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ZUBER WINS 8 TUFF MILES AGAIN

Jeremy Zuber crossed the finish line in 49 minutes and 35 seconds on Saturday morning, February 28, to win his sixth straight 8 Tuff Miles race. The 13th annual race from Cruz Bay to Coral Bay drew 838 registered runners and walkers who traversed the hilly 8.38-mile course under sunny skies. Full story and more photos in next week's *St. John Tradewinds*.

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First Row (L to R): Sam Russel, Noah Ramos, Andre Hill, Conrad Mathias, Doug Walters, Jaquan Sprauve, Jason Ulerio. Standing: Coach Fernando Ramos, Shamoy Christopher, Coach Terry Chinnery, Lewis Gill, Devante Monsanto, Coach Hubert Moscoso, Pedro Suarez, Johnny Odenbach, and coach Elroy Hill.

Yellow Jackets Bring Little League Action Back

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The St. John Sporting Center Inc. is proud to present the Yellow Jackets for first time in more than 10 years.

A little league team composed of boys between the ages of 9 and 12, the Yellow Jackets team is participating in the Alvin McBean Little League East.

With a current record of one win and three losses,

the Yellow Jackets are improving all the time. Check out their next game on Saturday, March 7, at the Winston Wells ball field in Cruz Bay. The team is also playing on St. John on March 21 and March 28.

“We are inviting the community to come support our children and witness exciting little league baseball,” said Yellow Jackets coach Elroy Hill.

Crime Stoppers USVI Needs Your Help Information Sought on Coral Bay Dinghy Thefts

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Crime Stoppers is asking the community to help the VIPD solve the following crimes:

Police on St. John are seeking information on the person or persons who have been stealing dinghies from the Coral Bay area.

Police on St. Croix are asking for specific information on anyone who may be illegally cultivating or dealing in drugs, involved in gun trafficking, or buying or selling stolen property.

Police on St. Thomas are seeking information from anyone who may have been in the area of an attempted robbery that happened in Estate Neljteberg on Friday, February 20, at about 10:15 a.m.

Two masked gunmen attempted to stop an individual driving a ve-

hicle and fired several shots in the direction of the car. One suspect is described as 5'4" to 5'5" with a medium build and the other is about 5'11" with a slim build. The suspects were wearing all black clothing with their faces covered.

Crime Stoppers is pleased to report we received four new tips this week, which brings our total tips received to 34.

“On behalf of the VIPD we offer our sincere thanks to all the tipsters who have taken the time to let us know what you know,” said Law Enforcement Coordinator, Lt. Thomas Hannah. “Be assured your tips are being investigated by VIPD and various Law Enforcement Agencies in the territory, and we will be informing you of the results of these investigations.”

“Pass the word on to your relatives, friends and neighbors to call in with that tip which could pay considerable benefits to all of by having a safer V.I.,” said Hannah.

Anyone with information on these, or any other crimes should immediately call Crime Stoppers USVI at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). Tips can also be submitted online at www.crimestoppersusvi.org, or by texting at “USVI plus your message” to Crimes (274637).

Tipsters will remain anonymous and do not have to testify in court to receive a reward. If the information provided leads to an arrest or the recovery of stolen property, the tipster will earn a cash reward of up to \$2,500. Only anonymous callers to Crime Stoppers are eligible for these cash rewards.

Coral Bay Business Meeting March 3

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Coral Bay business interests will meet on Tuesday morning, March 3, at the Donkey Diner at 8:45 a.m.

GERS Offering Services at Battery

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The Government Employee's Retirement System is now offering its member services on St. John the first Wednesday of each month starting on March 4 at the St. John Administrator's office at the Battery, between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

IEKHS 9th Grade Mandatory Meeting

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Principal of the Ivanna Eudora Kean High School, Dr. Sharon McCollum, advises parents and guardians of students in home-rooms 9-11, 9-12, 9-13 and 9-14 of a mandatory meeting on Thursday, March 5, at 8:30 a.m. in the school's cafeteria.

Parents are asked to contact the school to verify their child's homeroom. “This meeting is being held to discuss the academic progress of these students,” Dr. McCollum said.

For more information contact Monique Matthias, 9th grade guidance counselor, at 775-6380, extensions 4804 or 4805.

Preview of Kens Burns' Film March 5

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The National Parks Conservation Association and Friends of V.I. National Park are presenting a special preview of renowned documentary film maker Ken Burns' latest work entitled “The National Parks: America's Best Idea,” on Thursday, March 5, at 6 p.m. in the Coral Bay conference room at the Westin Resort.

The approximately 20 minute preview will be followed by a discussion of the nation's national parks. Burns' latest documentary will be aired in ten segments on PBS this fall. The event is free and open to the public.

For more information call Friends of VINP at 779-4940.

Pan Dragons Hosting Fish Fry Mar. 7

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Love City Pan Dragons is hosting a fish fry on Saturday afternoon, March 7, starting at 3 p.m. at the Frank Powell Park. Local dishes will include fish, conch, chicken, souse, mutton, kallaloo, johnny cake, peas and rice, macaroni and cheese, seasoned rice, potato salad, stuffing, cole slaw, pate and local drinks.

All proceeds will go toward purchasing new pans for the Love City Pan Dragons.

Contestants Sought for STJ Festival

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The St. John Festival Committee is looking for young girls and boys between the ages of 7 and 11, to vie for St. John Festival Prince and Princess 2009-2010 titles.

Contestants must be residents of the Virgin Islands for one year and must maintain a 2.5 (C+) average. The winner receives more than \$1,500 in-cash prizes, a personal computer, jewelry and a trip.

The Festival Committee is also looking for young ladies between the ages of 16 and 21, to vie for the Miss St. John Festival

Queen 2009-2010 title.

Contestants must be bona fide residents of the Virgin Islands for at least one year prior and must have and maintain a 2.5 (C+) average. The winner will receive more than \$5,000 in cash prizes and participates in the annual Ms. Caribbean Culture Pageant in St. Kitts, West Indies and other prizes.

Applications can be picked up at the various schools, Department of Tourism's St. John office and from Festival Committee members. For more information contact Mrs. Doway at 690-3692 and 690-1725.

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Citizens Set Agenda at Barshinger's First Town Meeting

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

About 40 people turned out to share their concerns and set priorities for the future at Senator at Large Craig Barshinger's first town hall meeting of the year at the Cruz Bay Legislature building on Friday evening, February 27.

Opportunities for youth, including education and recreation, topped the list of issues raised by the crowd, which included Senator Patrick Simeon Sprauve and Senator Louis Patrick Hill.

Attendees each took a turn at the mic to share their concerns, all of which were recorded and later voted on by the audience and set in order of importance.

"We're here to allow St. John to make choices about where we want to go," said Barshinger. "There are many things that we want to see happen, but we can't make all of them happen at the same time with the same intensity. At the end of this meeting we want to know all of the issues that are on your mind."

"As your representative, I'll make sure that no issue is ignored, but we have to prioritize the issues," Barshinger said. "We have to see what you want to work on first."

Property taxes, parking and the island's ports were also on the top the list of attendees' concerns.

"As a St. Johnian, I am concerned about taxes in the Virgin Islands," said Yvonne Wells. "We're at a point where I believe indigenous people with property, we are expected to leave the island or become extinct because of this property tax system. They are going to tax us out of our homes."



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Resident BJ Harris raises several concerns during the town meeting.

"I would like to see legislation to cover indigenous people who own land or I guess we'll be totally driven out from this place," said Wells. "I have a big problem with that."

Barshinger feels strongly about the issue and will work hard to ensure that residents are protected, he explained.

"The governor doesn't quite understand how horrible it will be for St. Johnians if this land tax bill goes through," said the senator. "This is my most passionate issue."

The V.I. Port Authority-owned Creek should be put to some use and spruced up, explained B.J. Harris.

"It's a shame not to have something really beautiful at the Creek waterfront area," said Harris.

VIPA authorities, however, haven't taken any steps to improve the island's main ports

of entry, according to Steve Black.

"Port Authority won't come to the table and talk about issues," said Black. "Why do we need fences in Cruz Bay when there are no fences in downtown Charlotte Amalie where the ferry from Puerto Rico comes in and the down island vegetable boat. Yet we're being strangled here."

"It's time to have management of the Enighed Pond area," Black continued. "Downtown Cruz Bay is nightmarish. We need to get Port Authority and V.I. National Park and the government to get together and figure this thing out."

Congestion in Cruz Bay is nothing new and a lack of action on the parking problem fuels frustration, according to Bonnie Corbeil.

"We're tired of having a parking problem

for 15 years on St. John," Corbeil said. "If we can't even get this solved, it makes it very difficult to believe that we can change things. Democracy's worst enemy is cynicism."

Gerry Hills offered one answer to Cruz Bay's parking woes — an example of a green parking lot in downtown Honolulu. With several pictures depicting Cruz Bay, Enighed Pond Marine Facility and the parking lot in front of the Aloha Tower on Hawaii, Hills proposed using some space near the new barge ramp for a parking area to include green space.

Black, who agreed with Hills, handed out several copies of a map he drew illustrating the Enighed Pond Marine Facility land including not only a parking lot, but two basketball courts, a playground and a vendors' village.

Other concerns raised at the meeting included bringing back a seaplane, changing the animal abuse law to include cock fighting, improving the island's roads and making St. John its own district.

"The law that makes St. Thomas and St. John one district needs to be changed," said Paul Devine. "I feel that St. John is not getting its fair share because we're in this district and I ask that you change that to make St. John its own district for the purpose of appropriating funds."

"Our system of government doesn't meet the needs of St. John," said Corbeil. "Senators don't even know our problems. We're at the end of the line getting anything."

"Maybe if we had municipal government, it would help the senators to appropriate appropriately," said Harris.

Whales Spotted in Coral Bay Harbor

Several humpback whales were seen in Coral Bay Harbor on Wednesday morning, February 25. Humpback whales usually pass by St. John this time of year during their migration to northern feeding grounds. These whales, at right, swam around the harbor for a while before heading back out to sea.



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Photos by Fred Reim

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February Rainfall

1.57 Inches

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Average YTD Rainfall

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Chamber members listen to EMS Association President Carol Beckowitz, seated in the back right.

Chamber’s STJ Chapter Hears from EMS President

By Susan Mann
St. John Tradewinds

More than 20 members of the St. John Chapter of the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce heard from St. John EMS Association President Carol Beckowitz at the group’s monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 24, at Ocean Grill.

Progress continues toward acquiring a new ambulance boat for the island, Beckowitz explained.

“It would take five to eight months to construct a new boat, and the *Star of Life* [the ambulance boat currently in use] is in critical condition,” she said.

Several existing boats have been identified which could be purchased to replace the *Star of Life*. The EMS Association is hoping that a fund to repair and maintain the new boat can be established on-island.

The basic costs to repair the beleaguered, *Star of Life* are estimated to be between \$6,000 and \$10,000, according to Beckowitz.

There are two separate efforts underway to fund the purchase of a new boat, the EMS Association president explained.

An individual citizen had secured about \$300,000 in pledges prior to the global economic downturn. Donors had been waiting until a boat was actually ready and the paperwork was in place before committing the money, Beckowitz added.

The EMS Association president is continuing to pursue \$800,000 which the V.I. government had previously appropriated for St. John to purchase a new ambulance boat, she explained.

One of Beckowitz’s biggest worries is the lack of EMT coverage on St. John, she added.

“We used to have five to seven EMTs, with five being from St. John,” said Beckowitz. “We have lost all but two.”

There are currently three fully qualified EMTs on St. John ready to fill the need, yet they cannot be hired because the government eliminated the job openings, according to Beckowitz.

Due to this critical medical personnel shortage, any time EMTs are involved with transporting a patient to St. Thomas there is no EMT coverage for the entire island, the EMS Association President explained.

St. John Rescue does a great job assisting the thin ranks of EMTs, Beckowitz explained.

“We are thrilled that they are there,” she said about St. John Rescue. “They do a wonderful job in supplementing our services. I can’t say enough about the help they provide to the people of St. John.”

The rescue squad organization members, however, are not medical service providers, but are trained as first responders, Beckowitz added.

Many local residents and tourists do not realize that they can not dial 911 on their cell phones, explained Beckowitz.

A brand new 911 emergency system is presently being put in to place across the territory which will allow for the 911 operator to begin immediately providing medical advice to callers, while medical providers are traveling to the scene, explained Chamber of

Commerce board member Kate Norfleet.

“The person who answers the 911 call will have the steps the person calling needs to take, while waiting for help to arrive,” said Norfleet.

Many rental properties, such as villas, do not have street numbers and directions to the privately owned homes are often not available for either first responders or EMT professionals, explained Beckowitz.

The government is in the process of developing a GPS mapping system throughout the territory which will eventually remedy this problem, explained Norfleet.

All short term rental property owners are asked to provide updated instructions to those locations to the EMS Association and St. John Rescue, to assure the safety of their rental guests, according to Norfleet.

“We asked for this before, and quite a few, but not all property owners followed through on this,” she said.

Residents who want to help get the qualified EMTs currently on-island hired, should make government officials aware of the critical nature of the situation, explained Beckowitz.

“At this point, I’ve been doing all that I can,” said Beckowitz, who added that she would continue to try to get the positions reinstated.

St. John Administrator Leona Smith was present at the meeting and readily agreed to assist Beckowitz and Norfleet regarding matters raised by the group during the meeting.

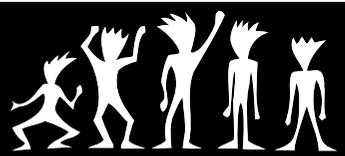
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DPNR's Environmental Enforcement Director Meets with Coral Bay Boaters

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Coral Bay boaters, alarmed by Department of Planning and Natural Resources Division of Fish and Wildlife's Environmental Enforcement officers' actions last week, were put at ease after an impromptu meeting with officials at Skinny Legs on Thursday morning, February 26, at 10 a.m.

A rash of enforcement actions, with officers threatening at least one boater and slapping abandoned vessel stickers with the threat of confiscation on every dinghy sitting out of the water, had residents in the area calling government officials for answers.

With rumors flying across the bay, Environmental Enforcement Acting Director Roberto Tapia called a meeting with the boating community to address concerns.

While the meeting did not follow protocol — with no printed notice to residents — citizens and DPNR officials appreciated the opportunity for dialogue. An official meeting with the Coral Bay boating community is scheduled for Monday evening, March 2, at 6 p.m. at the Coral Bay basketball court.

Last week's enforcement actions were not part of the department's planned initiative, Tapia explained at the Thursday morning meeting.

"Your bay wasn't scheduled for inspection until September," said Tapia. "Our officers were out in Chocolate Hole and Great Cruz Bay and decided to just make a full sweep of all of the bays."

"But now you have made the biggest noise, so here we are," Tapia said.

Officials are mainly concerned that all

vessels are registered with the registration numbers clearly displayed, that all vessels with heads have holding tanks and that all vessels be able to move under their own power within an hour's notice, Tapia explained.

"Every vessel that gets wet, including kayaks and dinghies, must be registered," he said. "If the hull gets wet, it needs to be registered."

Even vessels with U.S. Coast Guard documentation must be registered locally, Tapia added.

DPNR's EE Division is stepping up enforcement efforts to ensure that all boats — except those with USCG-certified composting heads — dispose of waste at a pump-out facility or three miles off shore, the acting director explained.

"Starting in 2010, when you register a vessel, you will have to sign a notice that you will provide receipts from pump-out facilities or show log books that you sailed off-shore to pump out your head," said Tapia. "If you don't, then you won't be able to register your vessel in 2011."

There are no pump-out facilities on St. John. Boaters will have to sail to either St. Thomas or Tortola for pump-out facilities, he added.

No house boats are allowed in any mooring field and all boats have to be able to leave a mooring under their own propulsion with an hour's notice, Tapia explained.

"We have boats with no masts and no engines," said Tapia. "Those vessel owners are the ones who have to worry. Those will be tagged and taken away."



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

DPNR's Roberto Tapia

"If you live on your boat, you have to be able to sail or motor off your mooring," he continued. "Your vessel must be sea-worthy."

While there are no moorings officially available in Coral Bay, the department will try to accommodate boat owners who have been moored in one place for more than a year, Tapia explained.

"We're going to try to work with you," he said.

Boat owners should bring a photograph of their vessel and its GPS coordinates to the Monday meeting to try to get a mooring permit, Tapia added.

"I won't be taking any money," he said. "Just bring the picture and the coordinates

and your registration numbers. By Thursday next week, your mooring permit will be ready to be picked up and paid for."

While enforcement officers also tagged the Coral Bay dinghy dock with the threat of removing it, the department will try to work something out, according to Tapia.

EE will obtain letters from all parties with ownership interests stating they do not want to be responsible for the dock, at which time the Coral Bay Yacht Club will be allowed to claim responsibility of the dock, Tapia explained.

"I'm not sure this is going to work," he said. "We're going to try to do this in a vacuum."

While enforcement officers tagged Kids And The Sea vessels last week, officials will resolve the issue with representatives of the non-profit youth sailing program, Tapia added.

A person who has been camping out in the mangroves at Johnson Bay will not be doing so for much longer, the EE Acting Director explained.

"That person who destroyed mangroves is in serious trouble," he said. "They must remove those things or as soon as I get my order, I'm going out there to remove them and when I leave, that area will be clean."

Tapia hoped the meeting set boaters' minds at ease, he added.

"I hope I've taken the scare and the fear out of my officers," said Tapia. "All we want is for you to all be in compliance. That makes our jobs easier."

For more information on V.I. mooring rules and regulations, call EE at 774-3320.

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GHS Student Heading to Territorial Spelling Bee

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Outstanding speller Jah'Sheada Griffith will be the island's lone representative in the Territorial Spelling Bee on Friday, March 6, at Divi Carina Bay Resort on St. Croix.

Just to get to this point, Griffith, a seventh grader at Giff Hill School, excelled at two spelling bees. She won GHS's spelling bee where she out-spelled all sixth, seventh and eighth graders.

That win earned Griffith a spot at the St. Thomas/St. John District Spelling Bee on Friday, February 20, where she placed fourth out of 20 contestants.

Placing among the top six finishers, secured Griffith a berth in the Territorial Spelling Bee, the winner of which goes on to compete in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C., in May.

Along the way, Griffith showed impressive composure and intel-

ligence, according to her seventh grade teacher at GHS Deblyn Van Gelder.

"It was really exciting," said Van Gelder. "The competition was incredible. It just went on and on with no one getting out for a long time."

"I was very proud of Jah'Sheada," Van Gelder said. "She did a great job."

The entire island will be rooting for Griffith to pull out a win on March 6.

Parents and Faculty Want Security At Both Island Public Schools

By Tom Oat
St. John Tradewinds

Several parents raised questions about unfilled or partially filled positions at the Guy H. Benjamin School in Coral Bay, the smallest St. John elementary school, including a school nurse shared with the Julius E. Sprauve School in Cruz Bay and the lack of security guard at the isolated school.

One GBS teacher questioned the continued existence of unfilled positions "in light of the school's growth in the last few years". The enrollment at the elementary school in Coral Bay has grown from less than 60 to more than 100 students in the past five years.

Security Sought for GBS

St. John parental activist Enid Daway asked education officials about a recent incident at GBS when "a parent came in and physically and verbally attacked the administrator."

Daway asked about having a security guard on duty at GBS.

"Again, we would definitely have to fund that position," said

Diabetes Alert: Two Recalls

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Two recent product recall notices were released to the general public, which could seriously impact people with Diabetes. "ReliOn" syringes (lot #813900) for use with U-100 insulin is the first. The packages are mislabeled, leading users to administer two and a half times more insulin than intended

The second recall concerns "OneTouch Ultra" test strips (lot #2829235), "LifeScan" brand. The strips are giving false, low results.

the Insular Superintendent Jeanette Smith-Barry. Many unfilled positions in the school system are unfunded, Smith-Barry explained, but there were no security positions at the territory's elementary schools.

"Why is there not?" Daway asked. "I understand you have to make a position to fill it, but why is that position not available to be filled?"

Education officials explained

that no elementary schools in the territory are staffed with security personnel.

"Every school does not have security monitors," Smith responded. "There are no monitors assigned at the elementary level."

JESS has a security position because it includes elementary and junior high school grades levels.

"The security issues are definitely something we have to look into," Smith conceded.

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GBS Celebrates Black History Month

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Guy Benjamin School students celebrated Black History Month with an impressive program full of poetry recitation, singing and dancing on Wednesday afternoon, February 25.

The whole school — teachers, students and staff — was decked out in Barack Obama t-shirts for the event, which took place on the Coral Bay elementary school's playground.

Kindergartners opened the show with a skit about Jazz great Louis Armstrong. After sharing some biographical information about Armstrong, the students sang along to his famous rendition of "What A Wonderful World."

First graders recited Maya Angelou's evocative poem "Still I Rise." With lines like "Does my sassiness upset you?/Why are you beset with gloom?/'Cause I walk like I've got oil wells/Pumping in my living room," the young students delivered Angelou's message with conviction.

The GBS second grade class shared what they learned about mathematician Benjamin Banneker and inventor George Washington Carver.

Third graders discussed their ambitions for the future. Dream careers ranged from a singer to a baseball player and several students wanted to be policemen. After sharing their goals, the students sang "Who Am I?"

The GBS fourth grade class sang "Swing Low Sweet Chariots," and shared information about Oprah Winfrey, Muhammad Ali and Serena Williams.

Fifth graders got their groove on they presented a



St. John Tradewinds News Photos by Jaime Elliott

The school choir sang "Oh Freedom," above. Kindergartners sang along to "What A Wonderful World" and showed illustrations inspired by the song, below.



The GBS Quadrille dancers, above, showed off their moves.

tribute to Bob Marley and had the audience singing along to "Three Little Birds."

The sixth grade class recited an uplifting original poem titled "Yes I Can," while transition students shared information about little-known, but important inventors.

The GBS choir entertained the crowd with the song "Oh Freedom," and communications students shared "Black is Beautiful," an original composition of call and response and stepping.

The school's talented Quadrille dancers topped off the afternoon, dancing in bright madras dresses in the playground.

With smiling faces and proud Obama t-shirts, the students truly celebrated the essence of Black History Month.

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It will be interesting to see what color Bob O'Conner paints his new building in Cruz Bay, at left, located next to the V.I. Police Department's Leander Jurgen Command.

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Photo by Tom Oat

Wha's Happ'nin' by Sis Frank

SJSA Dance-a-Thon A Blast

St. John Tradewinds

Everyone has a problem of some kind, but the St. John School of the Arts has created a brand new way to "forget your worries!"

Saturday night's four-hour marathon was terrific! There were young dancers mixed in with middle to ancient-agers throwing themselves around the Westin's dance floor. It was rock and roll all night — I only recognized "Rum and Coca Cola" — I'm the wrong generation, but everyone else belted out the words.

Legs were aching, chiropractors were overbooked on Monday, but there were a lot of smiles!

So many Thank You's to the volunteers and board members who put it together! I would not dare list the devoted workers, but even if we only made \$1.50 profit for the school, it was a joy to see those smiles and soaking wet hair, shirts and blouses! Who cares if our bank accounts dwindle, as long as we can laugh!

Bingo, run by a funny man who usually plays the blues, was a panic.

I must mention Kim Wild's red wig, eyelashes and sequins — most people didn't recognize her!

Well, I guess it will be dance-a-thon time for the Art School every year from now on!

Memorable Photograph at the Art Festival

Frank Langley's annual Festival in the Cruz Bay park was high-lighted by a young man with dread locks across from Mooie's Corner selling coconuts as he studied his computer. Maybe, you could call this "changing times!"

George Lewis Honored at Chrysler Cup Tennis Tournament

Congratulations to our tennis star who now is the pro at the St. Thomas Yacht Club!

We need to bring professional tennis tournaments back to St. John! Pat Harley teaches beginners on Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. Call her at 776-6643 for details.

Comments on Architectural Visions

Jay Zawacki's suggestions that St. John now can compete with William Randolph Hearst and Benito Mussolini in creating Presidio del Mar in

Peter Bay! Perfect!

Wait until the old Texaco Station disappears! Guess who will finish their beautiful Amore Building, bringing all the charm of Perugia to Cruz Bay — Don and Debbie Schnell!

Have you noticed that yellow — in ten different shades — is the color of the year? Larry's Landing and the new part of the Smith building must have run out of paint, or maybe that's the new approach — two shades that don't match.

Of course, our historical library, named for Miss Elaine I. Sprauve, is a bright shade of yellow with running water streaks in it — all kinds of water — Carol McGuinness, head librarian, is grateful for the volunteers who bring some sanity to her life. She would have enjoyed knowing Miss Elaine, the most organized woman I have ever met!

What color do you think Bob O'Connor will choose for his creation next to La Tapa? Something soft to compliment the blue of the twelve police cars parked to the right. I hope.

If the big tree next to Hind's behind the yellow (naturally) parking lot building is ever cut down, I may consider moving to Anegada!

What ever happened to Banco Popular and, more importantly, will we have a "city" planner before nothing is left to plan?

Doug and Ann Soper Return

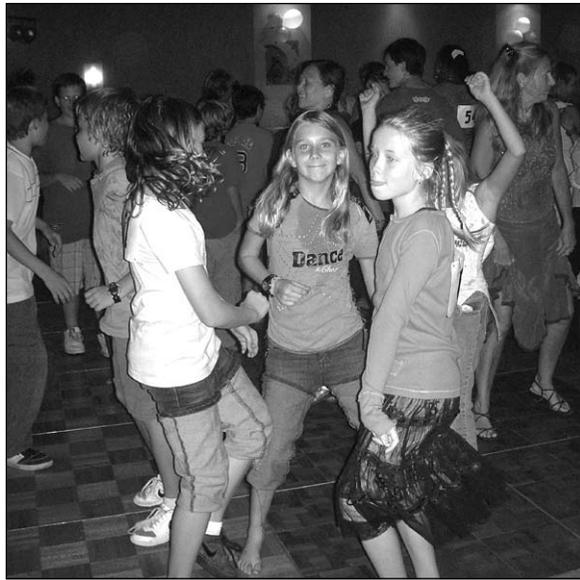
The hardest working people I know! In fact, I can't remember seeing Ann when she wasn't cooking at the restaurant now known as "Jake's" or creating St. John Editions, or helping Doug build their houses stretching all the way from Fish Bay to Old Lyme, Connecticut! But there she was on the dance floor at the Westin! What a wonderful surprise!

We laughed about the early days when Doug recreated Eric's Old Hill Top, now the Legislature Building. I'll never forget him replacing the roof!

Thanks So Much to You Who Donated Time and Money to SJSA

Over 150 dancers and sponsors rocked to the wild rhythms! Just wait 'til next year!

P.S. The Smith-Larry's Landing building is now all one shade of yellow!



St. John Tradewinds News Photos Courtesy of SJSA

Dancers young and older showed their groove on the dance floor during SJSA's dance-a-thon fundraiser.

Serious Moves On Display at Dance-a-Thon

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

The dance floor at the Westin Resort and Villas' ballroom was jam packed on Saturday evening, February 21, as citizens young and old took part in the St. John School of the Arts Dance-a-Thon.

Everyone had so much fun at the art school fundraiser, which netted almost \$11,000, the event will be a yearly tradition from now on, according to SJSA Director Jan Kinder.

"We wanted to have an event that would not only be our fundraiser, but also give the community — both adults and kids — a night of entertainment where everyone could participate," said Kinder. "It was a fun and fabulous night for all and we will be doing it again next year. It really was a fun-raiser."

Dancers at the event got a true workout after grooving to the up-beat tunes for almost four hours, explained SJSA Assistant Director Kim Wild, who got into the spirit of the night herself donning a wig

and go-go boots.

"It was a blast," said Wild. "Everyone had a great time. The dancing was so much fun."

"The music gave you the energy keep going," Wild said. "I danced for about four hours. Everyone was sweating and everyone's hair was soaking wet."

Maryanne Campbell was the big winner of the night for garnering the most pledges. For those who weren't cutting a rug, a big bingo game took place next door.

While the night could have raised more funds for the arts school, the dance-a-thon was about more than money, explained Kinder.

"The success of the night was more than just what we raised," Kinder said. "In these times of uncertainty, we just wanted everyone to have fun. We accomplished that goal and therefor, the night was a success."

"The Westin was great and they are even eager to host this event again next year," said Kinder.

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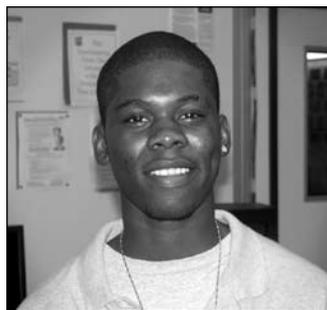
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Today, children of all races have the same opportunities thanks to people who fought for equality for all.



Rhythm & Views

An outlook on young adult interests and concerns
by Malik Stevens

The Children's March

St. John Tradewinds

The other day in my Government and Economics class, we watched a movie about the Civil Rights Movement. It was called "The Children's March." At first, I thought it was going to be one of the millions of civil rights documentaries which tell the same stories and cover the same events.

To my surprise, however, I was wrong. This movie covered the marches, the protests, and the experiences of segregation and discrimination through the eyes of the youth of those times.

It was a heart-felt documentary about the many young adults and children of the South who decided to skip school, go against the wishes of their parents, and risk their lives because they believed in a better America — an America where black, whites, Asians, women and men could all see equal opportunities and the effects of Jim Crow laws and futile segregation ceased to exist.

As I looked around my class while watching the movie to see the effects of what the young African American were fighting for, I was so pleased and appreciative of the struggle my ancestors and fellow African Americans went through to create and assure a better and more equal future for both African Americans and all other minority groups today.

This movie made me realize just how far America has made it the last few decades. From Jim Crow laws, lynching, segregation, and harsh racism, we have now become a place where the most powerful figure is an African American, where blacks and whites alike can live hand in hand, and where most people do not judge others on their skin color, but instead, on "the content of their character."

Not only did the movie foster a sense of pride and accomplishment within me, but it also created a sense of regret and curiosity in me as well. I was left to wonder what happened to all the zeal and determination our young people had back in the those days.

The kids in the movie were willing to march miles, be soaked with fire hoses, and risk their lives for what they believed in, but kids nowadays seem like they lack this same fervor. While most kids nowadays fight and can challenge things simple and non-essential to life, I feel many would cower in the face of such challenges as fighting for civil rights.

The movie really opened up my eyes to how blessed our generation is today to live in a country where the importance of equality and civil rights is understood.

Hopefully the rest of my generation feels the same appreciation, and shows the same passion and

eagerness which we once showed towards things which affected us and our fellow people.

Black History Month

Black history month has come and gone, and though it does not share the same amount of celebration as April or December, I do hope that all Americans, especially African Americans took at least one of 28 days to sit and reflect on the significance of this month.

This historic month is set aside to celebrate and commemorate the amazing story of the African race as well as to give tribute to all the amazing African Americans who have played important parts in our history.

Though many consider February to be the last month of the winter season, or the month in which Valentine's Day falls, it is more than just this and we should all recognize it.

February celebrates the history of a group of people who believed in something more. From being squashed like sardines in the hull of a boat, to being able to live leisurely in the White house, it is clear that African Americans have come a long way.

A look at black history makes it evident that no matter where one begins, his future is in his hand alone. That is why we should all strive for more in life and show admiration to this historic month.

Local Jeweler Crafts V.I. Corsage Brooch for First Lady Obama

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

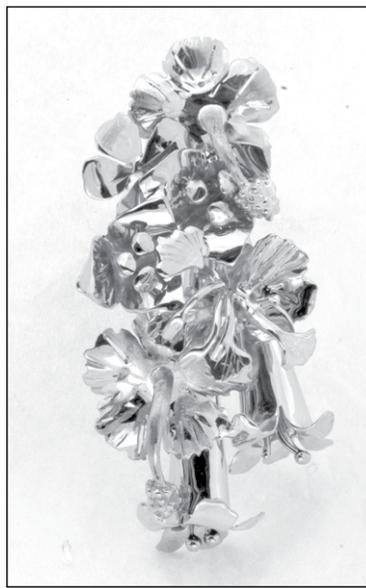
Keep an eye on First Lady Michelle Obama's jewelry, as she might be sporting a beautiful, handcrafted gold brooch soon thanks to St. John goldsmith Alice Krall.

Krall owns Coral Bay Jewelers in Frank Powell Park and is also the Parent Teacher Organization president at Julius E. Sprauve School.

With a good working relationship with Governor John deJongh, Krall knew how to get the brooch in the right hands to present it to First Lady Obama.

"I talk to Governor deJongh a lot, and I told him I was interested in making something special for First Lady Obama," said Krall. "That was back on October and at that time I don't think that he really thought I meant it. I saw that First Lady Obama wears beautiful brooches so I decided to make one for her."

In crafting the piece of jewelry, Krall was inspired by nature. She called the piece V.I. Corsage as it depicts five different local flowers — bougainvillea in rose gold, frangipani in white gold, yellow cedar



Photos by E.D. Farrell

Krall designed a V.I. Corsage brooch for First Lady Michelle Obama, above left, and V.I. First Lady Cecile deJongh, above right.

in yellow gold, hibiscus in yellow gold and flamboyant in yellow and white gold.

The piece measures about two and a half inches long by about an inch and a half wide. Krall also designed a smaller brooch for First Lady Cecile deJongh.

"I wanted First Lady deJongh to have her own brooch too, so I

made one a little smaller with the flowers arranged differently," said Krall. "She loved it."

Krall gave the brooches to deJongh in time for the First Lady and the Governor to take the jewelry on their trip to Washington, D.C. last week for the annual governors' meetings.

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Left: Sonia Sprauve

Center: Shirley Gallagher with daughter Laurie

Right: Laura Rabsatt



9th Annual St. John Arts Festival Extended With Great Success

By Frank Langley
St. John Tradewinds

Due to the success of this year's Food and Crafts Exhibition, it was extended two extra days in Franklin Powell Sr. Park in Cruz Bay.

The event was concluded with a prize-giving to applaud exhibitors who supported the "Caribbean-made" theme in their dress and their exhibits, as well as attending the full five-day event and pre-

senting artistic and attractive booth layouts.

First prize went to Sonia Sprauve who scored on all four counts. Two second prizes were awarded to She-noi Bunge; and Karen Mandelbaum with Sally Bolhaus. Three third prizes were given to Laura Rabsatt; Alton Adams; and painters Shirley Gallagher and her daughter Laurie.

It should be well noted that although not in Caribbean dress a

very large portion of the exhibits were hand-made, of good quality and very attractive.

Caribbean Ritual Dancers

It was a great evening at the Westin Resort on Sunday, February 22, when the Caribbean Ritual Dancers from St. Thomas performed complete with a 12-foot-high mocko jumbie involving the audience as well!

Some 12 or more Love City

leapers in their latest uniform performed before and after the dancers' show. A small steel pan and bongo percussions ensemble led by Zaid Sewer also performed with a rendering of Johann Pachelbel's canon in D Major by Albion Sewer which was very close to being like a harp in the sensitivity of the playing.

Many thanks to the Westin for their outstanding support of the

event an in particular Christine Coppola, director of catering/convention services and her staff.

A big applause and thanks also go to the organisers of the event: Corine Matthias (music); Sheila Liburd (culinary delights); Yolanda Morton and Sonia Sprauve (art and crafts exhibits); Patricia Harley and Lisa Penn (Love City Leapers); and Diana Brown (Caribbean Ritual Dancers).

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Roust's circular mandala art forms and kaleidoscopic designs can be found on much of her art — from henna-painted drums, left, to t-shirts and cards.

St. John Tradewinds News
Photo by Jaime Elliott

Roust Honors Earth Through Art

By Mauri Elbel
St. John Tradewinds

Carolyn Roust does not need expensive supplies to create works of art.

Instead, materials withered by time and destined for the trash transform into the artist's ideal canvas.

Roust, who runs the textile department at Maho Bay Camps, uses art as a way to honor the earth and portray deeper meanings about real world issues through the unique, whimsical style characteristic of her work.

"I think the ultimate thing we can do as humans is to take something from nature and turn it into something beautiful," Roust said. "To me, that is the greatest triumph."

This idea is reflected not only in her personal collection of artwork but also through the crafts she creates at Maho, where art programs thrive on making "trash" into "treasures" by recycling the campground's discarded materials into marketable crafts.

At Maho, Roust batiks, dyes and sews worn sheets to create shoulder bags, purses, table runners, wall hangings and napkins. Tattered mattress pads are used for batting in pot holders, placemats and the linings in bags to create a quilted effect. Even foam pads from dilapidated couches are cut into small pieces to make brushes suited for painting wax on the recycled sheets before dyeing the fabric.

"I think this program is really amazing because it shows people that things can be recycled," Roust said. "And I think art is a really beautiful way to do that."

Some of her favorite items at Maho are the "One Love" and "Island Spirit" flags, other creations derived from used sheets, explained the artist. Modeled after the Tibetan prayer flags, which are designed to spread prayers and good wishes as the wind blows, the flags at Maho are a way for guests to take the island's energy back home with them.

"I really love the atmosphere here — it is really inspiring here to be in nature and in the national park where the campground is a piece of art in itself," Roust said. "I love the experience people have when being here, and it is really fun to be a part of that."

As a stark contrast to today's linear-driven culture, Roust's artwork thrives on a more organic, natural order. Perhaps that is why she has found her niche at Maho, where recycling used items into beautiful crafts portrays the cyclical nature Roust understands and projects through her own artistic style.

"Our culture is defined by lines, with a beginning and the end, but the natural order of things is circular," Roust said. "And recycling is a way to explain that. I think this is a really beautiful way for people understand that concept and get back to nature."

A seamstress from early on, Roust found a passion in sewing and used it as her creative outlet through high school and college. But as a history major, she was inspired to travel and took extended trips from Southeast Asia to South America.

"That is when I started drawing because I couldn't really carry a sewing machine with me," Roust said. "So drawing was my outlet — I just traveled and made art the whole time I was there."

Roust is inspired by the Tibetan Buddha artists who practice art as meditation.

"I am a thinker, and I love art because it is my way to not think," Roust said. "I can quiet my mind and sort of meditate through my art."

The artist talked about the circular mandala art forms and kaleidoscopic designs that the Buddhist artists master so well.

"I really love this kind of art because it just flows; it just grows outward in an organic way," Roust said. "I am really interested in patterns — in history, I was really interested in patterns, and it's the same with art."

This flow and ease is reflected in Roust's artwork. She effortlessly incorporates experiences collected from her extensive traveling and turns it into truly unique pieces that reflect her love for the earth and different cultures.

"All my art is influenced by the places I traveled," said Roust. "I feel like as a human, I am like a child of the earth and my art reflects that."

With an interest in visionary art, Roust spent time with a medicine woman in Peru and became interested in using art as a form of healing.

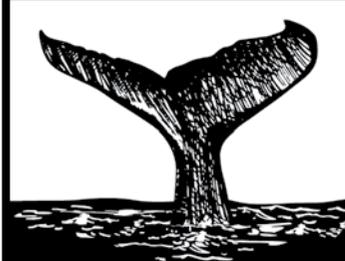
"My ultimate goal is to heal people or open their minds or turn them on to something new through my art," she said.

With an extensive collection of drawings, paintings, cards, t-shirts, henna painted drums and even a children's book, there is no doubt that Roust is a creator by nature.

Some of Roust's distinctive paintings and designs will be showcased at Syzygy Art Gallery in Coral Bay this Sunday, March 8, from 4 to 7 p.m. For a sneak preview, visit www.planetcarolyn.com.



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Letters to St. John Tradewinds

An Obituary Printed in the London Times

Editor:

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, "Common Sense," who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as:

Knowing when to come in out of the rain; why the early bird gets the worm; Life isn't always fair; and maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouth wash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children.

It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lo-

tion or an Aspirin to a student; but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims. Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement ..

Common Sense was preceded in death, by his parents, Truth and Trust. His wife, Discretion, his daughter, Responsibility, his son, Reason.

He is survived by his 4 stepbrothers; I Know My Rights; I Want It Now; Someone Else Is To Blame; I'm A Victim.

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone.. If you still remember him, pass this on. If not, join the majority and do nothing.

— Submitted by
Z.Hruza, St. John

Patience

If patience is a virtue
Then impatience may be a sin
I'd like to give a lecture
Hardly know where to begin

Car is backing up
The tail lights flashing white
Hurry to sneak around it
Another accident clearly in sight

Faster, faster, faster
On this island of miles nine

Was that minute saved
Worth being so unkind?

What is the hurry
On our Caribbean isle?
Slow down...a deep breath
And maybe share a smile!

So please the time has come
For us to all adhere
To a principle of patience
To enjoy our St. John life here.

— Submitted by the Muse of Reef Bay

Obituary

C. Warren Cole Passes

St. John Tradewinds

The Coral Bay family lost another member recently as long-time resident C. Warren Cole passed away.

Cole was born on July 3, 1958, in Midland, Texas and called St. John home for many years. He was handling family issues in Texas when he succumbed to complications from pneumonia on Sunday, February 22. He is survived by a sister and step-brother and a

huge family of brothers and sisters in Coral Bay.

A memorial service will be hosted in Warren's honor at Skinny Legs in the near future. Call Skinny's at 779-4982 or check out their web site at www.skinnylegs.com for the memorial service date.

Warren will be missed by many and his infectious laugh will always be remembered.

St. John Tradewinds' Keeping Track data comes from the V.I. Police Department's Leander Jurgen Command Incident Log, an unofficial record of calls to the station, reports and arrests on St. John.

Letters to St. John Tradewinds

With Fuel Prices Down, Why Still A Surcharge?

Editor:

Now that fuel costs are at the lowest they've been in several years and nearly half of what they were last summer, is there a reason that we are still paying this \$1.10 fee over the \$5.00 that it already costs (raised from \$3.00 previously) to take the ferry to/from Red

Hook and over the \$10.00 fee (raised from \$7.00 previously) to/from Charlotte Amalie?

Honestly, has anyone brought this to the attention of the Public Services Commission?

Howard Heller

Crime Victims Commend VINP Rangers

Dear V.I. National Park Superintendent Mark Hardgrove:

I am writing on behalf of my wife, Joan Kross, and myself, Harold Sullivan, to commend two of your rangers for extraordinary assistance provided to us while we were staying in St. John.

As Chair of the Government Department at John Jay college of Criminal Justice of the City University of New York, I recognize excellent "police work" when I see it.

While we were snorkeling on January 17 or 18 at Leinster Bay, our backpacks containing our rental car keys, camera, cell phone, some food, credits cards, cash etc. were stolen from the beach. Since we did not have our keys, we walked to Maho Bay eco-resort where we had stayed a few times in past years.

From there we called Ranger David Horner and left a phone message on his office line. Late that evening, Ranger Horner appeared on our doorstep at Corcordia Estates, where we were staying and took a full incident report. He promised to get us a copy before we left January 22 (fully aware that for most inauguration day was a holiday.)

Again late in the evening on January 20, he brought us a thorough report for us to take back to Massachusetts.

Two days after our return to Boston, another ranger Greg Johnston called our Massachusetts home. He got our phone number by tracing my wife's drivers license which he found when he recovered some of our belongings along with those of others in the tent of the alleged thief.

Ranger Johnston had not at that point seen our incident report, but on his own he found us to let us know what he had found of ours. A week or so later we received in the mail a package containing many of our belongings unfortunately not our camera or phone.

Both of these rangers were extraordinarily thorough, professional, friendly and helpful (well beyond the call of duty.) The Park Service should be proud of their work. We are very grateful to them and to the excellent service your organization provides.

Sincerely yours,

**Harold Sullivan & Joan Kross,
Newton, MA**

A Great Experience at Dept. of Mother Vehicles

Editor:

I want you to know how pleased I was with the process of getting my vehicle re-registered today! I was in and out in under 15 minutes and smiling the whole time.

From the gentleman outside who waved me right in and did the inspection, to the tall, attractive young woman who was out on the floor facilitating each step of the process, and to the inner office staff who handed me my finished paperwork before I even realized it

had started, it was positive and professional. Even the building itself felt cheery and bright with its new coat of paint and bright lighting.

So, without going into why this most recent registration felt so different and so much better, all I want to say is, I noticed the difference. And I appreciate the effort you all are making.

It was a pleasure.

Sincerely,

Judith Kane, St. John

Where Is Our Paradise Going?

Editor,

Where is our paradise going? I remember the days when I was a kid and everyone was united as one, where you felt the peace and love that can be found no where else.

What makes paradise a paradise is our people, our culture, our heritage. Why are we changing so fast in this modern world? Why are we exchanging our love and peace for violence and tears?

Why don't we go back to the past and help each other the best we can? Instead of closing doors, we open them for each other. We have to start with ourselves.

It's like the sand in the beach. If each grain represents one of us, soon the change will be so great and our paradise will be a better place for our future generations to come.

Look at our President, Barack Obama, he is only

one man. But has changed America's history and is trying to help everyone the best he can.

Let's take his example and say together we can make a change for the USVI. No more violence, no more mothers, father, sisters or brothers crying for a lost life in the hands of violence. No more of our youth going to jail and wasting there life, when they can be lawyers, doctors, teachers or owning their own personal business.

Like a quote said by David Lloyd George, British Prime Minister: "One generation plants trees, and the next enjoys the shade."

No matter where you are from, home is the place where you live, work and spend most of your life.

Let's pray to god for guidance in this world we are living so we can find our path.

- Hoping for the best

St. John Tradewinds Keeping Track

2008 FINAL COUNT

Homicide: 0
Solved: 0

Shootings: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

Stabbings: 1
Under Investigation: 1
Solved: 0

Armed Robberies: 2
Under Investigation: 2
Solved: 1

Arsons: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

1st Degree Burglaries: 1
Under Investigation: 1
Solved: 0

2nd Degree Burglaries: 18
Under Investigation: 18
Solved: 0

3rd Degree Burglaries: 67
Under Investigation: 67
Solved: 0

Grand Larcenies: 68
Under Investigation: 68
Solved: 0

Rapes: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

2009 TO-DATE

Homicide: 1
Solved: 0

Shootings: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

Stabbings: 0
Under Investigation: 0
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Under Investigation: 0
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Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

2nd Degree Burglaries: 7
Under Investigation: 7
Solved: 0

3rd Degree Burglaries: 11
Under Investigation: 9
Solved: 2

Grand Larcenies: 13
Under Investigation: 13
Solved: 0

Rapes: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

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Delegate Christensen Presses Congress for Caneel Bay Agreement Approval

St. John Tradewinds

Delegate to Congress Donna Christensen continued her efforts to have the Congress authorize the Secretary of the Interior to extend the current agreement with the owners of Caneel Bay Resort on St. John last week.

The U.S. House of Representatives passed the House on Monday afternoon. Christensen spoke on behalf of H.R. 714, explaining the history of Laurance Rockefeller's purchase of more than 5,000 acres of land on St. John for donation to the National Park and for the creation of the 170 acres for the Caneel Bay Resort.

A similar measure passed the House in the 110th Congress, but languished in the Senate. Christensen re-introduced the measure to the 111th Congress in January.

Calling Caneel Bay an "important entity to the tourism based

economy of St. John and the Virgin Islands in general," Christensen explained that the legislation was important because the RUE (Retained Use Estate) is slated to expire in 2023 and its current owners require more than its remaining 14 years to provide the capital and long-term financing necessary to reverse the decline of the facilities at the resort and return it to the grandeur and stature that it deserves.

"I have spent the past four years meeting with the National Park Service officials, representatives of the Rockefeller group and various public officials and business partners to work out an equitable framework for a long term agreement with the National Park Service, which will insure the viability of the Caneel Bay Resort, the largest employer on St. John in the U.S. Virgin Islands," Christensen told the House. "In return for the

agreement, needed to ensure the infusion of capital funds, the owners have agreed to pay consideration to the government based on independent appraisals commissioned by the parties which will include valuable land and buildings held by them outside the park."

Christensen spoke of the urgency of approving the agreement, telling the body that because of the tight economic conditions, "the company is being forced to make some difficult decisions in an attempt to preserve its solvency so that it may survive this economic downturn."

Christensen thanked Natural Resources Committee Chairman Nick Rahall and Parks Subcommittee Chairman Raul Grijalva as well as the ranking members and all staff for working to bring the Caneel Bay Bill to the floor so quickly.

Photographer and Human Rights Activist Melescu To Speak March 8

St. John Tradewinds

The Unitarian Universalists of St. John meet each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in the great room at Giff Hill School.

The guest speaker on Sunday, March 8, is Sonya Melescu, photographer and human rights activist.

"Today I want to be a voice for the orphans and women of extreme poverty in our world, who have experienced atrocities from war and genocide we can't imagine as Americans," said Melescu. "I feel my purpose in life is to use my camera as a tool to elevate awareness to the living conditions I have witnessed. I do all this working on my income as a wedding photographer."

For transportation from Cruz Bay call 776-6332. For more information, call www.uufstjohn.org.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

J'Nay Penn, left, and Alice Krall show off a replica of the brooches and cards presented to V.I. First Lady Cecile deJongh and U.S. First Lady Michelle Obama.

V.I. Brooch for First Lady Obama

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"We initially wanted to get the brooch up to D.C. for the inauguration, but the governor preferred to take it up another time because it would have been too busy then," said Krall. "So they took it up last week."

DeJongh presented the brooch to First Lady Obama at a First Ladies' Luncheon on Tuesday afternoon, February 24, at the White House. Official photographs were taken at the event and *St. John Tradewinds* expects to receive one next week from the White House photography department.

In addition to crafting the brooch, Krall approached J'Nay Penn to create an original card to accompany the gift, she explained.

"J'Nay is my neighbor and she does a lot of graphic design," said Krall. "I was showing her the brooch and I wanted a nice card to go along with it and she agreed to create one. She did a beautiful card which shows a picture of the brooch and identifies the different flowers."

As a passionate education advocate, Krall always has the improvement of the local schools in mind and the V.I. Corsage project was nothing different.

"I'm trying to get jewelry making classes in the schools," said Krall, who earned a Master's Degree from Temple University. "So when I gave the governor the brooch, I mentioned this to him and will keep working on it."

Krall is also a big fan of the Obamas and was delighted to be able to offer a present to the First Lady, she added.

"J'Nay and I were just excited about the whole thing," said Krall. "It was a honor to make something for First Lady Obama and I hope she likes it."

Birth Announcements

Coral Jean



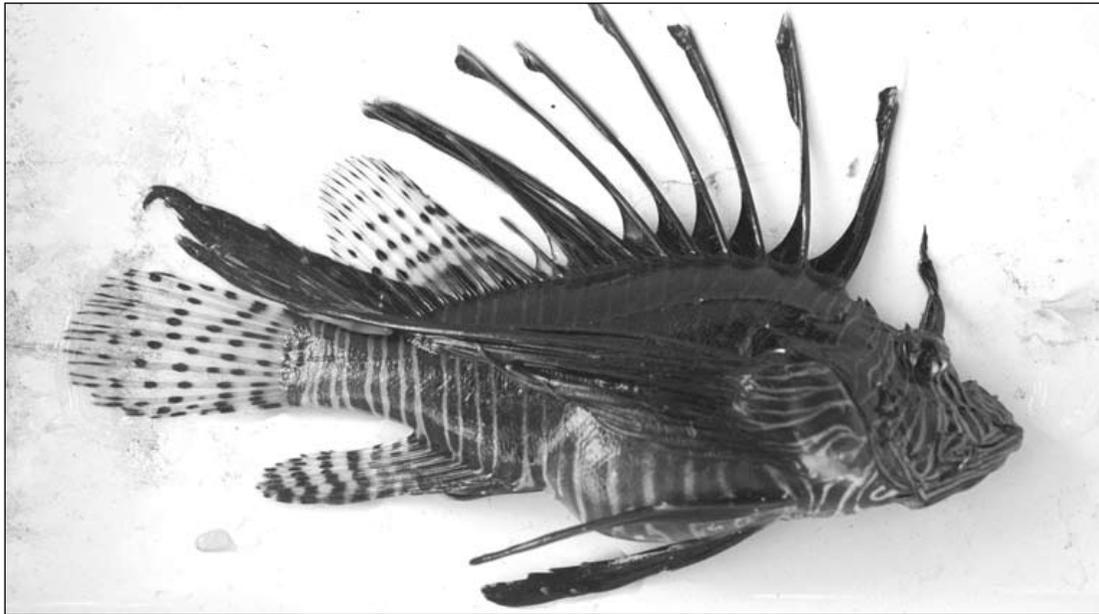
St. John Tradewinds News Photo Courtesy of Suki Buchalter

Jessa and Brian enjoy a special moment with daughter Coral Jean.

St. John Tradewinds

Brian and Jessa Buchalter welcomed their new baby earlier this month. Coral Jean was born at home in water on February 3, 2009. She was born at 3:08 p.m. in the afternoon and weighed in at 6

pounds and 3 ounces. Grandmother Suki and Auntie Sage were in attendance at the birth in Avon, Colorado, and Suki reports that all are well and happy. For more pictures or to contact Jessa check out the website www.brianandjessa.com.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo Courtesy of Dept. of Fish and Wildlife

The lionfish is an invasive species to marine habitat in the Caribbean.

More Lionfish Found — Latest Caught Off Point Udall

St. John Tradewinds The fifth Pacific lionfish was recovered in Virgin Islands waters in four months. The first two fish were caught in Frederiksted, the second and third were caught about three miles offshore of Good Hope School. The latest lionfish was caught by a commercial fisherman, less than a mile off Isaacs Bay just south of Point Udall. "We hoped they may be confined to the western end of St. Croix, but no more," said William Coles, PhD of the Fish and Wildlife Division.

St. John Police Report

Land Line Emergency No: 911

Cellular Emergency No: 340-776-9110

St. John Police Department: 340-693-8880

St. John Fire Service: 340-776-6333

Sunday, February 22

10:19 a.m. - A citizen p/r someone unknown removed money from her rental villa. Burglary in the second.

Monday, February 23

10:00 a.m. - A citizen c/r being in a verbal altercation with her brother. Disturbance of the peace.

10:15 a.m. - A citizen c/requesting assistance in obtaining the company vehicle. Police assistance.

11:45 a.m. - A citizen p/r someone took his belongings. Grand larceny.

Tuesday, February 24

11:55 a.m. - A citizen p/r he lost his backpack. Lost items.

1:25 p.m. - A citizen p/r she lost her cell phone in the area of Cruz Bay. Lost cell phone.

1:30 p.m. - A citizen c/r an auto accident on North Shore Road. Auto accident.

Wednesday, February 25

10:47 a.m. - An Estate Chocolate Hole citizen p/r that she needs assistance with a customer. Police assistance.

1:10 p.m. - A St. Thomas resident p/r that she was threatened by her children's father. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

No time given - Cruz Bay resident c/r that she was threatened by her tenant. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

No time given - Cruz Bay resident c/r that she was cursed out by her neighbor.

5:45 p.m. - A citizen p/r an auto accident in the area of Boulon Center. Auto accident.

Thursday, February 26

9:06 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r that someone stole his stereo system out of his truck. Grand larceny.

10:35 a.m. - A citizen c/r that someone was on the ground bleeding in the area of Pine Peace. Accidental injury.

3:15 p.m. - A citizen c/r an auto accident in the area of the Cruz Bay Post Office. Auto accident.

5:25 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident r/ an auto accident in the area of Chocolate Hole. Auto accident.

Friday, February 27

9:30 a.m. - A citizen p/r his vehicle was stolen from Cruz Bay. Unauthorized use of vehicle.

9:50 a.m. - An Estate Carolina resident p/r her dinghy was stolen from Coral Bay harbor. Unauthorized use of vessel.

Community Calendar

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

Tuesday, March 3

St. John Film Society's next monthly film screening is Tuesday, March 3, and will focus on the global economy and the developing world. "Life and Debt," a documentary by Stephanie Black and narrated by Jamaica Kincaid, will be shown.

Wednesday, March 4

The Government Employee's Retirement System is now offering its member services on St. John the first Wednesday of each month starting on March 4 at the St. John Administrator's office at the Battery, between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Thursday, March 5

Principal of the Ivanna Eudora Kean High School, Dr. Sharon McCollum, advises parents and guardians of students in home-rooms 9-11, 9-12, 9-13 and 9-14 of a mandatory meeting on Thursday, March 5, at 8:30 a.m. in the school's cafeteria.

Thursday, March 5

The National Parks Conservation Association and Friends of V.I. National Park are presenting a special preview of renowned documentary film maker Ken Burns' latest work entitled "The National Parks: America's Best Idea," on Thursday, March 5, at 6 p.m. in the Coral Bay conference room at the Westin Resort.

Saturday, March 7

Love City Pan Dragons is hosting a Fish Fry on Saturday afternoon, March 7, starting at 3 p.m. at the Frank Powell Park. Local dishes will include fish, conch, chicken, souse, mutton, kallaloo, johnny cake, peas and rice, macaroni and cheese, seasoned rice, potato salad, stuffing, cole slaw, pate and local drinks.

Saturday, March 10

The American Legion Post 131 next executive board meeting will be on Tuesday, March 10, at 5:30 p.m. at the Office of the St. John Community Foundation on the third floor of the Marketplace.

Saturday, March 14

Virgin Islands Audubon Society's annual plant sale will be on Saturday, March 14, from 9 a.m. to noon in the Frank Powell Sr. Park in Cruz Bay.

Saturday, March 14

The American Legion Post 131 regular monthly meeting will be Saturday March 14, at 10:30 a.m. at the Coral Bay Agriculture Station Terrace. All members are encouraged to attend. We need your input on ways to better serve you, our Veterans and the Community.

Saturday, March 21

The Sprauve Family Reunion will host a meeting on St. John Saturday, March 21, at Jacob's Ladder beginning at 6:30 pm.

AA Meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous meets as scheduled: Sundays, 9:45 a.m. at Hawksnest Bay Beach; Closed meeting for alcoholic only at Nazareth Lutheran Church at 5:30 on Tuesdays; Open meetings on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 6 p.m. at Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cruz Bay; Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 6 p.m. at Emmaus Moravian Church, Coral Bay.

Al-Anon Meetings

Al-Anon meets on St. John every Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the picnic table at the VINP ball field, and every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at Our St. Ursula's Church.

Alateen Meetings

Alateen will meet on Mondays at St. Ursula's Church from 6 to 7 p.m. and is open to anyone interested in attending.

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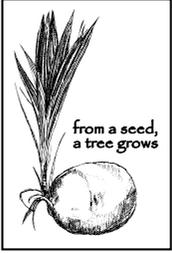
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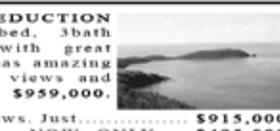
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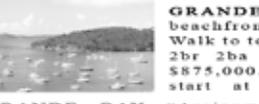


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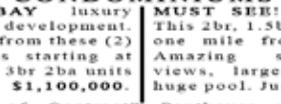


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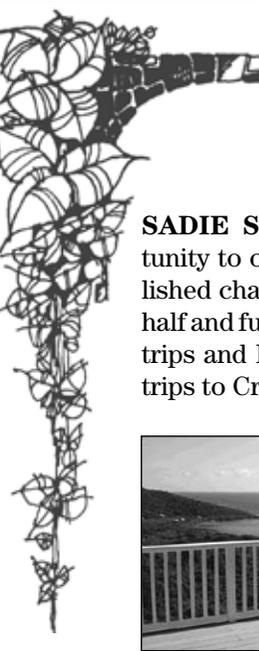
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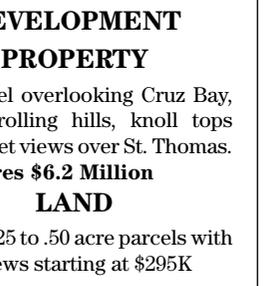


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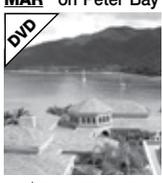
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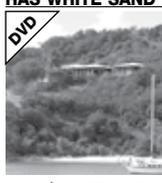
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"SEACAY VILLA", 3 Br 4 Ba pool villa has unobstructed, panoramic ocean views and deeded beach access. Good short term rental history. Just a short drive to Cruz Bay.



\$1,995,000

"WINDWARDSIDE" super privacy highlights these two wonderful masonry cottages. Hot tubs, bricked courtyards and wonderful décor make this a very special offering.



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\$995,000

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FREEMAN'S GROUND IDEAL SITE TO BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME! Oversized, three quarter acre parcel features stunning down island views and cooling breezes. Upper & lower access with many road improvements. **\$425,000**
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"PRIVATEER BAY" LAND - Enjoy beautiful views of Coral Bay and beyond on this .44 acre building site. Paved roads, underground utilities, deeded beach rights, cottages and more. **\$285,000**
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RENDEZVOUS GARDENS Finish building a beautiful home with outstanding westerly views. Stonework highlights and ensuite baths. Beautiful landscaping. .46 acre **\$1,095,000**

LOVE NEST Bright & airy, new cottage overlooking Hurricane Hole, Coral Bay, & BVI. Plans approved for an additional 2BR, 2BA w/pool. **\$489,000**

CAROLINA Early morning risers paradise overlooking Coral Bay to BVI. Well maintained 2-unit cottage offers a 1 bed/1 bath with a cozy covered porch. Plus studio apartment. **\$625,000**

MAHOGANY TREE VILLA. Create a charming B&B offering a gated entry, walk to Frank Bay & town. (4) 1bd/1ba units with A/C, common pool & garage. **\$895,000**

BAREFOOT New 2 bdrm, 1.5 bath guest cottage in quaint Coral Bay neighborhood. Room for expansion. **\$799,000**

HOMES

YOUR OWN SECLUDED BEACH Just steps to Hart Bay, "Rendezview" features 4 bdms & 4 baths. Also enjoy the lower 3 bdrm beach house. **\$2,895,000**

RAINBOW PLANTATION A private, family estate house on 1.6 acres. Features one of the largest private pools on St. John (w/diving board, & wet bar). Mature landscaping. **\$1,850,000**

NEW! Mill Ridge exudes quality, Caribbean design, mahogany throughout, Chicago Brick & Island stone. Masonry 2BR/2BA, office, garage, tiled patio, pool & cabana. **\$1,695,000**

TEMPRESS 2 bdrm suites separated by 2 buildings - a living area and an impressive kitchen complete with granite countertops, private decks, dramatic sunsets. **\$1,650,000**

NEW! This remodeled property with South Shore views. Additions include 2 a/c bdrm, pool, laundry room & kitchen in lower unit. **\$1,400,000**

GARDEN BY THE SEA B&B. West Indian gingerbread architecture and island furnishings. Owners apartment plus 3 income producing units. Room for expansion. **\$1,800,000**

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CVISTA Magnificent open air 4 bedroom villa above the turquoise waters of Rendezvous Bay. Stunning residence exudes comfort, class & elegance. **\$3,895,000**

ENIGHED Nearly flat town lot overlooking Turner Bay and zoned R-4. Masonry home, 4 bdms, 2 baths plus outbuildings. **\$599,000**

CRUZ BAY Prime .75 acre property, 3 bdrm short term rental with pool and panoramic views. Zoned R-4 and suited for development. **\$2,950,000**

ZOOTENVAAL Quaint Caribbean cottage tucked in at the end of the road. Walk to Coral Bay. Two separate units. plans available for additional home. **\$729,000**

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FUN & CONTENTMENT 180° views. Tiled pool deck, 2 large AC. Master suites. SS appliances, mahogany hardwoods, stone accents. Plans for 3 more bdms. **\$1,235,000**

MARBELLA Expansive St. Thomas sunset views, 3 bdms w/ en suite baths. Open style layout all on one level, access from each room onto the pool. Central A/C. **\$2,850,000**

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SEAGRAPE Newly listed .249 acres for \$185,000, includes non permitted plans for main house and guest cottage. Excellent views of Hurricane Hole and BVI's. Also available .41 acres, offering paved access. Downhill build. **\$165,000**

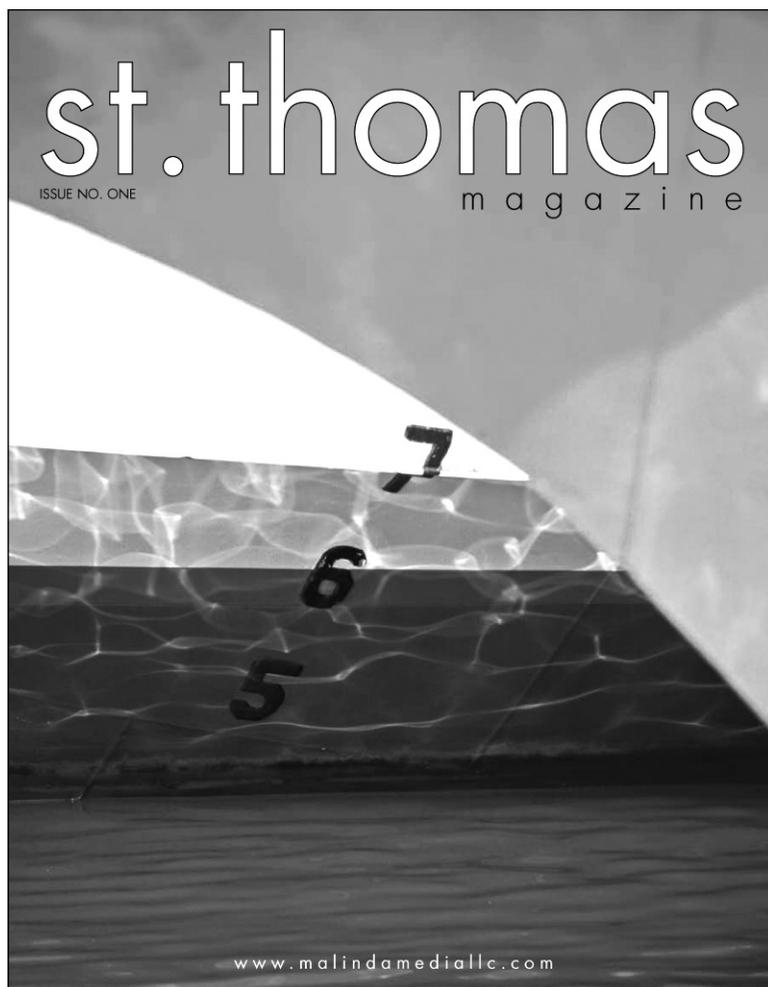
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