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Season Begins With Evening In the Courtyard

High fashion and fanciful jewelry took center stage at Mongoose Junction's annual Evening in the Courtyard soiree. Residents and visitors alike filled Cruz Bay's stone shopping complex to start their Christmas shopping while enjoying a fashion show, drumming and specials throughout Mongoose Junction.

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Taxi Medallion Auction for Veterans Is Scheduled for December 13

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Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission Executive Director Judith Wheatley announce last week that pursuant to Title 20, Section 407 (c) of the VI Code, the commission will host its annual veteran medallion auction on December 12, 13 and 14.

This auction is open to Virgin Islands veterans of the US Armed Services only.

Applications can be picked up at the Taxicab Commission's Office during regular working hours, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bid forms must be deposited in the bid box no later than 10 a.m. the day of the auction.

Applications must be taken to the Office of Veterans Affairs for verification of eligibility as a U.S. Virgin Island Veteran on the island for which the bid is scheduled. Bid applicants must be present at the time of auction. Bid envelopes will be publicly opened on the date and times indicated.

Any persons who purchase a medallion at auction pursuant to this subsection is prohibited from trans-

ferring said medallion by sale, lease or otherwise, within three years of purchase. Thereafter such transfer, lease or sale must be to another eligible veteran.

Only approved buyers may bid. On St. John the auction will be on Thursday, December 13, at 11 a.m. at the St. John Administrator's Office. The minimum acceptable is bid set at \$20,000 for St. John.

A 10 percent down payment of bid amount (non-refundable deposit if the sale is not consummated) is required at the time of the bid or no later than 3 p.m. on the same day. This down payment must be paid in cash, money order, or certified check to the Government of the Virgin Islands.

The remaining balance of 90 percent must be paid in a like manner within 10 days after the date of the auction sale at which time, a Certificate of Entitlement and the Medallion will be issued. If the balance is not paid within the allotted 10 days, the second highest bidder will automatically be awarded the bid.

Call the Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission at (340) 693-4211 ext. 4002 for more information.

AKA Seeks Kwanzaa Celebration Performers

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The Sigma Theta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. will host its 18th Annual Community Kwanzaa Celebration on Monday, December 26, at 6 p.m. at the Franklin Powell Park in Cruz Bay.

The public is cordially invited to join Sorority members as they take time to celebrate Kwanzaa at its annual public community celebration. Richard Calvin George of St. John will be honored as the 2012 community elder.

This year's celebration will feature a sorority/audience fashion show with a prize being awarded to the winner. The public is encouraged to come dressed in their most fabulous African wear and participate.

The program has grown tremendously from the first celebration hosted in 1995. This year promises to be festive and fun as in times past with local artists and students from the various schools, dancers, and other performers such as the Love City Leapers, Love City Pan

Dragons Youth Steel Orchestra, St. Thomas Majorettes, and the Mongo Niles Cultural Dancers, to name a few.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is currently soliciting performers and presenters. For more information about participating, contact the chapter's Program Committee Chairperson Annette Henderson at ahenderson340@yahoo.com, or 998-3530, or Elisa Hodge, President at 514-2957 by Wednesday, December 19. Certificates will be presented to all who participate.

IGBA's ReSource Depot Extending Hours

The Island Green Building Association will once again expand opening hours at its ReSource Depot.

Beginning November 29, the depot will be open Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon. This is in addition to current hours of Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon and Monday from 7:30 a.m. to noon.

Donations and purchases are welcome during these hours and additional hours are available by appointment.

The ReSource Depot offers a wide selection of new and gently used building materials for new builds and home renovations, sold at 50 to 80 percent below retail value. It's located on Giffit Hill Road right off Centerline, across from the Susannaberg Transfer Station. To view a partial list of the ReSource Depot's inventory, please visit www.igbavi.org.

HOPE Marking World AIDS Day With Candlelight Vigil on St. John

Helping Others in a Positive Environment (HOPE) will mark World AIDS Day with a parade on St. Thomas and a candlelight vigil walk on St. John.

This year's theme is "Getting to Zero," and it is time to use everyone's imaginations and let everyone know that getting to zero is a must by promoting Zero Discrimination, Zero HIV related death, and Zero new cases of new HIV infections in the US Virgin Islands.

World AIDS Day is dedicated to increase awareness of the HIV/AIDS pandemic. Throughout the United States and other parts of the world, December 1 is utilized as a day of remembrance of those who have passed and a celebration of the achievements made.

On St. John HOPE will host a candle light vigil walk on Friday night, November 30, at 6 p.m. at Frank Powell Park in Cruz Bay.

On St. Thomas, the group will host the Second Annual World AIDS Day Parade on Saturday, December 1, from R.L. Schneider Hospital to Charlotte Amalie High School starting at 5 p.m.

For more information contact Kahaina Browne at 777-1611 or kbrowne@hopeincvi.org.

Meeting on Net Metering Nov. 29

The Island Green Building Association will present a public forum on net metering on Thursday, November 29, at 5:30 p.m. on the second floor of The Marketplace.

In response to requests from its members, IGBA will sponsor this public forum to discuss and determine the current status of the net metering program on St. John.

This meeting is open to the general public and solar professionals, who are invited to come and share experiences with net metering. Representatives from WAPA, DPNR and the V.I. Energy Office are also being invited to discuss the net meter application and installation process.

IGBA is sponsoring this event to help facilitate Act 7075, which mandates that the Virgin Islands generate 30 percent of its power from renewables by January 1, and a majority of power from renewable energy by 2020.

For more information, contact Andrea Milam at andreamilam1@gmail.com or Barry Devine at 514-3532.

Montessori School Bake Sale Set Dec. 8

The St. John Montessori School will host its 4th Annual Holiday Bake Sale to benefit the school's scholarship fund on Saturday December 8, at the Marketplace starting at 8 a.m.

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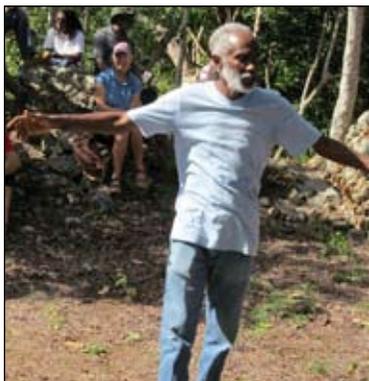


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29th Annual Tour by St. John African Slave Revolution Commemoration Committee and Pan-African Support Group Is Now History

Left: Ms. Felicia Blake offering libations on the beach in Cruz Bay to ancestors to begin the program of the day. She was assisted by Mr. Lumumba Leonard. The libations were preceded with sweet-angelic songs from members of the Nazareth Lutheran choir. **Above Center:** Dr. Chenzira Davis-Kahina thanked St. Johnians for sharing this sacred place with her. **Above Right:** Dr. Gilbert Sprauve orients trekkers at the topographical map in the Virgin Islands National Park Visitors Center.

Below Left: Mr. Lumumba Leonard displays his African singing skills. **Below Right:** Mayor Deborah A. Jackson of the city of Lithonia, Georgia, wonders aloud at the beauty of Fortsberg. The trek was recommended to her by Attorney Bourne. Lithonia is the site of two National Heritage Areas.



Above: Leba Ola Niyi, above with his able assistants, lectures on Black African leaders and their civilizations.



Above Left: Ms. Felicia offers further libations at Fortsberg while Dr. Sprauve and Leba look on. **Above Right:** Dr. Chenzira Davis-Kahina, center, the newly appointed head of the UVI VI Caribbean Cultural Center getting ready to address the crowd.



Left: Ital Anthony, shares his skills in creating cultural wonders. **Right:** Professor Sele Adyemi of Virginia presents the keynote talk on how important culture is to our continuing identity.



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Huge Crowd Comes out for Evening in the Courtyard



Mongoose Junction's Evening in the Courtyard was fun for all. Local models, at left and below left, showed off the season's hottest looks during the fashion show and customers sipped glasses of bubbly while shopping at Jewels, below right.

St. John Tradewinds News
Photos by Yelena Rogers



Next St. John Chapter Meeting Nov. 27

The monthly meeting of the St. John Chapter will be Tuesday, November 27, at 5:30 pm (promptly) at the Battery, in Cruz Bay.

V.I. Audubon Society Hosting Movie Night on Dec. 4 at The Marketplace

The V.I. Audubon Society will be showing the first of three movies for the year on Tuesday, December 4, at 7 p.m.

The first movie is "The Big Year," starring Steve Martin, Jack Black and Owen Wilson. The storyline is based on a birding enthusiast seeing and hearing as many different species of birds in one year.

This movie was chosen because of the birding content and to excite members and non-members to participate in the Annual Bird Count on December 15.

Come for the fun of the movie and learn how to can participate in the bird count. The movie is free and will be screened on the second floor of The Marketplace, next to Zero Sushi.

Annual Coral Bay Sing-a-long Dec. 19

The annual Coral Bay Holiday Sing Along is set for Wednesday, December 19, at 6 p.m. at the Coral Bay basketball court.

Residents from across the island are invited to come out and sing their favorite Holiday songs with their neighbors.

Presents for local children will be accepted. Make a note of whether the wrapped present is intended for a girl or boy and the appropriate age and drop it off at the Coral Bay Community Council office across from the Coral Bay Fire Station before December 19. Or bring those wrapped presents to the Sing Along.

Happy Holidays!

ACC Winter Gala Set for January 19

The Animal Care Center's Winter Gala (formerly Christmas for the Animals) will be hosted on Saturday, January 19, at "L'autre Monde," Helen Simon's home overlooking Great Cruz Bay.

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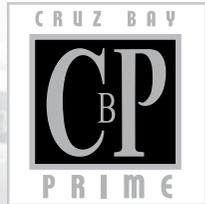
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St. John Runners Showcase Talent at BVI Half-Marathon



(L to R) Ruthann Davis, Peter Alter, Yvonne August, Christie Brown, Audrey Penn, Greg Wingate, Nicole Wohning, Kate Hanna, Brian Grassi, Courtney Wingate, and Tenesha Keyes traveled to Tortola, BVI, to take part in the island's Half Marathon on Saturday, November 17. Congrats to all the runners!

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Coral Bay Yachting Club Builds Club House

By Poin T. Enn
Yachting Editor
St. John Tradewinds

The Coral Bay Yachting Club has purchased Estate Zootooten and will build a clubhouse patterned on the Royal Northern and Clyde Yacht Club in Glasgow.

Project chairman Dick Richard said the planned slips for about 250 yachts will be smaller than the San Diego Yacht Club, but will accommodate larger yachts. Eric Crapton's "Blue Banjo" and Raúl Castro's "Royal Scion" will easily find space. And rumors are the Queen will recommission the Royal Yacht "Britannia" to get a spot.

"One of the reasons we are moving into Muilenburg clubhouse is that people felt it was okay to drift into our club meetings at Skinny's," said Richard. "We've ordered 40 chandeliers for the enormous, formal dining room to be custom made in Murano and Maho using recycled Red Stripe bottles."

"This was the direct influence of Island Greed Builders," said Richard. "We want to be environmentally responsible since we got a lease to use the entire Hurricane Hole for our private docks."

The cavernous reception hall will be a favorite place for weddings and commemorative dinners for the upper 1 percent or even the upper .01 percent.

"We want to keep it affordable," said Richard.

"But of course it would be reserved for members of CBYingC."

Elsa Engel, heiress of the Winnebago fortune and owner of the ultra yacht "Rawfishy," is providing most of the financing for construction and operating expenses since Donald Trump could not come through with his promised support.

"What good are billions if you don't use them to have a little fun?" Engel said.

While membership in the Coral Bay Yachting Club will remain extremely exclusive, the general public will be welcome once a week for the Sunday Buffet that will be served in the informal beach-front snack bar. This will be welcomed since Caneel stopped serving their Sunday Brunch. The monthly blowout with Beluga, Ossetra and Sevruga caviars and Crystal will remain for members only.

"We plan to institute the Around, Around, Around and Around Leduck Race and the 24-Hours of Anegada Passage to add to our already full calendar of races and events," said CBYingC Commodore Bateau Leakey.

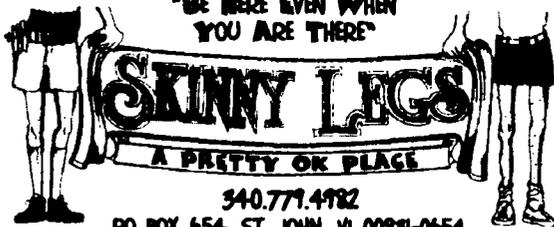
Virgin Island yachting will never be the same.

Heard in the Street:

Three members of Pussy Riot are hiding out in Coral Bay. They are growing beards and wearing camouflage bikinis to throw off searchers. So say nothing if you see anybody strange in Coral Bay.

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Embrace the Holiday Spirit with Christmas Tree Martha

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

By donating every penny she makes at Christmas Tree Martha to her non-profit organization Mary's Family, Martha Toomey fully embodies the true spirit of the Holiday Season.

Toomey is selling and renting fully designed and decorated Christmas Trees at Christmas Tree Martha on the third floor of The Marketplace. Stop in to see her collection of themed Christmas Trees which range from the eclectic to the traditional.

Bartenders, restaurateurs and the party lover in everyone will adore the Holiday Spirits Tree, decorated with wine cork garland, shot glasses and comes complete with cocktail napkins, hand-knitted mitten decorations which hold mini alcohol bottles and noise makers.

The Amenities Tree is the perfect way to welcome a stateside family vacationing on St. John for the holiday. The tree comes complete with swimming goggles, bay rum cologne, St. John maps and guide books and even mouth wash.

The Princess Tree is a fluffy pink confection just begging to be brought home for a little princess. The pink tree features glittered decorations and lace accents.

The Beach Tree features bright-

ly colored fish decorations, sea chests bearing jeweled treasure, sea horses, sailboats and more.

With everything from wooden tops to fuzzy teddy bears and even a beautiful doll handmade in Sante Fe, the Toy Tree will bring out the child in everyone.

Prices for the trees range from \$100 for a small decorated tree to more than \$1,000 for a towering tree decked out to the nines with garland, glass decorations and more.

Toomey is also excited to offer one special tree, she explained.

"Sloop Jones is making a tree for us," she said. "It will be one-of-a-kind and you know it's going to be beautiful. There will be just one Sloop Jones Tree and I can't wait to see it too."

Toomey will also be offering live Douglas Fir trees for sale as soon as they reach the island, she added.

And keep Christmas Tree Martha in mind for the next few weeks, when Toomey will be hosting parties and get-togethers.

Join Toomey on Thursday, November 29, to make paper chain garlands, and throughout December for a music afternoon, when Handel's Messiah will be featured, and a movie day, to watch "Charlie Brown's Christmas Tree."

"This is really fun," said Toomey. "I love to do this and I want

people to come in and have fun with me."

While celebrating the season, sales at Christmas Tree Martha support a very important cause, Mary's Family.

Toomey launched the non-profit dedicated to advocating for people with disabilities a decade ago in her home state of Virginia.

Since then, Mary's Family has been instrumental in changing official language related to people with disabilities and improving the public's attitude toward people with disabilities, explained Toomey.

"We were the premier advocacy group which rewrote legislation in the state of Virginia that removed the word 'retarded,'" said Toomey. "We had a 4H Club and also started a state-wide Political Action Committee, which eventually became a nation-wide Political Action Committee."

Mary's Family emphasizes that the greatest gift one can give someone with a disability is friendship, Toomey added.

"We focused on changing people's attitudes about people with disabilities," she said. "We strove to remove the patronizing and condescending attitudes. Disabilities are natural; there is nothing not natural about disabilities."

Her work earned Toomey the

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Christmas Tree Martha owner Marth Toomey, above, doing what she loves — spreading some holiday cheer.

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Barry Devine Named New Island Green Building Association Exec. Director

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The Island Green Building Association announced last week that co-founding member Dr. Barry Devine will assume the role of executive director for the non-profit in the wake of the departure of former Executive Director Karen Vahling, who has moved on to a position with Friends of V.I. National Park.

Devine, a local resident research scientist and author who has been active in local community efforts over the past decade, inspired the creation of IGBA with a 2004 presentation to the St. John Rotary, where he spoke about his environmental work with the Coral Bay Watershed.

Following the presentation, Devine and local architects Bill Willigerod and Doug White gathered to discuss how they could get the word out to local contractors, homeowners, heavy equipment operators, and others involved in the design and build process that erosion was doing serious damage to the island's greatest natural resource: its environment. This is how IGBA was born.

"Barry's credentials as an environmental scientist are well-known throughout the Caribbean and beyond," said Willigerod, who today serves as president of IGBA's Board of Directors. "His devotion to the environment and St. John are known and respected by anyone who is familiar with his work."

"After our recent loss of Karen Vahling as IGBA's executive director, Barry volunteered to assume this vacant position to ensure that IGBA can continue their contribution to St. John and our neighboring islands," said Willigerod.

Devine worked as chief scientist at UVI's Eastern Caribbean Center for 10 years; acted as the EPA CARE grant research coordinator for the Coral Bay Community Council; is co-author of the popular local book "Island Peak to Coral Reef"; and previously developed low-impact residential areas and habitat-rich golf courses.

"My role will be to continue to expand the success of the ReSource Depot, take over planning and administration for the group, and address local education on green building through seminars, trainings, and grants," said Devine.

Friends of VINP Online Auction Open for Bidding

St. John Tradewinds

The Fourth Annual Friends of VI National Park Online Auction, a signature event which raises funds to support programs and projects in the national park, is now open for bidding through December 9 at 8 p.m., EST.

This much-anticipated event offers great deals on retail goods and services such as jewelry, dining, clothing, art, hotel and villa stays and excursions.

There are 50 items published for viewing and bidding. Retail values to be bid on range from \$85 to \$10,000 with opening bids only one-third of retail costs.

Highlights include a seven-night stay at the luxury villa Isla Vista, several other villa and travel packages, a diamond and silver limpet necklace and earring set from R&I Patton, a seven-day bare-boat charter on a 52-foot Hylas, gourmet catering, boat, kayak, paddleboard and fishing trips and other adventure excursions, dining, artwork and more.

The popular online auction is in perfect timing for holiday gift giving, and island visitors often plan their vacation stays and activities based on the auction items. The event helps local businesses reach a broad audience while giving support to the VINP.

This year's goal is to raise \$30,000 to support Friends' mission of the protection and preservation of the natural and cultural resources of VINP and to promote the responsible enjoyment of this unique national treasure, but official hope to top that.



A beautiful diamond and sterling limpet set by R&I Patton, above, is one of the many great gifts available for bid in Friends of VINP's online auction.

"I am hoping to shatter the \$30,000 mark and set a new 'record' for the event," said Friends of VINP's development director Karen Vahling.

Donations are closed for this event, but are being accepted for Friends of VINP's Ninth Annual Gala which will be hosted at Pre-

sidio del Mar in Peter Bay on February 23. Contact Vahling at 779-4940 or kvahling@friendsvinp.org with any questions about the online auction or gala events.

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By Nadia Dudkin
GHS Eighth Grade

Special to St. John Tradewinds

Since I can remember my Mom has made homemade food. She's been a pastry chef, a waitress, a cook and a private caterer.

Since I was about five I've had homemade cakes. And although my Mom's authentic Russian and Ukrainian food is awesome, nothing can beat my Baba's Vereniki.

My family and I go to Ukraine every other year to see my Dad's family. Even now, as an anti-social teenage girl, I love seeing my Baba cook.

It's so fascinating see such a tradition being kept alive. Ever since they started to bring in foods in packages in Ukraine, the country has lost some of what made it special.

It's becoming more and more like America. But luckily, there are still a few out there who are keeping the culture alive, whereas today's generation of women are clicking in heels as they fail at boiling water.

But that aside, I love to cook with my Baba. I'll peel potatoes and listen to my Baba tell me how much I've grown and how pretty I've gotten in Russian.

Then I sit and watch her mash the potatoes. She makes the dough and makes little circles. Each one gets either potato or meat, but each gets love. She makes little crescents and makes designs on the corners of the meat ones in order to know the difference.

My favorite memories in Ukraine are riding the dingy trains and going to the farm. But the culture my Baba shows me tops all of that. She shows me how important your roots and family are. She shows me how to embrace my culture.

Even in her little kitchen that can barely fit one person, she still keeps her fashion sense in tact. Her bright pants and bedazzled tops match as much as stripes and polka dots (which she's done before.) Her bleached hair stands on her head with hundreds of bobby pins in her hair.

Later on the door bell will ring and I'll answer the door in Russian, asking who it is. Once I know it's my family, I let them in. My older cousin, Aunt and Uncle will come in, or on rare occasions, family friends.

We bring the big table into the middle of the living room and half of us will sit on one side on the sofa and the other half will sit on the chairs.

We'll laugh and make jokes that I won't under-

Potato Vereneki

Dough

2 cups of flour
1 tablespoon of salt
1 egg
water

Filling

Mashed Potatoes
Onions sauted in butter
Salt and Pepper for taste

Directions for dough

Combine flour and salt. Make a well in the middle and add the egg. Combine the egg, flour and salt with a fork until there are rough looking crumbs. Add enough water, mixing as you add. Put dough onto a floured surface and knead until the dough is smooth and not sticky. Let it rest for 30 minutes.

Directions for filling

Make mashed potatoes (using three medium potatoes) with butter, milk and season to taste. Fry a half medium onion, minced, in 2 tablespoons of butter until golden. Add potatoes and cool.

To assemble

Roll out dough. Cut out small circles of dough using a cookie cutter. Fill each center with the potato mixture. Fold in half like a crescent moon and pinch to seal.

To cook

Boil water with salt. Boil vereneki until they rise to the surface of the water. Drain the vereneki and mix with butter. Serve with sour cream on top if you want.

stand, begging my parents to translate. If I don't eat enough my Aunt and Baba will worry and tell me to eat more, pushing food onto my plate.

They'll stay for hours and hours, snacking on shrimp and sunflower seeds afterwards. Later we'll bring out the tea and cookies and then after that everyone will leave.

No one really knows how important these nights are to me. They make me have pride in my Ukrainian heritage. And the food isn't too bad either.

DPNR Issues Advisory on Storm Water Runoff

St. John Tradewinds

The Department of Planning and Natural Resources announced last week that as a result of the recent rains throughout the territory, the Division of Environmental Protection anticipated negative environmental impacts caused by stormwater runoff.

DPNR advised the public to refrain from using the waters

throughout the territory until these effects subside. DPNR also advised parents to instruct their children to keep away from storm-water-impacted beaches as well as areas with manholes and storm-water flooding.

There may be an elevated health risk to anyone swimming in storm-water-impacted areas as a result of increased concentrations of bac-

teria. All persons should also be aware that storm-water runoff may also contain contaminants or pollutants harmful to human health and therefore all persons should avoid areas of storm-water runoff (i.e. guts, puddles, and drainage basins).

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Helen Dunkerley will feature ceramic work at Kimberly Boulon's Fine Art Gallery "Caribbean" opening on December 7.

“Caribbean” Exhibition at Kimberly Boulon Fine Art Gallery To Feature Dance, Ceramic Art, Haiku and More

St. John Tradewinds

Kimberly Boulon is showcasing Helen Dunkerley's ceramic work as part of her Friday, December 7, Opening Reception for “Caribbean: Caribbean/Japanese Fusion In Art —The People,” at Kimberly Boulon Fine Art Gallery on the second floor of The Marketplace.

The event, from 5 to 8 p.m., promises to be an exciting night of fine art and dance, and a venue supporting local arts education.

Intrigued by the connections and amazed by the beauty of the Caribbean and Japanese art aesthetics, Boulon approached St. John School of the Arts executive director Kim Wild about collaborating on a project, Caribbeanese, to benefit the island's lone art school.

Boulon is also raffling off a beautiful painting, “Eyes on the Prize,” of which SJSA will be the beneficiary. Raffle tickets, \$10 each or six tickets for \$50, are available at Kimberly Boulon Fine Art Gallery and SJSA. The gallery is open Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and SJSA is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Adding to the excitement of the evening, Dunkerley will also be raffling off a piece to benefit SJSA.

Helen Dunkerley has been an exhibiting ceramic artist and teacher of ceramics for over 20 years. Her work is in many collections both public and private in Australia, USA, Denmark and Singapore.

“I am so pleased that Helen is joining me for my Opening Show,” Boulon said. “Her work is fascinating and thoroughly engaging.”

Born in Melbourne and living in Australia, Dunkerley spends part time on St. Thomas, using local clay for some of her artworks that will be on display for the show as well as pieces made from porcelain that she has brought from Australia specifically for Caribbeanese.

“For this exhibition I have centered my chosen works around the occupations and domestic activities of the people; presenting and eating food, designing



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Dunkerley collects clay on St. Thomas for her amazing ceramic creations

personal spaces as in flower arrangement and object placement,” said Dunkerley. “Ceramic pieces and pots hold an important and revered place in Japanese culture (check a humble tea bowl's value if made by a Master). My work tries to capture that ‘Japanese balance,’ the given asymmetry that somehow appears resolved and balanced in a design.”

“My forms and surfaces mostly derive from the organic, above and below water,” she said. “The red clay used is sourced from where I stay on St. Thomas, used ‘as is’ without additives. The fine white clay is Southern Ice porcelain (from Australia) fired to such a high temperature it has become almost glasslike in its vitrification.”

Dunkerley's work will be on display through December and January at Kimberly Boulon Fine Art Gallery. Her work can also be seen at Mango Tango on St. Thomas.

And, SJSA officials are wholeheartedly joining the Caribbeanese fun themselves.

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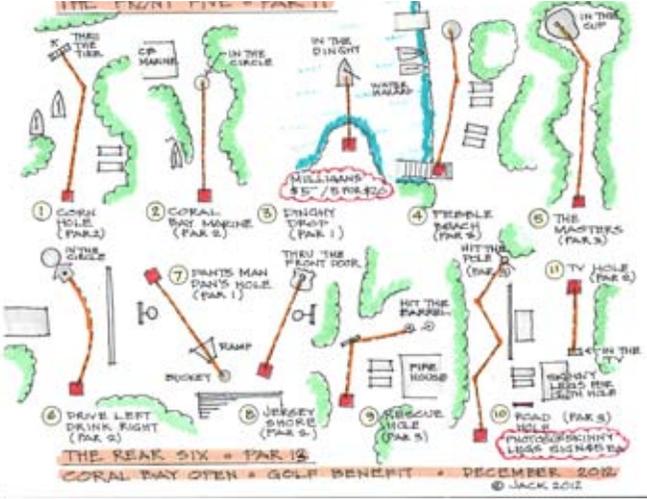
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Fifth graders at Giff Hill School, above, chose to raise money for two cancer charities during the school's annual community service day recently.

GHS Gives Back 5th Grade Raises Money for Cancer Charities

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Giff Hill School students volunteered their time and energy for numerous groups across St. John on November 16 as part of the school's annual GHS Gives Back event.

From Coral Bay, where middle school students helped clear brush from the pocket park, to Cruz Bay, where students washed V.I. Police Department vehicles, students in all grades did something to improve their community.

Fifth graders decided to help the fight against cancer by hosting lemonade stands. Half of the class set up at Connections in Cruz Bay and donated proceeds to the national non-profit cancer organization Alex's Lemonade Stand.

The other half of the class supported the St. John Cancer Fund by hosting a food and lemonade stand sale on the first floor of The Marketplace.

In addition to raising \$900 for SJCF, the students also composed essays about how it felt to support

"It feels so good raising money to help people live. It is so sad that so many people die from cancer. I loved going up to people and explaining our cause."

— Lily Frances, fifth grader,
Giff Hill School

the St. John non-profit organization.

"There were a few difficult things about the lemonade stand," wrote Emily Murrill. "For example, it was hard when someone didn't want to donate. Also, at first, it was a little difficult to ask people for donations. But after a while, it got easier."

"Most of the things we did were fun and felt great," Murrill wrote. "It felt good to get so much money. We also saw a lot of people just donating and not even taking goodies."

"The lemonade stand went

well," wrote Charlie Palminteri. "It felt good to know I was helping stop cancer. There were up sides and down sides to the day. An up side was the cinnamon buns were really good."

"We did a lot of work that day," Palminteri wrote. "It was tiring, but worth it. Some people came to the stand and just donated and didn't buy anything."

"It feels so good raising money to help people live," wrote Lily Francis. "It is so sad that so many people die from cancer. I loved going up to people and explaining our cause."



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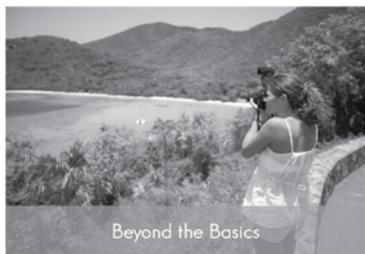
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Brego did Antilles School and the Virgin Islands proud, taking seventh place in the prestigious Cressy Championship in Long Beach, CA.

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St. John Sailor Kyle Brego Places Seventh at National High School Laser Sailing Championship

St. John Tradewinds
 Kyle Brego, a life-long St. John resident, has just returned from competing in the National High School Laser Sailing Championship, where he placed 7th in the nation, representing Antilles School Sailing Team.

This prestigious championship, also known as the "Cressy" Championship, has been recognized by the Interscholastic Yacht Racing Association, now the Interscholastic Sailing Association, as the ISSA National Singlehanded Championship.

Only the top 18 laser high school sailors earn an invitation to compete at the championship, which took place at the US Sailing Center in Long Beach, California, last week.

Brego was among three sailors who qualified to represent the Southeast Region and their respective high schools at the event. He qualified by placing second at the Southeast District championship in September in Clearwater, Florida.

Brego is proud to be among the top 10 high school laser sailors in the country today,



Kyle Brego

but he began his sailing career 12 years ago with the youth non-profit organization Kids and the Sea, St. John.

He owes much of his success to the nurturing and supportive KATS program which first got him in an Optimist at the age of 8, Brego explained.

Brego grew to sail with USVI Optimist Sailing Team, training out of the St. Thomas Yacht Club, where he continues to sail today.

Since training with the USVI Optimist Sailing Team, Brego has competed in numerous local, national and

international sailing competitions, including Optimist and Laser class North American and World Championships.

He placed 9th at the North American Optimist Championships in 2008, and took 3rd place with his team in the team racing at the World Championship in 2009. He placed 15th last year at the Laser North American Championship and 4th at the Buzards Bay Regatta.

Brego sails with the Antilles School Hurricanes Sailing Team, which has won or placed in most National Championships over the last few years.

With saltwater in his veins, Brego will be sailing in major laser championships throughout the coming year, as well as sailing with his high school team as they compete nationally.

Brego aspires to continue his sailing career in college next year, where he plans on pursuing a course of study in Marine Transportation.

For complete results of the Cressy Championship check out <http://www.hssailing.org/news-results/full-post/2012-2013-cressy-championship>.



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Rainbow's End features quaint Caribbean charm, amazing views and private outdoor living space.



On the Market

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

Soak Up the View from Rainbow's End

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Tucked on a hillside just above Cruz Bay harbor, Battery Hill is a quaint condominium complex consisting of only nine units with breath-taking water views.

Rainbow's End, a two-bedroom, one bath, pool-side unit is for sale for \$465,000, explained Holiday Homes sales associate Abigail Schnell O'Connell.

The condo offers spacious living, both indoors and out, O'Connell explained.

"One of the best features of this unit is the large covered veranda that provides an outdoor living space and dining area," she said. "One can enjoy outdoor living and still have the ease of lock-up-and-leave condo ownership."

Rainbow's End is situated just steps from the common pool and expansive deck area overlooking the swaying boats moored in Cruz Bay harbor below and the Caribbean Sea and off-shore cays.

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Rainbow's End and Battery Hill are conveniently located near the amenities of Cruz Bay, O'Connell added.

"Battery Hill is comprised of only nine condo units, situated just above the harbor of Cruz Bay and only a short stroll to fine dining and shopping," said the Holiday Homes sales associate.

The unit is currently a popular short-term rental, O'Connell explained.

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2nd Degree Burglaries: 3

3rd Degree Burglaries: 40

Grand Larcenies: 67

Rapes: 1

Letters To St. John Tradewinds

Governor deJongh Wishes Happy Holidays To All

This week, we mark the beginning of the Holiday Season with the celebration of Thanksgiving and as we join with family and loved ones to celebrate we also stop to remember the many blessings we enjoy.

For many of our neighbors and fellow Virgin Islanders, this has been a challenging year, a year where we have faced hardship and uncertainty. And yet, even so, I believe we have much to be thankful for.

How can we not be thankful for our shared heritage and that strong sense of community that has endured for generations and has shown us that we can overcome any obstacle, any challenge, when we face them together. These traditions have instilled in our people a spirit and compassion that has helped many get through the difficult times and for this let us express our thanks to one another and to the Lord who supports us all.

Our territory is making steady progress in rebuilding, expanding and diversifying our economy in the aftermath of a global recession that originated far from our shores, but washed over our territory with a terrible impact. There is still much work to do in order to, once again, get our economy creating opportunities and prosperity for all of our residents but we have begun to see improvements and through our continued efforts we are beginning to see better days.

When President Lincoln first recognized Thanksgiving as a national holiday in 1863 after the Union victory at the Battle of Gettysburg, our Nation faced its greatest challenge: How to reunite and rebuild after a great Civil War. As we in the Virgin Islands prepare to celebrate a hundred years under the American Flag, we know that both as Virgin Islanders and as Americans we can build our future and rebuild our economy better and faster in unity, with cooperation, with faith, and with hope.

That knowledge — that Hope — is what I believe we should give thanks for as we celebrate this holiday with family and with friends.

And as we do this, let us not forget to reach out and help someone else, someone we may not even know, but who we know will benefit by being brought more fully into our community by our acts of offering food, comfort, or maybe just a little heartfelt compassion and companionship.

I want to wish each and every one of you a Happy Thanksgiving and my best wishes to you and your families for this Holiday Season.

**Sincerely,
John deJongh, Jr.
Governor**

Hermit Crab Migration Video Enthralls Audubon



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Local photographer and videographer Steve Simonsen, above standing, shared his hit video showing thousands of hermit crabs migrating at Nanny Point on the island's south shore to a packed house at last week's Audubon Society meeting. The group is hosting a screening of "The Big Year" on December 4 at The Marketplace.

Crossword Answers — Puzzle on Page 20

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DLCA Releases Results of Annual Holiday Food Basket Survey

Pine Peace Mini-Mart Has Lowest Prices

St. John Tradewinds

The Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs notified the public of the findings of its Thanksgiving holiday food basket survey, which was completed on November 14.

The holiday food basket survey is designed to inform consumers of which stores have the best prices on grocery items typically used for a Thanksgiving meal. The number of items compared on each island varies as a result of comparison guidelines which require that items are identical in order to produce a valid survey.

St. John

On St. John three stores were surveyed: Dolphin Market, Starfish Market, and Pine Peace Mini Mart. A total of 30 of the same items were compared at each location. The difference between the highest and lowest priced holiday food basket \$22.23.

Some of the items which made up the holiday basket for St. John included: sweet potatoes, cabbage, fresh pumpkin, celery, onions, potatoes, green banana, green peppers, cheddar cheese, eggs, turkey stuffing mix, chicken stuffing mix,

macaroni and cheese, sparkling cider, cranberry juice, mayonnaise, bread crumbs, cranberry sauce, turkey gravy, diced tomato, cream liquor, vegetable oil, and evaporated milk.

The lowest priced food basket was found at Pine Peace Mini Mart with a basket cost of \$86.50. Dolphin Market came in second with a food basket cost of \$96.10. Coming in third was Starfish Market with a holiday basket cost of \$108.73

St. Thomas

On St. Thomas four stores were surveyed: Plaza Extra, Food Center, and Pueblo supermarkets in Long Bay and Sub Base. A total of 38 of the same items were compared at each location. The difference between the highest and lowest priced holiday food basket was \$10.10

The lowest priced holiday food basket was found at Plaza Extra with a basket cost of \$135.82. Pueblo's Subbase and Long Bay locations came in second and third respectively. Pueblo Subbase had a food basket cost of \$140.31, while Pueblo's Long Bay location had a food basket cost of \$142.42. Food Center came in fourth with a basket cost of \$145.92.



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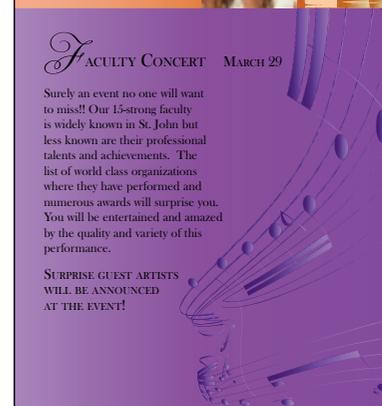


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Emerging Young Leaders Program To Start in January

St. John Tradewinds

Sigma Theta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. announced last week that the group will launch a new session of its Emerging Young Leaders Program in January.

The Emerging Young Leaders program recognizes that middle school is an incredibly crucial period as impressionable girls deal with issues such as becoming a teenager, parental and peer relationships and other life changes.

It will develop the skills and talents of middle school girls (grades

6, 7 and 8) and will consist of four areas: Leadership Development; Educational Enrichment, Civic Engagement, and Character Building.

Program trainers will be multifaceted women of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and community leaders and each chapter's program will follow a uniform structure worldwide.

This opportunity is being provided to middle school students in the St. Thomas/St. John district in grades 6th through 8th. Applicants must be enrolled in school,

complete the application and other forms, maintain a C+ grade point average, submit a typed personal statement less than 500 words, and agree to follow instructions.

Students are encouraged to apply immediately as space is limited. The program will commence in January and will end in June; new sessions will commence in September and will consist of monthly weekend activities and occasional civic engagements.

For an application or information call Anise Hodge at 340-643-7453 or nicety.13@hotmail.com.



New Nutrition Standards for School Lunches

Dear EarthTalk:

What are the new nutrition standards for school lunches that have some students boycotting their cafeterias and discarding the food?

**Melissa Makowsky,
Trenton, NJ**

Indeed, some 31 million American kids participating in the federally supported National School Lunch Program have been getting more whole grains, beans, fruits and vegetables in their diets — whether they like it or not.

The change is due to new school meal standards unveiled by the U.S. Department of Agriculture last January, per the order of 2010's Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act. The new standards are based on the Institute of Medicine's science-based recommendations, and are the first upgrade to nutritional standards for school meals since 1995 when low- and no-fat foods were all the rage.

The non-profit Environmental Working Group believes the new standards represent an important milestone in efforts to improve the dietary habits and health of increasingly obese American kids.

"Schools' misguided reliance on processed foods for speedy, low-labor cost production, indus-

try's \$1.6 billion in child-targeted advertising and a lack of faith in our children's dietary curiosity [have] created a generation of 'picky eaters' with dull palates," the group reported. "With nearly 17 percent of America's children now clinically obese and a staggering 32 percent overweight, the time is long past to address the unhealthy food environments our children live in."

The new standards limit calories per meal to 850 for high school meals, 700 for middle school and 650 for elementary and more than double the mandated minimum servings of fruits and vegetables while reducing the sodium, saturated fats and trans fats in school kids' diets.

Whole-grain foods, beans and dark green and orange vegetables such as broccoli, spinach, carrots and sweet potatoes have replaced things like pizza and French fries as staple items in schools that follow the program.

Of course, not everybody likes the changes. Lunch strikes, Facebook protest pages, Twitter campaigns, YouTube parody videos and other means have been utilized coast-to-coast to voice opposition to the healthier meals.

Some affected cafeterias blame

the new smaller portions and healthier fare for causing as much as a 70 percent drop-off in school lunch program participation since the new standards took effect.

Psychologists understand that kids may not come around to new foods right away but will eventually eat them — so the federal government and most participating schools are sticking to their guns.

If a school "encounters significant hardships employing the new calorie requirements, we stand ready to work with them quickly and effectively to remedy the situation with additional flexibilities," according to the USDA.

The benefits of the new standards far outweigh the costs, according to EWG

"School meals can help children develop healthy eating habits — or they can prime them for a life of poor health and unnecessary suffering," reported the group.

EWG lauds the new standards for significantly expanding access to and appreciation of nourishing food. Whether they can help shift eating norms across the country remains to be seen, but regardless millions of American kids will likely now get their healthiest meals of the day on a tray in their school cafeterias.

Choice Wireless VIP Open Tennis Tournament Set for February 15-18

St. John Tradewinds

Over 100 tennis players from the Virgin Islands, Caribbean and several U.S. mainland states are expected to compete in the Choice Wireless VI Open Tennis Tournament, set for February 15 to 18, and hosted by the St. Thomas Yacht Club.

The tournament has grown to welcome several ATP-ranked players as well as host strong players in the B and Open divisions. In addition, this highly-regarded event is the only tennis tournament in the U.S. Virgin Islands sanctioned by the USTA's Caribbean District.

"We are delighted to once again invite tennis players locally, nationally and internationally to join us here in the U.S. Virgin Islands for a great tennis competition, the world's most beautiful beaches, delicious local cuisine and friendly people," said Helga Hosie, tournament co-director with Elsbeth Rowaan. "This is our 7th year to host this event at the St. Thomas Yacht Club and we thank our sponsors, Choice Wireless and the U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Tourism, who make this possible. Come 'Play in Paradise.'"

Players can compete in eight divisions in this U.S. Tennis Association-sanctioned tournament, including Open Divisions for both men NTRP ranking 4.5 and above in singles and doubles.

The B Division, for men and women NTRP ranked 4.0 and below, there is singles, doubles and mixed doubles play, as well as men's over 60 doubles. Play will be best of three sets for all divisions. Draw will be closed at 16 so sign up soon.

The deadline to register is January 25, at 5 p.m. Registration forms can be downloaded at www.styc.net. The entry fee of \$45 per person for one event or \$60 per person for two events includes an event T-shirts, souvenirs and a welcome buffet dinner at St. Thomas Yacht Club.

Matches will take place on courts at the STYC, the

host location for Semi-Finals and Finals play, as well as at the Sugar Bay Beach Resort and Spa and Anchorage Condominiums. Matches will be officiated by USTA and International Tennis Federation head referee, Hector Figueroa, from Puerto Rico. The public is invited to come out and watch the action.

"We are proud to sponsor this second annual Choice Wireless VI Open Tennis Tournament in beautiful St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands," said Tony Shepherd, CEO of Choice Wireless. "The St. Thomas Yacht Club is the perfect setting for intense competition and for enjoying some of the best weather, beaches and amenities in the world."

"Bring your best game and compete against players from around the United States and Caribbean," said Shepherd. "Bring your families and friends too for an unforgettable vacation. Choice Wireless will make it easy for you to text, call, share photos, update Facebook and in general boast about your trip to the sunny Caribbean."

Choice Wireless is offering special rates on phone rentals and high-speed internet for the tournament. Call home and on-island with a Choice Wireless phone for only \$5 per day.

While on-island, stay connected with high-speed 3G Mobile USB Modems or a MiFi Mobile Hotspot for \$5 per day. Both available for rent at the Choice Wireless booth at the tournament or call 340-715-8241 or 340-715-8243 Monday - Friday 8 to 5 for details and they'll have everything set up for when you arrive.

The Choice Wireless VI Open Tennis Tournament is sponsored by Choice Wireless, the U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Tourism, St. Thomas Yacht Club, Sugar Bay Beach Resort and Spa, and Caribbean Auto Group

For more information, call 340-244-2124 or email viopen@choice-wireless.com.

Board of Public Accountancy Hosting Educational Seminars

St. John Tradewinds

V.I. Board of Public Accountancy is hosting a series of educational seminars geared towards all Certified Public Accountants, potential CPA's and persons within the accounting profession.

The seminars will be at Marriott's Frenchman's Reef and Morning Star Beach Resort with meetings open to all CPA's, potential CPA's and interested persons on Tuesday, December 4, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Topics will include mobility, education, enforcement, peer review, ethics and changes to the permitting and business license processes.

The seminars are hosted by the V.I. Board of Public Accountancy

in conjunction with the National Association of State Boards, The American Institute of Public Accountants, and the Accountants Coalition.

Entitled "On the Road to Substantial Equivalency and Uniform Accountancy Act Adoption," these educational seminars will provide substantial information on the UAA.

The UAA is a model bill to regulate the practice of public accountancy and provide a comprehensive system for enhancing public protection, facilitate consumer choice, and support the efficient operation of the capital markets.

Currently, the US Virgin Islands Public Accountancy Act of 1957

with amendments through 1998, no longer meets the needs of the dynamic and constantly changing profession of accountants.

For more information or to receive a registration form (no cost) please email jvhodge@hotmail.com or shayla.solomon.@dlca.vi.gov.

Travel grants and ground transportation are also available for persons travelling for the seminars. Interested persons should contact the Boards and Commissions Office on St. Croix at (340)718-2226.

The UAA Sixth Edition, dated August 2011 can be found at <http://www.aicpa.org/Advocacy/State/DownloadableDocuments/UAASixthEdition.pdf>.

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Embrace the Holiday Spirit with Christmas Tree Martha



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Trees of all sizes and designs can be found at Christmas Tree Martha.

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"Citizen of the Year" award and also had her logging long and tiring hours. Three years ago her family made the move to St. John and took a well-deserved break from advocacy work.

Not one to idle long, however, Toomey is back working to revitalize the federally mandated V.I. Developmental Disabilities Council. She also launched a Tennis Clinic in May which meets each Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. for the public and special needs students at Julius E. Sprauve School.

Christmas Tree Martha is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Toomey is also open to special requests, so just ask, she added.

"Caribbean" Exhibition at Kimberly Boulon Fine Art

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"When she came to us, the more she talked about the project, the more we started thinking that instead of us just being there, we wanted to participate," said Wild. "We think it's a really cool idea and something truly different. We thought we could be very creative."

"We've been working with our dancers and we're just getting more and more excited about this," Wild said.

Gallery opening attendees can expect to enjoy live performances, at least twice, throughout the night and more, Wild explained.

"I'm working with six of dancers who will be performing a two-minute piece, twice during the show," said Wild. "They will also be doing some other things at the opening, but we're going to be keeping that a secret."

Former SJSA student and makeup artist Kaya Charles is also collaborating on the Caribbean project, Wild added.

"We're so excited that Kaya is working on this with us as well," said the SJSA executive director. "Kaya is a former student of ours and she went to college in Canada and is as makeup artist. She's going to be working with us on some masks and face and body art."

"It's just a great marriage of professional artists, the art school and a recent graduate," said Wild. "We're really excited about this."

Experimental live music fusing Caribbean and Japanese styles will also be featured at the gallery opening, compliments of Eddie Bruce and Jared Warren.

The night will also feature "Caribbean Haiku" poetry by Beverly Melius.

A long-time resident of St. John and beloved community member, Melius has her heart in writing, and Boulon felt fortunate that she found time to give her thoughtful energy to the Haiku.

"As friends for many years, I am truly honored that Bev is gracing my paintings with her sensitive and insightful words," said Boulon. "It is a merging of artist, painting and viewer/poet, with additional interpretation by one viewing the painting and Bev's



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Boulon's work will feature a melding of Japanese and Caribbean styles.

words; an interplay of several minds and senses."

"Beverly's haiku is a pure delight," said Boulon.

The project will also span most of the year for Boulon and SJSA. The December 7 Caribbean opening is the first of three planned openings celebrating Japanese and Caribbean cultures at Kimberly Boulon Fine Arts.

The second opening will be on February 8, and the third on March 8. All three openings will feature a different ceramic artist and raffle drawings to benefit SJSA.

The theme of the first opening is "People," the second opening is "Land," and the final opening is "Sea." SJSA students will be performing at all three openings as well.



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Pocket bikes are illegal on all public roads in the territory.

Public Reminded Mini-Motorcycles Are Illegal on Public Roads

St. John Tradewinds

The V.I. Police Department reminded the community on the law concerning mini-motorcycles, also known as pocket bikes, last week.

With holiday gift buying in full swing, some parents and young adults may be considering purchasing these vehicles. However, under Virgin Islands law, it is illegal to operate these mini-motorcycles on the public streets. They can only be operated on private roads and in private properties.

The law has been created to protect the rider. The bikes can reach speed of up to 35 mph and do not meet the standard safety requirements for on-road use. They are unstable and hard to steer because of the small wheels.

The bikes are about a foot and a half off the ground and riders have to sit with their knees positioned higher than the handlebars which makes it very difficult to control. The bikes do not have turn signals, a horn, front lights or brake lights and operators are not required to have a license or wear a helmet.

Because the bikes are so low to the ground it is sometimes difficult for a car or truck to see it and collisions can occur.

VIPD Traffic Enforcement officers will confiscate the bikes if they are seen being operated on the public roads. Fines may also be imposed. Officers are urging the public not to purchase these mini-motorcycles or pocket bikes unless one intends to ride the bikes exclusively on private property and not on the public roads.

VIPD SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK: Pedestrian Safety

St. John Tradewinds

Pedestrians should always walk on sidewalks when they are available.

Remember the roads are for vehicles!

Anyone who jogs or walks for exercise, should use a park, a track

or other recreation area. If one must jog or walk in the streets, they should walk toward the traffic in order to be aware of the movements of oncoming vehicles.

And remember, to always wear light-colored or reflective clothing if walking after sunset!

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POLICE DEPT: 340-693-8880

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Friday, November 16

7:44 p.m. - An Estate Glucksberg resident c/r he was involved in an auto collision. Auto collision.

Saturday, November 17

12:36 a.m. - A V.I. Police Department officer came into contact with an auto collision near Nature's Nook in Cruz Bay. Auto collision.

1:33 a.m. - A nurse at Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center c/r that someone was assaulted. Robbery in the third.

2:07 a.m. - An Estate Contant resident p/r that she was assaulted. Simple assault.

Sunday, November 18

8:30 a.m. - A Caneel Bay Apartments resident c/r that someone was trespassing. Trespassing.

1:30 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r that she was assaulted by her ex-boyfriend. Aggra-

vated assault, D.V.

Monday, November 19

2:12 p.m. - A visitor at the Westin Resort and Villas r/ that the window in their rental car was broken by a rock from a grass cutting machine. Damage to a vehicle.

Tuesday, November 20

3:10 p.m. - A visitor from Maryland p/r damage to his vehicle. Damage to vehicle.

5:05 p.m. - A Cruz Bay resident r/ that he heard two men threaten to shoot him. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

5:11 p.m. - A citizen c/r an auto collision. Auto collision.

Wednesday, November 21

1:00 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r that a man refused to pay him for work done. Police assistance.

9:20 p.m. - A citizen c/r hearing shots fired in the area of Estate Enighed. Illegal discharge of firearm.

Thursday, November 22

2:15 a.m. - A citizen p/r that his peace is being disturbed in the area of Cruz Bay. Disturbance of the peace.

2:51 a.m. - An citizen r/ that the father of her children assaulted her in the area of Cruz Bay. Aggravated assault and battery, D.V.

1:21 p.m. - An Estate Grunwald resident p/requesting police assistance to retrieve some items. Police assistance.

1:30 p.m. - An Estate Carolina resident p/r that a male was trespassing on his property. Trespassing.

Friday, November 23

2:35 a.m. - A St. Thomas resident r/ someone not breathing. D.O.A.

No time given - Bell's Towing removed a red Jeep from the area of Estate Adrian near the National Park Service Sign. The vehicle was overturned and abandoned.

Crime Stoppers — United States Virgin Islands

St. John Tradewinds

Crime has a cost and it is ultimately paid by the law abiding citizens of the community through higher prices and higher taxes. Reducing that cost puts money back in residents pockets.

If anyone knows something, they should say something, as law enforcement cannot control crime without help. Even the smallest bit of information may be just what they need to solve these cases.

St. John

On Wednesday, November 14, about 10:30 a.m., a woman returned to her vehicle parked at the Motor Vehicle Bureau lot and discovered it had been burglarized. The main item stolen was her red bag which contained several credit cards, a silver ring, a diamond ring and an opal and diamond ring.

St. Thomas

On Sunday November 11, at about 3 a.m., a man driving in the area of Lindberg Bay Road was

fired upon by an unknown assailant. The man, who was struck in his left upper leg, was treated for a gunshot wound.

St. Croix

Recently police responded to a domestic violence call. As they were investigating the scene, they were informed that the suspect had weapons in the home. Police immediately secured a search warrant. Three guns and ammunition were confiscated. The suspect was charged. This is what happens when the community gets involved. If you know anyone who has illegal weapons or is dealing drugs, report it and help make your neighborhood a safer place to live for you and your family.

Let's continue to help make the community a safer place to live by submitting information on these or any other crimes at www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org, or by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), or by texting "USVI" plus your message to CRIMES (274637).

Community Calendar

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

Tuesday, November 27

The monthly meeting of the St. John Chapter will be Tuesday, November 27, at 5:30 pm (promptly) at the Battery, in Cruz Bay.

Thursday, November 29

The Island Green Building Association will present a public forum on net metering on Thursday, November 29, at 5:30 p.m. on the second floor of The Marketplace.

Friday, November 30

On St. John HOPE will host a candle light vigil walk for World AIDS Day on Friday night, November 30, at 6 p.m. at Frank Powell Park in Cruz Bay.

Tuesday, December 4

The V.I. Audubon Society will be showing the first of three movies for the year on Tuesday, December 4, at 7 p.m. The first movie is "The Big Year," starring Steve Martin, Jack Black and Owen Wilson. Come learn how you can participate in the bird count. The movie is free and will be at The Marketplace, next to Zero Sushi.

Saturday, December 8

The St. John Montessori School will host its 4th Annual Holiday Bake Sale to benefit

the school's scholarship fund on Saturday December 8, at the Marketplace starting at 8 a.m.

Tuesday, December 13

On St. John free flu shots will be available from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, December 13, at Morris deCastro Clinic.

Wednesday, December 19

The annual Coral Bay Holiday Sing Along is set for Wednesday, December 19, at 6 p.m. at the Coral Bay basketball court.

Monday, December 26

The Sigma Theta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. will host its 18th Annual Community Kwanzaa Celebration on Monday, December 26, at 6 p.m. at Franklin Powell Park in Cruz Bay.

Saturday, January 19

The Animal Care Center's Winter Gala will be hosted on Saturday, January 19, at "L'autre Monde," Helen Simon's home Great Cruz Bay.

Saturday, February 16

The Third Annual Broadway Comes to St. John — the St. John School of the Arts Fundraiser of an original musical featuring fourth graders from across St. John — will be Saturday, February 16, 2013.

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

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

Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

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CURDISH LANGUAGE

ACROSS

- 1 Subtly persuasive marketing technique
- 9 Chemistry class charge
- 15 On the — of (close to)
- 20 Mystery writer Agatha
- 21 Bedside buzzers
- 22 Filing board
- 23 MasterCard alternative
- 25 Calcutta coin
- 26 Memory unit
- 27 — Tin Tin (TV pooch)
- 28 Top serve
- 29 Home for B-52s and F-14s: Abbr.
- 31 "— Misérables"
- 32 Inferior
- 35 2001 Chris Kattan film
- 38 Wedding seaters
- 41 Battery type, for short
- 43 Big name in gloves
- 44 Omega or Ebel product
- 46 Prefix for "outer"
- 48 French for "between"
- 49 Topping sorts
- 50 Plants used in first aid
- 52 Actor Haley Joel —
- 55 Giant bird of legend
- 56 Looking a whiter shade of pale?
- 58 — Harum ("A Whiter Shade of Pale" band)
- 60 China's — Zedong
- 63 Pitch raisers, musically
- 65 What many a modem is connected to
- 69 "My — Amour" (1969 hit)

- 70 "Hogwash!"
- 71 Igloo dwellers
- 72 Fred Gwynne sitcom role
- 74 Small hills
- 75 Carders check them
- 76 Johnny Carson character who was "magnificent"
- 77 New Mexico skiing locale
- 78 Schlep
- 80 Shepherd on "The View"
- 82 Screenwriter Ben
- 85 Water main, for one
- 86 Suffix with land or sea
- 89 Mag for growing cos.
- 91 "United States of Tara" actress
- 94 20-Across was one
- 97 Burnt — (pigment)
- 99 — Green (old elopers' destination)
- 100 "Dynasty" schemer
- 102 Telly commercial
- 104 "— favor, Señorita"
- 105 Major-leaguer
- 106 Suffix with planet
- 107 Degree for a corp. exec
- 108 Bard's black
- 112 Museum in Madrid
- 114 Entered seven answers in this puzzle?
- 119 "The — Sanction"
- 120 Unlike a dead ball
- 121 Florida tribe
- 122 "— of robins in her hair"
- 123 Burglars checking out potential targets, say

DOWN

- 1 Wound cover
- 2 "Good golly!"
- 3 Be in a stew
- 4 Indefatigable
- 5 Fed. stipend
- 6 Series ender: Abbr.
- 7 Fibbing folks
- 8 In a merciful manner
- 9 Not stringent
- 10 Mammal like a camel
- 11 Market scanner input
- 12 Less fettered
- 13 Long dashes
- 14 Elia works
- 15 Forbidden
- 16 Kiwi's relative
- 17 Sow again
- 18 More grassy
- 19 Junk pile, say
- 24 Physicist Fermi
- 30 To's opposite
- 33 Lifesaving sites, briefly
- 34 Denver-to-Santa Fe dir.
- 36 Lowbrow, as art trinkets
- 37 — Blanc
- 38 Pre-'91 superpower
- 39 Rushed by audibly
- 40 Folks thumbing rides
- 42 Rebel Guevara
- 45 Hot tub sighs
- 47 Journalist Anderson
- 51 Liquid smear
- 53 Bovine noise
- 54 Odd weather cause
- 56 Oratorio solo
- 57 High-profile lawyer Gerry
- 59 Russo of film
- 60 Spammer's resource
- 61 Affects
- 62 Permits
- 64 Certain limb
- 65 Substance in red wine
- 66 Actress Lanchester
- 67 1980 TV spinoff
- 68 Summer mo.
- 69 Sorority letter
- 70 Enchilada kin
- 73 Dent up, e.g.
- 74 Wife of Wills
- 77 Like a bronze medal winner
- 79 Hollywood's Rowlands
- 80 X-ray — (sci-fi glasses)
- 81 Copter's landing area
- 83 Tide reflux
- 84 Pie fillers
- 85 12-year-olds, e.g.
- 86 Stir-fry tidbit
- 87 Use crayons to fill, say
- 88 Mediocre
- 90 Semiprivate workspace
- 92 Size bigger than med.
- 93 Pt. of ETA
- 95 Galilee loc.
- 96 Suffix with micro- or macro-
- 98 Sweetheart
- 101 Nooses, e.g.
- 103 DARTH —
- 109 "How may I — service?"
- 110 Main port of Norway
- 111 — -do-well (idle sort)
- 113 — Plaines
- 115 Retrovirus material
- 116 — admin
- 117 901, to Livy
- 118 Zip, old-style

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"Squire's Cottage" - Is a delightful and whimsical stone cottage with separate guest quarters in Chocolate Hole West, a short drive from Cruz Bay. Features include fine local stone and brick work, Turkish travertine floors, brick courtyard, custom light fixtures, large closets, custom hard wood doors & windows, stainless appliances, cathedral ceilings, slate roof and deeded rights to two beaches. The one level main house is handicapped friendly. **\$1.1M**



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



"Orion's Hill" - the crowning jewel on Ajax Peak with picture perfect dwellings, cool breezes and 360 degree views from sunrise to sunset and from Coral Bay to Jost to St. Thomas from the widow's walk. This "best piece of land on St. John", is 5 minutes from Maho Beach, a short drive to Coral Bay. The main house has vaulted ceilings and two en suite bedrooms. The 1/1, 1,120sf cottage with views is a bonus. **\$1.65M**



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First Lady Cecile deJongh Hosts Text4Baby Shower on St. Thomas

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On Sunday afternoon, November 18, First Lady Cecile deJongh welcomed about 40 expectant mothers and fathers to a baby shower celebrating motherhood, fatherhood, and families.

The special event was co-hosted by the first lady, the Family Connection and the Early Childhood Advisory Committee, which she chairs.

During remarks, the first lady thanked the mothers and fathers who attended the event at The Family Connection Center in Tutu Park Mall, and specially recognized the fathers in the room.

"It's wonderful to see all the mothers, fathers, and children here — what a wonderful way to spend a Sunday afternoon," said deJongh. "Over 500 Virgin Islanders signed up, which prompted the territory to win an award at the national level for having the most participation per capita in the nation. Today's celebration is in recognition of that achievement, and in honor of all of you."

The baby shower was hosted in partnership with the national text4baby program to promote healthy birth outcomes. The service provides maternal and child health tips and reminders for new and expecting parents, with babies up to one year of age.

Text message topics included: birth defects prevention, immunization, nutrition, seasonal influenza, mental health, oral health, and safe sleep. Text4baby messages also connect women to prenatal and infant care services and include features such as appointment reminders, fun quizzes, urgent health alerts, and other resources.

"One of our goals is to elevate the conversation about healthy pregnancies, including how to maintain a healthy lifestyle after childbirth — and to encourage early education and proper care, from the start," said deJongh. "The text4baby program helps parents to stay connected to critical information towards achieving these goals."

The First Lady thanked El-



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

First Lady Cecile deJongh welcomes expectant mothers and fathers to the Text4Baby Shower at the Family Connection Center in Tutu Park Mall, St. Thomas.

lie Hirsh for her efforts in jointly organizing the baby shower, and acknowledged her partnership through the Early Childhood Advisory Committee and as director of the Family Connection. She also

commended Dee Baecher Brown, president of the Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands, for her support of the initiative, and the baby showers in both districts.

"Congratulations to you all —

for showing how much you care about your own health and the health of your babies — just by signing up for text4baby," said Hirsh. "We all want children to be born healthy, so they can have the best possible beginning in life."

Hirsh also encouraged parents to return to The Family Connection Center to utilize the library, toys, and to participate in the story time and other activities, like music and movement sessions and parent workshops.

The first lady thanked the government agencies and sponsors for their partnership of the St. Thomas-based event, including Rotary Inner Wheel Club of St. Thomas, Rotary Club of St. Thomas II, St. John Rotary Club, Chico's Baby Store, Gourmet Gallery, Starfish Market, Sugar Bay Resort and Spa, Caneel Bay Resort, the Office of the Governor, the governor's Children and Families Council, the Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands, and the Committee on Early Childhood Education and Care.

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