes traps the heat from the sun’s rays hitting the inside of the car through the windows.

The present level of CO2 is higher than at any time during the last 800,000 years and likely higher than in the past 20 million years.

In the last 45 years there has been a reduction of 260,000 square miles of Amazon forest. It has been estimated that this loss of uptake of CO2 increases green house gases by 10 percent each year.

Each year the arctic ice melt is greater, which reduces the reflection of the sun’s rays off the ice and the open water absorbs the heat from the sun. Ocean water (as does all water) increases in volume as its temperature rises, this increase in volume results in higher sea levels

While the causes of global warming can be argued the fact is the planet is getting warmer, which is causing rising oceans. It is also causing more erratic weather patterns. Today animals and even plants in many parts of the world are migrating to higher elevations and moving away from the equator. Those that can’t migrate will become extinct.

What can we do? Become more informed, share the information with others.

Greg Miller

Crossword Answers — Puzzle on Page 20

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Letters To St. John Tradewinds

Flashing NPS Sign Is Illegal Without Permit from DPW

It is approximately three months since questions were raised about the legality of the flashing electronic billboard that the National Park Service (NPS) put into service next to Mongoose Junction.

I sent Freedom Of Information Act (FOIA) requests to the NPS to get background on the installation. The Federal Government is extremely good at providing information through FOIA requests, as this is considered public information, available to anybody who requests it through the proper channels. Transparency at work. Here's what I was able to find out.

1. Mark Hardgrove, Superintendent of VINP, wrote in an internal email dated 3/16, "It is located on NPS land and I think we are the authority." "I think if the message changes weekly and it stays relevant, like watch out for hikers on road, folks appreciate the advice except our few who are on this earth as Donna Christensen says to raise our blood pressure." "At night you can see it all the way down to the post office and it is the brightest thing in town."

2. On 3/29, Supt. Hardgrove sent an inquiry to DPNR. "Howdy Partner! We have funding for a (sic) electronic messaging board that would be permanent and built into a new entrance sign at the maintenance area on NPS property, Cruz Bay. Any permits or laws prohibiting? There is an editorial in the Tradewinds about bulletin boards being illegal. Thanks!"

3. DPNR wrote to Supt. Hardgrove that the sign needs DPW approval, plus a permit from DPNR. (It has neither of these, since neither was ever applied for.) DPNR wrote on 3/29/12, "I figured it was a matter of time before someone spoke out about the sign. Just be glad you didn't put in a stop light." DPNR also wrote, "Title 29, Chapter 2, Regulation of Billboards — This section gives Public Works the task of regulating signage on Public land along highways and roads but also gives them authority to regulate any sign within 50 feet from the center of the road, even if on private property. While Chapter 8 does not

set specific requirements, such as dimensions, it does require that the applicant receive a permit."

4. The sign cannot be flashing. "No sign shall display intermittent lights resembling the flashing light customarily used in traffic signals or those used by police, fire, ambulance, or other emergency vehicles."

5. On 4/2, NPS sent an email to DPNR asking for the permit process. DPNR advised that they needed to get an approval from DPW first, and then complete a form and send to DPNR, Division of Building Permits.

6. On 4/10, Supt. Hardgrove wrote in an internal email, "Need plan and time frame to get permit. Pull sign for routine maintenance would be good as DPW has asked us to stand down until we get zoning reviewed and permit issued."

(Note: the last time I checked, the sign was still turned off. Not for "routine maintenance" as apparently claimed, but because it is illegal.)

Additional FOIA requests will be made for correspondence from 4/2 through today.

I am surprised that concerned citizens who are permanent residents of St. John, such as the many people who expressed concern over the flashing billboard, are characterized by temporary residents as "our few who are on this earth to raise our blood pressure."

I am trying to keep opinions out of this letter, but my opinion on this is that the National Park should be the very people to keep flashing billboards out of St. John, and not be the only ones for them.

So, here's what to do if you have an opinion, pro or con, on a flashing billboard in Cruz Bay. Send an email to npsbillboard@hotmail.com with any comments you might have. Please be specific as to whether you approve or disapprove. Long or short. Sign it or not. All emails will be sent to NPS and to the local VI government.

Speak out, and you'll be heard.

Gerry Hills, St. John

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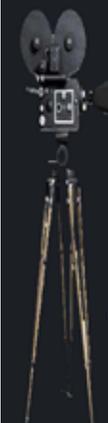


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Letters to St. John Tradewinds

Thanks To St. John Yacht Club for Supporting KATS

The Kids and the Sea, St. John program wishes to extend heart-felt thanks to the St. John Yacht Club for its generous donation. This donation enabled nine young sailors to take part in the recent Tortola Dinghy Regatta and six kids to race in the Scotiabank Optimist Regatta on St. Thomas.

**Vicki Rogers,
President
KATS St. John**

GBS Sixth Grade Class Thanks Supporters

The sixth grade class of the Guy H. Benjamin Elementary School would like to thank the businesses and individuals that contributed to our class trip.

Because of your generosity, we were able to travel to Key West, Florida and Cozumel, Mexico via a Carnival Fun Ship Cruise.

We would like to thank Concordia, Big Planet, Fish Trap, EC Gas, Quiet Mon Pub, and The Marketplace. We would also like to give special thanks to the following staff members: Mrs. Judkins, Mrs. Roskin, Ms. Parson, Mrs. Daniels, Mrs. Penn, Mrs. Provost, Ms. Powell, Mrs. Cross, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Burks, and Ms. Cameron.

We would especially like to thank Mrs. Jackson and Ms. Challenger for helping with our spaghetti dinner, and extra special thanks to Paradise People Band for providing music.

Lastly, we would like to thank all the people in our community who supported any of our fundraising events. We really enjoyed our trip and learned a lot. Thank you once again.

**Sincerely,
The Sixth Grade Class
Guy H. Benjamin Elementary
School
Coral Bay, St. John**

**SEND US YOUR LETTERS,
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Negligence Abounds on East Side of Pillsbury Sound

The busdriver states that the steering had defect...
Motor Carrier inspector was asked to detect...
It goes on and on and on it goes...
but the fault lies right underneath your nose...
There is no say in who gets what...
There is no say from who kicks butt...
just a claim of "negligible" is all we get,
Cuz the powers that be are afraid to get wet...

How do you handle what happened at Leinster Bay?
You know, leaving the woman there on the shore that day?
She died in paradise, was treated like hell...
What really happens when you ring the 911 bell?

What happens is sad, as it happened to me...
but I am alive today, and I can surely see...
That if you're in the hands of that higher care...
It's best to book a big jet right the hell outta there...
Hard to do that when you're left on the beach...
Something went wrong, there was a terrible breach...

There's trash on the road outside of the dump...
Their staff sits in the shade just pickin each others' rump...
It's negligible for sure to watch them go...
Just turn your heads and watch the winds blow...
trash all about up and down that street...
makin Love City look mighty neat...
No one is in charge of that massive mess...
Your gov't should be, but they're under duress...

Praise Jah for our grads, our vollies and our kids...
the island is in their hands to halt all the skids...
put the brakes onto your gov't and crooks...
Don't know where they learned it but they wrote the books...

Negligible indeed are my skills as a poet...
negligible indeed, I'm the first to show it...
For Jah's sake do something quick...
Go find your leadership and toss them a stick...

See what they do when they get it in their grips...
they'll rip it apart like a bag a chips...
Those chips will fly all about the streets...
the roosters will get em and consider them treats...

It all flows downhill like it's always done...
someday it'll be gone and we'll all have none...
No fun, no love, no safety, no sea...
it may be for you but no longer for me...
The future can be better if only you'll see...
the potential in your grads, in you and in me...

If the negligence continues, and the barrage succeeds...
things are gonna get kooky, you'll hide in the weeds...
No time for we... no time for two...
I'm just gonna take a "ranch," what about you?

– Mizza Lompscho

Letters to St. John Tradewinds

Runyon Earns Another Medal at Veterans Games

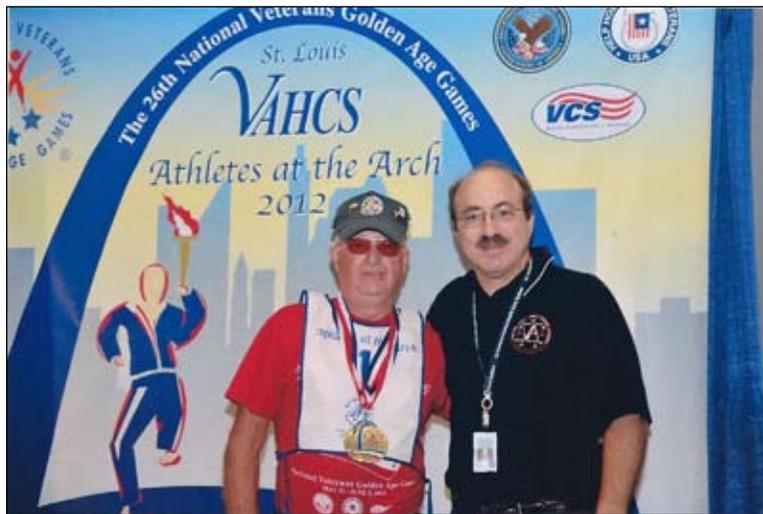
I want to thank the VA Caribbean Healthcare System, especially the staff at the clinics of St. Thomas and St. John for providing our Veterans with great healthcare service and encouragement to keep our veterans healthy, fit and providing us the opportunity to attend the National Veterans Golden Age Games for our Senior Veterans.

I recently attended the 26th Annual Golden Age Games in St. Louis, Missouri and I want to encourage more Veterans to attend these games. They are a great way to not only stay fit and healthy, but are a way to heal mental wounds through camaraderie.

Veterans restore friendships with veterans with whom they served, meet new comrades and get the chance to lend a helping hand to those in need of encouragement.

I earned gold medals in the 70-74 Age Group in the 50-yard Freestyle and the 50-yard Backstroke. In total I have earned nine golds and one silver medal in the five years I have been swimming at the Games.

Winning was great, but the full enjoyment was really the camaraderie. It is amazing what a lift these Games do for us Veterans. And, I want to see more and new participants at the Buffalo Games in 2013.



Jerry Runyon, above at left, at the 2012 VA Golden Age Games.

To the 75 age group, I am coming, so get yourself ready. And to my younger Marine buddy Michael Krawczyk from Oklahoma, thank you for your continued encouragement and for pushing me to keep up with you in our swims. Thank you for instilling in me the drive to give it my all and more.

Hopefully next year I will get down to his swim times, that is something which keeps me going and gives me a goal as I get ready to turn 75.

The VA and its volunteers deserve enormous hands of thanks. I urge the VA and the government to find a way to keep these Games

going and get more Senior Veterans involved.

I know more needs to be done for our Veterans, but you continue to make improvements, listen to us and are on the right path. Thank you Axel, Edgardo and Dewayne and pass on my THANKS to your Directors.

(Axel, It was rumored at the Golden Age Games that Puerto Rico will be hosting once again the 2014 Veterans Wheel Chair Games. I hope that you will put me and my wife, Elissa, on your Volunteer List and keep us informed.)

Jerry Runyon

New Nazareth Lutheran Church Fence Going Up



After tearing down the old wooden fence, Nazareth Lutheran Church officials installed a beautiful native stone wall around their Cruz Bay property. Last week, the beginning of a decorate metal top part of the fence began to be installed as well.

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Sh'Nyah Bacon Crowned Festival Princess 2012-13



Scenes from St. John Festival Princess Selection show included Bacon, at left, King, above, and Morris, above right. Bacon is crowned, below right.



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Photos by Tristan Ewald

Wild Thyme Boutique Opens in New Location

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"We still have everything we had in our old location, but we've added more accessories and more shoes to our collection," said Williams. "We also have the Custo Barcelona clothing now too. I love the bright prints."

"I wanted to have things in here that we could have fun with," said the store owner.

Williams is heading off to market soon and is excited to bring back even more new items for Wild Thyme, she added.

Be sure to stop by and see both what's new as well as the popular lines at the store. Customers can take their time at Wild Thyme and can expect personalized attention from Williams.

"If you try something on that just doesn't fit you right and doesn't look good, I will tell you the truth," said Williams. "I'm not just going to sell you something in order to sell it. I mean, if you really want something, I'll let you buy it, but I want you to look good."

"I want you to be happy and love everything you buy from us," she said.

Almost like having a personal shopper or stylist, Williams loves knowing her client's taste, she added.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Wild Thyme Boutique features clothing, shoes, accessories and more.

"I love spending time with my customers," said Williams. "I like to take the time to really see what works. When I know what looks good on you, I'll call you up and tell you when new things come in that I think you'll like."

Williams encourages customers to make an appointment for personalized shopping and she loves spending hours making sure her clients are happy.

"I love working one on one with

my customers and I really believe in personal attention," she said. "People are welcome to make an appointment and spend some time here. That's what I really like to do."

Wild Thyme Boutique is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information or to make a shopping appointment with Williams, call the shop at 776-9453.

VIPA Marine Manager Speaking at June 26 St. John Chamber Chapter Meeting

St. John Tradewinds

The monthly meeting of the St. John Chapter of the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce will be Tuesday, June 26, at 5:30 p.m. upstairs at The Battery.

Kelvin Industrious, the St. Thomas/St. John Marine Manager, of the Virgin Islands Port Authority will be attending. This will be a great opportunity for members to share their thoughts and ideas with VIPA.

There is a tremendous untapped resource in affluent boaters who are unable to come ashore for a few hours or overnight. Presently, there is no place to tie up a boat for dining, shopping, or enjoying the National Park on foot or by taxi.

Please come and share thoughts on this subject or email questions and concerns for discussion.

Members of the chamber have expressed their desires that "The Creek" area be used for visiting yachts to overnight. Members hope to discuss with Industrious ways to use the existing facilities to make them more accessible to visitors from the water. If this could be accomplished, it would benefit the community, visitors, and the bottom line of VIPA.

Other areas within the sphere of influence of VIPA, including the Customs parking lot, the Enighed gravel parking lot and the Enighed container storage area.

Room for Campers at VIERS Eco-Camps

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Camp will get to learn from college and graduate students about the research they are conducting at VIERS and assist in their work," said Fish.

Science Campers will also enjoy a snorkel trip aboard Sadie Sea and take part in hiking and swimming activities as well, Fish added.

"And we'll have camp fires and s'mores too of course," he said.

For students who are interested in VINP careers, VIERS is hosting a Ranger in Training camp July 30 through August 3, which is open to students from 13 to 17 years old.

"This camp is really for kids who are interested in the environment and conservation who might one day want to become National Park Service rangers," said Fish.

Thanks to donations from supporters such as Lana Vento Charitable Trust, Disney Worldwide Services, R & I Patton Goldsmithing, Glacial Energy, Starboard Investments, LLC, Rotary Club of St. John, and more, Friends of VINP is thrilled to offer the VIERS camps for free to local youth.

"Through these camps we hope to foster the next generation of environmental stewards for our island communities," said Friends development director Heather

Rusham. "We are also proud to provide the next generation with the tools to grow, learn, care about their environment and, down the line, be successful right here in the Virgin Islands, which is where the Ranger-in-Training and Science Camp come in."

"We support these camps so that older kids may be offered a fun and educational summer camp experience, building on the foundation laid in the Eco-camp program," said Rusham. "Both camps give teens a glimpse of the potential educational avenues and careers available to them in the fields of natural science, resource protection and management and archeology, to name just a few."

There are still open spaces in each of the camps this summer, which will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. The camps are free, but registration is required.

Download an application online at www.viers.org and drop it off at Friends of the Park Store in Mongoose Junction, email VIERS or drop it in a mailbox to VIERS, Lameshur Bay, P.O. Box 250, St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands, 00831.

For more information call VIERS at 776-6721 or email randyfish@viers.org.

Police Log

Friday, June 15

11:10 a.m. - A citizen c/r a disturbance in the area of Frank Powell Park. Disturbance of the peace.

12:15 p.m. - An Estate Fish Bay resident p/r that she left her bag in her vehicle and someone stole her MacBook and her bag in the area of the Westin Resort and Villas. Grand larceny.

2:45 p.m. - A visitor from IL p/r that someone stole his iPhone and wallet from his shorts while he was swimming at the Westin Resort and Villas. Grand larceny.

Saturday, June 16

2:25 a.m. - An Estate Glucksberg resident r/ an auto collision in the area of Morris F. deCastro Clinic. Auto collision, hit and run.

3:00 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident r/ that an unknown male struck him in the face. Simple assault.

7:58 a.m. - A citizen c/r damage to his vehicle in the area of Estate Contant. Malicious mischief.

7:10 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r that he was assaulted by a taxi driver. Simple assault and battery.

7:30 p.m. - An Estate Pastory resident p/r that he is receiving threats via his cell phone. Telephone harassment.

7:44 p.m. - An Estate Giff Hill resident p/r that he was threatened by a taxi driver. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

11:19 p.m. - An Estate Carolina resident c/r loud music in the area of Coral Bay. Disturbance of the peace.

Sunday, June 17

1:21 a.m. - An Estate Carolina resident c/r loud music in the area of Coral Bay. Disturbance of the peace.

1:56 p.m. - A citizen c/requesting police assistance with a possible drowning at Trunk Bay. Police assistance.

5:02 p.m. - A citizen c/r damage to a vehicle. Damage to a vehicle.

Monday, June 18

5:46 a.m. - A Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center security officer c/requesting police assistance to remove a female from the lobby area. Police assistance.

11:01 a.m. - An Estate Contant resident p/r her boss creates an uncomfortable work environment. Disturbance of the peace.

8:35 p.m. - An Estate Adrian resident p/r that a male grabbed her breast in the area of Frank Powell Park. Unlawful sexual contact.

Tuesday, June 19

12:58 a.m. - A citizen c/r suspicious activity in the area of the Department of Public Works.

1:18 a.m. - A citizen c/r loud music in the area of Coral Bay. Disturbance of the peace.

12:41 p.m. - A citizen c/requesting police assistance at Francis Bay. Police assistance.

2:35 p.m. - An Estate Pastory resident p/r that he was threatened by a male. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

4:50 p.m. - A citizen p/r that a male is making a disturbance on Cruz Bay beach. Disturbance of the peace.

5:40 p.m. - A citizen p/r that a male pulled out a machete and aimed

it at him. Assault in the third.

6:28 p.m. - A Coral Bay resident c/r a D.O.A. D.O.A.

Wednesday, June 20

12:03 a.m. - A citizen c/r loud music in the area of Coral Bay. Police assistance.

12:31 a.m. - An employee at Castaways c/requesting police assistance to remove a male from the business. Police assistance.

10:10 p.m. - A Calabash Boom resident p/r that she was threatened. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

10:58 p.m. - A citizen c/r loud music in the area of Coral Bay. Loud music.

Thursday, June 21

12:35 a.m. - An Estate Pastory resident c/requesting police assistance with his minor children. Police assistance.

12:30 a.m. - A citizen r/ an auto accident in the area of Pine Peace Mini Mart. Auto collision.

8:00 a.m. - A Bellevue Village resident c/r a disturbance. Disturbance of the peace.

9:58 a.m. - An Estate Contant resident c/r a D.O.A. D.O.A.

11:37 a.m. - A St. Thomas resident c/r a disturbance with her brother-in-law. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

2:28 p.m. - A Estate Giff Hill resident c/r that someone is knocking down his goats. Police assistance.

Friday, June 22

12:43 a.m. - An employee of Woody's c/r that someone had been assaulted. Aggravated assault and battery.

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

St. John Tradewinds

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

St. John

On the morning of Tuesday, June 12, the director of Department of Public Works discovered that 10 Wanli tires had been removed from the Public Works warehouse at #6 Estate Susannaberg. The value of the missing tires is \$5,000. The minimum reward for an arrest is \$536 plus 10 percent of the retail value of stolen property recovered.

Be part of the solution. Tell us what you know 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. Only anonymous callers to Crime Stoppers are eligible for these cash rewards.

Crime Stoppers recently authorized a reward of \$857 for a tip received in March of 2010. Please check to see if a tip qualifies for this reward and thanks for making the community a safer place to live.

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 26

— The monthly meeting of the St. John Chapter of the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce will be Tuesday, June 26, at 5:30 p.m. upstairs at The Battery.

— 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 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.

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 11

A silent auction of fine art by St. John artists and raffle fun(d)-raiser for Steve Levin's family is planned for Saturday, August 11, from 5 to 9 p.m. at Fatty Crab. Raffle tickets are available at both Connections for \$10 or six tickets for \$50.

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.

Sunday, October 7

— 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. Tickets are \$100 per person. For more info: visit <http://www.usingsportforsocialchange.com>.

Monday, October 8

— Using Sport for Social Change is hosting the 4th Annual Free "Just Play!" day event on Monday, October 8.

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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CHIEF SODA PRODUCTS

ACROSS

- 1 Umpire's face wear
- 5 Consumer's antifraud gp.
- 8 Massive
- 15 Dating from
- 19 One of the Galápagos Islands
- 21 Kind of cable that conducts electrical signals
- 22 — monster (lizard)
- 23 Start of a riddle
- 25 Pol. middle-of-the-roads
- 26 Powerball, for example
- 27 "Evil Woman" rock gp.
- 28 Miss.-to-Mich. dir.
- 29 Dull-edged
- 30 Previous to
- 31 Riddle, part 2
- 36 Remove sodium chloride from
- 39 Villa d'—
- 40 Erie and Tahoe
- 41 Gold, in Spain
- 42 Keep attached
- 44 Most trifling
- 45 Prefix for "the same"
- 46 Riddle, part 3
- 49 Comedian Foxx
- 50 Swapped
- 52 With 6-Down, what a sad person sings
- 53 Robbins or Rice
- 54 Elongated fish
- 55 Thickhead
- 57 Inuit homes
- 59 Riddle, part 4

- 65 Hat fabric
- 66 "Gilligan's Island" star
- 67 Villain in 113-Across
- 68 Riddle, part 5
- 71 — frisé (small dog)
- 73 "Buy — regular price, get ..."
- 74 Mined matter
- 75 Give relief to
- 76 Past
- 77 Family name of old rulers of Florence
- 80 Bonny girl
- 82 Riddle, part 6
- 85 Suffix with percent
- 86 Rub with holy oil
- 88 Attaches with a pop
- 89 "Hold on a —!"
- 90 Put in a new cage
- 91 Contender
- 92 AOL notes
- 96 End of the riddle
- 100 Frat "T"
- 101 "— a break!"
- 102 Prone (to)
- 103 "— -hool!" ("Hey!")
- 104 Pick — (draw from the deck)
- 106 Lariat, e.g.
- 107 Riddle's answer
- 112 Greek strife goddess
- 113 Shakespeare play
- 114 Drive while car shopping
- 115 Part of YTD
- 116 Curly-coated dogs
- 117 "Gotcha!"
- 118 It borders Vietnam

DOWN

- 1 Whimpered like a baby
- 2 On the beach

- 3 Floods
- 4 "Boston Public" actor Nicky
- 5 Ghost's cry
- 6 See 52-Across
- 7 Part of some hammers
- 8 Polar
- 9 Unification Church member
- 10 Hawaii's — Loa
- 11 Did very well
- 12 Vardalos of films
- 13 "I've got a mule, her name is —"
- 14 Right-angled annex
- 15 Nimble
- 16 Small blood cavity in organ tissue
- 17 Language of medieval Scandinavia
- 18 Fare from McDonald's or Wendy's
- 20 Sgt., say
- 24 Makes out all right
- 29 Eateries
- 31 Old video game systems
- 32 Pkg. for a dozen eggs
- 33 Tightly packed fish
- 34 — out (barely earn)
- 35 Mix again
- 37 Hgt.
- 38 Caused
- 43 Verve
- 44 Hodgepodge
- 46 Rigid
- 47 "Gosh golly!"
- 48 Guy, informally
- 49 Splits anew
- 51 Top-floor storage area
- 54 Farthest from the start
- 56 Actor James Van — Beek

- 58 German king, 936-73
- 59 Higher-priced
- 60 Kabuki sash
- 61 "— seen enough"
- 62 Responses to groaners
- 63 Disco-era term meaning "galore"
- 64 "It hit me like a — bricks"
- 66 "Maude" star Arthur
- 69 — -for (neglected)
- 70 Director Rob
- 71 Tendencies
- 72 Dialect
- 75 iPhone buy
- 77 Didn't ignite properly
- 78 Italian stage actress Duse
- 79 Dilapidated
- 81 Tempered with heat
- 82 What a cyclops has
- 83 Arctic regions
- 84 Genetic stuff
- 87 Pos., to neg.
- 88 Funny Caesar
- 91 ESPN sports analyst Dick
- 93 Roma's land
- 94 U.S.-Mexico border city
- 95 Washes with soapy water
- 97 Ed of Reagan's cabinet
- 98 Incantation
- 99 "There ought — law!"
- 104 Trial fig.
- 105 Lower-left PC key abbr.
- 107 Vertex
- 108 1999 Seattle protest subj.
- 109 "Well now!"
- 110 Hairstyles
- 111 —Kosh B'Gosh

Classifieds

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"St. John Livin" - Enjoy the fabulous views and the St. John lifestyle in this furnished villa built in 2006. Big views of Coral Harbor, BVI, and the Caribbean Sea, a paved driveway with easy access, underground utilities, photovoltaic solar system, bamboo floors, over 700ft. of trex decking, and room for a garden. Successful short term rental! Buyer to honor current reservations and some owner financing possible. This picture perfect home is your next right choice. **\$649,000**



"Bo Attabay" - a new solid masonry pool home in a quiet and private location on Seagrape Hill. The spacious, open style floor plan features a central great room, kitchen and dining area flanked by a master suite on each side for guest privacy. A roughed-in 784 square foot space below is for a proposed one bedroom apt. for expansion. The grounds are beautifully landscaped with stone walls and lush gardens surrounding the sunny pool & entertainment deck. **\$1,175M**



"Splendore" - Sculptured high on a magnificent bluff overlooking the Caribbean Sea the architectural design of this elegant residence combines Antillean style with European charm. Completely screened & connected by breezeways, 2 private bedroom suites sit on either side of a large great room that opens onto expansive porches with pool & a spa. A 2nd story loft office doubles as a 3rd bedroom. Located in the well established neighborhood of Great Cruz Bay. **\$1,695**



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"Palm Terrace Villas" - Some of the most spacious condos to be found on St. John. Completed in 2005 with beautiful views, generous balconies, common sun deck & pool area, walk to town & Frank Bay Beach. The 3 bedroom penthouse has cathedral ceilings. All feature granite countertops, stainless appliances, private laundry and ample storage. These condos have it all. **\$599,000 to \$999,000.**

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. Reduced from **\$3.18M to \$2.8M**; Estate Zootenvaal 20 acres over looking the marine preserve at Bork Creek and Hurricane Hole just east of Coral Bay **\$7M**; North Shore Maho Bay -13 acres with white sand beach **\$19.5M**. 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**

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Remembering Guy H. Benjamin

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It's almost as though they were passing in review for him.

He loved music. You could go to any island musical performance be it St. John Singers, visiting artists, or church groups, Guy was there. I recall one night at Nazareth Lutheran Church after a concert, when he sat in a chair on the sidewalk waiting for his ride home greeting everyone including Cruz Bay's rudest boys. You could see the mutual respect in the air.

In his younger days he would play the organ and piano sending cantatas soaring into the heavens. He loved his church. He lived a very basic almost ascetic existence among his books and his animals.

Guy was a professional educator for over 40 years progressing to Superintendent of Schools for St. Thomas/St. John. Generations of Virgin Islanders owe him for their education. He trained boys and girls to be courteous, well-spoken citizens. He treated everyone with kindness and respect, a true gentleman. He will be missed.

Governor deJongh Expresses Sadness at Learning of Death of Guy H. Benjamin

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On Tuesday night, June 19, Governor John deJongh offered condolences to the family and friends of Guy H. Benjamin after learning of his death at the age of 98.

"This life-long educator and author will be sorely missed," said the governor.

DeJongh noted that Guy H. Benjamin was born in East End St. John. He was the first St. Johnian to graduate from the Charlotte Amalie High School on St. Thomas. He received his Bachelors Degree from Howard University and his Masters Degree from New York University.

"Upon returning to the Virgin Islands, he dedicated himself to a career in education," said deJongh. "In recognition of his contribution to education in the Virgin Islands, the public elementary school in Coral Bay, St. John was named in his honor."

The governor also recalled that during his years as a teacher that Benjamin helped initiate the first ferry boat service between St. John and St. Thomas so St. John children could attend school beyond sixth grade.

He was also the author of two books, "Me and My Beloved Virgin", a book of memoirs of St. John in times gone by and "More Tales for Me and My Beloved Virgin."

**Deepest sympathies to the family
and friends of Guy H. Benjamin.**

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Portrait of Mr. Guy H. Benjamin by artist Kat Sowa, above, and with GBS students, below.



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St. John Festival Food Fair featured delicious local food, above; and top right, honoree Gwendolyn Harley; as well as royalty, top left; St. John Olympic athlete Mayumi "Mimi" Roller who is heading off to London next month, center right; food booths, center left; and craft tables, bottom left; including Gwen's Dolls by Honoree Harley, bottom right.

Harley Named Honoree, St. John Royalty Accept Crowns at Food Fair and Coronation

Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Hundreds of people, including Lieutenant Governor Greg Francis and his wife Cheryl, braved the summer heat and packed the Cruz Bay waterfront on Sunday afternoon, June 24, for annual the St. John Festival Food Fair and Coronation.

Tents loaded with local delicacies including everything from conch in butter sauce and dove pork to stew mutton and seafood kalallo lined the waterfront street which was closed to traffic for the day.

People of all ages stood in line angling for homemade ginger beer, passionfruit juice and mauby to keep cool while waiting for their meals from the island's very best cooks who had prepared their best dishes for the annual event.

The crowd gathered under sunny skies in Frank Powell Park for the festivities which included musical selections by Love City Pan Dragons and Wrektion Band as well as the St. John Festival Royalty Coronation and recognition of this year's Food Fair honoree Gwendolyn Harley.

A retired school teacher who logged 33 years with the V.I. Department of Education, it is actually Harley's post-career hobby for which she is most well known.

After learning how to sew from her mother at the age of seven, Harley eventually turned a passion for the craft into an award-winning business. Harley's first dolls were made by scrapping the fibers off mango seeds, upon which she would then paint a face. The dolls were clothed with dresses

made from scraps of fabric collected from Harley's mother and sewn together to fashion madras ensembles.

Today Gwen's Dolls, as well as a series of island animals like iguanas and donkeys she created, are highly collectible pieces which have won awards across the U.S. and British Virgin Islands.

Each doll costume is historically detailed right down to the lace-edged pantalets and hand-woven straw hats. The dolls are Market Ladies, party ladies known as Quadrille Dancers, Bamboula Dancers, French Ladies and French Men. For each doll, Harley is careful to convey the rich culture of the Virgin Islands in each detail.

Accepting the award of 2012 Food Fair Honoree from St. John Festival and Cultural Organization chairperson Leona Smith, Harley thanked her husband of 61 years, both of her two children and her St. John family and friends.

"Everything you have said today about me has been so encouraging," said Harley. "I don't need to say anything more about myself, but thank you to everyone."

Lt. Gov. Greg Francis encouraged the crowd to support the vendors and enjoy a safe Festival.

"This is the beginning of St. John Festival," said Francis. "This begins a week of activities and fun. It's a pleasure to be here today and I want to encourage you all to have fun and support the vendors."

"This is our culture and this is opportunity to celebrate the Virgin Islands," said the lieutenant governor. "Be safe, be respectful and have fun."

After a goosebump-incuding rendition of "I Will Always Love You" by Lorna Freeman, emcee and Festival Organization public relations officer Alecia Wells introduced this year's winning St. John Festival Princess and St. John Festival Queen.

Sh'Nyah Bacon won the crown of 2012/2013 Festival Princess after a closely contested Selection Show on Sunday, June 17. Bacon was accompanied by 2011/2012 Festival Princess Ashyria Kelly and fellow St. John Festival Princess contestants as she accepted the sparkling crown.

Following an impressive St. John Festival Queen Show on Saturday night, June 23, which featured five beautiful and talented young women, Contestant #5 Shanell Thomas was named the winner. (See next week's edition of *St. John Tradewinds* for full St. John Festival Queen Selection Show coverage and photographs.)

Surrounded by fellow contestants Sheniqua Davis, Clarissa Doyling, Shelsea Jean and Khadijah Athanase, Thomas accepted her towering crown with a beaming smile and elegant waves to the crowd.

Following the speeches and musical selections, Harley, Bacon and Thomas gathered on the steps of the Frank Powell Park bandstand along with Lt. Gov. Francis and his wife and pulled the madras ribbon, marking the official opening of the 2012 St. John Festival Food Fair and signaling to all that was time to "Play Mas, Jump Up and Enjoy Yourselves for Festival 2012!"

Happy Festival!