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Amanda Perry Hayes, above at left, and her husband Grant Hayes, above at right, face charges of first-degree murder in North Carolina. The couple are accused of murdering the mother of Grant Hayes' two children, Laura Ackerson, below, in 2011.

## Former St. John Couple Accused of Murder To Be Tried Separately

By Jaime Elliott  
*St. John Tradewinds*

A Superior Court judge in North Carolina ruled last week to separate the trials of former St. John residents Grant Hayes and Amanda Perry Hayes, who are facing first-degree murder charges.

The former St. John residents are accused of killing and dismembering Grant Hayes' ex-girlfriend, and the mother of his two children, Laura Ackerson of Kinston, North Carolina, in July 2011.

Amanda Hayes, 41, and Grant Hayes, 33, who were living in Raleigh, North Carolina at the time, are accused of killing Ackerson, 27, dismembering her and transporting the remains to Texas.



Laura Ackerson

Ackerson's remains were found in a creek near the home of Amanda Hayes' sister, about 60 miles south of Houston.

Both defense attorneys originally agreed to a joint trial, which

was set for May 20. Lately, however, Amanda Hayes seems to have turned on her husband.

Earlier this month Amanda Hayes fired her court appointed attorney and hired defense lawyer Johnny Gaskins. Attorney Gaskins filed more than 30 motions on Amanda Hayes behalf, claiming "that she participated in Ackerson's death while under duress, feared for her life and that Grant Hayes, while in jail, threatened to kill her," according to a report on www.wrал.com.

On Monday, April 22, Wake County Superior Court Judge Donald Stephens ruled in favor of a motion filed by Grant Hayes' de-

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## Second Ever Donkey Softball Game Set for May 11 at Coral Bay Ball Field

The second ever St. John Donkey Softball game is set for Saturday, May 11, at the Coral Bay ball field.

Hosted by Dana Bartlett owner of the Carolina Corral with help from the Rotary Club of St. John, the second Donkey Softball game day, starting at 11 a.m. on May 11, will feature fun for the whole family.

Bartlett organized the first ever donkey softball game last year to rave reviews. Team members swing for the fences and then must either ride or walk a donkey around the bases. The game usually takes a few unexpected twists and turns and no one walks away without a smile on their face.

In addition to the one-of-a-kind softball game, the afternoon will feature sack races, tug-of-war and pony rides for the little ones. Food and drinks will also be on sale.

Residents are invited to come on out to the ball field and take in all the action. Or, better yet, sign up for a team or volunteer to help out in the field.

For more information or to register for a team, call Bartlett at (340) 693-5778 or talk to any Rotary Club of St. John member.

## St. Ursula's Hosting Fundraiser May 11

Join St. Ursula's Multipurpose Center on Saturday, May 11, at Maho Bay Campground's dining pavilion from 3 to 6 p.m.

The event is a fundraiser to support nutritional and recreational programs for St. John seniors who use St. Ursula's Multipurpose Center.

There will be a free shuttle from Cruz Bay and returning after the event. The afternoon will feature live music and refreshments as well as a Mother's Day fashion show courtesy of Encore.

Those who wish to stay for dinner will enjoy a 40 percent discount on their meal, thanks to Maho Bay Camps management.

Call (340) 776-6226 to reserve a seat for dinner at the discounted rate. For more information and tickets to the fundraiser call St. Ursula's Multipurpose Center at (340) 693-8580.

## Marine Uses Planning Meeting May 11

The Coral Bay Community Council's Marine Uses Planning Team will meet at Guy Benjamin School, room six, on Tuesday, May 14, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

This meeting will focus on draft plan objectives to share with the upcoming American Institute of Architects Community Visioning Workshop in Coral Bay later this month, May 29 to 31.

Everyone is welcome to join CBCC to discuss and map out the potential uses and preservation of Coral Bay's ocean resources. The team's work is hosted by the CBCC as part of the Coral Bay Watershed Management Project: Phase 2.

For more information call CBCC at 776-2099

## AIA Sustainable Design Workshop Set

Coral Bay Community Council is hosting an American Institute of Architects Sustainable Design Workshop focused on community visioning Wednesday, May 29, to Friday, May 31.

The workshop will offer public meetings on the evenings of May 29 and May 31 as well as smaller group special purpose meetings during the days. The meeting times and places will be announced.

All residents and property owners in Coral Bay are encouraged to participate in these community visioning sessions. Please mark those calendars. More information will be available soon. Volunteers are being sought to assist with the logistics.

Anyone who would like to help should call 776-2099.

# St. John Needs More Government Services, Say Residents

Residents tell senators they want better VITRAN service, help for domestic violence victims and more

By Jaime Elliott

*St. John Tradewinds*

From the need for regular bus service to St. John Rescue's need for a contract with the Department of Justice, Senators Donald Cole and Myron Jackson listened to myriad concerns from citizens at a town hall meeting on Thursday evening, May 2, at the St. John Legislature building in Cruz Bay.

Hosted by the St. John Community Foundation in conjunction with Senator Cole's office, the town hall meeting drew about 30 residents who each had a chance to share their concerns. In addition to Cole and Jackson, representatives from Senator Jeanette Millin-Young's office and Senator Clarence Payne's office also attended last week's meeting.

"We are here to listen to you," Cole said. "We'll go back and ask the proper agency what we have to do to get answers for your questions and concerns."

From a lack of teachers to lack of services, St. John is often at a disadvantage, explained retired educator Yvonne Wells, who took the podium first.

"St. John is always at a disadvantage," said Wells. "In the police department there are times when there is only one officer on



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Dr. Joesph DeJames, above at left, with St. John Rescue's Amy Reynolds and Bob Malacarne, spoke to senators during last week's Town Hall Meeting.

the road and one at the desk. That is not acceptable."

"Every time a teacher retires, it seems the positions are being not deemed necessary anymore and not being filled," Wells said. "For instance three years ago someone retired from Industrial Arts and now that doesn't exist. That's a big problem for our children."

After years of talking, it's time to open South Shore Road, Wells told the senators.

"Opening South Shore Road

is crucial," she said. "If there is a disaster and Centerline Road is blocked and we can't get to Kings Hill Road, we have no way of getting out of Coral Bay except by boat. You should pursue what needs to be done in the government and the V.I. National Park to make that road open."

The island also suffers from having irregular bus service, when VITRAN is running at all, Wells added.

"VITRAN only has one bus

right now doing eight trips per day and there are days when there's no public transportation on this island," she said. "The bus currently running has no air conditioning so they've cut the runs down. After 1:25 p.m. there is no other bus to Coral Bay until 5:25 p.m. because drivers refuse to drive, and the union supports them, because of the excessive heat."

"Also there is no telephone at the VITRAN St. John office since January," Wells said. "You must call St. Thomas and get someone's cell phone number, which should not have to happen."

Although St. John residents pay plenty of taxes, they don't receive government services, Wells explained.

"We need our equal share of services," she said. "We are taxed enough, but we are lacking in government services."

While the Family Resource Center has a representative based at Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center during working hours, the organization needs help offering its services to victims of

domestic violence 24-hours a day, explained Vernon Araujo, Family Resource Center's director of development.

"We have the island's only counsellor at MKSCHC, but St. John is in desperate need for more resources," said Araujo. "One issue we have is transportation. If there is a family in need of transportation immediately, we have a problem."

"They are sometimes afraid to take the ferry and we don't have a safe house on St. John," he said. "We need help transporting victims to St. Thomas to our safe house there. We are offering services on St. John, but we're still coming up short."

St. John Rescue officials have been handling the transportation of deceased bodies on the island since 2006 and have been asking for a contract with the Department of Justice — which runs the territory's morgues — since 2008, explained the group's president Bob Malacarne.

"We provide the service with—  
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## 2013 RAIN DATA at Trunk Bay

(Courtesy of Rafe Boulon)

### MONTH: APRIL 2013

1.22 inches

### AVERAGE APRIL

1.76 Inches

### TOTAL Y-T-D

7.05 Inches

### Y-T-D AVERAGE

6.94 Inches

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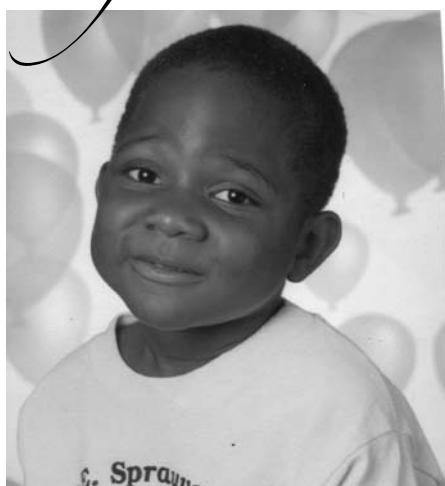
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# GHS, CORE and Low Key Team Up To Fight Lionfish

**By Jaime Elliott**  
**St. John Tradewinds**

With the very real possibility of invasive lionfish spreading throughout the area, the Caribbean Oceanic Restoration and Education Foundation was founded three and a half years ago to fight the threat to local reefs.

CORE's Caribbean Lionfish Response Program continues to educate the public about lionfish. Volunteers host informational workshops, give talks to community groups and recently teamed up with Gifft Hill School officials for the second time this year.

The St. John private elementary and high school GHS hosts "minimester" programs twice each year. These programs take students out of the classroom and allow them to choose from a variety of "real world" interests, ranging from theater and arts to athletics and even Scuba diving.

During the school's previous "mini-mester" program several months ago, one group of students worked with CORE volunteers to help rid several bays of lionfish, explained Frank Cummings, owner of Virgin Islands Snuba Excursions and a CORE volunteer.

"CORE Foundation's continued efforts of assisting the USVI community and abroad with their Caribbean Lionfish Response Program has once again formed a great union," said Cum-



St. John Tradewinds News Photo Courtesy of Frank Cummings

GHS students, CORE volunteers and Low Key Watersports recently teamed up to protect local reefs from lionfish.

mings. "GHS was impressed with CORE's Caribbean Lionfish Response Program so much that they partnered their minimester program not once but twice this year."

"In the first minimester, the first day was spent with public awareness presentations, as well

as systematic search training and response training for the students," he said. "This prepared the students for that week of snorkeling several bays in a systematic search as CORE responders extracted the lionfish found by the GHS students."

The group successfully cleared

several bays around St. John of all lionfish that week, Cummings added.

A second group of GHS students, with a grant from Friends of V.I. National Park's School Kids in the Park program, used their minimester time to get certified in scuba diving with Low Key

Watersports with an eye toward assisting in the lionfish response program, Cummings explained.

Recently, GHS' second minimester program of 2013 expanded upon both of those previous programs, Cummings explained.

"For GHS' second minimester of 2013, we took it up a notch," he said. "This time the students were going to systematically search while scuba diving rather than snorkeling. The program was a success again and CORE looks forward to assisting other programs as well in the future."

The program brought together the islands' future stewards with dive professionals and CORE trained volunteers.

"As members of the dive industry, a concerned citizen of St. John, and an environmentalist, we at Low Key Watersports are on board to obtain additional information, and further research regarding the possible devastating effects the Lionfish will have in the Virgin Islands," according to a prepared statement by the dive company. "We are currently establishing our own guidelines to which we can offer the community solutions and co-exist with this invasive species."

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Part time St. John resident Kenny Chesney's latest release includes personal songs about island residents.

## Kenny Chesney Donates To Friends of VINP and Features St. John on New Tour and Album

By Jaime Elliott  
*St. John Tradewinds*

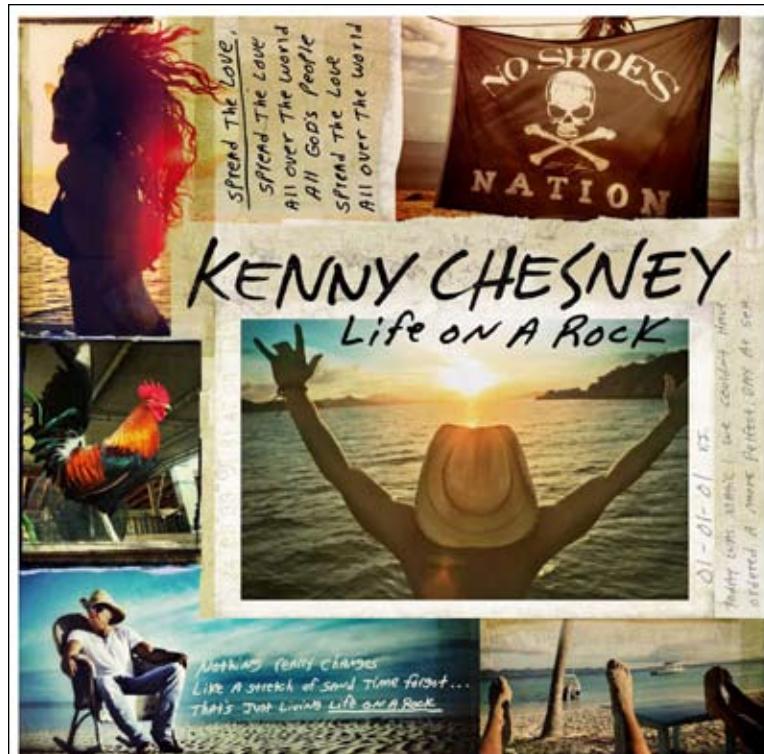
Four time Country Music Association Entertainer of the Year, Kenny Chesney has long been associated with St. John, but the laid-back country crooner's latest recording, "Life on a Rock," will resonate on a personal level for island residents even more than his previous releases.

The recording, which was released on April 30, features a cover of tropical snapshots and includes two songs about beloved St. John residents. The song "Lindy" will surely bring a smile to the face of everyone who remembers the Cruz Bay character often spotted laughing at his own private joke.

"He plays piano at the church when nobody's watching," Chesney sings in the song. "Sometimes you see him talking to himself, laughing to himself. Lindy strolls around and around and around."

Chesney's song "Happy on the Hey Now (A Song for Kristi)" on the other hand, might just bring a tear to the eyes of those who called the late Kristi Hansen a friend. The long-time island resident passed away unexpectedly last year, but her memory will live on with Chesney's poignant lyrics.

"I'll always see you dancing up on the bow, living life in the moment, happy on the Hey Now," Chesney sings. "And you'll live with us as long as memory stays alive. And you left us with so many



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Chesney is donating a portion of the proceeds from the sale of "Life on a Rock," above, to Friends of VINP.

Kristi, you will never die, never die. You will never die."

Chesney is also using his new recording to help Friends of V.I. National Park. The singer announced last month that he will donate a portion of the sales of the recording to the St. John non-profit which supports the VINP.

"Kenny Chesney didn't know what he'd found the first time he went to the Virgin Islands for a vid-

eo shoot," according to a statement on [www.kennychesney.com](http://www.kennychesney.com). "But over the next 15 years, he found a harbor in the craziness, friends he would have far beyond stardom and a place that grounded him in the beauty of the ocean, the shore and the national parks."

"Over time, all that would inspire him to write a lot of songs for himself and his friends; now

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# Animal Care Center Looking for Help for Hounds During Hurricane Season

By Jaime Elliott  
*St. John Tradewinds*

When a recent heavy rainfall caused flooding in the lower level kennel area of the St. John Animal Care Center's Estate Enighed shelter, officials began to think about dangers of the upcoming Hurricane Season.

"The building next to us redid their wall recently and when it rained pretty heavy last week, it flooded into our kennels downstairs," said ACC Shelter Manager Ryan Moore.

ACC officials are now looking for St. John residents willing to take in one or more dogs in the event of a tropical storm or hurricane, Moore explained.

"In lieu of a tropical storm type of situation, we're looking for foster homes so they're not in danger," he said. "At any time we have between 13 and 15 dogs and some dogs can go together to the same home."

Hurricane evacuation volunteers are only asked to open their homes to the ACC dogs until the storm passes, Moore added.

"We're not asking for a big commitment," said the ACC Shelter Manager. "We're just looking for temporary homes for the dogs; just to make them safe and



Georgie, above, may need a temporary home during a potential hurricane.

keep them safe until the storm passes."

If someone happened to fall in love with their foster dog, however, they would be welcome to pursue adoption, Moore added.

ACC officials are hoping to compile a list of evacuation volunteers in case of a storm. Residents willing to care for one or two dogs during a storm this hurricane season, should call the ACC at 774-1625 or stop the Estate Enighed shelter Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Almost the Local News

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### Emu Sighted During Audubon Spring Bird Count

By Byrd Brane  
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*St. John Tradewinds*

Xanax Hayes, chairman of the St. John Audubon Spring Bird Count said, "It's not believable. It obviously took a wrong turn somewhere."

The Australian Brown Emu sighting was corroborated by all six members of the Kerfuffle family who startled the bird resting on the warm hood of a rental Jeep at Salt Pond.

Although Emus have been seen on other islands — especially at night after bar-closing, this is a first for St. John. While three penguins were sited last spring at a wedding at Caneel Bay, 97 pelicans and 142 chickens were more representative of the local counts.

According to birder Susan Chair, each year tens of thousands of volunteers throughout the Americas take part in an adventure that has become a family tradition among generations.

Families, students, birders and scientists armed with binoculars, bird guides, smartphone apps and checklists go out on a semi-annual mission — often before dawn. By far the most famous is the Christmas Bird Count, but the Spring Bird Count is gaining in popularity.

Other rare sightings this spring on St. John in-

cluded an Ivory-billed Woodpecker and two Blue Titmice. The Ivory-bill was sitting on a nest on Waterlemon Cay.

Park interpreter Baye Laurel said, "Normally, they nest in holes in trees. The Cornell Lab of Ornithology has offered a reward of \$50,000 to the person who can lead a project biologist to a living Ivory-billed Woodpecker. So we are all going to search."

"The Blue Tits were a surprise," Laurel observed. "They are island residents all winter, but by April 1 they are usually replaced by Roseate Tits."

These two were spotted at Solomon Beach. Because other scantily-clad creatures are coming out into the sun, camouflage and binoculars are very useful. Without such equipment, those Blue Tits might never have been sighted.

Xanax Hayes notes that the access boardwalk built at Francis Bay by Fiends of the Park volunteers gives another easy place for the bird-count volunteers to stand and count for something.

"Now if they'll just cut down all that brush, and maybe put in a nice paved apron bordering the pond it would be perfect," said Hayes. "Oh... and they should probably get a dredge in there. It looks like it is silting up big time."

# Street Addressing Pilot Moves to St. John

## Field Crews Launch Site Visits in Cruz Bay

By Jaime Elliott  
*St. John Tradewinds*

Residents in the Cruz Bay area last week began finding information packets hanging from their doorknobs as field crews began the process of implementing a logical addressing system in the neighborhood.

The Street Addressing Initiative, being overseen by Lieutenant Governor Gregory Francis' office, aims to name all streets and number all buildings across the territory in an effort to bring local addresses into conformity with national standards.

Having a uniform and logical street address system is expected to improve everything from mail delivery to emergency response times and vehicle navigation systems.

Legislation for the initiative was sponsored by Senator Craig Barshinger in 2010 and the pilot program was launched this March on St. Croix. Cruz Bay is the second neighborhood to take part in the pilot program, which will wrap up with Charlotte Amalie later this month.

Field crews will be leaving an information packet at every residence and business in the pilot

area. This packet contains the new address that has been assigned to the location, which will include a number and a street name.

Residents are asked to verify that the project team correctly understands their existing address information as reported in property tax databases and contact the Lt. Gov.'s Office if the address information listed is incorrect. Contact information and instructions are provided in the packet material.

Although most roads in the Cruz Bay pilot area are named, there are unnamed streets in Estates Enighed and Contant that have been assigned temporary names.

Residents on these unnamed streets are encouraged to work together to identify a suitable name for their road, which can then be submitted to the Lt. Gov.'s office.

The Street Addressing Initiative will not remove the territory's traditional estate names, but will add numbers and street names to the current system, officials explained at a January meeting on the program.

The Lt. Governor's Office contracted the University of the Virgin Islands for the project, which in turn subcontracted AppGeo and Spatial Focus. Those two stateside-

based companies have experience creating the type of street-based addresses which are expected to improve everything from public safety response, to parcel deliveries and car navigation systems, according to officials at the January meeting.

The project, which has been discussed for years and planned for the past two, will improve public safety, explained Raymond Williams, Lt. Gov. Gregory Francis' Chief of Staff.

"We are far, far behind the ball in developing a uniform street addressing system," Williams said. "In order to get better safety and security in our communities we need a uniform system of addressing."

The initial legislation appropriated about \$500,000 for the project, but officials will need more like \$1.5 million to complete the Street Addressing Initiative, according to Barshinger.

Street naming guidelines are available at [www.ltg.gov.vi](http://www.ltg.gov.vi). For more information on the Street Addressing Initiative, contact Chris George, GIS Coordinator/SAI Project Manager, at (340) 776-8505 x 4321 or email [vistreets@lgo-vi.gov](mailto:vistreets@lgo-vi.gov).

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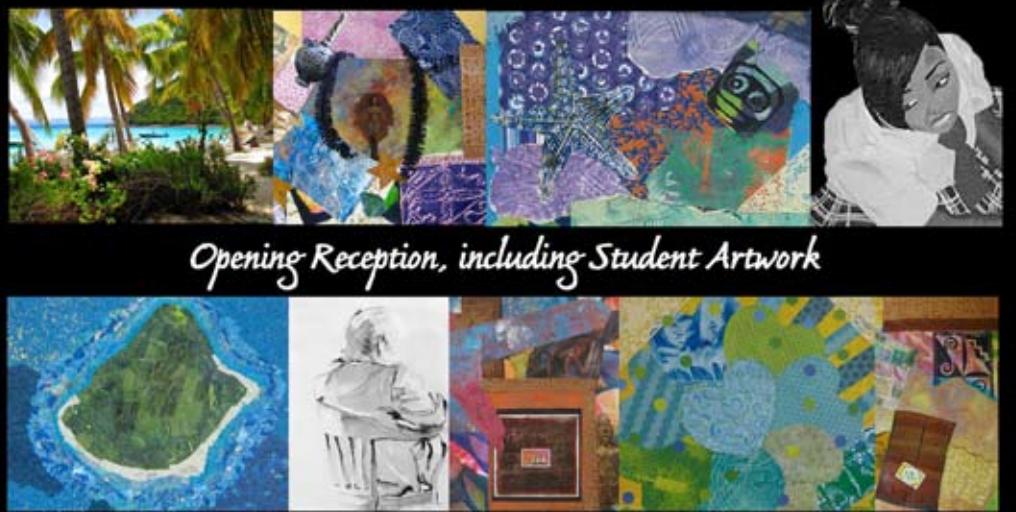
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*Opening Reception, including Student Artwork*

## **IEK Students Featured with William Stelzer, Karen Samuel at May 10 Bajo el Sol Opening**

**By Jaime Elliott**  
*St. John Tradewinds*

Don't miss the chance to meet up-and-coming student artists along with two established professional St. John artists at Bajo el Sol's May 10 opening reception.

Work by students in Lisa Etre's Ivanna Eudora Kean High School art classes will be featured at the reception along with work by Karen Samuel and William Stelzer, at the gallery located at upstairs at the Mongoose Junction on Friday, May 10, from 5 to 8 p.m.

About 20 students between the ages of 16 and 18 in Etre's Color and Design and Drawing and Painting classes at IEKHS

will take part in this month's Bajo show. This the sixth year in a row which Bajo owners Livy and Tom Hitchcock have featured work by Etre's students.

The tradition began in 2007, when Etre invited Livy Hitchcock, an accomplished pastel artist, to work with her IEKHS art students.

"I wrote a grant to V.I. Council on the Arts for a professional artist to come in to the classroom and teach their medium," said Etre. "Livy Hitchcock came in and led a workshop on pastel painting and the work by the students was so good that she said, 'this needs to be displayed.'"

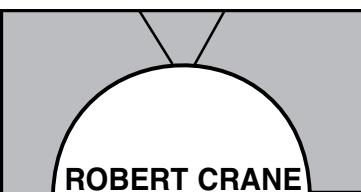
That year the Hitchcocks offered to host a show for the IEKHS art students and the tradition has continued ever since, Etre explained.

"Tom and Livy offered to do a show for the students and they have been so supportive and hosted a show every year since then," said the art teacher.

A territory-wide teacher shortage has seen Etre welcome students of different ages and abilities to her classroom, yet this year's work continues the tradition of fulfilling professional standards for exhibition, Etre explained.

"We have a teacher shortage and an excess of students so what

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# Beach to Beach Power Swim Is May 26

By Jaime Elliott  
*St. John Tradewinds*

Ten years ago, Friends of V.I. National Park executive director Joe Kessler hatched the idea to host an open water swim to showcase what his organization works so hard to support; the beauty of V.I. National Park.

That first year, Kessler and Friends' volunteers hosted about 120 swimmers in the first Beach to Beach Power Swim. A decade later, Kessler is capping this year's entries at 300 and expects to close registration well ahead of the May 25 deadline.

"We already have 170 people registered and there are still three plus weeks to go," Kessler said last week. "We've had two practice swims already and they've seen the largest turnout we've ever had. We've had 29 and 33 swimmers respectively, where we typically get about 12 to 15 people who come out."

Between the beautiful surroundings of VINP, the knowledge that funds raised at the race go to protect those surroundings and the freedom to choose between short and longer distance courses, it's no wonder the annual Friends of VINP fundraiser has grown so popular.

The swim kicks off at Maho Bay Beach on Sunday, May 26, and participants can choose to swim one of three courses. The short course, about one mile, ends at Cinnamon Bay. The intermediate course is about two and one-quarter miles and ends at Trunk Bay, while the long course, about three and one-half miles, ends at Hawksnest Bay.

Swimmers can swim alone, as part of a three-person relay team, or swim assisted with the use of a snorkel and fins in an "assisted category." The final practice swim before race day will be Sunday, May 12, at 8:30 a.m. at Maho Bay. Swimmers can finish at either Cinnamon, Trunk or Hawksnest.

Friends of VINP still need volunteers both in the water and on shore to help with year's event, Kessler explained.

"We still need volunteers who can kayak and help us in the water or who can help out on the beach," he said. "But those spaces are filling up too. For anyone who isn't swimming, it's a great way to be part of the fun."

After the race, be sure to join Friends of VINP at Oppenheimer Beach for an awards ceremony and after-party, Kessler added.

Many local businesses are also helping to make sure this year's event, and after-party, are as much fun as always. Maho Bay Glassworks has donated the glass art for the awards, Freebird donated funds for participant medals, St. John Hardware covered the cost for swim caps this year and St. John Insurance donated funds for T-shirts, according to Kessler.

Other major sponsors are Department of Tourism, FirstBank, Mongoose Junction and Topa, the Parrot Club, Tunick Insurance and Health Care United, Angel Electric and Choice. St. John Brewers, Skinny Legs and a Mexican eatery on St. Thomas are joining forces to ensure that all swimmers and volunteers have fun at the Oppenheimer beach party, Kessler added.

Last year's swim saw six new records set and Kessler expects the action this year to be exciting as well.

"Last year was a real bumper crop as far as setting records," said the Friends of VINP executive director. "We had a new record for the women's long course and for the relay team unassisted. There was also a record set for the long course assisted, intermediate course for men and women, short assisted for women and long unassisted for men too."

St. Croix's Bryson Mays won the long course unassisted for the third year in a row last year and set a new record of one hour, 10 minutes and 40 seconds. Swimmers in this year's race beware, Mays is already registered, Kessler explained.

"He went off to Naval Academy and he's had a year of Naval physical education and training," Kessler said about Mays. "He's a year older and probably more than a year stronger and he's already registered so he's coming back to compete. We're looking forward to that."

Don't miss out on this year's event. General registration is currently open through May 24. The cost is \$25 for youth under 17 and \$50 for adults. Late registration, if still open, will be available on Saturday, May 25, for \$50 for children under 17 and \$75 for adults. There will be no registration available on race day, Sunday, May 26.

Registration is available online at [www.friends-vinp.org](http://www.friends-vinp.org), by phone at (340) 779-4940 or in person at Friends of the Park Store at Mongoose Junction or either Connections locations in Cruz Bay and Coral Bay.

This is the first year Friends is hosting the swim without the partnership of Maho Bay Campground, which previously offered deeply discounted rates to swimmers and hosted the pre-race meeting.

Since Maho Bay is closing on May 15, the campground will not be available to accommodate any events for Beach to Beach. Instead, several other St. John accommodations — Gallows Point Resort, Inn at Tamarind Court, Caribbean Villas and Resorts, Caneel Bay Resort, Westin Resort and Villas and Grande Bay Resort — are offering special rates for Beach to Beach swimmers.

A pre-race meeting will be hosted at Cinnamon Bay Campground's T'ree Lizards Restaurant on Saturday, May 25, starting at 3:30 p.m. If there are still spaces available, that will be last chance for swimmers to register for the race.

While the annual Beach to Beach Power Swim is a fundraiser for Friends, the event is also about showcasing the beauty of VINP, Kessler explained.

"For us this is really a modest fundraiser," said Kessler. "It's more about raising awareness about the park and what we're doing. The idea is not to get as many people in the swim as possible."

"We want to showcase our best feature and host a safe and challenging and fun event that is worthwhile for everyone who participates," Kessler said.

For more information about the Beach to Beach, to donate, register or volunteer for the event, call Friends at (340) 779-4940 or check out [www.friends-vinp.org](http://www.friends-vinp.org).



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### CONGRATULATIONS! **Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center Makes 30 Years**

#### *St. John Tradewinds*

On Thursday, May 16, Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center on St. John will celebrate 30 years!

This is a real milestone for St. John because of the clinic's professionalism and medical service to all St. John residents. More so, MKSCHC is now affectionately called "The Clinic."

Health care here had always been a major concern on the island. Historically cholera and typhoid fever epidemics raged in the 1800s. Dr. Hans Hornbeck spent seven years as District Physician of St. John (1825 – 1832). He was then appointed as the King's Physician for St. Thomas.

Intermittent medical services were offered after that until the government instituted the island Administrator-Physician position which was adopted in 1909. Unfortunately, the official government involvement didn't solve all the problems.

A long-time Cruz Bay resident, Benjamin T. Rhoades, wrote a letter to his daughter on October 20, 1935 stating "but the Commissioner (Dr. Arthur I Edison) here made some kind of break nearly causing a riot so has got himself disliked by some of the natives. The people in Cruz Bay held a party and dance the other night; of course they made considerable noise and they kept such affairs up until daybreak. The Commissioner sat up with this gun handy. I believe your brother lives in Maywood; the Commissioner and wife came from there. Wonder if he (your brother) is acquainted with him. A.I. Edison, M.D. also kept a drugstore. Don't think if there should be an uprising, we would be disturbed."

Interesting times but not for doctoring. Dr. Edison did establish a seven bed emergency room. Also, the old Customs House became a maternity clinic.

Shortly arrived on the medical scene was Miss Myrah Keating-Smith. She was professionally trained at Tuskegee Institute and the John Albion Andrew Memorial Hospital, School of Nursing in the United States and after a two year orientation with Dr. Knud-Hansen of St. Thomas, began her long and successful medical career on St. John.

Nurse Myrah successfully delivered more than 500 children in her midwifery career. She was well-received island-wide by everyone who appreciated her medical skills and the peace and solace that she displayed. They often commented, "If Miss Myrah is here all will be well."

She was humble and knew to "give God the praise and glory." Nurse Myrah and her twin sister, Meada, worked in tandem with God's help to maintain the health of all St. Johnians. Miss Myrah would tend their ills while Miss Meada would make sure that they had nourishing food and a healthy lifestyle.

Nineteen years ago Miss Myrah went to her just reward and her monument on the hill continues to grow in the level and quality of medical services offered; a fitting memorial for a true St. John medical pioneer.

# Businesses Support Breast Cancer Survivors with Little Pink Houses of Hope Retreat

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

When she was officially diagnosed with breast cancer, Jeanine Patten-Coble had been planning to leave for vacation at the beach the next day.

Although she was not sure what to do, her doctor encouraged her to go, Patten-Coble explained.

"He told me, 'You better go and enjoy yourself because when you get back you are ours for the next year,'" she said.

That trip to the coast of North Carolina would change Patten-Coble's life forever and not just because she was facing cancer. As she spent time with her family and prepared for her battle ahead, Patten-Coble was inspired to start an organization dedicated to supplying that experience for others.

Little Pink Houses of Hope was founded in 2010, the year after Patten-Coble was diagnosed with breast cancer. Since then, the organization has hosted a total of 25 trips and served about 120 families at coastal retreats from North Carolina to California.

Little Pink Houses of Hope's mission is to "promote breast cancer recovery by offering opportunities for survivors to reconnect and celebrate life," by providing week-long beach retreats.

Last week, the group wrapped up its first retreat to St. John, and a week of activities, meals and camaraderie, sponsored by generous donations from local businesses.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo Courtesy of Jeanine Patten-Coble

Volunteers and Little Pink Houses of Hope retreat members gather on the steps at Mongoose Junction for a picture.

Grande Bay Resort hosted the group of six couples, with the wife of each facing a stage three or stage four terminal breast cancer diagnosis. The group arrived on St. John on April 27 and were due to leave on Saturday, May 4.

While the community of St. John once again came through to support a worthy cause, Little Pink Houses of Hope's connection to two residents helped pave the way for the retreat, explained Patten-Coble.

Former St. John resident Charlie Ball served as the group's retreat director and Tap Room employee Jesse Shepps, a former North Carolina resident who volunteered with Little Houses of Hope, helped to coordinate island activities and more, Patten-Coble explained.

"We ended up coming down here because Charlie always talked about how beautiful it was here and about the giving spirit of St. John," she said. "He brought me down for a scouting trip for four days and I fell in love with the place and the people. It felt like a family here and I knew it was a perfect place to bring our couples."

"Plus it is the most beautiful place I've ever seen," said Patten-Coble.

The Tap Room's Tim Hanley has also been instrumental in making the group's trip successful, Patten-Coble added.

"Tim has been unbelievable and incredibly instrumental in getting us connected with some people," she said. "He's really had it in his heart to help us."

While on St. John, the group enjoyed activities like Stand Up Paddleboarding and snorkeling, but the real focus was for the couples, who hailed from across the country, to spend quality time with each other.

"For this retreat I have young people here who are in their 30s," said Patten-Coble. "A lot of them have little kids and it's really great for them to get away and connect with each other. Some of these ladies were diagnosed right before or after they got married."

"We have one couple who never had a honeymoon because she was diagnosed before they got married and started treatment right after the wedding," said the Little Pink

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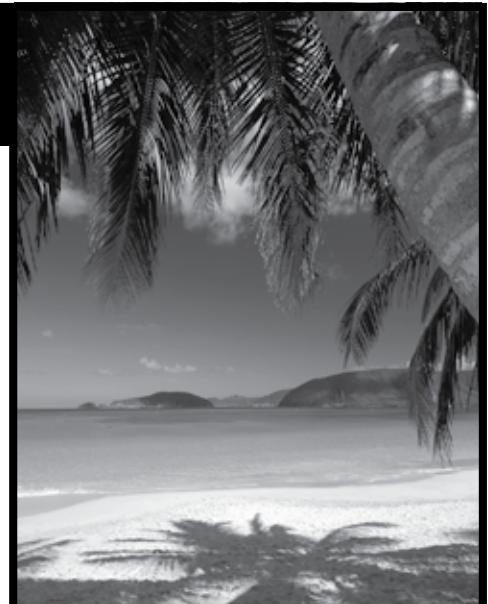
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# ISLAND GREEN LIVING

by Lovango Cay resident Dan Boyd

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The old fans' wooden blades were looking pretty bad and the owner got a good deal on the new ones. The homeowner likes to leave all eight fans running con-

stantly to stop mold from growing.

After advising him how best to go about the task, I got curious about how much electrical energy the old fans had been using and how much the new fans would consume.

The old fans were 42-inch

Hampton Bay brand. The electrical data plate on the fan said 2.3 amps, 110 volts.

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With WAPA rates around \$0.50 cents per kW, each fan was costing \$91.08 per month. Multiply that by eight fans and it's \$728.64 per month!

So I thought, great, they bought some more-efficient fans. The new 42-inch fans were Contractors' Choice brand. The electrical data plate on them said 2.6 amps, 110 volts.

So, 2.6 times 110 equals 286 watts times 24 hours equals 6,864 watts times 30 days which equals 205,920 watts.

Multiply by \$0.50 per kW, and you get \$102.96 per fan. For all eight fans, their WAPA bill will go

up to \$823.68 per month — almost a hundred bucks!

So you see, it pays to read the electrical data information on all appliances. What sounds like a good deal may wind up costing you more than you expect.

Also, keep in mind that we have been in near-drought conditions lately. Mold will not grow fast in dry weather, so shut off the fans and open up the windows!

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Applications are also available at Giff Hill School or by calling Beth Knight at 776-6595 or Beth Jones at 776-1730. An annual scholarship is also being offered to a new student attending Pre-K through 3rd grade at Giff Hill School.

The Ruby Rutnik Scholarship Fund and the Rutnik family wish to thank the community for their continued support of this Scholarship fund established in 1997 in memory of their daughter, Ruby Rutnik.

## IEKHS Alumni Prom Set for June 14

### St. John Tradewinds

The Ivanna Eudora Kean High School Alumni Association will host its first alumni prom fundraiser on Friday, June 14, to celebrate the alma mater's 40th year anniversary.

The event will be at Frenchman's Reef & Morning Star Marriott Beach Resort from 8 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

Tickets to this elegant event are \$75 per person and can be purchased online at <http://iekhsalumniassociation.org>, or at Therapy Works located in Barbel Plaza. Entertainment will be provided by Cool Session. Join IEKHS alumni as they "Celebrate 40 Years of Class."

For more information contact Jessica Edwards at (340) 626-6216 or Amazia Francis at (340) 642-1251.



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### Enjoy Stunning Tropical Sunsets from Enighed Gardens

**By Jaime Elliott**  
*St. John Tradewinds*

Imagine your own private sanctuary where you can watch the sun dip below the horizon as the tropical sky turns shades of blazing pink and orange.

At Enighed Gardens that dream can become a reality. The five bedroom, four bathroom masonry home is for sale for \$895,000, explained Holiday Homes broker/owner Christie O'Neil.

"This property is a good value with great potential," said O'Neil. "It's a must see."

You won't quickly tire of those stunning sunset views across the Pillsbury Sound to St. Thomas available from Enighed Gardens, which is located close to beaches and the restaurants and shopping of Cruz Bay.

"The sunset views are outstanding," said O'Neil. "And the location is ultra convenient. Enighed Gardens is close to the town of Cruz Bay and stores, the National Park beaches and the amenities of the Westin Resort."

Perched on two almost flat lots, Enighed Gardens sits on almost a half acre of land which offers lots of potential, O'Neil added.

"The property itself is amazing," she said. "The house sits on two practically flat lots with gated entry. There is also a large parking area suitable for multiple vehicles and the bounds are fenced so it's particularly good for landscaping, kids, and pets."

"The landscaping is gorgeous



St. John Tradewinds News Photo Courtesy of Holiday Homes

Gaze across Pillsbury Sound to St. Thomas and enjoy tropical sunsets from the expansive decks at Enighed Gardens.

with many mature colorful, tropical plants," said the Holiday Homes broker/owner. "There is also plenty of room to add a pool."

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Enighed Gardens has a flexible floor plan of all masonry construction, which currently encompasses a two bedroom main house with an expansive deck and a separate guest suite," said O'Neil. "Plus there is a den which could be another bedroom on the main level. Then there is a large one bedroom apartment with kitchen, living room and private covered deck on the lower level."

Plus there is a studio unit which is currently rented separate-

ly but could easily be incorporated as another bedroom and bath for the main dwelling or for the apartment," said the Holiday Homes broker/owner.

With all that room to add a pool the property could easily be utilized as an income producing rental, O'Neil explained.

"There is great potential for Enighed Gardens to become a top producing rental villa if one were to add a pool," she said. "Or the property would be great as a family compound with its mother-in-law apartment. Or it could continue just as it is as an income producing investment property."

For more information on Enighed Gardens, call Broker Christie O'Neil at the office at (340) 774-8088 or on her cell at (340) 998-7451.

## Commodore's Cup Rescheduled Due To Light Wind Forecast

Due to the forecast for light wind, officials last week decided to reschedule the Commodore's Cup Regatta.

The race will now be on Saturday and Sunday, May 11, and 12, in Coral Bay. The regatta is hosted by the St. John Yacht Club, the Nauti Yacht Club and the Coral Bay Yacht Club. Skippers meetings and the awards ceremony will be at Skinny Legs.

There is still time to purchase raffle tickets, \$5 each or five for \$20, for the chance to win a new inflatable dinghy and 15 hp outboard motor. Funds from the raffle support the Kids and the Sea St. John, non-profit youth sailing program. Tickets are available at Connections East and West, St. John Hardware and from KATS St. John students.

## UUF Meeting at Stoney Point May 12

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of St. John meets every Sunday at 10 a.m.

On Sunday, May 12, the group will gather at Doug and Leslie White's East End home, Stoney Point and Big Rock Cottage, to hear about "Spiritual Awakenings on a Journey Toward Sustainability."

Join the Whites for a tour of their five star Certified Tropical Green Residence, a Residential Winner of the National Forest Stewardship Council, Design and Build with FSC Award.

Doug White will share his experiences in searching for sustainable materials and practices which have taken him from such diverse places as the Amazon rainforest, clear-cut National Forests in Oregon, Tikal in the Maya Biosphere Reserve in Guatemala and an organic farm in Dominica, to gather inspiration and knowledge to sustainably design and build a small stone and traditional West Indian wooden cottage on East End, St. John.

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## Keeping Track of Crime

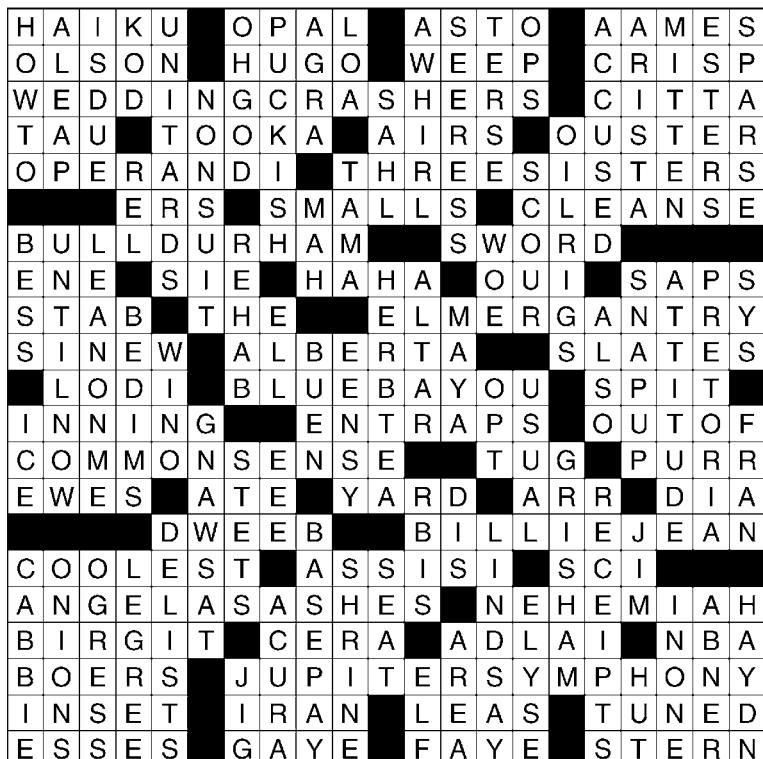
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Homicides: 1  
Shootings: 1  
Stabbings: 0  
Armed Robberies: 1  
Arsons: 0  
1st Degree Burglaries: 3  
2nd Degree Burglaries: 3  
3rd Degree Burglaries: 40  
Grand Larcenies: 72  
Rapes: 1

### 2013-TO-DATE

Homicides: 0  
Shootings: 0  
Stabbings: 0  
Armed Robberies: 0  
Arsons: 0  
1st Degree Burglaries: 1  
2nd Degree Burglaries: 0  
3rd Degree Burglaries: 6  
Grand Larcenies: 28  
Rapes: 1

## Crossword Answers — Puzzle on Page 20



## Letters To St. John Tradewinds

### St. John: World's Largest Angel Population Living on a Rock

Most everyone on St. John is familiar with Connections' bumper stickers, "We're All Here Because We're Not All There" and "St. John — World's Largest Open Air Asylum."

After the past four months of being away from St. John, I have racked my brain to come up with a new bumper sticker that expresses the amazing community in which we live.

Everyone says there are no secrets on the rock — or, as the sayings go, "We don't care what you do — as long as we know about it by noon the next day," and "What happens on St. John, stays on St. John."

I learned in March that there are indeed secrets that stay on our rock when a friend called me and asked if I wished I could be on St. John to attend the fundraiser that was happening that night to help me.

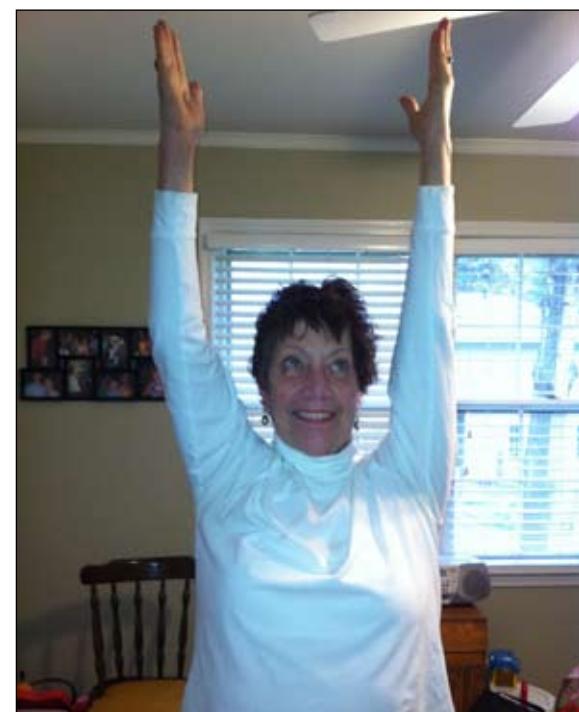
What? Who? How?

I was overwhelmed and couldn't begin to grasp that people were rallying to help me. I wrestled with the life lesson of acceptance. Once I quit crying tears of gratitude, I began to try and learn who would do such a loving effort. After all, me, Cid of Connections, didn't have a clue about an event happening on St. John? Say what?

Unbeknownst to me, Allison Gould, together with Dawn Burgess of Motu, Jamison, Claire, Ryan and the S/V *Kekoa* crew, Jared and the Band Ish, and John Ferrigno and the Sam & Jack's Deli staff, organized a fundraiser to help pay for my medical bills from my fall on 12/12/12.

I learned on Facebook that Steve Simonsen videoed the event. Even as I write this thank you, I do not know who all the angels are.

I do know that this loving effort means more to me than I can adequately express. It has allowed me to



Cid Hamling makes the "touchdown" signal to show off the movement in her elbow.

pay for my physical and massage therapies which are paramount in the healing of my fractured heel, knee and shoulder.

I think the new bumper sticker has to say something about the world's largest angel population living on a tiny rock called St. John.

Thank you all so very much.

**Cidney Hamling**

## Looking for Safety and Security

Due to recent events in our society, our safety and security are being threatened. It's hard to feel safe when bombs and bullets are exploding.

More laws and added measures cannot provide us with a true sense of peace. They can help, but only by placing our lives in Jesus' hands can we overcome fear.

I have added two verses to this popular Christian song. I pray that it speaks to our fragile existence.

Turn my yes upon Jesus  
Look full in His wonderful face  
And the things of the world  
Will grow strangely dim  
In the light of His glory and grace

Turn my feet toward Jesus  
Walk straight in His fullness of grace  
And the dangers of this Earth  
Will soon pass away  
As we humbly kneel down to pray

Turn my heart unto Jesus  
Draw close to His loving embrace  
And the hurts of the world  
Will heal as the time  
Draws close to His soon-coming day.

**Emmanuel Prince**

## ISLAND NOTES from the publisher

*In Memoriam:* Javon Jade Alfred — May 12, 1997-December 22, 2004 — Happy Birthday!

## Department of Tourism Gears Up for National Tourism Week May 4-12

### St. John Tradewinds

As part of the annual National Travel and Tourism Week, May 4-12, the Department of Tourism has planned a number of activities in the territory to address two key areas of critical importance to both residents and visitors — island cleanliness and customer service.

This year's theme "Let's Clean Up our Act!" calls on everyone to put their best foot forward to make the U.S. Virgin Islands a better place to live and to visit.

Tourism Week kicked off with a territory-wide clean up on Saturday, May 4, from 7 to 11 a.m. A total of 12 locations on St. Croix, St. John and St. Croix were designated meeting stations from which teams of volunteers set out to clean up neighborhoods, commercial zones and roadsides. Volunteers were provided T-shirts, gloves, reusable water bottles and drinking water.

"Cleaning up our islands is an important act that will confirm the strong pride that lives within our community," said DOT Commissioner Beverly Nicholson-Doty. "We ask the community to come out and support this initiative to help keep our islands clean for everyone to enjoy."

In keeping with the theme of "Cleaning Up our Act," DOT will focus on customer service. Free customer service workshops will be hosted on St. Thomas May 9 and 10. Conducted by professional service trainer and Virgin Islander, Dr. Bryan Williams, the workshops will focus on world-class

service delivery, including special sessions for managers and supervisors, taxi operators and airport personnel.

"As members of a tourism-based community, providing exceptional customer service is essential to the success of our destination and our future prosperity," said Nicholson-Doty. "Equally important is the level of service we provide each other as residents of the Virgin Islands which is why we encourage the public at large to participate in the workshops and help make the USVI a more hospitable place for all of us."

To register for the workshops on St. Thomas/ St. John, contact Canika John at (340) 774-8784 or ccjohn@usvitourism.vi.

Other activities which will take place during National Tourism Week include school visits to speak with students about customer service, the importance of tourism and the need to keep our islands clean.

DOT representatives will reinforce these messages during interviews planned on local radio programs. Throughout the month of May the department will also run a television advertising campaign promoting its customer service pledge, a commitment USVI employees and businesses can make to improve the level of service they provide their customers.

To take the pledge, go to [www.usviservice-pledge.com](http://www.usviservice-pledge.com). For more information about National Tourism Week activities call 774-8784.

### Birth Announcement:

Norah Marie Chouiniere

Norah Marie Chouiniere was born at her Estate Adrian home on Sunday, April 28, at 1:30 in the afternoon weighing eight pounds, four ounces.

Welcoming her into the world were mom Andrea Chouiniere, dad Ted Chouiniere, midwife Dr. Wendy Coram, assistant Suki Buchalter, big brother Dax Chouiniere, and dear family friend Michelle Petersen.

Mom and baby are healthy and doing well, and the Chouinieres are enjoying settling in as a family of four.

St. John Tradewinds News Photo  
Courtesy of the Chouiniere Family



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### Festival & Cultural Organization of St. John, Inc.



### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### SATURDAY, June 1, 2013

Pan-o-Rama  
4 P.M. AT WINSTON WELLS BALL FIELD  
CONTACT PERSON: LISTON "Matty" SOWER (340) 514-9341

#### FRIDAY, June 7, 2013

Festival Beach Jam  
7 P.M. AT CRUZ BAY WATERFRONT  
CONTACT PERSON: LINDA WILLIAMS (340) 776-6644

#### FRIDAY, June 14, 2013

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

#### SATURDAY, June 15, 2013

Festival Bike Race  
8 A.M. AT ST. JOHN NATIONAL PARK  
CONTACT PERSON: JANE THILL (340) 699-9467

#### SUNDAY, June 16, 2013

St. John Festival Princess 2013 Selection Pageant  
6 P.M. AT WINSTON WELLS BALL FIELD  
CONTACT PERSON: LOREAINN RICHARDS (340) 626-4804

#### FRIDAY, June 21, 2013

Festival Musical Mix 2013  
9 P.M. AT WINSTON WELLS BALL FIELD  
CONTACT PERSON: JUJU PARIS (340) 699-9887

#### SATURDAY, June 22, 2013

St. John Festival Queen 2013 Selection Pageant  
8 P.M. AT WINSTON WELLS BALL FIELD  
CONTACT PERSON: ENID DOWAY (340) 626-0785

#### SUNDAY, June 23, 2013

Food Fair & Coronation  
1 P.M. AT FRANKLIN A. POWELL, SR. PARK  
CONTACT PERSON: LUCINA SMITH (340) 626-6592  
Boat Races  
3 P.M. AT CRUZ BAY HARBOR  
Children's Festival Village

6 P.M. AT ST. JOHN NATIONAL PARK FIELD

#### FRIDAY, June 28, 2013

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

#### THURSDAY, July 4, 2013

Jouvert  
4 A.M. AT ST. JOHN NATIONAL PARK  
Festival Parade 2013  
11 A.M. AT ST. JOHN NATIONAL PARK  
CONTACT PERSON: NATALEE THOMAS (340) 699-1295  
Festival Fireworks Display  
9 P.M. AT CRUZ BAY HARBOR  
CONTACT PERSON: MALINDA NELSON (340) 776-6482

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## Church Directory

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For Devotions and Study Circles, call 714-1641  
7:30 p.m. Fridays; Study Circles 9 a.m. Sundays  
776-6316, 776-6254

**Bethany Moravian Church**  
Divine Worship 10 a.m., except second Sundays start at 9 a.m., 776-6291

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Jehovah's Witness**  
7:30 p.m. Tuesdays; 7 p.m.  
Saturdays (Español), 10 a.m. Sundays,  
340-715-053

**Missionary Baptist Church**  
9:30 a.m. Sunday Services, 10:45 Worship,  
Tuesday 7 p.m. Bible Study 693-8884

**Nazareth Lutheran Church**  
Sunday 9 a.m., Sunday School 8 a.m.  
776-6731

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel**  
Saturdays 6 p.m.; Sundays 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.  
Tuesdays and Fridays at 7 p.m.  
Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7 a.m.  
776-6339

**St. John Methodist Church**  
Sunday 10 a.m. 693-8830

**Seventh Day Adventist**  
Saturdays, 779-4477

**St. John Pentecostal Church**  
Sunday 11:05 a.m., 6:30 p.m.  
Tuesdays Prayer 7:30 p.m.,  
Thursdays Bible Study 7:30 p.m.  
779-1230

**St. Ursula's Episcopal Church**  
Sunday Church Service, 9 a.m.  
Bible Class on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. 777-6306

**Unitarian Universalist Fellowship**  
9:45 a.m. Sunday, 776-6332

**Word of Faith Church**  
Word of Faith International  
Christian Center, Sundays 7:30 a.m.  
Giff Hill School 774-8617

# Islands Magazine Readers Name USVI Top Destination, Trunk Bay Top Beach

### St. John Tradewinds

Bonnier Corp.'s *Islands* magazine last week announced its readers' favorite Caribbean destinations, resorts, beach bars and more for 2013. The full list is in its May Best of the Caribbean issue, on newsstands now.

With more than 12,000 votes cast, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Jamaica were the big winners, each taking top honors in two of the 10 categories.

"This year's Best of the Caribbean winners are true winners," said Islands Brand Director Eddy Patricelli. "They were nominated by Islands followers. They were declared winners by Islands followers. No small feat."

The U.S. Virgin Islands edged out the British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands and Aruba for the Best Destination win. In addition, USVI's Trunk Bay on St. John won for Best Beach, narrowly beating Seven Mile Beach on Grand Cayman and Grace Bay on Turks and Caicos.

Jamaica took home the top honor for Best Island Food, beating out Puerto Rico. Rick's Cafe on Jamaica won for Best Beach Bar, with Foxy's on the Brit-

ish Virgin Islands and Wreck Bar on the Cayman Islands close runners-up.

The other top winners included: Jade Mountain on St. Lucia for Best Luxury Resort; the Cayman Islands for Best Snorkeling; Royal Caribbean for Best Cruise Line; American Airlines for Best Airline; Sandals for Best All-Inclusive; and Westin Aruba for Best Value Resort.

Each category included four runners-up, which are also worthy winners because each category presented a tight race.

"The Best of the Caribbean campaign involved five months of polling, and hefty reminders that our readers are an opinionated bunch — especially when it comes to the Caribbean," Patricelli said.

Stay tuned for *Islands'* November issue, which will feature editors' picks for the Best of the Caribbean.

Published eight times a year by Bonnier Corp., *Islands* is the global authority on island destinations. Through its magazine and website and across media platforms, it takes readers on adventures they have always dreamed of and gives them the tools to help them live those dreams.

### 2013 Best of the Caribbean Winners

**Best Luxury Resort**  
Jade Mountain, St. Lucia

**Best Destination**  
U.S. Virgin Islands

**Best Island Food**  
Jamaica

**Best Snorkeling**  
Cayman Islands

**Best Beach Bar**  
Rick's Cafe, Jamaica

**Best Cruise Line**  
Royal Caribbean

**Best Airline**  
American Airlines

**Best Beach**  
Trunk Bay, St. John

**Best All-Inclusive**  
Sandals

**Best Value Resort**  
Westin Aruba

# To YOUR HEALTH

## Happy Mother's Day

### By Carmen Rhodes, Nature's Way Special to St. John Tradewinds

We often say, "Happy Mother's Day." But how many mothers and women in general are truly happy?

If you have found the secret to inner joy and are truly happy, be thankful, very thankful. The fact is that many women push through life and do not take time to smell the roses. They are so caught up in the business of life or overwhelmed with the fatigue of life that they fail to enjoy life.

Some women plunge through life in a mechanical way doing the daily routine alone or for their job or their families. Here are seven tips to finding real

joy and happiness in life despite the circumstances around us:

- Enjoy Nature
- Sing a Song/Make a Song
- Help Others
- Exercise
- Learn something new/Read a good book.
- Keep a Journal (Write)
- a Spiritual Connection

These tips were adapted from "Being Your Best, A Woman's Guide to Personal Excellence," by Dorothy Eaton Watts.

Wishing all, and especially mothers and women good mental health and true happiness!

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Today's Cryptoquip clue: V equals Y

## Kenny Chesney Donates To Friends of VINP

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a handful of those songs have become Life On A Rock, which arrives April 30," according to the prepared statement. "Given the powerful role the various islands in the Caribbean have played in his life, the singer/songwriter wanted to do something to honor on all that. To that end, Chesney will donate a portion of the proceeds of the sales of Life On A Rock to the Friends of the US Virgin Islands National Park to insure the legacy of nature for coming generations."

While Friends officials do not know just what percentage of the proceeds from the record sales the group will receive, the news of Chesney's donation was celebrated by the St. John non-profit organization.

"I was contacted by someone in his office who called us to verify our name and mailing address," said Friends of VINP's Executive Director Joe Kessler. "They didn't have any other information in terms of what percentage or ideas of how to use the funds. So we just kind of said, 'Okay, that's great.'"

"That was about 10 days ago and we just put in on the back burner and waited to see what would come of it," Kessler said. "Then last Thursday I was made aware that Chesney's office issued a press release on his website and the news was picked up by other entertainment websites also."

The exact dollar amount Friends receives is not the most important part of the donation, Kessler added.

"If we \$20 or \$200,000, it's all good for us," he said. "There is no down side to this at all. We're very grateful and appreciative and honored. And we'll do our very best to make very good use of the donation."

Chesney was inspired to make the donation in the face of tightening budgets and pressures to develop, according to the prepared statement on his website.

"As the world becomes more developed, protecting these wild places is going to become harder - and the cost of maintaining them needs to be covered," Chesney is quoted in the statement. "It's easy to forget, or not understand when it's a line item on a piece of paper, just one more expense. But if you've ever seen the trees, the oceans from a ridge, the way it all tangles together, you realize how important making sure lands like this exist for the people who come after us is."

"For me, 'Life On A Rock' comes from this place, so I want to give something back, so it's there for others," Chesney said in the statement. "Let them find the peace and the awe that I did for so many years. And I like that the music can be connected with protecting something so important."

This is not Chesney's first donation to Friends of VINP, Kessler added.

"Kenny has been supportive of the park and our work," said Kessler. "The park is part of the reason why he comes here. He has donated to us in the past; he helped with the Hurricane Hole mooring

program."

"We're proud that he chose us for the donation and that he knows us and knows our work," said Kessler.

Chesney hopes the donation to Friends of VINP helps to raise awareness about the organization, according to the prepared statement on his website.

"Our national parks are one of those things you might not think about." Chesney is quoted in the statement. "But once they're gone, you can't get them back, so protecting and maintaining them is so important. I know: I've spent hours in these parks, on these trails and beaches."

"Over the years, they've been a big part of my time away from the road, and I think they're a great sanctuary for all of us," Chesney said in the prepared statement. "To me, to connect these songs with something so special is both an honor and a chance to call awareness to the Friends of the Park."

In addition to the donation and the personal songs, Chesney is also featuring images of St. John during his Life on a Rock tour. While on stage, videos of St. John beaches and water flash on the screen, according to several recent concert attendees.

Chesney's team licensed a total of 21 video clips of St. John from renowned St. John photographer and videographer Steve Simonsen.

The Simonsens are "stoked," Steve Simonsen explained and the couple will take in Chesney's show in Foxboro, MA, in August.

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## Survivors: Little Pink Houses of Hope Retreat

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Houses of Hope founder. "This is their honeymoon. They don't have to think about cancer this week."

The retreat is also a chance for the breast cancer patient's caretakers to talk about how they've been impacted, Patten-Coble explained.

"The husbands and kids' lives change dramatically as well," she said. "During the retreat I watch as couples connect in a way that's not really possible with the day-to-day things they have to deal with. I notice these men who do such a great job as caretakers who really feel isolated."

"But at the retreat they are surrounded by other people who are in the same boat," said Patten-Coble. "There is a feeling that they're not alone."

While on St. John, the group enjoyed meals from

La Plancha del Mar, Asolare, High Tide, Rumb Lines, La Tapa, Waterfront Bistro, Tap Room, Banana Deck, Woody's, The Terrace, Baked in the Sun and St. John Catering and a dessert at Ocean Grille.

Motu Bar hosted a welcome party for the retreat and they enjoyed trying Stand Up Paddleboarding with Big Planet, a sunset sail on Kekoa, massages from Dana Neil, fishing with Hank Sladden and snorkeling with Low Key Watersports. Transportation for the group was provided by Aniell Samuel.

While the logistics are difficult and the retreat is an expensive one, Patten-Coble hopes to make the St. John trip an annual one for Little Pink Houses of Hope, she explained.

For more information on the group, or to make a donation, check out the website [www.littlepink.org](http://www.littlepink.org).

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# Former St. John Couple To Be Tried Separately for Murder

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fense attorney Jeff Cutler requesting to separate their trials.

"Clearly, based on filings of Amanda Hayes and her attorneys, it is now apparent that we have antagonistic defenses based on the readings of her motions," Cutler was quoted in a report on www.wral.com. "Clearly, they're going to attempt to make him look bad. That is part of their defense, and I don't believe that's a manageable way to try a joint trial."

State prosecutors and Amanda Hayes' attorney Gaskins both opposed the motion. The state prosecutor asserted that Amanda Hayes was a principal in the crime, according to the North Carolina news website.

"The state's evidence on Amanda Hayes shows her as, not just a conspirator and not just acting in concert, but as a principal in this crime," Wake County Assistant District Attorney Boz Zellinger was quoted in the report on www.wral.com.

"We believe it is to her benefit that they be joined," Gaskins was quoted in a report on http://triangle.news14.com.

Citing concerns of a mistrial, Stephens granted the motion to separate trials, according to the http://triangle.news14.com report.

"We have a situation in which the state and the co-defendant are proving the other defendant's guilt," Stephens was quoted in the report. "I can try these cases one at a time and with both of them we'll be guaranteed an absolutely and completely fair trial."

Amanda Hayes' trial is still scheduled to begin on May 20, while Stephens scheduled Grant Hayes' new trial date for late August, according to the www.wral.com report.

While prosecutors have not publicly spoken of a motive for the crime, Grant Hayes was in a custody battle with Ackerson over the couple's two children, the victim's family members told reporters in the wake of her killing.

It remained unclear last week how exactly Ackerson was killed. Texas medical examiners discovered injuries which suggested sharp force to her neck, but there were also signs that someone tried to strangle her, according to the www.wral.com report.

"Texas authorities who found Ackerson's body and later turned the case over to Raleigh police, say they believe the Hayeses killed Ackerson, cut up her body and carried it in coolers to Texas, where they disposed of her remains in the creek," according to the report on www.wral.com.

# St. John Needs More Government Services, Say Residents

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out any cost to the territory using our own vehicles, which we pay to register and we pay to fuel," said Malacarne. "We have been asking for a contract from DOJ since 2008 and we have heard nothing."

When the island's lone ambulance is in use, St. John Rescue also serves as backup to the St. John EMS, Malacarne added.

"Rescue performs a number of services including community CPR classes, extraction and repelling, and soon St. John will have its own oxygen generator," he said. "We perform more services than St. Thomas Rescue and St. Croix Rescue, yet we receive less than a third of the funding that they get. We aren't asking you to cut their funding, but we are running day to day with very little funding."

"We really need more funding," Malacarne said.

Senator Cole promised to take St. John Rescue's concerns to the proper authorities, he explained.

"We must find a way to get you more funding," Cole told Malacarne. "You back up the government here and we have to attack this situation."

As MKSCHC turns 30 later this month, the health center continues to struggle with limited funding

and high costs, explained Dr. Joseph DeJames, MKSCHC Director.

"We're celebrating our 30th anniversary this year," said DeJames. "It was built as a hospital and senior care facility, but due to the small population of the island was never really used in that capacity. The morgue is expensive to run and when things break down it's difficult to understand who is responsible for that, DOJ or Schneider Regional Medical Center."

MKSCHC officials are considering closing the island's two body morgue due to the high costs and relatively low usage, DeJames explained.

"Usually there is a city morgue and the for St. Thomas/St. John District that is located at R.L. Schneider Hospital on St. Thomas," he said. "We've entertained the idea of not operating the morgue on St. John all the time as far as electricity, etc. DOJ usually arrives on the barge and takes the body."

"It's only after hours that would be a concern to transport a body to Red Hook to transport it to the DOJ," DeJames said. "In my mind, it should be a full DOJ responsibility."

While MKSCHC began offering primary care services to the island's veterans about two and

a half years ago, veterans must now go to St. Thomas for all their medical needs, Alvis Christian explained.

"Veterans used to be able to go to MKSCHC for treatment but that has now been cut and we don't know why," Christian said. "Veterans on St. John now have to go to St. Thomas for any type of issue or medical need."

The service was cut due to a lack of training from Office of Veteran's Affairs officials, explained DeJames.

"The issue we faced is that Veterans Affairs uses a federal system of medical records which requires training and background checks, etc.," said the MKSCHC director. "The problem was that not many on staff were certified to use the system and vouchers were not fully implemented. Payment from VA was difficult to get, we couldn't get the training from VA and the volume was not huge."

Senator Cole pledged to get answers to residents' questions and share their concerns with government officials on St. Thomas.

"We don't know about these issues unless you tell us," said Cole. "We are writing down these concerns and we'll go and find answers for you."

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## VIPD Arrest Five on St. Thomas for Having Unlicensed Firearms

### *St. John Tradewinds*

V.I. Police Department officers arrested five individuals on St. Thomas, in unrelated incidents, on unlicensed firearm charges.

St. Thomas resident Cariem Charles, age 24, also known as "Remy" of Estate Bovoni, was arrested at about 1 a.m. on April 28 and charged with Possession of an Unlicensed Firearm after police found a 45 caliber Glock pistol, two magazines and ammunition in his possession.

The arrest occurred outside the St. Thomas Carnival Village where members of the Intelligence Bureau observed Charles arguing with another individual.

VIPD officers said they knew Charles from a previous case. While checking Charles to ensure the safety of the officer, the weapon and ammunition were found in his possession.

Charles is presently on a year's probation after serving a year in jail after pleading guilty to previous gun possession charge, according to VIPD officers.

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

Jaime Roberts, 20, of Estate Frydendahl was arrested on April 27 a few minutes before 7 p.m. VIPD officers said Roberts was

in possession of a firearm when he was approached by police in Estate Smith Bay. Officers confiscated a black Smith Wesson handgun loaded with five bullets during the arrest. Roberts' bail was set at \$25,000 and he was remanded to the Bureau of Corrections.

Djaramie Barry of Altona was also arrested for possession of an Unlicensed Firearm on April 24 at about 6:15 p.m. VIPD officers said they were dispatched to the area of Oswald Harris Court and Wheatly Center to investigate a disturbance in progress.

When officers arrived, they saw two males near building 20 and one matched the description that was relayed to them by 911 dispatchers. When police identified themselves and approached the male, who was later identified as Barry, the suspect began to run.

Officers chased the suspect on foot and observed him remove a gun from his waist before he was apprehended by the officers. Barry, 33, was placed on a \$25,000 bail and placed into custody.

Also on April 22 at about 11:30 a.m. Akil Smith and Jolanni George were both arrested for Possession of Unlicensed Firearms. VIPD Officers of the Special Operations Bureau were patrolling and conducting inspections of the Tutu High Rise area.

## VIPD Safety TIPS

**Avoid Being the Victim of a Scam** — If you are contacted by postal mail, email or through the telephone and told that you have won a prize, you cannot be asked to pay anything for it. You cannot even be required to pay shipping charges. If it is a sweepstakes the person must tell you how to enter without making a purchase.

- If you did not enter a contest, you cannot win the contest. It is most likely a scam.
- Never give a telemarketer your credit card, bank account number or Social Security card number.
- Be suspicious – if a deal sounds too good to be true, it probably is not true.
- Be suspicious – if it seems you are

- getting something for nothing you will most likely to pay a hefty price in the end.
- Be suspicious of strangers who are overly friendly and eventually ask you for money.
- Before you hand anyone cash, stop and think. Call a trusted friend to get a second opinion.

If you feel you have been the victim of a scam, or someone is harassing you for money call 911 immediately. You can also report the incident to the Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs.



## Police Log

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### **Friday, April 26**

1:07 p.m. - A citizen c/r an auto collision on North Shore Road. Auto collision.

8:24 p.m. - A citizen c/requesting police assistance with some males. Police assistance.

11:05 p.m. - A citizen c/r a disturbance in the area of Estate Power Boyd. Disturbance of the peace.

### **Saturday, April 27**

3:00 p.m. - A citizen p/r that someone stole his guitar out of his vehicle in the Wharfside Parking lot. Grand larceny.

7:05 p.m. - A citizen c/requesting police assistance to retrieve keys from someone who removed a rental vehicle off the island. Police assistance.

9:33 p.m. - A citizen c/r loud music in the area of Cruz Bay. Disturbance of the peace.

10:07 p.m. - A citizen c/r loud music in the area of Great Cruz Bay. Loud music.

### **Sunday, April 28**

1:09 a.m. - A citizen c/r hearing shots fired in the area of Cruz Bay. Illegal discharge.

2:45 p.m. - An Estate Adrian resident c/r that her daughter is being an unruly child. Simple assault and battery.

3:30 p.m. - Badge #1177 p/at Leander Jurgen Command with

one minor of Estate Adrian put under protective custody and charged with simple assault and battery. The minor was later released to her father.

6:53 p.m. - A citizen c/r loud music in the area of Cruz Bay. Loud music.

9:38 p.m. - EMS c/requesting police assistance in the area of Pastory Gardens. Police assistance.

### **Monday, April 29**

11:26 a.m. - An Estate Hansen Bay resident c/requesting police assistance. Police assistance.

7:51 p.m. - A Bellevue Village resident c/requesting police assistance. Police assistance.

### **Tuesday, April 30**

8:27 a.m. - A citizen p/requesting police assistance to be transported to Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center. Police assistance.

9:23 a.m. - A citizen c/r a male trespassing in the area of Estate Hansen Bay. Suspicious activity.

2:30 p.m. - A citizen p/requesting police assistance with an individual who is posting information about her and others on Facebook. Police assistance.

3:22 p.m. - A citizen c/r loud music in the area of Cruz Bay.

Police assistance.

6:23 p.m. - A minor female p/r that she was assaulted in the area of Estate Enighed. Unlawful sexual contact.

7:52 p.m. - A citizen p/r that she lost her wallet in the area of Mongoose Junction. Lost wallet.

8:42 p.m. - A citizen p/r that someone sent her minor daughter an inappropriate text of a penis at Ivanna Eudora Kean High School on St. Thomas. Obscene and indecent conduct.

### **Wednesday, May 1**

No time given - A citizen r/ that his vehicle was damaged while parked in a parking lot on St. Thomas. Hit and run.

8:34 p.m. - A Calabash Boom resident c/r his minor son missing. Missing minor.

### **Thursday, May 2**

6:01 a.m. - A citizen p/r an auto collision in the area of the roundabout in Cruz Bay. Auto collision.

6:55 p.m. - A St. Thomas resident p/r a dispute. Landlord and tenant dispute.

### **Friday, May 3**

12:28 a.m. - A citizen c/r that her ex boyfriend is intoxicated and trying to get into her home. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

## Lt. Gov. Challenges Parents To Help Prevent Crime

Lieutenant Governor Gregory Francis is challenging parents to take a greater role in crime prevention by searching their children's rooms and bags for any illegal items.

Francis believes this level of parental involvement could help to stem the criminal activity occurring throughout the Virgin Islands community.

"The fight to reclaim our community from crime begins at home," said Francis. "Parents are often unaware that their children have brought firearms, illegal drugs and stolen items into their homes. A random search of your child's room, bag, and closet or even the entire home or apartment may reveal items that were intended for criminal activ-

ity, which can then be turned over to the proper authorities."

Parents may also use this as an opportunity to openly discuss the impact of crime and criminal behavior with their families, according to Francis.

"We have seen too many lives and families destroyed by crime and violence," he said. "Searching our children's rooms and bags may seem harsh, but could prove to be a valuable tool to stop a crime before it occurs. We need to be proactive about what we will allow within our homes and around our families and I urge parents to do this because you care about your children and our community."

## Community Calendar

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

### Tuesday, May 7

— On May 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the St. John School of the Arts, SJFS will feature an insightful look into contemporary Cuba with two films telling stories of homemakers, architects, government officials, street sweepers, and soldiers — inspiring, controversial, and uniquely Cuba.

### Saturday, May 11

— Join St. Ursula's Multipurpose Center on Saturday, May 11, at Maho Bay Campground's dining pavilion from 3 to 6 p.m.

— The Coral Bay Community Council's Marine Uses Planning Team will meet at Guy Benjamin School, room six, on Tuesday, May 14, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. For more information call CBCC at 776-2099

— The St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce 2013 Annual Awards Banquet and Dinner Dance, a "Spring Floral Spectacular" will be on Saturday, May 11, at the St. Peter Greathouse.

— Due to the forecast for light wind, officials last week decided to reschedule the Commodore's Cup Regatta. The race will now be on Saturday and Sunday, May 11, and 12, in Coral Bay. The regatta is hosted by the St. John Yacht Club,

the Nauti Yacht Club and the Coral Bay Yacht Club. Skipper's meetings and the awards ceremony will be at Skinny Legs.

### Saturday, May 18

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

### Sunday, May 26

— The Friends of V.I. National Park's 10th Annual Beach-to-Beach Power Swim event will be on Sunday, May 26.

### May 29 and May 31

— Coral Bay Community Council is hosting an American Institute of Architects (AIA) Sustainable Design Workshop focused on community visioning Wednesday, May 29, to Friday, May 31. For more information call CBCC at 776-2099

### Friday, June 14

— The Ivanna Eudora Kean High School Alumni Association will host its first alumni prom fundraiser on Friday, June 14, to celebrate the alma mater's 40th year anniversary. The event will be at Frenchman's Reef & Morning Star Marriott Beach Resort from 8 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

### ALCHOLICS 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

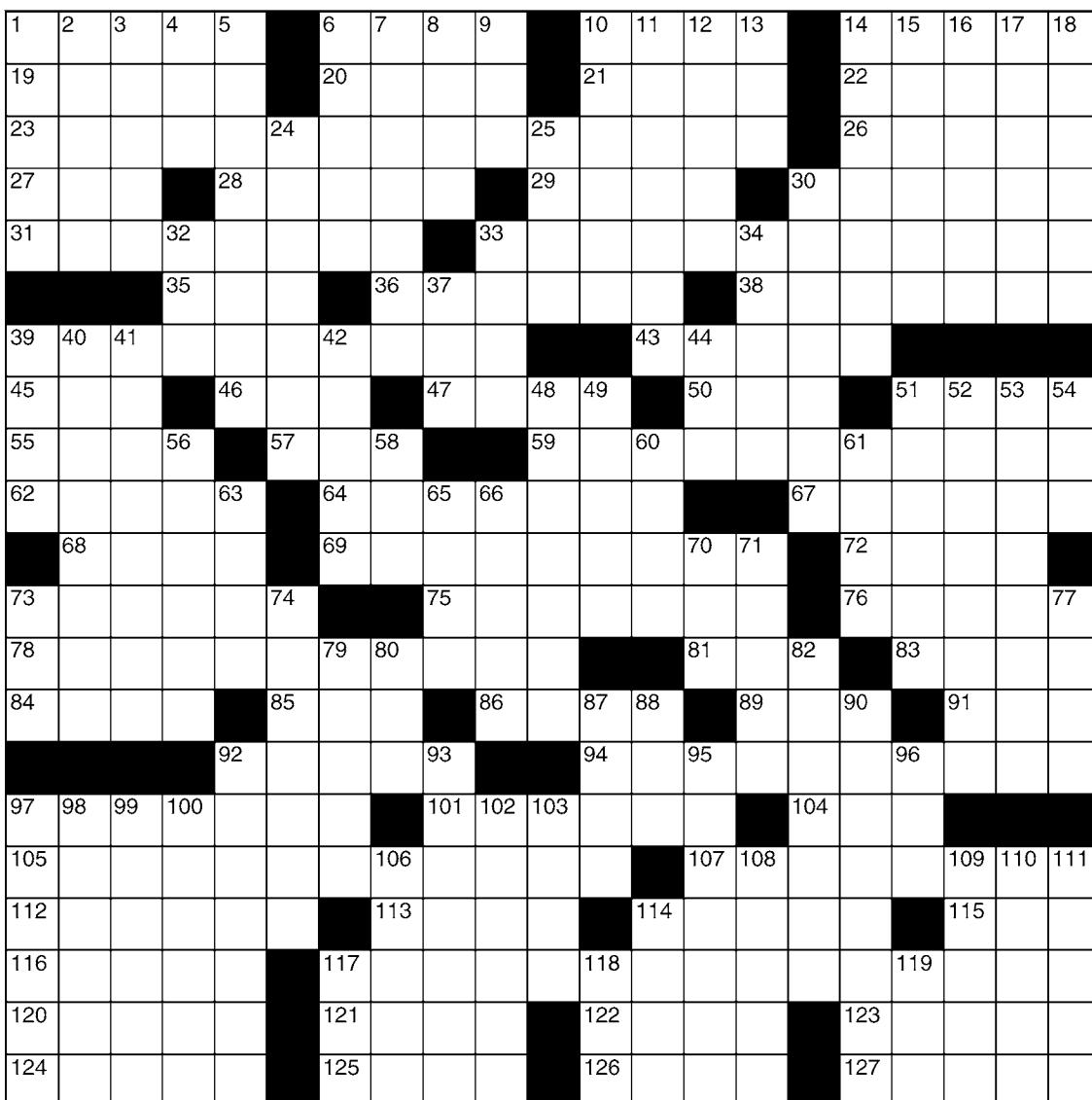
Narcotics Anonymous has open meetings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. every Saturday at St. Ursula's Church.

### AL-ANON MEETINGS

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

## Crossword

By Frank A. Longo



### INITIAL WORKS

#### ACROSS

- 1 Japanese verse
- 6 Milky white gem
- 10 Memo opening
- 14 "Eight Is Enough" actor Willie
- 19 Game show announcer Johnny
- 20 Novelist Victor
- 21 Have a bawl
- 22 Freshly firm
- 23 Comedy that should have starred W.C. Fields?
- 26 Big town, in Italian
- 27 Sorority "T"
- 28 With 103-Down, parked it, so to speak
- 29 Televises
- 30 Ejection
- 31 Modus —
- 33 Novel that should have been written by T.S. Eliot?
- 35 Hosp. parts
- 36 Some pizzas
- 38 Purge
- 39 Romantic comedy that should have starred B.D. Wong?
- 43 Épée, say
- 45 Ethyl ender
- 46 "Sprechen — Deutsch?"
- 47 "Very funny!"
- 50 Yes, in Ypres
- 51 Tree juices
- 55 Harpoon, e.g.
- 57 Off- — wall
- 59 Drama that should have starred E.G. Marshall?
- 64 Calgary's province
- 67 Roof tiles
- 68 City in Italy or California
- 69 Song that should have been sung by B.B. King?
- 72 Roasting rod
- 73 Baseball game part
- 75 Catches slyly
- 76 See 70-Down
- 78 Pamphlet that should have been written by C.S. Lewis?
- 81 Pull sharply
- 83 Kitten sound
- 84 Lamb raisers
- 85 Gorged on
- 86 Golfing unit
- 89 Depot abbr.
- 91 José's "day"
- 92 Nerd's kin
- 94 Song that should have been sung by B.J. Thomas?
- 97 Most hip
- 101 St. Francis' birthplace
- 104 Comp —
- 105 Memoir that should have been written by A.A. Milne?
- 107 Bible book after Ezra
- 112 Soprano Nilsson
- 113 Michael of "Superbad"
- 114 Ex-veep Stevenson
- 115 Raptors' org.
- 116 Some Afrikaners
- 117 Piece that should have been composed by J.S. Bach?
- 120 Atlas closeup
- 121 Tehran's land
- 122 Meadows
- 123 In good pitch
- 124 Twisty turns
- 125 Motown's Marvin
- 126 Dunaway of "Chinatown"
- 127 Exacting
- 1 Instructional book
- 2 Take — of faith
- 3 Give credit where credit —
- 4 Walloped in a boxing ring
- 5 One-piece bodysuits
- 6 George Burns film
- 7 Mischievous
- 8 Taj Mahal locale
- 9 Mauna —
- 10 Spinning
- 11 Female futurist
- 12 Short-winded
- 13 Photo —
- 14 Impeached
- 15 Defunct record label
- 16 Glove's kin
- 17 Acid-alcohol compounds
- 18 Not dense
- 24 Stoppage of a plaintiff's legal action
- 25 Satirist Mort
- 30 Well drillers
- 32 Bro., for one
- 33 Writer Janowitz
- 34 Scrub clean
- 37 — -jongg
- 39 Mrs. Truman
- 40 Thus far
- 41 Morgan Freeman film
- 42 Post-op program
- 44 Affliction
- 48 Chamomile drink, maybe
- 49 Temple table
- 51 Bite quickly
- 52 Way of thinking
- 53 A South African capital
- 54 Pt. of TBS
- 56 Makes hazy
- 58 Em lead-in
- 60 Poet Angelou
- 61 Too
- 63 Big tippler
- 65 "Muy —" (Spanish for "very good")
- 66 Teeny-tiny
- 70 With 76-Across, choose not to take part in
- 71 Customary
- 73 Driving peril
- 74 Chews on
- 77 Tarkenton of football
- 79 Nixes a dele
- 80 Wide shoe width
- 82 "The Firm" novelist John
- 87 Hitters' stats
- 88 Put down, to P. Diddy
- 90 Sales slips
- 92 Takes off a roster
- 93 Wages before overtime
- 95 Lohan of film
- 96 Funny Carrey
- 97 Hack driver
- 98 Edible bulbs
- 99 Cruel woman
- 100 Stowe's slave owner
- Simon
- 102 Sacred place
- 103 See 28-Across
- 106 Infiniti rival
- 108 "Family Ties" mom
- 109 Hole- —
- 110 "Li'l —"
- 111 "The Creation" composer
- 114 District
- 117 Lively dance
- 118 Pixieish sort
- 119 Crude house

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St. John Tradewinds News Photos by Yelena Rogers

## Students Wow in Comedy Show

Students from all three island schools worked with the Gifft Hill School Theater Department for the St. John Comedy Vaudeville Show last month at GHS.



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**"WHALE WATCH"** - Enjoy pristine East End in this lovely, 2 bedroom villa with big water views. Downstairs apartment offers additional living & income space. Hear the sound of the waves lapping below.

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**"BORDERS NATIONAL PARK!"** EXCEPTIONAL CARIBBEAN CRAFTSMANSHIP masonry home w/ FLEXIBLE FLOORPLAN is a "must see"! Private, end of road FLAT lot with additional cottage. Completed in 2010 by Owner/builder/furniture maker from Santa Fe.

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A work by IEKHS Desori Smalls will be featured in the exhibit.

## Bajo el Sol To Feature Stelzer, Samuel and Student Art on May 10<sup>th</sup>

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happens is the students who pre-register for art classes get in and then anyone gets put in the class if there is space," she said. "What you end up with is an age range, a grade range and an ability range. We just kind of go with it; we take it one day at time."

The students' work consists mainly of collage pieces but all are considered based on their marketability, Etre added.

"There are some paintings and drawings, but it's mainly collage," said the art teacher. "When I have different levels collage is something that anyone can do, but what I'm really looking for are works that are striking, but also marketable. The whole idea for the show is for students to get the experience of exhibiting their work with other professional working artists."

The students also look forward to talking about their work and engaging with the community, Etre explained.

"The idea is for the students to be able to talk to the community about their artwork and for the community to interact with the students," said Etre. "The students and the community seem to really enjoy that. Once the students start talking about their work, they just beam and it's like a whole new level."

"Recognition is awesome," said the art teacher.

For their part, Tom and Livy Hitchcock love hosting the students' work each year.

"Bajo el Sol Gallery is delighted to give back to our community by

using the gallery space to validate students' achievements, allowing their creativity to flow and giving them a positive experience young people so need to develop," according to a prepared statement by the gallery owners.

Also featured Bajo el Sol's May 10 opening reception will be works by St. John artists Karen Samuel and William Stelzer.

Both Samuel and Stelzer have been and are actively involved in teaching, nurturing, and mentoring students from St. John and beyond. Samuel, a native St. Johnian, is very accomplished as a seamstress as well as an oil painter. Her attention to minute detail is one of her underlying strengths. She has indicated that her work for this exhibit may include some "loose" surprises in her creations, according to information from Bajo el Sol.

Stelzer's interests and work and giving take him to places far from his home on St. John, adding to his inspiration for his creative photographs. Using computer programs and skills, Stelzer's photographs exhibit a distinct painterly quality.

Join Samuel, Stelzer and other Bajo el Sol artists in supporting and sharing with the IEKHS art students and their artwork.

This exciting opening reception is Friday, May 10, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the gallery in Mongoose Junction. The reception will also feature David Laabs on classical guitar. The artwork will be featured in the month of May. For more information call the gallery at 693-7070.

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