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## Caneel Bay Celebrates Earth Day

Fourteen Caneel Bay Resort guests and staff members headed under the waves on Sunday morning, April 22, to celebrate Earth Day by removing trash from the ocean floor with officials from the Patagon Dive Center, including owner Arnaldo Falcoff. Teams of two to four divers spread out from the northern Caneel Bay beach all the way to Hawksnest and Scott Cay collecting bottles, fishing line, cardboard and more along the way.



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## Paying at the Pump



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St. John drivers have watched as gas prices have continued to climb in recent weeks. Last week's prices were the highest seen on the island in years and it seemed no relief would be in sight, at least in the near future.

## Next St. John Farmer's Market April 29

Stop by the upper parking lot at the Lumberyard on Sunday, April 29, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. for the next St. John Farmer's Market. Don't miss the chance to pick up some local, organic vegetables, local honey, freshly made tarts and more.

## St. John Film Society Screening "Queen of the Sun" May 1 at SJSA

The St. John Film Society will screen the award-winning film about bees, "Queen of the Sun: What are the Bees Telling Us?" on Tuesday, May 1, at 7:30 p.m. at St. John School of the Arts.

In 1923, Rudolf Steiner, an Austrian scientist, philosopher and social innovator, predicted that in 80 to 100 years honeybees would collapse.

Now, beekeepers around the United States and around the world are reporting an incredible loss of honey bees, a phenomenon deemed "Colony Collapse Disorder." Bees are disappearing in mass numbers from their hives with no clear single explanation. The queen is there, honey is there, but the bees are gone.

For the first time, in an alarming inquiry into the insights behind Steiner's prediction "Queen of the Bees" investigates the long-term causes behind the dire global bee crisis through the eyes of biodynamic beekeepers, commercial beekeepers, scientists and philosophers.

The post film discussion promises to be equally engaging with St. John bee keepers including Mr. Smalls.

## St. John Summer Youth Fair Is Set for May 2 at Julius E. Sprauve School

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 Auxiliary Program, Department of Labor, Friends of V.I. National Park, Giffit 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.

## JESS Gala Will Be 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 details call 776-6336 or visit [www.jessgala.com](http://www.jessgala.com).

## GBS Annual Spaghetti Dinner Is May 10

Guy Benjamin School is hosting its annual spaghetti dinner on Thursday, May 10, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the school.

Dinner is served from 6 to 7 p.m. Adult tickets are \$10 and tickets for children are \$5. Dinner includes appetizers, salad, main course, dessert and a drink. For more details call GBS at 776-6242.

## AARP Seeking Troupe Participants

The St. John AARP Chapter #4777 is looking for members to join the group in walking in the St. John Festival July Fourth Parade.

Contact Bev Biziewski at 776-6833 if interested. All national AARP members are welcome!

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# Governor Orders BMV To Halt Ban on Inter-island Rental Car Use

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

Controversy erupted last week after Bureau of Motor Vehicles Director Jerris Browne issued an update reminding rental car companies of a 45-year-old law forbidding inter-island travel of rental vehicles.

“This communication will serve to update all Car Rental Agencies that based on the Virgin Islands Code Title 20: Section 422 (h) and (i) drive yourself vehicles cannot be transferred, transported or used on an island for which they are not registered.”

Basically the order stated that vehicles rented on St. Thomas cannot be taken to St. John and vice versa. The order also outlined stiff penalties for taking a St. Thomas rental vehicle on the barge to St. John.

“Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$1,000 for each vehicle transported, or revocation of their business license for a period of not less than six months.”

The announcement was sent out by BMV on Tuesday, April 17, and ignited a controversy on several online social media sites pitting villa rental companies and tourists against car rental companies.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo File

Car rental companies are hoping for an increase in the quota of rental vehicles allowed on St. John as dictated by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

The mandate related to a 45-year-old bill which is likely not legal today and prompted Government House to swift action.

The day after the order was issued, on Wednesday, April 18, Governor John deJongh directed Browne to “immediately rescind the previously issued order re-

garding the transporting of rental cars from St. Thomas to St. John,” according to a prepared statement from Government House.

Rescinding the order will allow the Attorney General’s Office time to examine the existing law and federal law to determine if there is a conflict with a Commerce

Clause, explained Government House spokesperson Jean Greaux.

“This is an old law that was passed 45 years ago,” said Greaux. “Since St. Thomas and St. John are one district, even though they are separated by several miles of water, this could be a violation of intra-state commerce.”

Instead of enforcing the edict issued by BMV last week, deJongh urged bureau officials to meet with St. John car rental agencies, Greaux added.

“Additionally, the governor’s directive calls on the Director of the Motor Vehicle Bureau to make an assessment of each St. John car rental agency and determine whether there is a need to adjust the car rental company’s fleet quotas,” he said.

BMV dictates to all St. John car rental agencies how many vehicles they are allowed to own and rent. That quota is 635 vehicles in total for all of the agencies combined. The problem, according to car rental agency owners, is that the quota has not changed in 20 years.

“With the quota system, we have not been able to increase how many cars we have in the last 20 years,” said St. John Car Rental owner Lonnie Willis. “They have prevented us from increasing our cars because of the quota and that is the problem.”

Rental car agencies on St. John claim that many tourists rent their cars on St. Thomas and stock up on groceries there before taking the barge over to St. John. That means less people taking taxis,

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## VIPD St. John Deputy Chief Foy Named Acting District Chief

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

Although St. John has not had a Virgin Islands Police Department Deputy Chief in more than a month, there is no reason to worry, according to VIPD officials.

Former St. John VIPD Deputy Chief Darren Foy took over as the acting St. Thomas/St. John District Police Chief on March 18, leaving Love City’s VIPD force without a top brass.

Foy took over for former VIPD St. Thomas/St. John District Chief Randy Querrard, who retires on April 30 and has stepped down as district chief position although he remains on the force until then.

Despite the lack of a VIPD St. John Deputy Chief, Foy is still overseeing operations at the department’s Leander Jurgen Com-

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— Melody Rames, VIPD Spokesperson

mand in Cruz Bay, explained VIPD spokesperson Melody Rames.

“Right now Chief Foy is Acting Police Chief of the St. Thomas/St. John District and there is no Deputy Chief on St. John and there has not been one for some time,” said Rames. “Foy is still overseeing operations on St. John.”

The situation is not unique to St. John, Rames added.

“What is happening on St. John is not a unique situation,” she said. “Chief [Christopher] Howell on St. Croix is doing a dual role presently there as well. He is the St. Croix District Chief and is also acting as the St. Croix Deputy Chief.”

“There is currently only a Deputy Chief on St. Thomas,” Rames said.

There have been no problems

with having Howell act as VIPD Deputy and District Chief on St. Croix, according to Rames.

Having one police officer in the dual positions in the St. Thomas/St. John District, however, is a bit more complicated since the single district spans two islands. Foy lives on St. Thomas but is committed to maintaining a presence on Love City, according to reports.

Recently installed VIPD Commissioner Henry White is looking to fill the VIPD’s top brass position on St. John, Rames added.

“The commissioner said he is considering names for both the Deputy Chief position on St. John and on St. Croix,” said Rames.

In the meantime, the highest ranking VIPD officer on St. John is Commander Bernard Hendricks.

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# Parents Get Few Answers About Bus Crash at Island-Wide PTO Meeting

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

About 50 parents, teachers and residents filled the cafeteria at the Julius E. Sprauve School on Monday evening, April 16, to hear what officials plan to do to ensure bus safety in the wake of a school bus accident.

While parents did not get many answers last week, they did have a chance to share their concerns with Department of Education officials.

A school bus carrying about 15 children from Guy Benjamin School in Coral Bay to Cruz Bay slammed into a guard rail on Centerline Road on April 4. While none of the children were seriously injured, several did suffer bumps and bruises. What continues to be most upsetting to parents, however, is the way in which the accident was handled.

After colliding with the guard rail, the bus driver — whose name remained unavailable last week except for being referred to as “Junior” — did not report the accident to emergency responders, GBS or Department of Education officials.

While someone called the V.I. Police Department’s Leander Jur-



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Parents shared concerns about school bus safety with DOE officials at the meeting.

gen Command in Cruz Bay, it remained unclear last week whether that call was made by the driver or someone else. Whoever called the VIPD stated that there were no injuries, which prevented EMTs and St. John Rescue officials from responding to the accident.

The driver did call a second bus, which arrived shortly after the accident and before VIPD officers arrived. The driver told all of the

students to get off of his bus and get on the second bus. That second bus drove the students to Cruz Bay where they disembarked and shared news of the accident with their parents.

Several parents took their children to the Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center to be examined while news of the accident finally reached DOE officials on St. Thomas. Insular Superinten-

dent Jeanette Smith-Barry subsequently tried to contact all parents to urge them to have their children evaluated at MKSCHC.

Following the accident, DOE officials met with GBS parents at the Coral Bay elementary school on April 10. The school’s PTO members, however, called for an island-wide emergency PTO meeting for all island schools to hear how DOE plans to handle the situation with the bus driver.

Last week’s emergency PTO meeting drew administrators and teachers from JESS, GBS and Giffit Hill School as well as DOE and VIPD officials.

“There was no protocol followed,” said one parent. “You don’t leave the scene after an accident. Not one parent was called and the driver moved the children to a new bus.”

“My concern is that there is no protocol,” said the parent.

DOE’s Superintendent of Pupil Transportation Causton Merchant ensured parents that there are in fact protocols in place for drivers to follow in the wake of an accident.

“There are protocols in place,” said Merchant. “I know this situ-

ation was not handled properly, but we aim to make sure that these drivers know what to do.”

Merchant, however, did not detail what those protocols were and could not explain why they were not followed on April 4.

As DOE and VIPD continue investigating the accident, officials have asked Varlack Ventures, which owns and operates the school buses on a contract with DOE, to not allow “Junior” to drive, explained Deputy Superintendent Joseph Sibilly.

“We’ve asked Varlack Ventures to not allow this particular driver to drive any buses until the investigation is complete and she has assured us she will do that,” said Sibilly.

While Smith-Barry, who was unable to attend last week’s PTO meeting, previously told parents that a camera recently installed on the bus would provide footage of the accident, that camera was never turned on, according to Sibilly.

“We don’t know why but the camera was not on that day,” he said.

Several parents questioned Sibilly about having monitors on

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Students learn about native arts and crafts from Delroy "Ital" Anthony at the Earth Day Fair.

# Students Celebrate Earth Day at 2012 Friends of VINP Fair

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

Peals of laughter could be heard above the DJ music emanating from the V.I. National Park ball field on Friday morning, April 20, as St. John students from across the island celebrated Earth Day at a fair hosted by Friends of V.I. National Park.

Julius E. Sprauve School students began the day with a Litter Stomp from their Cruz Bay campus to the VINP field. Chanting about the importance of recycling and reusing, JESS students joined with students from Guy Benjamin School, Giffit Hill School, Head Start and Calvary Baptist School and led the way to the field to officially open the fair.

From original theatrical plays to electrical safety, students both learned and demonstrated their knowledge about all facets of the environment. The face painting table was full all morning with students getting images of Earths and flowers painted on their little

cheeks and hands.

Delroy "Ital" Anthony's table full of jewelry and crafts wrought from native seeds and local plants was another popular stop at the fair.

Students are already looking forward to this summer's Eco Camps at the V.I. Environmental Resource Station, thanks to officials who shared information about the camps and showed the effects of soil erosion with a watershed demonstration. VIERS officials also had a solar-powered table top fan and a preserved lionfish specimen for students to see as well.

Maho Bay Arts Center crafts people were on hand with their loom, weaving recycled sheets into beautiful, multicolored rugs. VINP Education Specialist Laurel Brannick, who is also a member of the V.I. Audubon Society, gave students an up-close look at local bugs.

"Whenever I go on hikes with kids they are always stomping on bugs and killing bugs," said Bran-

nick. "So I wanted to show them how some of these bugs are very useful and they don't need to kill them."

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of St. John members shared rubber stamps with eco-friendly sayings, which students used to make bookmarks.

University of the Virgin Islands' Marine and Environmental Science Masters program students asked students to match pieces of coral with underwater images of live coral. Nearby UVI's Extension Services officials shared information about composting and native trees.

Giffit Hill School seniors performed a dramatic original production about the negative effects of sunscreen on coral reefs, which can contribute to bleaching episodes. Students and leaders of the school's Education and Resiliency Through Horticulture program shared thyme and tomato seeds which students planted in small

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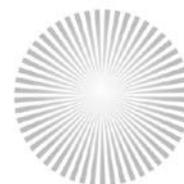


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## Celebrity Jaime Lee Curtis Spotted on Island



After spotting a familiar face in Starfish Gourmet and Wines recently, St. John resident Nancy Wray-Clendinen, left, snapped this picture with celebrity Jamie Lee Curtis.

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## “Sis” Frank Merit Scholarship Auditions June 16

St. John Tradewinds

St. John School of the Arts announces auditions for the Ruth “Sis” Frank Performance/Merit Scholarship will be on Saturday, June 16, at 2 p.m.

Applicants must be at least 11 years old and show exceptional talent and dedication to his/her chosen art form, having at least three consecutive years of instruction. Applications must be completed and returned to the arts school’s office at the main building by 3 p.m. on Friday, June 8. There will be no exceptions!

Scholarships are applied to SJSA’s tuition for the following school year and can only be applied to instruction for the art form that was auditioned.

Students must prepare a performance-ready piece or a presentation on a selection of artwork. The audition is judged by three independent community leaders who will also conduct an interview with each applicant.

Applications may be downloaded from the SJSA website at [www.stjohnschoolofthearts.org](http://www.stjohnschoolofthearts.org) or stop by the Cruz Bay office. For more information call 779-4322.



Ruth “Sis” Frank

## Services for Victims of Domestic Violence Coming To MKSCHC

By Jaime Elliott

St. John Tradewinds

Officials from The Family Resource Center are gearing up to offer their much-needed services on St. John.

Support for the island’s victims of domestic violence and sexual assault has been irregular since the closure of the Safety Zone and St. John Community Crisis Center.

The Family Resource Center on St. Thomas began as a safe house for victim’s of domestic violence more than 30 years ago. Today the organization operates a 20-bed safe house as well as a center where officials offer counselling services and host advocate training sessions.

Starting next month, The Family Resource Center will have a regular presence at Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center.

“We’re going to have a full-time staff member at the MKSCHC who will be there from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday,” said Family Resource Center executive director Vivian St. Juste. “We’re also going to have a part-time response person who will be on call after hours and during weekends and holidays.”

St. Juste hopes to offer Family Resource Center services at MKSCHC by the end of May, but first wants to hear from the community.

The executive director is hosting a stakeholder’s meeting at the health center on Thursday, May 3, at 10 a.m. to share information about the group’s plans for St. John and hear how to best service the community.

“We want to explain to residents and community groups about what we are going to do at MKSCHC and explain the services we’re going to offer,” said St. Juste. “We want people to know what we do and that we will be a presence at MKSCHC.”

While The Family Resource Center has been providing victim’s advocate services and safe house beds to victims of domestic violence from St. John for years, clients often have trouble traveling to St. Thomas for the services, explained St. Juste.

“We’ve been here for St. John victims for a long time, but what we’ve discovered is that St. John clients don’t want to come over here,” said St. Juste. “Our clients on St. John want to have services on St. John.”

Thanks to officials from The Family Resource Center and MKSCHC, those victims will be able to get services right here on St. John by the end of May.

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# DeJongh Signs \$7.6 Million Contract for New Ferries

## New catamaran “experience will be better than it ever has been”

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

Two spiffy new 85-foot passenger ferries will whisk visitors and locals alike between St. John and St. Thomas in the future, thanks to a contract signed by Governor John deJongh last week.

The governor signed a \$7.6 million contract on Monday, April 16, with Louisiana-based Midship Marine, Inc. which won the bid to build two passenger ferries for the route, according to information from Government House.

The boats will be 85-foot aluminum catamarans capable of transporting up to 250 passengers and should be delivered to the territory sometime in late 2013, according to the statement from Government House.

“The vessels will replace the aging fleet that now shuttles passengers between the islands,” according to the Government House press release.

That “aging fleet” consists of several dilapidated boats

which require routine maintenance to keep plying the waters between St. John and St. Thomas. Officials expect the new ferries to improve ferry service and reliability.

“The two new vessels we are purchasing will greatly improve the speed, service, reliability and capacity of the ferry service that so many Virgin Islanders and tourists depend on every day,” Governor John deJongh said in the prepared statement.

“The ferry experience will be better than it ever has been, once these catamarans go into operation, improving daily life for many St. John residents who commute to St. Thomas, and enhancing the vacations of thousands of tourists who travel between the islands each week,” said the governor.

Currently Varlack Ventures and Transportation Services, which have exclusive franchise rights to operate the ferry runs between St. Thomas and St. John, own their vessels. When the new ferries arrive next year, however, they will

be owned by the government, according to a report in the *V.I. Daily News*.

“The government is going to own them as part of the mass transit fleet,” V.I. Department of Public Works Highway Program Manager Wynstan Benjamin was quoted in the *Daily News* story. “And they’ll [Varlack Ventures and Transportation Services] lease them. They will be required to maintain them; that will be part of the lease agreement.”

Benjamin did not return repeated phone calls from *St. John Tradewinds* requesting information about the new ferry boats.

The ferries, costing \$3.25 million each, will be paid for with funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, according to the statement from Government House.

The federal funds include two separate earmarks from the Department of Transportation plus a \$3 million grant from the federal stimulus program, according to the *Daily News* report.

# Artist Kimberly Boulon Teams Up with Rotary To Honor Mothers

St. John Tradewinds

The Rotary Club of St. John is joining forces with St. John artist Kimberly Boulon and her new Fine Art Gallery on the second floor of The Marketplace.

Boulon has painted a beautiful landscape of Francis Bay which will be raffled off during an opening at her Kimberly Boulon Fine Art Gallery on Friday, May 11, from 5 to 8 p.m.

The money raised from the sale of raffle tickets — \$10 each or six for \$50 — will be used to honor Boulon’s mother who is turning 91 the week of Mother’s Day as well as her 10-month-old grandson, Braydon, the son of Devon and Tammy Boulon.

The funds will be donated to Rotary Club of St. John for the group’s Brain Game project. Brain Game is a book which will be given to parents of new born babies on St. John by medical professionals. The book uses research which shows that parents can greatly enhance their child’s brain development by engaging in specific activities like touching, talking and reading.

Raffle tickets can be purchased on Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Kimberly Boulon Fine Art Gallery, or any day of the week at Chelsea Drug Store and Connections. For more information call Boulon at 693-8524.



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Rotary's Joan Birmingham, left, with Kimberly Boulon and her Francis Bay painting.

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# Ruby Rutnik Tournament Finale Ends with First-Time Champs

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This year's annual Ruby Rutnik Memorial Softball Tournament was one to remember!

After four years of dominance by Tortola's Elmore Stoutt High School, the Lady Rays from Ivanna Eudora Kean High School won their first Ruby Rutnik Tournament.

With six teams originally slated to battle it out for the championship, it came down to the two teams with dominant pitching, fielding, and hitting.

The tournament opened on Friday night, April 13, with Tortola Rams getting a win over St. Croix entry Education Complex Barracudas. This was no easy win for the Rams as the well-coached Barracudas fought valiantly to knock off their arch rivals.

Last year's tournament final was a five-hour pitching duel between these two teams with Tortola winning in extra innings to take the 2011 championship.

Before the second game of the night between the Lady Rays and Charlotte Amalie Lady Hawks, a brief opening ceremony took place on the field. After a great rendition of the National Anthem and Virgin Islands March by Shakima Jones and her daughter Shakira Smith, Delia Thomas took center stage and did a beautiful tribute to Ruby's pitching style.

Thomas explained how Ruby, then a student at Antilles School, under the tutelage of her coach, Amy Gurlea, sparked a revival of windmill style pitching.

Ruby's poise and accuracy led

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— Andrew Rutnik

the small private school to three St. Thomas championships, quite a feat against the much larger public schools. This style was picked up as the standard for girl's softball and Thomas listed all the great female windmill-style pitchers who owe their success to Ruby.

It was a very emotional moment for the Rutnik family as Thomas went on to describe how Ruby's brother Amos, who played such a big roll in all the tournaments as announcer, died this last summer in a tragic car accident.

The win by Ivanna Eudora Kean's Lady Rays in Friday night's second game over a spirited effort by the Charlotte Amalie Lady Hawks foretold the future match-up with Tortola's Stout High School.

The withdrawal of the Private School All Stars from the tournament was a disappointment to many, but not to the Devil Rays. They were allowed to pick up two private school standouts with the addition of windmill-style pitcher Bianca Sibilly and catcher Nicole Berry.

The games on Saturday saw the elimination of both St. Croix

teams and the Lady Hawks as the predicted final match up between the Lady Rays and reigning champions Tortola was determined.

But Mother Nature said, "No, not tonight," as rain squalls buffeted the Winston Wells ball field just prior to the 8 p.m. championship game. Some said it was just Ruby and Amos weeping over the announcement by the Rutnik family that this was to be the last tournament.

With the new time being set for Sunday at 12 p.m. noon, both teams had a night to rest and prepare mentally and physically for what would be a real battle right up to the last out.

Sunday morning was sunny and breezy, with the field meticulously prepared and marked as both teams entered their dugouts. The Lady Rays started off with pitcher Sheniqua Ashely, a St. John star windmill-style pitcher and a full roster of talent in both fielding and hitting.

The Tortola Rams, led by windmill-style pitcher Bria Smith and backed up by an equally talented team of well-coached girls, took the field. The Lady Rays jumped

out to a two run lead but saw that evaporate quickly when the Rams' hitting and base stealing tied it up in the bottom of the first.

Then the pitching of Ashley of the Rays and Smith of the Rams kept things tight until the final innings with the Lady Rays keeping a one run lead. Pitcher Bianca Sibilly took the mound and with teammate Nicole Berry behind the plate, they only needed to protect their one run lead.

The Rams are no strangers to exciting finishes in this tournament and had won several extra inning finals in past tournaments. The fans watched as the excitement built, Tortola would tie it up again and force an extra inning, only to give up another run to give the Lady Rays the lead.

History was in the making as both pitchers were almost flawless and few errors on the field resulted in a 5 to 4 game going into the bottom of the sixth inning of the five-inning championship.

Tortola with last ups was at the plate and Bianca Sibilly was on the mound for the Lady Rays. The excitement was building and after a couple of strike outs the game

was brought to the brink of an upset win for Ivanna Eudora Kean.

Then it happened. With the tying run on base and the winning run at the plate, Sibilly reared back and threw a fast ball that was popped up high into the air towards the second basewoman, and with all the fans holding their breath, she made the catch and history was made.

After 16 years of tournament participation, the Ivanna Eudora Kean Lady Rays finally won one!

"We could not have scripted a better ending of 16 years of the Ruby Rutnik Memorial Softball Tournament," said Andy Rutnik. "Our family has very much appreciated the support given by the entire Virgin Islands for our Tournament and the Scholarship Fund."

"This tournament has shown that with great community support, an effective organization, and a worthy cause, our young school age girls can showcase all the qualities and skills required for success in life," said Rutnik.

No greater a tribute to Ruby's memory can be made than the 16 years of participation by so many young women who have strived to fill her shoes and continue the tradition of the windmill style pitch, explained Rutnik.

"No greater a tribute to our supporters and donors can be made than to know that our scholarship winners have gone on to be successful Virgin Islanders," he said. "The tournaments may have ended but the scholarships will go on forever thanks to all our generous supporters."

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Sailors from Coral Bay to Cruz Bay are getting ready for the 13th Annual Commodore's Cup in May.

## 13th Annual Commodore's Cup Set for May 5 and 6 in Coral Bay

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

It's time to scrape those hulls again!

A full weekend of sailing action is on tap for May 5 and 6 in Coral Bay as the 13th Annual Commodore's Cup gets underway.

The annual regatta is the only St. John sailing race which brings together all three of the island's yacht clubs: Nauti Yacht Club, St. John Yacht Club and Coral Bay Yacht Club.

All of these clubs come together once a year for a weekend of serious sailing competition and to support the non-profit St. John Kids and the Sea program, which teaches water safety and sailing skills to island youth. Proceeds from raffle ticket sales and registration all help ensure that the volunteer youth sailing program continues its strong tradition.

"The regatta started because each of the yacht clubs did their own races and this joint effort brings everyone together," said St. John Yacht Club Commodore Scotty Barnett. "And all the money we raise goes to the St. John KATS program which teaches sailing to local kids."

Be sure to pick up raffle tickets, available from KATS students and at St. John Hardware and both Connections locations, for a chance to win a 10-foot inflatable Caribe dinghy and a 15-horsepower Yamaha outboard motor. Tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20 and there are additional prizes, including gift certificates to local restaurants and stays at local hotels, available as well.

The action is based out of Skinny Legs where re-

gatta registration and a skipper's meeting is slated for Friday night, May 4, starting at 6 p.m.

Organizers expect to have two PHRF classes, one for spinnaker and one for non-spinnaker, as well as one or two pursuit classes, depending on how many vessels register for the race, explained Barnett.

"We'll likely have a class for boats over 40 feet and one for boats under 40 feet," said Barnett. "We'll see how many boats come out for the regatta before we make that decision."

The regatta will get underway around 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 5, and after stowing away sails for the night, boaters can see how they fared against the fleet and enjoy music by Chris Carsel and Friends at Skinny Legs.

Saturday, May 5, is also the day of the Kentucky Derby. Boaters can join the horse-racing fun and don a decorated hat while sipping on a mint julep at Skinny Legs, which is also hosting a Kentucky Derby party starting at 3 p.m. that day.

Sunday, May 6, is day two of sailing action and the race will determine the final class winners for the 13th Annual Commodore's Cup. Racers usually cross the start line around 10 a.m. and it's always a great day of racing with sails dotting the Coral Bay horizon.

But the fun doesn't end after the fleet crosses the finish line. The captain of each winning boat in each class will climb into a Laser for a final sail-off in Coral Bay harbor, which will determine this year's Commodore's Cup winner.

"This is what makes the Commodore's Cup a  
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# Kings and Queens, Food and Photos and More On Tap for Waga 2012

By Elaine Campbell  
 Special to St. John Tradewinds

In addition to 10 ribbon-winning categories for the St. John Animal Care Center's 2012 annual dog show, Wagapalooza, this year set for Saturday, May 19, from 5 to 8 p.m., will also feature dog-bone-shaped trophies, according to event co-chairwoman Sally Furlong.

Judges for the various categories have not yet been announced, although the coveted Babe Award for the most improved rescue dog will this year be determined by the shelter staff and dog-care volunteers.

As the folks who handle ACC's incoming rescued dogs on a daily basis, the shelter group is best qualified to judge improvement in health and behavior of dogs who come to the shelter as abused and homeless animals.

At the end of the show, the 2012 Waga Queen and Waga King will be announced! No one knows yet how the official judges will determine their choices, but the decisions will launch the chosen canine King and Queen into Wagapalooza history with photos and news releases.

Tropical Focus will again be the official Waga photographer although news media, including the island's year-round newspapers, will doubtlessly also be taking professional-quality photos. Attendees, proud dog owners, and canine aficionados are all welcome to bring their cameras to the event.

"All Tropical Focus photos can be downloaded gratis as a community service," said Karin and Bob Schlesinger. "And, this year we plan to provide a link which the newspaper — and our web site — can publish ahead of the event, letting people know where to click to find the photos."

"We'll have one placeholder photo loaded prior to the event," said the Schlesingers. "We hope it will encourage even more people to attend the event and have fun pooch photos they can download free. We will also do handouts at the event so everyone will have a hard copy of that link if they missed the newspaper."

This year, Cruz Bay's Driftwood David has offered to provide the carnival-type foods that help attendees and participants sustain their enthusiasm during the three-hour festivities.

Driftwood Dave will be selling hot dogs, hamburgers, and veggie wraps, all accompanied by bags of potato chips. What would a dog show be without hot dogs for sale?

David plans to donate any profits above the cost of ingredients to the ACC to help defray the costs of running the island's only animal shelter.

The ACC Waga committee is planning to have two locations for beverages so that thirsty customers won't have to wait in long lines. High Tide restaurant is providing a "signature drink" in both alcoholic and non-alcoholic versions. The High Tide bartenders haven't yet decided upon a concoction although it will doubtlessly have a "doggie" name. Thanks to Jimbo and Kelly Rattz, High Tide is contributing this



St. John Tradewinds News Photo File by Tropical Focus

Posing for photos with puppies is just one of the many attractions at Wagapalooza.

first-ever Waga treat.

In addition, Caravan Auto has offered to provide rum and vodka for mixing, and the Pine Peace Market is donating soft drinks, bottled water, and mixes. ACC is also providing wine and beer from its Snow Ball fundraiser cache, according to ACC treasurer Monica Munro.

Among food goodies to be available, for the first time this year's Waga will feature the "Queen of Tarts" Elizabeth Lowe. Lowe has purchased dog-bone cookie cutters especially for baking Waga treats for dogs and plans a small table where she'll be selling assorted-size bags of cookie bones for dogs which will be packaged in attractive cellophane bags.

Lowe will donate any profit above the cost of ingredients to the ACC to help defray the expenses of caring for the dogs and cats at the shelter. Those who wish to place an advance order for these hand-made, home-baked canine cookies can contact Lowe at 340-513-7058 or e-mail her at [liz@queenoftartsvi.com](mailto:liz@queenoftartsvi.com).

Humans who'd like to sample Lowe's marvelous French-style tarts and cakes can find them in the pastry case at Fish Trap's fish market at the Cruz Bay restaurant.

Children attending Waga have not been forgotten. In addition to the special dog show class of "Best Junior Handler" for juniors, 16-year-olds and under, the Waga committee is planning some very special entertainment for youngsters.

A perennial favorite will be "The Balloon Man." The secret is out. Entertaining island children over the years at civic events and holidays, "The Balloon

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## Two More Practice Swims Before Beach to Beach Power Swim on Sunday, May 27

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Join Friends of Virgin Islands National Park on Sunday, April 29, for the second 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) or swim to Trunk Bay. Safety boats and kayaks will be in the water for support. Swim assisted — with fins, mask and snorkel — or swim unassisted, just come swim!

St. Thomians there is plenty of time to take the 7:30 am ferry and join the swim. Friends of VINP officials will meet swimmers at the ferry dock and transport them to and from the practice swim. Please make arrangements in advance by emailing Heather Ruhsam at [hruhsam@friendsvinp.org](mailto:hruhsam@friendsvinp.org) or call 779-4940.

One more practice swim is set for Sunday, May 13, when swimmers will start at Maho and go to Cinnamon, Trunk or Hawksnest. The race itself will be Sunday, May 27, at 8 a.m. Registration is now open. Register early to save money. Go to [www.friendsvinp.org/swim](http://www.friendsvinp.org/swim) or call 779-4940 for more details and to register.

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# Kid's Fest Raises More than \$3,000 for St. John Montessori School

By Jaime Elliott  
*St. John Tradewinds*

Face painting, crab races and donkey rides added up to one spectacular Kid's Fest at St. John Montessori School on Saturday afternoon, April 14, at the school's Estate John's Folly campus.

The third annual Kid's Fest raised \$3,500 for the elementary school which has a student body of 15 children ranging in age from three to eight years old.

While the event drew every St. John Montessori School student along with their parents, numerous volunteers and the generosity of local businesses ensured the fest's success, explained the school's director Debra Polucci.

"We had 100 percent participation from our families as well as numerous volunteers from the community," said Polucci. "Things went very smoothly this year because we have a core group of volunteers who have come out each year to help run the event and by now, we've got a pretty good handle on things. And we had some new volunteers this year who were

full of energy."

"Also so many businesses donated goods and services for our raffle and were so willing to give," Polucci said. "It's a great feeling to know that this kind of help is out there."

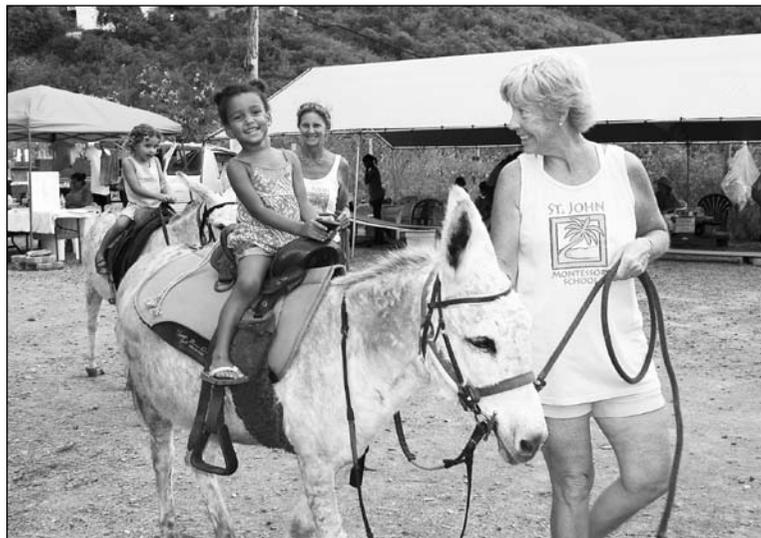
Funds raised from the Kid's Fest, which this year drew about 100 people, go to operations and scholarships for the school, Polucci added.

Big attractions at the event included donkey rides thanks to Coral Bay Corral, hermit crab races with "Crab Mon" Ted Scheer and a new Match Box raceway, the Montessori School director explained.

"This was the first year we had the match box mini raceway and it was a huge hit," she said. "The kids couldn't race enough and the winners took home match box cars. They all thought it was pretty cool."

Other attractions included a popular arts and crafts table, hula hooping with Gina Wellner and musical fun with Delroy "Ital" Anthony, Polucci explained.

"Ital teaches music with us and



*St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Eliza Magro*

Donkey rides were just one of the many attractions at the third annual Kid's Fest at St. John Montessori School.

he led the kids in a circle of songs," she said. "They all got into a circle and sang a few songs that Ital had taught them. They played a few games and had a great time."

Fantastic food didn't hurt the day's popularity either. "Coconut Mon" Tyrone brought out his deep-

fryer and kept it busy with fish and french fries, Polucci added.

"We had M.J. Foodie from Aqua Bistro here and he did delicious tempura grouper and french fries which everyone loved," said the Montessori School director. "And parents made all kinds of delicious side dishes. It was just really great."

While Polucci and the St. John Montessori School staff adore their John's Folly home, the school is experiencing growing pains and eyeing a move closer to Cruz Bay.

"It's a great place; I love it out here," said Polucci. "But I don't know if we can stay out here in

John's Folly. It's just more convenient to be in Cruz Bay."

"We're looking for a new home," she said. "I think next year will be our last year here."

Located in the remote south shore neighborhood of John's Folly, the school is the sole pre-school anywhere in the Coral Bay area, but is less than convenient for Cruz Bay families, Polucci explained.

"There are a lot of Cruz Bay families who don't want to make the drive and Cruz Bay is a more populated area," she said. "We are the only pre-school in the area, but if there isn't a big call for us, then we can't support the school."

Even moving the school closer to the Coral Bay harbor area would make it easier for a number of families who live in the Cruz Bay and Fish Bay areas, Polucci added.

"We're pretty far out here and I think if we were in Coral Bay even it would be a lot better," she said. "We want to keep our Coral Bay families, but to know us is to love us. The people who know us, I don't think they will leave."

"What I hope is that the people who don't know us will give us a try if we are in a better location," said Polucci.

Anyone who missed the Kid's Fest can still donate to the St. John Montessori School. Just call 775-9594 or check out the school's Facebook page for more information.



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## This Way to Sadie Sea



*Sadie Sea* owners Amy and Tom Larsen, above at left, celebrated the recent unveiling of a new sign at Iguana Grill which points the way to the double-decker charter boat. The sign was painted by Karl Funk and unveiled with pleasure by Iguana Grill owner Ric Ortiz.



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Native stone and beautiful wood work along with stunning views make Stone Court a haven on St. John.



## On the Market

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### Stone Court Offers Stylish Caribbean Charm with Stunning Views from Ram's Head to St. Thomas

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

With breath-taking panoramic views spanning from Ram's Head all the way to St. Thomas, Stone Court offers the best of classic Caribbean architecture combined with modern style.

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"The main house is built around a magnificent, two-story great room, with floor-to-ceiling windows and an abundance of Caribbean sunshine," said Stair.

One bedroom is perched in a loft above the great room, affording those stunning views right from bed, with the other two bedrooms located in detached suites, explained Stair.

"In addition to a sleeping loft that looks down on



Floor to ceiling windows mean views abound at Stone Court.

the great room and out on endless views of the sea, there are also two detached bedroom suites," said the Holiday Homes of St. John broker/owner. "Both suites are air-conditioned, beautifully furnished, and have spacious outdoor showers."

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## Keeping Track of Crime

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| Shootings: 0              | Shootings: 0              |
| Stabbings: 0              | Stabbings: 0              |
| Armed Robberies: 0        | Armed Robberies: 1        |
| Arsons: 0                 | Arsons: 0                 |
| 1st Degree Burglaries: 2  | 1st Degree Burglaries: 3  |
| 2nd Degree Burglaries: 8  | 2nd Degree Burglaries:    |
| 3rd Degree Burglaries: 51 | 3rd Degree Burglaries: 11 |
| Grand Larcenies: 58       | Grand Larcenies: 25       |
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### Crossword Answers — Puzzle on Page 20

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## Letters To St. John Tradewinds

### Silent of Silent Killers: Diabetes and High Blood Pressure

Our kidney dialysis program on St. Thomas is in dire need of expansion and funding if we are to provide treatment to those who are in need of medical treatment for kidney failure.

Speaking to a colleague of mine who works in the field of education last Saturday at the bank turned into a somber conversation. She told me that her grandmother was encouraged to remain in the states because the kidney dialysis program was over booked and did not have any room for any new patients.

I asked my colleagues several times just to make sure I was not hearing ‘tings. Well after several minute it became clear that I was not hearing ‘tings. Since that conversation I have made it my business to inquire deeper into what appears to be a systemic problem that will not address it self if the community does not get involve.

Again, because I was could not fully comprehend what was told to me by my colleagues so I contacted the Roy Lester Schneider Hospital. In speaking to the Dialysis Unit Manager she conveyed my fear. The Kidney Dialysis Unit is overbooked and cannot take anymore clients at this time.

The Unit manager sounded very upset by the dilemma and was basically crying out for help. She encouraged me to contact our elected officials and demand that major attention be given to this severe problem in our community.

When she came on board in 2007 she said there were 60 to 70 dialyzed patients. In 2012 there are over 100 dialyzed patients. Meaning, each patients has to go through three days of treatment for the rest of their life or until they are able to receive a transplant.

The two major causes of kidney failure are diabetes and hypertension (high blood pressure). Everyone one of us knows someone with high blood pressure, diabetes or both. Think about what I just wrote for a second. Every one of us knows someone with diabetes, high blood pressure or both!

At this time, I can’t think of other debilitating diseases where everyone knows someone with one or both diseases. Now if that is not something to seriously at-

tack with every ounce of resources available then nothing would. How many other diseases can we say that about where everyone knows someone with one or both diseases?

And if the current facility is over booked and can’t take on any new patients what does the future hold for us?

We must insist that those who are elected tackle this issue ASAP. Legislative attention must be given to this epidemic. We must demand that our medical facilities receive the appropriate funding at all times. Please join me by calling the legislature at 340-774-0880 and speak to those who are elected to serve us and make sure that our kidney dialysis program gets the proper funding.

There is a need based on the staggering numbers being reported that diabetes and high blood pressure needs to be screened early and often.

Men, we have a poor habit of neglecting our medical ailments if we are not comatose. That mind set must stop. When we neglect to take care of preventable diseases we become a burden on our families and communities. I am making a special appeal.

Many men read this periodical and I am hoping that this editorial pricks your heart and encourages you to get screened today. Women, please encourage your husbands, boyfriends, sons, grandsons, nephews, cousins, co-workers and church brothers to go through the least painless test so that they can be around for us! Don’t put it off another minute. Three basic painless tests can extend your life and then monitor the situation to regularly.

Check your pressure, check your cholesterol and last but not least check your blood sugar level and follow the recommendation of the screener if your numbers are not within an acceptable range and live a full healthy life in the beautiful Virgin Islands from now on. Hypertension (high blood pressure) can be avoided.

There are now reported signs that you might have high blood pressure and be on the verge of getting a stroke, heart attack, eye disease, damaged arteries, and diabetes that is why we must be proactive.

**Clarence Payne**

### Friends and Family Make Muilenburg Celebration Stellar

We wish to thank all of the wonderful and loving friends and family of Dorothy and Peter Muilenburg who made last Sunday such a stellar celebration with their generosity:

Adrian and Maho Bay for the donations of salads, buns and condiments; Doug and Skinny Legs for hot dogs and burgers; Rich Meyer for the wizardry on the grill with assistance from Gerry Hill and Artie Camisa; musicians Chris Carsel, Jay and Laurie Keefe, Ike, Max Sipple, Johnny B, T-Bird, Thia and Rafe Muilenburg and Rick Barksdale; Gail George for the flowers and set-up; Glen Sprauve for the trash removal; Gary “Buddha” Emmons for the clean-up, taxi dispatching and opening champagne bottles with Fernando; Jill Kemp, Mark Horvath, Chris Meyer and others who

helped the clean-up; Suki Buchalter and Martha Hill and everyone who brought such an amazing feast to share.

The most touching moment of the day for most of us was Calvin George’s eloquent tribute to Peter for being such a great influence on his life — first as a teacher, then as a mentor — and now as a friend. If you ever wonder why we are all here, Sunday was a day that reminded everyone. Thank you especially to Dorothy and Peter who have enriched our lives. Once a St. Johnian, always a St. Johnian.

With love and appreciation,

**The Committee  
(Kate Norfleet, Denise Wright,  
Anne Marie Porter and Cid Hamling)**

## Letters To St. John Tradewinds

### School Bus Driver Should Lose His Job, Monitors Needed

I am writing this letter as a concerned citizen, parent, former teacher and school administrator. On Wednesday, April 4, I was driving west on Centerline Road from Coral Bay with one other vehicle between myself and the school bus, which had just left Guy Benjamin School.

Needless to say, that although we left the triangle at the same time, a mere mile up the road the bus was several corners ahead. I heard a bang so loud it made me come to a complete stop, wondering what had happened. I continued slowly on, and around the next bend was the school bus up against the guard rail.

The driver was off the bus, standing on the side of the road, not even making an attempt to direct traffic. The man who had been in the truck between my vehicle and the bus was out of his car and on the bus trying to calm many screaming and crying children.

The first car to pass in the easterly direction yelled to me that the bus was traveling very fast when it hit the rail and threatened to topple over. The next car coming east was Maurice Chabuz and his wife. They immediately pulled over and began calling 911, while directing traffic.

I went to the bus and tried to calm the children and ascertain the injuries sustained; it seemed that several children were complaining of injuries. Before I knew it there was another bus and the driver was ordering the children to get on the next bus.

This seemed to be the wrong thing to do, so I stood between the two buses, checking each child for bumps and asking them if they were alright, all the while I was harassed by the driver, and told that the children

were cry-babies.

Only one child stayed with me. He is a third grader and he had a very large bump on his head which the driver insisted he had sustained while roughhousing in the back of the bus. Another motorist stopped who was an EMT, and knew the child and his mother. She took over his care and I continued directing traffic.

When all seemed under control and there was nothing more for me to do, I continued on my way. When I came back from my errand, 20 minutes later, the police had still not arrived, nor had any other rescue personnel.

I think that it is important to note that as a mother I have never allowed my child to ride the school bus because of the recklessness of the drivers. I was a teacher at Pine Peace School for two years, during which time I drove all Coral Bay students to school.

I know that this driver has had several accidents in the 10 years that I have lived here, not to mention my personal experiences of being run off the road by the bus at least monthly, if not weekly.

I fully understand that being a school bus driver is a very difficult and trying job. Every school bus should also carry a monitor, so that the driver can concentrate on the road.

However, in this instance the driver handled the situation so poorly and his driving is so notorious that if this incident doesn't cost him his job as well as his license, the school board as well as the transportation company should be ashamed for continuing to jeopardize the lives of this island's children.

**Kathrine Sara O'Neill, M.Ed.**

### St. John Montessori School Thanks Supporters

The children, parents and staff would like to thank the following business and individuals for helping to make our 3rd annual Kid's Fest and Fish Fry and fantastic success:

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If we've over looked anyone's contribution, we sincerely apologize.

**Deb Polucci and the  
St. John Montessori School**

### Connie Joseph Would Love To Hear from Friends

Anyone wishing to contact Connie Joseph can write to her at: Connie Joseph, 5800 Southwest, 178 Terrace, Dunnellon, Florida, 34432. She would love

to hear from her friends about island happenings or just to say hello.

**Debbie (Connie's sister)**

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776-6316, 776-6254

**Bethany Moravian Church**  
11 a.m., Sunday School 776-6291

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

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

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

**The Church of Jesus Christ  
of Latter-day Saints**  
Sun. 9 a.m., on St. Thomas . 776-2379  
Sun., 5 p.m., STJ, Lumberyard

**Cruz Bay Baptist Church**  
Sunday 11 a.m., 6 p.m. 776-6315

**Emmaus Moravian Church**  
Coral Bay, Sun. 9 a.m. 776-6713

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Tuesday 7 p.m. Bible Study 693-8884

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Saturdays 6 p.m.; Sundays 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.  
Tuesdays and Fridays at 7 p.m.  
Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7 a.m.  
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Saturdays, 779-4477

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Thursdays Bible Study 7:30 p.m.  
779-1230

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777-6306

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Giff Hill School 774-8617

## Obituary

### Leonard "Santa" Florence Passes

#### *St. John Tradewinds*

We announce the passing of Leonard Florence, better known as "Santa", who died on Saturday, April 14, 2012 at the age of 73 at Roy L. Schneider Hospital on St. Thomas.

Leonard is survived by two daughters; Milpha Florence of Atlanta, Ga., and Vanessa Florence of Martinique; and five grandchildren as well as many family members in St. Lucia, St. John and St. Croix and a host of loving friends in the St. John community.

Leonard is beloved and respected as an expert fisherman who fished the waters between St. Croix and St. John for most of his life and was often seen among friends at Patrick's West Indian Delight or making his way around town with his cane. Born on St. Lucia, he also lived on St. Croix and Lovango Cay as well as St. John.

A funeral service will be on Wednesday, May 2, 2012 at Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cruz Bay, St. John. Viewing will be at 9 a.m. with the funeral service at 10 a.m. performed by Pastor Sampson, followed by a burial at sea (leaving the Inter-Island ferry dock at approximately 11:30 a.m.) performed by Rev. Phil Chalker.

Funeral arrangements are by Davis Funeral Home



Leonard Florence

of St. Thomas. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent directly to Davis Funeral Home or to Connections on St. John to help with Leonard's funeral expenses.

### Keith Donnelly September 24, 1961 - April 10, 2012

#### *St. John Tradewinds*

Keith Donnelly of Chelsea, MA and formerly of Everett, MA died peacefully in his sleep of ALS/ Lou Gehrig's Disease on April 10, 2012 at 11 a.m.

He was beloved and dearest friend of Janet Donald, and closest friend of Dave Rocchia. Loving son of late Larry and Helen Donnelly of Everett, MA; brother of Dennis and wife, Joy, of Sonoma, CA; brother of Brian and wife, Eileen of Duxbury, MA; brother of sister Noreen Cavanaugh of Salem, MA; brother of late Larry; brother of Kevin of Las Vegas, NE; brother of Danny of Thousand Oaks, CA; brother of sister Irene Levin and husband Steve of St. John, USVI; and brother of Joe of Boston, MA.

Keith is also survived by many nieces and nephews and grandnieces and grand-nephews as well as a large group of friends to include Nick Enfanto, Rick Colangelo and many others. It was through the help and support of these dear and close friends that Keith was able to spend his final three months at home where he



Keith Donnelly

was most comfortable.

Keith, a graduate of Pope John High School, was an excellent athlete who played hockey at Michigan State University and drew the attention of the Montreal Expos as a pitcher. After a year of college Keith turned to modeling and acting and was seen in several movies and TV series to include: "The Profiler," "The Crucible" and

"Flintstones," the movie.

In addition, Keith was a published poet whose poetry was printed in a book called "Down Peaceful Paths." The following is a small piece that he wrote, "May your lives be filled with happiness, always knowing That it takes a bit of Rain to make the Roses Grow Bright....And Bright your days will be...Alas! Rain or Shine--- God Bless you All. Love, Keith D. 6/21/91"

Friends and family were kindly invited to join in a celebration of Keith's Life that took place on April 18. The celebration began promptly at 5:10 p.m. at a gathering at Antonia's Restaurant, 492 Revere Beach Blvd, Revere, MA, immediately followed by the sprinkling of ashes. Celebrants reconvened at Antonia's.

In lieu of flowers, family is requesting that donations be made to Compassionate Care/ALS, Hospice of North Shore and Greater Boston, or ALS/Massachusetts Chapter. For additional information contact Noreen Cavanaugh at noreencavanaugh@yahoo.com.

## Memorial Service

### Celebration of Life for Maureen "Rae" Sullivan Is April 29

#### St. John Tradewinds

A celebration of the life of Maureen "Rae" Sullivan will be on Sunday, April 29, at Aqua Bistro in Coral Bay from 3 to 6 p.m.

Anyone who knew Rae, who owned Keep Me Posted in the Cololoba Complex in Coral Bay before passing away last month, will surely have many hilarious stories to share. Guests are asked to bring those stories along with memories and photographs to share with friends.



### Music Fest at Cases by the Sea

Home-grown Virgin Islands talent will take center stage on Friday night, May 18, in Coral Bay.

Stop by Cases by the Sea in Coral Bay for the first annual Love City Come Together Music Festival, a full night of amazing music all from Virgin Islands musicians.

Get ready to be entertained by In the Sand Band, featuring St. Johnian Shakima Jones, as well as the band Ish, Melame Gange from St. Croix and Princess Caribe, along with DJs and special guests. The fun kicks off at 6 p.m. on May 18 and is scheduled to wrap up at 12:30 a.m.

### DLCA: Gas Tips To Conserve Fuel

#### St. John Tradewinds

The Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs recognizes the importance of providing consumers with the necessary tools to make wise purchase choices.

With the volatile fuel market and economic challenges that residents are faced with, DLCA continues its information campaign designed to better assist, educate, and protect consumers.

The following tips should be considered by consumers in an effort to conserve fuel:

- Have the car tuned regularly. An engine tune-up can improve car fuel economy by an average of one mile per gallon.

- Slow down. The faster one drives, the more gasoline the car uses.

- Use the air conditioner sparingly. The use of air conditioning can reduce fuel economy by as much as two miles per gallon at certain speeds and under certain

operating conditions.

- Plan trips in advance. Combine short trips into one to do all the errands. Avoid traveling during rush hours if possible, to reduce fuel consumption patterns such as starting and stopping and numerous idling periods. Consider joining a car pool.

- Keep tires properly inflated. Underinflated tires can decrease fuel economy by up to one mile per gallon.

- Pace driving. Unnecessary speedups, slowdowns and stops can decrease fuel economy by up to two miles per gallon. Stay alert and drive steadily.

- Avoid jackrabbit starts. Abrupt starts require about twice as much gasoline as gradual starts.

DLCA will continue to share tips that consumers can use to conserve fuel and aid in getting the most for their money at the gas pumps.

## 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: ST. JOHN FESTIVAL 2012 MAY 26TH THRU JULY 4TH THEME: "Play Mas, Jump Up and Enjoy Yourself for Festival 2012"

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 THELL (340) 693-9497

#### SUNDAY, June 17, 2012

**St. John Festival Princess 2012 Selection Pageant**  
6 P.M. AT WINSTON WELLS BALL FIELD  
CONTACT PERSON: LOHRAINE 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  
CONTACT PERSON: NATALIE THOMAS (340) 690-1725

**Festival Fireworks Display**  
9 P.M. AT CRUZ BAY HARBOR  
CONTACT PERSON: MALINDA NELSON (340) 776-6492



NOTE: RANDOM TSA CHECKS WILL BE CONDUCTED!!! BE PREPARED!!!  
FESTIVAL HOTLINE NUMBERS: (340) 690-3692/ (340) 690-1725



# St. John Tradewinds Business Directory

## Accommodations

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www.theodoretunick.com

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Chat@pattongold.com

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### Alfredo's Landscaping

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P.O. Box 91, St. John, VI 00831

### Coral Bay Garden Center

tel. 693-5579 fax 714-5628  
P.O. Box 1228, STJ, VI 00831

### PROPERTYKING

tel. 643-6348  
Landscaping & Irrigation

## Real Estate

### Debbie Hayes, GRI

tel. 714-5808 or 340-642-5995  
debbiehayes@debbiehayes.com  
www.stjohnvirealestate.com

### Holiday Homes of St. John

tel. 776-6776 fax 693-8665  
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info@holidayhomesVI.com

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### Concordia Cafe, 693-5855

Happy Hour 4:30-6pm  
Dinner 6-8:30pm Tues-Sat

### Fish Trap Restaurant

and Seafood Market  
tel. 693-9994, Closed Mondays

### La Tapa Restaurant

tel. 693-7755  
Open 7 Days a Week

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"A Pretty OK Place"  
tel. 340-779-4982  
www.skinnylegs.com

### Sun Dog Cafe

Casual Dining at Mongoose  
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Special Techniques  
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## Car Rental Mandate Prompts Swift Government House Reply

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less people riding the passenger ferry, less people shopping in St. John grocery stores and less people renting from St. John car rental agencies.

Villa company owners and many repeat tourists to St. John chimed in on several online social media sites, that St. John car rental agencies are often booked, leaving tourists with no alternative but renting on St. Thomas.

"What are my clients supposed to do if all the rental cars are taken on St. John," said Karen Baranowski, owner of Windspreet Vacation Rental Homes, which rents villas in the Coral Bay area. "If I have someone staying out at Salt Pond, they can't take taxis out there. They have to rent a vehicle on St. Thomas if there are none available on St. John."

"Or they just won't come," said Baranowski.

Despite repeatedly requesting

an increase in the St. John rental car quota, rental agencies are told "there are too many cars on St. John," said Willis.

Many of those cars counted as a reason to keep the St. John 20-year-old rental car cap, however, are from St. Thomas, Willis explained.

"St. John Car Rental has asked for that quota to be increased each year and we've been told that the quota can't be increased because there are too many cars on St. John," she said. "They can't give us the excuse that there are too many cars on St. John when many of those cars are from St. Thomas; that's unfair."

Willis has seen as many as 60 rental cars from St. Thomas unload off the barge in Cruz Bay, she added.

"People have estimated that between 400 and 600 cars each week come over from St. Thomas," said the St. John Car Rental owner.

"I've seen 60 rental cars from St. Thomas come off the barge myself."

St. John Car Rental is only allowed to have 55 cars no matter the demand. Despite promises from BMV officials year after year, nothing is done, Willis explained.

"We've met with the [BMV] director for the last three or four years and he's told us that he would reallocate more cars each time," she said. "He did not do that."

Willis hoped this latest controversy would finally spell action for increasing the St. John car rental quota, she explained.

"Between the quotas and allowing all these cars to come over from St. Thomas, we've been stymied for years," said Willis. "We've been unable to expand our business in 20 years. We're really handcuffed here."

"We need to remove that quota or increase it," she said.

## 13th Annual Commodore's Cup Set for May 5 and 6

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unique event," said Barnett. "At the end of racing on Sunday we have the winners of each class, and it must be the captain of the vessel, go head to head in a Laser sail-off. It's a short sail right in the Coral Bay harbor and the winner of that

will determine the winner of the Commodore's Cup."

After the sail-off, the fun is back at Skinny Legs where Locals on the Eight will keep the crowd entertained before and after the award's ceremony and big raffle drawing.

The Commodore's Cup is sponsored by Budget Marine with additional sponsorship from Off Shore Marine and Premier Wines and Spirits. For more information about the race call Jim Swan at 690-0601 or Mike Feierabend at 514-3244.

## Kings and Queens, Food and Photos for Waga 2012

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Man" has remained largely incognito.

However, diligent research has uncovered his identity. Gerald Bechstein will be donating his talent and his balloons to the 2012 ACC Waga. Children and young-at-heart adults can anticipate whimsical balloon doggies, mystery monsters and Bechstein's wonderful crowns fashioned from two or three different colored balloons. All his creations are complimentary!

Face painting will be another Waga feature for children. Monika Aranha from the Full Moon Café will be providing her time, talent, and paints to entertain the youngsters. Perhaps some of the children will emerge looking like kitties or puppies or lions or tigers.

In any case, whiskers will be the fashion statement of the evening. Both adults and children are encouraged to attend Waga wearing the plush ears and stuffed tails they displayed during the Hallow-

een season. It's all "for the animals."

The Waga committee hopes to again offer a coloring table for the younger set. Using the fabulous Annie Caswell design which serves as the 2012 poster and T-shirt graphic, simple outlines of the Good Ship Wagapalooza with its dog and puppy passengers headed for safe harbor at ACC, may be reproduced for children to color to their own liking.

One of ACC's enthusiastic volunteers will assist young artists at the "Color Your Waga Poster" table. Plentiful crayons in varied colors will enable the children to express their imagination. Brown, black, and gray "Paws on Board" passengers may be transformed into purple, yellow, or green canines — just for a day.

Wagapalooza is the ACC's major fundraiser for the year, and this year will be at the VINP ball field in Cruz Bay on Saturday, May 19, from 5 to 8 p.m.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

VIPD officers hauled in about 63.5 pounds of hashish after the bundle washed up on the south shore of St. Croix.

## Hashish Valued at \$600,000 Washes Ashore on St. Croix

### St. John Tradewinds

V.I. Police Department officers on St. Croix recovered a large stash of drugs that washed up on a South Shore beach on Saturday, April 14.

VIPD St. Croix Chief Christopher Howell said the drugs have a street value of just under \$600,000.

Howell received an anonymous call on Saturday at about 10 a.m. and was told that a package was on an east end beach near Grape Tree Bay and it could possibly contain drugs, the chief explained.

VIPD Officers recovered the package from the beach and

brought it to forensic technicians who weighed the package and opened it.

Inside the package was 63.5 pounds of Hashish, packaged in individual bricks. Howell said a small sample of the drugs will be sent off to a federal forensic lab where officials will attempt to determine where it was processed.

The remainder of the drugs will be incinerated, Chief Howell added.

The VIPD reminded the public that all press releases, photos of suspects and evidence can be viewed on the department's website at [www.vipd.gov.vi](http://www.vipd.gov.vi)

## Gifft Hill Road Sign Damaged



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

The iconic fork in the road, on Gifft Hill Road, drew a few more signs last week after being damaged sometime on April 12.

## Police Log

### EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

**LAND LINE: 911 / CELLULAR: 340-776-9110**

#### Friday, April 13

9:57 a.m. - A citizen r/ a structure fire in the area of Estate Enighed. Structure fire.

1:15 p.m. - A St. Thomas resident r/ that his cell phone was stolen from the Cruz Bay dock. Grand larceny.

No time given - An Estate Glucksberg resident r/ damage to a sign in the area of Gifft Hill Road. Destruction of property.

11:54 p.m. - A citizen c/r loud music in Coral Bay. Disturbance of the peace.

#### Saturday, April 14

1:34 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident r/ that she was in a verbal altercation. Disturbance of the peace.

10:03 p.m. - A citizen p/r that a vehicle collided into her vehicle at Slimman Parking Lot. Auto collision.

11:48 p.m. - A citizen c/r loud music in Coral Bay. Dis-

turbance of the peace.

#### Sunday, April 15

12:29 a.m. - A citizen c/r that his daughter was locked out of her mother's house. Police assistance.

9:55 a.m. - An Estate Chocolate Hole resident p/r that she lost her wallet in Cruz Bay. Lost wallet.

2:37 p.m. - A citizen r/ an auto collision in Cruz Bay. Auto collision.

6:17 p.m. - A citizen p/r that he lost his wallet in Cruz Bay. Lost wallet.

No time given - A citizen p/r being assaulted by her ex-boyfriend in the area of Estate Contant. Aggravated assault and battery.

#### Tuesday, April 17

10:30 a.m. - A citizen p/r a fraud committed against her on the internet. Fraud.

#### Wednesday, April 18

8:21 a.m. - An Estate Susanberg resident r/ a disturbance. Disturbance of the peace.

8:34 a.m. - A citizen p/r that someone took his backpack. Petit larceny.

1:30 p.m. - A citizen p/r that her vehicle was struck in the parking lot of The Marketplace.

12:49 p.m. - A citizen r/ that a minor stole an Ipad from her bag. Grand larceny.

#### Thursday, April 19

9:03 a.m. - A Guy Benjamin School official r/ a disturbance with a parent. Disturbance of the peace, threat.

12:08 p.m. - A citizen c/r that she was assaulted by an unknown citizen. Disturbance of the peace.

#### Friday, April 20

8:15 a.m. - An Estate Contant resident c/r that he was assaulted. Simple assault and battery.

## CRIME STOPPERS U.S.V.I.

### No One Needs To Face Domestic Violence Alone

Crime Stoppers wants everyone to know that federal and local laws clearly state that you cannot abuse, harm, sexually assault, threaten or stalk your partner.

You, the partner, do not have to face domestic violence alone, in fear, or in shame. Help is available at every level within the community. Many organizations have worked hard to change the idea that what happens to family members in the home is private and none of anyone else's business.

The truth is that when someone is hurt by his or her partner, it is a community problem and if reported, it will get a community response.

Each day we hear different stories about victims attacked in front of family members, particularly children, in public places, at work and at home. Domestic Violence Awareness should be a topic of discussion each and every day until the message is heard loud and clear, "Domestic Violence is not tolerated in the Virgin Islands."

If you are a victim of domestic violence or know someone who is being victimized, you can do several things.

In an emergency; call 911 immediately. Otherwise call your local police precinct and ask for help from the Family Division of the Superior Court or; on St. Thomas, the Family Resource Center at (340) 776-3966 or 776-STOP (7867); on St. John, the St. John Community Crisis Center at (340) 693-SAFE (7233); and on St. Croix, the Women's Coalition at (340) 773-9272. These numbers are listed on the Crime Stoppers website.

Domestic violence incidents are increasing in our territory, and too often lives are being torn apart or lost. Whether it's physical or mental abuse, it must stop.

If you know of anyone who is being harmed in a relationship, but has not reported it to law enforcement or any agency, let us know at [www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org](http://www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org) or by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). Your call could save a life.

Tips are completely anonymous, and the state-side operators speak several languages. If a tip leads to an arrest, in addition to possibly saving a life, tipsters will receive a cash reward to be paid according to their instructions.

# Community Calendar

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

Registration for new students at St. John Christian Academy is now underway and will be open until May 29, 2012. Please enroll as soon as possible to insure a spot for your child for the 2012/2013 School Year. Summer hours will be announced at the end of May. For more details, call 693-7722.

### Sunday, April 29

— Stop by the upper parking lot at the Lumberyard on Sunday, April 29, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. for the next St. John Farmer's Market. Don't miss the chance to pick up some local, organic vegetables, local honey, freshly made tarts and more.

### Tuesday, March 1

— The St. John Film will screen another award winning film about bees, "Queen of the Sun: What are the Bees Telling Us?" on Tuesday, May 1, at 7:30 p.m. at St. John School of the Arts.

### 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 details call 776-6336 or visit www.jessgala.com.

— A full weekend of sailing action is on tap for May 5 and 6 in Coral Bay as the 13th Annual Commodore's Cup gets underway.

### 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.

### Saturday, June 16

— St. John School of the Arts will host auditions for the Ruth "Sis" Frank Performance/Merit Scholarship on Saturday, June 16, at 2 p.m.

### Sunday, August 26

— The second annual Chaotic Kayak Race is set for Sunday, August 26, at Oppenheimer Beach and last year's winner is already talking smack.

### 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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### BAD MOVES

#### ACROSS

- 1 "No" voter
- 5 Lhasa — (small dog)
- 9 Obscured
- 12 Curtail
- 19 Sports side
- 20 Rice and Curry
- 21 Trick-taking card, often
- 22 Plant ailment
- 23 "To Kill a Mockingbird" novelist
- 25 Wisconsin, with "the"
- 27 Of the aorta, for example
- 28 San Fran NFLer
- 29 Alternative to a Roth IRA
- 30 Annual hoops drawing
- 33 Seek damages, perhaps
- 35 Unit of force
- 36 Poker great Ungar
- 37 Captivates
- 41 Internet pop-ups, e.g.
- 48 Lurched side-to-side
- 52 It's breathed
- 53 One crying "Cut!": Abbr.
- 54 Mouthpiece, tank, flippers, etc.
- 59 Former Golden Arches burger
- 63 — Space Telescope
- 64 Sculling tool
- 65 Marker bobbing on the water
- 67 West of old Hollywood
- 68 Big name in car rental
- 69 Medieval lyric poets
- 74 "Je t'—" (Fifi's "I love you")
- 75 Wish undone
- 76 "For — the Bell Tolls"

- 77 Nissan Xterra, e.g.
- 78 Hotel giant
- 80 Green basil-based sauce
- 82 New Mexico tourist attraction
- 87 NHL's Bobby
- 89 "Yoo- —!" ("Hey!")
- 90 County seat near Cedar Rapids
- 91 A South Asian capital
- 98 World's lowest lake
- 99 Horror maven Craven
- 100 Smidgens
- 104 Popeye's gal
- 105 Libertarian presidential candidate of 2004
- 113 — -arms (soldier)
- 117 Scottish tyke
- 118 In a restless way
- 119 1955 "Arabian Nights" adventure film
- 121 Intrepid type
- 122 Permafrost regions
- 123 Filled up on
- 124 Do followers
- 125 This, in Avila
- 126 Do a mailroom job
- 127 Kin of "Inc."
- 128 "The — lama, he's a priest": Nash
- 129 Leopold's partner in crime

#### DOWN

- 1 Within reach
- 2 Within reach
- 3 Kilt material
- 4 Hinder
- 5 Central courtyards
- 6 Rice —
- 7 Silvery fish

- 8 Sugar suffix
- 9 Regular visitor
- 10 Quitter's cry
- 11 Actress Pfeiffer
- 12 Live
- 13 Jurist Robert
- 14 Suitor's gift
- 15 "Keep — yourself!"
- 16 Seems to last forever
- 17 Injured oneself
- 18 Summer, to Sartre
- 24 Go wrong
- 26 Mutt's noise
- 28 Tube lover's punishment
- 31 Narc's find
- 32 "Assuredly"
- 34 Lion chaser?
- 38 Flanders of Springfield
- 39 "— brother's keeper?"
- 40 Ford make, for short
- 41 Public prosperity
- 42 "The noise of them that rejoice —": Isaiah 24:8
- 43 "— Mir Bist Du Schön"
- 44 Adj. modifier
- 45 Joplin piece
- 46 Suit's partner
- 47 Pitcher Hideki —
- 48 D flat's equivalent
- 49 Big name in contact lenses
- 50 Red gems
- 51 Dies away
- 55 Betting slip
- 56 Catch cold
- 57 Lawn growth
- 58 Karel Capek sci-fi play
- 60 Composer Kabalevsky
- 61 Cranston a.k.a. "the Shadow"
- 62 Microscopic

- 66 Part of the Greater Toronto Area
- 70 Bird of myth
- 71 Siouan tribe
- 72 Give the title
- 73 Eggs in labs
- 74 Guinness of "Cromwell"
- 76 Fish bait
- 79 "Terrible" guy
- 81 Frog's kin
- 83 Angling pole
- 84 Hack (off)
- 85 Insult, in rap
- 86 Foldout bed
- 88 "Norma —"
- 91 Simple vow
- 92 Emmy-winning Jane
- 93 Fitness guru Jack
- 94 "Thwack!"
- 95 Gave a blue ribbon, say
- 96 Acute
- 97 Kauai, e.g.: Abbr.
- 100 Fez dangler
- 101 Melodious passage
- 102 Thin down
- 103 First U.S. space station
- 106 Part of many Arabic names
- 107 Political plot
- 108 Singer/guitarist John
- 109 President Martin Van —
- 110 "What's in —?"
- 111 Real imp
- 112 Scots' "no"
- 114 Signals "OK"
- 115 Frizzy hairdo
- 116 Russian autocrat
- 119 Slick 50 rival
- 120 Solo finish?
- 121 Sis' sibling

## Classifieds

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- Two bedroom, one bath, washer, Fish Bay \$1600
- Two bedroom, two bath, w/d \$1800
- Two bedrooms, two bath on Gift Hill \$1900
- Two bedroom, one bath, furnished, A/C, w/d in Cruz bay \$2200
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Joan C. Oat, 3;03-cv-00115 Plaintiff  
April 12, 2012

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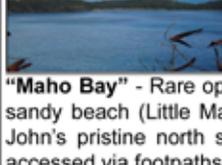
**"Cloud 9 Villa"** - Spectacular sunsets and breathtaking views over Pillsbury Sound to St. Thomas and south over Great Cruz Bay are highlights of this masonry home with pool, spa, air conditioning, Wi-Fi, & large, new sun deck with gazebo. The lot is almost flat and tropical landscaping abounds. Two bedrooms adjoin the pool deck and a comfy loft is accessed from the living room. A cool location high on Gift Hill and access is paved all the way. Cloud 9 Villa is a very popular vacation rental. **\$1,199M**



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# Students Celebrate Earth Day

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plastic containers and took home.

St. John Community Foundation executive director Celia Kalousek explained the importance of recycling aluminum cans while having students test their skills at tossing the cans into a recycling container.

Department of Planning and Natural Resources officials handed out water bottles and activity booklets complete with crayons and stickers. V.I. Waste Management Authority asked students to play a memory game about run-off and non-point source pollution.

Water and Power Authority electricians hosted a popular demonstration about the dangers of electricity with a model live electric line. V.I. Energy Office officials were on hand with solar-powered model cars zooming across their table.

"Kids really like to see the wheels spinning just from the sunlight," said VIEO spokes-

person Don Buchanan. "And we're throwing in a little information about climate change too."

Students also enjoyed a VINP Archaeology dig in the nearby tot lot sand area. Students enjoyed excavating items which VINP Archaeology staff buried earlier in the morning.

Before leaving the fair, students took home reusable shopping bags from Starfish Market and FirstBank as well as Earth Day trivia information. Between all the fun tables and munching on fresh fruit snacks and chocolate chip cookies, students also took home some valuable lessons.

"This morning has been great," said Friends of VINP executive director Joe Kessler. "This is a great opportunity to make strong connections between the kids and the environment. These kids are going to be the future stewards of the environment, and the oceans and Mother Earth."



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Earth Day Fair fun included a WAPA demonstration, above, and a close look at bugs, below left.



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# Parents Get Few Answers About Bus Crash at Island-Wide PTO Meeting

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buses so drivers could concentrate solely on driving and not disciplining the students. DOE, however, does not have the funds to staff a monitor on each school bus, Sibilly explained.

"We financially cannot do that right now," he said.

At least two parents volunteered to serve as monitors and St. John Rescue officials have offered their services as well. DOE officials claimed to be looking into the volunteer offerings.

Parents also asked about changing the size of St. John school buses, requesting that two smaller buses — more suitable to the island's steep and twisty roads — be used instead of one 40-foot bus.

"If that bus meets the national safety standards, there's not much we can do," said Sibilly.

When questioned about seat belts, Sibilly explained that no school buses come equipped with safety belts except those for special needs students.

While detailing the 40-hour course drivers must take in order to be hired to drive a school bus, Sibilly also admitted that DOE does not require random drug tests for its drivers.

Several outbursts erupted in the cafeteria as frustrations grew during the meeting.

"There has to be accountability at some point," said one parent. "This driver showed blatant disregard for the safety of these children and the integrity of the bus company. This guy messed up, so why wasn't he fired on the spot."

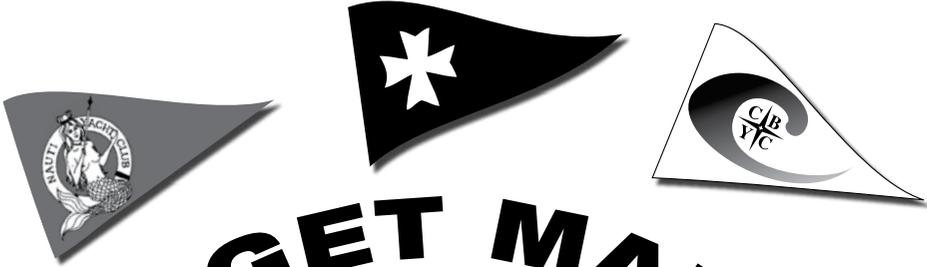
"This is an error that can't be overlooked," said the parent. "You are playing with people's lives. It has been two weeks now and that is enough time for you guys to have done something."

Police officials expect to wrap up their investigation soon, explained VIPD's Traffic Bureau Supervisor Ludrick Thomas.

"The collision is under investigation and we should be concluding that investigation soon," said Thomas. "I don't think any laws were broken, but we will look into negligence on the part of the driver."

DOE officials will continue to pursue getting monitors on school buses and plan to meet with parents and students who ride the bus to ensure that all parties are following safety rules, Sibilly explained.

"We are not letting this incident rest," he said.



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