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By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

When a parent sends their child to school, they worry about myriad things, from assignments to bullies, yet what several Julius E. Sprauve School parents fear most each day relates to the actual

Cruz Bay school building.

Built in the mid-1950s, JESS, which is comprised of students from kindergarten through eighth grade, has obvious structural issues, visible across the campus, but worst in the far building

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SS_Ponce, c1930s (Woldrop Photo Co. Puerto Rico), above. George and Anna Knight at Government House Christiansted St Croix 1937 (Knight family collection), left. George and Anna Knight at Hawksnest Bay, 1937 (Knight Family Collection), below.



Rare 1930s Photos of Virgin Islands on Display at SJHS March 12 Meeting

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A glimpse of the Virgin Islands in 1937-38 will be offered at the St. John Historical Society's monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 12, at 7 p.m. at the Bethany Moravian Church Hall.

SJHS President David Knight will present recently uncovered

photos of his parents' second visit to the Virgin Islands in the late 1930s. The presentation will include never-before-seen images accompanied by excerpts from the journal of Knight's father, Dr. George H.H. Knight, which recount the long journey by ship from New York to Puerto Rico, then on to the

V.I. with stops at St. Thomas, St. Croix, St. John and Tortola.

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Marine Uses Planning March 12

The fourth Coral Bay Marine Uses Planning Meeting will be Tuesday, March 12, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Guy Benjamin School in Room 6.

CBCC's goal is to develop a community-based Marine Uses Plan for Coral Bay's waters and shoreline over the next several months, or longer.

The meeting agenda includes four areas which the group is focusing on: near-term public boating access issues like boat ramp, parking and dinghy docks; marina planning; water quality issues; and moorings and anchorage planning.

The Marine Uses Plan will be developed by residents and stakeholders in the community, in conjunction with federal and territorial government representatives knowledgeable about environmental, economic and regulatory concerns. It is part of the Coral Bay Watershed Management Project Phase 2, being coordinated by the Coral Bay Community Council.

For more information contact the CBCC office at 776-2099.

Moravian Mid-Week Lenten Services

Services for the Moravian mid-week Lenten services will begin at 7 p.m. **March 13** - Bethany Emmaus; **March 20** - Open Air Bethany. For more information call (340) 776-6291.

GHS Auction Scheduled for March 16

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

SJHS Leading Ruin Ramble March 16

The St. John Historical Society's monthly activity will be led by member Bruce Schoonover, who will take those interested on a ramble amongst the ruins of the Annaberg sugar factory on Saturday, March 16, at 9 a.m.

Schoonover will tell the story of this estate during the sugarcane era, as well as the subsistence period that followed.

Immediately after the primary presentation, Schoonover will lead an optional hike part-way up the mountain to trace the course of the stone, brick, and terracotta tile aqueduct which was constructed to irrigate the estate's crops and provide water to the factory for the processing of sugarcane.

Those wishing to attend should meet at the Annaberg windmill at 9 a.m. Sunscreen and water are advised. For more information, visit www.stjohnhistoricalsociety.org or www.facebook.com/stjohnhistoricalsociety.

GBS PTO Meeting Set for March 19

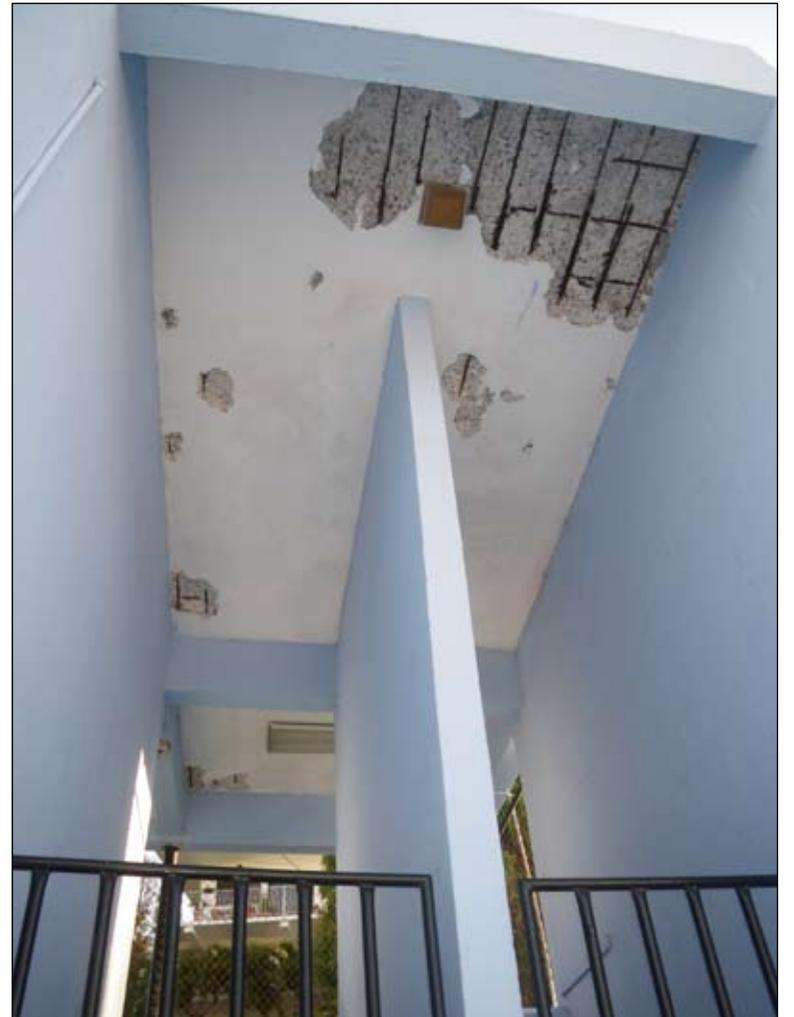
The Guy Benjamin School will host a PTO meeting on Tuesday, March 19, at 5:30 p.m. at the school.

Parents, students, faculty and members of the community are welcome to come. This will be the group's third meeting in 2013.

Surfing for Life Screening March 20

This year St. John Film Society will host a number of films at Cases by the Sea in Coral Bay, in addition to its films screened in Cruz Bay.

The society will screen "Surfing for Life," an award-winning film which profiles 10 legendary surfers and surfing history, on Wednesday, March 20, at 7:30 p.m. at Cases by the Sea. The suggested donation is \$5.



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Exposed rebar, falling rubble, holes in ceilings and cracks in walls are visible in buildings across JESS' Cruz Bay campus, above and below.

Exposed Rebar, Falling Rubble Worry JESS Parents, PTA

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which houses kindergarten and the school library.

The exposed rebar, falling rubble and serious cracks in load-supporting walls at the Cruz Bay public school campus were enough to force the JESS Parent and Teacher Association to host an emergency meeting last week.

"The Department of Education promised they would fix the building back in December, but they haven't done anything," said Johana Parris, a JESS parent. "My kids go here and I'm concerned. It's unsafe."

"Every time there is a little earthquake, I get so worried and

call the school to make sure everything is okay," said Parris.

"This is the only school on St. John that many of these kids can go to," said JESS PTA President Gyasi Liburd. "This school needs to be repaired. The structure of the school is falling apart."

"These concerns must be answered," said Liburd.

Department of Education officials claimed the work would take about four weeks, yet don't want to close the school during classes, Liburd explained.

"They said they could do the work in four weeks, but they don't want to close the school," said the JESS PTA President. "But they

could do a little bit at a time a least. Just get something done on the weekends or over Easter break."

The worst of the structural issues appear to be in the far building which houses the youngest students and the high-traffic library area, explained JESS PTA Vice President Ruthan Fahie.

"We need to get this fixed," she said. "The youngest kids at the school use that side and all of the kids go to the library. It's just not right."

"It's dangerous," said Liburd. "We have parents who are concerned and our kids deserve better. It's only gotten worse from last year and it's unacceptable."



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WMA Begins Removing Scrap Metal from Susannaberg, Wants To Hear from Public on New Location

By Jaime Elliott
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While the Susannaberg Transfer Station was never intended to remain in its current location permanently when it was opened more than 30 years ago, V.I. Waste Management Authority officials don't know where else to site the facility.

"I think it's time for the public to come to us with ideas about where this should be located," said WMA Executive Director May Adams Cornwall at a Thursday night, March 7, town meeting at Julius E. Sprauve School.

"Where should the transfer station on St. John be located," said Cornwall. "We want to hear ideas from the public. I think the national park could help out here too."

Susannaberg is too small to accommodate all the waste being processed there, explained Deborah Charles, who lives nearby.

"This facility was supposed to only be temporary when it opened 30 years ago," said Charles. "The bottom line is that we have just outgrown that site. We need to consider looking into alternative sites."

Everything WMA is doing at the Susannaberg Transfer Station can be moved in the event that another location is found for the fa-



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WMA Executive Director May Adams Cornwall, above at left, answers a question at last week's town meeting as WMA Director of Solid Waste Mario Leonard, at right, looks on.

cility, Cornwall explained.

In the meantime, WMA officials have recently begun removing scrap metal which has been stockpiling at the transfer station for years.

"We've had a delay in removing the scrap metal for two years,"

said Steve Aubin, WMA's Chief Operating Officer. "We cleaned it up two years ago but then we had issues with contracts, but now we have a contract in place. Two weeks ago V.I. Recycling mobilized and they've removed quite a bit of it already."

The compacted cars and other scrap metal at Susannaberg is transported to St. Thomas and shipped to a certified steel recycling facility in Florida. The entire collection of scrap metal at Susannaberg should be removed within the next three weeks, Aubin added.

WMA has one piece of equipment which travels to each of its three facilities in the territory. Officials plan to return to St. John to remove scrap metal at least twice a year from now on, Aubin explained.

"Our equipment moves from island to island to remove the steel," he said. "We'll do this every six months or maybe every quarter. Our goal is to keep the whole area clean."

WMA officials also plan to remove tires from Susannaberg, add a tipping floor and obtain several new collection bins. The compactor is almost completely repaired as well, Aubin added.

Department of Agriculture officials have spoken with a resident in the Estate Susannaberg area who owns about 200 pigs and almost 75 goats, some of which were finding their way into the transfer station.

"The few animals who are getting into the area are only a small fraction of the animals that are up in the area," said Raymond Thomas of the Department of Agriculture. "We are working with him to make sure that all animals are contained."

"Animals are a danger and a hazard to the public," said Cornwall. "It's a systemic issue and we

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27th Annual GHS Auction Is March 16

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Get ready for a night of action and excitement at the 27th Annual Giff Hill School Auction set for Saturday, March 16, at the Westin Resort and Villas.

This year's theme is "Up, Up and Away," which evokes the sunny outlook at GHS, explained Molly Murrill, GHS' assistant to the development director.

"It's about taking the school to new heights and appreciating where we've come from and where we're going," said Murrill.

The night kicks off with a silent auction and cocktails at 5:30 p.m. Guests will have a chance to browse work by featured artists Claudia Brookes, Janet Cook Rutnik, Jan Etre, Lisa Etre, Sandra Loeffler, Nicole Morrisette, Ron Keele, Avelino Samuel, Shira Sofer and Gail Van de Bogurt.

"We're featuring wood, pottery, jewelry, glassblowing, painting and more," said Murrill.

Silent auction items include stays at Westin Resorts in Chicago and Savannah, local boating trips, gift certificates to local restaurants and shops, landscaping services and much more, Murrill added.

Guests will also have the opportunity to buy a \$25 glass of champagne or wine for the chance to win a 14.83 carat multi-colored sapphire and gold bracelet, by R&I Patton valued at \$7,000.

Dinner and the live auction will begin at 7:45 p.m. and the professional husband and wife team of Darron and Hope Meares will be back this year.

"This is the fourth year that Darron and Hope Meares of Meares Auction Group will be here leading our auction," said Murrill. "They are always so much fun and they really get everyone excited. We're really happy that they are coming back again."

Before the live bidding begins, however, it is Golden Ticket time, Murrill explained.

"Our Golden Ticket is back again this year," she said. "Tickets are \$100 and we only sell 200 tickets. The winner gets to pick one of 25 trips up for bid and then we take that item off the live auction list."

This year the Golden Ticket winner can choose to attend two



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- Two night stay at Starwood Hotel in NYC with 2 tickets to Kinky Boots on Broadway and dining for 2 at Vice Versa.
- Two night stay at LA Hotel with red carpet access and tickets to the 2014 People's Choice Awards.
- Tour de Forks for 8 people: appetizers and champagne at La Tapa, dinner at Morgan's Mango, and drinks at Motu.
- Three nights at the Westin Diplomat in Hollywood, FL.
- Three nights at the Sheraton Vistana Resort in Orlando, FL.
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- Three nights at a Chicago Westin Resort.
- Two nights at Flamboyant Guest House on Vieques, PR with round-trip tickets from STT to SJU from Cape Air.

days at The Masters, catch a Final Four game of the NCAA Tournament or even watch the Kentucky Derby.

"You don't have to be present to win," said Murrill. "If you buy your ticket in advance, you tell us which prize you'd like so we know. If you are there, we'll call your name and you tell us which prize you want."

The popular Wall of Wine game is back again this year as well. Guests can buy a blinky light for \$50 which enters them into the "Heads or Tails" game and the last person standing takes home the 100 bottle Wall of Wine.

The night will also feature two student guest speakers, Mariah Scheer and Careem Albert, as well as a video presentation by Steve Simonsen, which is always moving and often brings the crowd to tears.

All proceeds from the auction benefit the school's scholarship fund, Murrill added.

"With over 60 percent of our student body using scholarship funds,

this is a very important event for Giff Hill School," said Murrill. "Our school is very important to the island and this is the most important fundraiser that we have each year. It's a great time and it's a great cause."

After the final items are sold, the crowd will move over to La Plancha del Mar at Mongoose Junction for an after party, which is open to the public. There is a suggested donation to enter, which will enter one into a raffle for the chance to win boat trips and more. Music at the after party will be provided by DJ LS1.

There are still some tickets available for the 27th Annual GHS Auction. Tickets are \$125 each or buy a table of 10 for \$1,000. Silent and live auction items are online for bidding and viewing at <http://www.giffhillschool.org/auction.html>. There are new packages and items are added daily.

For more information about the 27th Annual GHS Auction, or to buy tickets, call 776-1730.

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V.I. National Park Staff Welcomes New Superintendent Brion FitzGerald

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Brion FitzGerald took over the reigns of the V.I. National Park last week facing a tight budget made even more grim as the National Park Service faces sequestration cuts.

VINP, out of all Southeast Region NPS sites, has likely been waiting the longest for an operational funding increase, FitzGerald explained.

“This park has not had an Operational Fund increase since 2001 and that is amazing,” he said. “I doubt there is another park in the entire region that has waited so long for an increase. That is a huge deal.”

“Without operational fund increases you can’t fill jobs when they become vacant,” said FitzGerald. “That leads to slow and steady erosion of park staff. And sequestration is another nail in the coffin.”

Despite being “unrealistic,” increasing VINP’s operational budget in an effort to fill about 20 vacant positions in VINP is FitzGerald’s number one goal, he said.

The new VINP Superintendent’s number one priority, however, is supporting his staff.

“My biggest priority is to help staff do their jobs,” he said. “That’s my job.”

FitzGerald brings 34 years of experience with NPS to his VINP Superintendent post. As an East Carolina College student majoring in Park Management, FitzGerald followed a whim to an internship in Great Smoky Mountains National Park in 1978, where he met his future wife.

The North Carolina native was smitten with NPS work as well as his wife Mary Robinson, a former NPS employee herself.

Having worked at Joshua Tree National Park, Gulf Islands National Seashore, Saguaro National Park, Everglades National Park and Assateague Island National Seashore, FitzGerald was appointed Chief of Interpretation, Protection and Museum Services at Gettysburg National Military Park in 1995.



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VINP’s new top brass is Brion FitzGerald, above.

The move to VINP will likely be his final post, FitzGerald, on the verge of 57, explained.

“I honestly don’t know how long I will be here, but somewhere in the neighborhood of four to five years,” he said. “This is my last job.”

FitzGerald actually planned to retire in Gettysburg, having no intention of relocating before the VINP Superintendent position became available, he explained.

“I was not looking for another job; I planned to retire in Gettysburg,” said the new VINP Superintendent. “We’ve always loved the Caribbean and we came to St. Thomas for our 25th wedding anniversary in 2006. We spent a day on St. John and then came back in 2011 and spent 10 days.”

Driving back from a missionary trip in South Dakota last summer,

FitzGerald heard a Jimmy Buffet song on the radio which got him dreaming of being near the water again.

“I had a mind shift and thought, ‘I could do this,’” he said. “When I returned I found out that Mark Hardgrove had retired and it all fell into place. This was the only place I’d even consider applying for a job.”

“We want to live on St. John and spend time getting to know this special park,” said FitzGerald.

FitzGerald looks forward to working more with Habitat for Humanity and taking mission trips with his Pennsylvania church after retiring. Before then, however, he’ll face the VINP’s shrinking budget as he strives to work along with the St. John community.

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VINP Rangers Nab St. Thomas Fisherman for Illegal Fishing in CRNM

Danny Berry fined \$500 for illegal commercial fishing in Coral Reef National Monument

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

V.I. National Park officials observed a St. Thomas commercial fisherman dropping fish pots inside the boundaries of the V.I. Coral Reef National Monument last week.

Danny Berry of St. Thomas, who operates the vessel m/v *Rosaly*, was cited for commercial fishing in a no take zone and fined \$500, but he got off easy.

VINP Rangers could have fined Berry \$500 for each of the 14 fish pots he placed in Coral Reef National Monument waters on Wednesday, March 6, explained VINP Chief Ranger Lloyd Morris.

"He could have been fined \$500 for each of the pots we found," said Morris. "Instead Ranger David Horner showed mercy and decided to issue one citation for the

incident which he can pay without having to appear in federal court. We try to give the lowest penalty for initial incidents."

"We try to be as understanding and sensitive as possible," Morris said. "We try to educate and inform. If we catch him again, the penalty will be higher."

VINP Enforcement Ranger David Horner observed a boat dropping fish pots "well within" the boundary of Coral Reef National Monument — located in the Hurricane Hole area of St. John near Coral Bay — around 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 6, according to Morris.

Horner, who was watching from the Concordia area, contacted Morris for support. Morris picked Horner up at Salt Pond Bay in a VINP vessel and tracked down m/v *Rosaly* just outside of

"He initially claimed he didn't know he was in monument waters, but commercial fishermen have a responsibility to know where they're dropping their pots. Many people like to push the envelope and drop the pots right on the edge, but these were at least 300 yards inside the monument."

— VINP Chief Ranger Lloyd Morris

VINP waters, according to the chief ranger.

"When we caught up with the vessel it was just outside of park boundaries and we spoke to him and told him what was observed," said Morris. "He had the GPS coordinates of his fish pots and we showed him where the monument is located."

Berry returned to Coral Reef National Monument with the VINP rangers and picked up four

fish pots from one location.

"He told us there were only four more pots in the second location," said Morris. "But when we got to the spot, there were actually 10 more pots."

VINP officials did not confiscate the pots, Morris added.

Berry, who has been a commercial fisherman for 12 years, claimed he didn't know his pots were placed within the boundaries of the Coral Reef National Monu-

ment, Morris explained.

"He initially claimed he didn't know he was in monument waters, but commercial fishermen have a responsibility to know where they're dropping their pots," said Morris. "Many people like to push the envelope and drop the pots right on the edge, but these were at least 300 yards inside the monument."

There is no fishing of any kind allowed in Coral Reef National Monument waters. In VINP waters, only line fishing is allowed, and not in any swim areas. There is no spear fishing allowed anywhere in VINP or Coral Reef National Monument waters.

Anyone who sees illegal fishing in Coral Reef National Monument should call VINP Enforcement Rangers at 776-6201 ext. 246, 244 or 254.

Almost-Annual Flotilla Is March 23

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Newfound Bay Clean and Raft Up Party Planned for March 30

Everyone is invited to come out to Newfound Bay and help clean up the shoreline while enjoying a raft up party with live music on Saturday, March 30.

Bring a dish to share and something to drink. Kiote and other boats will be sailing out of Coral Bay at 10 a.m. on March 30. Anyone who can't spend the night will be shuttled back to the Coral Bay dock by Fly Away Charters.

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Guests at the St. John Montessori School fundraiser Flame and Fusion watch parent Gina Wellner perform an impressive fire dance.

St. John Montessori School Raises \$15,000 at Flame and Fusion Event

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

A stunning sunset set the stage for the St. John Montessori School's first annual Flame and Fusion Dinner Auction fundraiser on Saturday night, March 2, at Concordia Eco Resort.

Guests sipped glasses of champagne while perusing the many different packages up for bid which included a week-long stay at a Cruz Bay condo, full day boat excursions, hand crafted jewelry and more.

Artwork up for bid at the auction included photography by Sandra Loeffler and Erik Zucker as well as paintings by Les Anderson and Ben Shepherd. Other bid packages included gift certificates to local restaurants, shops, photo shoots with local photographers and signed copies of books by local authors.

After enjoying a delicious dinner, guests were treated to a live fire dancing performance by Gina Wellner as well as a glow in the dark nunchucks demonstration by

Adam Eichenauer.

The evening featured music by David Laab, Bo Magnie and Luba Dolgopolsky, followed by the Greg Kinslow Band, who had the crowd up on the dance floor.

Spearheaded by Katie Tarta, owner of K.T. Creates event planning and a mother of a student at St. John Montessori, the night raised about \$15,000 for the school.

"I thought the event was a terrific success," said Tarta. "I was really happy that so many people came out. We had a bit of a rocky start with changing dates and so much going on, but I was really happy with the outcome."

"I am tickled pink that we got so many people to come out to Concordia and we'll definitely host the event again," she said.

Tarta worked with Jen Service who headed up the event's auction team as well as Brian Buchalter who oversaw technical aspects of the night.

St. John Montessori School, located at the John's Folly Learning Institute in Estate John's Folly,

was founded by director Debra Poulucci in 2008 with seven students. Today the school boasts a full student body of 26 students from age two-and-a-half to 11 years.

Funds from the Flame and Fusion event will go to the school's scholarship fund as well as improving the school's infrastructure, Tarta explained.

"The money will support our scholarship fund and eventually help us to build a little on our property," she said.

St. John Montessori School, however, is still looking for a new home, she added.

"We are still looking into moving somewhere closer to Cruz Bay," Tarta said. "The funds will be used to help us expand to a new building or to expand at our site."

While she did not attend a Montessori School herself, Tarta loves the school's philosophy, she explained.

"I love the structured creativity," said Tarta. "Kids need structure but they are such creative be-

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Jonte Samuel Performing at Frank Powell Park March 22

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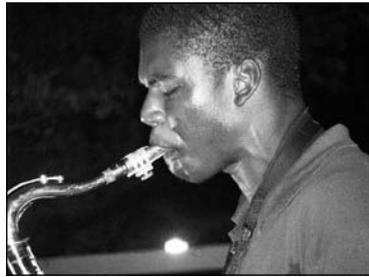
Former St. John School of the Arts student and current Berklee College of Music sophomore Jonte Samuel is hosting a benefit concert for the arts school on Friday, March 22, at Frank Powell Park from 4 to 6 p.m.

The concert is free and SJSA officials will gladly accept donations of any kind, which will go to the Ruth "Sis" Frank Scholarship Fund.

Samuel is an accomplished musician whose years at SJSA had a big influence on his life, he explained.

"SJSA has helped tremendously in my upbringing as a musician by providing countless opportunities to display my music to the local community," said Samuel. "Moreover, their invaluable music education through local music legend, Joe Ramsay, has transformed my musicianship."

Samuel will be joined by SJSA music director Eddie Bruce and other local musicians and SJSA



Jonte Samuel

students. The concert is not a part of SJSA's concert series, but rather a chance for Samuel to share his passion with the community.

"My hope for this concert is that it is received as a community concert presenting songs of the Virgin Islands and the Caribbean community; sharing music and culture with the people of the Virgin Islands," Samuel said.

Don't miss this talented musician's concert at Frank Powell Park on Friday, March 22, from 4 to 6 p.m. The evening will feature a fusion of Quelbe, Calypso and Jazz.

Art Sale at Pickle's in Paradise Mar. 15

Don't miss the chance to check out some local art at Pickles in Paradise in Coral Bay on Friday, March 15, from 2 to 6 p.m.

Stop by and meet local artists and enjoy some live music. Food and beverages are available for purchase.

Annual Ain't No Blues Fest Blues Fest at Shipwreck Landing March 16

Get ready for the second annual Ain't No Blues Fest Blues Fest at Shipwreck Landing on Saturday, March 16, from 3 to 7 p.m.

The afternoon will feature local musicians including Chris Carse, Whistler Doug and more, with Locals on the 8 headlining and Mitch Woods as special guest. Limited edition T-shirts will be available from Tall Ship Trading.

There is no entrance fee. Just come out and boogie down!

Rick Hathaway Art Show Planned at Now and Zen for March 22

Check out the latest work by St. John artist Rick Hathaway at Now and Zen in Cruz Bay on Friday, March 22, at 6 p.m.

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Teachers aboard the classic schooner *Roseway*, above, run by the World Ocean School, took JESS, GHS, GBS and KATS students out for a sail last week.

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JESS Students Sail on Historic Schooner

St. John Tradewinds
 Local Julius E. Sprauve School students enjoyed sailing aboard a classic schooner last week.

The 137-foot schooner *Roseway* is a registered U.S. National Historic Landmark which was built in 1925 in Massachusetts. After a long and storied history, she was most recently restored in 2004 by World Ocean School.

The vessel and World Ocean School are based in Massachusetts, but spend winters in the Caribbean. Last week, *Roseway* hosted 19 JESS eighth grade students on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 5, and 6. Students learned all about

the workings of a schooner and the history of the vessel, explained Captain Dan Boyd of *Sea Biscuit*, who helped ferry the students to the schooner.

"I must say that the students from Sprauve School were great kids," said Boyd. "They were very polite and friendly. Even the rain on Tuesday did not dampen these kids' spirits."

"Ms Powell should be very proud to have such nice students," Boyd said.

The *Roseway* crew did a great job of explaining the operations of the vessel to the students, Boyd added.

"The crew of the *Roseway* was very helpful and showed the kids a real hands-on experience and educational understanding of a working schooner," he said.

After cruising with the JESS students, the *Roseway* crew sailed the schooner around to Coral Bay, where Guy Benjamin School and Giff Hill School students were treated to a sail on March 7.

Students in the Kids and the Sea, St. John program sailed aboard the vessel on Saturday morning, March 9. KATS St. John also hosted sunset sail fundraisers aboard the schooner on Friday and Saturday evenings last week.



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The St. Thomas/St. John Ladies' Golf Association will host Ladies' Beginner Golf Clinics each Thursday and Friday from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Mahogany Run Golf Course. These clinics will be free of charge.

Techniques being covered will be Grip and Chipping on March 14 and 15; Swing and Irons on March 21 and 22; Swing and Woods on March 28 and an on-course scramble on March 29.

All ladies are welcome. Please contact lorraine@ststjlgga.com or call 690-7020 for more information. Please stay tuned for more information on the LGA A Mentoring Program is coming in April.

Rev. Danielle Green Is Guest Speaker at UU Fellowship Meeting on Mar. 17

The Unitarian Universalists of St. John meet every Sunday at 10 a.m. in the great room at Giffit Hill School's Lower Campus.

The guest speaker for Sunday, March 17, is Rev. Danielle Green who will speak on "The Timeless Soul, Part 2."

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

STSA Hosting Business After Hours

The St. Thomas Swimming Association, a member of the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce, will be hosting "Business After Hours" on Thursday, March 14, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the STSA pool in Estate Nazareth.

This event will give those who may have forgotten about the pool an opportunity to be reintroduced to programs.



ISLAND GREEN LIVING

by Lovango Cay resident Dan Boyd

Sustainable Tourism

St. John Tradewinds

Last week I was vacationing in Costa Rica with an old Air Force friend. I was amazed at how much more advanced that country is when it comes to embracing sustainable tourism. They recycle their trash, there is hardly any trash on the roadsides and, best of all, everyone believes in helping their environment. They have changed the way they live into sustainable living.

If a small country like Costa Rica can embrace sustainable tourism, why can't we in the Virgin Islands do the same? It only takes a common sense attitude to make it work.

The concept of sustainability is simple.

The development of sustainable tourism must be seen as the balanced interaction between the use of our natural and cultural resources, the improvement of the quality of life among the local communi-

ties, and the economic success of the industry, which also contributes to national development.

Sustainable tourism is not only a response to demand, but also an imperative condition to successfully compete now and in the future. (Definition of Sustainable Tourism, CST, 1997)

Sustainability, as a model of development, seeks to meet the current demands of society without compromising the rights of future generations to meet theirs.

That is to say, the development of the country cannot be based on the unbalanced exploitation of resources (natural, cultural, social, etc.) to meet the demands of society (food, housing, health, employment) because these are the only resources we have, and that future generations have, to meet our and their own needs.

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JESS and GBS Getting New Computers Thanks To “Or More” Party

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Ronnie Lee felt so passionately about raising money to purchase computers for local schools, that he opened his own home to host a fundraiser.

Lee hosted an “Or More” party on inauguration night, Monday, January 21, at his “Off Broadway” home in Estate Rendezvous. He asked guests to donate \$50 each, “or more” to help purchase computers for Julius E. Sprauve School and Guy Benjamin School.

After securing \$5,000 in matching funds from the Coral Bay Yacht Club and another \$15,000 in matching funds from the JESS Parent and Teacher Organization, Lee announced last week that he had met his \$40,000 fundraising goal.

“The funds are being divided based on the school population, which is three to one,” said Lee. “So 75 percent of the funds are going to JESS and 25 percent to GBS. The school principals of each school will make the best use of the funds to buy computers. They are in the process now of determining what they are buying.”

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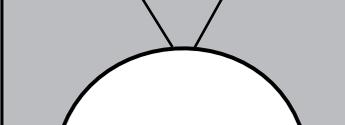
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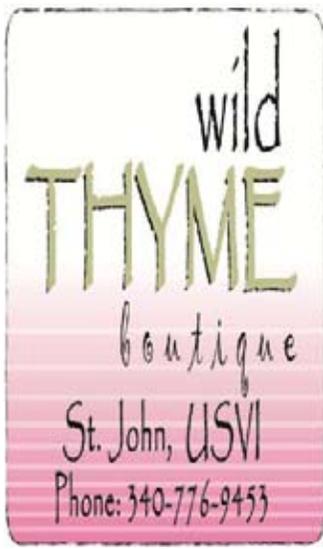


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Watch Sun Rise Over Ram's Head from Maria Breeze

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Pour yourself a cold one, grab a lounge chair next to the pool and enjoy the cooling trade winds as you gaze out on the sailboats bobbing at anchor from the deck of Maria Breeze.

Nestled on Maria Bluff in the desirable neighborhood of Great Cruz Bay, Maria Breeze is a five bedroom, five bath villa for sale for \$1.595 million, explained Holiday Homes sales associate Abigail Schnell O'Connell.

The villa boasts stunning 230-degree views and plenty of privacy in this well-established home, explained O'Connell.

"Maria Breeze is one of the original estate homes in Great Cruz Bay perched along the ridge with one of the best views in the neighborhood," she said. "This property is owned and has been lovingly maintained by the original family who built the home in the mid-1970s."

"Maria Breeze has been a vacation spot for the growing family over the years and otherwise it is a popular short-term rental villa with Sea View Vacations Homes," said O'Connell.

Lounging out on the pool deck at Maria Breeze, you can literally watch the sun traverse the tropical sky, O'Connell added.

"Some of the best features of Maria Breeze are the

gorgeous views and generous breezes," said the Holiday Homes sales associate. "From the veranda of Maria Breeze you can watch the sunrise over Rams Head and the sunset over St. Thomas all while enjoying a birds-eye view of the boats in Great Cruz Bay."

"The wrap around decks offers plenty of room for a family to spread out and enjoy the breezes," said O'Connell.

Each of the five bedrooms at Maria Breeze include en suite baths and plenty of space to relax and feel right at home. The living areas are located in the main pod which consists of a great room and open kitchen as well as a dining area. Or enjoy meals al fresco on the shaded verandah.

With wrap-around decks and a separate pool deck area, Maria Breeze offers plenty of space to soak up the view. Relax in the shade of the covered decks or work on that tan while keeping cool in the refreshing pool.

"The core of the villa is a main pod with a great room and kitchen with generous wrap-around decks providing a great spot to bring everyone together," said O'Connell.

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2nd Degree Burglaries: 3	2nd Degree Burglaries: 0
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Letters To St. John Tradewinds

Crime Stoppers USVI Thanks Supporters, Needs More Members and Volunteers

A sincere Thank You to all on St. John who have made Crime Stoppers USVI successful since our launch in 2009 including the VI Media, law enforcement and of course our CS volunteers.

Those who have become CS Members keep this important non-Profit functioning in supplying the tip monies for anonymous calls on those committing crimes.

You have played a crucial role in helping to create safer community on our island of St. John and of course, in the entire VI territory!

Crime Stoppers has succeeded beyond all expectations and the numbers clearly state these facts. CS has:

- produced 175 arrests
- recovered 90 illegal weapons
- recovered \$132,227 of stolen property
- confiscated \$166,650 of illegal drugs for which we have approved \$127,898 of rewards
- paid out \$54,895 in tip monies, anonymously and
- brought in anonymous tips at an average of 10 per week.

All of this has been accomplished in a community where there was once great fear of retaliation for involvement!

“If you know something, say something” reminds every one of us regularly that without our involvement and participation in identifying crime activity, our public safety is greatly threatened.

In addition to our Weekly Media Release, we have many dozens of presentations to the community. CS has kept operating expenses to a minimum.

Now, it is time to increase of CS membership and CS volunteer base.

We need your involvement!

At present we have over 300 members. In the next Year, we need to increase that number to 1,200 to ensure CS continues in making our VI communities safer.

We ask that you please join our membership drive. It is our sincere hope that every St. John villa owner or manager; every business owner; and every St. John citizen or frequent visitor sees and understands the great need to keep up the great work of CS in our territory!

Our online website at www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org can further tell you more facts on why we need and should get your support. We would be happy to answer any other questions you might have about CS.

A Sincere Thanks for your time and support and we hope that “little St. John” can continue to shine in its understanding in working with CS against crime.

**Kind Regards,
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What's the Past?

Our society operates on the principle that we have the right to choose laws that benefit the greater good. In an age where some have lost faith in our election system, public leaders and our way of life, some folks continue to express their rights by going to the ballot polls, in hopes of making a difference with their votes.

That was the case in California where proposition eight was passed. The people of that state exercised their civic duty and voted their consciences. Because of this so called “evolution” of this new world order, the Obama Administration is urging the Supreme Court to strike it down.

This political move strikes at the very heart of our democratic system. Blood, sweat and tears were shed when England denied our right for representation. Now this government is saying that we can't decide

for ourselves a course of action. Maybe we're not as “evolved” as they seemed to be.

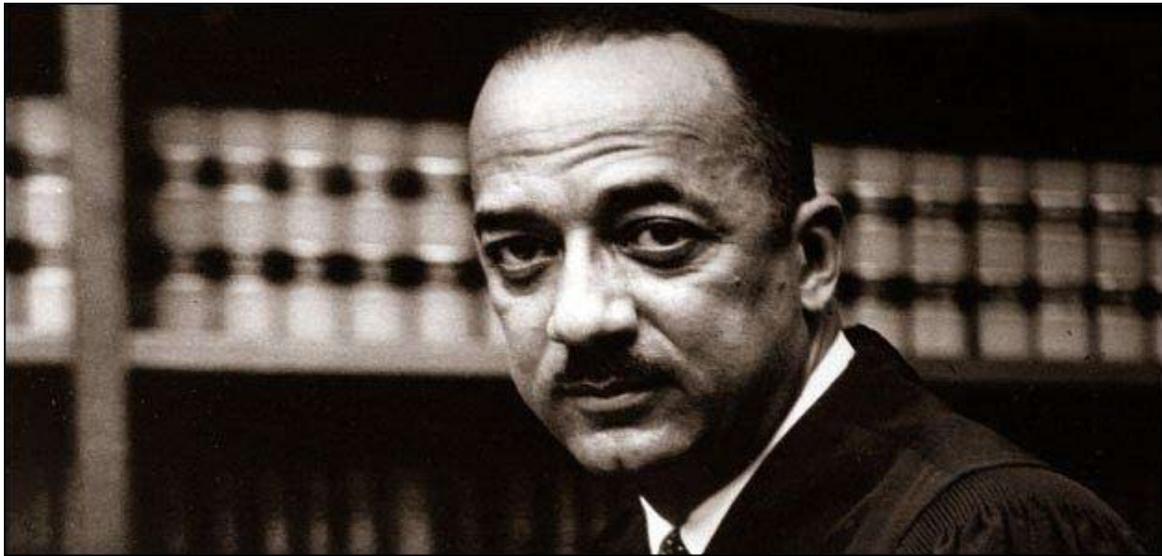
But there's nothing wrong with good a old-fashioned rule that everyone has a right to vote according to their consciences. The folks that support same sex marriage did a poor job of selling it to the California people. And because they lost, the next step is to have the courts decide.

The court system is just one component of our legal entity. It was not designed to subvert the will of the people. Let's pray that the Supreme Court upholds the people's wishes, not just on principle, but on the very promise that we the people know how to govern ourselves.

**Right to vote,
Emmanuel Prince**

Correction

The article “St. John Cancer Fund Beach Party” included the incorrect email address for the group. The email address for St. John Cancer Fund is stjohncancerfund@gmail.com. *St. John Tradewinds* apologizes for the error.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

William Henry Hastie



Historical Bits & Pieces

by Chuck Pishko

William Henry Hastie — First Black Governor of the Virgin Islands

St. John Tradewinds

William Hastie was born in Knoxville, Tennessee, an only child.

His father had gone to Ohio Wesleyan Academy and Howard University, and became a pharmacist, but he found the prejudice too strong and went into the United States Pension Bureau. His mother was a teacher.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Letters To *St. John Tradewinds*

St. John Montessori Thanks Fish Fry Supporters

It was our best Kid's Fest, yet! Our thank you's below do not begin to describe the power of team work.

It was our best attended Kid's Fest, and most organized thanks to our hard working, motivated families. This was our first Kid's Fest without a raffle other than a 50/50. The raffle usually doubles our net profit, however we did brake records in food sales.

I especially want to thank our "sponsor" Marc Kaye of Aqua Bistro, a former parent, for all the fish and fries, as well as MJ Foody, his chef who ordered and set up the fish fry. A big thank you to Tyrone for the use of his most valuable fry-o-lator, for without this, there would be no "fry."

Organic greens were donated by Josephine's Greens of Coral Bay Gardens, wine from Premiere

Wine & Spirits, beers from St. John Brewers — ginger, root and beer, beer. These all made such a wonderful difference. Also to Kati Lady for her generous supply of tables and chairs. So great to get them from just one place! We must thank Dana of Carolina Corral and her hard working donkeys which is a big draw each year.

Thank you to our community volunteers — the fourth year in a row — Joyce and Ed Hrebek, Pat and Bill Fisk, Ann McCrave, Sue Littlefield, Lindsey Chabot and June Mays. All our volunteers were so happy to work for free, some collectively donated \$336 worth of cash from their own pockets! And lastly, to all the crabs and their man, Ted "de Crab mon" Scheer.

Debra Polucci, St. John Montessori School

Your Community Needs Your Help: Part I

In order to survive, thrive and reproduce, human beings must live together in communities and these communities must provide for the basic needs of its individual members. Lincoln said our country is led by a "Government of the people, by the people and for the people."

For over 300 years we have been teaching freedom by example and we have been the envy of the world. Now our government is not meeting the needs of its citizens and it needs your help to evaluate and revise its priorities.

A successful sustaining community, whether it is a tribe or a country of a billion people, must provide the following services to its citizens: protection from outside enemies; protection from harm or limitation of individual rights by each other; protection from the effects of large-scale natural and man-made disasters; the willingness to provide every individual the tools necessary, especially education, to survive and thrive and grow; a means to care for the health of the members of the community; and a system to enable the elderly to survive and thrive past the time that they are productive in an economic manner so their wisdom can be shared.

Is the United States community succeeding in providing these services to its citizens?

The United States is very successfully protecting its citizens from outside enemies, with the exception terrorism. Individual, random acts of terrorism may be impossible to defend against but not so organized terrorism.

Three things are necessary to control organized terrorism. The first is to remove their support by helping the majority of the members of the community that the terrorists belong enjoy the same human rights that we that do. This will minimize the terrorist support from their community. The second is to de-politicalize our national security system so that it is free to concentrate on national security. The third is to eliminate the manufacture of arms and weapons to be used against

people as a major sector of our market economy. If we do this we will stop being a threat to people in other communities and ourselves.

Our military budget is approximately \$570 Billion per year including debt service, this makes up almost 49 percent of the federal budget. This is almost as much as the total military spending for the rest of the world. Is this necessary?

The United States provides reasonably good protection to individuals from harm by individuals in other sub-groups, but it completely fails to provide protection from harm by individuals within sub-groups from crimes in the marketplace. The large percent of blacks in prison (10 percent of black men in the US are in prison) and the small number of white-collar crimes that are even brought to trial makes our criminal justice system appear very race and class biased.

The United States provides protection from the devastating effects of natural and man made disasters quite well. At the same time we are treating the environment so badly that we are creating serious problems for future generations to solve if our species is to continue to survive.

We Americans add 20 tons of CO2 per person into the atmosphere each year. Almost three times as much as the eight tons per person that Europeans add. Historically as nations become wealthier they begin to use their affluence to take measures to protect their environment. In the last few years the leaders of the government of the United States have reversed that trend and has removed environmental protection regulations instead of taking climate change seriously.

The United States does a very poor job of giving all members of the group the necessary tools such as education, career and social training to survive, to thrive and participate in the pursuit of happiness.

Greg Miller

See next week's *St. John Tradewinds* for "Your Community Needs Your Help, Part 2."

Global Warming, Droughts and Wildfires



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Dear EarthTalk:

How are droughts and wildfires caused by global warming? I thought warming mostly brought on wet and flooded conditions.

**David Mossman
Albuquerque, NM**

By throwing the planet's climate regulation systems out of whack, global warming is likely to cause more extreme weather events of every kind, including additional precipitation and flooding in some cases and more drying and drought in others — sometimes within the same region.

According to the Union of Concerned Scientists, a leading non-profit, increased temperatures on the Earth's surface due to global warming accelerates evapotranspiration, an otherwise natural process that takes moisture from land, plants and water bodies and moves it skyward into the atmosphere.

"In drier regions, evapotrans-

piration may produce periods of drought — defined as below-normal levels of rivers, lakes and groundwater, and lack of enough soil moisture in agricultural areas," reported UCS. "Precipitation has declined in the tropics and subtropics since 1970. Southern Africa, the Sahel region of Africa, southern Asia, the Mediterranean, and the U.S. Southwest, for example, are getting drier."

Even areas that are typically wet, says the group, can experience long, dry spells between extreme rainy periods.

This drying trend is expected to continue through mid-century as the amount of land affected by drought grows significantly. Water resources in affected areas are predicted to decline by as much as 30 percent.

"These changes occur partly because of an expanding atmospheric circulation pattern known as the Hadley Cell — in which warm air in the tropics rises, loses moisture

to tropical thunderstorms, and descends in the subtropics as dry air," reported UCS. "As jet streams continue to shift to higher latitudes, and storm patterns shift along with them, semi-arid and desert areas are expected to expand."

The National Wildlife Federation adds

The sea level rise expected to accompany global warming — as the polar ice caps melt — could further complicate matters for water-constrained areas by contaminating critical inland underground freshwater reserves with salt, so-called "saltwater intrusion," reported NWF.

Another effect of unmitigated global warming will be a increased frequency of large wildfires and an expansion of burned over areas in already fire-prone regions like much of the Western U.S.

NWF reported that researchers there are already noticing longer fire seasons, drier conditions persisting later into the year, and an

By throwing the planet's climate out of whack, global warming is likely to cause more extreme weather events — and not just rain, snow and flooding but more droughts and wildfires, too, sometimes within the same regions that at other times experience extreme wet weather.

increased frequency of lightning as thunderstorms are becoming more frequent and severe.

Forest fires are expected to burn over twice as much of today's affected areas across 11 western states by later this century if conservative predictions about warming come true, according to NWF.

So, what can be done?

NWF stresses that every person can play a role by cutting back on fossil fuel use (less driving and flying, less home heating and cooling,

more efficient appliances, etc.).

Another way to help is to take into account water use and making a concerted effort to cut back and conserve this most vital of all natural resources. NWF also wants land managers and policymakers to consider global warming when choosing water management strategies to meet multiple demands and to work to protect natural forest and wetland systems that absorb flood waters and provide efficient water storage.

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WMA: Susannaberg Transfer Station

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all have to deal with it." WMA will be rolling out new fees as the authority strives to cover costs for disposing of vehicles, E-devices, tires and other large items on the front end, explained Cornwall.

"We are proposing to have advanced disposal fees," she said. "Every car, every E-device and every tire that comes into the territory

can't be burned or buried here. We have to ship all of that off island, and that needs to be paid for."

"We want to charge that fee on the front end so it will be an advanced disposal fee and will be built into the cost of the car, for example," said Cornwall. "This is our first move to generate funds to sustain the program."

As WMA continues to work to improve conditions at the Susan-

naberg Transfer Station, the staff at the facility has been doing a commendable job, explained Aubin.

"Avery Christian and the whole staff up there, considering the budget and the amount of people they have working, they are doing a great job," said Aubin. "We've been making big changes in the past six to eight months and we couldn't do that without their hard work."

VINP Staff Welcomes New Supt. Brion FitzGerald

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munity to come to common terms on park issues," said the new VINP Superintendent. "We will work to see how we can cooperate for the shared benefit of our resources for visitors and the community at large."

He'll have to do that with a five percent reduction in NPS funding, although he expects to avoid any furloughed employees as do most NPS sites. The biggest impact on VINP from sequestration will be the vacant positions which cannot be filled and impacts from a lack of staff, like shutting the Visitors' Center one or two days per week, FitzGerald explained.

"We're looking at long-term deterioration," he said. "You won't see the wear and tear on our employees who are doing the jobs of two or three people, but it will be there."

Getting back to his top priority of supporting the VINP staff, FitzGerald will place employee

safety above all other concerns, he explained.

"We will do the best job we can with the resources that we have," said the new VINP Superintendent. "The NPS is in the habit of asking employees to do more with less. We are at the point now to decide what are the critical things we have to do."

"It's possible we might have to close the Visitors Center one or two days a week and reduce some programs," he said. "What I am not going to do is work my employees to death to keep up with projects they can't safely complete."

"If there is a situation and you need two rangers to patrol but you only have one, then you don't patrol," said FitzGerald. "If you can't safely do something, it won't be done. We won't let people get hurt."

Having lived on remote islands before, FitzGerald is fully aware of the dangers of hurricanes and the unique situations faced when the mainland is miles away.

"I respect storms," he said. "One goal here is to get everything done at VINP so our employees can go home and take care of their families."

FitzGerald is also a Commander in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserves, for which he has served 22 years as an enlisted member and officer including a one year tour in the Persian Gulf.

His wife Mary is due to arrive on St. John shortly, as he settles into island life with his 18-year-old daughter Katie. FitzGerald also has two sons, one living in Florida and the other in Pennsylvania.

The new VINP Superintendent has already spent time meeting with staff members and department heads and is impressed with the crew.

"I'm very impressed with the park staff here and their ability to get everything done," said FitzGerald. "There are a lot of people in this park working their butts off and they deserve more recognition."



ISLAND GREEN LIVING

by Lovango Cay resident Dan Boyd

Sustainable Tourism

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DOH Confirms December 2012 Dengue Outbreak

St. John Tradewinds

Department of Health Commissioner Darice Plaskett on Thursday, March 7, said that a December 2012 investigation into dengue cases in the Virgin Islands confirmed that the territory experienced an outbreak during the peak transmission period associated with increased rains.

The investigation showed that the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito, which transmits the dengue virus, was found in all but one of 10 schools in St. Croix, according to Plaskett.

"This investigation suggested that schools were part of a larger island-wide dengue outbreak that might not have been identified without school reporting because only a low proportion of suspected cases were reported to the DOH," CDC epidemiologist Dr. George Han concluded in the study.

DOH officials requested assistance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Dengue Branch in Puerto Rico, after a school nurse and others reported a potential increase in cases among staff and students as well as around the community, Plaskett explained.

Prior to the investigation, DOH Environmental staff conducted surveillance at public, private and parochial schools on St. Croix and in some instances found windows without screen protection or areas with stagnant water where immature stages of mosquitoes (eggs, larvae, pupae) could be produced and put students at risk.

Six schools were randomly selected in addition to the school where the nurse reported the initial cases. Results of the study showed that of 320 participants, 40 of 202 students, or 20 percent, and 20 of 118 staff, or 17 percent, were determined to have had dengue in the three months prior to the investigation which was launched in December.

Four students tested positive for two of four dengue virus types (DENV-1 and DENV-4), indicating current infection, according to Han.

The other dengue virus types are DENV-2 and DENV-3.

Dr Han's full study can be read at http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6209a5.htm?s_cid=mm6209a5_w.

Dr. Han, who led a team of epidemiologists during the investigation, said that they also looked at data retrospectively that dealt with suspected dengue cases at Juan F. Luis Hospital.

He noted that 194 patients were tested for suspected dengue in 2012 and of that total, 31 percent was confirmed as positive.

While dengue is endemic to this region and DOH had observed an increase in dengue reporting, reliable baseline case counts were unavailable for comparison, according to Han.

"USVI residents should undertake practices to reduce mosquito production around dwellings and schools and visitors should take personal protective measures to avoid mosquito bites," Han said.

DOH has already taken measures to improve dengue surveillance, reporting, and prevention such as:

- improving the physician reporting form to make it more user-friendly;
- using mosquito larvicides to treat containers with water that cannot be eliminated in place of fogging;
- routinely inspecting areas like schools that are prone to have containers that accumulate water and produce mosquitoes; and
- sponsoring training for healthcare providers to improve the care of patients with dengue.

Police Log

EMERGENCY CELLULAR: 340-776-9110

Friday, March 1

9:20 a.m. - A St. Thomas resident p/requesting police assistance to remove someone from her residence. Police assistance.

10:06 a.m. - An Estate Pastory resident c/requesting police assistance to retrieve money from her employer and return keys to same. Police assistance.

6:46 p.m. - A citizen c/r hearing shots fired in the area of Giff Hill. Shots fired.

9:39 p.m. - A citizen c/requesting medical assistance in the area of Frank Powell Park. Police assistance.

Saturday, March 2

3:44 a.m. - A citizen c/r a disturbance of the peace at Estate Enighed. Aggravated assault and battery, D.V.

6:29 a.m. - Badge #1043 p/ at Leander Jurgen Command with both Carbello Jimenez and Mayben Pegucco de los Santos of Estate Enighed under arrest and charged with assault in the first and D.V. Jimenez is also charged with aggravated assault and battery, D.V. No bail was set by order of the court. They were detained at Leander Jurgen Command and later transported to the Bureau of Corrections on St. Thomas to be remanded.

6:00 p.m. - An Estate Contant resident r/ that she was threatened by her aunt's boyfriend. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

6:21 p.m. - A visitor from Tennessee p/r that his rental vehicle was broken into and \$350 was stolen. Grand larceny.

7:32 p.m. - A citizen c/r a neighbor's alarm sounding in the area of Estate Concordia. Activated alarm.

Sunday, March 3

8:14 p.m. - A visitor from New Jersey p/r that Varlack Ventures refused him on the ferry and the security guard slammed the gate on his head. Police assistance.

Monday, March 4

8:05 a.m. - A visitor from Missouri p/r that he lost his driver's license. Lost driver's license.

8:16 a.m. - A citizen c/r a domestic situation with her boyfriend. Aggravated assault and battery, D.V.

Tuesday, March 5

9:25 a.m. - A visitor from Alabama c/r an accidental injury in Estate Bethany. Accidental injury.

1:00 p.m. - A visitor from Italy p/r that he lost his passport. Lost passport.

Wednesday, March 6

4:53 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident c/r that her boyfriend is creating a disturbance. Disturbance of the peace.

1:45 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r that a female accused her of kicking her during a fight at the Sports Bar. Disturbance of the peace.

4:14 p.m. - A citizen c/r an auto accident in the area of Boulon Center. Auto collision.

4:20 p.m. - A St. Thomas resident p/r that he lost his wallet in the area of Cruz Bay. Lost wallet.

6:06 p.m. - A Calabash Boom resident c/r that a minor broke into her residence and assaulted her. Burglary in the third.

8:21 p.m. - Badge #1090 p/ at Leander Jurgen Command with one minor of Estate Hard Labor under arrest and charged with burglary in the first. He was released into the custody of his parents.

Friday, March 8

5:39 a.m. - A citizen c/r a fire in the area of Island Blues. Vehicle fire.

Crime Stoppers — United States Virgin Islands

St. John Tradewinds

Crime Stoppers needs your help to solve the following crimes. If you know something, say something, as law enforcement cannot control crime without help.

St. John

On Saturday, March 2, about 4 p.m., a man parked his vehicle in the area of Annaberg. When he returned an hour later, he discovered someone had removed the hard top cover from the passenger side of his silver Jeep Wrangler and stolen \$350 from his wallet.

St. Thomas

On Friday, February 8, about 10:45 p.m., an employee of Texas Pit BBQ was driving his car near the rear parking area of the business's storage facility when two armed, masked individuals,

wearing all black, pointed what appeared to be an AK-47 in his face and said, "Get out of the car, turn around, and walk." He complied. The carjackers then drove away with Texas Pit's bank deposit in an eastern direction, firing a single shot as they left.

Tell us what you know about these, or any other crimes, at www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org or by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). You can also text "USVI" plus your message to CRIMES (274637).

If your tip leads to an arrest or the recovery of stolen property, illegal drugs, or weapons, you will receive a cash reward to be paid according to your instructions. The minimum cash reward for the arrest of an armed robber is \$900 plus 10 percent of the retail value of property recovered. The maximum reward is \$2,500.

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, March 12

— The fourth Coral Bay Marine Uses Planning Meeting will be Tuesday, March 12, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Guy Benjamin School in Room 6.

— A glimpse of the Virgin Islands in 1937-38 will be offered at the St. John Historical Society's meeting on Tuesday, March 12, at 7 p.m. at the Bethany Moravian Church Hall.

Saturday, March 16

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

— The St. John Historical Society's monthly activity will be led by member Bruce Schoonover, who will take those interested on a ramble amongst the ruins of the Annaberg sugar factory on Saturday, March 16, at 9 a.m.

Tuesday, March 19

— The Guy Benjamin School will host a PTO meeting on Tuesday, March 19, at 5:30 p.m. at the school.

Wednesday, March 20

— The St. John Film Society will screen "Surfing for Life," an award-winning film which profiles 10 legendary surfers and surfing history, on

Wednesday, March 20, at 7:30 p.m. at Cases by the Sea. The suggested donation is \$5.

Saturday, March 23

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

— The 16th Annual Julius E. Sprauve School Benefit Gala will be Saturday, March 23, at Caneel Terrace, Caneel Bay.

Thursday, March 28

— Green Thursday: Renewable energy sources (sun, wind, wave). Panel Discussion and hands on demonstrations for ways to lower your WAPA bill. This island sustainable series will be at GHS's Upper Campus Atrium, beginning at 6 p.m.

Saturday, March 30

— Everyone is invited to come out to Newfound Bay and help clean up the shoreline while enjoying a raft up party with live music on Saturday, March 30.

Saturday, May 18

— The Animal Care Center's spring fundraiser Wagapalooza will be Saturday, May 18, at the V.I. National Park ball field in Cruz Bay. Sally Furlong and Vicky Becker are co-chairs for the event.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

All meetings are now open. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 6 p.m. Nazareth Lutheran Church, Cruz Bay; Thursday 7 a.m. Nazareth Lutheran Church, Cruz Bay; Sunday 9:45 a.m., Hawksnest Bay Beach; Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 6 p.m. at Moravian Church, Coral Bay

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

AL-ANON MEETINGS

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

Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

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MARCH OF IDES

ACROSS

- 1 Keanu of "The Matrix"
- 7 "— in Calico" (1946 hit)
- 11 World Cup lover, say
- 20 Is covetous of
- 21 Mature nits
- 22 Greek love goddess
- 23 It's not too light or too heavy
- 25 Practices to compete in
- 26 Put on, as clothes
- 27 Friend
- 28 With 50-Down, "No need to shout!"
- 30 A couple of
- 31 Big, diverse collection
- 36 Gets laryngitic
- 40 Quarterback Manning
- 41 Stars' cars
- 43 Parcel (out)
- 44 Lily-family member with long, narrow leaves
- 48 Dictatorship
- 51 Greeting statement in Mac ads
- 53 Stag's mate
- 54 Road surface stuff
- 56 — -Detoo
- 57 Indexing aid
- 58 Scoop
- 63 Indira Gandhi's maiden name
- 64 Low-altitude clouds
- 66 Roman love god
- 67 Dog pests
- 69 PDQ
- 70 Hit into
- 74 Verdi heroine
- 78 West Point freshman
- 80 Wash up

- 81 Agrees to participate
- 83 Hyundai sedan
- 86 Dwelling
- 90 Fish-catching tool
- 91 Giant of myth
- 92 Theta lead-in
- 93 African antelope
- 94 Horn noises
- 96 "To Kill a Mockingbird" father Finch
- 98 Requiring no proof
- 103 Exploitative type
- 104 Extend apart
- 105 In advance of
- 106 Dry red wine
- 109 1980s David Hasselhoff series
- 115 Bruins legend Bobby
- 116 Made angry
- 118 China's Chou En- —
- 119 Tote around
- 121 The Pelican State
- 125 Tourist office publication
- 130 They're very unegotistical
- 131 Suffix with million
- 132 Start
- 133 Most drowsy
- 134 Marvel superheroes
- 135 Has the wheel

DOWN

- 1 Senator Harry
- 2 Provide funds for
- 3 "— knew that!"
- 4 By means of
- 5 Shocking fish
- 6 Detroit-to-Memphis dir.
- 7 Make — out of (refute)
- 8 Ben Affleck film flop
- 9 Dresden cry

- 10 Etiquette guru Baldrige
- 11 Fill up fully
- 12 — Book Club
- 13 One-named flamenco fireball
- 14 Dernier — (latest thing)
- 15 Nearly forever
- 16 Hwys. and blvds.
- 17 Ides of March date
- 18 "— Like Alice" (Peter Finch film)
- 19 Pianist Peter and a Roman emperor
- 24 Pollution-control org.
- 29 Sacred song
- 32 Actor Johnny
- 33 Draw out
- 34 YouTube clip, for short
- 35 Right-angled pipe bend
- 37 Author Tan
- 38 Prioritize again
- 39 Views rudely
- 42 Film director Preminger
- 44 Israeli native
- 45 Mag. staffers
- 46 Parisian king
- 47 Go by bicycle
- 48 "Have a bite"
- 49 Here-there link
- 50 See 28-Across
- 51 "— living!"
- 52 Gym pads
- 55 Intro painting class, maybe
- 59 Amiable
- 60 Actor Hirsch
- 61 Cocktail mixers
- 62 Roman fountain name
- 65 Evaluate
- 68 Ice cream flavor, briefly
- 71 Playwriting awards
- 72 Pre-Easter stretch

- 73 Lemon piece
- 75 "A House — a Home"
- 76 With 106-Down, Pepsi One and Coke Zero
- 77 Hill makers
- 79 Armed cavalry soldier
- 82 "Great" czar
- 83 "One thing — time"
- 84 Acne bit
- 85 Ides of March cry
- 87 Carpentry file
- 88 Ltr. enclosure
- 89 Rapa — (Easter Island)
- 95 Like the x- or y-axis, briefly
- 97 Fancy vase
- 99 Actress Sommer
- 100 Levy on real estate
- 101 Memo-starting abbr.
- 102 Erfurt article
- 104 Economizes
- 106 See 76-Down
- 107 "I'm on —!" (casino cry)
- 108 Blot out
- 110 Harsh light
- 111 Sanctuary
- 112 Bolo, e.g.
- 113 Beethoven's "Für —"
- 114 More impolite
- 117 Hang in there
- 120 Figures out
- 122 Deep anger
- 123 Eat dinner
- 124 Sundial's 3
- 126 Crater edge
- 127 — Alamos
- 128 — reaction
- 129 Sporty truck, for short

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"Privateer Point" - St. John's most dramatic home site is now offered for sale. For a spectacular private estate, one cannot find better than the 14 acres of Privateer Point. Surrounded by water on three sides with unlimited views of most of the British Virgins, it just does not get better than this. Three pocket beaches add to the charm of this nature lover's paradise. Paved roads. **\$9.15M.**



"Sea Palms" in Great Cruz Bay on Maria Bluff with fantastic water views south to St Croix & west to St Thomas. This well built 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath home features custom mahogany trim, air conditioning, wet bar, walk in closet, open floor plan, high ceilings, large pool, easy access & fantastic sunsets. Each bedroom has a private balcony. Large 0.76 acre corner lot has room for a guest house. **\$1.7M**



"Brisas del Mar" has beautiful panoramic views from every room looking over Coral Bay & Hurricane Hole to the British Virgins. There is an open floor plan with custom kitchen, 2 bedrooms on the main floor and a spiral stair case to the third bedroom suite, which has its own balcony. The pool & spa decks face the cooling easterly trade winds and rising sun and moon. This home is great for a family or for short term rental. **\$1.35M**



"Bordeaux Falls" is an elegant Caribbean style villa nestled high on Bordeaux Mountain with stunning views of the Coral Bay Harbor, Sir Frances Drake Channel & the BVI. Ideally located mid-island; only 10 minutes from Maho, Francis & Leinster beaches. An impressive villa with 5 bedrooms, Spanish tile roof, local stonework, custom gourmet kitchen, beautiful tropical landscaping, a koi pond and multiple waterfalls. A real MUST SEE when looking for high end quality. **\$1.795M**



Estate Freemans Ground - Just a bit before Shipwreck Landing, this unique property is just across the road from the waters of Coral Bay and has beautiful views of boats anchored in Johnson Bay as well as to the East End and Norman Island. The hard part is done with a 2 story guest house nearly finished and concrete poured for the foundation of a 4 bedroom main house with 2 pools. Cool breezes and sun & moon rises. Perfect for a contractor to live in while finishing the project. **\$699,000**



"Vista Cielo", or View of the Heavens, features some of the best sunset and water views in the Caribbean. This luxurious, fully air conditioned, very well built 3 bedroom pool villa is located in the quiet gated community of Virgin Grand Estates. It sports a gourmet kitchen and an architecturally magnificent pool, is elegantly furnished with every convenience, and beautifully landscaped with colorful tropical blooms. **\$2.95M**



"Picture Point" - One of the most beautiful lots on St. John, this parcel is high on Bordeaux Mountain at "Picture Point" - aptly named because it has the most breathtaking views on St. John & it is hard to drive by without snapping a few photos. See all the way from Jost Van Dyke to Tortola, Virgin Gorda & Peter & Norman Islands. Over one acre with a moderate slope & paved access for an easy build. High elevation & easterly trade winds. Just listed at **\$550,000** Adjoining half acre also available.



"Limin' Time" - The perfect Caribbean cottage with a sandy pocket beach on Great Cruz Bay and a very large pool & deck. Completely redesigned and refurbished in 2009, Limin' Time is better than new with new high end fixtures, furnishings and new pool with the perfect location in this well established neighborhood. Keep your yacht moored within sight and just pull your dinghy up on the beach. Swim and snorkel without driving. **\$1.249M.**



"Glucksberg Gazebo" - a wooded lot with large trees and a nifty large gazebo type structure with hip roof with 12 volt solar panel, screened walls and sturdy floor. This is a great spot for gardening and growing orchids. All wood components are pressure treated, rafters are oversized 2 x 12, all joints & footers are lag bolted and Hurricane ties at the rafters. **\$124,500.**



"Shipwreck Landing" - Popular and well established "island style" complex on the waters' edge in Coral Bay. "Turnkey" opportunity with one restaurant and three retail spaces occupied with leases in place. Plenty of room to expand or possibly add dock. Please call for more information on this very desirable commercial property. **\$1.5M**

"SPECTACULAR WATERFRONT" parcel with access to a sandy beach at Friis Bay and amazing views of the British Virgins. Enjoy the cool breezes & sounds of surf on the beach below. Easy access and downhill build. A protecting barrier reef provides calm waters with gorgeous turquoise & blue water colors over the lagoon. You might even catch your own lobster for dinner. **\$725,000**

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St. John Tradewinds News Photos by Eliza Magro

School founder Debra Polucci, above, greets the crowd, right, at the Flame and Fusion dinner auction, which included silent auction items, left.



St. John Montessori School Raises \$15,000 at Flame and Fusion Event

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ings. Montessori is the perfect balance for them to reach outside of the norm while having structured learning.”

While small, the school has a strong support base in parents and boasts teachers who do more than expected, Tarta added.

“The entire parent body is fantastic and very involved in all of our events,” she said. “Our teachers, Trish Stalter and Susan

Wakelee and headmistress Debra Polucci, go above and beyond every single day. They go well beyond what is expected, including helping out with transportation and chaperoning.”

“Also, the whole community has really been supportive of the school,” Tarta said. “Marc Kaye of Aqua Bistro, whose son used to attend the school, has been a huge supporter of the school for the past three

years.”

While helping to raise much needed funds, the March 2 Flame and Fusion dinner also helped to spread awareness about St. John Montessori School, Tarta added.

“A huge part of why we’re spending so much time fundraising this year is to raise money, but also to make people aware of the school,” she said. “We want people to know we’re out there and it’s worth the drive.”

Tarta thanked the many volunteers, vendors, donors and guests who supported the event including Terlato Wines through Premiere Wines & Spirits, Concordia Eco-Resort, Mr. Wonderful, St. John Catering, R&I Patton, David Laab and Greg Kinslow Band.

“We also thank the many restaurants, businesses, volunteers and service providers who made this event possible,” Tarta said.

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<p>“STONE POST COTTAGE” Caribbean charm on a 1.5 ac. lot of lush tropical gardens in Chocolate Hole. 3bdrm/3bth main house, stone guesthouse, & a small island cottage. Spacious deck wraps around 55’x15’ lap pool, spa and gazebo.</p> <p>MLS 13-7 \$1,950,000</p>	<p>“SEA TURTLE VILLA” is a contemporary Skytop home with amazing views, 2 master suites, 3 baths, tropical landscaping, pool, & open architecture set amidst secluded privacy. Great vacation villa or island home!</p> <p>MLS 12-301 \$1,295,000</p>	<p>“PARADISE ON THE ROCKS” Tropical living, big views & masonry home—centrally-located on Ajax Peak. Two units: - 2 bedrooms, 2 baths and great room upstairs; private entry 1 bedroom apartment downstairs. Rent one, live in the other!</p> <p>MLS 10-351 \$1,150,000</p>	<p>“WILD ORCHID VILLA” in Skytop features privacy and amazing 270’ panoramic views! Flexible floorplan 4 bdrm, 2 level villa is custom crafted in exotic hardwoods & stonework. Awesome sunsets! Beautiful sunsets! Cool breezes!</p> <p>MLS 12-391 \$980,000</p>	<p>“SEABISCUIT” is a winner! Charming 2x2 Caribbean style masonry villa with panoramic views, very private pool & hot tub. Breezy location convenient to Coral Bay. Walk to shoreline watersports.</p> <p>MLS 11-390 \$895,000</p>	<p>“LOVE VIEW TOO” 2 br/3bth w/ sweeping views to East End & BVI. Concordia home near Salt Pond Bay and US National Park is all-masonry construction w/ pool. Villa w/ pod living is ideal for rental or family retreat.</p> <p>MLS 12-139 \$850,000</p>
<p>“TREE HOUSE” offers spectacular views from Upper Carolina’s ridge top. This large, gentle parcel features a 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home which is bordered by National Park. Ready for you to remodel!</p> <p>MLS 13-105 \$565,000</p>	<p>“VILLA BAMBOO” - charming 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom cottage features views to the South shore & to sunsets over the cays, a generous floor plan and decks, well-maintained, tastefully decorated, and spacious grounds with unique Danish ruins.</p> <p>MLS 11-352 \$499,000</p>	<p>“GALLOWES POINT” Unit 9C—one bedroom, 1.5 bath loft with private deck/patio, common beach, pool and spa. Restaurant and concierge services on property. Walk to town!</p> <p>MLS 11-187 \$1,100,000</p>	<p>“PASTORY CONDO: Palmy Daze” breezy, vaulted-ceiling, 2 bdrm / 2 bth condo overlooks Pillsbury Sound, cays & sunsets. Well-maintained, furnished and fully-equipped kitchen! Great condo community offers lush landscaping, pool and convenient parking.</p> <p>MLS 13-78 \$639,000</p>	<p>“LAVENDER HILL” Luxurious 1 bedroom unit adjacent to pool with 2 decks. Walk to beach and town. Handsomely furnished, immaculately maintained, excellent rental management.</p> <p>MLS 12-249 \$575,000</p>	<p>“OWN A MONTH IN A LUXURY HOME” Choose a 3 BR 3.5 BA or a 4 BR 4.5 BA villa in upscale Virgin Grand Estates. These 3,000 sq ft villas feature STT & sunset views, pool, AC & more.</p> <p>Priced from \$54,000</p>

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