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Dog-Gone Good Easter

Animal Care Center volunteers got into the Easter spirit during the group's weekly hike on Sunday morning, April 8. The hikers walked the dogs, all available for adoption at the ACC's Cruz Bay shelter, along the Lind Point trail before playing it up for the camera on Cruz Bay beach.

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While many drivers on St. John find it difficult to heed the island speed limit, these hulking heifers forced several cars to slow well below the posted 20 miles per hour limit.

SJHS Screening “Nuttin Bafflin” Apr. 10

All are welcome to join the St. John Historical Society on Tuesday, April 10, at 7 p.m. at the Bethany Church Hall for the final event of the society’s 2011/2012 season.

SJHS will present the newly-released documentary film by David Carty, “Nuttin Bafflin,” the poignant story of the history and development of the Anguilla racing sloop. More than just a tale about a boat, the film details the story of Anguilla’s people, history, culture, passion, geography and spirit.

From the founding of the community on the East End of St. John by Anguillan settlers in the 18th century to the transport of phosphate miners and sugarcane laborers aboard Anguillan schooners in the late 19th century, the connections between the islands run long and deep.

Come out and learn more about the little-known history of Anguilla, the Leeward Islands neighbor closest to St. John.

April 12 IGBA Meeting To Focus on Native Landscaping for Green Homes

The Island Green Building Association will have a free, public seminar on Thursday, April 12, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on the second floor of The Marketplace.

David Hamada, Executive Director of St. George Village Botanical Gardens on St. Croix, will be the main speaker. Hamada will share a virtual tour of the botanical gardens as well as his expertise in native flora of the islands that can be incorporated as part of green building on St. John.

Come learn how beautiful island homes can be when surrounded by native flowers, plants and trees that save cost, save water, and support local ecosystems. Other experts and homeowners will share knowledge and discussion as part of this meeting.

Gift certificates for IGBA’s ReSource Depot for recycled home and building materials will be raffled off to attendees of this meeting. The public is welcome to this free seminar. Call 227-1110 or visit www.igba-stjohn for more information.

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The St. John Montessori School, located at the John’s Folly Learning Institute just before Concordia, is once hosting its Third Annual Fish Fry and Kid’s Fest on Saturday, April 14, from 1 to 5 p.m.

Anyone who hasn’t bought a raffle ticket yet, there is still time to win many prizes and gift certificates to area shops and restaurants. All proceeds benefit the St. John Montessori School.

Call 775-9594 for details or to volunteer for the event.

St. John Singers Performing April 15

The St. John Singers will present their annual spring concert at the Emmaus Moravian Church in Coral Bay on Sunday, April 15, at 7:30 p.m.

In addition to selections by Bach, Haydn, Vivaldi and others, the choir will perform the sublime “Messe Basse” — a very brief mass — by French composer Gabriel Urban Faure.

John Cahill, who has directed the singers for more than 30 years, has selected a special surprise guest artist to perform. Janice Ballard will accompany the choir on piano.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for students and will be available at the door.

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A school bus with as many as 21 students from Guy Benjamin School was en route to Cruz Bay when it slammed into a section of guard rail on Centerline Road. Several students were injured in the crash which Department of Education officials are continuing to investigate.

GBS Parents Fuming Over School Bus Crash and Driver Actions

Bus driver did not call 911, transported students before VIPD arrived on scene

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Every parents' worst nightmare just about came true last week when a St. John school bus almost flipped over the side of Centerline Road and careened down the 200-foot hillside.

Instead, the school bus slammed into a portion of the recently installed guard rail on Centerline Road and flopped back onto its four wheels around 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday afternoon, April 4.

At least eight Guy Benjamin School students were treated for injuries at Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center, but not until after they were taken off the bus, transferred to a second bus and dropped off in Cruz Bay.

The school bus, which is run by Varlack Ventures, a contract operator for the V.I. Department of Education, was traveling to Cruz Bay from the Coral Bay elementary school with between 15 and 21 students on board when it slammed into the guard rail just past Upper Carolina on Centerline Road around 3:30 p.m..

DOE officials last week did not provide details on the exact number of students who were on the bus at the time of the accident or

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— Gilly Grimes. St. John Rescue communications officer

the number of students who were treated at MKSCHC.

None of the students were seriously injured, according to officials, but parents were most troubled by the fact that neither parents, DOE officials nor emergency responders were notified of the accident.

The school bus driver called the V.I. Police Department to report the accident but reportedly told officials that no one was injured; a determination which the bus driver had no right to make, according to St. John Rescue communications officer Gilly Grimes.

“The driver took it upon himself to call another bus to pick up the children,” said Grimes. “He dispatched the children before the VIPD even showed up. When he

called to report the incident, he said there were no injuries, which he was in no position to determine.”

“He should have called for emergency medical responders immediately and not allowed any of the children to leave the scene until they were checked out,” said Grimes. “Why would you not call for help unless you had something to hide.”

Once students arrived in Cruz Bay, it was parents who took their children to MKSCHC for treatment, Grimes added.

“I got word from one of our members,” said Grimes. “EMS was not dispatched because it was reported that there were no injuries. But there were no medical professionals there who could

have determined that.”

“The kids weren’t wearing seat belts and you have to treat everyone like they are injured in a case like that,” said the St. John Rescue officer.

Parents of GBS students were not informed of the school bus

accident until after their children were dropped off in Cruz Bay. After several children reportedly complained of neck pain, at least eight parents took their children to the health center to be checked, according to one GBS parent.

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2012 RAIN DATA at Trunk Bay

MONTH: MARCH

1.81 inches

AVERAGE

1.76 Inches

TOTAL Y-T-D

6.32 Inches

AVERAGE Y-T-D

6.94 Inches

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(L to R) VINP Superintendent Mark Hardgrove, Friends of VINP president Joe Kessler, Harith Wickrema of Eco Serendib, VINP's Rafe Boulon and Dr. Gary Ray at the VINP Visitors' Center.

Eco Serendib Joins Friends of VINP on Restoration/Erosion Control Project

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Eco Serendib Villa and Spa, a new eco-friendly, luxury retreat on island, has initiated a conservation program in partnership with the Friends of the Virgin Islands National Park to save the island's pristine beaches from the devastating impact of erosion while reducing the carbon footprint.

The Eco Serendib Beach Restoration Project will re-introduce indigenous trees and shrubs, such

as sea grape, at beaches throughout the island beginning in Spring 2012. The program is funded by Eco Serendib Villa and Spa.

In addition to providing seed money to kick start the program, the Restoration Project will sponsor one tree per day of each reservation in the name of guests. Villa guests will have the opportunity to become involved hands-on with the green project should they wish and may also contribute directly to

the Friends of the VINP fund.

"The St. John coastline features some of the most beautiful and pristine beaches in the world and is one of the most compelling draws of the island," said VINP Superintendent Mark Hardgrove. "However, over time the effects of erosion can be catastrophic. Thanks to one of the island's visionaries, native plantings will be brought back to offer protection,

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Jury Hands Down Convictions on All Counts in St. John/St. Thomas Drug Ring Trial

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Just before midnight, late Thursday night, April 5, a jury handed down convictions in the federal case against four defendants charged with operating a complex cocaine and crack ring on St. Thomas and St. John.

After a four day trial, the jury presented the verdict to District Court Judge Curtis Gomez at 11:30 p.m. on April 5, five hours after jurors had requested to go home and return the next day, according to a report in the *V.I. Daily News*.

Instead of sleeping on it, the jury found the defendants guilty on all charges. Convicted last week in District Court were Earl Skelton of the British Virgin Islands, Jerome Potter of St. John, James Stephens of St. John and Kassar Chitolie of St. Thomas.

Skelton was convicted of one count of conspiracy to distribute cocaine; Potter was found guilty of one count of conspiracy to dis-

tribute cocaine, and use of a communications device during the distribution of a controlled substance; Stephens was convicted of one count of conspiracy to distribute cocaine, and the sale or distribution of a controlled substance, according to a report in the *V.I. Daily News*.

Chitolie was convicted of the sale or distribution of a controlled substance, sale or distribution of marijuana, and the use of a communications device during the distribution of marijuana, according to the *V.I. Daily News* report.

The four men, and at eight other St. John and St. Thomas residents, were nabbed by federal agents on May 6, 2011, after a sting operation which involved an early morning drop of a fake 300-kilogram bail of cocaine off the coast of St. John.

Over four days of testimony in District Court last week, federal agents from the Drug Enforcement Agency and Federal Bureau of In-

vestigation shared details of their more than year-long investigation into the St. John and St. Thomas drug ring, according to reports.

Testimony detailed two confidential informants and more than 10,000 hours of wire-tapped cell phone conversations about drug deals, according to the *V.I. Daily News* report.

In addition to the four men standing trial last week, federal agents also arrested St. John residents Herbert Ferguson, his wife, Marisol Ferguson, and their son Mason Ferguson and Robert Shiners on May 6, 2011. St. Thomas resident Terrance Martin was also arrested on May 6.

Felix Olivieri, Lincoln Son and Evan Johnson were also arrested in connection with the federal drug ring investigation, according to published reports.

During the Ferguson family arrests, agents found more than a pound of marijuana, two unlicensed firearms and almost three pounds of cocaine at the Ferguson home. All of the Fergusons have taken plea agreements.

Shiners, who was charged with eight counts of using an electronic device during the distribution of a controlled substance and eight counts of possession of a controlled substance, pleaded guilty to one count of simple possession in an agreement with the prosecution, according to the report in the *V.I. Daily News*.

Shiners faces a maximum of one year behind bars and is scheduled to be sentenced on June 7 in District Court.

The prosecution dismissed without prejudice the charges against Olivieri and Son while Martin and Johnson have accepted plea agreements, according to the report.

Local attorneys Rafael Muilenburg represented Skelton; Boyd Sprehn represented Chitolie and Francis Jackson Jr. represented Stephens, according to the *V.I. Daily News* report.

Potter was represented by Philadelphia-based attorney Daniel Cevallos, according to the report.

The defendants are scheduled to be sentenced on July 12 in District Court, according to reports.

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Queen Elizabeth's Island Visit Well Received

By Rowan Adkinson,
Society Editor
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Susan Chair was ebullient in describing Queen Elizabeth's stay.

"We couldn't get the Queen out of our pool. She had two Ladies in Wading attending her at all times. She looked amazingly young in her lime-green, two-piece suit."

By all accounts Her Majesty was a pretty nice girl.

The highlight of the visit came last Monday evening with a casual, sit-down dinner for 80 that was hosted by Elsa Engel, island resident and direct descendant of Ludwig II of Bavaria.

The setting was Mrs. Engel's modest home that is based on the design of Neuschwanstein Castle and was catered by Rich Lyminn. Mr. Lyminn, a descendant of nobility himself, produced an invaluable, 89-page manual on how to be casual. A running commentary on the event was broadcast by St. Thomas radio fossils, Lee Coral and Eddie Oddly.

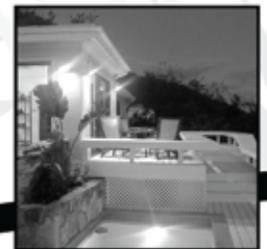
Niles Chair said finding the accommodations for the Queen's traveling staff of 38 was difficult when the island was so full.

"But we were able to do it by calling on our many friends to volunteer downstairs rooms next to their cisterns. Also, we had to get Dave Rascall to come over to Seashore to jiggle the handle."

But overall the stay went very smoothly.

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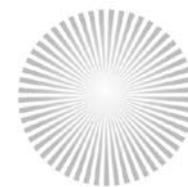


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– George Mercadante, St. John Land Conservancy secretary

VINP Will Be New Guardians for Haulover Beach Later this Year

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The beautiful, historical land at Haulover on the East End is a favorite of snorkelers, swimmers, kayakers and just about everyone else.

Last August the property was put up for sale to, most likely, off-island condominium developers. Before a sale could happen, the St. John Land Conservancy (SJLC) purchased the land to conserve it and protect the public access to it for all residents and visitors.

However, the seller had a few conditions. One was that SJLC must transfer ownership of the land to the V.I. National Park. This transfer should take place later this year. Until then, SJLC will continue to steward the property.

“People are very glad Haulover has been saved and are supportive of our preservation efforts,” said George Mercadante, SJLC secretary. “Our first step was to restore the visual purity of Haulover. So we asked that all commercial signs be removed.”

“All but one business promptly removed their advertisement,” said Mercadante. “Next we cleared brush and debris from one side of the road to expand parking. Then we protected the beach from being further eroded by cars.”

Now Haulover beach on the pristine East End of St. John will be forever protected, explained Mercadante.

“SJLC has created an umbrella of protection over the entire property,” he said. “Haulover is safeguarded, forever.”

Danish students Tilde Christensen, at left, and Tilde Jessen, at right, are watching history come alive on St. John.



St. John Tradewinds News
Photo by Jaime Elliott

St. John History Comes Alive for Danish Interns

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

After spending months pouring over documents in the Copenhagen Archives, history is coming to life for two Danish V.I. National Park Archaeology interns who are spending a month on St. John.

Tilde Jessen and Tilde Christensen, both history majors at the University of Copenhagen, will do field research at Mary’s Point and Estate Beverhoutsberg during their month-long internship, made possible from a grant from the Friends of V.I. National Park.

“We’ve been looking at these estates back in the archives in Denmark,” said Jessen. “We know Beverhoutsberg operated as a sugar plantation, but other people lived there as well.”

“There was a physician who lived at the estate from 1825 through 1832 so we’re going to be checking to

see if we can find some old bottles or other artifacts from that time,” said Christensen.

For the Danish interns, being on St. John brought the pages of their archival studies to life, explained Jessen.

“It’s so exciting to see these things we’ve been reading about,” Jessen said.

“We had images in our heads about what things looked like and it’s been fun to see how things really are,” said Christensen. “It’s been great really, like seeing the whole thing come to life.”

Jessen and Christensen plan to share details of their research with the St. John community at two tentatively scheduled public forums at Maho Bay Campground and St. John School of the Arts. Call Maho at 776-6226 and SJSA at 779-4322 for details about the forums.

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GHS Hoopsters Selected to All Star Team

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

For the first time ever, two Giff Hill School athletes will compete in the territory-wide basketball all star game.

Tenth grader Viniqua David and senior Bryan Morton will represent GHS and St. John in the Sun Stroke All V.I. Hoop Classic at Central High School on St. Croix, April 13 and 14.

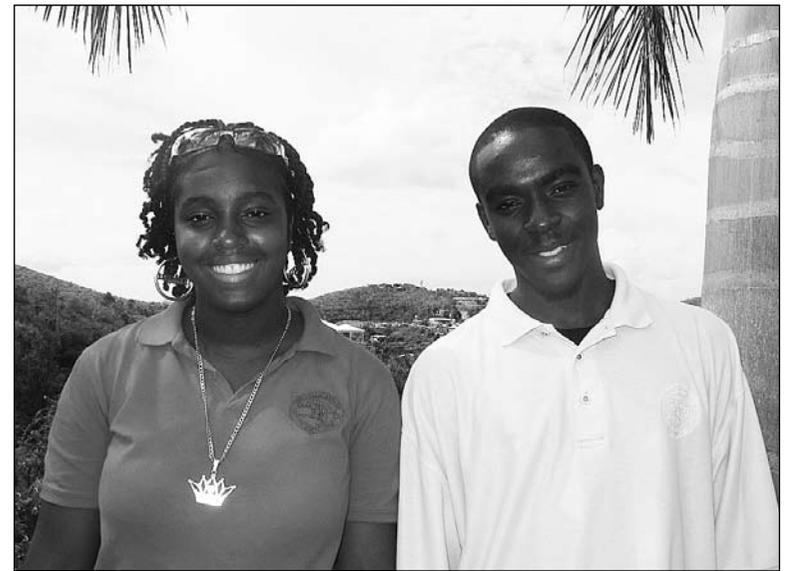
“This is the fourteenth year that the hoop classic is happening and these two students are the first GHS students ever selected for the all star game,” said GBS athletic director Barbie Barry. “What they do is have all of the coaches and athletic directors at the end of the basketball season, submit 10 names of girls and 10 names of boys who played exceptionally well.”

“The players don’t have to be from your own school,” said Barry. “The list is supposed to be who you think the best players are. They compile that information and pick the all star roster.”

Despite a less than stellar record for the GHS hoops boys and girls teams, both Morton and David made coaches aware of their skills, explained Barry.

“Both of these student athletes stood out for their talent,” she said.

Morton scored a total of 71



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Viniqua David (left) and Bryan Morton (right) are the first Giff Hill School athletes ever to be selected for the territory-wide all star basketball games.

points during the season, averaged 12 points a game and put up 21 points against Antilles School in his high-scoring game of the season.

David scored a total of 62 points during the season, averaged 10 points a game and twice put up 15 points, against Ivanna Eudora Kean High School and Charlotte Amalie High School, the most she scored during a game last season. David also impressed coaches for her consistently high scoring, Barry explained.

“What is unique about Viniqua is that she was our high scorer for every GHS girls game the whole season,” said Barry.

The two GHS athletes will do St. John proud during the all star game, Barry added

“I am really proud of these students,” she said. “This is the first time anyone at GHS has been picked for the all star game and they’re going to do great jobs of representing GHS and St. John.”

Friends of VINP Celebrating Earth Week 2012

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This year’s Earth Day fun starts with the 2012 Earth Day Environmental Fair which is scheduled for Friday, April 20.

This year the fair will once again be hosted at the VINP ball field in Cruz Bay from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Virgin Islands National Park and the Friends of V.I.N.P. announced this year’s Earth Day events.

The Waste Management Authority will also be co-hosting the second annual Litter Stomp Parade from the Julius E. Sprauve School to the fairgrounds starting at 8:45 a.m.

On the following day, Saturday, April 21, Friends of VINP will be hosting the third annual Reef Fest, which will coincide with the Earth Day celebration as St. John youth and their families spend an educational fun day at Hawksnest Beach from 12 to 5 p.m. Exhibits, activities, and events will happen in an out of the water throughout the day.

The goal is to educate, inform, and inspire V.I. youth and the community on the importance of preserving and protecting the environment. All events are

free and open to the public, and all St. John schools and families are invited.

Last year more 600 St. John students attended the Earth Day Fair and more than 150 participants attended Reef Fest. These events are great ways to teach V.I. youth about the environment and issues that are a threat to the islands. It is also an excellent opportunity to expose St. John students, who generally don’t have the ability to attend fairs in St. Thomas, to important environmental programs on other islands.

Island-wide beach clean-ups will be happening throughout Earth Week and a cleanup of Trunk Bay, the newly inducted Blue Flag beach, will be on April 14 at 10 a.m. Participants of the Friends’ Adopt-A-Beach/Trail program are asked to remove debris from their adopted beach/trail as part of an island-wide cleanup. The Adopt-A-Beach/Trail program encourages volunteer groups to adopt a site and become responsible for keeping it clean.

Remember that volunteers are needed to help make these events a success. Those interested in volunteering should contact Audrey Penn at 779-4940.

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Renowned Author TJ Stiles Speaking at Elaine Sprauve Library on April 16

Award winning author T.J. Stiles will speak at the Friends of Elaine I. Sprauve meeting on Monday night, April 16, at the Cruz Bay library.

The event is tentatively scheduled for 6 p.m. and Friends of the Library will provide refreshments. For more information call the library at 776-3659.

Annual SJCF Meeting Set for April 16

The St. John Community Foundation's Annual Meeting will be on Monday, April 16, at 6 p.m. at the Fish Trap Restaurant in Cruz Bay.

The SJCF staff and Board of Directors encourage the public to attend this year's Annual Meeting to see what the agency has accomplished in 2011 and hear about the goals and objectives for 2012/2013.

This dinner event is free to St. John residents and supporters. Reservations are required. Call Celia Kalousek at 693-9410 by Thursday, April 12, to make a reservation.

Residents are encouraged to come with ideas of how the agency can help promote programs that strengthen community and family values and enhance the quality of life for all members of the community.

This is an opportunity to thank those who helped pull the St. John Dial-A-Ride Transportation Program through the government funding crisis, hear about new fund development initiatives and meet collaborative community partners.

"The Jeep That Keeps on Giving" Being Auctioned for Third Time by GHS

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

A customized yellow and black Jeep Scrambler is the vehicle which keeps on giving to the Giff Hill School.

After being raffled off and donated back to GHS not just once, but twice, the Jeep is now up for auction once again.

The Jeep was originally purchased in late 2011 by GHS for \$10,000 from Alvin Nazarrío, explained Molly Murrill who works in the GHS development office.

"Alvin works at Caneel Bay and he retrofitted the Jeep," Murrill said.

The Jeep was parked on the second floor of The Marketplace for months as GHS officials sold \$10 raffle tickets over the winter and drew a winner on February 14. After raising about \$7,000 from the sale of raffle tickets, Fernando and Ruby Ramos were the winners of the Jeep.

"A few days before our annual fundraising gala in early March, Fernando Ramos contacted us and let us know that they wanted to donate the Jeep back to the school," said Murrill. "It was perfect timing. We had the Jeep parked at the Westin near the entrance to the ballrooms."

"It was all decorated with balloons and we used it as a last-minute, surprise auction item," she said. "It

was available during our live auction and on-line with a proxy bidder in the room for our on-line bidders."

GHS supporter Rob Garver ended up winning the Jeep for \$11,000, Murrill explained.

"Rob and his wife Niki are from Des Moines, Iowa, and they own a home here," said the GHS development official. "They already have a car and didn't really need to keep the Jeep. So it came back to us and they suggested that we put it back up on line for bidding with an initial bid of \$7,500."

Bidding is open at www.giffhillschool.org/auction until Monday, April 16. All proceeds from the Jeep, those already collected and those yet to be collected, are earmarked for the upper campus school trip to Costa Rica, set for April 19 through 26, explained Murrill.

"The original \$7,000 that we raised from the raffle was not enough to send all 13 high school students on the trip so we were going to have to cancel it," she said. "But since we were able to auction the Jeep off a second and now third time, the trip is back on. And any additional funds raised through the Jeep auction will spill over to next year's travel program."

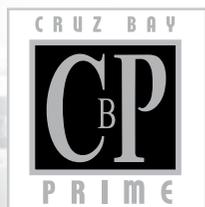
"This is the Jeep that keeps on giving," said Murrill. "It's unbelievable; I've never heard anything like it. I think the third time will be the charm."

Be sure to place those bids by April 16 at www.giffhillschool.org/auction.

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Students of all ages got into the groove at SJSA's special free African Dance class.

Dario Moore Hosts "Superb" African Dance Class at SJSA

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Dario Moore, founder and artistic director of Moore Dance Project, hosted a free African Dance class at St. John School of the Arts on Wednesday, March 28, which was a hit with dancers of all ages.

"The African dance class was superb," said SJSA director Kim Wild. "Pat Harley brought her Love City Leapers to the class. We had a total of 23 young and older students who came out and joined Dario in some very fun rhythmic moves."

"It was a blast and we hope to see Dario return to the arts school for a longer stay," said Wild. "Perhaps he will set a piece of choreography on SJSA students."

SJSA offers instruction in music and dance to students of all ages. To find out more about classes at SJSA call the school at 779-4322.

Archaeologists Looking for Volunteers For Cinnamon Bay Campground Dig

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

A new sewer line project at Cinnamon Bay Campground has already unearthed a possibly 2,000 year old effigy face, and V.I. National Park archaeology officials looking for help to find more interesting objects.

Contractors are installing new sewer lines and re-digging a trench at Cinnamon Bay Campground which was originally dug in the 1960s or 70s, explained Ken Wild, VINP chief of archaeology.

That time around, there was no archaeologist overseeing the project and artifacts were moved, explained Wild.

"Since the objects were already dug up and replaced, they are not considered historical artifacts anymore because they've left their context," said Wild. "We can't exactly say what layer they were in and exactly where they were found originally. But these objects are still interesting and still have educational value."

"We've already found one museum-quality object and I'm sure there are many more," he said.

Contractors will remain in the original ditch line, so VINP archaeology officials and interns



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

VINP archaeology official recently unearthed this possibly 2,000-year-old effigy face at Cinnamon Bay.

have been busy screening the upturned dirt for ceramic, Taino art pieces like the effigy already found and more, explained Wild.

"The ditch line goes through the exact area where the village was here at Cinnamon Bay," he said. "We could find just about anything in the area from Zumi stones to effigy faces which were used on pottery and to represent ancestors to artifacts from the 1800s."

With a limited staff, VINP archaeology officials are hoping that the public will pitch in the

treasure hunt, Wild explained.

"We're looking for volunteers to help us screen all the dirt in the ditch line area," he said. "They will be looking to separate the ceramic pieces and other artifacts from rocks and debris. And who knows what they could find."

Interested volunteers should show up at Cinnamon Bay Campground anytime after 8:30 a.m. Monday through Friday and be ready to get their hands dirty.

For more information call the VINP archeology lab at 715-8580.

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St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Banquet Set for April 14

St. John Tradewinds

The St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce 2012 Annual Awards Banquet and Dinner Dance, "1927 A Spiffy Year Indeed" will be on Saturday, April 14, 2012 at the St. Peter Great-house.

The Wilbur "Bill" LaMotta Community Service Award and the Award for Design Excellence will be presented at the gala. The chamber will also celebrate its 85th anniversary this year.

"The Wilbur 'Bill' LaMotta Community Service Award was established in 1983 and recognizes the outstanding contributions to the U.S. Virgin Islands of public officials and private citizens whose achievements reflect the commitment and dedication exemplified by the life and work of Bill LaMotta," Chamber Executive Director Joe Aubain said. "Prior to his death in 1980, Mr. LaMotta was President of the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce, a Small Businessman of the Year, a civic leader and renowned Caribbean composer and musician."

"The award is presented to individuals who exhibit dedication, sincerity, forthrightness and ethics in the performance of his or her duties or in the practice of his or her business or profession," said Aubain.

2012 Wilbur Bill LaMotta Award Recipients

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Territorial Coordinator for the Archives, Government of the Virgin Islands

Family Resource Center
Award for Design Excellence

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The 2012 Wilbur "Bill" LaMotta Community Service Award recipients include: George Dudley, Esq., partner, Dudley Topper and Feuerzeig; and Michael Ronan, Vice President Government Relations, Caribbean, Latin America and Asia Royal Carib-

bean Cruises, Ltd.

In 1999, the Board of Directors added the recognition of an individual involved in the leadership of a non-profit or charitable organization or an organization for the service it provides to the community. This year's recipients are Susan Lugo, C.A., Caribbean Genealogy Library, Co-founder and territorial Coordinator for the Archives, Government of the Virgin Islands; and the Family Resource Center.

The Award for Design Excellence was established in 1999 to recognize an individual or corporation's capital investment in the territory, which demonstrates outstanding achievement in quality design, improvement to the environment, commitment to the community, and economic growth.

This year's award goes to the Long Bay Road Landscaping Improvements by the VI Department of Public Works.

There are still advertising and sponsorship opportunities available. Tickets for the gala are \$130 per person and may be reserved by calling or emailing the chamber at chamber.vi@gmail.com.

The evening will begin with a cocktail reception at 7 p.m., followed by dinner, dancing to Milo and the Kings and the program. The attire for the evening is island elegant.

First Beach to Beach Power Swim Practice April 15

St. John Tradewinds

Join Friends of V.I. National Park on Sunday, April 15, for the first practice swim before the big race.

Meet at Maho Bay beach at 8:30 a.m. and swim the short course portion of the race to Cinnamon (approximately one mile). Swim assisted (with fins, mask, snorkel) or swim unassisted, just come swim!

Safety boats will be in the water for support. St. Thomas residents, there is plenty of time to take the 7:30 am ferry and join! Just inform Friends of VINP

and they'll pick up swimmers at the ferry dock.

Email Heather Ruhsam at hrhuhsam@friendsvinp.org or call 779-4940.

Two more practice swims will be offered on Sunday, April 29, (Maho to Cinnamon or Trunk) and Sunday, May 13, (Maho to Cinnamon, Trunk or Hawkstest), at 8:30 a.m.. The race itself will be Sunday, May 27, at 8 a.m.. Registration is now open. Go to www.friendsvinp.org/swim or call 779-4940 for more details and to register.

St. John Summer Youth Fair at Sprauve on May 2

St. John Tradewinds

The public is invited to the Julius E. Sprauve School on Wednesday, May 2, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. for the St. John Summer Youth Fair.

Stop by the school and apply for a summer job or sign up for a summer program. Participants will include 4-H Summer Camp, U.S. Coast Guard Auxil-

iary Program, Department of Labor, Friends of V.I. National Park, Gift Hill School and many more.

Bring the whole family, a complementary buffet dinner will be served.

For more information call V.I. Police Department public information office Melody Rames at 643-7728.

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Waga 2012 Is Coming Soon

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Vicky Becker and Sally Furlong, chairwomen of the Animal Care Center's 2012 zany dog show, Wagapalooza, last week announced the 10 categories for this year's event set for May 19 in Cruz Bay.

Best Costume - Some dogs have stylists, it's true. ACC will consider creativity and appearance to find the costume star of the group.

Best Old Timer - Some dogs grow old more gracefully than others. How well do these old timers keep up their spirit and energy?

Best Puppy Love - All puppies are cute, but some are more irresistible than others. Who is the favorite in this group?

Best Rescue Dog - Whether from the ACC on St. John or from another shelter, the judges want to pick the nicest of the bunch.

Best Junior Handler - For juniors 16 years old and under. ACC officials will be looking for the best performer of "Come, Sit, Stay and Shake."

Best Adult Handler - For persons over 16 years old. The ACC is looking for the best performer of "Come, Sit, Stay and Shake."

Gambler's Choice - There will be commands to choose from, each worth different point values, and the dog with the most points in the time allowed will win.

Best Look-alike - Some dogs really do look like their owners — or is it that some owners look like their dogs?

Best Trick - Talent comes in many forms. Let's see

what the judges think is the best freestyle trick.

Babe Award - Most improved rescue dog.

And in addition, ribbons and trophies will be awarded to the Waga King and the Waga Queen — the Best in Show for the winners of the evening's events.

Registration forms are now available for pick up at Connections, in both Coral Bay and Cruz Bay, as well as at Canines, Cats, and Critters up on Centerline Road, at Catered To in The Marketplace, and at the ACC shelter on the library road in Cruz Bay.

Regulations state that dogs must be on a leash at all times. All well-behaved dogs are welcome to participate in the show and to attend the event. Aggressive dogs are not welcome and will be asked to leave.

The cost of registration is \$20 for each class or \$50 for three classes if registration is completed before May 14. Canines, Cats, and Critters is offering a very special drawing for early registrants of a \$50 gift certificate for use at the clinic.

After May 14, registration will cost \$25 for each class. Children 16 and under enter free but they must be registered and accompanied by a responsible adult.

ACC Treasurer Monica Munro urged registrants to use Paypal for their registration fees. Alternatively, personal checks made out to the Animal Care Center of St. John are welcome. Money orders are also welcome as are credit payments on Visa or Mastercard. Please bring completed registration forms and payment to the ACC shelter on Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Classic Schooner *Roseway* Sails into Coral Bay



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The 135-foot classic schooner *Roseway*, above, hosted several sails out of Coral Bay harbor the weekend of March 30. The former pilot boat took Giff H Hill School students and St. John Kids and the Sea students on full day sails, in addition to hosting a KATS St. John fundraiser and donor's sail.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Coral Bay harbor stretches out along the horizon.



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The view from the pool certainly invites day dreaming.



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There is plenty of seating on the shaded deck space at Day Dream.



On the Market

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

Panoramic Views and Cooling Breezes at Day Dream

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Perched atop the Estate Carolina mountainside, Day Dream boasts stunning panoramic views, steady, cooling breezes and plenty of space to stretch out and enjoy it all.

The four bedroom, four and a half bathroom Upper Carolina home, for sale for \$1 million, offers simply breath-taking views from Coral Bay harbor below all the way out to the chain of British Virgin Islands dotting the horizon.

The home gently flows down the hillside with three bedrooms, each with en suite baths, spaced out in separate structures. Each area affords private living quarters and shaded porches for plenty of privacy.

And a separate one-bedroom cottage offers several options for the buyer of Day Dream, explained

Jan Courlas, broker associate at Holiday Homes.

“The house flows down the hill with separate living spaces and porches for all to enjoy,” said Courlas. “This home is suited to people who want a home active in the short-term rental market, because each couple can have their own private cottage feel in one of the three separate bedrooms, each with bath en suite.”

“And the owner can enjoy the little cottage while rental guests are on the main property,” said the broker associate. “And everyone has a view from each location.”

It’s exactly those views from the expansive covered porches and pool side lunges which will keep you dreaming the day and evening away at Day Dream. A new infinity-edge pool and hot tub and plenty of open deck space will surely make the cares of the world

slip away.

Located in the quiet and tranquil Majestic Mile area of the Upper Carolina neighborhood, Day Dream sits on just over a half-acre of landscaped property complete with stone walls and brick pavings.

Inside, the home boasts custom Spanish Cedar cabinets, arched doorways and glass sliders leading right out to the sprawling deck and that impressive view, which will beg you to sit down and soak it all in.

“Day Dream takes in all of Coral Bay from high atop Carolina mountaintop,” said Courlas. “The breezes and big, wide panoramic view of the harbor and beyond out to sea are breathtaking.”

For more information about Day Dream, call Courlas at Holiday Homes at 776-6776 or at 643-5102.

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 Rapes: 1

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Homicides: 0
 Shootings: 0
 Stabbings: 0
 Armed Robberies: 1
 Arsons: 0
 1st Degree Burglaries: 3
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 Grand Larcenies: 22
 Rapes: 0

Sad and Glad

That's the kind of night it was, yesterday. Moe, who, with Doug [Sica], two guys working for the Park Service about 25 years ago, started a little bar in Coral Bay. They called it Skinny Legs, in honor of their own gams, which were so.

It is more than a bar. More than even a community center. It is both, and much more. Well, last night Moe turned the place over to new owners, a nice young couple. It was good for them, but sad for the community and Moe's friends, because we're losing someone special.

And, over time, might loose the flavor of the Skinny Legs of old. There aren't many of these Caribbean

places left. There was one on St. Thomas, but that got bought and torn down by Marriott. There was one on Grand Cayman, but that's now a condo. And from what I see in advertisements, the trend is to shore front "resorts" that destroy a lot of natural beauty in their construction.

Somebody said that one of the biggest changes over the next 100 years will be the end of nature. Could be.

Maybe these young people will see what they have, and try to keep it. I hope so.

Robert Klenke

Help Out or Just Come Out To Support Kid's Fest

Saturday, April 14, is St. John Montessori's annual raffle drawing and Fish Fry. Unlike many wonderfully attended and supported events with spectacular amenities and services, we are a much younger organization.

Our school of 15 children is Montessori Accredited and serving a unique purpose on this island providing an alternative learning environment for children 2-and-one-half-years-old through 7.

We cordially invite you and everyone you know to attend our Fish Fry from 1 to 5 p.m. in John's Folly on Saturday, April 14. We hope you will join us to celebrate with food, bar, games, donkey rides and more activities that are children focused (well, not the bar).

We also kindly ask for a humble donation of \$20 which enters you five times into the raffle drawings. There will be various prizes ranging from jewelry to weekend villa stays as well as restaurants, boat trips, salon services, private in home massage and yoga ser-

vices as well as more grass root items like our "Get Er' Done team" (a team of several fathers from the school volunteered to join up and come to the winner's house for an afternoon to help finish any handy-man projects needing attention).

Please pledge your donation to me and I will enter your name in the raffle and swing by to pick up the cash or check payment (Made out to St. John Montessori) or you can pop it in Box #14 at Post Net with your name inside and your phone number.

If you are able to provide any services or raffle items to include we would be most grateful. Anything from a donated meal for two or hand made artwork or photography, anything you provide would be most appreciated.

We look forward to hearing from you and thank you for indulging our plea. Education is paramount on this island and I am a firm believer that we support it wherever it is flowering. Help us grow.

Katie and Gabriel Tarta

Crossword Answers — Puzzle on Page 20

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KATS Thanks Supporters of Roseway Fundraiser

Kids and the Sea, St. John (KATS) volunteers send deep thanks to all of the businesses and community members who helped to make our sunset sail fundraiser aboard the classic schooner Roseway such a success.

Big thanks to Bellows International, West Indies Inc., Dionysus Distributors, Premier Wines and Spirits and St. John Brewers for their generous donations. Huge thanks to Matayom Private Chefs/St. John Catering, East West Catering and Ted's Supper Club for

supplying delicious fare for our sails. Also thanks to the captain and crew of Roseway for their hard work and professionalism.

And more thanks to the many people who came out and supported youth sailing on St. John while enjoying a sunset sail aboard the beautiful vessel Roseway.

**Sincerely,
Vicki Rogers, Jennifer Robinson
and the KATS St. John volunteers**

ISLAND NOTES

from the publisher

Support the 16th Annual Ruby Rutnik Memorial Softball Tournament – April 13-15!

Peter & Dorothy Muilenburg are leaving — say goodbye on April 15 at Hawksnest.

Letters To St. John Tradewinds

It's a VINP Ranger's Duty to Enforce VINP Laws

There are many branches that make up the National Park. I actually don't know all of them. But here are a few: maintenance; interpreters; monitoring personnel; there is even an archeologist on staff; and park rangers.

I don't know all the park rangers, but when I see someone who works for the park carrying a gun, that is a park ranger. A park cop. They are in the park doing the same kind of work that the local police do on St. John — law enforcement. They are protecting visitors, locals and the resources of the park.

When I see St. John police, I make sure I am following the V.I. laws. The same is true when I am in the park, which is every day. That ugly electric sign even tries to educate the public about the rules while

in the park. But still people get tickets for breaking the law.

Maybe the park cops could be nicer about it? I don't know. But I do know, if I see someone with glass on the beach or not using the channel markers, I believe it is a civic duty to educate them on park policy.

I usually say, "If a park ranger sees you with glass or whatever, they could ticket you." And 95 percent of the time the visitor is grateful for the advice, and complies.

And I am pretty sure killing lionfish is not a park cop's job. There are lots of other people fighting that battle.

Jude Woodcock

Voting Districts Are Needed To Solve Territory's Woes

I just returned home from a couple of weeks in Liberia. I went there to work with a team of volunteers — nine surveyors, engineers and architects — to design a hospital. While I was there I went to visit an orphanage which was the second one built using the design of an orphanage we drew in 2001.

It was really great to see the kids and how they got along with each other. This was the third time that I have done projects in Liberia. The last time was at the very end of the civil war in 2006 and the country was a disaster — no utilities, buildings bombed out or burned out many injured people on the streets, U.N. tanks all over — not a very happy place.

Liberia has made remarkable progress. All the roads were repaved, striped, and clean which created a huge amount of energy. The people were feeling good and looking towards the future. The buildings were repaired and the shops were all open. There were "Don't litter" signs all over and one day a month they had a "community pick up litter" day.

There were several local newspapers and they all seemed to be critical and find fault with politicians who were not serving the country wisely. Some were critical of the fact that some of the leaders of the community came back from America to help but they left their families in the U.S., where they had gone during

the 30 years of war.

When I got back from Liberia, I bought a newspaper at the airport and the headlines were "Senators grill Terry over firing of teachers," and "Senators grill Luis executives" and "Senators grill hospital officials about firing."

These are the same people that refused to work with the Governor to come up with a plan to help resolve our financial problems and now they are punishing the people who have to carry out the firings. These are the ones that only cater to small special interest groups so they can get re-elected. The same ones that stole \$6.5 million from us and won't tell us which ones did it.

Folks, aiding and abetting crime is a crime. Now we have "Senators' ideas for change do not include fewer seats." Who would have thought? The only way that they can solve the problems which they have created and perpetuated is to create voting districts and a truly representative Senate which the voters can hold accountable. Then they might start working to help this community instead of just using it.

There was one bright spot in the paper, buried on page 9 "Ex Puerto Rico senator to spend four years in prison." Seems like P.R. is ahead of us in a lot of ways.

Greg Miller

Real Sex, Fake Love

How many of us are sleeping with someone we don't love? Bodies connect, but hearts, souls and minds never do. How many of us say, "I love you" only to end up hating the person in the morning?

Our skin is so sensitive that a mere touch can send us into a climax. Yet the consequences of this act can lead to death. The words "I love you." are so watered down that its true meaning has become lost.

It's now used to serve one objective — conquest. After that, the decision is either control or discard. We all are guilty of one of these methods. And its not the young ones only. Many other folks still play this game.

A certain television ad says that we are going to do it anyhow. What they fail to mention is that we are not

animals. We don't have to lay down with everyone. They also make mention of wearing protective covering. How is that supposed to protect your heart when they walk out in the middle of the night?

If its' a one night stand you want, that's sad. If it's a 15 year event with no real future, that's painful. Maybe you've resigned yourself to the fact that things won't change inside the relationship and it probably won't improve outside. So you better stick with what you have.

Physically you may be satisfied, but emotionally you are dead inside. Good examples of real love can be hard to find. But we must try in order to retain some sensibility in this "pleasure me" society.

Emmanuel Prince

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Giff Hill School 774-8617

Mega Yachts for Sailing and Motoring

Whether harnessing the wind or firing up the engines, boaters were cruising the St. John waters in style last week aboard the 173-foot sailing yacht *Drumbeat* (top) and the 219-foot mega power yacht *Archimedes* (bottom). Not too shabby.



St. John Tradewinds News
Photos by Mares Crane

Eco Serendib Joins Friends of VINP on Restoration/Erosion Control Project

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combat carbon emissions as well as bring welcome shade for visitors.”

“Our organization is committed to supporting our prized national resource,” said Friends of VINP president Joe Kessler. “The Eco Serendib Beach Restoration Project is just the type of vital, privately-funded program we encourage and are proud to make a reality.”

Harith Wickrema, the visionary behind Eco Serendib Villa and Spa, fell in love with St. John upon his first visit.

“When I debuted Eco Serendib last year, it was with the commitment that I would not only offer an experience melding luxury with green elements, but also give back to this amazing island where two-thirds of the land has been preserved as a national park,” said Wickrema. “I learned from Rafe Boulon, chief of the national park’s Division of Resource Management, about the issue at area beaches. We’re honored that we can be of service and hope this project inspires others to do the same.”

Wickrema, who is also president of Harith Productions and faculty member of Temple University’s School of Tourism and Hospitality Management, was recognized by *Lodging* magazine as one of the top 10 hospitality innovators of 2011 in the area of sustain-

ability for his efforts on-site at Eco Serendib Villa and Spa.

“We’re thrilled to have the support of Eco Serendib in preserving our beaches,” said Rafe Boulon. “Harith actively sought out a way to contribute and his commitment to social and environmental responsibility is to be admired. Maho Bay Beach will be the first beach to benefit from the Eco Serendib Beach Restoration Project, with future work planned at Cinnamon Bay, Trunk Bay, Hawksnest, Saltpond and Little Lameshur.”

Gary Ray, Ph.D., a restoration ecologist and proprietor of Virgin Forest Restorations, an eco consulting firm, has drawn up the plans and will oversee the Eco Serendib Beach Restoration Project under the guidance of the Virgin Islands National Park.

“We’ll be planting native trees such as sea grape, nothing nut, orange manjack, black torch and barbasco,” said Ray. “The idea is to restore plant species native to the Virgin Islands while discouraging invasive exotics. Vigorous natives better control erosion.”

“We will create areas of shade and new walkways to ensure foot traffic doesn’t damage dunes,” Ray said. “Guests of Eco Serendib will also be able to participate in the efforts including tours, demonstrations and even hands-on planting, cultivating and irrigation.”

Easter Greetings from Governor

St. John Tradewinds

On behalf of my wife, Cecile, and our children, may I extend my warmest greetings to you and your families on this Easter holiday.

For those of us in the Virgin Islands family who celebrate this as a religious holiday, let us all be mindful of the joy of the Resurrection. Let us draw from the teachings of Scripture which remind us that with faith we can find our way forward from adversity to better days.

That lesson, and the power of hope and common cause, as we each play our role and do our jobs, is one that all Virgin Islanders may well take to heart as it will speed us all on the path to a better future.

Whether you celebrate the holiday in church or camping at Cramer's Park, may we all look out for each other and, most especially, those for whom the extra kindness, the extra assistance, the extra time and care, will mean so much.

Be safe. Enjoy your time with family and friends. Happy Easter to all.

Governor deJongh Extends Best Wishes for Passover

St. John Tradewinds

Governor John deJongh last week extended best wishes to all in the Jewish community of the Virgin Islands as Jews around the world celebrate Passover.

"The story of the Exodus from Egypt resonates with all freedom-seeking peoples," deJongh said. "We in the Virgin Islands understand in a deep and personal way, the struggles that those who came before us endured so that we might live together in peace and harmony. We do well to remember the price paid for our freedoms."

During the Passover holiday,

which lasts for eight days, families gather to remember the time when the Jews were held captive in Egypt and to celebrate the story of their deliverance: the Exodus that led them finally to their Promised Land.

The traditional Seder, which took place on both Friday and Saturday nights April 6 and 7, is a meal where the story of the Exodus is retold and where all of the foods are symbolic, most well-known of which is the unleavened bread, or matzo, which is said to reflect the haste with which the Jews fled captivity in Egypt.

Del. Christensen Responds To Buck Island Reef Plan Concerns

St. John Tradewinds

Delegate to Congress Donna Christensen last week announced her office will request a more specific report from the General Accountability Office after reviewing comments from two National Park Service public meetings on the Buck Island Reef National Monument General Management Plan with her staff, who attended both meetings, correspondence her office received and discussions with NPS Superintendent Joel Tutein.

"Having not been a regular visitor to Buck Island in recent years, I will go out there to directly observe what is being proposed and the locations of the designated areas," said Christensen. "I want to assure the St. Croix public that all their comments will be taken into consideration as the National Park Service, in conjunction with the community, work towards a final management plan. The process is not at the end, and I appreciate that many took time to come out and give their views and concerns on all sides."

In the interim, Christensen said she will ask that the GAO report focus specifically on "valid existing rights," whether they can be modified or extinguished and under what circumstances those changes could be made. The suggestion came from a constituent, Phillip Holzman.

"My interest is to see that access to Buck Island continues and also that the natural resources are protected," said Christensen. "I believe that both can be accomplished."

St. John Rotary Accepting Scholarship Applications

St. John Tradewinds

The Rotary Club of St. John is pleased to announce the 2012 Rotary St. John Scholarship to assist a resident of St. John graduating from a high school in the US Virgin Islands in the pursuit of higher education.

This need and merit based scholarship will be a one-time award of \$5,000. Eligibility requirements for the Rotary St John Scholarship are:

- The student must be a resident of St John graduating in June from a high school in the US Virgin Islands
- The student must have a 3.0 or better cumulative grade point average
- The student must have been accepted to an institution of higher education
- The student must demonstrate financial need (parents' or guardian's tax Form 1040 from the previous year).

All financial information provided will be kept in strict confidence. Application forms can be obtained from high school guidance counselors, at Connections of St. John, or by email from wil-

liam@willigerod.com or jfuller@rotarystjohn.org

The following information must be submitted with the application form:

- Transcript of credits
- S.A.T. score
- Record of extracurricular activities
- Three letters of reference. One must be an academic reference. The other two may be selected from a previous employer, guidance counselor, or character reference.
- A short (300 to 500 words) essay regarding Excellence.

All applicants meeting the eligibility requirements will be interviewed. The interviews will be conducted in May. Eligible applicants will be notified of the date, time and place of their interview.

The applications, including the essay, letters of reference and proof of financial need must be completed and submitted to the Vocational Services Committee of the St. John Rotary Club, c/o Connections of St. John or William Willigerod, 16213 Spring Garden, St. John, VI 00830, no later than 5 p.m. April 30.

Festival & Cultural Organization of St. John, Inc.

PRESENTS:



Submitted By: Marcus Andrews

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

Festival Food Fair Honoree: **Gwendolyn R. Harley**

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

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, May 26, 2012

Pan-o-Rama
4 P.M. AT WINSTON WELLS BALL FIELD
CONTACT PERSON: IRA WADE (340) 690-7428

FRIDAY, June 15, 2012

Senior Variety Show
7 P.M. AT WINSTON WELLS BALL FIELD
CONTACT PERSON: JANE JOHANNES (340) 776-6450

SATURDAY, June 16, 2012

Festival Bike Race
8 A.M. AT ST. JOHN NATIONAL PARK
CONTACT PERSON: JANE THILL (340) 693-9467

SUNDAY, June 17, 2012

St. John Festival Princess 2012 Selection Pageant
6 P.M. AT WINSTON WELLS BALL FIELD
CONTACT PERSON: LORRAINE RICHARDS (340) 626-4804

FRIDAY, June 22, 2012

Festival Musical Mix 2012
9 P.M. AT WINSTON WELLS BALL FIELD
CONTACT PERSON: LUCINDA JURGEN(340) 643-8074

SATURDAY, June 23, 2012

St. John Festival Queen 2012 Selection Pageant
8 P.M. AT WINSTON WELLS BALL FIELD
CONTACT PERSON: ENID DOWAY (340) 626-0785

SUNDAY, June 24, 2012

Food Fair & Coronation
1 P.M. AT FRANKLIN A. POWELL, SR. PARK
CONTACT PERSON: LEONA SMITH (340) 690-3692

Boat Races
3 P.M. AT CRUZ BAY HARBOR
CONTACT PERSON: SLIM (340) 771-2498

FRIDAY, June 29, 2012

Festival Village Opening
7 P.M. AT CRUZ BAY PARKING LOT
CONTACT PERSON: JANE JOHANNES (340) 776-6450

SUNDAY, July 1, 2012

Festival Beach Jam
1 P.M. AT OPPENHEIMER BEACH
CONTACT PERSON: LEONA SMITH (340) 690-3692

TUESDAY, July 3, 2012

Cultural Day
3 P.M. AT FRANKLIN A. POWELL, SR. PARK
CONTACT PERSON: ALECIA WELLS (340) 344-9166

WEDNESDAY, July 4, 2012

Jouvert
4 A.M. AT ST. JOHN NATIONAL PARK
Festival Parade 2012
11 A.M. AT ST. JOHN NATIONAL PARK
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9 P.M. AT CRUZ BAY HARBOR
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GBS Parents Fuming Over School Bus Crash and Driver Actions

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"My concern is that there were children who were not taken to the clinic," said the parent. "Some of these kids walk home from school and their parents didn't know about the accident. If one of those kids had a concussion and went to sleep, they could have never woken up."

Beyond not informing parents, EMS or DOE officials of the accident, the school bus driver yelled at students, according to the parent.

"The kids were telling me how the driver was yelling at them and telling them they weren't hurt and to just get on the other bus," said the parent.

More troubling details about the school bus driver's behavior emerged last week as well. Several other drivers who saw the accident reported that the bus had been swerving for several miles before plowing into the guard rail. This latest accident is not the first time this same school bus driver has been in a collision, and it's a well-known fact that the driver is unsafe, according to several GBS parents.

"This guy should not be on the road much less driving a school bus," said one GBS parent.

"It's a well known community fact that this guy drives like a maniac," said another parent. "He recently had an accident on Supreme Corner but luckily no children were on the bus that time. I hope this driver never gets behind the wheel of a school bus again."

Several students said that he had been talking on his cell phone, according to parents.

"My son said that the bus driver is usually frowning and unhappy but on Wednesday he was smiling and happy, so...", said the parent. "And several kids said they saw him talking on his cell phone."

DOE officials were still looking into the school bus accident last week and were especially concerned about the way the driver reacted in the wake of the collision, explained St. Thomas/St. John District Insular Superintendent Jeante Smith-Barry.

"One of the things I am doing is trying to contact parents. I want to be able to allay their fears. I understand very well that they are very concerned. This incident was not handled properly."

— Insular Superintendent Jeante Smith-Barry
St. Thomas/St. John District

"The way this was handled is one of the areas that I am very concerned about," said Smith-Barry. "I too am asking those questions and that is part of our investigation. We do not feel that the matter was handled appropriately."

DOE officials last week were most concerned with the safety of the children aboard the school bus, Smith-Barry explained.

"Right now I am very concerned about the students who were not taken to the clinic which is where they all should have been taken," said the DOE District Superintendent. "The children should not have been taken from the scene. I am trying to tell all parents to take their children to the clinic if they have not already."

"We are especially concerned about the fact of having the children transported and not ensure that they were alright before letting them go," said Smith-Barry. "The driver needed to make sure that not one student left the scene until authorities got there. That is a really big issue for us and we're going to address that."

The school bus driver did not report the incident to DOE officials either, Smith-Barry added.

"Parents need to be notified promptly of these kinds of incidents," she said. "My office was not notified promptly either. It seems like notification came from some parents and that is unacceptable."

Smith-Barry declined to comment last week on any disciplinary actions or criminal charges DOE planned to pursue against the school bus driver.

"I cannot say at this time because I don't have all the facts," said the DOE District Superinten-

dent. "I am looking very, very seriously into these issues."

DOE officials were hoping to contact all GBS parents last week, Smith-Barry added.

"One of the things I am doing is trying to contact parents," she said. "I want to be able to allay their fears. I understand very well that they are very concerned. This incident was not handled properly."

"When accidents happen we have a responsibility to make sure that we promptly notify our parents and that did not happen," said Smith-Barry. "A decision was made by the bus driver and that is not okay."

Since the same school bus driver has also transported students to and from Giff Hill School and Julius E. Sprauve School in the past as well, this issue is bigger than just GBS, explained one parent.

"Varlack Ventures is the contractor for the DOE and they operate buses for all of the schools," said the parent. "This is not about just one small school in Coral Bay. This affects all students on St. John."

Smith-Barry planned to schedule a meeting with GBS parents, but the date had not been set as of press time. GBS officials are hosting their monthly PTO meeting on Tuesday evening, April 10, at 5:45 p.m. at the school and invited any interested parents or residents to attend.

While DOE officials had not confirmed their plans to attend the PTO meeting as of press time, the department is taking this incident seriously, explained Smith-Barry.

"We'll be following up on this," she said. "We are not just going to let this pass by. This is a very, very serious concern to us."

DOL Provides Update on Delay of Printing of Unemployment Insurance Checks

St. John Tradewinds

Department of Labor Commissioner Albert Bryan announced last week that the department continues to address the in-house technical issues regarding the printing and issuance of Unemployment Insurance checks.

The department's UI staff will be working over the Easter weekend to manually process over 500 checks for Emergency Unemployment Compensation, regular Unemployment Insurance, and Interstate certified claimants. The checks will be prepared and mailed out to claimants on Tuesday, April 10, 2012.

"The department has experienced hardware failures and sought local and off-island technical assistance," said Bryan. "Currently, system diagnostics are being conducted to identify the problem."

As the department continues to address this issue, the public is encouraged to hold calls regarding the processing of UI checks so that staff may focus on processing the checks as expeditiously as possible and in time for Tuesday's scheduled disbursement. The department will continue providing updates to the public as information becomes available.

The staff at the DOL apologized for the inconvenience and thanked the public for their patience and understanding.

Report Misuse of Funds To Federal Call Hotline

St. John Tradewinds

Department of Education Commissioner Dr. LaVerne Terry last week encouraged the general public to report any misuse of the department's federal funding to the U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of the Inspector General.

In an effort to continue meeting the mandates of the Compliance Agreement between the U.S. Department of Education and the V.I. government, the Department of Education is required to publicize the toll-free telephone numbers that residents can use to call in any misuse or fraud.

"These numbers are available to all schools, teachers, parents, and participants of the adult and vocational programs, VIDE employees, all government agencies and other interested stakeholders," Terry said.

The numbers are:

- U.S. Department of Education-Office of the Inspector General: 1-800-MISUSED

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For more information regarding the misuse of federal education funds, contact Clarrisa Warrington, Director of Federal Grants, at 774-0100, extension 8155. Residents may also visit the U.S. Department of Education Office of the Inspector General's website at <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oig/hotline.html>.



Police Log

Friday, March 30

11:38 a.m. - An Estate Bordeaux resident r/ a disturbance. Disturbance of the peace.

Saturday, March 31

12:05 a.m. - An Estate Bethany resident p/r that he was threatened in Cruz Bay with a knife. Disturbance of the peace.

4:20 a.m. - A Cruz Bay resident c/r that three unknown males were following him. Disturbance of the peace.

3:51 p.m. - An Estate Contant resident c/r that he found his mother unresponsive. D.O.A.

5:14 p.m. - An Estate Grunwald resident c/r that a male bumped into the side of her car. Police assistance.

11:59 p.m. - A citizen r/ that a female fell in Cruz Bay. Accidental injury.

Sunday, April 1

1:59 a.m. - The people of the Virgin Islands r/ a fight in the roadway near Leander Jurgen Command. Simple assault and battery.

3:30 a.m. - Badge #1047 p/ at Leander Jurgen Command with one Edgar Augusto Peguero of Estate Enighed under arrest and charged with simple assault and battery, disturbance of the peace and resisting arrest. Bail was set at \$1,500 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 re-manded.

8:10 a.m. - An Estate Pastory res-

ident p/r that his son stole his gold chain. Grand larceny.

3:04 p.m. - A visitor c/r a disoriented female near St. John Market. Police assistance.

6:13 p.m. - A citizen c/r loud music in Coral Bay. Disturbance of the peace.

10:32 p.m. - A citizen c/r loud music in Coral Bay. Disturbance of the peace.

Monday, April 2

2:40 a.m. - A Grande Bay Resort employee c/r that an unknown male took a bottle of champagne from the kitchen, but he was able to get it back. Attempted petit larceny.

9:40 a.m. - A visitor from VA p/r that he was in an auto collision. Auto collision.

10:55 a.m. - A Cruz Bay resident p/r that he lost his documents. Lost documents.

12:35 p.m. - An Estate Power Boyd Plantation resident p/requesting police assistance to remove a male from her property. Police assistance.

No time given - A Bordeaux resident p/r that someone put a "No Trespassing" sign on her property. Police assistance.

Tuesday, April 3

3:04 p.m. - An Estate Hansen Bay resident c/r that someone was trespassing on her property. Police assistance.

3:09 p.m. - The manager of the Parrot Club r/ damage to a machine. Destruction of property.

8:09 p.m. - An Estate Power Boyd Plantation resident r/ a disturbance on her property. Disturbance of the peace.

11:15 p.m. - A citizen c/r loud music in Coral Bay. Disturbance of the peace.

Wednesday, April 4

7:15 a.m. - A V.I. National Park ranger c/r that a male was discovered bleeding from the head in the street in the area of Mongoose Junction. Accidental injury.

11:41 a.m. - An visitor from IN r/ that someone stole \$150 of his while he was at Salt Pond Bay. Grand larceny.

1:15 p.m. - An Estate Adrian resident p/r that she was verbally and sexually harassed by a male. Police assistance.

3:52 p.m. - A citizen r/ a collision of a school bus on Centerline Road. Auto collision.

10:22 p.m. - A citizen c/r loud music in Coral Bay. Disturbance of the peace.

Thursday, April 5

9:50 a.m. - A visitor from NV p/r that he lost his passport. Lost documents.

12:38 p.m. - A citizen c/r that a female was struck by a vehicle in the area of the Cruz Bay post office. Auto collision.

10:30 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident c/r that her husband was creating a disturbance outside of her residence. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

CRIME STOPPERS U.S.V.I.

Organization Seeks Information on Crimes

Crime Stoppers is asking for the community's help to solve the following crimes. If anyone knows something, they should say something.

St. John

On Saturday, February 18, at 6 a.m., the housekeeper for Villa Venuroso at 17A-1 Enighed was robbed by a male who came through the northern front door, pointed a knife at her, and demanded her money. She gave him \$300 from her purse, and then he slapped her on both sides of her face before running away. The suspect, who was barefoot, was wearing short black pants and a long black hoodie with a black shirt over his face. The minimum reward for the arrest of an armed robber is \$900.

St. Thomas

Between 9 p.m. on November 13, 2011 and the following morning at 6:30 a.m., East End Lumber was burglarized. The suspect(s) gained entry by

prying open the bottom of the eastern door after climbing over the northern locked gate. The burglars opened a safe with a jackhammer and stole a Dell laptop and \$70,000 in cash. The minimum reward for the arrest of a burglary suspect is \$714.

Let's continue to help make the community a safer place to live by submitting information on these or any other crimes at www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org or by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

Tips are completely anonymous and the state-side operators speak several languages. If a tip leads to an arrest or the recovery of stolen property, illegal drugs, or weapons, tipsters will receive a cash reward to be paid according to their instructions.

Crime Stoppers recognizes that times are tough, and they're going to get tougher. Please be a part of the solution by telling what you know; we can all profit from a safe community.

Community Calendar

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

Tuesday, April 10

— All are welcome to join the St. John Historical Society on Tuesday, April 10, at 7 p.m. at the Bethany Church Hall for the final event of the society's 2011/2012 season.

Wednesday, April 12

— The Island Green Building Association will have a free, public seminar on Thursday, April 12, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on the second floor of The Marketplace.

Friday-Sunday, April 13-15

— 16th Annual Ruby Rutnik Memorial softball tournament at Winston Wells ball park.

Saturday, April 14

— The St. John Montessori School will host its annual Kid's Fest Fish Fry on Saturday, April 14, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the school.

— The St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce 2012 Annual Awards Banquet and Dinner Dance, "1927 A Spiffy Year Indeed" will be on Saturday, April 14, 2012 at the St. Peter Greathouse.

Sunday, April 15

— The St. John Singers will present their annual spring concert at the Emmaus Moravian Church in Coral Bay on Sun-

day, April 15, at 7:30 p.m. — Join Friends of V.I. National Park on Sunday, April 15, for the first practice swim before the big race. Meet at Maho Bay beach at 8:30 a.m. and swim the short course portion of the race to Cinnamon.

Wednesday, May 2

— The public is invited to the Julius E. Sprauve School on Wednesday, May 2, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. for the St. John Summer Youth Fair.

Saturday, May 5

— The 15th Annual JESS Gala is set for Saturday, May 5, at Caneel Bay's Turtle Bay Estate House from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Tickets are \$100. For more information call JESS at 776-6336 or check out www.jessgala.com.

Saturday, May 12

— The Arts Alive Annual Spring Art in the Garden is coming once again to Tillett Gardens on Saturday, May 12, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, May 19

— The Animal Care Center's major fundraiser of the year, Wagapalooza. "Waga" will be on Saturday, May 19, from 5 to 9 p.m. at the V.I. National Park ball field area in Cruz Bay.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

AL-ANON MEETINGS

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

PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

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ACROSS

- 1 Beseech
- 4 Weeding implement
- 7 White rat, e.g.
- 13 Puccini's "— Butterfly"
- 19 Cream-filled pastries
- 21 Kill, as pain
- 22 Beloved
- 23 V
- 25 Holiday Inn alternative
- 26 Agee of the Miracle Mets
- 27 Be shown on TV
- 28 "A Simple Plan" director Sam
- 30 Vagrant
- 31 V
- 36 As a result
- 39 Singer Brenda
- 40 Borgnine of the screen
- 41 "— hardly believe it!"
- 42 V
- 46 Bread baker's buy
- 47 Lousy review
- 48 "That's more than I needed to know," briefly
- 49 "The Stepford Wives" author Levin
- 50 Tillex target
- 53 Syllable after "Mao"
- 54 Quick AOL exchanges
- 56 Mother Teresa's city
- 61 V
- 67 Thunderpeal
- 68 Seat of Fayette County, Iowa
- 69 Truckloads
- 70 V

- 75 Almost-new
- 76 Library array: Abbr.
- 77 Very long time period
- 78 Banned thing
- 79 — Mart
- 81 Geraint's title
- 82 Big Mac part
- 85 Rene of "Tin Cup"
- 89 V
- 93 iPad extras
- 94 Big name in pizza crust
- 97 Stylist's goop
- 98 Major fair
- 99 V
- 104 Leisure top
- 105 Made lighter
- 106 Maj.'s superior
- 107 Erupted
- 111 Angle measure in math
- 113 V
- 117 Reluctant
- 118 It's often left in a will
- 119 Study of verse writing
- 120 Buoyed (up)
- 121 Pianists' dexterity exercises
- 122 Misstep
- 123 Maui neckwear

DOWN

- 1 Finest
- 2 Cavern effect
- 3 Latch (onto)
- 4 "Start playing the tune!"
- 5 "— ed Euridice" (opera)
- 6 That, in Cuba
- 7 One being counseled
- 8 Wary
- 9 Soap buy
- 10 Age-verifying cards
- 11 Impulse conductors
- 12 Bargain-priced
- 13 Bushy-tailed rodent
- 14 Oil well firefighter Red
- 15 DeLuise of film
- 16 Coffee type
- 17 Free-swimming jellyfishes
- 18 Unbudging
- 20 In the — Morpheus (asleep)
- 24 Yard tools
- 29 Stipulations
- 32 156, to Livy
- 33 Golda of Israel
- 34 California's La — Tar Pits
- 35 Contend
- 36 Seer's "gift"
- 37 Rival of JVC
- 38 Vodka alternative
- 43 Response to "Who's there?"
- 44 IRS enforcers
- 45 Meet, as a challenge
- 46 Urban rec facility
- 50 Ice cream portions
- 51 "Step right up!" shouter
- 52 New —, Minnesota
- 53 Blood bank technician
- 54 "By the Time — Phoenix"
- 55 Fit together, as gears
- 57 Provo native
- 58 One of the Jackson 5
- 59 Bugs, Daffy, or Elmer
- 60 Sothern of movies
- 61 Arctic chunk
- 62 Rolling rock
- 63 Baseball Hall-of-Famer Tony

- 64 Adding result
- 65 Provide with the means
- 66 Baseball Hall-of-Famer Carlton
- 67 Wolf Blitzer's channel
- 71 K followers
- 72 Life leader?
- 73 Sedaka of song
- 74 Umbilical —
- 79 Basketball Chamberlain
- 80 Tel —, Israel
- 81 Retailed (for)
- 82 Be pugilistic
- 83 Game official
- 84 Prefix with realism
- 85 Dilapidated digs
- 86 Lift from seismic action
- 87 Driver doing 90, say
- 88 Dir. from Reno to L.A.
- 89 Most affectionate
- 90 Disregards
- 91 Greasy of football
- 92 Convene again
- 94 Bopped on the noggin
- 95 Syllables of meditation
- 96 Any "Stayin' Alive" singer
- 100 Flat contract
- 101 Intense
- 102 "That's What Love —" (1991 Amy Grant hit)
- 103 Stiff — lip
- 108 Cry loudly
- 109 "— homo!"
- 110 Actor Arnaz
- 112 Bug greatly
- 114 Beatie buddy Sutcliffe
- 115 Just a —
- 116 Unlock, to bards

Classifieds

Employment

SHELTER MANAGER/ADMINISTRATOR

The St. John Animal Care Center (ACC) is seeking a full-time Shelter Manager or Shelter Administrator.

The position requires compassion for and handling of cats and dogs, management of a small staff of full- and part-time employees, good interaction with the public, some computer skills, use of a personal car. Previous experience in an animal shelter would be a plus.

Contact ACC Search Committee co-chairwomen Sheila Karcher at 340.643.9777 (cell) or at stxsheila@gmail.com, or Dr. Heidi Stout at hstoutvi@gmail.com or at 344.4056 (cell). Be prepared to submit a resume and references. The position will be available in mid-April.

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"Colibri" – Superb sunset and water views from this three bedroom waterfront home in Great Cruz Bay. Features include native stonework, large pool deck with gazebo, masonry construction, air conditioning, water views from every room and pool, and lots of room for expansion. Deeded rights to beach and dinghy landing. A complete refurbishing has just been completed. Good view of boat moorings. **\$3,795,000.**



"Sunset Serenade" - New Listing-masonry with 180 degree views of St. Thomas, Pillsbury Sound & beyond. Enjoy breath taking sunset views from the large deck area with pool and hot tub. Main house is a comfortable 2 br x 2 bath with a well equipped kitchen, lg great room and is currently a short term rental. The spacious 1X1 apartment has separate entry & drive with full kitchen, living/dining area & great views. Reduced to **\$995,000**



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



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



"Villa Meritage"- a private oasis nestled into the verdant hillside overlooking Hart Bay, Chocolate Hole and beyond to the island of St. Thomas and offshore cays. Facing west to capture stunning sunsets, the four bedroom, four bath pool home with Jacuzzi offers a separate one bedroom cozy cottage (built in 2000), with its own private Jacuzzi. Beautifully furnished and lavishly decorated with custom artwork, this home is a must see. **\$1.395M**



"Coyaba" - means heavenly in Arawak and this newly constructed 3-bedroom home is just that. On a flat one acre lot, Coyaba offers water views of the Caribbean Sea and the bay below. The large open-style great room, kitchen and dining area and bedrooms are located on one level. Enjoy the sounds of the surf together with breezy easterly trade winds from your pool deck. Priced to sell at **\$4,413,000.**



Mango Terrace Villas - Brand new and spacious condos on a hillside overlooking the turquoise waters of the Caribbean. All units have spacious interiors, ample decks from which to enjoy the cool easterly breezes & expansive water views. Amenities include private laundry, private decks, granite counters, tile floors, large shared pool and deck. Only six units in two buildings with proximity to Cruz Bay Town & Frank Bay beach. Financing available. **Priced to sell at under recent appraised value. \$499,000 to \$900,000.**



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

DEVELOPMENT/COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES: Hansen Bay 7A is an 18 acre parcel with studies done and a 15 lot sub division permit. All lots have water views and breezes and 4 lots are on the flat top of a ridge with almost 360 degree views. Parcel has access to a cobble beach. Reduced from **\$3.18M to \$2.99M;** Estate Zootenvaal 20 acres over looking the marine preserve at Bork Creek just east of Coral Bay and bounded by National Park on two sides **\$7M;** Group Dwelling permit for 6 apartments and a driveway permit have been issued for this 0.9 acre lot in Estate Rendezvous & Ditleff. With sunset and water views to St Thomas from this gently sloping lot, this is a perfect parcel for development or for a single family home with lots of privacy. **\$549,000**

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Fitch Affirms "Triple B Plus" Rating of VIPFA Gross Receipts Tax Bonds

St. John Tradewinds

On Wednesday, April 4, Fitch Ratings affirmed its "BBB" rating on the Virgin Islands Public Finance Authority Gross Receipts Tax Bonds.

Last week, Standard & Poor's also affirmed its BBB+ rating on the PFA Gross Receipts Tax Bonds. The affirmation of these ratings will support the continued efforts of the V.I. government to meet its financial challenges, and was specifically a result of the courage shown by the Legislature in increasing the gross receipts tax rate at this difficult time.

"We are gratified that Fitch has affirmed our GRT bond rating," said Governor John deJongh. "The closing of HOVENSA was a real blow, which has undercut our finances and is forcing us to take extraordinary measures to achieve fiscal stability. This action by Fitch, and by S&P as well, is an important step in assuring that we have the financial flexibility to meet our significant financial challenges."

In its review, S&P noted the action taken to increase the tax rate as offsetting the anticipated adverse impact of the HOVENSA closing.

"We expect the rate increase combined with the refinery closure to have offsetting effects on gross receipts tax revenues," said deJongh.

Both Fitch and S&P have left the investment grade ratings on PFA Matching Fund Bonds unchanged, and view them as insulated from the financial challenges facing the government.

Fitch reduced its shadow general obligation rating on the government from BB+ to B, though that rating has no impact on outstanding bonds, and revised its outlook to negative outlook on the GRT and general obligation ratings, citing the risk of "further erosion in the USVI's financial position and/or deterioration in the USVI's economy due to the HOVENSA closure, beyond current expectations."

"The bond rating agencies and the institution investor community understand the strength of our bonds," said Commissioner of Finance and PFA Executive Director Angel Dawson. "Whatever challenges we face, we are addressing head on, and the pledged revenues dedicated to our bonds and to our bondholders are unaffected and are fully secured."

"We have worked diligently with the rating analysts to make sure they have been fully apprised of the HOVENSA situation, but also of the strong rebound in our tourism and other new initiatives that will affect our future," said Dawson.

Warning Posted at Frank Bay



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Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority tore down their old eye sore in Frank Bay and replaced it with this sign which warns of the high voltage cable line submerged in the area.

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"VILLA ANDREA" in gated Virgin Grand Estates HAS IT ALL! Panoramic water views in a private setting, 4 master suites, A/C throughout, and a large pool with expansive decks.



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WATERFRONT "VILLA BELVEDERE" (3x3.5) privacy, pool & spa, plus deeded access to HOA dock on Great Cruz Bay. Quiet neighborhood, mesmerizing sunset views!



\$2,300,000

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



\$1,800,000

"VILLA FAR NIENIE" Turn-key 3 bedroom, 3 bath villa in Pt. Rendezvous offers big views, breezes & great rental history. Beautifully-appointed, fully furnished, infinity-edge pool, interior staircase, artistic lighting and super sun and moonrises!



\$1,695,000

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



\$1,400,000

"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!



\$1,075,000

"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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"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.



\$595,000

"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.



\$589,000

"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.



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