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A total of four parents took the microphone to share their concerns about public education facilities on St. John with DOE Commissioner Donna Frett-Gregory, above center, at a V.I. Senate Committee on Education and Workforce Development meeting at the Cruz Bay Legislature building on Monday, February 3.

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Irish Angel of Mercy Seeks To Organize Shelter for Cruz Bay's Homeless People

By Tom Oat
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A Seventh Day Adventist from Ireland who has done volunteer work through her church around the world, Norah Nainani only has been on St. John for a month but she is trying to make a positive impact by organizing a shelter for the island's homeless — especially those who need urgent medical care.

In early February, Nainani got involved personally when she brought one homeless man she called "Capt. Scott" to the Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center on St. John after she found him seriously ill and lying in his own urine and feces in the Frank Powell Park bandstand in Cruz Bay.

"There's an animal shelter, yet there is no shelter for human beings," said Nainani who estimated there are "12 homeless people living in or around Cruz Bay's Frank Powell Park."

"When you throw someone back on the street is that showing someone you care?" Nainani said of the social services safety net which has major holes in it on St. John. "We treat humans worse than animals."

"They are treated as less than human," the soft-spoken Irishwoman said of the island's homeless. "There are people dying out there."

In an interview with *Tradewinds*, Nainani related her efforts to help a man she called "Capt. Scott" whom she found in the bandstand gazebo lying in his own feces and urine with "bandages all over" and serious infections in sores on his body.

Sick Street Person in Bandstand Gazebo

"Sometimes they take him and clean him up," Nainani said. Then he ends up "back at the gazebo" and "friends bring him more liquor."

"The issue is you can't put a crippled, sick man back on the street," Nainani said. "It is not an issue of the homeless life and drunkenness."

After hearing reports of one especially sick homeless person living in the bandstand in the Cruz Bay's Frank Powell Park, Nainani acted on her own and



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Norah Nainani, center right, with fellow church members, visit with one of their lunch guests in Frank Powell Park.

found "Capt. Scott" early last week.

"I got up at daylight," she recalled. "This one was bad. He had been beaten up, cuts and bruises"

"I called 911 and said 'This man needs to go to the hospital,'" Nainani related.

"The EMT said 'I don't think the clinic will accept him,'" Nainani said, and, sure enough, the ambulance was met by two nurses "who wouldn't let him in."

The staff members were hesitant to admit a man covered with urine and feces and with visible sores from infections "as well as being worried about contamination," Nainani acknowledged.

While they waited for MKSCHC's medical director to arrive, clinic staff members who had seen the sick man before said he was "abusing the system," related Nainani, who agreed the man "can be rotten."

"But, we're talking about a human being who cannot be on the street because he's sick," she said. "I asked them to clean him up and dress him, and after

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Next SJHS Meeting Set for Feb. 11

The St. John Historical Society membership meeting is on Tuesday, February 11, at 7 p.m. at the Bethany Moravian Church, where SJHS member Eleanor Gibney will share a slideshow featuring images from an album of more than 70 rare early 20th century photographs. The pictures document a trip to the islands from Europe on the Danish steamship *SS St. Croix*, as well as a lengthy stay on all three islands.

The presentation will feature extensive photos of St. Thomas and St. Croix, and a few never-before-seen images from St. John. The pictures reveal the strong contrasts often noted among the islands, with many glimpses of landscapes and daily life in the years leading up to the 1917 transfer of the islands from Denmark to the U.S.

Clearing Annaberg Country School Grounds Scheduled for February 15

Join the St. John Historical Society on Saturday, February 15, from 9 a.m. to noon as the Society completes its annual clearing of the Annaberg Country School grounds.

The Society has invited local schoolchildren in need of earning community service hours to help with the effort. Complimentary taxi service for the students will depart from the Cruz Bay ferry dock at 9 a.m. SJHS member Weldon Wasson, who has led the stewardship effort for the past several years, will welcome volunteers. SJHS board member David Knight will give a brief historical background of the Annaberg School, one of the vonScholton Schools that provided compulsory education for all children in the Danish West Indies. Refreshments will be provided. Please bring a hat, sunscreen, gloves, and simple gardening tools.

Public Meeting To Discuss Sustainable Design Report for Coral Bay Feb. 19

The Coral Bay Community Council (CBCC) will have a public meeting on Wednesday, February 19, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Sustainable Design Report for Coral Bay, St. John, and next steps for Coral Bay's future. The meeting will be at the Guy H. Benjamin School, Room 6, in Coral Bay.

This report is the product of the AIA Planning Workshop in May 2013, which brought together more than 140 residents, public officials and community leaders to create a vision for Coral Bay's future. The report can be downloaded at the AIA website <http://www.aia.org/about/initiatives/AIAS075425> or at www.CoralBay-CommunityCouncil.org.

Printed copies of the 58 page report are available at the CBCC office, Connections East and Keep Me Posted. To cover printing costs, leave a deposit of \$5. If you return the copy, you will get the deposit back.

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General Meeting for Veterans Feb. 26

There will be a general meeting for all veterans of the armed forces living on the island of St. John on Wednesday, February 26, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the office of the St. John Administrator located at the Battery in Cruz Bay. Veterans should bring documents and other veteran issues and concerns.

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Senator Donald Cole, above, chairs the Committee on Education and Workforce Development's meeting which drew a large crowd, at left, who mostly opted not to speak.

Few Residents Take Mike at Legislature Education Committee Meeting

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

While more than 100 residents, including Guy Benjamin School and Julius E. Sprauve School parents, staff and administrators packed the room, few residents took advantage of the opportunity to share their concerns about St. John public schools at a V.I. Senate Committee on Education and Workforce Development meeting at the Cruz Bay Legislature building on Monday afternoon, February 3.

The meeting room was just about full to capacity for last week's committee meeting which included testimony from Department of Education Commissioner Donna Frett-Gregory, St. Thomas/St. John DOE Insular Superintendent Jeanette Smith-Barry, St. Thomas/St. John American Federation of Teachers Local 1825 President Vernelle deLargde, and Board of Education President Carol Henneman.

Following testimony from the invited officials, only two parents signed up to testify before the committee with two more parents eventually giving testimony; making for a total of four public comments at last week's meeting, which was chaired by Senator Donald Cole.

Due to a decline in enrollment

"Sprauve needed more than one teacher, and there were no surplus teachers, while GBS had one teacher for nine students. The decision was clear that the Kindergarten classes needed to be consolidated so that both teachers could accommodate all the kindergartners. The district waited until after the late registration date to see if more parents would register their children for GBS, but that did not occur."

— Education Commissioner Donna Frett-Gregory

at GBS, a territory-wide teacher shortage and last minute retirement notices, DOE officials last year combined the Kindergarten and First Grade classes at the two island schools, Frett-Gregory told the senate committee.

"This current school year it was necessary for the department to make some adjustments in the classes at both Guy Benjamin and Julius Sprauve schools," she said. "These adjustments were necessary as part of our efforts to make the most efficient use of our available human resources given the circumstances we faced in St. John at the beginning of the school year."

Facing budget cuts totaling \$40

million over the past five years and ongoing teacher shortages, DOE officials were forced to act in August when only nine students were registered for Kindergarten at GBS while 30 students were registered at JESS, Frett-Gregory explained.

"Sprauve needed more than one teacher, and there were no surplus teachers, while GBS had one teacher for nine students," she said. "The decision was clear that the Kindergarten classes needed to be consolidated so that both teachers could accommodate all the kindergartners. The district waited until after the late registration date to see if more parents would register their children for GBS, but that did not occur."

When a third grade teacher at JESS resigned in July, it left DOE in need of another teacher for the Cruz Bay school, according to the DOE Superintendent.

"In First Grade there were nine students at GBS and 18 at Sprauve," she said. "A third grade teacher at Sprauve resigned and there were already over 20 students enrolled. Because Sprauve needed another teacher, it was prudent to free up a teacher from GBS by consolidating the first grade classes as well." "We had to ensure that we were utilizing personnel effectively and efficiently," said Frett-Gregory.

Faced with the steady decline in enrollment at GBS — which now has 55 students compared to 285 students at JESS — DOE officials are considering their options in regards to public schools on St. John, Frett-Gregory explained.

"A primary consideration under discussion is to utilize the Guy Benjamin Elementary School facility as an early childhood education facility servicing Pre-K through Grade Two and eventually including Head Start," she said.

While recognizing the concerns of the close-knit Coral Bay community, DOE must face the fiscal reality of running two schools on St. John, the DOE Commissioner explained.

"The current annual cost to

operate Guy Benjamin Elementary School is approximately \$1.1 million and it is approximately \$2.3 million to operate the Julius Sprauve School," she said.

Frett-Gregory plans to include St. John stakeholders including parents and teachers of both schools in DOE's conversations

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It’s another St. John murder mystery.

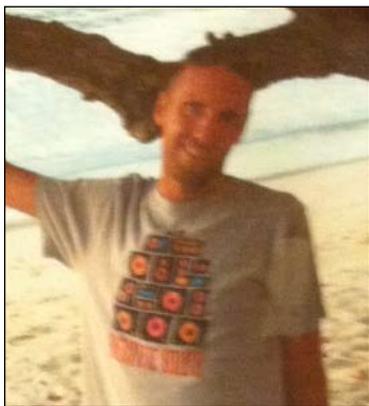
While family and friends of James Malfetti, who was found stabbed to death in his apartment in a luxury home on the south shore of St. John on Sunday, January 19, wait for justice to take its course, the island’s coconut telegraph is sending out its usual mixed signals.

Now neighbors and friends of Malfetti are hearing rumors that the New Jersey man may have been the innocent victim of someone intending to kill the previous tenant of the apartment in which he was killed who was scheduled to testify in an unnamed major criminal trial but who had backed out of testifying.

Coming on the heels of rumors that a neighborhood man with a record of arrest for burglary was questioned and released – rumors which VIPD officials strongly denied — the latest rumors further complicate the investigation of the first murder on St. John in almost two years.

Multiple Sources

Several friends of Malfetti confirmed that he had moved into the apartment within the past few months and that they had heard the same rumor that Malfetti was not the intended target of the fatal attack.



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James “Jim” Malfetti

Multiple sources reported hearing the same rumor and one woman friend of Malfetti said she had heard the rumor from a VIPD investigator who said police cannot find the unnamed suspect.

One resident business owner told *Tradewinds* the very shaken former occupant of the apartment had been publicly acknowledging he was the intended target because he had been scheduled to testify in a major criminal trial which had either been delayed or thrown out recently.

Malfetti, 41, a New Jersey man who had lived on St. John for several years working as a computer consultant, was found stabbed to death in his apartment after the homeowners in the main residence had been the targets of an attempted burglary reported to VIPD ear-

“The drunk person told (the acquaintance of the acquaintance) that up until a month prior to the murder, he had lived in that Boatman Point apartment, and that he was scheduled to testify against someone in a criminal case.”

– St. John Tradewinds source

lier in the weekend.

V.I. Police investigators immediately focused on a young man from a neighboring residential area who had been convicted in previous burglaries; and residents were understandably apprehensive when the young man was released after questioning without being charged, according to several neighbors.

Malfetti’s vehicle was found in the young burglar’s “usual drop-off spot,” according to one *Tradewinds* source who acknowledged he also heard the rumor that Malfetti may have been the innocent victim of someone looking for a previous tenant of the apartment in which he was killed.

Barroom Rumor Circulates

An early February e-mail to *Tradewinds* from a resident who asked to not be identified told the following tale:

“You know how the coconut telegraph is here, and it’s entirely possible that you’ve heard this already, but I figured I’d share...”

“An acquaintance of an ac-

quaintance was at The Beach Bar a few weeks back,” the *Tradewinds* source related in the e-mail. “The acquaintance apparently approached someone who was pretty drunk and shaky, just a mess.”

“The drunk person told (the acquaintance of the acquaintance) that up until a month prior to the murder, he had lived in that Boatman Point apartment, and that he was scheduled to testify against someone in a criminal case,” the *Tradewinds* source continued.

“The drunk was afraid that Malfetti was mistakenly killed and it was supposed to be him (the drunk) who was supposed to be killed because of his role in this case,” the e-mail concluded. “So there it is, for what it’s worth!”

Familiar Murder Mystery

There were early rumors that a suspect was in custody and being questioned, a young neighborhood man with a prior burglary conviction. With the ensuing expressions of disappointment by residents at neighborhood rumors of that suspect’s purported release, the Mal-

fetti murder investigation is now becoming another, all-too-familiar St. John murder mystery.

V.I. Police Department officials have had little public comment on the investigation since Malfetti’s body was found by the property manager on a Sunday morning, although they have been critical of *Tradewinds* reports of various rumors about the case spreading through the island.

“The VIPD does not release regular updates to the media on active cases. To do so may jeopardize the investigation,” VIPD spokesperson Melody Rames e-mailed *Tradewinds* on February 7 in response to a request for an update on the Malfetti investigation. “If the investigating officers have any information they deem will assist the case by releasing it to the media they will inform me of that and I will release it with their permission and approval. This case remains under active investigation.”

“Was someone picked up and then released in the case?” VIPD Public Information Officer Melody Rames told *Tradewinds* in another February 7 e-mail to the publisher of *Tradewinds*. “...that that did not happen and that is a rumour.”

“...it is not helpful to the VIPD or the St. John community to write a story based on rumours that are being presented as facts,” Rames concluded her e-mail.



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Former V.I. DOT Commissioner Richards-Samuel Eyes at-Large Position

By Tom Oat
St. John Tradewinds

Former U.S. Virgin Islands Tourism Commissioner Pamela Richards has put down some strong St. John roots since marrying the artisan Avelino Samuel, a scion of one of the most distinguished native St. Johnian families.

Now Pamela Richards Samuel is being asked to consider spreading her political branches to embrace her new home island.

After a *St. John Tradewinds* January article quoted current Senator at Large Craig Barshinger as confirming he did not intend to seek re-election and recommending Samuel as a potential candidate to succeed him, the newly-minted St. Johnian is doing some political thinking.

“After your article my phone started ringing off the hook with people telling me it is something I really should consider,” Samuel said

St. Johnians Compete

A number of St. Johnians have historically competed for the Senator at Large position, which requires campaigning on the “Big Island” of St. Croix and in the capitol, Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas.

Sen. Barshinger earned the position through years of persistent groundwork and it will take a candidate with name recognition on all three islands to replace him.

While acknowledging recent St. John candidates for Senator at Large such as Ronnie Jones, Sen. Barshinger threw a new name into the conversation with a mention of



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Pamela Richards-Samuel, above, is mulling over a bid for Senator at Large.

Richards.

“I think Pam Richards Samuel would be a great candidate,” said Sen. Barshinger who also mentioned former Commissioner of Licensing and Consumer Affairs Andy Rutnik as a potential candidate.

The honorable mention by Sen. Barshinger notwithstanding, it was a novel concept to the now-Mrs. Samuel.

“When I ran in 2010 (for Lt. Governor on a ticket with James O’ Bryan Jr., (a two-term chairman of the Democratic Party of the Virgin Islands, former Senator, and Administra-

tor of Saint Thomas and Water Island) people said I should run for Senator at Large, but I didn’t have St. John residency,” the former commissioner explained. “I was a Crucian.”

Now married to Avelino – renowned for his master woodworking – the former Commissioner of Tourism looks quite content selling their competing wares at a table in The Marketplace. She admits her collectible brightly-colored enameled pens are more to her style than her husband’s finely-crafted, wooden writing implements made of various native woods.

“He was a crush of mine in high school,” Samuel explains of her marriage to one of the island’s former most-eligible bachelors. “We went to CVI together. He had a girlfriend and I had a boyfriend at the time.”

St. Johnian by Marriage

Now that she is a St. Johnian by marriage, Samuel has to respect the island’s political pecking order with a handful of perennial candidates each with their own strong family ties to the little island such as Jones, Wilma Marsh Monsanto and Lorlei Monsanto.

“I don’t want to have a public battle,” explained Samuel who is vice-chair of the USVI Democratic Party.

Meanwhile, Samuel is off to the St. Croix Ag Fair this week – fully aware of the significance of an election year appearance at the annual event.

“Isn’t that where all the politicians go?” she asked with her trademark smile – and a political twinkle in her eye.

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Coral Bay Basketball Court Slated for Repairs

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Budding LeBron Jameses in Coral Bay soon won't have to travel across the island to find a court where they can shoot hoops.

On the heels of the successful refurbishment of the Pine Peace basketball court, children on the eastern side of the island can look forward to the Coral Bay facility getting a face lift soon.

The decrepit Coral Bay basketball court, located on property owned by the Moravian Church next to Guy Benjamin School, has long been falling into disrepair with the bleachers unsafe to use.

Similar to the private/public partnership which drove the recent Pine Peace basketball court renovation project, renovations to the Coral Bay court will be footed by several major donors — expected to be announced this week — and a community fundraising campaign.

But even getting to this point has been taken agreement by several entities. The project is a collaboration between Coral Bay Community Council, V.I. Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation, Moravian Church officials and Rotary Club of St. John, which has agreed to handle donations, according to the group's president Joan Bermingham.

"The donations part of the project will go through Rotary," said Bermingham. "I've signed the documents saying that we would be involved in the process and we're just waiting for final approval from the Moravian Church and the government."

Governor John deJongh is expected to sign a Memorandum of Agreement this week allowing the private/public partnership to move forward with the local Rotary Club handling fiscal duties. Details of the scope of the court renovations and total fundraising goals should be announced this week, according to Coral Bay Community Council officials.

Local Rotary Club members, who also supported the Pine Peace basketball court renovation project, are excited to see a usable sports facility in the Coral Bay area, Bermingham explained.

"We got involved because we helped with the basketball court at Pine Peace and the court in Coral Bay is in bad shape as well," she said. "We feel it's important as Rotarians to help the youth in this endeavor and make sure they have a place where they can participate in healthy activities like playing on a basketball court."

"It makes me smile every time I go by Pine Peace and see the new court and so we're trying to help this happen out in Coral Bay," said Bermingham.

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Traffic Detoured on Sunday for Wastewater Project

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The V.I. Waste Management Authority implemented a scheduled road closure on Sunday, February 9, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. along King Street in Cruz Bay, closing the entrance to King Street near St. John Car Rental during construction.

King Street was closed to all traffic from the intersection of Strand and Bay Streets while WMA's Wastewater Division's staff was installing a second lateral sewer line along the southern portion of King Street.

All motorists traveling along Strand Street and Bay Street will be directed west on Bay Street to Frangipani Lane or other alternate routes near Gallows Point and Frank Bay.

To accommodate taxis and other motorists departing the Cruz Bay Passenger Ferry Dock, the direction of traffic for the one-way, west-bound roadway leading from the King Street intersection (at First Bank) directly to the ferry terminal area was reversed to allow the direct exit of traffic from the Ferry Terminal back to Prince Street and Route 104.

The V.I. Waste Management Authority's Environmental En-



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

VIWMA officials installed a second lateral sewer line in Cruz Bay on Sunday, February 9, forcing a road closure on King Street.

forcement Officers will be performing traffic control for the duration of this project. Motorists are asked to adhere to all posted signage and the directions of the officers. Motorists are asked to reduce vehicular speed when traversing the area and to use alternate routes during this time.

The Authority apologized to the public for any inconveniences as it strives to improve the wastewater infrastructure in Cruz Bay.

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St. John "Barefoot Minister" Rev. Anne Marie Porter has been celebrating Valentine's Day at Trunk Bay for 14 years.

Couples Invited to Celebrate Valentine's Day by Getting Married All Over Again at Trunk Bay

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

The island's biggest wedding ceremony is set to take place on Valentine's Day, Friday, February 14, when Love City's own "barefoot minister" Anne Marie Porter will renew the vows of an anticipated 100-plus couples at Trunk

Bay.

Now in its 12th year, the Valentine's Day vow renewal has attracted a total of 1,130 couples throughout the years. The event has grown from a small ceremony that Porter performed for a friend to something that visitors now plan their vacations around.

"Bill and Cathy Dove who used to live here on St. John wanted to renew their marriage vows, and they wanted me to officiate," said Anne Marie Porter of the ceremony's beginnings. "They were celebrating their 25th anniversary, and Cathy asked if she could invite the people at her church to also renew their vows at the service. I thought it was a beautiful idea for them to renew their vows with their church family, so she invited the people at the St. John Methodist Church to renew their vows too."

Everyone is welcome to renew their vows at the free Trunk Bay ceremony, from those who have been married less than 24 hours to those who tied the knot many, many decades ago. Couples will be greeted by the beautiful sounds of "Here Comes the Bride" played on the steel pan by Albion Sewer, whose light, melodic music will be complemented by flautist Michael Banzhaf.

"Michael welcomes the brides and grooms onto the beach with his music, setting a very elegant tone for the sacred service," said

Porter.

The, as the sun begins to dip low in the sky and a warm glow washes over Trunk Bay, the barefoot minister conducts the vow renewal ceremony, inviting the diverse group of couples to pledge their love to one another all over again.

"You're standing there with 100 other couples, so you have a lot of witnesses at your wedding who get to see your renewal," said Porter. "For residents to do this in front of their community takes some courage. Hopefully tourists are able to take that renewed energy and love back to their own communities."

Once the ceremony is complete, the couples are once again serenaded by Banzhaf, who plays positive and upbeat music in celebration of the vow renewal, while each bride is given a beautiful long-stem rose and each couple is given a marriage vow renewal certificate that's suitable for framing.

"I'm encouraging couples to do this as a meaningful way to celebrate Valentine's Day," said Porter. "It's really an opportunity for them to honor their relationship and each other by getting married again. That's what makes it so sweet and tender."

Everyone is welcome to attend the ceremony, which begins at 5 p.m. on Valentine's Day at Trunk Bay.

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Broadway Instructors Share What They Gain from Broadway Comes to St. John Experience

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

It's no secret what the island of St. John gains from the time and effort that Broadway performers and instructors Laura Barnao, Donna Drake, Michael Shawn Lewis, Rhonda Miller, and John Tartaglia put forth in working with Love City fourth graders on their Broadway Comes to St. John show. The fourth graders get a taste of the arts while gaining self esteem, and the St. John School of the Arts benefits financially from the show, which is the school's major yearly fundraiser. But the actors also benefit in their own way from the time, energy, and expertise that they share with the island's children.

Read on to find out why these Broadway actors have come back to St. John for the fourth year in a row to lead this major undertaking. [Editor's note: Laura Barnao was unable to attend the interview].

Rhonda Miller: *The five of us have been coming to the island as friends for about seven years, and we just fell in love with St. John and wanted to try to be more involved when we came down here for vacation. The one thing all of us have in common is we love children, and we love to see them grow and be inspired. We like to see their self-confidence grow. All of us really enjoy this. For me particularly being a choreographer, it's very exciting watching their*



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L to R: Michael Shawn Lewis, Donna Drake, John Tartaglia and Rhonda Miller (not pictured is Laura Barnao).

coordination develop. The smiles on their faces when they finally actually get the step or some piece of the choreography is just the cutest thing. Even the following year when we come back, they run up to us and hug us and just seem so full of joy. Just the other day, I was speaking to one of the young ladies from the Julius E. Sprauve School and she said, 'I just love to sing and dance and I'm so excited to be here.' I asked her if she was planning to take more classes at the School of the Arts and she said that she and her mom were looking

into it. It was really sweet. She was very engaging, and it was nice to see how much she enjoyed singing and dancing.

John Tartaglia: *This is our work and our livelihood; we're passionate and we love it, but of course it's what we do to make a living. So when we get to bring what we do down to St. John, we're not working with this class of savvy people who've done this their whole lives. We're not doing it with other people who are looking for the next job or paycheck.*

We're working with young minds who really want to learn, who are so impressed with the idea that you can express yourself using the arts and that you can make people feel something by performing. For most, if not all, of these kids, it's the first big type of performance that they've ever done. When you have that kind of honesty, it completely reinvigorates us as artistic people and reminds us why we do what we do. It's a sense of pay it forward that is so beautiful to see. Sometimes you wonder if the kids remember and whether they care or think about their experience once it's all over. One of the nicest things we've heard was one of the Giffit Hill School teachers said, 'You guys don't understand, this has become a rite of passage. The first, second, and third graders talk about it. It's a huge deal that everyone kind of looks forward to.' The kids who have gone through it speak so highly about their experience with the show that they all want to come back and do it again. It's so easy to forget why you do what you do sometimes. It's easy to get caught up in the mechanization of everything. To have that love, desire, and eagerness coming from the kids, it makes it all worth it.

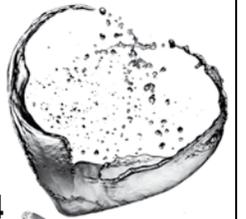
Michael Shawn Lewis: *I've been fortunate and lucky enough to have experiences in different areas of the planet working in arts with the kids. I've gone to India*

and taught kids different ways of expressing themselves through the arts, and I've done a little of this in

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St. John Cancer Fund Hosting 8 Tuff Miles Recovery Party Feb. 23

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

After tackling the gruelling hills of St. John in the 18th Annual 8 Tuff Miles Road Race on Saturday, February 22, be sure to relax on one of the island's picturesque beaches on Sunday, February 23, and support one of the most important local organizations.

St. John Cancer Fund volunteers are hosting the 2nd Annual 8 Tuff Miles Recovery Beach Party at Oppenheimer Beach on February 23 starting at 11 a.m. Attendees will have the opportunity to ease their aching feet, while enjoying delicious food and drinks, a beer pong tournament and a "golden ticket" raffle drawing.

Several local massage therapists will be on hand to rub those sore muscles, well-earned from hoofing it across the island the day before. Beach party goers will also enjoy fresh grilled hot dogs and hamburgers or roasted pig while gearing up for the action in the hotly anticipated beer pong tournament. Individual registration for the tournament is only \$25 and three tables will be going at once en route to the finale.

In addition to bragging rights, the beer pong grand champion will have his or her name posted on a one-of-a-kind trophy hand-crafted by St. John artist George Hollander and displayed at The Tap Room.

For those lacking beer pong talent in the group, St. John Cancer Fund is hosting an exciting golden ticket raffle drawing with three luxurious prizes.

The group is only selling 100 tickets for \$100 each for the chance to win: a five-night stay at Gallows Point Resort and dinner for two at restaurant Ocean 362; a week's stay

at the three-bedroom Upper Carolina villa Day Dream with a seven-day Jeep rental from Sunshine Jeeps; and round-trip transportation and a weekend stay at Neptune's Treasure on Anegada.

Be ready to enjoy a great beach party with plenty of food and drinks, music and games. While there is no parking at Oppenheimer Beach, taxis are available from Cruz Bay and a shuttle will run all afternoon from the Mongoose Junction area.

All proceeds from the event will help cancer patients on St. John thanks to St. John Cancer Fund, which has zero administrative fees, explained board member Mary Bartolucci.

"One-hundred percent of everything we make goes to St. John cancer patients in need," said Bartolucci. "The Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands, which handles our money, has angels that cover costs so we don't get charged anything for them to take care of our financials. We have complete 100 percent transparency."

The St. John Cancer Fund, which is comprised of a board of volunteers, also has no restrictions on how residents in need can spend their funds. The group is only restricted in its giving by how much money is in its coffers. St. John Cancer Fund, only one-year-and-a-half old, has already raised its financial assistance cap per resident, Bartolucci added.

"When we started, we didn't have anything and we wanted to be sure there was going to be plenty of money for people," she said. "So we set the cap at \$1,500. Thanks to support from many different groups and businesses on St. John, we've been able to raise that cap to \$2,500 per person."



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St. John artisan George Hollander with the Beer Pong Trophy he recently crafted for the event.

From a Giff Hill School bake sale to Woody's Seafood Saloon's annual Save Second Base Block Party and High Tide's Dinghy Poker Run, and more, many St. John organizations, businesses and individual residents have helped to make sure cancer patients in need have access to financial assistance.

"What is great is that the fund is provided by the community and goes directly to the community," said Bartolucci.

Since its founding in July 2012, the group has helped a total of 23 patients and donated a total of \$33,564.11 to residents who need-

ed help paying for rent, gas, airline tickets and more, and without the hassle of jumping through hoops.

"I thought there was going to be a lot of paper work and all these hassles to deal with," said St. John architect Ken Yolman, a cancer survivor who relied on the fund recently himself. "It was absolutely simple. I faxed in the application and a couple of days later they sent out a check."

"I got behind the financial eight ball being away for five months for treatment and not having any insurance," he said. "They really helped and it couldn't have been easier."

Yolman is roasting up the pig for the beach party on February 23 and is happy to be able to help, he explained.

"I'm supporting the St. John Cancer Fund because they helped me when I really needed it," said Yolman. "They paid for several months of rent and helped me pay to get back to the states for my check up. Thank god there are people who donate to this fund."

"It really, really helps," said Yolman. "And there are so many people who are affected by cancer. You don't realize it until you are one of them, I guess."

With zero administrative costs and all proceeds staying on the island to help island residents, St. John Cancer Fund can help more people only with the community's support. Mark those calendars for Sunday, February 23, for the Second Annual 8 Tuff Miles Recovery Beach Party at Oppenheimer Beach at 11 a.m.

For more information about St. John Cancer Fund, check out www.stjohncancerfund.org, or email stjohncancerfund@gmail.com.

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Man's Best Friend Joins the Fight Against Cancer on St. John

By Judi Shimel
St. John Tradewinds

Widening the circle of friends and loved ones in the fight against cancer is the idea behind the island's third walkathon celebration.

The American Cancer Society of the Virgin Islands adds man's best friend to the mix by bringing Bark for Life to the Emmaus Moravian Church Field in Coral Bay March 15. The event, adopted by the cancer society nationwide in 2009, Bark for Life is billed as a canine event to fight cancer.

Bark for Life is a variation on the familiar Relay For Life, the day-into-night walk around the track, raising thousands of dollars to help Virgin Islanders meet their medical expenses.

The overnight relays have been very successful on St. Thomas and St. Croix and for the first St. John Relay for Life in 2011.

A split took place among organizers a few months later with the formation of the St. John Cancer Fund. But the turnout for Relay for Life 2013, held at the Winston Wells Ball Park in Cruz Bay, remained strong.

Now American Cancer Society of the VI Executive Director Lorraine Baa says she hopes a new type of family oriented fun will bring supporters out again.

"It's a canine event to fight cancer," said Baa. "You walk your dog. Our goal is to raise \$45,000

on the island of St. John."

Baa calls the March 15 event a grass roots effort to rally residents around the cancer society's efforts. It's the third time St. John has hosted its own cancer fundraiser.

Bringing in community support is important, the director said, because the economic environment makes fundraising more challenging.

This year, for Bark for Life, teams will include canine partners. St. John cancer survivors are invited to kick off the four hour event with a walk around the field. Then, Baa said, they will be invited to sit and enjoy a day's worth of contests and entertainment.

"There's going to be some dog activities, festivities and things people who like dogs like to do," she said.

The fun starts after the end of the scheduled 4 p.m. opening ceremonies.

A grand marshal will lead a Bark for Life Parade, followed by the survivor's walk.

Team walks begin at 5 p.m. and continues through 8 p.m. Teams of 15 signing up this year will pay a \$150 team registration fee and each team member can raise \$100 apiece.

An event king and queen will be chosen and crowned at a coronation ceremony at 5:30 p.m.

Then the pets get a chance to do their thing with a contest to pick the most clever trick and the

best dog handler.

In a look alike contest, judges will look for the most striking similarities between pets and their owners.

Judges will also pick the cutest pet.

Then comes Oscar night and selection of the winner for the Golden Pooch award. Prizes will also be given for the top fundraising teams, the best costumed team.

As twilight leads into night the Moravian field is expected to light up with a Luminara ceremony at 7:30 p.m. Survivors will again walk along the field, and have a chance to share their experiences about living with cancer.

The Coral Bay fundraiser with Bark for Life is a first for the American Cancer Society of the Virgin Islands. Later this year, Baa said, another Bark for Life will be held at Antilles School.

Funds raised through these events will help cancer patients meet the cost of travel for treatment and other treatment-related expenses. The money derived from these events is becoming more important, Baa said, because more help is being sought, especially by cancer patients on St. Croix.

For further information, or to pick up a sponsorship package, contact ACSVI at 340-775-5373.

Dr. Iris Kern is this year's chairperson for the ACS St. John Bark for Life fundraising event.

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For more information, contact the VICC at 340-776-3112 or visit www.vicarnival.com.

AIA Coral Bay Sustainable Design Report Released

St. John Tradewinds

The Coral Bay Community Council (CBCC) announces that the long-awaited report from last spring's American Institute of Architects (AIA) workshop has been released.

As part of the planning activities within the Coral Bay Watershed Management Project: Phase 2, the Coral Bay Community Council obtained a Sustainable Design Assessment Team (SDAT) grant from the American Institute of Architects (AIA).

This grant brought a group of eight experts to St. John from May 29-31, 2013 to work with more than 140 residents, public officials & community leaders to create a vision for Coral Bay. The several meetings brought together a diverse group of people to discuss Coral Bay's future. Issues addressed included discussions on supporting appropriate development and infrastructure while protecting the natural environment and enhancing our overall quality of life for many years to come. The report can be accessed at the AIA website <http://www.aia.org/about/initiatives/AIAS075425> or at www.CoralBayCommunityCouncil.org. On the Coral Bay Community Council website homepage, there is also a link to a brief on-line sur-

vey, so people can provide their comments and ideas for next steps for the community -- after reading the report.

The CBCC website also has the results of the community vision survey completed in conjunction with the workshop.

Printed copies of the 58 page report are available at the CBCC office, Connections East and Keep Me Posted. To cover printing costs, please leave a deposit of \$5. If you return the copy, you will get the deposit back.

Coral Bay was one of 7 communities chosen nationwide to participate in the 2013 AIA program: <http://www.aia.org/about/initiatives/AIAS075425>

A public meeting to discuss the report and next steps for Coral Bay's future is scheduled for Wednesday, February 19, at 6:30 p.m. at Guy H. Benjamin School, Room 6, in Coral Bay.

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Soak Up Dual Bay Views at Coral Haven

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Be sure to plan for a few nights in as you will want to linger on the spacious decks to soak up the view of the stars twinkling overhead at Coral Haven, nestled in the Estate Emmaus area of quaint Coral Bay.

This two-bedroom, two-bathroom home offers plenty of potential and is for sale for \$709,000, explained 340 Real Estate broker/owner Tammy Donnelly.

The home boasts breath-taking views of tropical sunrises and majestic moonrises with steady breezes and dual bay views, explained Donnelly.

“What really sets this home apart are the dual bay views and the prevailing breezes,” she said. “You have views down to both Hurricane Hole and Coral Bay harbor and there has been a great breeze every time I’ve been to the property.”

Coral Haven is located in a quiet residential neighborhood and, while it feels like you are

world’s away from it all, fun restaurants, funky shops and several V.I. National Park hiking trails are all within easy walking distance, Donnelly explained.

“Seagrape Hill is a great residential neighborhood with a mix of island residents and short-term rentals,” she said. “Coral Haven is in a great location with the Skinny Legs complex and the Johnny Horn and Brown Bay hiking trails nearby.”

Outside find a gardener’s dream with lush tropical plants and flowers including halaconia, Xora, Norfolk pine trees, bananas, grapefruit, mango, avocado, soursop and carambola trees, and more.

Inside Coral Haven, the two bedrooms are spread over two levels, which each level boasting spacious decks. The top level consists of one bedroom and one bathroom with a separate kitchen and great room area. Drink in the views from the spacious, wrap-around deck and even unwind in the relaxing hot tub nestled on the top deck at Coral Haven.

Downstairs the home boasts a one-bedroom studio space with a kitchenette and a bathroom. There is plenty of space for a hammock on the large deck and enjoy those water views, which are not compromised from the lower level unit.

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Friends Gala “Knocks It Out of the Park”

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It was St. John’s “Gala of Gala’s” and people are still talking about the legendary good time they had while supporting a great cause: Friends of Virgin Islands National Park. “Amazing home!” “Best gala ever!” “Great food all night!” “Superb wine!” “Great music!” – are all comments that continue to echo the island. The event net \$60,000 to support protection, preservation and education programs and projects which Friends has provided for more than 25 years.

On February 1st, about 225 Friends supporters took a champagne shuttle from Trunk Bay to Presidio Del Mar in Peter Bay, home of Steven & Pamela Deckoff, nearly selling out the event and filling the home with friendship and laughter. The guests were served by more than 30 volunteers and the professional staff of Marcellin Private Chefs. All agreed that Chef Andy Marcellin really made the event special with spectacular epicurean delights from the moment guests walked in until the last guest left.

The Friend’s gala signature of red carpet and white roses welcomed guests to the “National Treasures Gala” as the event kicked off with cocktails and passed hors d’oeuvres, carving and seafood stations and even gourmet pastry chef offerings later that evening. The wine and champagne was top notch and impressed even the most



Tradewinds News Photo by Yelena Rogers

Pamela Deckoff, above, will again host next year’s Friends of VINP Gala at her and husband Steve’s beautiful Presidio del Mar home in Estate Peter Bay on the island’s North Shore.

discriminating connoisseurs. The In the Sand Band had people dancing before it even got dark. Kim Holland offered her famous “Taste of History” aged rum bar where she dramatically smoked and served rums older than some of the guests. Her special bar also offered fine cigars and homemade truffles, accompanied by the smooth jazz music of Harvey Werbel. A costumed and talented magician, Lisa Menna, entertained guests and made donations magically appear!

Always a highlight of the

event, this years’ raffle and silent auction were no exception. lucky winners took home artwork, jewelry, dining packages, lodging and lots of other great prizes, including a week at the Ritz-Carlton in Vail, Colorado. Kylin Gillem was the lucky winner of the special jewelry raffle for a historic 1752 Spanish coin and 18K gold necklace valued at \$3,295, donated by R&I PATTON goldsmithing. She wasn’t at the gala but was thrilled when she got an email telling her that she won!

Friends of VI National Park thanks all those who helped create and celebrate this 10th Annual Gala! Friends owes this success to the many volunteers that kept overhead low and service high, to auction and raffle donors and to guests who came to support the cause.

Friends would like to say thank you to all those who made it a night to remember! Sponsors and partners include Premier Wine & Spirits, deSIGNS, In the Sand Band, Josephine’s Greens, Marcellin Private Chefs, Queen of Tarts, Dionysus, Bellows/West Indies, St. John Brewing, Caribbean Food Service and St. John Ice. With more than 60 businesses and individuals who donated items to the raffle, it was truly a community effort!

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Gail Karlsson Wins Painting Raffle in Support of SJSA



Gail Karlsson, left, was the lucky winner of an original Kimberly Boulon painting at the recent Caribbean 2 Opening at Kimberly Boulon Fine Art Gallery, a benefit in support of St. John School of the Arts.

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Moe Chabuz Running 8 Meaningful Miles February 22

St. John Runner Tackling 8 Tuff Miles for Team River Runner

**By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds**

St. John runner Maurice “Moe” Chabuz has plenty of distance under his well-worn sneakers, but the eight miles he plans to run on Saturday, February 22, might be the most meaningful he has tread.

For the fifth year in a row, Chabuz plans to start the 8 Tuff Miles Road Race, which is being hosted for the 18th time on February 22, at the back of the pack and raise money along the way for Team River Runner’s St. John program.

Team River Runner is dedicated to offering health and healing for

wounded veterans through adaptive kayak sports. The group was started by Washington D.C. area kayak enthusiast Joe Mornini at Walter Reed Army Medical Center more than a decade ago and today has chapters across the country engaging wounded veterans in meaningful camaraderie and physical stimulation.

The group has hosted an annual leadership skills trip to St. John for the past six years, bringing TRR participants recommended by their local chapters from across the country together for a week at Cinnamon Bay Campground.

Thanks to cash and in-kind do-

nations, annual fundraisers like the St. John Chaotic Kayak Race in August and Chabuz’s 8 Tuff Miles effort, TRR’s St. John program has become self-sufficient.

In order to make sure it remains that way, Chabuz is accepting donations of any kind — a nickel, a dime, a dollar or more — for every person he passes on his way from the Cruz Bay start to the Coral Bay finish line. Chabuz usually passes around 700 runners and raises

about \$10,000 for TRR.

Make checks out to Team River Runner and drop them off at Skinny Legs in Coral Bay to make a donation. Checks can also be mailed to Skinny Legs, P.O. Box 654, St. John, USVI, 00831.

Run, Moe, Run!

For more information about Team River Runner visit www.teamriverrunner.org. For more information about 8 Tuff Miles visit www.8tuffmiles.com.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Moe Chabuz, above left.



The plant sale draws a huge crowd each year.

Annual Audubon Plant Sale Is March 1

St. John Tradewinds

If you’re looking for a great variety of plants and trees at reasonable prices come see us at the The Marketplace (2nd level parking lot) from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 1. Once again the VI Audubon Society will offer a wide variety of plants and trees; most obtained from various VIAS members and from local growers/landscapers, who generously donate plants for the groups annual fundraiser.

If you’re looking to add palms, bay trees, mahogany trees, some natives, desert rose, agaves, ornamentals such as Joseph’s Coat, lantana, ruellia, plumeria, periwinkle and other garden favorites to your landscape make sure to stop by. Vegetable plants will also be available including: tomatoes, lettuce greens, eggplant, sweet and hot peppers, kale, collards, edaname and banana root stock. Many diverse herbs will be for sale including: cilantro, parsley, dill, basil, mint and garlic chives. This list is only a portion of what will be available. The organization will have orchids for sale, too.

This event is the major fundraiser for VIAS. Money raised is used to sponsor programs for school children and to continue efforts to, preserve, restore and enhance the wildlife sanctuary at the Small Pond at Frank Bay, a Virgin Islands designated Wildlife & Marine Sanctuary. For further information contact co-chairs Dave Spoth at (716) 472-6888 or Mary Moroney at 779-8091.

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USVI Athlete Jasmine Campbell Bears Flag at Opening Ceremony of Winter Olympics

St. John Tradewinds

A record number of nations qualified to compete in the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics, 88 nations! And the Virgin Islands are one of them. Team ISV is represented by one athlete, Jasmine Campbell.

Jasmine Campbell was born on St. John, USVI. Her family moved from the islands to Idaho when she was around 9 years old. She began ski racing in Idaho; and has trained there and also in South America. She is an Alpine racer, and will compete in Slalom and Giant Slalom.

Jasmine was the flag bearer in the Parade of Nations during the Opening Ceremony of the Winter Games in Sochi. She walked proudly waving a large USVI flag alongside her coach and team administrators. Jasmine shared with us what the experience was like, when she will race and what she is doing between now and race time.

Q: What was it like participating in the Opening Ceremony?

A: The whole experience was positively surreal. I was able to meet with tons of interesting people from countries I know I'll never be able to pronounce, I felt like I could travel the globe in just 100 meters. The Olympics really are a unique opportunity to get so many people from so many different walks of life to come and walk together in the same space if only for a little while. It was a real honor and privilege to be a part of that.

Q: What was it like backstage with all the athletes lined up, waiting for their big entrance during the Parade of Nations?

A: Backstage everyone was remarkably kind and welcoming as they inquired where you were from, what sport you were doing, and if you wanted to exchange pins. Some are pretty aggressive when it comes to exchanging pins, but I'm pretty sure it can be safely assumed that when the most competitive people in the world are gathered together and you give them a mission to exchange pins, they will git 'er

done. My parents were just as excited as I to be there.

Q: You compete on February 18th in Giant Slalom, and on February 21st in Slalom. What are you doing leading up to the race days?

I'm in the mountain village trying and failing to adjust to the time zone as I work my tail off in training as I gear up for the races.

Q: Is there anything you'd like to add?

A: I just really want to thank everyone for their unbelievably gracious support and kind words of congratulations. It's an honor not only to represent the VI, but also to know there are so many of you out there gunning for me. So, basically THANKS! And I'll try to make y'all proud.

For updates on Team ISV at the 22nd Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia follow the Virgin Islands Olympic Committee's Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/VirginIslandsOlympics>.



Photo of the newscast of the USVI's Team ISV walking in the Parade of Nations, above, and Campbell sitting in the Olympic Rings in Sochi, Russia.



St. John Rotary Club Honors Flavors Winners of 2014



St. John Tradewinds News Photos

Rotary Club of St. John members recently honored Flavors Winners of 2014 for Best Appetizer at ZoZo's with Executive Chef Michael Fortino, above left; People's Choice was Caneel Bay Sushi, above center, with Sushi Chef Taic Kim; Best Entree First Place was awarded to Mathayom Catering/St. John Chefs, above right. The team this year included Chef Tyler Lewis (next to Joan Berminghama, far left) and Chef David Gale (next to Bruce Munro, far right); Best Dessert Third Place was Cafe Livin', bottom right.



Senator-at-Large Report

By Senator Craig Barshinger

You Can Help Sustain Guy Benjamin School

St. John Tradewinds

This is my first Senator at large report for 2014 and I take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy New Year!

The Legislature started off the new year with an early Session in January. Many important things happened during this Session that I will share with you in this report, however I'm going to speak first about the most important thing facing St. John right now: Our schools.

The Guy Benjamin School is one of the top-rated elementary schools in the Territory. It is now in danger of closing. This is due to a combination of declining enrollment and budget cuts. Enrollment is down to 55 students and the Dept of Education budget has fallen from \$200 million to \$175 million.

That is the bad news. I have good news, too: Guy Benjamin School (GBS) can be sustained. Here's what you have to do: By March 15, you must enroll 100 students for next year in Guy Benjamin School. If you do that, GBS will remain open and the two grades that were lost this year to Julius Sprauve School will be restored. I say "you" instead of "we", because I want to make it clear that only YOU can save GBS.

After a recent Education Committee meeting on St. John, I met with a number of parents who are now planning an event to raise awareness and mobilize parents to register 100 students at GBS. This is a good idea.

Register your children for GBS. Urge your neighbors to register their children for GBS. Ask your Cruz Bay friends and relatives to register their children, especially K thru 3rd grade, for GBS. If there are 100 students, the Dept of Education will not be able to close GBS.

Catherine Stephen in my office is there to help you. We want to

keep a tally of how many people intend to register at GBS. Please call or email us at: 693-8061 or email catherine@visenate.org.

The Guy Benjamin School has the quality of a private school, but it is a free, public school. It is a gift, a treasure. It's future hangs in the balance, and you have the power to save it!

Let's turn back to the recent Legislative Session. With my fellow senators' unanimous vote, I sponsored a resolution commend Orville "Chopper" Brown and to name our newly refurbished Pine Piece Basketball Court in his honor. A copy of the Resolution is available in the St. John Senate office. Read it to learn about Chopper's tireless years of support for our youth. He has taught them sports and been an extraordinary role model for athletic skill, volunteerism, hard work, and goal-setting. Many people helped with this Resolution and I thank in particular Shikima Jones, Loren Abramson, and Catherine Stephen.

The Session started with overrides. I moved to override the governor's veto of the bill that adjusted our plan for the Coral Bay Park, which is inside what we are now calling the Coral Bay Public Area. The governor's veto message implied that the St. John Capital Improvement was over-appropriated. Oddly, he said that in a footnote, without supplying documentation. Fortunately my office kept track of the balance independently and we knew that we were on solid ground. My colleagues agreed and overrode the Governor's veto.

The Coral Bay Public Area will be acquired in a phased acquisition, beginning with 20 prime acres for \$1 million. It will provide Coral Bay with a park that contains some flat walking and biking trails, it preserves and showcases the ruins, and it provides land for a true recycling "convenience" center. Recreational facilities will be

included. It will ultimately allow the King's Hill Rd to be improved so that we have an alternate, good road to and from Coral Bay. Land will be available for solar panels that according to plan will make St. John and energy-neutral substation of the VI WAPA. That is to say, St. John will net-meter, pushing excess power to the grid during the middle of the day and drawing on the WAPA grid at night.

Would you like to be a part of this? Contact our office. The owner is charged by the legislation with

forming Parcel 7 Coral Bay Land Trust, patterned after the Magen's Bay Authority. It will plan out the future acquisition phases and ensure that the services are just what the public needs and wants.

In the month of January both Senator Jackson and Senator Cole held committee hearings in the St. John Annex. These hearings were held in the late afternoon or evening in order to allow maximum participation. I am proud to say that public turnout for St. John hearings is very high, often surpassing the turnout of St. Thomas or St. Croix meetings. This speaks to the extraordinary commitment St. Johnians have to making things better on St. John.

In the recent Session, I announced that I'm not running for Senator At Large in the fall, nor am I running for any elected office. (There is a persistent rumor that I am running for Lt. Governor. It is not true.) My father passed

away three years ago and there are things that I must tend to that are pressing. The Legislature is a full time job, therefore I will leave it to a successor. Of course I will do everything I can to ensure a smooth transition to whomever you choose as your next senator at large.

Please remember that St. Johnians have not only a senator at large, but seven district senators. A St. Johnian can run for any of these eight senate seats. I would like to see two or even three St. Johnians in the senate!

There is so much more to report as we move into 2014. I will continue the report in a future issue. Some of the things I will be speaking about are the Eudora Kean High School track, the Tilapia farm, the Governor's state of the Territory address, and the status of roads and striping on St. John.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your senator at large.



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 Rapes: 1

2014-TO-DATE

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Letters To St. John Tradewinds

Island Green Living Association Gives a Million Thanks

The Island Green Living Association would like to say a million thanks to everyone who supported our fundraiser and anniversary party, 70,000 Thanks, on Saturday, February 1. It was our most successful fundraiser to date, bringing in close to \$6,000 for our organization.

We were overwhelmed by the generosity of those who purchased items from the Depot during the party, participated in our raffle, signed up to become members of IGLA, and those who helped fill up our donation jars. A big congrats to Jan Courlas, who won the gorgeous mahogany table hand-crafted by local woodworker Matt Mueller and donated to IGLA by Frank Barnako!

Huge thanks to the local businesses who donated food, drinks, gift certificates for the raffle, and more: the Stangerz, who provided live music at the event; Gail Siart and Peter Fortunato at Outside the Box Solutions, who have been instrumental in developing IGLA's new website; Frank Barnako, who donated the mahogany table for the raffle; Nancy Louis, who donated two composters for the raffle along with a ton of her time organizing the event; and the Tap Room, Ocean Grill, Waterfront Bistro, Alfredo's Landscaping, Spyglass Restaurant, Cruz Bay Landing, Cafe

Livin', St. John Hardware, Caravan Gallery, Caravan Auto Store, The Beauty Lounge, Calypso/Bad Kitty, Starfish Market, Skinny Legs, High Tide, Freebird, Connections, and Nancy Stromp and Jason Hayman of Pelican Beach Excursions, who all donated gift certificates or items for our raffle.

The funds raised at the 70,000 Thanks party will undoubtedly help as IGLA seeks to expand its initiatives in our major effort to preserve St. John. No other organization is poised to make as big of a positive impact on our island's environment as we are, and we need your continued support.

You can help us as we preserve our beautiful island's natural environment through programs like our Green Villa Program, glass crusher initiative, and the ReSource Depot. Join us as a member or donate to our organization today by visiting www.igbavi.org.

We look forward to continuing our role in keeping St. John beautiful and pristine; perhaps next year, we can celebrate 200,000 pounds of waste kept out of local landfills with the community's continued support!

**Thank you,
Barry Devine,
IGLA Executive Director**

Kimberly Boulon Fine Art Gallery Thanks "An Evening With The Arts" Participants and Supporters

A huge thank you! to ALL involved in our Caribbean2 Presentation for making it a special event:

The Marketplace and manager Debbie Marsh, your support and accommodation is, and has been, paramount to our success.

Gallery Artists, it's our privilege to have you and your marvelous creations grace our gallery: Ceramists Gail Van de Bogurt Casey Giakas, Kaye Thomas Eichner; George Hollander, spectacular light feature.

St. John School Of The Arts, creative and vibrant: SJSA Executive Director Kim Wild, Office Manager Kazumi Schaub, Choreographer Jude Woodcock, volunteers (set up and break down) "Paco" Jones, Jeff Miller, Donald Becker and John Hoerner; performers: delightful, dramatic and moving — Jude Woodcock, Chris Meyer, Mindy Mitchner, Cassandra Cantreiras, Jahalie Bruce, Jeune Provost, Kaya Ahladis and Shekoia Sprauve.

Eddie Bruce and Mike Sorzano; very, very cool musicians...with Jeff Miller.

Decorative elements for a Caribbean — Japanese Fusion: Sloop Jones Bamboo from his garden, with George Hollander's artistic eye, and Robyn Podany's arrangements on tables.

Robyn Podany, with Grey Podany and Will and Mary Reynolds, behind the scenes the night of making it happen for set up, during, and break down of all areas culinary including the raffle area. Additionally

Greg and Eve Maskell joined us for the break down. Thank you.

Chef Andy Marcellin and Starfish Market, appetizers and Queen Of Tarts confections — beautiful and delicious!

West Indies Corporation with Paul Kessock, and beverages servers et al, non-stop at your service with smiles: Kevyn Salsburg, John and Lee Hoerner and Kathy Corkhill.

At the raffle table: Maryanne Campbell and Lynn Giovanna pulling for the SJSA that is so dear to us all. You and the raffle-buying guests made a great team.

And to record the evening with professionalism and sensitivity, Yelena Rogers still photographer and Bill Stelzer videographer.

Tradewinds: MaLinda Nelson, thank you for our ad write up and event pictures publication.

Lynda Lohr and St. John Source.

Attendees: thank you for being with us. Your support is paramount to all of our success! We hope you enjoyed the arts and the evening.

The gallery's next event is Friday, February 28.

**Our sincerest gratitude for a scintillating collaboration with a beautiful community,
Thank you,
Kimberly and Rafe Boulon**

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Letters To *St. John Tradewinds*

Electric Bills are Root of Problems

Store owners stand by, watching cruise ship passengers walk by, waiting for WAPA to turn power back on. Tourists can't watch the World Series or the Super Bowl because of black outs. Small restaurants' suffer with \$7000 per month electric bills. Businesses are shutting down and the economy is in a shambles because of the cost and the unreliability of electricity in the Virgin Islands. Businesses, Condo Associations and home owners are severely restricted in the ability to install solar electricity as well as suffering extreme delays due to the current regulations.

Senators in the VI, man up, WAPA cannot fix it-self.

They have stood by and watched while lack of maintenance has allowed the extremely useful co-generation plant has self-destructed. Ask the engi-

neers from GE to come and testify about the lack of maintenance and resistance to change in the heart and soul of WAPA. Do something.

Because of our environment and location we can be leaders in renewable clean energy and become a world class island vacation destination or we can continue to be a second rate destination for cruise ships passengers who can only afford a tee shirt and a island tour on a safari and we can continue to enjoy(?) your fish fry's and watch the Carnival limp along. Its up to you.

There is no reason we should suffer for decades because an Autonomous Government Agency does not function any better than the worst of rest of the Government.

Greg Miller

Matrix: Our System Is Feeding Us False Sense of Security

Like the movie, our system has been feeding us a false sense of security. Designed to keep us attached by the umbilical cord of political speech, our leaders have promised us the sun, moon and stars for many years. It is time that we come back to earth.

Our prospective candidates will try to woo us with talk of new schools, better roads/access, lower electrical bills, increased security, welfare programs and equal rights. Yet after we have put into office folks with similar plans, the results are the same: Energy costs that are too high, congested traffic, unreliable computer systems within our government agencies, reduced services and corruption amongst the leaders.

We are basically setting the stage for a federal takeover. Like the city of Detroit, our debt will continue to grow, schools will deteriorate and tensions between those who have and those who don't will escalate.

Under a Chief Financial Officer, Detroit's mayor has no control over its finances. Whatever the CFO decides will likely be challenged in court, but ultimately will take effect. In the V.I., the senators won't be able to change the decision. Therefore it is critical to examine where we are in relation to the upcoming governor's election.

It's simple. In order to win votes, candidates will

travel across the water to fill our minds with words of change. They will raise our expectations by promising a more transparent, progressive and accountable government while handing out free stickers and t-shirts.

In order to cut through this emotional and political talk, let us ask a very important question. Which one of you have the experience to turn around a failing government? Don't come to us with ideas, because everyone has them. Bring us your resume, references and team. This is a job interview. We are looking at four years of potential growth or decline depending on a crucial decision this November.

In many cases, while the government has been struggling, individuals and private businesses have stepped up on this island to spearhead and complete several community projects. We care enough to feed the homeless, shelter the animals, provide safe recreational facilities and rescue the injured. No matter what happens, St. Johnians will look after each other. and it may take us to build that vendors plaza, community center, recycling plant and vocational school. So even when we cast our vote and pray for the best, our island will carry on.

System Failure,
System Reboot,
Emmanuel Prince

ACC Is Doing Great Things, Inspiring Great Deeds

Animal Care Center,

We made our annual trip to the islands this year and thanks to the great articles and great ads in the *Tradewinds* we found the ACC! Three years ago this month we were in Virgin Gorda staying in villas in Mahoe Bay where the good people at Leverick Bay manage. There was a 8 month old dog named Abby running around. She was abandoned and was suffering from a machete attack to her neck. To make a long story a short, but a beautiful one, we adopted Abby and she is a part of our family along with two yellow labs in Lehighon Pennsylvania!

What you guys are doing is awesome! We are attempting another short visit in March as we are starting to look to make St. John a permanent part of our vacations so I would love to stop in and say hello! In the mean time I will mail you the air plane travel case we brought Abby home in. I will fill it up with stuff of course.... What do you guys need that I can fill the case with?

Thanks to you and everyone there for doing what you guys do for these kind loving treasures! Thanks for the kind words too! You made my day!

Mike Acker

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Community Calendar

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Tuesday, February 11

— The St. John Historical Society membership meeting on Tuesday, February 11, at 7 p.m. at the Bethany Moravian Church, where SJHS member Eleanor Gibney will share a slideshow featuring images from an album of more than 70 rare early 20th century photographs. The pictures document a trip to the islands from Europe on the Danish steamship SS St. Croix, as well as a lengthy stay on all three islands.

February 14-15

— Broadway Comes to St. John will debut with a friends and family night on February 14, when the suggested donation is \$20 per person. The premiere show is set for February 15 at the Westin. Tickets are \$200 and include a champagne reception and dinner after the show.

Saturday, February 15

— Join the St. John Historical Society on Saturday, February 15, from 9 a.m. to noon as the Society completes its annual clearing of the Annaberg Country School grounds.

Wednesday, February 19

— The Coral Bay Community Council (CBCC) will have a public meeting on Wednesday, February 19, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the American Insti-

tute of Architects (AIA) Sustainable Design Report for Coral Bay, St. John, and next steps for Coral Bay's future. The meeting will be at the Guy H. Benjamin School, Room 6, in Coral Bay.

Wednesday, February 26

— There will be a general meeting for all veterans of the armed forces living on the island of St. John on Wednesday, February 26, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the office of the St. John Administrator located at the Battery in Cruz Bay. Veterans should bring documents and other veteran issues and concerns.

Saturday, March 1

— If your looking for a great variety of plants and trees at reasonable prices come see us at the The Marketplace (2nd level parking lot) from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 1. Once again the VI Audubon Society will offer a wide variety of plants and trees; most obtained from various VIAS members and from local growers/landscapers who generously donate plants for the groups annual fundraiser.

Saturday, March 8

— The 28th Annual Giffit Hill School Auction will be on Saturday, March 8, at Caneel Bay Resort.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

All meetings are now open. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 6 p.m. Nazareth Lutheran Church, Cruz Bay; Thursday 7 a.m. Nazareth Lutheran Church, Cruz Bay; Sunday 9:45 a.m., Hawksnest Bay Beach; Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 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

For Al-Anon meeting location and times, please call (340) 642-3263

Letters To St. John Tradewinds

A Statement from Assistant Police Commissioner Thomas Hannah on Fatal Pedestrian Accidents

One of the most difficult cases for law enforcement to investigate is fatal pedestrian accidents in which the driver leaves the scene. This happened twice in one day on Saturday, January 25, in two different locations, when two males lost their lives in hit and run accidents.

At about 7:20 p.m., at the Golden Rock Shopping Center near the entrance to Pueblo 70 year old Theodore Phillip was struck by a trailer being towed by a pickup truck. He was knocked to the ground and then struck again by the driver of an SUV who left Mr. Phillip fatally injured in the street.

About an hour later at about 8:30 p.m. in Constitution Hill in the vicinity of the Viking Corporation sign, 55 year old Socorro Parrilla was also the victim of a hit and run after being struck by the driver of a small vehicle who left



Thomas Hannah

the scene of the accident. Mr. Parrilla was also left on the side of the road to die.

In these accidents the drivers panicked and left without rendering assistance to the victims. No one sets out to harm anyone with their vehicle but something occurred to cause these tragedies. Police on St. Croix are simply asking you to come forward and tell us

what happened. Don't let this linger in your mind, think about the families who deserve closure. Ask yourself one simple question, one you certainly would want to know, "Did my family member suffer after being hit by your vehicle, and did you stop to help them?"

To everyone: too often we see but we don't want to see. These deaths are just two of the many who have lost their lives walking our roads where no one came forward to say what happened. Over the past several years more than 15 people have lost their lives on our roadways including the Grandmother on her way to clean the church walking with her grandson. Please help police find the persons involved and stop this callous disregard for human life that is overtaking our society. Remember, you can make a difference if you would only tell what you know.

Digging Work on St. Thomas



Former St. John resident Nahim Jolly, at right in photo, works his way through a sifting box at the archaeological dig near the Rothschild Francis "Market" Square on February 3, on St. Thomas. Jolly said he was hired on as a workman as a team of Florida researchers began moving 70 tons of clay in search of the Saladoid Civilization that lived on St. Thomas between 200 B.C. and 400 A.D.

Jolly, born in Dominica and raised on St. John, said he found the work interesting, especially the artifacts he's recovered personally.

St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Judi Shimel

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Today's Cryptoquip clue: Q equals M

Obituary

Lynne Margaret Hall Passes Away

St. John Tradewinds

Lynne Margaret Hall died gracefully and peacefully on January 14, 2014, in the loving care of her husband David Brandau, and his son Zachary and his girlfriend Julie. She was blessed to receive the wonderful support and prayers of the caring staff of Continuum Care and her friends on St. John who loved her as well her many friends in Vermont, her home for almost 40 years. She was visited by her daughter Margo and her sister Joanne just before her death. She was at her winter home on St. John at Rainbow Ridge, which she and David had purchased in 2009 from the Politis family with whom they had vacationed for many years beginning in 1982. She and David through their wonderful friend, Teddy Politis, and her parents made many lasting friendships here. She enjoyed being part of the Unitarian Universal Fellowship of St. John.



Lynne Hall

Born in New Jersey on October 7, 1949, to parents, Charles M. Hall and Margaret Leslie Hall, she grew up in Glen Rock and Wyckoff with her older brother Fred and older sister Joanne. In 1976 with her young daughter, Margo and first husband, Jim Eddy, she moved to Sharon Vermont. Later divorced, she and Margo lived in Woodstock before moving to Royalton VT to live with David and Zachary. Married to David in 1985, they soon started Standing Stone Perennial Farm in the fields and barn of their 1857 farm house. Lynne had a keen eye for color and form as well as a green thumb. Together with David they created a cornucopia of gardens and thriving

flower nursery which became one of the premier perennial nurseries propagating and displaying field grown plants in New England. For 25 years Lynne happily shared her love of beauty and knowledge of plants with the thousands of people who found their way across the White River and up the tree shaded Vermont back road. Lynne attributed her love of plants to her father Charlie who gardened with her growing up.

Lynne was a skillful seamstress, a whiz with a sewing machine, needle and thread, or knitting needles. She made clothing for her family as well as sewing for a stuffed toy company and later a soft luggage company. Lynne's artistic talents shown brightly in her painting and watercolors, in particular. Her "beach quickies" are shown and sold at Bajo el Sol on St. John. She would paint the view from a beach visited that day and send the scene to friends and family as a postcard from St. John. Lynne was also a gourmet cook.

She loved to share recipes and cooking tips with friends and family. Lynne and David hosted many pot lucks in Vermont and St. John where her dishes were eagerly consumed. Her heart shaped carrot cake with cream cheese frosting was special.

Lynne will be greatly missed by her husband David Brandau, his son Zachary; her daughter Margo Fraker and husband Erik and her grandsons, Charlie and Sam of Seattle, Washington; her mother Margaret Hall of Shelburne, Vermont; her brother Fred Hall and wife Connie of Canmore, Alberta; her sister Joanne Johnston and husband Chris of Marblehead, Massachusetts and nieces and nephews and cousins in Arizona, Maine, Ontario and other states.

For questions and condolences please contact David Brandau, 36 Johnson Hill Road, S. Royalton, VT 05068, brandau49@gmail.com

Those who wish to make a contribution in Lynne's name may choose from the following:

– Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of St. John, 1-340-776-6332, <http://uufstjohn.com/> The Nature Conservancy, www.nature.org, 1-800-628-6860.

– Continuum Care, Inc. 50 Estate Thomas; Suite 211 St. Thomas, VI 00802, www.CCIVI.com

– The St. John Revolving Loan Fund, PO Box 37, St. John, VI 00831, by check with Lynne Hall in the memo line.

A Celebration of Lynne's life will be arranged at later dates on St. John and in Vermont.

Cremation arranged by the Davis Funeral Home on St. Thomas.

Governor deJongh Joins Community In Mourning Death of Victor Ebbesen

St. John Tradewinds

Upon learning of the passing of Victor L. Ebbesen, Sr., former Personnel Director and avid tennis player, Governor John P. de Jongh, Jr. expressed his condolences to the entire Ebbesen family. "Victor Ebbesen was a family friend, a classmate of my father's, and an admired and respected public servant. He had a long and illustrious career with the Government of

the Virgin Islands, holding the posts of Director of the Division of Personnel from 1959 to 1967 and then heading Maternal and Child Health. Cecile and I extend our sympathies to Mr. Ebbesen's children, his sisters and brother, and all other members of the extended family circle at this very difficult time," stated the Governor.

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Mourning Death of Victor Ebbesen

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Mr. Ebbesen was born, raised and educated on St. Thomas. He graduated from Charlotte Amalie High School in 1944. He later received a Forsythe Scholarship to attend Syracuse University in New York. After his freshman year in college, he was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1950. He returned to college in 1952, finished his degree in 1955, and then returned to the Virgin Islands and joined government service.

Before being deployed, he married his high school sweetheart, Thelma Leona Oliver, the granddaughter of noted educator E. Benjamin Oliver. Their marriage produced three children, Patrice, Jeanette and Victor, Jr. The couple was happily married for 61 years until Mrs. Ebbesen's death in 2011.

Throughout his life, Mr. Ebbesen was a skilled and passionate tennis player. After his retirement, he spent many hours playing tennis at Cowpet Bay Tennis Courts. He bought the inventory of the pro shop and his wife became the shop's office manager. He represented the Virgin Islands in numerous tournaments. His prominence as a tennis player did not go unnoticed and he was inducted into the African-American Ethnic and Caribbean Sports Hall of Fame in 2002. The St. Thomas Racquet Club named its tournament the "Vic Ebbesen Tennis Tournament" in his honor.

Mr. Ebbesen is survived by his three children and their families; his brother Jean and sisters Angel, Leona and Grace; numerous other relatives; many friends and former colleagues; and admirers throughout the community. He passed away on Thursday after a brief illness.

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<p>BUILD GREEN • Jan. 11, Sat. • 10:00am – noon Meets: Skinny Legs Restaurant to carpool; Bring: Notebook, building plans, & ideas; Seminar Fee: \$35 Mem / \$45 Non Mem • Max Group: 20</p> <p>CRUZ BAY HISTORY – JULIUS VON ROHR • Jan. 12, Sun. • 12:30pm – 2:30pm Meets: Friends of the Park Store; Bring: Notebook & water; Seminar Fee: \$35 Mem / \$45 Non Mem • Max Group: 20</p> <p>NATIVE ARTS & CRAFTS • Jan. 15, Wed. • 12:30pm – 2:30pm Meets: St. John School of the Arts; Bring: Notebook; Seminar Fee: \$35 Mem / \$45 Non Mem • Max Group: 25</p> <p>KAYAK MANGROVES OF HURRICANE HOLE • Jan. 19, Sun. • 10:00am – 3:00pm Meets: Skinny Legs Restaurant to carpool; Bring: Lunch, snorkel gear, water, towel, sunscreen; Seminar Fee: \$65 Mem / \$75 Non Mem • Max Group: 12</p> <p>MEDICINAL HERBS • Jan. 22, Wed. • 12:30pm – 2:30pm Meets: St. John School of the Arts; Bring: Notebook; Seminar Fee: \$35 Mem / \$45 Non Mem • Max Group: 25</p> <p>HASSEL ISLAND KAYAK & HIKE • Jan. 24, Fri. • 2:00pm – 5:00pm Meets: Dock at Hook, Line & Sinker, Frenchtown, St. Thomas; Bring: Towel, sunscreen, plenty of water, snack, dry bag, hiking shoes; Seminar Fee: \$69 Mem / \$79 Non Mem • Max Group: 8</p> <p>NATIVE PLANTS OF ST. JOHN HIKE • Jan. 25, Sat. • 9:00am – noon Meets: Friends of the Park Store to carpool; Bring: Water, lunch, notebook, & binoculars; Seminar Fee: \$45 Mem / \$55 Non Mem • Max Group: 25</p>	<p>BIRDS OF THE PARK • Feb. 3, Mon. • 9:00am – 1:00pm Meets: National Park Visitor Center; Bring: Snack, binoculars, notebook, & water; Seminar Fee: \$55 Mem / \$65 Non Mem • Max Group: 20</p> <p>EXPLORE THE SHORE • Feb. 5, Wed. • 9:30am – 1:30pm Meets: Annaberg Parking Lot; Bring: Lunch, snorkel gear (optional), binoculars, water; Seminar Fee: \$55 Mem / \$65 Non Mem</p> <p>LOVANGO SUSTAINABLE DESIGN TOUR • Feb. 8, Sat. • 9:30am – 1:30pm Meets: Friends of the Park Store; Bring: Sunscreen, hat, lunch, water, & hiking shoes; Seminar Fee: \$55 Mem / \$65 Non Mem • Max Group: 20</p> <p>HIKE WITH THE "SUPER" • Feb. 12, Wed. • 10:30am – 1:30pm Meets: National Park Visitor Center; Bring: Lunch, hat, water, & sunscreen; Seminar Fee: \$45 Mem / \$55 Non Mem • Max Group: 20</p> <p>FULL MOON DRUM CIRCLE • Feb. 14, Fri. • 6:30pm – 8:00pm Meets: Annaberg Ruins; Bring: A drum, if you have one; Seminar Fee: \$25 Mem / \$35 Non Mem • Max Group: 20</p> <p>PEPPER SAUCE MAKING • Feb. 19, Wed. • 12:30pm – 2:30pm Meets: St. John School of the Arts; Bring: Notebook; Seminar Fee: \$35 Mem / \$45 Non Mem • Max Group: 20</p> <p>ARCHAEOLOGY BY SEA BOAT TRIP • Feb. 26, Wed. • 10:00am – 3:00pm Meets: National Park Visitor Center; Bring: Lunch, hat, water, & sunscreen; Seminar Fee: \$65 Mem / \$75 Non Mem • Max Group: 28</p> <p>SEA TURTLE SAIL • Feb. 27, Thurs. • 1:00pm – 5:00pm Meets: Charlotte Amalie waterfront, St. Thomas; Bring: Sunscreen, hat, snack, snorkel gear, & swimsuit; Seminar Fee: \$65 Mem / \$75 Non Mem • Max Group: 30</p> <p>BOTANY HIKE • Feb. 28, Fri. • 9:00am – 1:00pm Meets: Friends of the Park Store; Bring: Sunscreen, hat, lunch, water, & hiking shoes; Seminar Fee: \$45 Mem / \$55 Non Mem • Max Group: 25</p>
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<p>TROPICAL GARDEN TOUR I • Mar. 1, Sat. • 10:00am – 3:00pm Meets: Friends of the Park Store to carpool; Bring: Lunch, water, & sunscreen; Seminar Fee: \$55 Mem / \$65 Non Mem • Max Group: 20</p>	<p>ETHNIC DRUMMING • Mar. 5, Wed. • 1:00pm – 3:00pm Meets: St. John School of the Arts; Bring: A drum, if you have one; Seminar Fee: \$25 Mem / \$35 Non Mem • Max Group: 20</p> <p>KAYAK, HIKE, & SNORKEL • Mar. 7, Fri. • 9:00am – noon Meets: National Park Visitor Center; Bring: Lunch/snacks, water, towel, & sun protection; Seminar Fee: \$60 Mem / \$70 Non Mem • Max Group: 10</p> <p>LOVANGO SUSTAINABLE DESIGN TOUR • Mar. 8, Sat. • 9:30am – 1:30pm Meets: Friends of the Park Store; Bring: Sunscreen, hat, lunch, water, & hiking shoes; Seminar Fee: \$55 Mem / \$65 Non Mem • Max Group: 20</p> <p>ST. THOMAS HISTORICAL WALKING TOUR • Mar. 9, Sun. • 9:00am – 11:00am Meets: Blackbeards Castle, St. Thomas; Bring: Notebook & water; Seminar Fee: \$35 Mem / \$45 Non Mem • Max Group: 25</p> <p>PEPPER SAUCE MAKING • Mar. 12, Wed. • 12:30pm – 2:30pm Meets: St. John School of the Arts; Bring: Notebook; Seminar Fee: \$35 Mem / \$45 Non Mem • Max Group: 20</p> <p>COASTAL ECOLOGY • Mar. 15, Sat. • 9:00am – 3:00pm Meets: National Park Visitor Center; Bring: Lunch, water, sunscreen, & snorkel gear; Seminar Fee: \$75 Mem / \$85 Non Mem • Max Group: 18</p> <p>FULL MOON HIKE • Mar. 16, Sun. • 8:30pm Meets: Friends of the Park Store; Bring: Hiking shoes, flashlight, snack, & water; Seminar Fee: \$25 Mem / \$35 Non Mem • Max Group: 20</p> <p>LAMESHUR BAY/VIERS TOUR • Mar. 19, Wed. • 10:00am – 2:00pm Meets: Lameshur Bay parking lot; Bring: Notebook & water; Seminar Fee: \$45 Mem / \$55 Non Mem • Max Group: 20</p> <p>MARINE BIOLOGY SAIL • Mar. 23, Sun. • 9:00am – 3:00pm Meets: National Park Visitor Center dock; Bring: Lunch, snorkel gear, water bottle, towel, & sunscreen; Seminar Fee: \$85 Mem / \$95 Non Mem • Max Group: 30</p> <p>TROPICAL LIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY • Mar. 24, Mon. • 8:00am – noon Meets: Friends of the Park Store; Bring: Camera & manual, batteries, memory cards, water, & notebook; Seminar Fee: \$45 Mem / \$55 Non Mem • Max Group: 15</p> <p>LIONFISH BOAT ADVENTURE • Mar. 26, Wed. • 9:30am – 3:00pm Meets: Friends of the Park Store; Bring: Lunch, water, sunscreen, & snorkel gear; Seminar Fee: \$85 Mem / \$95 Non Mem • Max Group: 30</p> <p>MANGROVE SNORKELING BOAT TRIP • Mar. 29, Sat. • 9:30am – 3:00pm Meets: National Park Visitor Center; Bring: Lunch, snorkel gear, towel, sunscreen, & snack; Seminar Fee: \$85 Mem / \$95 Non Mem • Max Group: 18</p>
<p>HIKE WITH THE "SUPER" • Apr. 2, Wed. • 10:30am – 1:30pm Meets: National Park Visitor Center; Bring: Lunch, hat, water, sunscreen; Seminar Fee: \$45 Mem / \$55 Non Mem • Max Group: 20</p> <p>EXPLORE & PHOTOGRAPH LEINSTER BAY • Apr. 5, Sat. • 9:00am – 3:00pm Meets: Annaberg parking lot; Bring: Lunch, water, sunscreen, & snorkel gear; Seminar Fee: \$35 Mem / \$45 Non Mem • Max Group: 15</p> <p>ECO SPA MUD BATH • Apr. 9, Wed. • 2:00pm – 4:00pm Meets: Salt Pond parking lot; Bring: Old swimsuit, towel, water, & snack; Seminar Fee: \$35 Mem / \$45 Non Mem • Max Group: 15</p> <p>TROPICAL GARDEN TOUR II • Apr. 12, Sat. • 9:00am – 3:00pm Meets: Friends of the Park Store to carpool; Bring: Lunch, water, & sunscreen; Seminar Fee: \$55 Mem / \$65 Non Mem • Max Group: 20</p> <p>FULL MOON HIKE • Apr. 15, Tues. • 5:30pm – 8:30pm Meets: Salt Pond parking lot; Bring: Hiking shoes, flashlight, snack, & water; Seminar Fee: \$25 Mem / \$35 Non Mem • Max Group: 20</p>	

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

Bethany Moravian Church

Divine Worship 10 a.m., except second Sundays start at 9 a.m., 776-6291

Calvary Baptist Church

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

Christian Ministry

Cinnamon Bay Beach
Inter-Denominational, Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Christian Science Society

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

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

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

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Sunday Service 10 a.m.; Monday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
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9:30 a.m. Sunday Services, 10:45 Worship,
Tuesday 7 p.m. Bible Study 693-8884

Nazareth Lutheran Church

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

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church

The schedule is as follows: Saturdays at 6 p.m.
Sundays at 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7 a.m.
Fridays at 7 p.m. Call 776-6339 for more information.

St. John Methodist Church

Sunday 10 a.m., 693-8830

Seventh Day Adventist

Saturdays, 779-4477

St. John Pentecostal Church

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

St. Ursula's Episcopal Church

Sunday Church Service, 9 a.m.
Bible Class on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. 777-6306

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

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

Few Residents Take Mike at Education Committee Meeting

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about the future of GBS, the commissioner added.

Parents and schools officials will also have plenty of notice about what the next school year will bring to both campuses regarding which classes will be available, Frett-Gregory explained.

Senate committee members also heard an update on the DOE's long-promised new K through 12 school for St. John at last week's meeting. A plan to build a new school for St. John students to attend high school on the island has long been discussed. The proposed site of the project is located on land owned by the National Park Service, which is conducting a detailed historical analysis of the site, explained Frett-Gregory.

"This additional request further delayed the project due to the additional work and funding needed to fulfill the NPS request," she said.

DOE is working with Department of Interior and Department of Public Works officials, who will take the lead on the project moving forward, according to Frett-Gregory.

"DPW is the governing agency for all government capital projects," she said. "In this instance, the department provides information needed to develop the plan and scopes of work for the project and continues to work closely with DPW on this matter."

DPW officials will host a "public scoping" meeting on the new St. John public elementary and high school later this year, Frett-Gregory added.

After hearing testimony from the invited officials, Gina Wellner — one of the four parents who testified



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

DOE Commissioner Donna Frett-Gregory, center, testifies during last week's meeting.

at the meeting — asked the senate committee members to remember their own early education experiences.

"I want you to think about your education and where you went to school," said Wellner. "You are safe-guarding the island for our children. We want our children to follow in your footsteps."

"We need more money for St. John schools, especially the arts," Wellner said. "And put this on the top of the pile because it's important."

In attendance at last week's meeting were Senate Committee on Education and Workforce Development chairmen Senators Cole, and members Janette Millin-Young, Tregenza Roach, Judi Buckley, Myron Jackson and a late arriving Nereida O'Reilly.

Irish Angel To Organize Shelter for Homeless People

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about 20 minutes they did."

"They did what I asked, cleaned him up, dressed him," Nainani said.

But they were hesitant to admit him, she added.

"I requested that at the very least they needed to do blood work and a urinalysis and give him an IV to re-hydrate him," said Nainani. "I really, really insisted."

"They said 'Unless there's a medical reason, we can't admit him,'" Nainani said.

"I'm not a nurse, but I've been in the field for a while," said Nainani, who insisted "Capt." be admitted for the night.

Clinic personnel agreed, but told Nainani: "you're staying with him," she said.

Nevertheless, once "Capt. Scott" was put in a bed at the clinic, Nainani went home to sleep.

"The clinic called me at 7 a.m.," she said. "The morning nurse, Nurse Kelly, was so sweet, such a sweet lady."

"Miss Harris (in SRMC Executive Chief Officer Bernard Wheatley's office) was the shining star of the morning for me," added Nainani, who said that the hospital made a special effort on her request that they admit Capt. Scott.

"Then we got word he would be admitted to St. Thomas hospital," Nainani said.

"Thank God in that clinic there were people who cared," Nainani added. "Somehow or other God is going to work it out."

The "Good Samaritan" subsequently received word that someone was coming to take Capt. Scott to the states for rehabilitation — if the airline would let him on the plane in his current health condition.

"If this man can get back to the states, in my spiritual experience, there is a way this man can be rehabilitated," Nainani said.

"People carried him from the bandstand to the Seventh Day Adventist Church the Sunday before to clean him up and dress

his sores," she added. "There are about four or five people caring for the homeless there."

"I can't believe that there aren't enough people on the island" to help operate a homeless shelter, Nainani said. "The Seventh Day Adventists will feed them and clothe them. We will also get people to take care of them."

Nainani sat down with Celia Kalousek of St. John Community foundation on February 7 to discuss creating a homeless shelter in Cruz Bay.

"We want to get a place where these people can come and stay," Nainani said of her fledgling effort to find a shelter. "A six-bed or 12-bed facility where they can be rehabilitated. The best we can do."

"Local people ask me 'Who are you to be doing this?' I am an advocate," she continued. "We need to get these people off the streets."

"They are people," Nainani said. "They are precious in the sight of God."

Broadway Instructors Share What They Gain from Broadway Comes to St. John Experience

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Europe and in the states, and here in the Virgin Islands as well. For me personally, I have seen the arts serve as a really, really impactful way of helping kids find new parts of themselves. I've seen kids having a hard time in school; perhaps they're having a difficult time playing together on a team, or they're having a hard time learning how to express themselves in a way that is beneficial instead of a way that could possibly be destructive down the line. It's amazing to watch a moment where you're completely not expecting it, and all of a sudden the light comes on in just one kid. They're able to plug in and find a new voice inside of them, perhaps even find their own voice for the first time. It has such a huge impact on me personally. To walk away with even just one kid who all of a sudden finds their true voice, finds out their voice has meaning and they are capable of expressing that voice, is so powerful for us. That's one of the reasons I will always come back time and time again. It's so honest and so real to see that moment they have that breakthrough.

Donna Drake: *The thing I've noticed after being here for four*

seasons doing this show is that something has happened in the community. I am seeing a consciousness raised in the community by teachers, parents, and the people we lovingly call snowbirds. People are starting to become a part of this Broadway Comes to St. John. It's more than just a show; it's an education of our young people. It's bringing all worlds together, all styles, and all diversities. We are all coming together for the same purpose, and I'm seeing it spread out in the community in little ways. People are chipping in, people are caring, teachers are getting excited. Teachers create homework patterns for their students based on the show, and students are talking to their parents. What I'm beginning to notice is a sense of community waking up to the song and dance in the hearts of our children.

Broadway Comes to St. John will debut with a friends and family night on February 14, when the suggested donation is \$20 per person. The premiere show is set for February 15 at the Westin. Tickets are \$200 and include a champagne reception and dinner after the show. For more information, visit www.stjohnschoolofthearts.org.

Police Log

LAND LINE: 911 / POLICE: 340-693-8880 / FIRE 340-776-6333

Saturday, February 1

11:29 p.m. – Disturbance of the peace. Estate Chocolate Hole.

2:16 a.m. – Estate Enighed woman present reporting that she was assaulted at Quiet Mon. Aggravated Assault and Battery.

Sunday, February 2

7:56 a.m. – Citizen called to report a male lying down in Frank Powell Park. Police Assistance.

11:36 a.m. – Estate Giff Hill man present reporting that a man threatened him in church. Disturbance of the Peace.

7:06 p.m. – Activated Alarm. Canine Cats and Critters.

Monday, February 3

0:22 a.m. – Coral Bay man called reporting loud music from Island Blues. Unfounded Disturbance of the Peace.

8:46 a.m. – Someone destroyed fence behind Legislature Building in Cruz Bay. Destruction of Property.

9:29 a.m. – Sunset Ridge man called to report burglary at storage room. Burglary Third Degree.

12:58 p.m. – Estate Giff Hill resident present reporting an auto collision in area of Giff Hill. Auto Collision.

4:00 p.m. – Akil Felix Gumbs of Calabash Boom under arrest

and charged with aggravated assault and simple possession. Bail set at \$1,500 by the court. Transferred to Bureau of Corrections. Aggravated Assault.

6:22 p.m. – Citizen called to report a male lying down in Frank Powell Park. Police Assistance.

6:45 p.m. – Woman called to report a disturbance with a male in the area of Emmaus. Disturbance of the Peace.

8:30 p.m. – Woman called requesting police assistance with landlord in Estate Grunwald. Police Assistance.

Tuesday, February 4

4:09 p.m. – Estate Carolina man called reporting needing assistance with some stray sheep on his property. Police Assistance.

4:55 p.m. – Man called reporting being involved in an auto accident in the area of Maho Bay on North Shore Road. Auto accident.

5:15 p.m. – Woman called reporting that someone stole her vehicle from the Enighed gravel parking lot. Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle.

Wednesday, February 5

1:20 p.m. – Estate Contant man reported that he lost his wallet at sea. Lost Wallet.

6:13 p.m. – Citizen called to

report a fight in progress in the area of the barge ramp in Estate Enighed. Disturbance of the Peace.

11:19 p.m. – Citizen called to report loud music in the area of Cases by the Sea. Unfounded Loud Music.

Thursday, February 6

1:53 a.m. – Security from Grande Bay called requesting police assistance with an intoxicated male. Police Assistance.

10:28 a.m. – Woman present reporting that her daughter's pictures were on someone else's Facebook page. Police Assistance.

3:01 p.m. – Citizen called reporting auto collision in the area of the Enighed barge ramp. Auto Collision.

6:56 p.m. – Woman of Coral Bay bar called reporting a male creating a disturbance at restaurant. Police Assistance.

8:19 p.m. – Citizen called to report a man fell down the stairs in the area of Motu on Bay Street. Accidental Injury.

8:58 p.m. – Citizen called to report a disturbance in progress in the area of Love City Mini Mart. Police Assistance.

10:35 p.m. – Citizen called to report loud music coming from Island Blues. Unfounded Disturbance of the Peace.

VIPD Safety TIPS

SAFE GUARD YOUR HOME AGAINST BURGLARY

Common sense tips to use everywhere — at home and on vacation

- Lock all ground level windows and doors while you are sleeping or when you are away from home.
- Use a bank safety deposit box for family heirlooms especially gold, silver and precious gem stones.
- Use a timer for your lights and radio so they can come on while you are away. Or leave a light and the radio on when you leave the home.
- Form a Neighborhood Watch group.
- For information how, call the VIPD Crime Prevention Unit at 774-2211

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These safety tips are brought to you by the VIPD and the St. John CIT



Crime Stoppers U.S. Virgin Islands

Law Enforcement needs your help to solve the following crimes. If you know something, say something, as they cannot control crime without your help.

St. John: On Sunday morning, January 19th, officers responded to a call of a man lying dead in his apartment in Chocolate Hole. The man, James "Jim" Malfetti, sustained injuries to his neck area that resulted in his death. A 46" Sanyo TV and a gray iPhone 5S were removed from the residence. Please tell us what you know about this inci-

dent or of anyone selling a 46" Sanyo TV or a gray iPhone 5S.

St. Thomas: On Thursday, January 23rd at 10:30 p.m., 911 dispatchers received calls of shots fired from residents in the Mahogany Estate and Altona residential area. Responding officers discovered Kishawn Doyling and Jaquan Murrell lying injured in the area. Murrell and Doyling were leaving the Mahogany Estate area when several people fired a series of shots into their vehicle. Both victims were transported to the hospital

for medical treatment. On Friday, January 24, Mr. Doyling died from his gunshots. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Major Crime Unit at (340) 642-8449, 911, or if you need to remain anonymous, Crime Stoppers USVI.

Step up and be part of the solution. Continue to help make our islands a safer place to live and visit by telling us what you know about these, or any other crimes, at www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org or by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

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DRIVING IN SUB-ZERO WEATHER, THE
CAR WAS VERY FRIGID AND IT MADE
AUNTIE FREEZE.

Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

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ACROSS

- 1 Nano and Shuffle
- 6 Lion group
- 11 Be in accord (with)
- 15 Loses firmness
- 19 Stairway post
- 20 Eyelid makeup
- 21 Albany-Buffalo waterway
- 23 "The Piano" star
- 25 Like a lens for seeing the big picture?
- 26 Environs
- 27 Goaded (on)
- 28 Clutter
- 29 Southern beauty
- 30 Ignited
- 31 Fetch
- 32 "All the President's Men" actor
- 34 One who designs something
- 36 Barely obtain, with "out"
- 37 "— certainly will not!"
- 38 Lateral or cycle lead-in
- 39 2012-13 American League MVP Miguel
- 42 Warm, as leftovers
- 47 Refinery waste
- 50 Suffix with beat
- 52 Sit-up muscles
- 53 '60s hipster
- 55 Actress Fanning
- 56 — number (speed ratio)
- 57 Prior to
- 58 Teacher's union: Abbr.
- 59 D.C. VIP
- 60 Mille — (Minnesota

- county)
- 61 St. Louis landmark
- 62 Dejected
- 63 Joan of —
- 64 Timid
- 65 Coup d' — (revolution)
- 66 Lecherous guy
- 67 To the — power
- 68 Bites lightly
- 69 Matted earth
- 70 Enjoy Vail
- 73 Whodunit cry
- 74 Greet warmly
- 77 Horseshoe's place
- 78 "This — outrage!"
- 79 Be on TV
- 80 Many an heir
- 81 Very old Olds
- 82 — Domini
- 83 Italy's Villa d' —
- 84 Writing fluid
- 85 Sty animal
- 86 Olive — (Popeye's gal)
- 87 Belgian river to the North Sea
- 88 Be livid
- 90 Gillette tools
- 93 Indigo, e.g.
- 95 Operated
- 97 Mimicker
- 98 Starbucks orders
- 103 Old Los Angeles Times gossip columnist
- 108 Teapot part
- 109 "The Simpsons" merchant
- 110 Phony name
- 111 "I — you so!"
- 112 Parts of hulls
- 113 Alternative to Fox

- Sports
 - 114 Hockey face-off spot
 - 116 New York Bay explorer
 - 118 Shin-covering footwear
 - 119 At the acme
 - 120 Singer Della
 - 121 Fabric unit
 - 122 First lady after Eleanor
 - 123 Fees
 - 124 Was over
- DOWN
- 1 Split 50-50
 - 2 Illinois city
 - 3 Little birds with big eyes
 - 4 Oscar — Hoya
 - 5 Cagey
 - 6 Connect to get power
 - 7 Like some pheasants and ducks
 - 8 Former Acura model
 - 9 Act
 - 10 Slip up
 - 11 Gem seller
 - 12 From Erin
 - 13 Tries to buy at auction
 - 14 Fat foot spec
 - 15 More stable
 - 16 — -Saxon
 - 17 Family name in wine
 - 18 Lustrous
 - 22 Hack
 - 24 Main female characters
 - 28 Does some modifying
 - 31 Storage box
 - 32 Depression president
 - 33 Noble
 - 35 Tycoon on "The Girls Next Door"
 - 40 Like some kitschy yellow

- phones
- 41 Pumps (up)
- 43 "Airport" Oscar winner
- 44 Joyful feelings
- 45 "Scarface"
- 46 Tries to find diagnostically
- 47 Know-it-alls
- 48 Big name in French lexicography
- 49 Precise
- 51 S&L holding
- 54 "— -la-la!"
- 70 Vocalized for the doc
- 71 Next of —
- 72 Perturbs
- 74 1992 and '96 also-ran
- 75 180 on the road
- 76 Influx of forty-niners
- 89 Rubs out
- 91 Unlucky
- 92 Chafes at
- 94 Nevertheless
- 96 Observe
- 99 Coral colonists
- 100 Gave lip to
- 101 Fight against
- 102 Soaked up some rays
- 103 — Sack (footbag brand)
- 104 Kagan of justice
- 105 Beanery
- 106 Outmoded
- 107 Pitted scars
- 112 Lotto relative
- 113 Early garden
- 115 Steal from
- 116 On an ad — basis
- 117 Suffix with strict

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Elaine Campbell Named to Who's Who in the World

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Fred Marks, Editor-in-Chief of Marquis Who's Who Publications, announced in January 2014 that Dr. Elaine Campbell of Sudbury, Massachusetts, and St. John, USVI, has been named for inclusion in the 32nd edition of "Who's Who in the World (2015)."

Marks also announces her for inclusion in the forthcoming "Who's Who in America." Her decades of academic achievement as a teacher, writer, and administrator have been cited previously in the British "World's Who's Who of Women" as well as in "Who's Who in American Education," "Who's Who of American Women," and "Who's Who in the East."

Campbell retired from the faculty of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in 2001 where she taught in the Program in Writing and Humanistic Studies. In 1995 John Wiley & Sons published her widely used "Resource Book for Engineers and Scientists." This book became a

standard aide for international scientists and engineers, especially those in the Far East, writing in English as a second language.

After receiving her Ph.D. from Brandeis University, Campbell was employed by The MITRE Corporation, an FFRDC (federally funded research and development center), where she became director of MITRE's educational program in its 63 domestic and overseas sites. She conducted analyses for technical and staff educational needs at the sites and taught a number of the courses developed, traveling to California, Arizona, Texas, Colorado, New Jersey, and Heidelberg, Germany, as examples. She subsequently served as educational consultant to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board in Washington, DC.

Moving into academia, Campbell taught at Regis College and Boston University before her appointment to MIT. Inspired by her residencies in the Caribbean, she wrote and co-edited "The Whis-

tling Bird," an anthology of writing by Caribbean women. She and French scholar Pierrette Frickey traveled up and down the Caribbean collecting and evaluating creative writing from the French, British, Spanish, and Dutch islands. The collection even contains poetry in Papiamentu, the popular language of Curacao and the Dutch islands. "The Whistling Bird" was originally published in London, Jamaica, and the United States, and the academic publishing house of Lynne Rienner Associates announces that it has just inaugurated a new printing of "The Whistling Bird."

After retirement from academia, Campbell lectured aboard Caribbean-based cruise lines including Celebrity, Cunard, Seaborne, Crystal, and Silver Seas. She developed a series of lectures about Tropical Fruits, Flowers, Spices, and Foods. Her husband, John, photographed and prepared the slides illustrating the lectures.

Retired from scientific and ac-



Dr. Elaine Campbell

ademic careers, Campbell and her husband are able to spend more time at their home in St. John. Always concerned about the suffering of homeless companion animals, she joined the re-organization efforts for the Animal Care Center (ACC) of St. John and has served on the Board of Directors for numerous years. She is also an Honorary Board member for the Pampered Paws Sanctuary in Farmington, New Hampshire.

Campbell's family interest in animal welfare is evidenced by

her two veterinarian daughters: Rebecca in Manhattan, NYC, and Sabrina in Lee, New Hampshire. Daughter Jennifer is also in the healing arts, working as a home health aide for elderly and disabled men and women. Campbell's oldest grandson, William, has served as a summer intern at the ACC shelter for the past three summers and plans to return again this summer to help care for the shelter's cats and dogs. Grandchildren Grace and Grant help care for their horses who have just moved into their family-built barn, while Rebecca's son Rowan is perfecting his skills at playing the cello.

The Campbells now spend at least half of each year at their home in Chocolate Hole, St. John. John, an early President of the St. John Historical Society, and Elaine now simply enjoy their friendships on the island, attending full moon parties, Bajo el Sol gallery openings, Elaine Estern's delightful weekly cocktail parties, and ACC's spectacular fundraisers.

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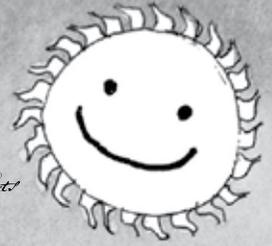
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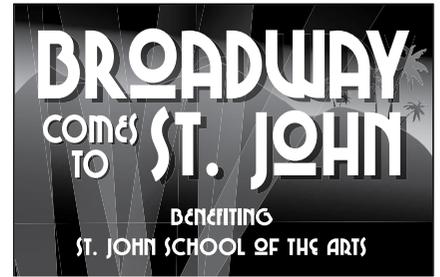
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Gospel Concert
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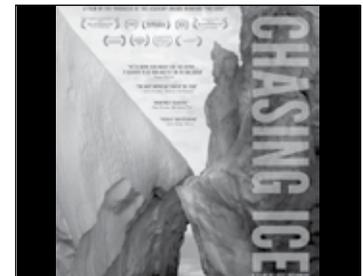
Quadrille Dancers
3:30 – 4:30 pm



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2:00 pm – 3:00 pm



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12:30 pm – 4:30 pm



"Chasing Ice" – Film
7:30 pm – 9:00 pm

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