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David Riddle Sets New 8 Tuff Miles Record

David Riddle, 31, of Cincinnati, Ohio, set a new course record in the 17th Annual 8 Tuff Miles Road Race on Saturday, February 23. Riddle crossed the finish line in 45 minutes and 46 seconds, breaking the old record, set in 2011, of 46 minutes. On the woman's side, it was 39 year old St. Thomas resident Ruth Ann David who won again this year, crossing the finish line in 58 minutes and 49 seconds. Almost 1,500 runners lined up at the starting line, above, near the V.I. National Park Visitors' Center in Cruz Bay.

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22nd Annual Folk Life Festival Set for February 28 and March 1

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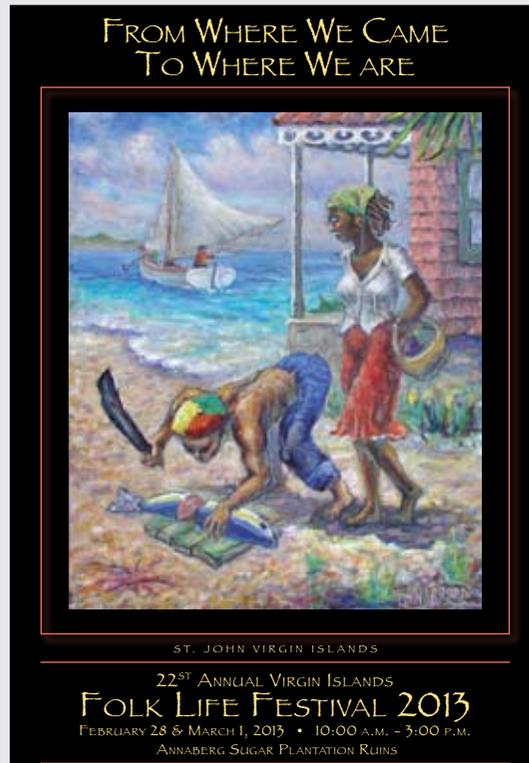
The Management of Virgin Islands National Park last week announced the presentation of the 22nd Annual Folk Life Festival. This year's program will be conducted on February 28 and March 1 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Annaberg Sugar Plantation ruins.

The theme of this year's program is "From Where We Came." It is VINP's goal that this year's festival brings awareness in order to conserve the heritage and cultural diversity of the Virgin Islands, and people everywhere through interpretation, presentations and interactions with speakers.

VINP Management is extending an invitation to all schools, both public and private to have students attend. However, if it is at all possible, the first day, February 28, is geared towards grades K through 6. The second day, March 1, is geared toward grades seven through 12.

Teachers attending are urged to have students seize the opportunity to actually participate at the different demonstration stations that will be set up, i.e. kneading dough and baking their own bread, weaving, ironing clothes on a "coal goose", etc.

In addition, students should bring note-taking material, and wear hats to shade from the sun. Music provided by Smalls and the Music Makers.



For more information call VINP Ranger Golda Hermon at (340) 776-6201, ext. 239, or Paul Thomas at ext. 252.

Public Meeting for Ferry Companies' Requested Fare Hike Is February 27

Pursuant to an Order of the Public Services Commission, the St. John Ferry Boat Companies are requesting a fare increase in order to meet expenses and obligations.

The PSC Hearing Examiner has set the following dates and times for a hearing in this matter to obtain comment and information from interested parties and members of the public.

Wednesday, February 27, at 6 p.m. at Julius E. Sprauve School in Cruz Bay.

Thursday, February 28, at 6 p.m. at PSC Office in Barbel Plaza on St. Thomas.

The hearings are open to the public. Copies of the request and any other filings made in the case may be obtained upon request from the PSC by accessing <http://www.psc.gov.vi/documentrequest.html>.

St. John Recyclers Meeting Feb. 28

The St. John Recyclers group has rescheduled its monthly meetings to coincide with Green Thursdays.

The organization hopes to bring its GoGreenVI initiatives to the table with Island Green Building Association, Giff Hill School and any other groups and individuals.

The next Recycler's meeting will take place at Giff Hill School's downstairs back patio at 4:45 p.m. on Thursday, February 28. The group will look at how to expand the successful aluminum can recycling effort to include glass and plastic.

After the meeting, the Recyclers will join the Green Thursdays Potluck Dinner at 5:30 p.m. with guest speaker Nate Olive from St. Croix's Ridge to Reef Farm, and find out more about IGBA's plans to expand the ReSource Depot.

For more information or to join the St. John Recyclers call Celia Kalousek at St. John Community Foundation at 693-9410 or email allawe@sjcf.org.

DOT Hosts "Bizarre Foods America" on St. Croix

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With a little help from the Department of Tourism and the world's most famous culinary adventurer, St. Croix stars in the seventh season of Travel Channel's Bizarre Foods America.

Host Andrew Zimmern, long a

fan of the island from childhood vacations, explores Crucian cuisine and culture during the show, spending a lot of time with veteran fisherman Thomas Daley.

One of the highlights of the show is sure to be Zimmern's fascination for the region's shellfish

— a.k.a. box fish — a saltwater fish with a bony protective casing that tastes like crab or lobster.

The episode, which taped January 17 to 24, launches a season of stories about weird and wonderful foods from around the U.S. The air date is still to be announced.

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Learn About Oranic Food on Green Thursday at Giff Hill School Feb. 28

"Organic" is the latest buzzword on the tip of everyone's tongue, but as Virgin Islands residents are all too aware, buying organic locally can be prohibitively expensive, and at times, doing so feels next to impossible.

The Ridge to Reef Farm on St. Croix is trying to affect positive change in this area. The farm's Nate Olive will bring residents up to date on what Ridge to Reef is doing to strengthen the local food system throughout the U.S. Virgin Islands on Thursday, February 28, at 5:30 p.m. at the Giff Hill School's Upper Campus atrium.

This presentation is a Green Thursdays Seminar, part of the Island Sustainability Series presented by the Island Green Building Association and GHS' Education And Resiliency Through Horticulture program.

The February 28 presentation is a potluck event; attendees are asked to bring a dish to share along with their farming questions.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

GHS Auction Scheduled for March 16

The 27th Annual Giff Hill School Auction will be on Saturday, March 16, at the Westin St. John Resort & Villas. Tickets are \$125 each or \$1,000 for a table of 10. Please call the GHS Development Office at 776-1730 for more information.

VINP Officials Spell Out Smoking Ban and New Anchoring Fields

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

V.I. National Park and Coral Reef National Monument officials last week released the newest Superintendent's Compendium, which includes a smoking ban on all beaches and new anchoring guidelines.

The compendium is issued each year by the Superintendent and sets out specific closures, requirements and other restrictions. This year's compendium was signed by VINP Acting Superintendent Mike Anderson on Wednesday, February 20, when VINP officials also hosted a press conference at the Visitors' Center to discuss new regulations.

The document officially bans smoking on all VINP beaches, which are defined as "the area between the waters edge and 50 feet landward or seaward." Smoking is also not allowed within the interior portions or 50 feet from any National Park Service building, within 50 feet of pavilions, picnic tables and restrooms and at locations posted as no smoking areas, according to the compendium.

VINP officials will post "No Smoking" signs at several beaches and place receptacles for cigarette butts at Hawksnest Beach, Cinnamon Bay and Trunk Bay.

While the smoking ban is official, VINP rangers haven't issued a citation to anyone yet and don't plan to anytime soon, according to VINP Chief Ranger Lloyd Morris.

"The fine would be a \$25 ticket, plus the processing fee," said Morris. "We haven't written a fine yet and we don't want to. We are just asking people to comply with this, as we'll be phasing it in."

"Right now we're trying to get accurate information out to people to make a conscious effort to dispose of their cigarette butts in a receptacle," Morris said. "I think two years down the road, this will be something that is very well received."

Citizens asked to put out their cigarettes, should comply and anyone who doesn't will be "setting" themselves up for a ticket, Anderson added.

The 2013 VINP Superintendent's Compendium also spelled out new anchoring guidelines for vessels in VINP waters.

With about 213 moorings spread throughout VINP from Caneel Bay to Lameshur Bay, officials continue to move toward making the park anchor-free, explained VINP Natural Resource Manager Thomas Kelley.

About 200 of the park's moorings are capable of holding vessels up to 60 feet and VINP contractors recently installed 13



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

VINP Natural Resource Manager Thomas Kelley points out one of two anchoring fields in park waters.

moorings capable of accommodating boats up to 100 feet.

Boat operators who chose to not use a mooring must anchor in one of two locations; an area off Lind Point, or an area near Francis Bay in 50 feet of water. The exact GPS coordinates of the two anchoring fields are available at the VINP Visitor's Center and are also included in this year's Compendium, Kelley explained.

Anchoring is also allowed in Cruz Bay near the old sea plane ramp, but only for

three hours, according to Kelley.

The fee for spending a night in VINP, whether at anchor or on a mooring, is \$15, Kelley added.

"Vessel operators are required to pay the \$15 fee whether they are on a mooring or on their own anchor," he said.

VINP officials urge all vessel operators to use moorings when possible.

While the \$15 mooring fee is the same for all moorings, that fee might increase soon and the new structure might be tiered, according to Kelley.

"We've initiated administrative procedures to consider increasing fees for moorings across the board because the cost of maintaining the moorings has increased," he said. "When we started the fee program 13 years ago, we were below average and we've not had an increase."

The process of increasing mooring fees will take "about a year, maybe longer," said Kelley.

This year's VINP Superintendent's Compendium also included the White Cliffs area closure on the park's south shore in order to protect the endangered plant *Eugenia earhartii*.

The entire compendium is available at the VINP Visitor's Center.

St. John Couple Arrested for Unauthorized Credit Card Use

Judge Mackay Dismisses Charges Against 25-year-old Beth Davis

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

V.I. Police Department officers on St. John arrested two suspects last week after an investigation revealed they made unauthorized purchases with a bank card belonging to someone else.

The suspects, 31-year-old Clint Richard Tetrick also known as Ricky, and Beth Allison Davis, 25, were accused of racking up more than \$1,500 at various businesses and were charged with Obtaining Money by False Pretenses.

VIPD officers said the pair, who are from Louisiana and Missouri respectively, bought items at several stores and ate at several restaurants on St. John using the bank card that was not theirs.

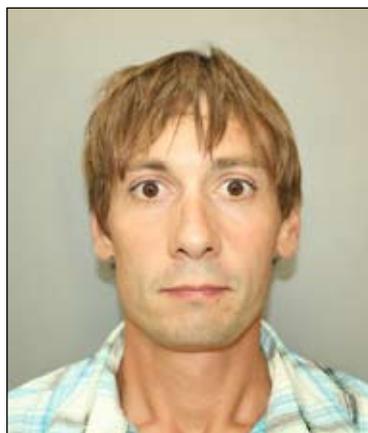
They were arrested on Tuesday, February 19, were placed on \$35,000 bail each and were remanded to the custody of the Bureau of Corrections pending further court action.



Beth Davis

The two appeared before V.I. Superior Court Judge Kathleen Mackay on Wednesday morning, February 20. Mackay found probable cause to uphold charges against Tetrick, but dropped the charges against Davis due to a lack of probable cause, according to a report in the *V.I. Daily News*.

Tetrick admitted that he used a



Clint Tetrick

card "that was not his," and told VIPD detectives that Davis knew the card did not belong to him, according to the report.

Davis, however, said she was "unaware" that the bank card did not belong to Tetrick, according to the *Daily News* report.

The card was lost back in January, when a victim reported to the

VIPD that he lost his bank card between Salt Pond Bay and Cinnamon Bay, according to the report.

With no cell phone service that day, the victim reported the card missing to the bank the following day, at which point \$1,500 had been racked up in charges, according to the report in the *V.I. Daily News*.

With a list of stores where the card was used, statements from employees, receipts from three stores and surveillance video from Dolphin Market showing the suspects, VIPD officers arrested the two on February 19.

They were initially held on \$35,000 bail. Davis was released on February 20, while Mackay set Tetrick's bond at \$30,000.

VIPD St. John Deputy Chief Maria Colon Jones last week cautioned merchants to always check the IDs of persons using bank cards and credit cards and to verify all signatures.

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Supporters Raise \$70,000 for ACS at Third Annual St. John Relay for Life

By Jaime Elliott
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A total of 24 teams, numerous volunteers and many community members stayed up all night to help the local chapter of the American Cancer Society raise about \$70,000 at the third annual St. John Relay for Life on February 9 and 10.

The group was hoping to raise \$90,000 at the event and it might just realize that goal. Four Relay for Life teams had not yet turned in their money as of press time.

The 24-hour event featured teams walking around a makeshift track in the Winston Wells ball field in order to raise funds to help the fight against cancer. The event kicked off at 4 p.m. on Saturday, February 9, and wrapped up on Sunday morning, February 10.

At least one member of each team was required to be on the track at all times during the night as the event sends the message "Cancer never sleeps."

While St. John Relay members this year were hoping to raise close to \$90,000, the group deemed the effort a success.

"It was good, especially considering the challenges that we had," said American Cancer Society's St. Thomas/St. John executive director Lorraine Baa. "We started fresh this year. We had one group who did an amazing fundraiser last year, but they separated and went



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Yelena Rogers

Walkers circle the luminary bag lined track in Winston Wells ball field, above, during the third annual St. John Relay for Life American Cancer Society Fundraiser.

their own way and now they are the St. John Cancer Fund."

"We are working together with that group, but we had to start all over in terms of planning this year's relay," Baa said. "The entire planning team was brand new, including me."

While the group was hoping to register 30 teams, in the end 24 teams took part in this year's relay. The teams which did take part were full of enthusiasm, explained Baa.

"Everyone had a fantastic time and we've heard great reviews from everyone who participated," she said.

Highlights of the event included a chicken wing eating contest, an elegant survivor's dinner and a moving luminary ceremony, according to Baa.

Sponsored by Boyson, Inc. the wing eating contest featured three heats where participants had to eat six wings as quickly as possible and then show their clean bones

to a panel of judges. In the end, Ivanna Eudora Kean High School ninth grader Ce-khoi Scatliffe took the crown of fastest wing eater.

"The hot wing eating contest was hilarious," said Baa. "Boyson Inc. gave the prize money for the contest and people really enjoyed watching it and taking part in it."

Officials raised money for ACS through the contest by selling T-shirts for participants, Baa added.

Another highlight of the evening was hosted by Julie Van Pelt

of East West Catering and St. John Farm to Table, who sponsored this year's Survivor's Dinner (see page 23).

Along with student volunteers from Giffit Hill School, as well as help from The Fish Trap's wait staff, Van Pelt, along with sous chef Antonio Herrera, served up an elegant dinner for 86 cancer survivors and caretakers.

Guests dined on fresh green salad, pasta or herb roasted chicken and enjoyed sorbet for dessert, thanks to a donation from Starfish Market. Beverages for the meal were provided by the Lime Inn.

"Julie did a fantastic job," said Baa. "The Lime Inn, Fish Trap and Starfish helped and Julie really donated a lot of time and effort in terms of putting the whole thing together. It was just amazing."

Several weeks before the February 9 Relay, organizers were worried that volunteers were not selling many luminary bags, Baa explained.

"Our goal was 900 and were at 116 with only three weeks to go," she said. "I went to schools on St. Thomas and St. John and selected one young lady to be an ambassador and help sell luminary bags for the school."

Luminary bags are sold in memory of someone who has lost their life to cancer or in honor of someone who is battling the dis-

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The Caribbean Ritual Dancers and Mocko Jumbies got the crowd in Frank Powell Park on its feet.

Mocko Jumbies, Dancers and Vendors in Park Highlight 13th Annual Arts Festival

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Following a week of live music, arts, crafts, movies and more, the 13th Annual St. John Arts Festival wrapped up on Wednesday afternoon, February 20.

While the event was not without a few snafus, the festival was another success, explained founder Frank Langley.

"It went very well," Langley said. "Everything happened and everyone was happy. The businesses in the area and our regular visitors were happy to see the festival again."

The festival kicked off on Saturday night, February 12, with a screening of "Guantanamo" at Giff Hill School, which drew a crowd of about 30, surprising even Langley, he explained.

"The movie was unbelievably good," he said. "I got out to school early and GHS head Judy Chamberlain was a jewel. I didn't think anyone would come, but one by one the room filled."

"We ended up with about 30 people and everyone clapped in the end," Langley said. "They even liked the movie."

The festival featured art work by GHS students, which was displayed on the second floor of The



Dahlia Smith, above, won first place in this year's St. John Arts Festival Craft Exhibit and took advantage of selling in Frank Powell Park each day.

Marketplace, as well as events in Cruz Bay's Frank Powell Park.

Events in the park included a performance by island church choirs, quadrille dancing by the St. Thomas Heritage Dancers as well as a ballroom dancing demonstration by St. John school children.

A performance by the Caribbean Ritual Dancers and Mocko Jumbies was another highlight of the festival.

"While the Love City Pan Dragon and the Love City Leapers couldn't perform this year, all the accidents worked out quite

nicely," said Langley. "If I didn't have a program written, I would not have complained at all."

Live music at Frank Powell Park was provided by Inner Visions, Sambacombo, Koko and the Sunshine Band and Soldier Crab while a local craft exhibit allowed vendors to sell their wares. Vendors set up in the Department of Tourism Park and for the first time in years, Langley got permission to have three booths in the recently renovated Frank Powell Park.

The chance to once again sell in
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New Venue for V.I. Audubon Society's 15th Annual Plant Sale on March 2nd

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This year, the Virgin Islands Audubon Society (VIAS) will host its 15th Annual Plant sale on Saturday, March 2, but it won't be found in its usual location.

The plant sale will be hosted in the upper parking lot of The Marketplace from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The sale is anticipated by folks all over the island looking to find a great variety of plants at a fair price.

Once again VIAS will offer a wide variety of plants and trees for sale; most obtained from various members and from local growers and landscapers who generously donate plants for the groups annual fundraiser.

Anyone looking to add palms, bay trees, desert rose, agaves, ornamentals such as Joseph's coat, lantana, firecracker, Pride of Bar-

Solanum conacarpum
— an endangered
shrub-like plant
which grows
to 10 feet tall
and produces
purple flowers will
be available.

bados, and other garden favorites to their landscape should be sure to stop by the sale.

This year VIAS is pleased to have a very special plant for sale — *Solanum conacarpum*. This plant is endangered. The plant, grows shrub-like to 10 feet tall and produces pretty purple flowers the

size of a quarter.

Vegetable plants will also be available including tomatoes, lettuce greens, eggplant, sweet and hot peppers, collards, bok choy, guava and banana root stock and herbs. For those orchid lovers there will be vanilla, phalenopsis, dendrobium, cattleya and vanda orchids.

This event is the major fundraiser for VIAS. Money raised is used to sponsor programs for school children from St. John and to continue efforts to preserve, restore and enhance the wildlife sanctuary at the Small Pond at Frank Bay, a Virgin Islands designated Wildlife and Marine Sanctuary.

For more information call co-chairs Dave Spoth at (716) 472-6888 or Mary Moroney at (340) 779-8091.



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Newly Built St. John Mansion on the Market

By Penny Nail, Real Estate Editor
St. John Tradewinds

The recently completed home of William Randolph Kane III is now for sale. Niles Chair is the agent and said the asking price would never be disclosed.

It has 46 rooms and one bedroom. Amenities include a home theater with a five-story screen that seats 38 average Americans, a six-car garage with ample room for the Bugatti SUV and the four-wheel-drive Lamborghini that is included in the asking price and an infinity pool that gets its name from the number of water trucks required to keep it topped off.

Next to the 175,000-gallon cistern is a gorgeous, fully-stocked, mahogany-paneled, temperature-controlled wine and mojito cellar. Some of the mojitos date from the early 2000s. Of course the helipad and de-sal plant are standard for any new construction. The jumpy house built into the deck is a delightful surprise. Although the 130-foot drop over the railing may be a problem.

The house has a backup generator and a backup-backup generator with a storage bank of 192 batteries to make sure there will never be an outage except on the rare occasions when WAPA is out.

The 360-degree view includes a close-up view

of the 130-foot wall behind the house that was required when the site was carved from Bordeaux Mountain... still it is a 360-degree view. Also it's walking distance to the beach. Of course all houses on St. John are "walking distance to the beach" if you have the time.

Unfortunately, Mr. Kane's wife, Rosebud, is deathly afraid of certain birds.

"They fly in from everywhere and are so frighteningly demanding," she said. "I know they are after blood!"

No amount of pleading, cajoling and explaining by William Randolph could budge her from her conviction that banaquits were vicious, flying monsters.

"They have those long sharp beaks and just sit and stare at me," she said. "I want to go home to Beverly Hills!" and left the island immediately.

(Evidently she didn't mean the Beverly Hills on the south side of St. Thomas.)

The only disadvantage to the home is that it will be directly under the take-off pattern for the new St. John International Airport. Of course the planes could be required to turn off their engines during takeoff while over St. John.

Mal Flatulantz, the last of the 17 architects that worked on the plans and construction said effusively, "It's truly a none of a kind."



Get Ready for Roots, Rock, Reggae and More at Iguana Grill March 1

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Get ready to enjoy music from Roots Reggae to Rap on Friday, March 1, at Iguana Grill.

"The Ultimate Local Roots, Rock, Reggae, R&B and Rap Event in the V.I." is sponsored by Iguana Grill, Souljahz of Jah Ent and Supporting Local Artists and Musicians (SLAM).

The evening will feature the hottest music across all these genres of music and also live DJ's King Judah and I-Duane.

Entry is only \$5 and the evening will also feature raffles and prizes, plus food and drinks on sale from Iguana Grill.

Animal Care Center Hires New Shelter Manager

St. John Tradewinds

The St. John Animal Care Center Board of Directors last week announced that Ryan Moore has been promoted to Shelter Manager.

Moore will replace Kate Webster who has left island to return to her hometown, Buffalo, New York.

Moore is a graduate of Eastern Connecticut State University with a Bachelor's degree in history. While in college, he worked as Assistant Manager of the Maple Ridge Kennels in Groton, Connecticut.

Among other tasks at Maple Ridge, Moore ran the front office of the boarding facility

that housed up to 60 dogs and 25 cats.

Before moving to St. John, he worked at the Mystic Seaport Museum of America in Mystic, Connecticut, where he obtained a Merchant Marine engineer's license issued by the U.S. Coast Guard.

Moore has been ACC's Kennel Tech since his arrival to St. John. Throughout 2012 he assisted both ACC Shelter Manager Webster and former Shelter Administrator Sally Nelson.

Alongside former shelter staff member Kimber Marnen, he maintained the kennels, walked dogs, and interacted with visitors looking to adopt pets, donate money, or vol-

unteer services.

New Board Member and 2012 Board Officers

The ACC board also announced last week that Rob Upham of St. Johnimals was voted to the ACC Board of Directors by a large majority at the 2013 annual meeting. Upham filled the board's one vacancy created by a term-of-office expiration.

In January, the Board elected its officers for 2013 as Lucy Banks, President; Elaine Campbell, Vice President; Heidi Stout, Secretary; Monica Munro, Treasurer. Completing Board membership are Kelly Cruikshank, Oriel Smith, Jason Corley and Rob Upham.

MKSCHC Hosting Rummage Sale April 6

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Have some items lying around the house just taking up space?

Looking for a great deal on home items, furniture and more?

Rent a spot at Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center's Rummage Sale and help support the hard-working officials at the health center as they plan this year's Community

Health Fair.

The rummage sale will be Saturday, April 6, at the MKSCHC parking lot. Set up will begin at 7 a.m. while the sale itself will run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The cost is \$20 for a single parking space and \$30 for a double parking space. Spots will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis and payment is due at the time of registration.

Anyone who is selling food is responsible for having their own health card.

Funds collected for the spaces will benefit MKSCHC's Community Health Fair which will be hosted in early May.

For more information or to register for a space call Kelly Beach or Debi Emmette at 693-8900, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Bethany Moravian Movie Night Mar. 8

All are invited to Family Movie Night at Bethany Moravian Church in the Fellowship Hall.

On Friday, March 8, watch "The Root of All Evil," at 7 p.m. On Friday, March 29, at 7pm watch "The Passion of Christ."

Almost Annual Flotilla Set for Mar. 23

The Coral Bay Yacht Club's 17th "Almost Annual" Flotilla to benefit Guy Benjamin School is set for Saturday, March 23, from noon to 4 p.m. at Miss Vie's Campground on the East End.

Enjoy lunch on the beach, live music, raffles and more.

Participants can either enjoy a sail to the beach aboard a CBYC member's vessel, for only \$40 including lunch, or they can just drive to the beach party.

Attendees who want to sail should meet at the Coral Bay dinghy dock at 9 a.m. Or arrive by car at noon and pay \$20 for adults and \$10 for children, which includes lunch. GBS students will gain free admission

The Caribbean Groove Band, featuring Eric Provost and Lybia Callwood, will keep the crowd on its feet. Captain Will Hudson will be manning the grill and cooking up burgers and hot dogs. There will also be a full spread of local food prepared by GBS parents. A cash bar will be available.

There will be a \$500 cash raffle, and tickets will be available before and at the flotilla.

For more information call Mary Burks at (340) 513-8141.

KATS Fundraiser Set for Mar. 8 and 9

Support youth sailing on St. John and enjoy a sunset sail aboard the historic schooner *Roseway* on Friday, March 8, and Saturday, March 9.

Enjoy appetizers prepared by KatiLady Catering, St. John Catering, Mares by la Mer, St. John Farm to Table and drinks provided by St. John Brewers.

Tickets for the sunset sails are \$75 each and will benefit the Kids and the Sea, St. John volunteer youth sailing program. Tickets are available at Connections East and West and from KATS St. John Opti racers.

Whales Spotted North of St. John Near Carvel Rock



St. John resident Sheila Caballero snapped this photo of two whales frolicking off the north shore of St. John near Carvel Rock on Friday, February 22. Residents last week reported seeing several whales in waters between Jost Van Dyke and Carvel Rock for several days.

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Photo by Sheila Caballero

BIR and UVI Launch 2013 Volunteer Student Taxpayer Assistance Program

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Director of the Virgin Islands Bureau of Internal Revenue Claudette Watson-Anderson, CPA, and Interim Dean of the School of Business of the University of the Virgin Islands Aubrey Washington last week announced a partnership that allows accounting students of UVI to provide a community service to taxpayers.

"The Bureau's annual Volunteer Taxpayer Assistance Program will be supported this year by its audit staff, as well as UVI student interns," said Watson-Anderson. "The audit employees and the interns will help taxpayers with the filing of their 2012 income tax returns. This is a free service offered to taxpayers who are filing simple tax returns with the Bureau."

The Volunteer Taxpayer Assistance Program will begin on all three islands on Saturday, March 2, through March 23. There will be no assistance on Saturday, March 30. Taxpayer assistance will resume in April, and will be on Saturday, April 6, and Saturday, April 13.

Assistance will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis, and the employees and interns will be

completing Forms 1040EZ and 1040A only.

On St. Thomas, the program will be available at BIR's office at 6115 Estate Smith Bay, in Red Hook, across the street from the Red Hook dock from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

On St. John, the program will be available at the BIR office at the Motor Vehicle Bureau in Cruz Bay from 9 a.m. to 1p.m.

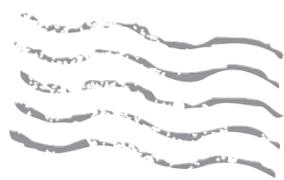
Taxpayers should have available all W-2s, 1099-Rs (Retirement Income), Form 1099s (Interest and Other Income), and Form SSA (Social Security Income) readily available.

For more information on the Volunteer Taxpayer Assistance Program call 715-1040.

Director Watson Anderson also reminds the tax-paying public that

It is against the law for any BIR employee to charge fees for preparation of a tax return, explained Watson-Anderson.

Any taxpayer who can provide proof of payment to a BIR employee for the preparation of tax returns is asked to call Watson-Anderson at (340) 773-1040, ext. 4223 to report this violation.



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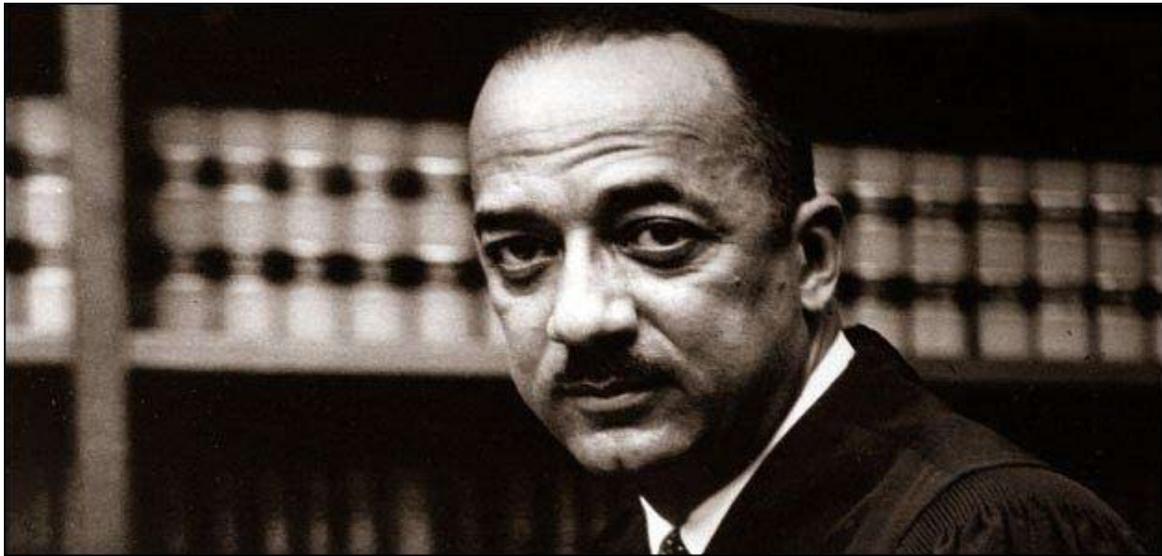
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William Henry Hastie



Historical Bits & Pieces

by Chuck Pishko

William Henry Hastie

First Elected Black Governor of the Virgin Islands

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William Hastie, the first elected Governor of the U.S. Virgin Islands serving from 1945 to 1949, was born in Knoxville, Tennessee, an only child. His father had gone to Ohio Wesleyan Academy and Howard University, and became a pharmacist, but he found the prejudice too strong and went into the United States Pension Bureau. His mother was a teacher.

Education was a driving force, and since there was no college-preparatory school for blacks in Knoxville, the family moved to Washington, D.C. so that he could get a better education. He went on to Phi Beta Kappa and magna cum laude at Amherst, and graduation from Harvard Law.

Hastie may be forgotten by many here but his accomplishments bear remembering. He was a seasoned civil rights advocate before his appointment by President Harry Truman in 1946.

Subsequently, he was appointed to the U.S. Court of Appeals Third District in 1949. In the 1930s Governor Hastie served as an Assistant Federal Solicitor when he helped draft the Organic Act of 1936.

He also advised to eliminate segregation in the armed forces recommending integrated housing and mess hall facilities during World War II; Hastie resigned when it was rejected.

Subsequently, President Truman integrated the

armed forces in 1948. He fought racism through the Federal courts with his former student Thurgood Marshall and the NAACP.

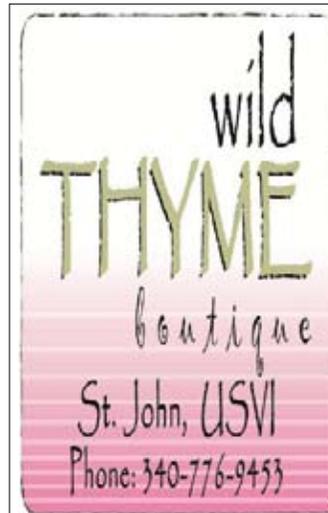
While Governor he fostered the establishment of the Virgin Islands Corporation, which was charged with developing the industrial, commercial, mining, agricultural, livestock, fishery and forestry resource of the islands.

Bernard Wolfman, Fessenden Professor of Law at Harvard spoke highly of his Law Review colleague; remembering that Hastie was involved in many of the most important breaking cases in the early civil-rights years. He could have stood aside from the fray. He was a very quiet, extremely polite, very private person. The word for Hastie was dignity. He was not gregarious. Congenial but not convivial.

With Hastie, there was no elaboration, no pomposity, no big words. He wasn't thin-skinned and he wasn't self-conscious.

Hastie and Learned Hand, for instance, were judges who regarded the cases before them as their cases. They felt they had the responsibility to reach a correct decision, and the lawyers were to be their aides in reaching that correct decision. Their questions went to the heart of the matter.

Those who worked with him were enriched by having known Hastie.



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Upgrades Planned for Susannaberg Transfer Station

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The Susannaberg Transfer Station is currently being evaluated for upgrading of equipment and expansion of services, explained V.I. Waste Management Authority officials who issued an update on activities at the station last week.

The Susannaberg Transfer Station manages all solid waste generated on St. John. It accepts municipal solid waste, green waste, bulk waste, white goods and scrap metals. Certain household hazardous materials are also accepted. All items are then transported to the Bovoni Landfill on St. Thomas for disposal or shipping off island for recycling.

Planned upgrades to the Susannaberg Transfer Station are as follows:

Compactor – Waste is currently transported daily to St. Thomas either by individual 40 yard bins that are located roadside or by compactor trailers from the transfer station. Currently, the compactors are not operable; therefore, waste from the transfer station is being loaded into additional 40-yard bins and are being transported to St. Thomas. The two compactor units are presently being refurbished and a new unit is being purchased. Once the compactor units are in place, all household waste will be compacted and transported via compactor.

Tipping Floor – to facilitate the compaction of all waste collected and delivered to the transfer station, a tipping floor will be constructed. It will allow for trucks and bins to deposit their waste onto the floor where it will be sorted. Unacceptable and bulky waste and scrap metals will be removed from the waste stream and the acceptable waste will be loaded and compacted for transporting. The bids for the construction of the tipping floor were due in to VIWMA on Friday, February 22.

Scrap Metal Removal - This project commenced on Monday, February 18, when contractor, VI Recy-

cling, started separating, flattening and transporting scrap metal to St. Thomas. This contractor rotates between all three islands' solid waste facilities to bale and remove all scrap metal. The initial St. John project is scheduled to take eight weeks. Then, the contractor will return to the Bovoni Landfill on St. Thomas and then the Anguilla Landfill on St. Croix before returning to St. John.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection – VIWMA only accepts certain household hazardous waste, such as electronic devices and fluorescent bulbs, at the Susannaberg Transfer Station for recycling.

Fencing – In an attempt to lessen the influx of farm animals in the transfer station area, VIWMA will be constructing a fence along the perimeter of the area adjacent to the compactor. VIWMA continues to urge neighboring farmers to contain their livestock to prevent safety hazards on the public roadside and the transfer station property.

“Funding and space limitations continue to be the challenges that VIWMA faces when trying to improve the level of solid waste services to the island of St. John,” said May Adams Cornwall, Executive Director. “We are aware of many of the needs, including the replacement of existing aged disposal bins, the need for new collection equipment and a proper facility for staff, but the fiscal constraints continue to limit how much and when these items can be addressed.”

“Nonetheless, I must commend our St. John staff for always being willing to go above and beyond, always putting the needs of the public first and working within the limitations,” said Cornwall. “We will continue to forge ahead to improve disposal and working conditions and appreciate the public’s patience and input.”

For more information, contact VIWMA’s Office of Communications Management at 715-9110 or (340) 690-4218.

Ranifly Bikini in *Sports Illustrated* Swimsuit Issue Spread



St. John bikini designer Rani Keohane got some great news recently when one of her creations, at left on model Cintia Dicker, was included in this year’s *Sports Illustrated* Annual Swimsuit Issue spread. While the bikini is not included in the magazine’s printed issue, it can be found on-line in an expanded spread on the Namibia photo shoot. Check out Ranifly Bikini shop in the Cocoloba Complex in Coral Bay or online at www.raniflybikini.com.



Check out the latest works by Avelino Samuel, above, and Lisa Etre, right, at the March 1 opening at Mongoose Junction.

Etre, Samuel and Lipsky Featured at March 1st Bajo el Sol Reception

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Bajo el Sol Gallery is hosting an opening reception on Friday, March 1, from 5 to 8 p.m. which will feature three very accomplished St. John artists displaying work in three very different mediums: Lisa Etre, Avelino Samuel and Larry Lipsky.

Etre has, for many years, shared her talents and gifts with the students at Ivanna Eudora Kean High School. In her own work as an artist, she finds the medium of oil painting the gift to share with the public.

“Competing with nature’s moment of light on the awesome VI vistas present a challenge which continues to inspire me to load canvas, paint, and easel to locations where

I experience the elements through all my senses,” said Etre. “My paintings are ‘plein air’ with very little studio based. I strive to create an image that is fresh in color, stroke and spirit.”

Samuel in his approach to this year’s display, focused on three distinct areas; skill, style, and shape. Using local woods, many of the pieces guazuma, he used his skill as a wood turner to turn intricate, difficult pieces of art.

The styles of the pieces vary from highly polished and coil-burned to oil and matte finish. Capturing the beautiful grains of the wood, the shapes include bowls; vessels, some vortex carved, and even a piece of partially turned random shaped driftwood.

Lipsky is a long-time Virgin Islands resident, making St. John his home for the past 13 years. Working in metals and glass, his artwork reflects the whimsical, detailed skill of a very fine artist.

Lipsky continues to create “stuff,” as he refers to the work, which “involves the viewer in the movement of both the art piece and the viewers changing perspective.”

He calls this “geo-kinetic sculpture, and is currently exploring random pendjolic movement.”

The opening reception on March 1 will also feature classical guitar music by David Laabs. The artists will be featured for the month of March. For more information call 693-7070. Regular gallery hours are from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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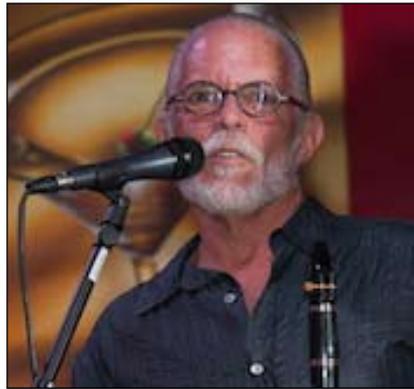


Steve Simon and Jazz Islanders Reunion Concert Set for March 31

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Steve Simon & The Jazz Islanders are coming back to St. John for a reunion concert at The Beach Bar in Cruz Bay at Wharfside Village on Sunday, March 31, from 4 to 7 p.m.

Admission is free and all are invited to come join Steve Simon and his world renowned jazz band as they perform together for the first time in almost four years.



Steve Simon

Danielle Green To Speak at UU

The Unitarian Universalists of St. John meet every Sunday at 10 a.m. in the Great Room at Giff Hill School Lower Campus.

The guest speaker for Sunday, March 3, is Rev. Danielle Green who will speak on "The Truth that Nibbles at the Soul."

Childcare is available. For transportation from Cruz Bay ferry Dock call 776-6332 in advance.

Wild Thyme Boutique and Motu Bar Teaming Up for February 28 Night of Fashion and Fun

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Wild Thyme Boutique and Motu Bar are hosting a fashion show on Thursday night, February 28, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Tickets are \$50, which includes hos d'oeures catered by Privateer Chefs and cocktails. The event is also being sponsored by Duty Free St. Thomas and guests will take home exciting swag bags.

So come on out for a night of fashion and fun at Motu and check out all latest trends as well as creations from local designers. Tickets are available at Wild Thyme Boutique and Motu Bar.



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Modern Dance at Caribbeanese

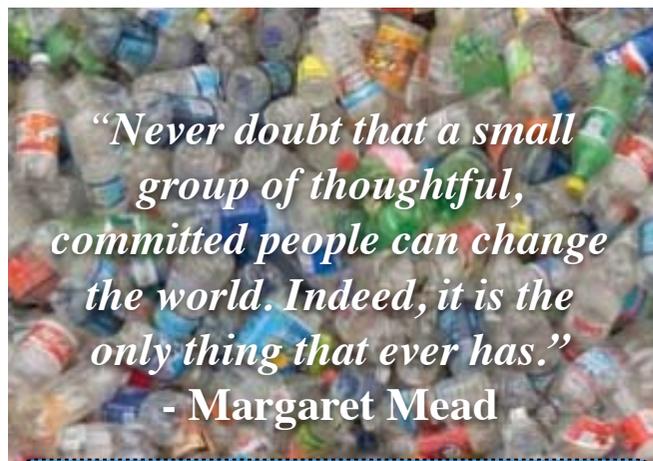
The February 8 opening of Caribbeanese at Kimberly Boulon Fine Art Gallery featured a modern dance performance choreographed by Jude Woodcock and featuring Chris Meyer, Woodcock, Mindy Mitchner and Allison Perry. The next and final Caribbeanese opening will be Friday, March 8.



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A gently sloped lawn and spacious verandahs evoke classic West Indian plantation design at Tre Vista Estate, above.



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By Jaime Elliott
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Dining al fresco will be a treat at the outdoor pavilion, which effortlessly flows into the indoor spaces at Tre Vista Estate. And whipping up gourmet meals will be a cinch in the chef's kitchen, where you'll find high-end appliances and an oversized work island.

The kitchen also opens onto the verandah and pool area, as well as the airy living room. A formal dining area is also located nearby.

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The gourmet kitchen opens to an airy and inviting living room.

The guest house includes three additional bedrooms each with French doors opening to private decks and small kitchenettes. The fifth bedroom at Tre Vista Estate is located on the garden level, just off the green lawn.

With mature landscaping and fruit and flowering trees, Tre Vista Estate feels like a world away, yet is conveniently found in Estate Chocolate Hole. The villa is located just a few minutes away from the dining and night life of Cruz Bay as well as the famed North Shore beaches of St. John.

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It is that time again, and we are pleased to announce that The Julius E. Sprauve School's Annual Gala Fundraiser is scheduled for March 23, 2013 at Caneel Bay Resort.

Our major project for this year's gala is to upgrade our technology. Our goal is to have each of our students, K-8th grade, interact with technology on a daily basis. We want our students researching, word processing, creating Powerpoints, wikis, podcasts, digital stories and giving presentations.

We want to be able to use our online resources without worrying about whether the operating systems are compatible with the programs. It's time to make improvements and we need all of our stakeholders involved if this will become a reality.

Our school family appreciates the encouragement and support that we receive from the community as we work tirelessly to meet the needs of all of our students. Our theme for this year's gala is "Hats off to our children, the shakers and movers of tomorrow."

Our children are the future! Let's continue to work together to make sure that it is a bright one for all the children of St. John.

At our gala last year our major projects were to purchase a van for our athletic department and to upgrade our intercom system. If you have an opportunity to pass by our school, you would see the fruits of your labor parked right in front of the building.

Our van has been used to transport our students safely to and from school sponsored events this school year and what a relief it has been.

In light of the recent tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School it is mandatory that schools have a crisis management plan in place. At Sprauve it is important that our intercom system be upgraded so that it can be used as a communication tool in the event of any emergencies on campus.

The intercom system will be installed before the close of the school year. We are awaiting the last bid and then the process will begin.

None of this would be possible without you! It truly takes a village to raise a child!

Together we will make Sprauve School the best public school in this territory and give our children the tools that they need to be successful and productive citizens.

You can drop off your donations or pick up your tickets for the gala from the main office at Sprauve School. Tickets are \$100 per person.

Come out and join us at the Mad Hatters' Ball on March 23, 2013, 6:30 p.m. at Caneel Bay Resort.

I truly thank you from the bottom of my heart for believing in our efforts and in the children of Sprauve School.

See you there!

**Ms. Dionne Wells, Principal
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Government for Sale

As ludicrous as this idea may seem, let's examine it for a moment. Which foreign country would bid the highest? With white sand, clear waters and beautiful weather, we could fetch a hefty price.

Of course, that means that the government would have to dissolve. After all, if it isn't being managed correctly, things must change.

I'm bringing this up because in recent news HOVENSA was being pressured to sell in order for new owners to perhaps bring back the refinery to full production. Doesn't it seem weird that a government, which cannot balance its own books, would tell a private business how to operate?

This idea wouldn't be so bad if they had set the right example. But with a projected shortfall of millions and with a collection system that "might" receive all monies, we seem to be hoping for a change.

Unfortunately, all the hoping in the world won't change the fact that companies need to make a profit in order to stay in business. The last resort would be for owners to sell, which would result in a loss. In a true business sense, our government is operating at a

loss without a real recovery plan.

It is amazing to know that our neighbor island of Tortola is embarking on a project to lengthen their runway to bring in bigger jets. This is an ambitious long-term project that will create new jobs, bring more visitors to the island and add a positive to their economy. We, on the other hand, are cutting back on everything while raising the fees on everybody.

The governor of Michigan will have to decide soon about hiring a financial manager for the city of Detroit. It is a safe assumption that such person will be appointed. It also appears that the U.S. Virgin Islands will be heading down that road soon.

If it takes an outsider to come in and handle our financial matters, it will be a sad commentary that we "born here" couldn't run our own house. In that case, maybe it's time to put up the "For Sale" sign. Because, as we celebrate Black History Month, our island future is broke.

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Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7 a.m.
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Tuesdays Prayer 7:30 p.m.,
Thursdays Bible Study 7:30 p.m.
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Letters To *St. John Tradewinds*

Who's Responsible for Aging Parents?

To my Virgin Islands People those at home, abroad and especially those asleep, the aging amongst us are dying lonely, miserable, depressed, destitute, impoverished and many have lost hope and the will to subsist.

The last phone call I received agitated me to say something publicly even though I am sure most of us don't fit the bill.

Question, how is it that two parents can take care of five children and five children can't take care or two? Let's say an elderly lady with a strong Thomian accent aged 78 has a husband aged 83 who is bedridden and she is left to fully take care of him. Let's say they have three adult children living the American nightmare, I mean dream.

Giving their parents the impression that they are absolutely happy where they are and they can't spare the time or the dime to take care of them, the same parents who refinanced their house to pay for their children to attend collage even though they themselves did not attend high school.

Now in their twilight years, Dad is bedridden and Mom physically can't labor in love any more.

I ask the question again, who's responsible?

Over the years, Virgin Islanders from the most meager of circumstances have produced children who have risen to the highest level of respectability. We have produced Neurosurgeons, Admirals, teachers, clergy, inventors, writers, network engineers, hedge fund managers, business experts in most disciplines, and many trades men and women who build and construct everything the makes a country move.

And in our pretentiousness some of those who are most successful have forsaken their parents and are forcing them to live a dependent life on a government whose finances are depleted in part by mismanagement, corruption, nepotism, greed and the like.

The overriding issue at hand is who's responsible

for our aging parents? Historically, governments don't do a very good job providing efficient services and our parents are to be treasured in their twilight years.

Now, I am a Social Worker and I am fully aware that some family dynamics are filled with anguish, distress, pain and hurt and over time they never overcome the past hurt. However, most of us claim some spiritual power in our life and every authority of a spiritual nature promotes, incorporates and implements forgiveness.

Now, how much of a hypocrite could one be if we turn our backs, literally, of the ones who produced us?

I am making an appeal to all of us to return to the land of your parents and see after them! Our government does not have the resources to adequately provide the most basic of care consistently for the elderly.

Our seniors are filled to capacity with pride and when you call or send a letter and you ask them, how are they doing, 99 percent will say they are doing fine. I am here to tell you that many are not.

A significant percentage of our elderly don't need to live alone. They need the companion of their family, not a home health nurse as the primary contact with the world.

God bless all of the agencies and departments that provides this much needed service; however, when the nurse leaves at noon, 10 a.m. or 3 p.m., that is the last contact with people until the next visit and some contracts don't provide weekend services.

As a senator, I will be working very closely with our local Human Services to create legislation to protect our elderly. However, not one elected official can legislate love.

So I close by asking for the very last time, who's responsible for the aging parents of the Virgin Islands?

Senator Clarence Payne

Mocko Jumbies, Dancers, Vendors in Highlight Festival

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the park, however, was not as well received by the vendors as Langley had anticipated, he explained.

"Many vendors in the little park didn't want to leave their big tents for a table in the new park, even though they liked the appearance of them," said the St. John Arts Festival founder. "This highlights the problem we used to have with the big 10-foot by 10-foot tents and boxes upon boxes of stock. The size of the articles for sale are typically very small and the amount needed for sale each day, similarly small."

"The ugly, overflowing, 'tent warehouses' are the bone of contention and chief reason for the ban on them in the new park, particularly if they are collapsed and left there overnight," said Langley.

Many vendors also preferred the Dept. of Tourism park because of the shade from the trees, Langley added.

"It's cooler in the small park because of the lovely shade where the big park doesn't have that anymore," he said.

An exception to this sentiment was Dahlia Smith, who set up in Frank Powell Park each day and used a bigger tent in the Dept. of Tourism park as a "warehouse," Langley explained.

For her effort, Smith was awarded first place in this year's Craft Exhibit. Second place was a tie between Sonia Sprauve, Sherri Bunge and Desrene Flanagan and third place was awarded to Pat Walters.

After wrapping up the 13th annual St. John Art Festival, Langley promised to be back again next year.

"We'll be back for sure and we're thinking of having one evening event in the park with old time music and local food," he said. "We're trying to bring back the old St. John which has been swept away by all the development and was the impetus to have this event in the first place 13 years ago."



Keeping Pets Healthy

Dear EarthTalk:

What are some tips for keeping my dogs and cats healthy?

**Kim Newfield,
via e-mail**

Believe it or not, pets may be exposed to more harsh chemicals through the course of their day than we are. Researchers at the non-profit Environmental Working Group found that pet dogs and cats were contaminated with 48 of 70 industrial chemicals tested, including 43 chemicals at levels higher than those typically found in people.

“Just as children ingest pollutants in tap water, play on lawns with pesticide residues or breathe in an array of indoor air contaminants, so do their pets,” reported EWG.

Since they develop and age seven or more times faster than

children, pets also develop health problems from exposures much faster, EWG added.

“Average levels of many chemicals were substantially higher in pets than is typical for people, with 2.4 times higher levels of stain- and grease-proof coatings (perfluorochemicals) in dogs, 23 times more fire retardants (PBDEs) in cats, and more than five times the amounts of mercury, compared to average levels in people,” reported the group.

Their 2008 study looked at plastics and food packaging chemicals, heavy metals, fire retardants and stain-proofing chemicals in pooled samples of blood and urine from 20 dogs and 37 cats tested at a Virginia veterinary clinic.

“For dogs, blood and urine samples were contaminated with 35 chemicals altogether, including 11 carcinogens, 31 chemicals toxic to the reproductive system, and 24

neurotoxins,” according to EWG.

This is particularly alarming given that man’s best friend is known to have much higher cancer rates than humans.

A 2008 Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Center study found that dogs have 35 times more skin cancer, four times more breast tumors, eight times more bone cancer, and two times more leukemia per capita as humans.

And according to researchers from Purdue University, cancer is the second leading cause of death for dogs, with about one in four canines succumbing to some form of the disease. Meanwhile, hyperthyroidism — a condition which many think is on the rise in felines due to chemical exposures — is already a leading cause of illness for older cats.

In its Pets for the Environment website, EWG lists dozens of ways for pet owners to ensure that dogs



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Pets ingest pollutants and pesticide residues and breathe in an array of indoor air contaminants just like children do — and since they develop and age seven or more times faster than children, pets develop health problems from exposures much faster.

and cats are as safe as possible in this dangerous world. Among other tips, EWG recommends choosing pet food without chemical preservatives such as BHA, BHT or ethoxyquin, and looking for organic or free-range ingredients rather than by-products.

As for drinking water, EWG suggests running tap water through a reverse osmosis filter — either faucet-mounted or pitcher-based — before it goes into a pet’s bowl to remove common contaminants.

Also, replacing old bedding or furniture, especially if it has ex-

posed foam, can prevent pets from ingesting fire retardants. From avoiding non-stick pans and garden pesticides to choosing greener kitty litter and decking material, the list of tips goes on.

Taking steps to ensure a safer environment for pets — some 63 percent of U.S. homes have at least one — will mean a safer world for humans, too.

Pets “well may be serving as sentinels for our own health, as they breathe in, ingest or absorb the same chemicals that are in our environments,” reported EWG.

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St. John residents of all ages came out to support the local ACS chapter at the third annual St. John Relay for Life at Winston Wells ball field.



Supporters Raise \$70,000 for ACS at St. John Relay for Life

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ease, a message which can sometimes be lost, Baa explained.

"By working with the students we were able to get the word out about cancer and how young people can be affected too," she said. "We have four children in the territory who have cancer, a three-year-old, an eight-year-old, a 13-year-old and a 16-year-old."

"The students were able to understand that the money raised at Relay for Life is being raised to help these children," said Baa. "That really opened their eyes to what cancer is and what cancer can be."

The luminary bags sell for \$5 each and are placed around the perimeter of the track during the Relay for Life. At dusk, candles inside the bags are lit as cancer survivors take a solo walk around the lap.

In the end, volunteers reached their goal of selling 900 bags and honored Virgin Islands Montessori and Peter Gruber International Academy student Nishelle Lewis, who sold 350 bags all by herself.

While the event takes a lot of work to put on, Baa was thrilled with this year's participation and prom-

ised it will be back, and even bigger, next year.

"It was an amazing event, but I never worked so hard in my life," she said. "I stayed up all night because I wanted to make sure that everything went well. I'm just really happy and really excited and looking forward to an even bigger Relay for Life next year on St. John."

But before that, St. John residents can support the local ACS chapter at a planned Bark for Life event scheduled for November 3.

"The event is all about dogs raising money for the fight against cancer," said Baa. "The Bark for Life is going to be a wonderful event and it will be the first time we do it in the Virgin Islands."

Baa thanked the St. John barge companies for helping ACS officials transport equipment for the event, as well as the numerous volunteers who helped make the Relay for Life a success.

For more information about the local chapter of ACS, or to register for the Bark for Life or next year's Relay for Life, call Baa at 775-5373 or check out www.relayforlife.org/stjohnvi.

Bureau of Internal Revenue Offers Tax Tips on Frequently Audited Issues

St. John Tradewinds

Director of Virgin Islands Bureau of Internal Revenue Claudette Watson-Anderson, CPA, last week offered guidelines to be prepared to respond to an audit.

"We are providing this information as part of a tax season educational campaign to help residents in preparing their tax returns accurately," said Watson-Anderson. "The following items have been identified as five frequently audited issues."

Keep tax records in a safe place:

All items on the income tax return are eligible for audit. To sustain an audit, one must provide documents to support the amounts taken as deductions, or show that one is entitled to receive a credit.

For example, to support a claim for Earned Income Credit, one must provide documents to show that one maintains a household for a dependent for more than six months in the year. The documents may be utility bills, rent receipts, lease documents, mortgage documents, school records and birth certificates. Or, if someone takes deductions for rental expenses, please be sure to have the proof of those expenses, such as receipts, or cancelled checks, in order to get credit for the deductions.

Filing Status:

All taxpayers are urged to know their filing status. If one is not married at the end of the tax year, December 31, then filing status should be single or head of household. If one is married on December 31st, then filing status should be Married filing Joint or Married filing Separate. There are exceptions to this rule, so check with a preparer to see the status.

Dependent Exemption:

Please communicate with a partner or spouse about who is entitled to claim a dependent on the tax return. Both parents, if filing separately, can not claim the same child on their separate tax returns.

Relation of Dependent:

Please do not claim a dependent on a return that is not related. One will not be able to provide the documents that are required for the credits that one is expecting to receive if the dependent on a return has no relationship to the taxpayer. In addition, if the dependent does not reside in the Virgin Islands, the taxpayer may not be able to qualify for certain credits.

Self-employment tax:

Self-employed individuals are reminded that they are required to mail Form 1040-SS to the Internal Revenue Service, off island. Self-employment tax is not paid to the Virgin Islands Bureau of Internal Revenue; therefore, that tax should not be placed on the Form 1040 that is filed with the Bureau locally. Please review all tax returns before filing it with the Bureau to ensure that there is no self-employment tax on the return.

As the start of a new tax season gets underway, Director Watson-Anderson advised taxpayers to ensure that the information placed on their returns is accurate. The return is signed under penalty of perjury, she reminded residents.

Questions concerning tax returns that are being audited should be directed to the Audit Branch, at 340-715-1040, ext. 2237.

Police Log

Friday, February 15

12:15 p.m. - A citizen c/r that he lost his wallet while riding on the VITRAN bus. Lost wallet.

3:20 p.m. - A doctor at Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center c/requesting police assistance to remove a male from the center. Police assistance.

5:50 p.m. - An Estate Carolina resident p/r that an unknown person stole her outboard motor. Grand larceny.

7:00 p.m. - A citizen c/requesting police assistance in the area of Estate Pine Peace. Police assistance.

Saturday, February 16

6:06 p.m. - A visitor from New York c/r an auto accident in the area of Maho Bay beach. Auto collision.

11:30 p.m. - A visitor c/requesting police assistance to locate her husband. Police assistance.

Sunday, February 17

3:12 p.m. - A citizen c/r an auto collision.

5:30 p.m. - Badge #1090 p/ at Leander Jurgen Command with one Cyprian Williams of Estate Carolina under arrest and charged with disturbance of the peace. Bail was set at \$500 by order of the court. He was detained at Leander Jurgen Command and later transported to the Bureau of Corrections on St. Thomas to be remanded.

4:38 p.m. - A citizen c/requesting police assistance for her husband who is having heart problems. Police assistance.

10:40 p.m. - A citizen c/r that he was assaulted by a male. Simple assault.

10:40 p.m. - A Westin Resort security officer c/requesting police assistance with a group of males who are trespassing on the property. Trespassing.

Monday, February 18

8:36 a.m. - A Bellevue Village resident c/r a disturbance with her son. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

12:54 p.m. - An Estate Carolina resident c/requesting police assistance to transport his mother to the clinic. Police assistance.

8:40 p.m. - A citizen c/r a disturbance of the peace at the Customs parking lot. Disturbance of the peace.

10:05 p.m. - A citizen c/r loud music in the area of Estate Pine Peace. Disturbance of the peace.

Tuesday, February 19

10:55 a.m. - A citizen c/r that his girlfriend is creating a disturbance at his store. Disturbance of the peace.

2:33 p.m. - A Coral Bay resident c/requesting police assistance to retrieve his dinghy. Police assistance.

4:25 p.m. - An Estate Pastory resident p/r a lost taxi license plate. Lost property.

4:51 p.m. - Badge #1242 p/ at Leander Jurgen Command with one Clint Tetric of Estate Pastory and Beth Davis of Cruz Bay under arrest and charged with obtaining money under false pretense.

Bail was set at \$35,000 by order of the court. They were detained at Leander Jurgen Command and later transported to the Bureau of Corrections on St. Thomas to be remanded.

5:00 p.m. - A citizen p/r that she was threatened by a male. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

5:50 p.m. - A citizen p/r that she was threatened by her ex boyfriend. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

5:53 p.m. - An Estate Pastory resident c/requesting police assistance with her minor son. Police assistance.

Wednesday, February 20

7:41 a.m. - The Government of the Virgin Islands r/ an adult male assaulted a 13-year-old minor. Aggravated rape.

2:15 p.m. - A nurse at Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center c/r that a 44-year-old female was assaulted on 2/19 and was present at the clinic but refusing to talk to police. Police assistance.

2:40 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r that her ex boyfriend struck her and threatened to kill her. Assault in the third, D.V.

5:03 p.m. - A citizen c/r someone throwing rocks in the area of Estate Bethany. Disturbance of the peace.

6:25 p.m. - A citizen p/r that he lost his backpack in downtown Cruz Bay. Grand larceny.

8:03 p.m. - A citizen c/requesting police assistance. Police assistance.

Crime Stoppers — United States Virgin Islands

St. John Tradewinds

Crime Stoppers empowers you, the law abiding citizens, to make your neighborhoods, schools and businesses safer by reporting information while remaining anonymous. If anyone knows something, they should say something.

St. John

On Thursday, November 29, 2012 at about 10 a.m., a woman placed her wedding ring on the sink in the bathroom at Grande Bay Resort while she washed her hands. At 3 p.m. she realized she had left her ring in the bath-

room and went back to get it, but it was gone. The ring, valued at \$10,000, has a 3-carat center stone set in white gold with 1.8 carats of circular diamonds throughout the band. Help the police find this ring.

St. Thomas

On Tuesday, January 29, at 5 p.m., a woman returned to her home in Estate Hull Bay and discovered it had been burglarized. The burglars(s) stole four 18-carat gold chains that were engraved with the initials "B Q S J," \$100 in cash, and the alarm system, including cameras. Tell

what you know about this burglary.

Continue to help make our islands become 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). You can also text "USVI" plus your message to CRIMES (274637).

If a tip leads to an arrest or the recovery of stolen property, illegal drugs, or weapons, the tipster will receive a cash reward to be paid according to his or her instructions.

Community Calendar

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

Wednesday, February 27

— The PSC Hearing Examiner has set the following dates and times for a hearing in this matter to obtain comment and information from interested parties and members of the public. Wednesday, February 27, at 6 p.m. at Julius E. Sprauve School in Cruz Bay. *tate Peter Bay* on February 23.

Thursday, February 28

— The 22nd Annual Folk Life Festival will be conducted on February 28 and March 1 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Annaberg Sugar Plantation ruins.

— The next *St. John Recycler's* meeting will take place at Giffit Hill School's downstairs back patio at 4:45 p.m. on Thursday, February 28.

— The Ridge to Reef Farm on St. Croix is trying to affect positive change in this area. The farm's Nate Olive will bring residents up to date on what Ridge to Reef is doing to strengthen the local food system throughout the USVI on Thursday, February 28, at 5:30 p.m. at the Giffit Hill School's Upper Campus atrium.

Saturday, March 2

— The Virgin Islands Audubon Society will host its 15th Annual Plant sale on Saturday, March 2, in the upper parking lot of The Marketplace from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

— Get ready for a evening of dance, music and exciting entertainment while supporting education on Saturday, March 2, from 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Concordia Eco-Resort.

Saturday, March 8

— Family Movie Night at Bethany Moravian Church in the Fellowship Hall is set for Friday, March 8, to watch "The Root of All Evil," at 7 p.m.

March 8 and 9

— The non-profit youth sailing organization Kids and the Sea, St. John is hosting sunset sails on Friday, March 8, and Saturday, March 9, aboard the classic schooner *Roseway*. Tickets are \$75 each, which includes light refreshments and beverages, and are available at Connections East and West and from KATS students.

Saturday, March 16

— The 27th Annual Giffit Hill School Auction will be on Saturday, March 16, at the Westin St. John Resort & Villas. Tickets are \$125 each or \$1,000 for a table of 10. Call GHS at 776-1730

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

Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

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- 15 Game maker since 1972
- 16 Casaba, e.g.
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- 24 Sue Grafton's "— for Quarry"
- 29 Breath mint alternative
- 31 Not optional: Abbr.
- 32 "The Raven" writer
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- 34 Juan's "what"
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- 39 "— giorno!"
- 42 Tennis great Chris
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- 45 Booze
- 46 Take — for the worse
- 47 Galleria unit
- 48 Head, in Québec
- 51 Place for movie titles
- 52 Decorator de Wolfe
- 53 Like ketchup
- 56 "Star Wars" guru
- 58 Guitar's ancestor
- 60 Rotational force
- 61 Raise in price by successive offers

- 62 "As I Lay Dying" father
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- 66 Apples and pears
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- 68 Doze
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- 70 Curmudgeon
- 71 — Nostra (Mafia's kin)
- 74 Gibbons of TV talk
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- 80 Jim Croce's "— a Name"
- 81 See 9-Down
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- 90 R&B's — Hill
- 91 Good buddy
- 92 Put in solitary
- 93 High figs. for Einsteins
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- 97 "Crazy" singer Cline
- 98 Give a big lift
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- 101 Knitting balls
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- 103 Road crew goo
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- 108 Les — (French for "some")
- 109 — of March
- 110 640-acre unit: Abbr.
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"Casa Tua" Waterfront! Another great house by Jim Phillips. New, beautiful, masonry home located on the water at Lagoon Point between Coral Bay & the beautiful National Park beaches at Salt Pond Bay and Lameshur. Two bedrooms in the main house & a separate guest house. Spectacular water views over the East End of St. John to the BVI, sound of waves breaking on the reef. Excellent snorkeling, bonefishing and beachcombing. **\$2.1M**



"Colibri" – Superb sunset and water views from this three bedroom waterfront home in the very desirable Great Cruz Bay sub division. Features include native stonework, large pool deck with gazebo, masonry construction, air conditioning, water views from every room and the pool, and lots of room for expansion. Deeded rights to beach and dinghy landing. A complete refurbishing has just been completed. Great Cruz Bay is a designated mooring area for yachts. **\$3,795,000.**



"The Point at Privateer" - The eastern most point of St. John in the U. S. Virgin Islands is the location of St. John's newest upscale subdivision with minimum lot sizes of 1 acre, paved roads & underground utilities. All building sites have great breezes & unlimited views to the British Virgins from Tortola to Virgin Gorda, Fallen Jerusalem, Salt, Cooper, Ginger, Peter & Norman Islands - many are waterfront. This is a subdivision for the more discerning buyer. From **\$375,000 to \$9.15M.**



"Villa Tramonto" – Is an elegant contemporary styled villa located high atop a level site within the gated community known as Virgin Grand Estates. Constructed in 2010, the stately fully air conditioned four bedroom home offers sweeping water and sunset views from Great Cruz Bay to St. Thomas and beyond. Amenities include large pool and entertainment deck, open floor plan, professional tropical landscaping, underground utilities and paved access roads. **\$2.395M**



"Orion's Hill" - the crowning jewel on Ajax Peak with picture perfect dwellings, cool breezes and 360 degree views from sunrise to sunset and from Coral Bay to Jost to St. Thomas from the widow's walk. This "best piece of land on St. John", is 5 minutes from Maho Beach, a short drive to Coral Bay. The main house has vaulted ceilings & two en suite bedrooms. The 1BR 1,120sf cottage with views is a bonus. **\$1.4M**



"Villa Tesori" features sweeping views over Rendezvous Bay to St. Croix. Creme de la creme of south shore homes this 5 BR masonry & stone villa offers nearly 5000 sq' ft' inside & 2000' more outside with 25' pool & poolside wet bar. Designed for families & adult groups with the highest quality of comfort available. Features include wireless internet, beautiful stonework, standby generator, air conditioning, flat screen TV/DVD's in all bedrooms, fully equipped gourmet kitchen, lush tropical landscaping & convenient south shore location. **\$3,474,900**



"Palm Terrace Villas"- Some of the most spacious condos to be found on St. John. Completed in 2005 with beautiful views, generous balconies, common sun deck and pool area, walk to town and Frank Bay Beach. The two bedroom unit is over 1100 sq. ft. All feature large kitchens, granite countertops, stainless appliances, large closets, private washer and dryer and ample storage. These condos have it all. Excellent short term rentals. **\$525,000 to \$975,000.**

"Cruz Views Condos"- Convenient to Cruz Bay, nice water views, quiet area with lush landscaping and large pool and deck. One and two bedrooms. Excellent rentals. From **\$445,000 to \$549,000**

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"Kings Hill Apartments" - Masonry apartment house with two, 2 bedroom 2 bath apartments on a convenient flat lot. Bedrooms are air conditioned and each apartment has appliances including its own laundry. **\$599,000** - Sister apartment building next door, also with 2 apartments, is also for sale.

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DOH Taking Flu Outreach "On the Road"

St. John Tradewinds

Every year, flu season arrives and with it comes fevers, aches, chills, and extreme fatigue.

Influenza affects people of all ages, especially children, who are often the first to come down with the illness and bring it home to their families. That's why the "On the Road-To the Community" influenza awareness campaign by the Department of Health's Immunization Program is focusing this year's effort on educating residents, employees, parents and children about flu prevention, symptoms, and treatment.

To commence the "On the Road-To the Community" influenza awareness campaign, DOH will partner with Head Start programs under the Department of Human Services to teach employees and children about coughing/sneezing and hand washing techniques that can help stop the spread of germs that can make them and others sick.

Immunization staff will be at Head Start centers territory wide from 9 to 10 a.m. on Friday, March 1. DOH staff will also be out in the community from 8 a.m. to noon that day, to educate the public on flu prevention. Staff will distribute free hand sanitizers that can be used when soap and water, the preferred technique, are not available for hand washing.

Routine morning immunization clinic services will be modified to ensure participation of staff

from 8am-12 p.m. Clinic hours will resume at 1p.m.

The awareness campaign is the latest in a series of free vaccine outreach activities being hosted during the peak of the flu season, from October to May, according to DOH Commissioner Darice Plaskett.

The goal is to increase vaccination coverage and decrease vaccine-preventable diseases, Plaskett explained.

Since October, more than 20 special outreach activities have been conducted territory wide.

The best way to prevent becoming ill with the flu is to get vaccinated but hat residents should follow these tips to help prevent getting or spreading the flu:

- Get Vaccinated! Get the flu shot every year.
- Wash hands often. The most common way to catch the flu is to touch eyes, nose, or mouth with hands.
- Keep hands away from face.
- Keep distance from others when sick.
- Keep distance from someone else who is sick.
- Stay home if sick.
- Cover mouth and nose with a tissue when sneezing and coughing.
- Be aware that germs can still spread for up to 7 days after getting sick.

Chef Van Pelt and Volunteers Host Survivor's Dinner for Relay for Life



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Julie Van Pelt, third from right in bottom row, of East West Catering and St. John Farm to Table with sous chef Antonio Herrera, at far left, and volunteers at the St. John Relay for Life Survivor's Dinner. The crew made and served dinner for 86 cancer survivors and caretakers during the annual American Cancer Society Fundraiser.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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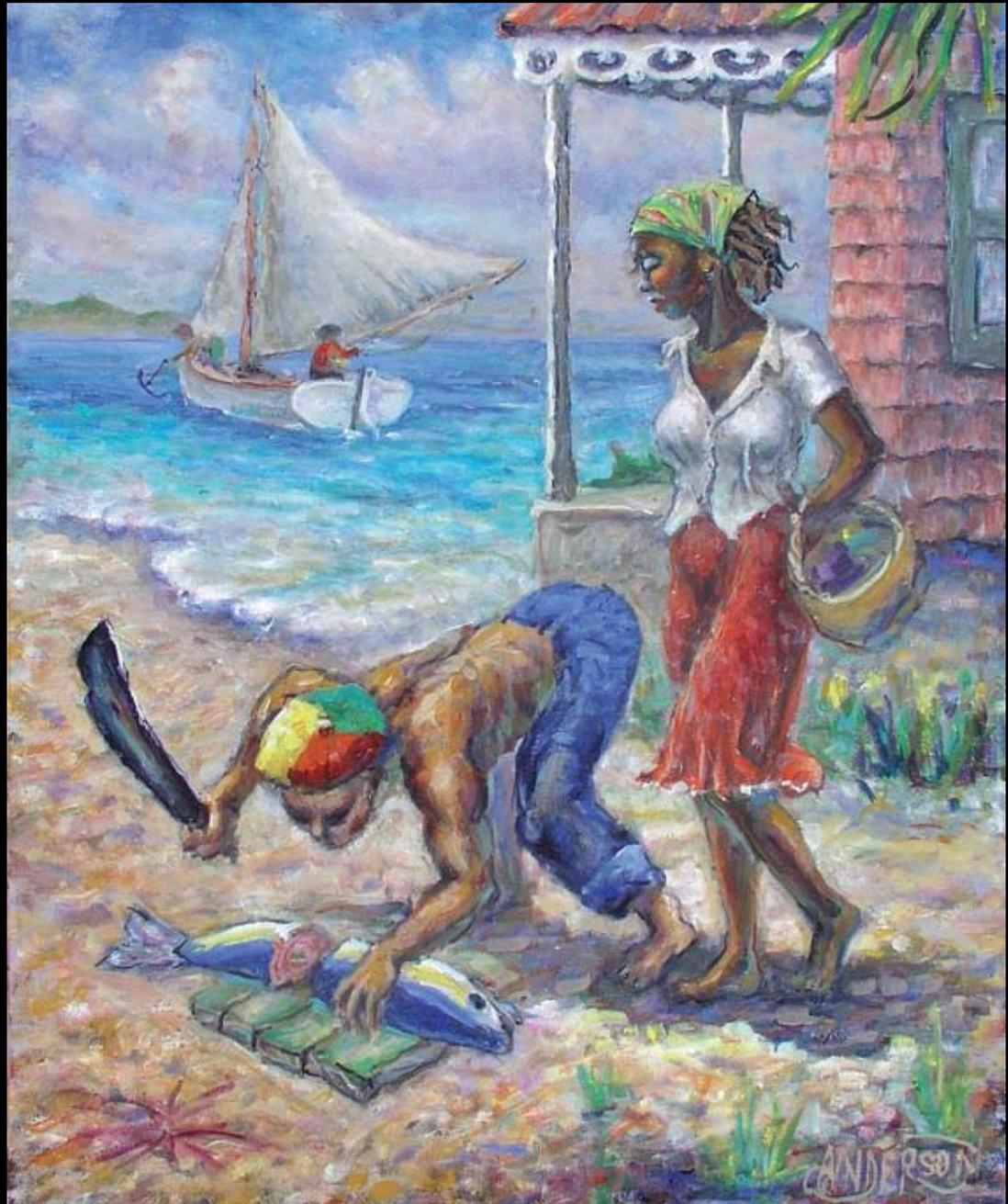
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Successful 8 Tuff Miles

Almost 1,500 runners and walkers traversed Centerline Road from Cruz Bay to Coral Bay on Saturday, February 23, for the 17th Annual St. John 8 Tuff Miles Road Race. See next week's edition for additional photos and results.



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