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More Than 1,000 Runners Brave Centerline Road for Annual Road Race



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8 Tuff Miles Race Celebrates Sweet 16

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

More than 1,000 runners lined up next to the V.I. National Park Visitors' Center under sunny skies on Saturday morning, February 25, for the 16th Annual 8 Tuff Miles road race.

It was a clear, but hot day with a new first

place finisher, but no new course record set this year. Derrick Butler, 31, of Cincinnati, Ohio, ran across St. John ahead of the rest of 1,100 runners expected to take part in the annual race. Butler crossed the finish line in the Coral Bay ball field in 46 minutes and 22 seconds, only 27 seconds ahead of last year's 8 Tuff Miles winner Christopher Reis, 30, of

Covington, Kentucky, who came in second this year.

On the women's side, Ruth Ann David, 38, of St. Thomas, took the top honors for the third year in a row, crossing the finish line in a time of one hour and 10 seconds.

See next week's *St. John Tradewinds* for additional photos and times.

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Police Arrest Six People on St. John

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Six persons were arrested on St. John last week on a variety of charges.

Three persons were arrested after V.I. Police Department officers intervened in a disturbance at a downtown bar and individuals struck police officers, according to the VIPD. A female was arrested following an assault at a residence. A male was arrested for drug possession and another female was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

VIPD arrested Wendy Diane Hickak, 34, and Jasmine Hyche, 30, both of California and Audrey Penn, 27, of St. John, charging them with Aggravated Assault and Battery and Third Degree Assault after they attacked a VIPD officer who was breaking up a disturbance at the Castaways Bar in Cruz Bay.

The incident occurred on Wednesday, February 22, at about 1:15 a.m. Hickak and Penn were each held on \$26,500 bail and Hyche was held on \$1,000 bail.

Paula McDonagh Myles, 70, was arrested at about 2 a.m. Wednesday, February 22, and charged with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. VIPD offi-

cers said Myles was driving on Centerline Road when she was involved in an auto accident. She was given a Field Sobriety Test and failed, police said. Myles was released on a \$500 bail pending further court action.

VIPD arrested Akil Felix Gumbs, 31, and charged him with Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Distribute. Gumbs was scheduled to appear in court on a previous charge, but he did not appear and a warrant was issued for his arrest.

When VIPD officers arrested Gumbs just before 3 p.m. on Wednesday, February 22, police found 13 "dime bags" of crack cocaine in his possession.

Mary C. Andrews, 40, was arrested on Tuesday, February 21, just before 8 a.m. and charged with Third Degree Assault. VIPD officers reported a victim who was being treated at the Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center said Andrews hit her in the head with a rum bottle and choked her and punched her all over her body.

Andrews' bail was set at \$25,000 and she was remanded to the Bureau of Corrections pending further court action.

WMA Introduces Solar Waste Receptacles

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The VI Waste Management Authority is currently installing six solar recycling and compaction units, known as the "BigBelly" throughout the Territory.

The BigBelly Solar is an intelligent waste and recycling collection system that compacts trash on one side and accepts aluminium cans for recycling on the other side. Use of these units will reduce the frequency of collection while increasing recycling opportunities and reducing littering. The units are operated by solar power and can be monitored remotely, advising when the unit is ready to be emptied.

This pilot project is being launched with six of these units placed throughout the Territory. On St. Croix, one unit will be placed on the Christiansted Boardwalk and another at the Verne Richards Memorial Park adjacent to the Ann Abramson Pier.

On St. Thomas, three units will be placed in the

downtown Charlotte Amalie area: one will be placed adjacent to the Alvaro de Lugo Post Office on the eastern side facing the Emancipation Garden; the second will be placed further down to the south on that sidewalk on the corner adjacent to the Arts and Crafts Coop west of the Vendor's Plaza on Veteran's Drive; and the third will be placed in the vicinity of Palm Passage on the Veteran's Drive side.

The St. John unit will be placed on the Cruz Bay Dock. These units were put in place during the week of February 21 for public use and have met with the approval of the Historic Preservation Commissions in both districts.

WMA welcomes any civic or community organizations that would like to partner on the sponsorship and placement of additional units. For more information contact the Office of Communications Management at 690-4218 or 712-4951.

Volunteers Sought for Second Phase of Francis Bay Accessible Trail Work

Work on the second, and final, phase of the Accessible Boardwalk at Francis Bay will begin on Monday, February 27.

Friends of VI National Park is looking for volunteers to help them build the last 650 feet of handicap accessible boardwalk down to the beach at Francis Bay. Skilled wood workers and folks without experience are all encouraged to come out and help finish this community project.

Tools, drinks and lunch will be provided. Volunteers are asked to please wear closed toe shoes such as boots or sneakers. Work starts at 8 a.m. on Monday, February 27, at the Francis Bay Trail and will continue daily until completed. Call Friends at 779-4940 for more information about the work, days available to help and carpooling.

SJSA Annual Meeting Set for March 1

St. John School of the Arts officials will host their Annual Meeting and Board Meeting on Thursday, March 1, at 5:30 p.m. at the school's Lumberyard location. The public is welcome to attend.

Annual Friends of Library Meeting Set

The annual meeting of the Friends of the Elaine I. Sprauve Library will be Monday, March 5, at 6 p.m. in the library. Caroline Rogers will speak about her photographs and new book immediately following the business meeting. The public is welcome.

Learn About Composting on March 8

The Island Green Building Association will host a free, public seminar and on Thursday, March 8, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on the second floor of The Marketplace.

Doug White will demonstrate that home composting is easy, rewarding, and ideal for the island environment. Composting equipment and samples will be on hand, and various techniques will be discussed. Studies indicate 60 percent of household waste can be composted, which is critical to overburdened landfills and environmentally responsible living.

A brand new composter will be raffled off to those attending the meeting, and everyone will learn how to easily create nutrient-rich soil from kitchen and yard scraps. Those who already compost successfully are encouraged to share their knowledge and pick up new tips in the discussion following the presentation.

The public is welcome to this free seminar. Call 227-1110 for more information.

Free HPV Vaccines at MKSCHC Mar. 10

Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center is offering free HPV vaccines on Saturday, March 10, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The vaccines are available to all males and females between the ages of 11 and 26 years of age. Minors must be accompanied by a parent and all attendees should bring their immunization cards.

Mentoring Through the Arts of Music Workshop Kicks Off March 18

Twenty-five students participating in the Mentoring Through the Arts of Music program at St. John School of the Arts will be engaged in a week-long workshop with Dion Parson and the members of the 21st Century Band starting March 18. There will also be a student performance at the week's end.

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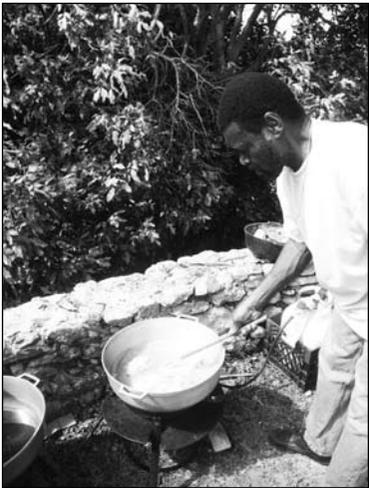
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St. John Tradewinds News Photos by Jaime Elliott

The St. John Folklife Festival was full of music from Smalls and the Merry Makers, top right, crafts by Yolanda Morton, right, fried fish, top left, and smiles on seine net craftsman Mario Benjamin, above, and BCB students, left.



Crowds Pack Annaberg for 21st Annual St. John Folklife Festival

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

With the faint smell of charcoal wafting on the breeze and the sounds of Smalls and the Merry Makers filling the air, a crowd of students, visitors and residents filled Annaberg Plantation Ruins on Friday, February 24, on the second day of the 21st Annual St. John Folklife Festival.

The festival kicked off on Thursday, February 23, with arts, crafts, music and games. Students from kindergarten through sixth grade from several St. Thomas and St. John schools filled the Annaberg Ruins in V.I. National Park on the first day of the festival. The more than 100 students were able to learn about the history of the plantation while also enjoying live music and fresh made treats.

More than 120 older students from local schools filled the ruins on Friday to hear from local plant experts, librarians and listen to St. John scratch band Smalls and the Merry Makers.

The theme of this year's festival was "Wake Up and Plant a Seed" and there was bounty all around. Elmo Rabsatt was on hand with plants ranging from sleeping hi-

biscus and fig to mauby and basil. Rabsatt also had several jars of St. John honey and mead made on St. Croix for sale.

"I come here each year because I like to share my learning and engage the youth to get involved with agriculture and learn these customs," said Rabsatt.

Nearby Yolanda Morton displayed her beautiful local crafts and jewelry. From beautiful earrings and keychains fashioned from sand box, a seed pod of the Monkey No Climb Tree, to elegant shell jewelry and handbags made from woven sea grass, Morton had an impressive display of wares, mostly crafted from organic materials.

Sonia Sprauve was serving up her popular tarts and sweet breads along with pepper sauces both mild and scorching. Jane Johannes' booth was also packed with hungry students hoping for a plate of chicken and johnny cake or fresh lobster salad.

Mario Benjamin demonstrated to eager students how to sew a seine net used to catch bait fish. Benjamin learned the craft from his father when he was only five years old, he explained.

"I just made 76 years old a few months ago, so I guess I've been doing this a long time," said Benjamin.

Annaberg resident gardener Kala was giving tours of the well-tended garden at the site, which was bursting with fig bananas and sugarcane. The big traditional oven was fired up and volunteers were baking batches of dumb bread, which students were gobbling up as fast as the ladies could make them.

A large coal pot filled with king fish filets and whole red snapper was bubbling away, promising an enticing afternoon fish fry.

Scanning the scene, St. John Folklife Festival founder and V.I. National Park Ranger Denise Georges declared the 21st installment of her event yet another success.

"Things are going very well," said Georges. "We've had great weather and the young kids really enjoyed the first day. Today, the older kids are learning a bit more and really having a good time with the music and the food."

Fay Fredericks was scheduled to take over the microphone to share local stories with the stu-

dents when the scratch band ended. Department of Agriculture's Raymond Thomas from the Coral Bay Ag Station was on hand discussing local crops with interested students and tourists. VINP volunteer and Annaberg docent Ann Frick was armed with educational information about the ruins.

From actual plants and crafts made from local plants to traditional music and engaging stories, the 21st Annual St. John Folklife Festival planted many seeds last week.

"This is about actually going out there and planting a seed and having it grow and nourish you," said Georges. "But this is also about planting a seed in your mind and keeping these customs and traditions alive. That is an important seed too."

The festival wrapped up under the stars on Saturday evening, February 25, following a night-time performance by the St. Thomas Tropical Masqueraders and Traditional Indians among the picturesque ruins.

Anyone who missed the living history that is the annual St. John Folklife Festival, mark those calendars for next February when

Georges will be at it again, making sure the smell of charcoal and the sounds of a scratch band playing are familiar experiences for the next generation of Virgin Islanders.

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Film Screening Set for March 6

The St. John Film Society will screen "Proceed and Be Bold" on Tuesday, March 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the St. John School of the Arts.

Both the director Laura Zinger and film subject Amos Paul Kennedy Jr., will be in attendance for the "On Screen/In Person" program.

"Proceed and Be Bold" is a complex and inspiring 90 minute documentary which tells the fascinating account of the life and work of internationally recognized letterpress printer Amos Paul Kennedy Jr.

At age 40 Kennedy abandoned his comfortable middle-class life, traded in his computer for a printing press, and his white collar for a pair of overalls. Armed with life, liberty, peanuts and a meager yearly income of \$7,000, he cranked out a new, rebellious declaration of independence.

Join SJFS for the film and the post film discussion as director Laura Zinger and the artist bring insights into the filmmaking process and stir meaningful dialogue on the definition of success as an artist and the rewards of following dreams.

For more information about upcoming films, SJFS or to become a member visit: <http://www.stjohnfilm.com>.

"On Screen/In Person" is made possible by Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation through the generous support of the National Endowment for the Arts' Regional Touring Program and the Virgin Islands Council of the Arts.

Transfer Station Hours Remain Same

The V.I. Waste Management Authority announced its Austerity Program consisting of comprehensive costs cutting measures as it related to public services.

The St. John Susannaberg Transfer Station hours of operations will remain the same at 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. on weekends and holidays.

For more information at 690-4218 or 712-4951.

Almost-Annual CBYC Flotilla Fundraiser for GBS Set for March 24

The almost annual Coral Bay Yacht Club Flotilla to benefit the Guy Benjamin School is set for Saturday, March 24, at Miss Vie's Campground starting at noon.

Join CBYC members for a sail to the beach and back for only \$40, which includes lunch. Don't feel like sailing? Drive out to the beach and pay \$10 for children and \$20 for adults for lunch and entertainment by local reggae favorites Inner Visions.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

The Caribbean Ritual Dancers put on a show for the crowd at Frank Powell Park during the annual St. John Arts Festival.

12th Annual St. John Arts Festival — Short, But Very Sweet

St. John Tradewinds

This year's St. John Arts Festival, which ran from Saturday, February 18, through Wednesday, 22, proved to be a jewel despite it being shortened to five days due to funding restrictions.

Saturday and Sunday had both day and evening events, all of which were highly successful and Monday literally blew the top off the popularity poll with an extravaganza performance by the Caribbean Ritual Dancers (CRD) and Mocko Jumbies in the newly renovated Franklin Powell Park to a big, enthusiastic crowd of visitors and locals alike, several of whom commented on what a great show it was.

Diana Brown, director of CRD, pulled out all the stops, bringing seven vibrant and energetic young

Bamboula dancers and seven Mocko Jumbies in brilliant costumes.

The newly renovated Cruz Bay park was a perfect venue for the performances and the Department of Tourism's Visitor's Center, in the little park next door, was great as a "green room" for the performers.

Members of the audience were invited to join the dancers and Mocko Jumbies in the closing performance and a great time was had by all.

Not forgetting Koko's scratch band which preceded and followed the CRD as a perfect introduction and follow-up concert.

Saturday's Love City Pan Dragons and Love City Leapers introduced the festivities, giving first place

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Hermon Smith Shares Memories of His Life and Work on St. John

Editor's Note: Hermon Smith, the island's renowned *lignum vitae* carver who died on February 11, sat down with a *St. John Tradewinds* contributing writer Susan Mann on January 21 at *The Marketplace* for what would be his final interview about his life and work. The well-known wood sculptor and nature lover thoughtfully answered questions, as he responded to the continuous greetings from passersby.

By Susan Mann
St. John Tradewinds

Well-known for his almost constant carving — painstakingly scratching lines to create a face on iron-hard pieces of *lignum vitae* or “Tree of Life”— Hermon Smith said he came across his first piece of the native wood about 30 years ago when he was clearing some brush.

In the last weeks of his life, after being diagnosed with a fatal illness, the longtime Bordeaux resident had several pieces of sculpture which he hoped to finish up in his remaining time.

But, with very little time left on earth, the “main thing” Hermon wanted to do was “have a chance to tell everyone good-bye,” he said in his final interview.

Lignum Vitae Sculptor of Ethnic Art

Listed in the Caribbean Artisan Network database as a “*Lignum Vitae* Sculptor of Ethnic Art”, Hermon viewed his wood sculpting as representative of a V.I. cultural endeavor.

“When I was in college, I took a class about different African tribes,” Hermon said, explaining how and why he started carving the ubiquitous, abstract face in each piece he made. “After a while, I began to see that with each tribal community there was a sameness, a shared spirit; it’s hard to explain, but that spirit became the face I always end up with.”

The sculptor mentioned he had told a BVI writer who interviewed him a few months earlier that he sees a face in almost everything, including living trees.

It is not surprising Hermon not only used the wood for his creations, but planted *lignum vitae* trees across the island of St. John.

Hermon also enjoyed learning and sharing all that he could about the healing properties of plants, such as the use of “Black Wattle” to help ease the symptoms of Dengue Fever. He routinely brought to town a freshly harvested plant for whatever ailment someone had complained to him about during a recent encounter.

Outspoken on Caribbean Culture

The woodcarver didn’t mince words when the subject of Caribbean culture came up.

“People who say dog fighting is a part of our culture are wrong; dogs were brought here for protection of the home,” Hermon said. “People who believe dog fighting is a part of our culture are gangsters and gamblers.”

When asked for a true example of island culture Hermon had an immediate response:

“The donkeys; they made the paths that became our roads,” he explained.



Friends of Hermon Smith share a happy moment at his memorial service at Hawksnest Beach on February 19.

Native St. Thomian Tried Life as Fisherman

A native St. Thomian, Hermon’s mother passed away when he was still growing up with nine brothers and sisters. His father was a fisherman for two decades, so Hermon said he tried to follow in his footsteps fishing on Mingo Cay.

“I just did not have the patience for it,” explained the artist who came to spend hours etching a face on a piece of *lignum vitae*.

Many who knew Hermon may find it hard to believe he served two years in the Army; he also left the territory to attend college in Northern California. It was while studying and living in California that Hermon met his former partner, Susan Wakelee.

“We both really liked jazz music, and started going to concerts together, then she came back here to St. John to live,” said Hermon.

The couple had one child, a daughter whom they named Nefertiti, who lives stateside and works as a teacher. Hermon spoke with a sense of pride concerning his daughter’s career.

“She became a Montessori teacher, like her mother,” he beamed proudly.

Reflecting on Life

“Everything you do in life comes back to you,” said Hermon, when asked what he was most pleased with about his life. Hermon brought up those years of his life he described as when he had been “drinking and causing trouble all the time.”

During this period Hermon sustained a traumatic injury to his head as a result of a beating he received while jailed on St. Thomas. The beating caused Hermon significant problems from time to time in recent years, including some permanent memory loss.

“It was only after I completely stopped drinking, that I could begin to see the damage I had done to myself and others,” he acknowledged.

An avid reader, Hermon’s most recent favorite author was West Virginia native Janette Walls.

“I like her because she tells it like it is and gets right to the point about things in a humorous way,” Hermon explained.

“I am most pleased with my feeling for humanity,” Hermon explained. “I have tried to live by example. If you are going to talk the talk, then walk the walk.”

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New United States Virgin Islands Features More Simonsen Photography

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Fans of Steve Simonsen should make room on their coffee tables for the newest edition of the territory-wide book by the renowned local photographer.

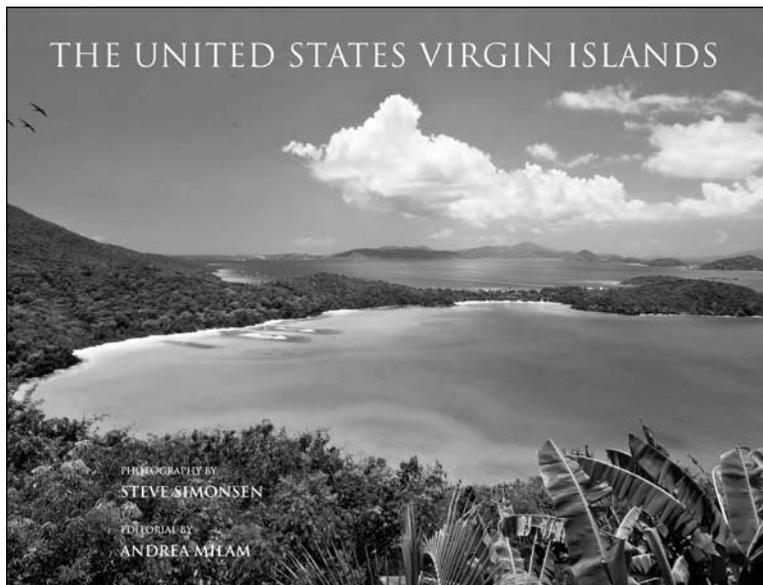
The United States Virgin Islands, Simonsen's eighth book, was first published by Massachusetts-based 34 Main Street Publishers more than a decade ago. The book featured Simonsen's photography of all three main U.S. Virgin Islands with an introduction by local author Peter Muilenburg.

Main Street Publishers owner Paul Sylva, who spends winters cruising the islands on his sailboat, had already published coffee table books on the BVIs, when he approached Simonsen about doing one on St. Croix, St. Thomas and St. John, explained the photographer.

"Paul had been publishing books for a while at that time and had already done one on the BVI," said Simonsen. "He wanted to do one on the USVI so he sailed over here and ran into a friend of mine in Cruz Bay who recommended me for the book."

Along with Simonsen's photography, local author and sailing legend Muilenburg composed the introduction for the first edition of *The United States Virgin Islands*.

"Peter Muilenburg was the author of the first edition and he



An expansive view of Hawksnest Bay, St. John, takes the cover of the new edition of *The United States Virgin Islands*.

wrote an incredible introduction which compared me to Ansel Adams," said Simonsen. "That was very flattering and it was just a great project."

So when Sylva approached Simonsen about doing a revision of the book, he jumped on board. This time around *The United States Virgin Islands* includes many more digital images, updated landscape views and a new introduction by local freelance writer, and frequent *Tradewinds* contributor, Andrea Milam.

While working with local wildlife experts to ensure the accuracy

of all captions, Milam also broadened her appreciation for all of the U.S. Virgin Islands while working on the book, she explained.

"One of my favorite parts is the St. John section, but having lived here for seven years, I might be a bit biased," said Milam. "I do love the sections on St. Thomas and St. Croix too, however, because they really opened my eyes to the beauty of this entire territory."

The book gives viewers a chance to see the island through Simonsen's curated vantage point, she added.

"I love that the book showcases

all three islands, and that readers get to view the USVIs through the lens of Steve Simonsen, who is obviously incredibly talented at what he does," Milam said. "I hope it will be a great tool for marketing the USVIs as a beautiful vacation destination."

Simonsen has been capturing the islands for more than 20 years and never stops clicking away. For the second edition of *The United States Virgin Islands*, he culled hundreds, if not thousands, of shots from St. Thomas, St. Croix and his home island of St. John.

"It's an ongoing process every year," Simonsen said. "I don't stop shooting. I go to St. Croix about half a dozen times a year and spend a week there each time."

While most of the images in Simonsen's newest book are recent photographs, the photographer is often surprised when he looks through archive images with his wife and business partner Janet.

"We've been here shooting for 20 years now and in that process, we might have an image that just sat in the filing cabinet and we haven't given it a thought," he said. "Then you run across it 15 years later and you can't believe what a great shot it is. There are some things that are timeless, but most of the shots in this book are new."

With a new fresh look, *The United States Virgin Islands* also

has a new cover image, and this time around it's a stunning picture of the pristine beaches and waters of the North Shore of St. John.

"The cover shot of the original book was a wrap around that featured Buck Island, St. Croix," said Simonsen. "That was idyllic, featured a sandy cay and was very Virgin Islands. This time we were thrilled when they selected the cover of the book and it was St. John."

While enjoying the beautiful photography and accurate captions in the book, Milam also hopes *The United States Virgin Islands* makes a few more fans of the islands, she explained.

"I hope that people who might not be familiar with the Virgin Islands are captivated by the islands' beauty as shown in the book, and I hope that those who have been here and are fond of the USVI will only feel a renewed love for this special place," said Milam. "I am so grateful to have been given this opportunity. It's my first book, and one of the most exciting things I've worked on in a long time."

The United States Virgin Islands is available at retail outlets across the St. John, including Papaya Cafe, Friends of the Park Store and Bajo el Sol. The book is also available online, along with Simonsen's other publications, at <http://web.me.com/ssimonsen/Store/Books.html>.

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The Quiet Mon Re-Opens



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

After shutting its doors on Monday night, February 13 — reportedly due to insurance issues — the popular Cruz Bay bar Quiet Mon Pub reopened on Friday afternoon, February 24. While news of the bar's closure sent waves of panic across several social media sites, in the end St. John only had several days without the Quiet Mon Pub. Cheers!

CBCC NOAA-AARA Signs Mark Project Sites in Coral Bay Area

St. John Tradewinds

The Coral Bay Community Council NOAA-ARRA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration-American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) projects are done and there are 15 informative signs posted across Coral Bay showcasing the work areas with descriptive explanatory information.

The public is invited to take a tour, read the signs and see the stormwater management devices that were installed. From the bioretention pond on King's Hill road to the new paving and swales out at John's Folly — all 18 project areas delivered 47 new "Best Management Practices" for handling stormwater runoff to Coral Bay harbor.

The signs will remain in place until June, so be sure you get a chance to see them all. The posters can also be viewed at <http://www.coralbaycommunitycouncil.org/Virc-and-D.htm>. CBCC officials thanked everyone in the community who helped make these projects happen!



An informative sign details storm water management work completed in Coral Bay, above.

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What's Goin' On at Elaine I. Sprauve Library



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Forest and Amy Hall power washed the front landing of the Elaine I. Sprauve Library, above left, while budding author Zach Edwards, above right, released his first book "Baking with Zach" at the Cruz Bay library last week.

Student News: Nyisha Lewis Achieves Success

St. John Tradewinds

Nyisha Akilah Lewis, a 2011 graduate of the first graduating class of the V.I. Montessori School and International Academy, has achieved much success in her first semester at Bennett College for Women in Greensboro, NC.

By achieving a grade point average (GPA) of 3.6 in her first semester, Lewis has automatically become a member of Bennett's Honors program and has also met the criteria for membership into the Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society, the only national honor society for first year students.

The Alpha Lambda Delta Headquarters, located in Macon, Georgia, acknowledges first year students who obtain a GPA of 3.5



Nyisha Lewis

or higher by the end of their first semester of college. Lewis' hard work is recognized by the award of a national lifetime membership, along with a national certificate and pin of distinction.

She has also been nominated for

membership in the Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars. Lewis' nomination was based on her academic achievements, her support of international programming and her participation in Bennett's global initiatives, coupled with the fact that she surpassed the 3.2 GPA requirement.

Additionally, Lewis has been named to Bennett College's Dean's List. She will be celebrated and acknowledged for her accomplishments at the school's Honors Convocation in February 2012.

Lewis is pursuing a degree in Elementary Education and we wish her continued success in her academic endeavors. She is the daughter of Neville and Nydia Lewis of St. John.

Fundraiser for KATS Set Aboard Schooner *Roseway*

St. John Tradewinds

The historic Grand Banks schooner *Roseway* is coming to Coral Bay, St. John!

Don't miss the chance to sail on this 137-foot pilot boat built in 1925, one of the last of her kind cruising the world's oceans.

Join the non-profit youth sail-

ing organization St. John Kids And The Sea (KATS) on Saturday night, March 31, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. for a sunset sail aboard this registered U.S. National Historic Landmark. Departure will be from the KATS dinghy dock directly behind Skinny Legs at 5 p.m.

Tickets, \$75 which includes

light refreshments, are available at Connections in Coral Bay and Cruz Bay. Don't miss this amazing opportunity and support youth sailing on St. John. The number of passengers is limited, so don't wait to buy those tickets!

For more information call Jennifer Robinson at 340-514-3718.

Richard Burks Named Director of Operations at Angel Electric

St. John Tradewinds

Angel Electric Incorporated, one of the largest electrical contractors on St. John, recently named Richard Burks its Director of Operations and appointed him to its Board of Directors.

Burks will join President Elsa Angel and Office Manager Lori Barlas in the scheduling and management of the company's four qualified electricians in addition to his on-site supervision, quality control and project design responsibilities.

Burks arrived on St. John in 1992 with a BS in Civil Engineering and a Masters in Construction Management from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. He joined the company in 2005, and has steadily increased his role as founder the late Chris Angel was forced to step down due to illness. Burks earned his Virgin

Islands Electrical Contractor's license while working for the company in 2011.

"I've had a number of jobs since coming to St. John, but I was immediately impressed by the team here at Angel Electric," said Burks. "The company's long history of expertise and integrity provides a great foundation for the future."

Burks' education and experience are the perfect combination for Angel Electric, according to the company's president.

"Richard's formal background in engineering and construction management along with his on-island experience is a perfect combination for us," said Elsa Angel, president of Angel Electric. "This move acknowledges Richard's past contributions to Angel Electric, and helps us ensure continuity for our customers and staff as we

transition into our next phase."

"Richard and I have met with the inspectors and key customers to explain our transition plan to them," said Angel. "Our V.I. business license is current, and all our work will be performed under Richard's license. In short, we're open for business and expecting a bright future of continued success."

Angel Electric was founded in 1994 and is a leading electrical contractor providing first-rate electrical services. The company's experienced and licensed electricians provide the full range of electrical service, from repairs to renovations to new construction.

Angel Electric also provides sales and service as a certified dealer for Sundance Spas, the world's largest manufacturer and distributor of acrylic spas. For more information call 779-4666.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

New Angel Electric Director of Operations Richard Burks, far left, poses for the camera with president Elsa Angel, third from right top row, and the Angel Electric crew.

St. John Tennis Players Taste Success at Youth 4 Youth Tennis Tournament

St. John Tradewinds

Seven junior tennis players, both local residents and visitors, left St. John on January 14 to compete in the Youth 4 Youth Tennis tournament on St. Thomas and all came back winners.

The tournament was hosted at the St. Thomas Yacht Club tennis courts with the Quickstart eight and under matches being at the Anchorage tennis courts. The tournament came about through the foresight of a group of young people called the Junior Philanthropists of St. Thomas who came up with a novel idea of using a junior tennis tournament to raise funds through sponsorship and registration fees, which in turn will then be given back to the community for educational projects in the schools.

This was the group's first fundraising project. The President of the Junior Philanthropists of St. Thomas is Nicholas Mildler of Antilles School.

The seven St. John players who competed were Gabriel Louis and Eion Roberts, who won the boys eight and under and placed second in the division, respectively. Matthias August, a nine-year-old who competed in the boys 12 and under division, winning quite a few games off the eventual second place finisher. Macey Wardius and Julia August, both of whom competed in the girls 12 and under division with Wardius emerging as the winner and August the second place winner. Mariah Wardius, who won the girls 18 and under division and Nkosi Jones who won the boys 18 and under division.

All the winners returned to St. John with trophies. The correct spelling of the eighteen and under winner



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

St. John tennis players took home several trophies from the Youth 4 Youth Tourney on St. Thomas.

is Mariah Wardius.

Thank you to all the parents who showed up to give much needed support to their budding athletes: Ronnie, Janice, Ed, Yvonne, Robbie, Michelle, Raphael, and Thelma.



Angel Electric Open for Business

Elsa Angel and the entire staff of Angel Electric want to offer our heartfelt thanks for the support and understanding the good people of St. John have shown us in this time of loss. Rest assured that Angel Electric, Inc. is fully open for business and will continue on with the same vision that Chris Angel began 18 years ago: providing expertise, integrity and first-rate electrical service for everyone on St. John.

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Michael Banzhaf Gallery Hosting Reception for Phillips, Farrenkopf and O'Donovan on March 2

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Michael Banzhaf Gallery is hosting an artists' reception on Friday, March 2, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the gallery in the St. John Properties Building, located next to Mongoose Junction.

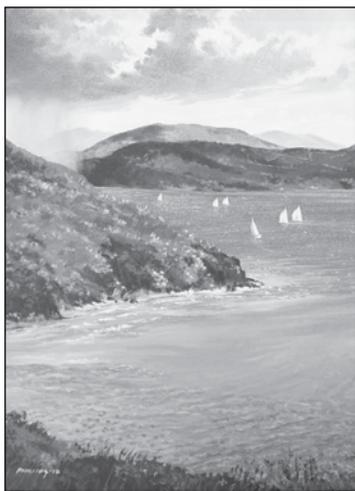
The evening will celebrate the art of Robert "Bob" Phillips, Joan Farrenkopf and Thomas O'Donovan.

Phillip's oil paintings are an exciting new addition of remarkable fresh talent to St John. This award-winning painter of maritime scenes has combined his personal love of sailing with his love for painting. The results are canvasses that capture unique perspectives of the island's natural beauty through the eyes of an active sailor.

"I take my studio with me and paint on calm waters," said Phillips. "I am particularly fascinated by St John's mountainous topography and the movement of cloud shadows over land and sea. Throw in a few sails and I'm in heaven."

Farrenkopf will display her artistic growth in vivid oils of dawn and dusk scenes depicting the island's landmarks and seascapes.

"A painting may begin with translucent oil color washes, the inspiration from color and light," said Farrenkopf. "The quality of the oil medium engages into the finished painting creating depth and atmosphere. It is a medita-



Oil painting by Robert "Bob" Phillips

tion to observe and paint the powerful color that nature teaches us."

Master designer, sculpture and goldsmith O'Donovan will present his wearable art.

"I am more interested in talisman and amulet than ornament," said O'Donovan. "I often imagine the small pieces I create as monumental forms within a living environment; a ring made on a scale that becomes a portal, an entryway."

The public is invited to join this celebration of art. The gallery's normal hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from noon to 9 p.m. or by appointment. For more information call 779-4005.



On *the* Market

A feature dedicated to special homes on the market listed with *Tradewinds* real estate advertisers

Paradise on the Rocks

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Sweeping views of Coral Bay and the lush Carolina Valley and steady, cooling tropical breezes are just a few of the attractions of Paradise on the Rocks, located on Ajax Peak.

The three bedroom villa, listed on the St. John MLS for \$1.15 million by Holiday Homes broker associate Jan Courlas, has two separate units, allowing for either extremely private guest quarters or an income producing arrangement.

The upper unit of Paradise on the Rocks features a well-built and beautifully-appointed two bedroom home with two full baths. The upper unit has two separate pods, with one pod containing the kitchen, great room and one of the bedrooms and bathrooms. The second pod is a luxurious master suite with a full bathroom.

An extensive deck surrounds the pods and enlarges the living area. It's easy to imagine dining outdoors while soaking in views of the valley and harbor and enjoying the many rainbows that fill Coral Bay mornings and afternoons.

Downstairs is a spacious, private one bedroom apartment with a full bathroom, kitchen, living area and front porch. Paradise on the Rocks is already a successful short-term



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Perched high atop Ajax Peak, Paradise on the Rocks offer stunning views and cooling breezes.

rental with many repeat guests filling the home year-round.

With a large great room and pod design upstairs and the separate full unit downstairs, there are a number of possibilities for a

potential home owner, explained Courlas.

"With the flexible floor plan arrangement and separate apartment, Paradise on the Rocks is a perfect

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USFSC founder Dean Doeling, above second from right, poses with Tortola Surf Classic Essay winners, (L to R) Cody Merritt, Tommy Gibney, Konner Kendall, Keegan Bertrand Mays and Lyric Vacharat at Josiah's Bay.

Five Local Surfers Represent Virgin Islands at Second Annual Tortola Surf Classic

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Five surfers from St. John and St. Thomas represented the U.S. Virgin Islands well at the Second Annual Tortola Surf Classic in Josiah's Bay on February 18 and 19.

In addition to shredding it up in the Tortola waves, the five local students won the Second Annual Surf Essay Contest, hosted by Using Sport for Social Change, which covered travel expenses and lunch for the young riders as well as a chaperone.

Launched just last year by Deb and Scott Hustins, who own Island Surf and Sail in West End, Tortola, the second annual Surf Classic drew a huge crowd of youngsters, forcing organizers to add a second day to the planned one-day event, explained USFSC founder Dean Doeling.

"There were so many younger kids who signed up for the event that they had to add that second day," said Doeling. "It was great to have such a big group of kids out there, but it changed our plans and logistics had to be figured out."

Despite the last minute, yet positive, reconfiguration of the event, Saturday saw surfing action for

"Surfing inspires me every day to make a positive difference in my life. It keeps me entertained and out of trouble. When you are surfing it allows you to reflect on past events and make better decisions for the future."

— 15-year-old Tommy Gibney, local surfer

both boys and girls from 8 to 13 years as well as girls from 14 to 19 years, who showed off their skills in about two and a half foot waves. The older boys, between 14 and 19 years, hit the waves on Sunday, when waves had grown to about four and half to five feet in height.

Cody Merritt, 14, and Konner Kendall, 14, from St. Thomas and Keegan Bertrand Mays, 12, Tommy Gibney, 15, and Lyric Vacharat, 8, from St. John were this year's USFSC Surf Essay Contest winners.

Each of the students brought along a chaperone and enjoyed a water taxi ride to Tortola, travel from West End to Josiah's Bay and lunch thanks to Doeling's non-profit organization which is dedicated to offering children opportu-

nities through sports and fitness.

Writing about "How Surfing Has Improved Your Lives and the Lives of Those Around You" the students shared inspiring messages about the importance of fitness and the unique appeal of surfing.

"Surfing has made me feel proud," wrote eight-year-old Vacharat. "It makes my life open and shine and fun and happy."

Gibney is inspired to be a better person each day because of his love of surfing.

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1st Degree Burglaries: 2	1st Degree Burglaries: 3
2nd Degree Burglaries: 8	2nd Degree Burglaries: 3
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Grand Larcenies: 58	Grand Larcenies: 16
Rapes: 1	Rapes: 0

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Letters To St. John Tradewinds

With No Confidence in Government, It's Time for Sweeping Change

It is apparent that the United States Virgin Islands an Unincorporated Territory, a colony of the United States of America in its political immaturity has come to a devastating political and economic low. As you are aware the present administration and the legislature has created and continues to add to the financial economic disaster that the Virgin Islands will not easily or quickly recover from.

The posture of the U.S. Senate and Congress may not embrace the continued funding, financing or giv-

ing of U. S. resources to off shore possessions of the United States. However, the Virgin Islands is still of strategic value to the United States and the island of St. Thomas is an integral component in the banking communications of South America.

Every day it is becoming more and more evident that the integrity of the election system of the U.S. Virgin Islands has been compromised. With the upcoming 2012 senatorial, boards of; elections and edu-

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Despite Cool Images, Cigar Smoke Is More Toxic Than Cigarettes

I am so proud of our little island's successful Relay for Life that raised \$170,000 to help local St. Johnians who are struggling with cancer. My mother died from lung cancer, caused by a life of cigarette smoking. My uncle died from kidney cancer, caused by smoking. Another uncle died from throat cancer, caused by cigar smoking. So imagine my reaction when Page 9 of the *Tradewinds* lauded a new cigar smoking private club on St. John.

A common misconception is that cigar smoking is somehow safer than cigarettes, but that is simply not true. Cigar smoke contains toxic and cancer-causing chemicals that are harmful to both smoker and non-smoker alike. Cigar smoke is possibly even more toxic than cigarette smoke.

During the fermentation process high concentrations of the cancer-causing nitrosamines are produced, and when a cigar is smoked these toxins are found in higher levels than cigarettes. There is more cancer causing tar in cigars. It is also interesting to note that cigar wrappers are less porous than cigarette wrappers, making them even more toxic. Other toxic substances found in cigars are carbon monoxide, hydrocarbons, ammonia, cadmium and more.

Cigar smoking causes cancers in the oral cavity, larynx, esophagus and lung, and possibly the pancreas. Cigar smokers often say they don't inhale so what's the danger? They are directly poisoning their lips, mouth, tongue, throat and larynx to toxic smoke. Cigar smoking is also directly linked to gum disease and tooth loss, and, of course, heart disease. Cigars are also highly addictive, because a simple cigar can potentially give a smoker as much nicotine as a pack of cigarettes. These toxins also inbed into chairs, tables, carpets, curtains, food supplies and napkins — all things used everyday in a restaurant.

Results from the 2009 National Survey on Drug Use and Health show that only 5.4 percent of all US adults smoke cigars, although these statistics are more interesting when they are divided among groups. A

total of 9.1 percent of adult males smoke cigars, but only 1.9 percent of adult females. Alarming statistics show that 10.9 percent of all students in grades 9-12 smoke cigars. This is unacceptable. Overall, approximately 13.3 million people 12 years or older were cigar users in 2009. The CDC defines current cigar use as smoking cigars on one or more of the 30 days preceding their survey.

Hollywood has made cigar smoking a cool thing to do. George Clooney and other big stars are found on the cover of the "official" cigar magazines. Cigar smoking is marketed as a sophisticated activity, with after dinner drinks and witty conversation. As someone who sat in a hospice ward for months, watching her mother die from smoking, I can attest that there is no witty conversation when you are wheezing from the final stages of cancer.

The facts about cigar smoking can be found in several American medical journals. The most informative article is in the Journal of the American Medical Assn, 2000; 284(6):735-740. The Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids also has a study titled The Rise of Cigars and Cigar-Smoking Harms (2011 Feb. 15).

Ronnie's Pizza makes a great pie, but if he insists on poisoning his restaurant with cancer causing toxins I'll refrain from buying food there. Our teenagers don't have enough places to hang as it is....Ronnie, how about starting an evening teen club that encourages health? That would be a wonderful addition to our little island. Creating yet another way to get cancer isn't such a cool idea. Take it from someone who has lost way too many loved ones from smoking.

In addition, any cigar toxins created by a cigar club would spread into the rest of the building. Toxic smoke would eventually make it's way up to the dental offices upstairs, a bitter irony considering how many dentists have to provide care to cancer patients.

**Martha Toomey
Glucksberg**

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It's Time for Sweeping Change

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cation, the voters of the USVI will not and should not use a system that they have no confidence. We are in an extremely time sensitive situation and need the Department of Interior's assistance immediately to:

1. Ensure that all who are eligible and desire to vote in the USVI have the choice to do so via electronic, absentee, provisional or paper ballot which are the official ballots as per Title 18 of the VI Code. The Voters of the USVI petition the Dept. of Interior seeking their assistance, (not take over) in procuring the electronic machines in time for the 2012 election that will ensure the integrity and certifiable results.

2. Court order and physically remove the supervisor of elections and the entire boards of elections and all their access to all printed and electronic election systems information. (based on the inconsistencies documented of the 2010 election. Although there are members that are newly elected they can apply) (Freezing all accounts/assets)

3. Appoint the Deputy Director of elections as the Interim Supervisor.

4. Appoint an interim board of elections from applicants that submit resume (without their name to ensure no name recognition, etc.) along with a statement as to what the applicant offers the position. A member of each political party can be a member of the selection committee as well as two former members of the board of elections (except those sitting prior to the 2010 election) for community oversight.

Present members of the board of elections have used and continue to use their positions on the board to interfere with the election process. Daily we see how the dis ease of greed, power, dishonesty and control has deteriorated the quality of life for residents of the U. S. Virgin Islands. The various audits continue to point out that those that are and have been of public service continue to fail to operate in and with integrity and sacred intent under the "U. S. Constitution."

We realize that we can not lock up everyone that has lied, committed fraud, stolen, misused government funds, etc. however, we must make every effort to collect, retrieve as much as we can that has been stolen from the people of the Virgin Islands. We need assistance to right the human wrongs that continue to persist. We will probably need to conduct "Truth & Reconciliation Healing Sessions"

The Department of Interior and the President are in a dilemma with the pending sealed indictments possibly for the Governor, V.I. Attorney General and some Senators. Is it in the best interest of the U.S. Virgin Islands to have a Governor and lawmakers who are possibly under sealed indictments still making decisions and laws? If the Department of Interior fails to act proactively we may find ourselves in civil disobedience that you cannot imagine. How can we move forward if they are allowed to continue in public office?

We must have the Interior's intervention and assistance. We have meet with resistance every where we turn as we attempt to get justice and exercise our

rights under the U.S. Constitution. (Freeze all their assets before they are required to step down and or arrested. Block all access to electronic and printed Government info and accounts.)

Over the years it has appeared that the United States' indifference or desire not to appear "heavy handed" has worked to our disadvantage. Almost to the point of "hands off" on certain issues, cases, concerns that the residents may have, for example; political status, constitution, gasoline excise tax, rum cover over to name a few.

We are often discouraged locally from seeking self-determination by comments like, "what will happen to public housing or food stamps, government handouts," things to keep us in a beggarly state? Or we are told; "the Feds won't approve or it's not constitutional."

I personally witnessed the Dept. of Interior state to then-Gov. Charles W. Turnbull, in his quest seeking the death of the CFO bill for the Virgin Islands, "whatever the governor wants, we will support." We look forward to that continued support in the future.

With the pending indictments and the 2012 election at our heels, upon the Dept. of Interior's recommendation the President will have to appoint an interim Governor and also relieving the Lt. Gov. and the AG of their roles and duties since they are both integrally connected to the present Governor. An interim acting AG can be appointed from within until the interview/selection team is in place to accept applications for the AG. The Interim Governor can appoint a person from the district of St. Croix to serve as "Co-governor" until 2014 general election.

The people of the Virgin Islands no longer have confidence in the Executive, Legislative and Judicial branches of government to serve and protect them as well as we question the Dept. of Interior's role in the scheme of things.

It is imperative that the interim governor is able to facilitate restoration of the public's trust and the Healing, Rebuilding, Rebirth, The Renaissance of the U.S. Virgin Islands.

It would be very informative for a team from the Dept. of Interior to make an unannounced visit to the "four" islands that compromise the USVI and talk and listen to the diverse cross section populating the U.S. Virgin Islands. It would prove interesting for you to ask where they are from and how long they have resided here. Not everyone that is dark-skinned is from the Virgin Islands and therefore may have a totally different allegiance.

I am available to meet with you and those who can and will be a part of the discussion and assisting the people of the Virgin Islands s to develop solutions to the aforementioned concerns of the U.S. Virgin Islands.

**Respectfully,
Stephanie Scott-Williams
Community Activist**



While the trees were not cut down, their root systems could be in danger.

Powell Park Trees in Danger

I just got back to the island and see the (Franklin Powell) park is finally done. Last year we were concerned they wouldn't save all the trees, but now it may be worse — a slow death to the Mahogany trees.

The construction may have damaged the roots and they buried the feet! It looks like they raised the ground around the trees by about a foot. The large trees in the center have noticeably thinner foliage. They probably will be dead next year.

Please ask the St. John Administrator if she will get a real landscaper to dig out the top layer of dirt or give me permission to try.

Rod Ellis

Doing Good Work in Liberia

I am in Liberia with a team of nine surveyors, planners, engineers and architect volunteers working on the design of a hospital.

The new hospital will eventually replace an existing hospital that is in dire need of replacement.

The team leader, Rex Barber, and I were here in 2001. It was a time when there was a lull in the civil war that went on in Liberia dating from the early 1960s.

We designed an orphanage and school complex for a group led by David Dan, a Liberian who lives part of the time in Florida. Recently, Rex and I went to a second orphanage that David Dan built with the same the design that we did in 2001.

This country has made amazing progress since the end of the civil war seven years ago. The streets are paved, the litter and trash has been picked up and the people are very happy and outgoing and looking forward to a better live. It is truly vibrant, and civil.

Attached are pictures of the current team and also some pictures of the orphanage and David Dan, and church today.

I went to a church service that included some very loud, pounding and emotional music. No doubt this music has been a part of humanity since we became human, just as our spiritual ceremonies have been based on spring, fall and winter and summer solstice.

This kind of music creates a very spiritual feeling that can be, and has been used, or misused, for many purposes. After church service the ice cream man came around.

Greg Miller

St. John Tradewinds Business Directory

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or locally 340-776-6152

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888-693-7676,
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kathy@islandgetawaysinc.com

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P.O. Box 1747, STJ, VI 00831

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Crane, Robert - Architect, AIA
tel. 776-6356
P.O. Box 370, STJ, VI 00831

Barefoot Design Group, LLC
tel. 693-7665 fax 693-8411
P.O. Box 1772, STJ, VI 00831

Banking

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Located in downtown Cruz Bay
340-776-6881

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Insurance

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E&C Gas and Service Station Raffles Off Free Gas

Anyone who spends at least \$20 at E&C Gas Station is eligible to enter a weekly free raffle drawing for \$50 of gas. Winners are drawn on Thursdays, so be sure to fill out those raffle tickets and see who is next week's winner.



Friends of VINP 2012 Summer Internship Application Deadline Is March 2

St. John Tradewinds

Friends of Virgin Islands National Park announces its 2012 Summer Internship.

The internship will be for eight to 10 weeks during the summer months of May through August 2012. The actual dates will depend on the intern's school schedule.

The main role of this individual will be to assist Friends in project management and administrative support. This individual will be assigned to several proj-

ects and tasks at the beginning of the internship. These projects will be determined in the late spring. This individual will gain experience in working with a National Park and with an environmental, non-profit organization.

Candidates for the internship should be entering juniors/seniors or graduate students with a major in a field related to the environmental sciences or environmental education. In addition, candidates should have excellent writing and Internet

research skills, be self-motivated and strong team players.

This is an unpaid internship, however housing at Maho Bay Camps and a small food and transportation stipend (\$250/week) will be provided.

Please send a resume with cover letter and two references no later than March 2 to: Summer Internship Program, Friends of Virgin Islands National Park, P.O. Box 811 St. John, VI 00831, or email apenn@friendsvinp.org.

One the Market: Paradise on the Rocks

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short term rental," she said. "But it would also work as a long-term rental."

The home sits on .63 acres of carefully planted and well maintained gardens offering a lush tropical feeling, Courlas added.

"The home is positioned high on the mountain with wide views in a tropical lush garden setting above the sea," she said.

Ajax Peak is just off Centerline Road, a stone's throw from the turnoff for the island's famed North Shore, making Paradise on the Rocks' location ideal for beach lovers. Shopping and dining in quaint Coral Bay is only a short drive away, while the big city fun of Cruz Bay is about 15 minutes down Centerline Road.

From the mountain peak location to the bird's eye views, Paradise on the Rocks invites one to kick back on the large deck and soak in the surroundings.

"It is as though you can absorb the tropics simply



A perfect spot for leisurely outdoor dinners.

by being there," said Courlas.

And once you're there, you surely won't want to leave. To find out more about Paradise on the Rocks call Courlas at Holiday Homes at 776-6776 or on her cell at 340-643-5102, or email JanCourlas@HolidayHomesVI.com.

VIPD Reports Territory's Official 2011 Crime Statistics to FBI

St. John Tradewinds

The Virgin Islands Police Department, through its Planning and Research Unit, recently submitted official 2011 VI crime statistics to United States Department of Justice Federal Bureau of Investigation Uniform Crime Reporting program.

"More than 1700 law enforcement agencies submit crime statistics to the UCR," said VIPD Assistant Commissioner Raymond Hyndman. "This reporting establishes a uniform guideline for criminal case classification as well as qualifies the Virgin Islands for certain Justice Department grants."

The use of UCR classifications will eliminate the reporting of unofficial local crime figures, Hyndman added.

Following FBI and UCR guidelines local crimes are specifically categorized and uniformly reported. FBI policy states that all law enforcement agencies must use standard UCR definitions for crimes.

"The Virgin Islands Code is consistent to these national standards," Hyndman said.

Under the UCR and the VI Code First Degree Murder is defined as the unlawful killing of a human being. Suicides, accidental deaths and traffic fatalities are not included in this category.

Justifiable homicide is an act committed by public officers while in the line of duty, and does not constitute murder. Additionally, justifiable homicide includes the killing of another by a private citizen in the lawful defense of such a person or others.

Under these guidelines, in 2011, the territory reported the following to the FBI UCR:

Murders

There were 41 murders recorded in the territory in 2011. This is a reduction of more than 26 percent in the number recorded in 2010 which was 57 murders.

St. Thomas recorded 14 murders in 2011. This is a decrease of more than 46 percent compared to the number recorded in 2010 which was 28 murders. St. Thomas also recorded two justifiable homicides in 2011.

St. Croix recorded 27 murders in 2011. This is a decrease of 6.9 percent compared to the number re-

corded in 2010 which was 29 murders.

St. John did not record any murders in 2011 or 2010.

Robberies

There were 275 robberies recorded in the territory in 2011. This is a 2.83 percent reduction in the number of robberies recorded in 2010 which was 283.

St. Thomas recorded 164 robberies in 2011. This is an increase of 1.23 percent compared to the number recorded in 2010 which was 162 robberies.

St. John recorded three robberies in 2011. Three robberies were also recorded in 2010.

St. Croix recorded 108 robberies in 2011. This is a decrease of 8.47 percent compared to the number recorded in 2010 which was 118 robberies.

Burglaries

In 2011 the territory recorded 1,371 burglaries. This is an increase of 2.08 percent in the number recorded in 2010 which was 1,343 burglaries.

St. Thomas recorded 760 burglaries in 2011. This is an increase of 6.44 percent compared to the number recorded in 2010 which was 714 burglaries.

St. John recorded 54 burglaries in 2011. This is a decrease of 37.93 percent compared to the number recorded in 2010 which was 87 burglaries.

St. Croix recorded 557 burglaries in 2011. This is an increase of 2.77 percent compared to the number recorded in 2010 which was 542 burglaries.

"These figures show that the VIPD is making great strides in reducing violent crimes and crimes against property in the Virgin Islands," Hyndman said. "With the continued commitment of the community to be the eyes and ears of the VIPD, these statistics will continue to improve. Finally the VIPD is able to report official statistics, so this community, as well as national and regional populations can refer to these as the official numbers."

"These statistics will allow the VIPD to maximize our resources as well as compete for several law enforcement and crime prevention grants that may be available to us," said Hyndman.

Police Log

Friday, February 17

10:11 a.m. - A citizen c/r an accident in the area of Centerline Road. Auto collision.

11:00 a.m. - A resident p/r a disturbance. Disturbance of the peace.

12:55 p.m. - A citizen p/r an accidental injury. Accidental injury.

7:35 p.m. - A citizen c/r being in an auto accident in the area of Shipwreck Landing. Auto collision.

Saturday, February 18

8:19 a.m. - A visitor staying in Estate Bethany c/requesting police assistance because he believed his privacy was invaded by a video at his villa. Police assistance.

5:00 p.m. - A visitor from MA p/r a grand larceny in Chocolate Hole. Grand larceny.

6:00 p.m. - A citizen c/r an auto accident near E&C Gas Station. Auto accident.

10:45 p.m. - A Coral Bay resident c/r loud music. Disturbance of the peace.

Sunday, February 19

1:07 p.m. - A citizen c/r that his boat motors were stolen. Grand larceny.

6:40 p.m. - An Estate Grunwald resident c/r that she was robbed while cleaning a villa. Robbery in the first.

Monday, February 20

10:34 p.m. - A Coral Bay resident c/r loud music. Disturbance of the peace.

Tuesday, February 21

12:46 a.m. - A Coral Bay resident c/r loud music. Disturbance of the peace.

5:10 a.m. - A Coral Bay resident r/ being assaulted at a residence. Assault in the third.

8:10 a.m. - Badge #1030 and 1003 p/ at Leander Jurgen Command with one Mary Andrews of Estate Carolina, under arrest and charged with Assault in the Third Degree. Bail was set at \$25,000 by order of the court. She was detained at Leander Jurgen Command and later transported to the Bureau of Corrections on St. Thomas to be remanded.

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8:53 a.m. - A citizen c/r being in an auto accident near the Cruz Bay ferry dock. Auto accident.

6:34 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident c/r suspicious activity. Suspicious activity.

8:08 p.m. - A Coral Bay resident c/ requesting police assistance to remove a woman from his residence. Police assistance.

11:29 p.m. - A citizen c/r that his children's mother left his children home unattended. Police assistance.

Wednesday, February 22

1:02 a.m. - A citizen p/r an assault on a police officer. Assault in the third.

1:11 a.m. - Badge #1180 p/ at Leander Jurgen Command with one Audrey Penn of Estate Enighed, under arrest and charged with Assault in the Third Degree, Aggravated Assault and Battery and Interfering with an Officer Discharging his Duties. Bail was set at \$26,500 by order of the court. She was detained at Leander Jurgen Command and later transported to the Bureau of Corrections on St. Thomas to be remanded.

1:11 a.m. - Badge #1180 p/ at Leander Jurgen Command with one Wendy Diane Hickak of Estate Rendezvous, under arrest and charged with Assault in the Third Degree, Aggravated Assault and Battery and Interfering with an Officer Discharging his Duties. Bail was set at \$26,500 by the court. She was detained at Leander Jurgen Command and later transported to the Bureau of Corrections on St. Thomas to be remanded.

1:11 a.m. - Badge #1180 p/ at Leander Jurgen Command with one Jasmine Hyche of California, under arrest and charged with Aggravated Assault and Battery and Interfering with an Officer Discharging his Duties. Bail was set at \$1,500 by order of the court. She was detained at Leander Jurgen Command and later transported to the Bureau of Cor-

rections on St. Thomas to be remanded.

2:35 p.m. - A citizen p/r that she was pushed down by an intoxicated woman. Simple assault.

2:55 p.m. - Government of the Virgin Islands p/ an outstanding warrant on Akil Gumbs for possession of illegal substance. Possession with intent to distribute.

2:55 p.m. - Badge #90 p/ at Leander Jurgen Command with one Akil Gumbs of Calabash Boom, under arrest and charged with Possession with Intent to Distribute and Failure to Appear. No bail was set. He was detained at Leander Jurgen Command and later transported to the Bureau of Corrections on St. Thomas.

6:47 p.m. - A visitor p/r that he lost his wallet. Lost wallet.

10:07 p.m. - A Coral Bay resident c/r loud music. Disturbance of the peace.

10:43 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident r/a disturbance near the Reef Bay Trail. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

Thursday, February 23

2:00 a.m. - Badge #1003 p/ at Leander Jurgen Command with one Paul McDonagh Myles of Estate Susannaberg, under arrest and charged with Driving Under the Influence. Bail was set at \$500 by order of the court. She was detained at Leander Jurgen Command and later transported to the Bureau of Corrections on St. Thomas to be remanded.

7:12 a.m. - A visitor p/r that someone stole his seat cushion. Petit larceny.

8:10 a.m. - A citizen c/requesting police assistance. Police assistance.

8:31 a.m. - An Estate Pastory resident c/requesting police assistance with his son. Police assistance.

11:44 a.m. - Government of the Virgin Islands r/ finding a controlled substance. Recovered controlled substance.

7:05 p.m. - A visitor p/r a grand larceny in the area of Salt Pond Bay. Grand larceny.

CRIME STOPPERS U.S.V.I.

Organization Seeks Information on Crimes

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

On Wednesday, January 25, between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., the Villa Far Horizon in

Cruz Bay was burglarized. The suspect(s) entered through the western window of the bathroom. Items stolen include a Toshiba computer, an iPod Shuffle and various gold chains, bracelets, necklaces, earrings, rings and pendants. The minimum reward for the arrest of a burglary suspect, it is \$714 plus 10 percent of the value of any property recovered. The maximum reward is \$2,500.

Tell what you know about

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

If a tip leads to an arrest or the recovery of stolen property, illegal drugs, or weapons, tipsters will receive a cash reward to be paid according to their instructions. Only anonymous callers to Crime Stoppers are eligible for these cash rewards.

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.

Thursday, March 1

— St. John School of the Arts officials will host their Annual Meeting and Board Meeting on Thursday, March 1, at 5:30 p.m. at the school's Lumberyard location. The public is welcome to attend.

Monday, March 5

— The Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Elaine I Sprauve Library will be Monday, March 5, at 6 p.m. in the library. Caroline Rogers will speak about her photographs and new book immediately following the business meeting. The public is welcome.

Tuesday, March 6

— The St. John Film Society will screen "Proceed and Be Bold" on Tuesday, March 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the St. John School of the Arts.

Thursday, March 8

— The Island Green Building Association will host a free, public seminar and on Thursday, March 8, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on the second floor of The Marketplace.

Friday, March 9

— Virgin Islands music lovers are invited to come out and enjoy a unique aural experience as Ashu performs classi-

cal saxophone music beginning at 8 p.m. Friday, March 9, at Tillett Gardens on St. Thomas. Tickets are \$30 each.

Saturday, March 10

— Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center is offering free HPV Vaccines on Saturday, March 10, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The vaccines are for people from the ages of 11 and 26 years of age. Minors must be accompanied by a parent and attendees should bring their immunization cards.

Saturday, March 24

— The almost annual Coral Bay Yacht Club Flotilla to benefit the Guy Benjamin School is set for Saturday, March 24, at Miss Vie's Campground starting at noon.

Saturday, March 31

— Join the non-profit youth sailing organization St. John Kids And The Sea (KATS) on Saturday night, March 31, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. for a sunset sail aboard this registered U.S. National Historic *Roseway*. Departure will be from the KATS dinghy dock directly behind Skinny Legs at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$75 and the number of passengers is limited. For more details call 514-3718.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

Alcoholics Anonymous meets as scheduled: Sundays, 9:45 a.m. at Hawksnest Bay Beach; Closed meetings for alcoholics only at Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cruz Bay at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays; Open meetings on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 6 p.m. at Nazareth Lutheran Church; Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 6 p.m. at Moravian Church, Coral Bay.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

AL-ANON MEETINGS

Al-Anon meets on St. John every Monday at Scandic Executive Service's meeting room in Mongoose Junction from 6:30 to 7:30pm; and every Tuesday from 1 to 2 p.m. at the VINP ball field bleachers. Warm line: 340-642-3263.

PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

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PEOPLE BY THE SOUND

ACROSS

- 1 Peter the Great, e.g.
- 5 Actor Haas
- 10 Illuminated like 1890s streets
- 16 Criminalize
- 19 Make sharp
- 20 Carne — (Mexican steak dish)
- 21 Mysterious matters
- 22 "So that's it!"
- 23 Senior Manilow?
- 25 One looking for Bridges?
- 27 Monte —, Monaco
- 28 Not difficult
- 30 Car grille protector
- 31 "Goodness!"
- 32 Dillon in a headlock?
- 37 Head of monks
- 39 "My gal" of song
- 40 Stu of early TV
- 42 Magazine printings
- 45 Pepsi, e.g.
- 49 "CD" part
- 52 Severinsen living in San Francisco?
- 54 Inner self, to Jung
- 56 Cartoonist Addams
- 58 Pod veggie
- 59 Off. aides
- 60 One jumping over Rains?
- 63 EMT's treatment
- 65 Uses 66-Across, say
- 66 Dental care brand
- 67 Gets rid of while snoozing
- 73 Melodious Murray
- 74 Brought before Crane?

- 77 Pastry bag wielder
- 78 Gain much knowledge
- 80 Felt regretful about
- 81 El — (Cher's California birthplace)
- 83 Java, for one: Abbr.
- 84 Fisher standing atop a stack of sacks?
- 86 Exit an egg
- 90 Java locale
- 93 Stepped on it
- 94 Boat-lifting device
- 95 Pickford acting too quickly?
- 98 Perplexed
- 100 Fiddle duet?
- 101 Prophecy giver
- 102 Grinders
- 104 3-D med. scan
- 106 Sour plums
- 108 Endeavor by Borgnine?
- 115 Motrin target
- 117 It glistens on grass
- 119 Choir part
- 120 Bugle sound
- 121 Bitingly sarcastic Williams?
- 125 Henning further down?
- 128 Hightail it, old-style
- 129 Hun head
- 130 Radical sort
- 131 Crooner Campbell
- 132 What to call a knight
- 133 Bunkmate
- 134 Mexican money
- 135 Urges

DOWN

- 1 "Gossip Girl" network
- 2 — plexus
- 3 Poet Breton

- 4 Fishing line holders
- 5 Chem class component
- 6 D.C.'s country
- 7 Crooner Carpenter
- 8 "What —!" ("How boring!")
- 9 "I declare it, that's who!"
- 10 Chatter idly
- 11 "My hands — tied"
- 12 Picket line crosser
- 13 Actress Linney
- 14 Dwell within
- 15 Greek letter after sigma
- 16 Fixtures to soak in
- 17 Subtle "Yo!"
- 18 — a one (zero)
- 19 Deteriorates
- 26 Loops with slipknots
- 29 .9144 meter
- 33 Stripling
- 34 Peter — Tchaikovsky
- 35 — more (at least a couple)
- 36 Mite's cousin
- 38 Note that sounds like C
- 41 Hide-hair connector
- 43 Chow down
- 44 The "S" of TBS: Abbr.
- 45 Kind of nerve or vertebra
- 46 Over the Internet
- 47 "Glee" actress Agron
- 48 Toy, to a tot
- 50 Wisconsin-based retail store chain
- 51 Coated pill
- 53 Person confronting
- 55 Fruity beverage
- 57 Year, e.g.
- 61 "Cómo —?" (Spanish "How are you?")
- 62 Accessory

- 64 Chain for dogs and cats
- 67 Himalayan guide
- 68 Peeresses
- 69 "Arabian Nights" sailor
- 70 Eight-note interval
- 71 Black Eyed Peas singer
- 72 Decorates, as a cake
- 75 Mosque God
- 76 "— is not to reason why"
- 79 Ex — (from nothing)
- 82 Stop
- 84 Provide the spread
- 85 Plant swelling
- 86 Med. plan option
- 87 Bern's river
- 88 More sleazy
- 89 Rode a bike
- 91 Used a tuffet
- 92 "Got it"
- 96 Must
- 97 Volcano near Catania
- 99 Monet works
- 103 Delayed
- 105 "Let — Me"
- 107 Brief quarrel
- 109 Filched
- 110 Tipsters
- 111 Lamentation
- 112 Sappy tree
- 113 Get all prettied up
- 114 Shore fliers
- 115 Oohs and —
- 116 Nero's 202
- 118 Caprice
- 122 Cup handle
- 123 "Y" student
- 124 "Norma —" (Field film)
- 126 Miracle- — (plant food)
- 127 Bonn article

Classifieds

Real Estate For Sale

Cruz Bay Apartments, 20 unit apartment complex (6 one bedroom, 14 two bedroom) on St. John, USVI. Minimal acceptable bid is \$3,800,000.

The Property financed by USDA Rural Development, which may provide funding for purchase. Funding includes 100% rental assistance, 1% loan and \$50,000 grant for expenses. All processing subject to USDA Rural Development regulations in 7 CFR 3560.

Contact Cruz Bay Apartments, 21400 Ridgetop Circle, Suite 250 Sterling, VA 20166, attn: Roy Pingitore 703-406-3471 x119 for more details. Local USDA Rural Development Area office is St. Croix Area VII Office. (340-773-9146 x4)

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Public Notice

A 22-foot by 7.7-foot boat found in Coral Bay. Registration # VI9449TA. Call Irvin Stevens at 340-642-2044.

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



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



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Five Local Surfers Represent Virgin Islands at Annual Tortola Surf Classic

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Other students used surfing analogies to deal with life situations in a more positive light.

"Sometimes in life you might wipe out, but sometimes you just have to get back on your board and catch the next one," wrote Mays. "Surfing has the power to bring people together and spread the feeling of happiness."

"Boards are the weapons in surfing, not guns or knives," wrote Kendall. "The rivalry war in the water during heats goes away after the end buzzer."

And one student even adapted a well-known adage to his love for surfing.

"If you give a man waves, he'll be amazed for a day," wrote Merrit. "Give a man a surfboard and the skills and he'll be amazed for a lifetime."

Such wise words by Virgin Islands youth translated to some serious displays of skill over on Tortola. While the Surf Classic winner's name was not available as of press time, two St. John surfers made it through their first heats. Vacharat showed skill getting up on all waves that came his way, which qualified him to surf in a second 20-minute heat. Gibney also scored enough points to earn a spot in a second heat in the 14- to 19-year-old boys competition on Sunday.

Anyone who missed out on the essay or competition, should mark their calendars for next year. Both the Tortola Surf Classic and the USFSC Essay Contest will be making it three years in a row in 2013, explained Doeling.

"We're definitely looking forward to next year and we'll

"Sometimes in life you might wipe out, but sometimes you just have to get back on your board and catch the next one. Surfing has the power to bring people together and spread the feeling of happiness."

- 12-year-old surfer Keegan Bertrand Mays

revise it so it's logistically easier for us," he said. "The essay contest will be even bigger and I'm looking forward to getting even more kids involved from St. Thomas and St. John."

Doeling thanked Kekoa, High Tide, Gibney Beach Villas and the Inn at Tamarind Court for sponsorship to help make USFSC's Second Annual Surf Essay Contest another success.

While visiting St. John from his home in Oregon last week, Doeling also hosted a meeting to share information about USFSC's Fourth Annual Just Play Day, set for Columbus Day, Monday, October 8, 2012 at Winston Wells ball field.

The event is free and open to children from five to 19 years of age and focuses on safe competition in a positive environment. Students compete in a range of activities from

running races to football throws.

At the end of the day, Doeling, who is a senior production artist for Nike, hands out medals and awards top finishers in each category as well as goodie bags, T-shirts and water bottles to all participants.

Early registration will be available online at www.using-sportforsocialchange.com, by next month. St. John Catering/Mathayom Private Chefs is already on board again this year to host lunch for all attendees and Doeling has also already received sponsorship from Kekoa, Inn at Tamarind Court, St. John Brewers and High Tide for the next Just Play Day.

Doeling made the most of his time on island by also giving away free sports balls to each youth finisher of the 8 Tuff Miles road race on Saturday, February 25. Following the race, Doeling also raffled off an iPad, an iPod Touch and an iPod — all donated by Luigi Costello — to three lucky youth race finishers.

Next up for USFSC will be a sunset sail fundraiser in October aboard Kekoa catamaran. Thanks to a generous donation from the Kekoa owners, Doeling will host 50 people for a sunset sail, tickets are \$100, with all proceeds going to Just Play Day. Tickets and more information on the fundraising sail will be available in August, Doeling explained.

For more information about USFSC and all that Doeling has been up to, check out www.usingsportforsocialchange.com or USFSC's page on Facebook. Tax deductible donations to the group can be made through the St. John Community Foundation.

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<p>VILLA MOLLO A nature lovers dream, walk to 2 beaches! 3BR/2BA villa sits on the water's edge of a salt pond and features custom stone and wood work and amazing Caribbean views.</p>  <p>\$595,000</p>	<p>"BEST BUY MUST SELL!" Newer masonry Flanagan's Passage income producing 2x2 with flexible floor plan, spectacular water views to BVIs, easterly breezes and end of road privacy!</p>  <p>\$499,000</p>	<p>"UPPER CAROLINA" 3X3 - Recently upgraded & well kept house with 3 income producing units. Easy access to Cruz Bay and beaches.</p>  <p>\$495,000</p>	<p>"TREE FROG COTTAGE" Charming 1 x 1 home, surrounded by lush tropical forest with views of Coral Bay and the BVI. Close to shopping and restaurants, but very private. Good short term rental history.</p>  <p>\$439,990</p>	<p>"GRANDE BAY CONDOS" Enjoy life at this condo group in the center of town. Fully-furnished with equipped kitchens, easy walking access to shops/restaurants. Large pool deck, fitness & reception center, indoor parking & elevator service.</p>  <p>1 bd/1 bth \$715,000 3 bd/ 2 bth \$949,000</p>	<p>"PASTORY CONDO" This 1 bd, 1 bth spacious condo overlooks Pillsbury Sound & St. Thomas sunsets. Newly renovated kitchen & bath, custom cabinetry, granite countertops, mahogany doors, windows, pool & lush landscaping.</p>  <p>\$372,000</p>

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Local church choirs performed a Gospel concert on Sunday morning in Frank Powell Park, above. The Mungo Niles Cultural Dancers, above right, and Mocko Jumbies from the Caribbean Ritual Dancers group, at right, delighted the crowd.



12th Annual St. John Arts Festival — Short, But Very Sweet

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to the youth of the island, from the very young to the older children. Needless to say, these two events attracted a good audience.

However, many visitors, and locals too, missed the Caribbean Food, Arts and Craft Exhibition in Franklin Powell Park, which normally complimented the music and dance events in previous years, due to the new “No Tents” ordinance imposed on the park by the Department of Housing, Parks and Recreation. It gave the impression that the exhibition had been canceled.

As a stop-gap measure, five of the normally 25 booths were set up in the little park adjacent to Franklin Powell Park, where the DOT’s Visitor’s Center Office is, courtesy of and with much help from the DOT.

To help make up for the loss of bandstand music, a steel pan solo player, Carl Freeman, was hired to perform every morning to draw visitors looking for the exhibition.

In some ways, such obstacles can be viewed as all part of the rocky road of

pioneering and maintaining the otherwise unique Annual Arts Festival in the U.S. Virgin Islands, compared to other countries in the world.

On the positive side, the limited five booth Exhibition was the creme-de-la-creme of island folk arts and crafts with a touch of recycled glassware and underwater images of fish-life from Maho Bay Campground, which all-in-all met the criteria of small, but good quality.

Of course, the St. John Arts Festival is not just the daily music concerts and Arts and Crafts Exhibition in the Franklin Powell Park, Cruz Bay.

Subject to budgetary considerations, the St. John Arts Festival has brought in music, crafts and cultures from other lands as a way of enriching and stimulating the creative talents of islanders, including Kakuta from Kenya, artists from Ghana, folk music from Argentina and even a mariachi band from Puerto Rico. The saying that “travel broadens the mind” can also be achieved by artists and emissaries from other lands.

On Saturday evening at the St. John School of the Arts, Janet Cook-Rutnik

and Sigi Torinus put together a collection of 10 short films by island film makers representing such a variety of concepts and subjects, one would never find even in independent movies. The film festival was definitely mind-broadening.

Look for a separate review of this film festival in order to give justice to the many fascinating facets of the films, some exploratory and experimental, but all food for thought.

Sunday was again a great day for the Festival. A Gospel concert by local church choirs in the park bandstand from four island churches gave voice to the spirit and soul of the people of this island. Pastor Sampson of the Nazareth Lutheran Church gave the opening benediction. The weather was perfect and the mood soothing and reflective.

Following the Gospel concert was a great traditional dance performance by 12 couples of the Mungo Niles Cultural Dancers directed by Carlos Woods, again in the newly renovated park. It was a perfect setting and many spectators joined in finale dancing. The performance was very colorful and most charming and re-

freshing. It was truly in the good tradition of St. John.

Such events peel away the materialistic facade we otherwise encounter everyday and bring us back home to what this island used to be.

On Sunday evening, the St. John School of the Arts had a packed audience for the students’ show, which ranged from tiny tots on keyboards to older students playing piano and violin as well as a solo violinist. All of the performances were much applauded and a short screening of the “World of Dreams” musical brought the house down.

Due to the age-old lack of a suitable venue for paintings, Rosemary Richards of the Giffit Hill School and Karen Samuels of St. John School of the Arts displayed children’s art in two empty store windows on the second floor of The Marketplace. It’s good to see things the way children see things; thank goodness for children.

The final two days of the festival hosted great local bands, Inner Visions for Reggae buffs and Sambacomb for modern South American Jazz.