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Tullius Three-peats at Beach-to-Beach

Hundreds of swimmers turned out on a bright sunny Sunday morning, May 24, for the 12th Annual Beach to Beach Power Swim sponsored by the Friends of the Virgin Islands National Park. More than 280 residents and visitors swam the three-leg course from Maho Bay beach to Cinnamon Bay beach to Trunk Bay and finishing at Hawksnest Bay. At the end Rex Tullius had only one thing to say as he stepped onto Hawksnest Beach on Sunday morning after leading the pack in a competitive swim from Maho Bay. "It's a three-peat." **STORY ON PAGE 3**



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Memorial Day Events Will Honor Veterans

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The Office of Veterans Affairs, American Legion, Survivor Outreach Services and the V.A. Vet Center are partnering to commemorate all Veterans who have paid the ultimate sacrifice and honor those who are still serving our country faithfully, loyally and with honor on May 25.

St. John Events

On St. John participants will assemble at 9:30 a.m. at the Cruz Bay Public Cemetery. At 10 a.m. the motorcade will proceed to the Bethany Moravian Cemetery for a short ceremony. At 10:30 a.m., the entourage will proceed to the Calabash Boom Cemetery for a short ceremony. At 11:30 a.m. participants will proceed to the Emmaus Moravian Cemetery for a short ceremony. At 12 noon, there will be a Sea Side Ceremony at the Coral Bay Dock for. Finally at 3 p.m. we will have official ceremony at the Viggo E. Sewer American Legion Post #131 Headquarters located in Coral Bay.

Following custom, there will be commemoration activities on all three islands on this day. Listed below are the times and locations of this year's event for each island:

- May 23: 10 a.m. Memorial Tree Watering Ceremony, Verne I Richards Veterans Park, STX.
- May 24: 2:30 p.m. Pre-Memorial Day Remem-

brance, UVI Grounds, St. Croix Campus.

- May 25: 9:30 a.m. Memorial Day March, Federiksted, St. Croix (Post Office).

- May 25: 9:30 a.m. Memorial Day March; Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas (Cemetery #1).

- May 25: 9:30 a.m. Memorial Day Motorcade and Ceremony; Cruz Bay, St. John, Public Cemetery.

St. Croix

On St. Croix the procession will start at the Post Office in Federicksted and proceed to the Federiksted Cemetery for the graveside ceremony then on to the Frederiksted waterfront, adjacent to the Verne I. Richards Veterans Memorial Park, for the seaside service. The Official Commemoration Ceremony will be held at the Verne I. Richards Veterans Memorial Park immediately after.

St. Thomas

On St. Thomas the program will start with a graveside ceremony at the entrance of Western Cemetery #1. After the graveside ceremony the procession will start, via police escort, from the Western Cemetery and proceed to the Emil White bust on the waterfront for the seaside ceremony. After the seaside ceremony the assemblage will proceed to the Franklin D. Roosevelt Veterans Park via Main Street. The Official Commemoration Ceremony will be held at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Veterans Park.

Medical Cannabis Seminar Set for May 25 on St. Croix

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Senator Terrence Nelson is pleased to announce that two professionals, Attorney Ken Sobel and Nurse Heather Manus, with many years of varying experience in the cannabis industry, will be traveling to St. Croix on Monday, May 25, to conduct a seminar.

Residing in California, Heather Manus is a registered nurse who specializes in all aspects of medical cannabis care. Attorney Sobel has been practicing law in California and Arizona since 1980.

Attorney Sobel and Nurse Manus are very excited to meet the Virgin Islands community and present information specific to their field of expertise in the

cannabis industry. The seminar will be in the Great Hall Room at UVI on St. Croix on Wednesday, May 27, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. A meet and greet is from 5:30 to 6 p.m. and will consist of a photo slide show.

There will be video conferencing available on the UVI St. Thomas campus, location to be announced.

"I would like to extend a personal invitation to the entire community to come out and be educated on the legal and health factors of the medical cannabis industry," Senator Nelson expressed. "Please spread the word!"

For more information please call 340-712-2287 and/or 340-712-2210

Teachers, Aides Sought for Summer

The summer enrichment program at the Julius E., Sprauve School, is seeking teachers and teacher's aides for the 2015 Sprauve School Summer Enrichment Program, hiring teachers for: Math, Literacy, STEM, ESL, Spanish, Fitness, Computer, Sewing and Baking, etc. and teacher's aides.

The summer enrichment program begins with teacher orientation on Friday, June 26, and classes begin on Monday, June 29, through Friday, July 31, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The staffing schedule will be: teachers, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and teacher's aides, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Town Hall Meeting with VINP Is May 26

St. John Administrator's Office will host a town hall meeting in conjunction with The Virgin Islands National Park Management Team on Tuesday May 26, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the St. John Legislature Annex in Cruz Bay. Come, listen, voice your recommendations and concerns with the Virgin Islands National Park.

Meet New E. Sprauve Librarian May 28

Come to the Elaine Sprauve Library on Thursday, May 28 from 3 to 5 p.m. to meet the new St. John Librarian Ashley Till. Till replaces veteran librarian Carol McGuinness who retired in 2014, and brings much enthusiasm and ideas for library-goers of all ages.

Sponsored by Friends of the Library, light refreshments will be served and future plans, discussed. All are welcome.

Coral Bay Crime Prevention Meeting at Caribbean Oasis on May 27

The Crime Prevention Unit of the V.I. Police Department and the Coral Bay Community Council will co-hosting a community meeting to discuss crime prevention measures on Wednesday, May 27, from 9 to 10 a.m. at Caribbean Oasis Restaurant in Coral Bay.

This meeting is particularly targeted to local business owners and their concerns. Everyone is welcome. Light Refreshments will be served. For more information, call the CBCC at 776-2099.

Democratic Party Meeting May 30

The Democratic Party Territorial Committee Meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, May 30, at 10 a.m. at the Department of Education's Curriculum Centers.

GHS Graduation Set for Friday, June 12

U.S. Delegate to Congress Stacey Plaskett has agreed to serve as commencement speaker at Giffit Hill School graduation ceremony for the Class of 2015 on Friday, June 12.

Plaskett is an attorney, commentator and politician. She has practiced law in New York, Washington DC, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. She is known for her understanding of Caribbean economic development and public-private partnerships for growing the economy of developing areas. She is an active community advocate in the Virgin Islands.

Giffit Hill School's graduation ceremony will be conducted at the school's Upper Campus on Trayser Field at 5:30 p.m. on Friday June 12. Nine students will graduate with the Class of 2015.

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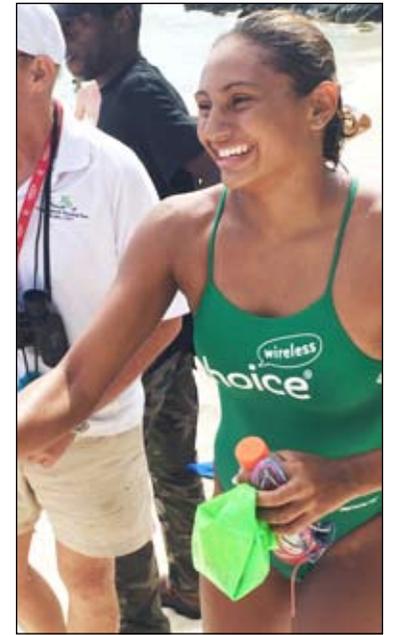
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ABOVE: Top finishers Rex Tullius and Jamaria Washshah at the finish line at Hawksnest Bay.

LEFT: Tomas del Olmo, Lucas del Olmo, Alfredo del Olmo, and Melena del Olmo and a family friend are ready for the power swim at Maho Bay beach starting line.

Tullius Three-peats at 12th Beach to Beach, St. John Swimmers, Young and Old(er) Rule

By TOM OAT
St. John Tradewinds

HAWKSNEST BAY — At the end Rex Tullius had only one thing to say as he stepped onto Hawksnest Beach on Sunday morning after leading the pack in a competitive swim from Maho Bay.

“It’s a three-peat,” said, the St. Thomas resident, barely winded after swimming three and one-half miles to win the 12th annual Beach to Beach Power Swim sponsored by the Friends of the V.I. National Park. Tullius’ time of 1 hour, and 16 minute finishing time actually was slower than his wining time last year’ of 1:12:43.

And, it was a close battle at the end with Jamaris (JJ) Washshah, finishing less than two minutes behind Tullius at 1:17:34 and setting a new women’s course record by several seconds.

Under sunny skies and in cooperative weather and sea conditions, more than 280 swimmers swam the three-leg course from

Maho Bay beach to Cinnamon Bay beach to Trunk Bay and finishing at Hawksnest Bay. At each beach the course passed close the shoreline, allowing onlookers and supporters to give close-up encouragement to the racers.

“It was a great success,” Friends President Joe Kessler pronounced after the post-race celebratory party at Gibney Beach.

St. John entrants on the leaderboard included Alex Ewald, Cristine Meyer, Craig Barshinger and young swimmers Thomas Del Olmo and Luca Del Olmo who swam the race with the father Alfredo and sister Melena.

Age group results included: Thomas Del Olmo, 28:49, Age 16 and under: and Luca Del Olmo, 34:29, Age 17-34.

The Results

Short Solo Female: First, Sasha Klein, 22:24 ; Second, Juliette De Sousa, 22:54; Third, Sarah Trout, 23:31.

Short Solo Male: First, Jess Midkiff, 25:36; Second, V. Van

Oudtshoon, 26:14; Third, Daryl Adkins, 28:46.

Short Assisted Female: First Sarah Welnick, 23:21; Second, Janeelle Zachman, 24:08; Third, Kennis Weiler, 25:49.

Short Assisted Male: First, James Marc Miller, 23:56; Brad Douglas, 25:07; Third, Paul Omeara, 25:13.

Intermediate Solo Female: First, Cathryn Hempel, 54:55; Second, Carter Maltby, 54:56; Third, Susan Popa, 1:02:05.

Intermediate Solo Male: First, Jonathon Dell, 51:33; Second, Andrew McPherson, 55:06; Third, Clinton Hempel, 56:20.

Intermediate Assist Female: First, Kay Reddy, 56:28; Second, Christy McManus, 1:01:04; Third, Sydney Inman, 1:02:41.

Intermediate Assisted Male: First, Lars Inman, 1:02:43; Second, Kevin Foster, 1:12:24; Third, Adam Thill, 1:15:38.

Long Solo Female: First, Jamaris (JJ) Washshah, 1:17:34; Second, Natalia Kuipers, 1:21:45;

Third, Barbara Crowder, 1:22:25.

Long Solo Male: First, Rex Julius, 1:16:00; Second, Johnathan Eckart, 1:17:37; Third, Christopher Geaefe, 1:18:17.

Long Assisted Female: First, Alexandra Ewald, 1:32:44; Second, Cristine Meyer; 1:43:35; Third, Mary Stone, 1:44:03.

Long Assisted Male: First, Craig Barshinger, 1:27:38; Second Michael Feierabend, 1:27:44; Third, Marc Eckmodt, 1:48:43.

Long Relay: First: Hartwing, Leman and Macko, 1:44:10; Second: Lynn, Lynn and Payne, 2:07:44.

Lone Relay Assisted: First: Hougaard, Michtnes and Ferry, 1:34:52; Second: Barr, Brunt and Maltby, 1:45:46; Third: Dugan, Cullum, Storm, 1:47:10.

Several family members of participants were disgruntled to find that they could not watch the action at the Trunk Bay relay station without paying the park’s entry fee, but a good time was had by all at the after party.

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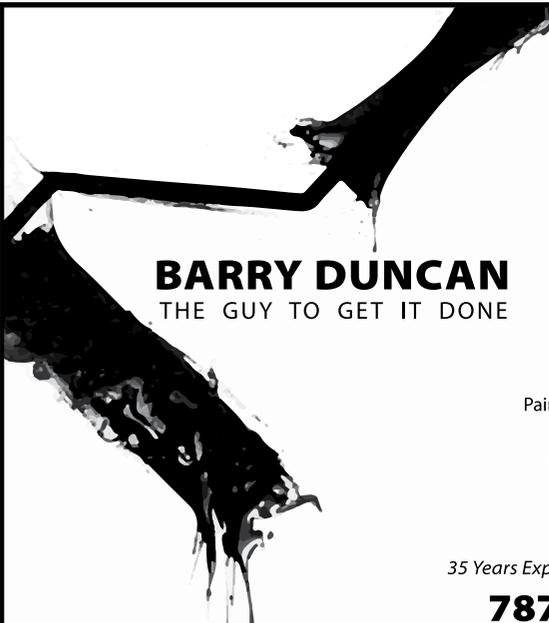
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Colorado Sex Offender Apprehended By U.S. Customs Agents in Cruz Bay

By JUDI SHIMMEL
 St. John Tradewinds

CRUZ BAY — Customs officials say they nabbed a man sought by authorities as a Colorado sex offender as he tried to make his way onto St. John from the British Virgin Islands.

The arrest of Peter D. Watkins, 39, was announced May 18 by officials of the U.S. Department of Customs and Border Protection. Watkins was apprehended at the dock in Cruz Bay Creek where vessels from the BVI drop off passengers, CBP Port Director Louis

Harrigan said.

Database system checks of the man's U.S. passport led to the discovery of an arrest warrant by the Pitkin County Regional Emergency Dispatch Center, Harrigan said. The defendant had arrived in Cruz Bay on a private vessel, authorities said.

A routine check of passenger passports turned up information connecting Watkins with a felony sexual assault case, Harrigan said.

Watkins' arrest was mentioned by Acting V.I. Attorney General Terri Griffiths at a May 21 press

conference. Tracking down fugitives, whether coming from or headed towards the U.S. Virgin Islands, is a duty the local Justice Department takes seriously, the acting A.G. said.

"We have an obligation to the citizens of both the U.S. Virgin Islands and to the citizens of the U.S. mainland to actively and aggressively pursue our fugitive warrants through the extradition process," Griffiths said.

Watkins was "being detained, pending extradition," Griffiths said.

Library Exterior Crumbles as Interior Shines



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tom Oat

The millennium restoration of the historic Enighed Great House as the Elaine I. Sprauve Library and Museum has seen better days.

While the interior of the majestic plantation home retains its beauty under the aegis of the Friends of the Elaine I. Sprauve Library whose members have donated generously to support the library, the exterior of the building is in distress.

Newly-appointed librarian Ashley Till is hopeful the library friends group will continue its strong support and that the V.I. Department of Planning and Natural Resources will be able to fund an exterior restoration to match the majestic brick and mahogany interior of the historic building.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tom Oat

Public Road? What Road? In defiance of historic native St. Johnian opposition to the National Park Service’s closures of historic island roads which have prevented native landowners from reaching historic private “inholdings” with the VINP boundaries, VINP officials appear to have closed a designated public road, Route 204 through Estate Susannaberg which connects Route 20, Centerline Road, to Route 10, North Shore Road, at Peace Hill above Hawksnest Bay. Proponents of reopening the closed road and improving it for public access argue that it would represent the most direct route from north shore beaches in the V.I. National Park to emergency services at the Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center in Susannaberg. Interestingly, the chain blocking the road is padlocked, but the chain easily lifts off the hook on the post. The road closure and access to inholdings may be up for discussion at the May 26 Town Meeting featuring VINP officials at the St. John Legislature at 6 p.m.

Public Road Is Now Private Drive As Park Closes Route 204 to Clinic

By TOM OAT

St. John Tradewinds

ST. JOHN — The National Park Service has closed a road and may have opened a new front in the decades-old battle over historic island roads through the Virgin Islands National Park holdings on St. John.

St. John Senator at Large Almando “Rocky” Liburd has repeatedly questioned the federal agency’s continued refusal to allow native property owners access to their inholdings within the park — including at a recent town hall meeting with freshman Delegate to Congress Stacey Plaskett.

VINP officials, meanwhile, have ignored the native “hot-button” issue and instead without fanfare have closed the public road, designated Route 204, from Susannaberg which connects Route 10, Centerline Road, to Route 20, North Shore Road, at Peace

Hill above Hawksnest Bay.

The closure of the estate road, the upper portion of which is well-maintained, appears to favor to the two influential owners of major private homes on inholdings overlooking the North Shore.

Recent controversy over the construction of a much ballyhooed home of modern architectural design by a renowned New York designer, which was constructed alongside the right of way and overlooks the valley above Denis Bay, included criticism that the house impinged on the right of way for the designated Route 204.

Now Route 204 has become a private driveway which runs from Estate Susannaberg and ends at the graveled parking area of the controversial house. The unmarked 50-foot wide road that formerly connected the north shore of the island to Estate Susannaberg

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Lulee at The Marketplace Offers Stylish St. John Ladies a New Shopping Destination

By JAIME ELLIOTT
St. John Tradewinds

ENIGHED — There is no need for fashionable ladies on St. John to shop online anymore.

Find adorable dresses, perfect cover-ups, comfortable athletic wear, stylish jeans and more at prices ranging from affordable to splurge-worthy at Lulee on the second floor of The Marketplace.

With more than 30 years of retail and fashion experience Ann Soper — who owned the popular former St. John Editions store — certainly knows a few things about style, explained her daughter and partner in Lulee, Lindsey Soper.

“My mother, Ann, having 30 plus years in the business, knows a thing or two about great women’s clothing and accessories,” said Lindsey Soper. “I have been following in her footsteps running many of our fabulous stores across the east coast and traveling to trade shows buying for all locations.”

Since opening its doors in February, Lulee has been offering a little something for every lady, residents and visitor, on St. John, explained store manager Becky Reinbold.

“Lulee is all about clothing



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Jennifer Tyler helps check out Karen Radtke at Lulee at The Marketplace.

and accessories for fabulous living,” said Reinbold, who owned her own fashion PR firm in LA for years. “The store offers St. John a new and fresh place to shop for apparel and accessories. The Sopers know the St. John customer as

well as the tourist looking to take something home from the island.”

Carrying brands like 7 for all Mankind, Susana Monaco, Yosi Samra, AG Jeans and more, Lulee shoppers will find everything from the perfect new top to wear on a

date to a head-turning dress to impress at the next gala function.

“Lulee is what St. John has been missing,” said Lindsey Soper. “It has something for every gal on island, vacationing or residing, and at the right price point. Lulee

“What is great about this store is the range. You can find great things for work or for the beach or for going out. And we have clothes for a range of different ages and body types.”

— Becky Reinbold,
Lulee store manager

has everything from beach wear, to active wear, to great clothes for weekends out on the town.”

“We carry lines like 7 Jeans, Susana Monaco, Yosi Samra, AG Jeans, Peach Love California, CP Shades, Annabel Ingall, Citizens of Humanity and more,” she said. “You are guaranteed to find something you can’t live without.”

Heading to the beach? Stop by Lulee for a large brimmed straw hat in a bright yellow hue, a polka-dot bikini and one of their sarong and terry cloth towel hybrid beach

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V.I. Police Department officials are not talking, of course, but the word in the Coral Bay Corner Park is that investigators may have surveillance video of the perpetrators in the May 19 burglaries at Coccoloba in Coral Bay and fingerprints of the burglar who hauled away the contents of a jewelry store in a shopping cart found near the scene.

Burglars Strike Coral Bay, Taking Safes From Business and Businessman's Home

By TOM OAT

St. John Tradewinds

CORAL BAY — Coral Bay appears to have a “yegg” problem.

And it has nothing to do with the chickens.

Less than a month after a brazen nighttime burglary and the theft of a cash register and an ATM machine from the Calabash Market on the southeast end of St. John in early morning hours of Friday, April 24, burglars hit businesses in the Coccoloba retail complex on shore of Coral Bay and stole a safe from the private residence of a community business owner in the early morning hours of Tuesday, May 19.

Both incidents were reported by V.I. Police Department simply as burglaries. There was no further information available from authorities.

In the May 19 incident, a small boutique jewelry store in the Coccoloba complex was “cleaned out” and a safe, reportedly containing a small amount of money, was taken from the Aqua Bistro restaurant, according to St. John Tradewinds sources.

The police do have surveillance video of a suspect, according to a St. John Tradewinds source.

“The guy used a cart from the market to move the stuff from the jewelry store and left the cart at Voyages next door,” the source told *St. John Tradewinds*. “The police fingerprinted the cart and then the guy came back and moved it; so they got him on tape again.”

Safes Aren't Considered Safe

The safe taken from the private residence also

“The guy used a cart from the market to move the stuff from the jewelry store and left the cart at Voyages next door. The police fingerprinted the cart and then the guy came back and moved it; so they got him on tape again.”

— Tradewinds Source

contained relatively little money, according to one St. John Tradewinds source.

“Why would anyone keep money in a safe when they are stealing safes?” one business employee asked?.

An employee of the Dolphin Market in the Coccoloba complex was robbed of the store’s receipts in a late-night incident earlier this year.

Ironically, a Coral Bay “crime prevention” meeting is planned for the Caribbean Oasis Restaurant near the Cocoloba complex on the harbor on Wednesday, May 27, from 9 to 10 a.m. The meeting will be co-hosted by the Coral Bay Community Council and the V.I. Police Department.

The public is invited to attend. The meeting might last more than one hour.



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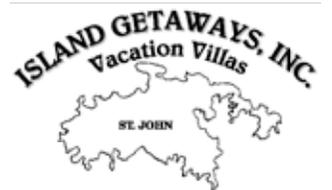


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V.I. Supreme Court Gay Couple Ruling Could Affect Other Adoptive Families

By JUDI SHIMMEL
St. John Tradewinds

ST. THOMAS — A three-judge panel of the Virgin Islands Supreme Court has overturned a Superior Court ruling in the case of two women raising two children as a married gay couple on St. Croix in an historic ruling that may affect families headed by gay couples in the territory.

Chief Justice Rhys Hodge, along with Associate Justices Maria Cabret and Ive Arlington Swan said the adoption rules apply to everyone.

The two women were married in Canada in 2007 and have acted as the parent and non-custodial guardian of two children who were born after their union was formalized, according to court documents. In December 2012, the couple petitioned the Superior

Court Family Division asking the court to grant adoptive parent status to the woman in the couple who was not the biological mother.

Through their attorney, the women told the court their union and their rights as parents must be honored by the Virgin Islands because the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution guarantees their equal rights.

Associate Justice Cabret issued the ruling on May 20, citing the V.I. Code, Chapter 16, Section 146(b), which says “any inhabitant of the Virgin Islands” may petition for adoption.

The justices ordered the case back to Superior Court for further action. If the proceedings result in the petition’s approval, the mother’s spouse would be designated a second parent, rather than a stepparent, of the children.



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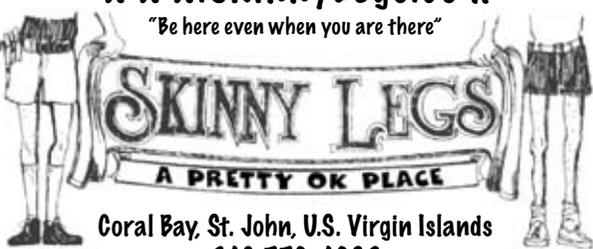
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High up on what is known as Route 109, which runs from the Route 10 at the Emmaus Moravian Church to private inholdings at the top of Base Hill overlooking the North Shore and the British Virgin Islands — which historically connected Coral Bay and the East End of St. John to Leinster Bay and the North Shore Road — there is a simple island correction of Google Maps.

Tourism Celebrates V.I. Culture

By JUDI SHIMMEL
St. John Tradewinds

CRUZ BAY — National Tourism Month in the Virgin Islands ended in style in Cruz Bay’s Franklin Powell Park on Friday, May 22, when the V.I. Department of Tourism brought a cultural extravaganza to life for locals and visitors to share.

As the sun set behind St. Thomas across Pillsbury Sound, on Friday evening, the park was filled with visitors and residents enjoying lively music, a buffet provided by St. John restaurants, Starfish Market and resorts, and the penultimate special appearance of a troupe of four Moko Jumbies cavorting on the waterfront to cap the event.

Throughout the day, hundreds joined the event, filled with entertainment, food and fun. Displays of crafts and tee shirts caught the eyes of visitors while lively soca music filled the air.

Crowds of students gathered around to watch their classmates being decorated by a face painter. Others struck a pose at the instant photo table. Still more lined up for a bite of cheese and johnny cake or a sip of tamarind punch.

Support from Tourism Partners

Tourism Senior Information Officer Francilia Williams dubbed the day a successful cultural extravaganza, supported by tourism-focused St. John businesses. The extravaganza followed a weekend where staffers and volunteers showed some community spirit through clean up and beautification projects.

Similar projects took place across St.

Croix, St. Thomas and St. John on May 16. And although the May 22 day in the park appeared to be less work and more play, Williams said St. John Tourism workers were behind the scenes making sure one activity flowed from one to another.

Coral Bay culture bearer Delroy “Ital” Anthony gathered the students to share his art of calabash carving, making bird feeders from coconut shells and moko jumbie dolls. Anthony also showed off samples of natural sea salt gathered near his home by Salt Pond Beach. Unusually dry weather conditions brought an abundance of sea salt this year sending locals and visitors trekking down the trail with pans and plastic bags to collect some, according to Anthony.

As the morning’s activities wound down there was an afternoon and evening of entertainment by heritage dancers, pan trampers and moko jumbies stilt walkers to prepare for. Williams and her team raced around the island, collecting tropical tastes and tidbits from participating businesses, including Caneel Bay and Westin Resort.

Tourism Commissioner Beverly Nicholson-Doty dedicated this year’s celebration of Tourism Month to the professionals and artisans who work at giving VI tourism its appeal.

“Tourism Month is a time to acknowledge the importance of tourism to our economy and to celebrate the ladies and gentlemen working in this industry, contributing to our success as a destination,” Nicholson-Doty said.



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Culture Comes To Life: The V.I. Department of Tourism brought a cultural extravaganza to life for locals and visitors to share in celebration of National Tourism Month in the Virgin Islands. The festivities ended in style in Cruz Bay’s Franklin Powell Park on Friday, May 22, with Moko Jumbies dancing on the waterfront to the delight of residents and visitors of all ages.



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Ruddy turnstones on sargassum, left, and a yellow crowned night heron, right

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Connecting with Nature

by Gail Karlsson

Gratitude for Sargassum?

St. John Tradewinds

Is St. John ‘paradise’?

The recent Cosmopolitan magazine article by Nolle Hancock that went viral on the internet offered an idyllic version of island life: “Sunlight sparkles on the water. Sailboats bob companionably in the distance.” Images of the attractive author in her bikini cavorting on one of St. John’s loveliest beaches seemed to prompt thousands of people to consider chucking their dismal lives and moving here to serve ice cream in paradise. “I was happier scooping mint chocolate chip for \$10 an hour than I was making almost six figures at my previous corporate job.”

At a recent beach party there was grumbling about what she left out. Sure she mentioned that there was a chicken in the shower — that was cute maybe — but what about big flying cockroaches? Some critics thought people reading the article would show up with unreasonable expectations. Others worried that if it sounded too perfect here on St. John, too many people come and that would ruin what is actually great about the island.

Earlier that morning during a talk on the topic of celebrating island life we had been encouraged to respond to whatever we experience with a sense of gratitude: remember nothing is either good or bad, everything just is. Hmm...people could stay in the city if they believed that — they wouldn’t need to come to St. John to look for happiness.

Those who are not ‘one with everything’ tend to have strong opinions about what is acceptable in paradise. It is great to spend a sunny afternoon fooling around with friends in clear turquoise water, but we are quick to pass judgment on unwelcome intruders. What are those nasty little stinging things in the water? Sea lice? Yikes!

On the way home I drove past the sargassum seaweed that had accumulated in Fish Bay. My neighbors living nearby complained it was stinky — and they were right. Besides it didn’t belong there.

Sargassum is a type of marine plant — actually brown macroalgae — with air bubbles that keep it afloat. There is a huge mass of it north of us in the Sargasso Sea where several different ocean currents form the North Atlantic Gyre. It supports a wide diversity of sea life, including crabs, mollusks, shrimp, seahorses and fish. In addition, it provides a home for baby sea turtles, which ride the Gulf Stream to go hang out there and hide from predators until they are fully grown.

However ecologically important sargassum may be in the Atlantic, it is not welcomed by beach lovers or boaters in this area expecting to enjoy clean shorelines and clear water. Or even by hatching baby turtles that wouldn’t even be able to get into the water because of the piles of seaweed in the way.

There does not seem to be one simple explanation for recent incursions of sargassum into the Caribbean. Late last year, the VI National Park explained that “When certain weather patterns interact, the yellow-orange weed is “burped” out of the Sargasso Sea and carried by air and water currents through Atlantic and Caribbean waters.” (Tradewinds, December 19, 2014)

However, researchers tracking the origin of a 2011 sargassum invasion into the eastern Caribbean concluded that a new source of the seaweed had developed in an area off the coast of Brazil, possibly due to high ocean temperatures and nutrient loads from the Amazon river’s outflow. “The unusual nature of this event suggests that it may be coupled to

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Snowing Silk Cotton Seeds



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The kapok or “silk cotton” tree at the Bethany Moravian Church has been creating a seasonal flurry as its dark green seed pods open to release clouds of wispy seeds in the winds where the majestic tree stands overlooking the south shore of St. John to St. Croix.

John Spinale Travels to Europe as Finalist in Worldwide Monaco Mouse Trap Car Grand Prix

St. John Tradewinds

Giff Hill School student John Spinale has been selected as one of eight (8) finalists worldwide to compete in the annual Monaco Mouse Trap Car Grand Prix. John will travel to Monaco with GHS Physics teacher, Mr. Jim Willen, from May 20-27, to participate in the final competition.

The Monaco Mouse Trap Car Grand Prix is a contest that invites science students to demonstrate their knowledge by applying the laws of physics in designing and building a mouse trap car. The contest is conducted under the patronage of His Serene Highness Prince Albert II of Monaco. This year’s contest involves the design of a car that can traverse ten meters in the shortest time. Thirty students in grades 6 through 12 from Giff Hill School decided to enter this exciting contest. The students conducted tests on their cars during the months of January to April. The students used their test results

to continually modify their car. On April 8, 2015 the final time trials were conducted in the Great Room at the Lower Campus of Giff Hill School.

The Monaco Mouse Trap car officials were notified of our results. On May 13, the officials from Monaco notified Mr. Willen that John Spinale was selected as one of the eight finalists and that the costs of travel and lodging for Willen and Spinale would be covered by the program.

The staff and students of Giff Hill School congratulate John for all of his hard work. He will be graduating with the Class of 2015 on Friday, June 12.

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St. John Avengers Prepare for Tackle Season



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The St. John Avengers are preparing for the 2015 Youth Summer Tackle Football program which runs from June 14 to August 15. As many as 23 team members attend daily practice at the Winston Wells Ball Field in Cruz Bay under the direction of Francisco Jarvis and a handful of assistant coaches. Jarvis and the V.I. Sports Training Academy specialize in “development sports training” in a variety of sports and in the past six years have helped place “close to 40 kids” in college through athletic programs. “Athletics put our kids on the right path,” Jarvis said.

Junk Piles at JESS



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That’s not junk it pre-carnival construction. As the school year draws to a close, the Winston Wells Ball Field used by the Julius E. Sprauve School was once again filled with construction debris as crews prepared for early carnival events to be presented on the field.

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- Qualified students must be between the ages of 11 - 17 years old.

- A reference letter from a teacher or professional must accompany your completed application.

- Application forms must be completed and returned to the SJSA office no later than June 1. No applications will be considered submitted after this date. Forms may be picked up in the office or download an application from our website at

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Three community leaders will be conducting and judging the audition.

For more details, call 779-4322. SJSA is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation. We are partially funded by Virgin Islands Council on the Arts and National Endowment for the Arts (NEA).



On *the* Market

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Grande Bay Condo Palm 1, Offers Convenience and Luxury

By JAIME ELLIOTT
St. John Tradewinds

ENIGHEd — Nothing could be easier after a long day soaking up the tropical sun at Honeymoon Beach, than simply walking right back to your Cruz Bay luxury condo as you which one of Love City gourmet restaurants to dine at that evening.

Palm 1, a three bedroom, two bathroom ground floor unit at Grande Bay for sale for \$899,000, could make that day a reality, explained Merry Nash of Islandia Real Estate/Seaglass Properties.

“This first floor unit offers beautiful water views over Cruz Bay harbor,” said Nash. “Grande Bay offers an excellent location in Cruz Bay and is just a short walk to restaurants, shops and the ferry dock.”

Nestled on a hillside directly

across from Cruz Bay beach, Grande Bay is a luxury condominium resort complex boasting a swimming pool, fitness center, concierge service and even a deeded parking garage.

A three minute walk from the Cruz Bay ferry dock, however, makes having a car unnecessary while staying a Grande Bay. Several beaches are walking distance away and all of Cruz Bay’s shopping, dining and nightlife are right at your finger tips.

When you’re not lounging by the large, shared swimming pool at Grande Bay and enjoying the sweeping water views, you’ll certainly be cooling off in the relaxing ground floor unit Palm 1.

The open plan kitchen boasts cool granite counter tops, stainless steel appliances and hard wood cabinets. The kitchen leads into

the comfortable and spacious living room which features sliding glass doors that open onto your private balcony.

Palm 1 is tiled throughout and boasts numerous large windows which bring in plenty of light and afford those beautiful water views.

While the numerous world-class restaurants of Cruz Bay are only a few steps away, you’ll be tempted to cook in and host dinner parties in your separate dining room area.

Palm 1 also features three bedrooms including a master bedroom with a private en suite bathroom featuring double sinks and a tiled shower. The separate guest bath-



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Condo Palm 1 is conveniently located on the ground floor at Grande Bay Resort.

room and two additional bedrooms means there is room for family or friends and you’ll always have plenty of company at Palm 1.

Enjoy the convenience of in town living while luxuriating in the elegant resort like atmosphere

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Letters to St. John Tradewinds

We Need To Stop Fooling Around

We need to stop fooling around. Senators stopped approving appointees and the Governor is spending too much to live in a Villa. The last Governor is being punished for building a defense system around his house and only wanting to pay for half of it. The Chief of Police on St. John goes to jail for 26 months for running a cocaine cartel.

Senators have two years to help fix this place and the Governor has four. The Governor has made some bad decisions so far. Appointing an Attorney General and not knowing that she would not do the job that he wanted done was pretty lax and the actions of his second choice seem questionable.

I hope his other appointees will work towards creating a better community by learning and managing their departments so that they do the job.

Senators get together and decide what you would like to make better and stop creating unfunded grants. Schools? Remove potholes? Economy? Murder rate? The functioning of our Government Bureaucracy? Trash disposal-litter? Fix something and hope that the Governor doesn't lose ground for us. Hope that he would really like to help us improve and just doesn't know how. Because the Democratic Party has breakfast there a couple of times a week is not a good reason to take away their EDC. Senators the Community that you lead deserves your help.

**Greg Miller,
St. John, VI**

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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Crossword Answers (Puzzle located on Page 20)

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Lt. Governor's Office Cashier Can't Accept Tax Payments?

Just a note to let you know that the Lt. Governor's office here in St. John cannot accept Franchise Tax payments etc. in spite of the fact that they have a cashier on the premises. I called the Lt. Gov. in St. Thomas and Ms. Phipps is looking into it. We were

promised the same services as St. Thomas/St. Croix and obviously it was not delivered. We have to go to St. Thomas to have our papers stamped and our check accepted.

Cruz Bay Business Owner

Guest Opinion

Senator Tregenza Roach States Position Against Salary Increases for Cabinet Nominees

Senator Tregenza A. Roach made clear his position not to confirm the Governor's Cabinet nominees in both the March 11 and May 21 legislative sessions.

Sen. Roach said he has consistently rejected nominees who would receive salary increases as high as 28 percent in one case. Sen. Roach has also consistently rejected the idea that the issue of the nominees' salaries is up to the Governor.

Instead, Sen. Roach has insisted that the Legislature take its "advise and consent role seriously," with regard to the Governor's proposed nominees.

"These appointments by law require our advice and consent," said Sen. Roach. "That is an important and critical responsibility and it should not be taken lightly."

"The Organic Act requires that the salaries of

government officials be paid in accordance with an Appropriation (money)

Bill," Sen. Roach said. "That 'Money Bill' was passed by the 30th Legislature in September of

2014. The salaries should be kept at the levels presented then and on which the FY 2015 budget was premised."

"In addition, the salary increases are totally inconsistent with the budgetary nightmare that the Governor presented in his first State of the Territory Address in January of 2015. He basically said that we are on the brink of financial collapse," Sen. Roach said. "The financial picture has not really improved, so we are in no position to afford these raises. Many government employees worry that their salaries will be cut or that they may lose their jobs. So raises for some employees are totally indefensible at this time."

Sen. Liburd Salutes Fallen Soldiers

Senator Almando "Rocky" Liburd offered his thanks and good wishes to the families of Virgin Islanders who died in service to their country.

"Memorial Day is perhaps the most sacred American observance," Sen. Liburd said. "This day honors the sons and daughters who paid the supreme price of defending our country — the men and women we remember this day gave their lives so that the nation's ideals may live. It is also a time to reflect on what is truly important — our families, our freedoms and the concept of service above self."

America's military has helped to shape the world during crucial times — fighting tyranny and injustice and providing protection to those that could not defend themselves, the Senator-at-Large said.

"We must remember those who did not return as well as those came back with battle scars," he said. "I know there are many others that honorably served our country and returned to us with injuries — both physical and emotional. Their sacrifices were also great and are remembered on Memorial Day."

Sen. Liburd was asked to speak at this year's St. John Memorial Day observance in Coral Bay. He noted that the two St. Johnians who perished in combat — in the Korean and Vietnam wars — both grew up in the Coral Bay area and that their loss was still felt acutely in that small community these many

years later.

"May all our fallen soldiers rest in peace and may their families take comfort in our community's deep appreciation for their sacrifices," the Senator said. "However, we must demonstrate this appreciation more tangibly — I remain troubled by the way Virgin Islands veterans are treated."

"As we approach our 100 year anniversary as part of the United States, we must embrace our unique status but also fight for the benefits we deserve," Sen. Liburd said. "Our people have fought bravely, shoulder to shoulder, with their comrades from across the nation."

"So why should a combat veteran that retires in Hawaii receive better care than a veteran that retires in the Virgin Islands? Why do our veterans have to fly to Puerto Rico for basic services?" Sen. Liburd asked rhetorically. "We must do better. This is one reason why I promoted the idea of a military installation on St. Croix. It was my hope that it would not only provide economic stimulus, but also afford opportunities for local veterans to receive enhanced services right here in the Virgin Islands."

Sen. Liburd urged Virgin Islanders to participate in the activities commemorating Memorial Day.

"This is a day where we can truly take time to reflect and express our gratitude," he said.

Accused Smuggler of Cubans Wants Boat Computer Analyzed To Prove Innocence

By JUDI SHIMEL
St. John Tradewinds

ST. THOMAS — The attorney representing a French national accused of smuggling 38 Cubans and one St. Lucian onto St. John in April is demanding the government halt the planned release of key piece of evidence — his boat and its navigational computer.

Alain Rene Leichtnam, 71, was arrested April 30 on board the vessel Mazurka, along with a 23-year-old St. Lucia woman. At the time it was seized by agents of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Mazurka was leaving the east end of St. John where authorities allege Leichtnam dropped off the Cubans as part of an illegal immigration operation.

On May 18 Federal Public Defender Gabriel Villegas filed an emergency petition, asking that the government keep the vessel in custody for the duration of the court proceedings. He also asked that the Cubans who were rounded up on St. John be detained as material witnesses.

All of this is needed to prove his client's innocence, Atty. Villegas said. Leichtnam claims he was taking his boat to "a different destination outside of the U.S.," but was waylaid by his Cuban passengers, according to court documents.

The Cubans "became angry" and compelled him to enter U.S. waters as they approached the Virgin

Islands, Leichtnam said. In order to prove this claim, Villegas filed an emergency petition asking the government to provide photos and contact information for the detainees.

"The defense has no way to know how to contact these witnesses, who they are, or when the indictment will be filed," Villegas said in his filing. "Time is of the essence in interviewing these material witnesses as to what they remember and Defendant is in immediate need of the information in order to prepare a defense."

Prosecutors with the U.S. Attorney's Office have already won an order from U.S. Magistrate Ruth Miller to detain St. Lucia national Kurcharma Mishkia St. Luce as a material witness. Mishkia told investigators she set sail with Leichtnam from her homeport on April 26. The Cuban passengers boarded the Mazurka while Leichtnam was away obtaining water for the vessel, she said.

Villegas defended the request to hold the vessel after hearing authorities planned to release the boat to its owners. Keeping the boat will allow Leichtnam to have an expert of his choosing download data from the navigation system which he says will prove St. John was not his intended destination.

The magistrate has scheduled a hearing on the motion for May 27, in the District Court of St. Thomas at 10 a.m.

Picture Postcard Perfect



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St. John Administrator Camille Paris is making his mark on the Cruz Bay neighborhood next to Government House at The Battery — quietly. For the first time in recent memory, the sands of the north side of Cruz Bay beach adjacent to the waterfront taxi stand are clear of commercial enterprises — and ready for sunbathing.

While a handful of small boats still are anchored in the shallows off the beach and impinge on its use for swimming, the island's homeless population may be looking for new housing now that beached catamarans are no longer providing "housing" in the privacy of the sea grape hedge sheltering the stretch of sand from the ferry dock traffic.

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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 26

St. John Administrator's Office will host a town hall meeting in conjunction with The Virgin Islands National Park Management Team on Tuesday May 26, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the St. John Legislature Annex in Cruz Bay. Come, listen, voice your recommendations and concerns with the Virgin Islands National Park.

Wednesday, May 27

— The Crime Prevention Unit of the V.I. Police Department and the Coral Bay Community Council will co-hosting a community meeting to discuss crime prevention measures on Wednesday, May 27, from 9 to 10 a.m. at Caribbean Oasis Restaurant in Coral Bay.

Thursday, May 28

— Come to the Elaine Sprauve Library on Thursday, May 28 from 3 to 5 p.m. to meet the new St. John Librarian Ashley Till.

Saturday, May 30

— The Democratic Party Territorial Committee Meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, May 30, at 10 a.m. at the Department of Education's Curriculum Centers.

Friday, June 12

— Giffit Hill School's graduation ceremony for the Class of 2015 to be held on Trayser Field at the Upper Campus on Friday, June 12, at 5:30 p.m. with a reception to follow the event. USVI Delegate to Congress Stacey Plaskett, will serve as commencement speaker. Call 776-1730 for more information.

Saturday, June 13

— Ivanna Eudora Kean graduation ceremonies will be at 4 p.m. June 13, at the D.M. Wheatley Gymnasium.

Sunday, June 14

— Charlotte Amalie High graduation ceremonies will be June 14, at 5 p.m. at the UVI Sports & Fitness Center.

Friday, June 17

— The V.I. Department of Education's 2015 graduation and promotional exercises include the June 17 graduation of the Julius E. Sprauve School in Cruz Bay at 5:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria

Friday and Saturday, January 29-30, 2016

— Broadway Comes to St. John 2016 has been scheduled for Friday, January 29 and Saturday, January 30!

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

Coral Bay Boat Yard?



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tom Oat

Neighbors are starting to complain that the public parking behind the Coral Bay Fire Station is turning into a boatyard. Little-used since the neighboring Guy H. Benjamin School was shuttered last year, the government-owned paved area is included in plans for the development of the waterfront area and neighboring ball field owned by the Moravian Church Council of the V.I.

Connecting with Nature: Gratitude for Sargassum?

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larger swings in regional ecosystem dynamics due to global temperature increases." (www.usm.edu/gcr/sargassum/docs/Johnson.et.al.Sargassum.event.in.Caribbean.2011.65th.GCFI.Abstract.pdf)

I was feeling pretty upset about the seaweed in paradise situation, and snarling about another apparent disruption of marine life due to climate change — until I noticed the birds. Great white egrets were perched on the posts from the old dock, scanning for crustaceans hidden in the leafy sargassum strands, while a crab-eating night heron lurked in the mangroves.

I stopped to get a better look, and held the bottom of my shirt over my nose while I crept closer to the shoreline. There I saw spotted sandpipers running across the seaweed. Then I was excited to see a group of some other unfamiliar and creatively-patterned shorebirds riding on the raft of sargassum, which gently rose and fell on the waves. As they drifted in and out, they flipped over pieces of seaweed with their bills to uncover the small prey it concealed.

When I got home I looked in my field guide and saw that they were Ruddy Turnstones, either winter residents or migrants from further south, getting ready to go up to breed in the Arctic tundra, probably thankful for something to fill their bellies for the long flight.

I was filled with gratitude myself. It wasn't a typi-



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Gail Karlsson

A sandpiper on sargassum closeup.

cal blissful island experience, sneaking along through smelly decomposing seaweed to spy on skittish shorebirds, and yet for me it was all good. I was fully present, intently focused on what was there in front of me, with no complaints. What more could I ask from paradise?

*Gail Karlsson is an environmental lawyer and part-time resident of St. John. Her book *The Wild Life in an Island House* is available on amazon.com — or view some of her other writing at gvakarlsson.blogspot.com.*

Students Explore Powerful Themes at CFVI Laws of Life Ceremony

St. John Tradewinds

The Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands (CFVI) hosted the fifteenth annual Laws of Life Essay Contest awards receptions on May 16 at Government House on St. Croix and on May 17th at St. Peter Greathouse on St. Thomas. Audience members and teachers agreed that this year featured some of the most powerful essays to date.

More than 600 students from the 4 public high schools in the Territory submitted an essay which addressed a Law of Life which has personally affected them in some way and explained what they have learned from it. These laws are simply the “set of rules” by which we should live. A panel of anonymous judges from throughout both communities assisted the CFVI by reading and selecting the best essays.

Seventy-five students were selected as winners from Central High and Educational Complex on St. Croix and Charlotte Amalie High and Ivanna Eudora Kean High on St. Thomas. First prize winners from each grade at each high school received a monetary prize of \$500, second place winners

received \$250, third place winners received \$150 and \$50 went to three students from each grade who received honorable mention. English teachers of the three top winners of each grade were also awarded monetary prizes.

The Laws of Life Essay contest, which was introduced to the Virgin Islands in 2001, is funded by the Peter and Patricia Gruber Foundation and is a joint effort with the Grubers, CFVI and the school English teachers. The contest is a character education program designed to motivate students to think and write about their values. The essays contained powerful themes including self-acceptance, forgiveness, learning from one’s mistakes, and treating others with respect. First place winners read their essays aloud to an audience of family members, teachers, school administration and friends of the Community Foundation.

As CFVI President Dee Baecher-Brown remarked, the contest winners are in good company, considering that they are receiving fund from the same organization, the Peter & Patricia Gruber Foundation, that has also funded several Nobel Prize winners.



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First Place Winners: (from left to right) Jonisha Aubain, Gia Freeman, Du’Kera Este, Chad Bryan, JahNyah McCain, Raven Phillips-Love, Kamille Willis

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Festival Vendor Applications Available

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The Festival Committee is still soliciting sponsors for this year’s Festival Fireworks. If anyone is interested they can contact 340-690-3692.

Temporary Ban on Burning Imposed

A temporary ban on burning and the issuance of burning permits in the ST. Thomas/St. John District, Eugene Farrell, Director Designee of the Virgin Islands Fire Service notifies the general public that

In the last few weeks the landscape of the territory has changed because of increase temperatures and the lack of rainfall; therefore, all previously issued permits are hereby revoked until further notice, according to Farrell. The Fire Service will make adjustments to the remaining time on permits that are in effect however; no new burning permits will be issued until the ban is lifted.

Director Farrell emphasizes that the recent climate change facilitates the spread of brush fires, therefore burning rubbish at this time would be extremely hazardous. Director Farrell apologized to the public for any inconvenience.

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776-6316, 776-6254

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Sunday School 9 a.m., Divine Worship 10 a.m.

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Tuesday 7 p.m. Bible Study 693-8884

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Sunday 9 a.m., Sunday School 8 a.m. 776-6731

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Saturdays: 6 p.m.; Sundays: 7:30 & 9:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. in Coral Bay
at the John's Folly Learning Institute & 6 pm. in Spanish;
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St. John Methodist Church

Sunday 10 a.m, 693-8830

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Saturdays, 779-4477

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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



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The small sign, thick chain and shiny padlock look very foreboding. But the chain actually easily lifts off the hook on the newly installed posts.

Park Closes Route 204 to Clinic

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behind the Jones family's roadside stand on Route 10 appears to end in a service area below the modern marvel and has been closed since sometime last year, according a man leaving the residence on Saturday, May 23.

The entrance to Route 204 on North Shore Road, is adjacent to the private driveway entrance for several vacation rental homes and a majestic private residence on property formerly owned by the late John Gibney. (See photo.)

While at least one neighboring property owner had objected to the construction of the architectural

marvel higher up on the public road right of way, apparently both property owners are happy the National Park Service has restricted public access.

At a recent public meeting with Delegate to Congress Stacey Plaskett, St. John Senator at Large Al-mando "Rocky" Liburd raised the VINP roads issue with the freshman member of the U.S. Congress.

The NPS road closures have been a pet peeve of Sen. Liburd, who remembers the north shore roads of his youth from Coral Bay through Annaberg and Leinster Bay.

But it appears the NPS has not been "studying" the native issue — or the island's Senator at Large.

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Today's Cryptoquip clue: Q equals N

Summer Feeding Program Deadline Approaching – June 12

St. John Tradewinds

The Virgin Islands Department of Education has announced deadlines for camps and other summer activity sites to receive lunch for children in their summer programs. Esther Lynch-Izaak, Director of the School Food Authority, St. Thomas/St. John District said applications for sites/camps for the Summer Feeding Program are available at the Office of School Food Authority in Subbase. The site/camp application deadline is June 12.

The Summer Feeding Program will operate from June 29 to August 7. Children ages 2-18 and those with special needs up to age 21, can participate in the Summer Feeding Program.

The program is also accepting applications for employment with the Summer Feeding program. Those applications are available as well from the Office of School Food Authority in Subbase. The deadline for employment applications is June 1, 2015.

For more information contact The Office of School Food Authority at (340) 777-8039



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Lulee Store Manager Becky Reinbold can help shoppers pair the perfect outfit for dinner and/or the beach.

Lulee at The Marketplace Offers Stylish St. John Ladies a New Shopping Destination

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throws (yes, it's as fabulous as it sounds).

Going to La Tapa to celebrate a special event? Pick up a cute little dress at a great price by MM Couture by Miss Me and a statement necklace that won't break the bank. A Hanky Panky thong in bright pink would be the perfect undergarment too!

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If anyone needed another reason to stop by Lulee, located across from Mail Center on the second floor of The Marketplace, shoppers who mention this story will receive a 15 percent discount through June 15.

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CENTRAL ZOO

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- 9 Rues
- 16 "Mamma Mia!" group
- 20 Perennial Italian encore
- 21 Place to spend drams
- 22 James Brown's style
- 23 Arriving where there's no outlet
- 25 Kind of wrestling
- 26 Weak in the —
- 27 One more than bi-
- 28 Tight spot
- 29 Baggins of "The Hobbit"
- 30 "Calm down!"
- 36 Ga. hours
- 39 Any of les Antilles
- 40 Works in a gallery
- 41 Stem (from)
- 42 One the Blessed Virgin's titles
- 47 "Gangnam Style" rapper
- 48 Sit-ups work them
- 50 River vessel
- 51 Unrefined metals
- 52 Like sports cars, briefly
- 54 Common lot sizes
- 56 Assertions
- 58 Instruction in force indefinitely
- 61 Web programming language
- 62 "— really help if ..."
- 64 Day to "beware"
- 65 Suffix with Benedict
- 66 Ford bombs
- 68 They're hidden in the centers of this puzzle's eight longest answers

- 71 Tabloid "monster"
- 75 Kilmer or Guest of film
- 76 Descartes of rationalism
- 77 Homeboys' howdies
- 79 Moral lapses
- 80 Marked with a very cold iron, as cattle
- 86 Picnics, e.g.
- 88 In an unstrict way
- 89 Elongated fish
- 90 — Sea (Asian body)
- 92 Problematic plant swelling
- 93 Old Giants great Mel
- 94 Vase variety
- 95 Shout just before flying
- 97 Small monastery
- 100 During each
- 102 Bullfight yell
- 103 Decade divs.
- 104 Celebrity advocate for UNESCO
- 110 Torn apart
- 111 DiFranco of folk rock
- 112 Play scenery
- 113 Semicolon's cousin
- 117 Out of port
- 118 Hiragana or katakana, in a sense
- 123 Injury, in law
- 124 Dessert style
- 125 Ticketmaster specification
- 126 Payment to play cards
- 127 Sorcerers
- 128 Exits

DOWN

- 1 Taunt
- 2 "I love him like —"
- 3 "The Eternal City"
- 4 — light (filming lamp)

- 5 Touch, e.g.
- 6 Texter's "Wow!"
- 7 Hissy
- 8 Boots, e.g.
- 9 Bike spokes, say
- 10 Before, in poetry
- 11 Key with one sharp
- 12 Stinging insect
- 13 Military foe
- 14 Baking pan
- 15 Unhappy
- 16 Home of St. Francis
- 17 Broad street
- 18 Stinging insect
- 19 Chilly
- 24 Airport landing: Abbr.
- 29 "It's chilly!"
- 31 Avila aunt
- 32 Just about
- 33 "N'est ce —?"
- 34 Ingests too much of, informally
- 35 180-degree turn, informally
- 36 Break out of
- 37 Fended (off)
- 38 Voices below altos
- 43 Not at all advanced
- 44 Grazing spot
- 45 Hi- — screen
- 46 Suffix with 40- or 50-Across
- 47 Oh-so-prim
- 49 Latvia was one: Abbr.
- 52 All that — bag of chips
- 53 Biographer Leon
- 54 Top-rate
- 55 Toyota of the 1980s
- 57 Cotton thread type
- 59 Pointed a firearm
- 60 Knife in old infomercials
- 63 "Noah" director

- Aronofsky
- 67 Sluggish
- 69 "Hud" co-star Patricia
- 70 Rural hotels
- 72 Wiry
- 73 Film director Bergman
- 74 Elia pieces
- 78 "Fa-a-ancy!"
- 80 Mel's brassy waitress
- 81 Rodent's last meal, maybe
- 82 Gregarious sort
- 83 Gem mineral
- 84 "The Raven" poet's initials
- 85 — Hill (R&B quartet)
- 87 Bill's film bud
- 91 Faith forsaker
- 94 Geller of mentalism
- 95 City area, for short
- 96 Rorem of art songs
- 98 Form a thought
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- 108 Earthy hue, to a Brit
- 109 Pothole sites
- 114 Suits' degs.
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- 116 Comic actor Roscoe
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- 120 Reds great Roush
- 121 Sawmill item
- 122 Big name in water filters

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Seven Teams Compete in Coal Pot Cook Off



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VI National Park Ranger Denise Georges, left, is spending part of her retirement celebrating Virgin Islands culture, appearing in Emancipation Garden May 20 as a judge in the 2nd Annual Coalpot Cookoff Competition. In this photo, Georges savors a sample of chicken in curried coconut cream.

Seven teams of cooks fried, grilled and stewed their way into the hearts of locals, visitors and judges. The winning entry was fish soup, prepared by Dawn Commissiong and served by a team of helpers including middleweight boxing champ Julius "the Chef" Jackson.

Women Striving For Success Networking Event To Shape Future of Organization

St. John Tradewinds

Women Striving for Success, Inc. (WSFS) will host a "sweet" networking event for its current, new and potential members on May 27th, from 6pm to 8pm at VI Ice Cream Company in the Royal Dane Mall, located in Downtown Charlotte Amalie. Light refreshments will be served.

From its conception, WSFS has grown exponentially every year. Eager to maintain this trend, WSFS leadership is looking at the May 27th networking event as a time for members to reflect on their goals for the organization, discover new ways to help each other grow, present new event opportunities and workshops, consider mentoring opportunities for younger members and much more.

"Women Striving For Success was founded to empower women business owners and encourage professional development," said Senator Janette Millin Young, WSFS President, "We are looking ahead to the next few years and are polling women to see how we can best impact their professional lives, and in turn make the most difference in the territory."

One of the topics of discussion will be dedicated to community betterment. The group leadership hopes to channel the expe-

rience of its membership into a brainstorming session regarding new summer job opportunities for the territory's youth.

Women Striving For Success, Inc. began as a grassroots movement in 2012 in St. Thomas. It became incorporated in 2013 and now operates as a non-profit community of women business owners and professionals supporting each other in successful personal and professional development and enrichment, while also promoting women-owned products and services.

WSFS brings together more than 220 business and professional women of all ages and a variety of fields of work and industries, through both a variety of fun and enlightening events, as well as a prestigious annual conference which last year drew more than 15 exhibitors, 18 presenters and 150 attendees. This year's conference, scheduled for October, promises to build on what women in the VI have requested from Women Striving for Success to improve their lives and careers.

For more details about Women Striving for Success, event sponsorship, membership information, contact womenstrivingforsuccessinc@gmail.com, call 340-690-9737(WSFS), or check out their website or Facebook page.

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St. John Festival 2015

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



Festival Village Honoree: **Bernice Mahoney-Boynes**

Festival Food Fair Honoree: **Ruth Frett**

Festival Parade Grand Marshal: **Alecia M. Wells**

FESTIVAL THEME:

**Come Together Culturally on the Scene for
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FRIDAY, June 5, 2015

Festival Food Sale 2015

1p.m. Franklin A. Powell, Sr. Park

Contact: Linda S. Williams (340)-776-6444

SATURDAY, June 6, 2015

Festival PAN-O-RAMA 2015

4p.m. Franklin A. Powell, Sr. Park

Contact: Liston "Matey" Sewer (340)514-2341

SATURDAY, June 13, 2015

Festival BIKE RACE 2015

8a.m. St. John National Park

Contact: Jane Thill (340)514-6611

SUNDAY, June 14, 2015

St. John FESTIVAL PRINCESS 2015 Pageant

6p.m. Winston E. Wells Ball Field

Contact: Loraine "Pat" Richards (340)626-4804

SATURDAY, June 20, 2015

St. John Festival QUEEN 2015 Pageant

8p.m. Winston E. Wells Ball Field

Contact: Enid Doway (340) 626-0785

SUNDAY, June 21, 2015

Festival FOOD FAIR & CORONATION 2015

1p.m. Franklin A. Powell, Sr. Park

Contact: Leona E. Smith (340) 690-3692

Festival BOAT RACE 2015

3p.m. Cruz Bay Harbor

Contact: Slim (340) 771-2498

SATURDAY, June 27, 2015

Festival VILLAGE 2015 OPENING

7p.m. Cruz Bay Parking Lot

Contact: Jane Johannes (340)776-6450

Festival CHILDREN'S VILLAGE 2015

6p.m. St. John National Park

Contact: St. John Rotary Club -Alecia Wells (508)963-2641

FRIDAY, July 3, 2015

EMANCIPATION DAY 2015

10a.m. Franklin A. Powell, Sr. Park

Contact: Alecia Wells (508) 963-2641

SATURDAY, July 4, 2015

Festival J'OUVERT 2015

Sunrise: St. John National Park

Contact: (340) 690-2728/ 690-1725/ 690-3692

Festival PARADE 2015

11a.m. St. John National Park

Contact: Natalie Thomas (340)690-1725

Festival FIREWORKS DISPLAY 2015

9p.m. Cruz Bay Harbor

Contact: MaLinda Nelson (340) 776-6492

SUNDAY, July 5, 2015

Festival POKER RUN 2015

12p.m. Cruz Bay Beach Front

Contact: Gaylord Sprauve (340) 690-9340

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FESTIVAL HOTLINE NUMBERS: (340)690-3692 or ((340)690-1725