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(Left to right) Kazumi Schaub, St. John School of the Arts co-executive director Jan Kinder, Sis Frank and co-executive director Kim Wild take a moment to smile for the camera before the donor's recital and celebration of Frank's 86th birthday on May 4.

86th Birthday Party for Founder Sis Frank Raises \$25,000 for St. John School of the Arts

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Six young performers wowed a crowd of about 50 residents at the St. John School of the Arts donor's reception and fundraiser on Tuesday, May 4, at the arts school in Cruz Bay.

While helping to raise about \$25,000, the crowd also delighted in singing SJSA founder Ruth "Sis" Frank a happy 86th birthday along with SJSA

teacher and alumni Shatik Stevens.

All of the SJSA performers were recipients of the merit scholarship created in Frank's name and they lived up to, and far exceeded expectations.

"These performers are not scholarship students based on need," said SJSA director Jan Kinder. "All of these students earned these scholarships by merit alone. These students are examples for

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Maho Bay Campground's lease will expire in January 2012.

Deal Could Be Close as Maho Bay Campground Lease Nears End

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With the end of Maho Bay Campground's lease fast approaching, the Trust for Public Land is rumored to be close to brokering a deal to purchase the 14-acre privately owned property, which would likely be leased back to the eco-resort.

TPL's Southwest Florida and

Caribbean Field Office Director John Garrison said recently that while he can't comment on the status of the land acquisition, he hopes to have news to share with the public soon.

"We're in a nondisclosure agreement with the landowners, so at this point I'm not at liberty to make any comments at all," said

Garrison. "Complex real estate agreements can't be done in the press, and we respect confidentiality. It's in our best interests to keep this thing going forward and to keep it under wraps."

Maho's 37-year lease expires in January 2012, and there are plans to close down the campground in July 2011.

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Devine To Share Results of Cistern Water Tests at May 10 CBCC Forum

The Coral Bay Community Council will host a forum on Monday, May 10, at 6 p.m. at Sputnik's in Coral Bay which will feature local cistern drinking water testing results.

Dr. Barry Devine will give a presentation of the water quality testing results done under the EPA CARE grant with the cooperation of residents. Results showed that locally available, easy to install, water purification systems do work to make the water drinkable per national testing standards.

More information on these solutions and how to do testing will also be shared at the meeting. Eckerd College will present their on-going sedimentation research in Coral Bay.

Julietta's rotis at Sputnik will be available for dinner, if residents call by noon on the day to order them at 776-6644.

For more information on the program, call the CBCC office at 776-2099.

Free Glaucoma Screenings on May 11

Friends of the Congressional Glaucoma Caucus Foundation, Delegate to Congress Donna Christensen, Creighton University and St. Croix Eye Group, Inc. are hosting free glaucoma screenings this week on St. John.

The general public is invited to stop by St. John Eye Care on Tuesday, May 11, for screenings by Dr. Freidenberg. Screenings on Wednesday and Thursday will be for the Gallow's Point Resort staff and family and Caneel Bay staff.

Glaucoma is known as "the silent thief of sight," and it is one of the leading causes of preventable blindness. It is an eye disorder that damages the optic nerve, which is the nerve that carries messages from the eye to the brain.

Glaucoma has no noticeable symptoms or early warning signs, and it cannot be cured. However, with early diagnosis, glaucoma can be treated and damage can be stopped before significant deterioration occurs. If left untreated, glaucoma can lead to blindness.

People with diabetes, or high blood pressure and individuals of Caribbean origin are at particular risk for glaucoma. A screening can determine if a person has signs of glaucoma, so take advantage of a free, five minute screening.

GHS Hosting Open House on May 13

Giff Hill School is hosting an Open House on Thursday, May 13, from 5 to 7 p.m. at both the lower and upper campuses.

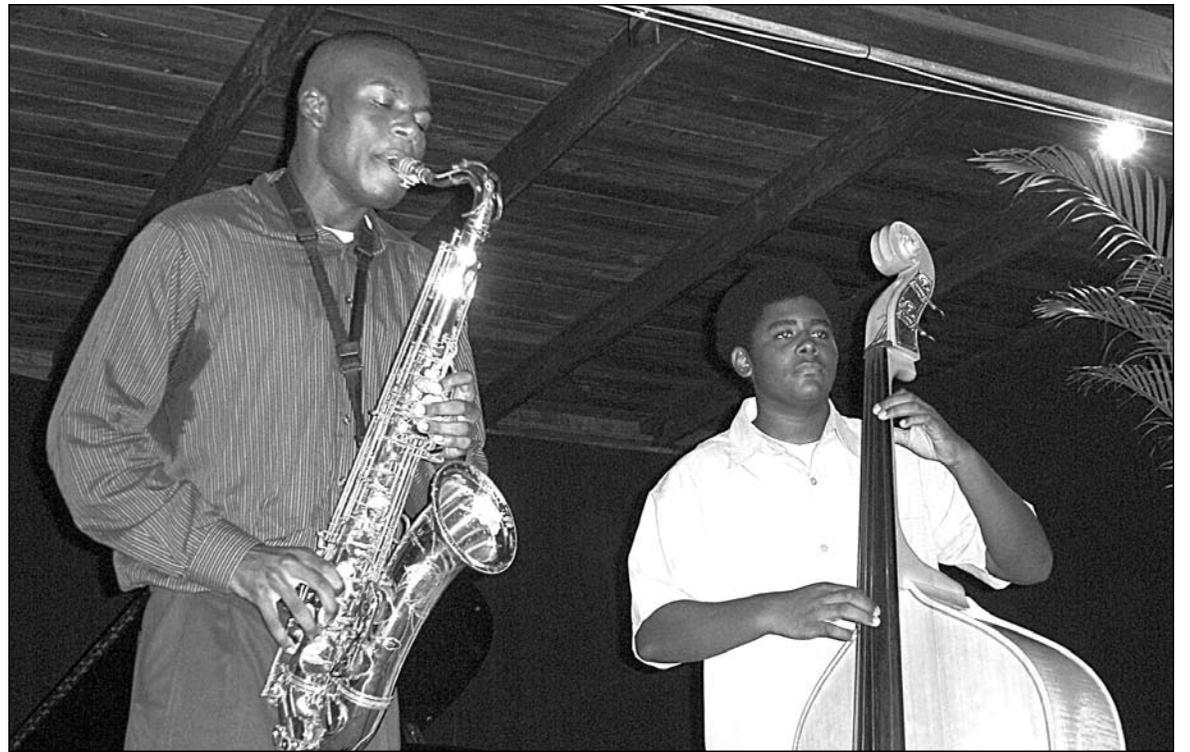
Teachers and administration will be available to answer questions. Students at the Upper Campus will be showcasing travel photos from the recent trips to Costa Rica and China, and students at both campuses will display their self-authored and illustrated book projects.

Giff Hill School is excited to present its newest extra-curricular opportunity, a service-learning horticulture program in collaboration with Iowa State University, that will commence in May and continue for five years.

Recent improvements to GHS include the finest athletic field in the Virgin Islands; an environmentally-friendly playground at the lower campus; and plans for improvements to the middle school common areas and classrooms are in place for the 2010-2011 school year.

Giff Hill School is now accepting enrollment applications for the 2010-2011 school year in preschool through 12th grade. GHS is fully accredited by Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.

Refreshments will be provided. Call 776-1730 or visit www.giffhillschool.org for more information.



St. John Tradewinds News Photos by Adam Lynch

Kailyn Cummings, above left, performed The Swift Song, a dance she choreographed herself. Jonte Samuel and Tabari Lake, above right, wowed the audience with three instrumental pieces.

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our entire school.”

Kainoa Metcalf played Carl Philip Bach’s “Solfeggio in C minor” on piano. Christin Marsh performed a swinging “New Orleans Blues” by William Gillock also on the piano.

Next up was the remarkable Jonte Samuel on saxophone accompanied by Tabari Lake on stand up bass. The duo performed three pieces, “Billy’s Bounce,” “Remember Me,” and “Oleo.”

Tyler Stephen wrapped up the instrumental portion of the show with a brilliant rendition of Ludwig van Beethoven’s “Sonatina.”

After clearing the stage, an accomplished Kaitlyn Cummings took the stage performing her very own choreographed dance The Swift Song, to “Frühlingslied” by Felix Mendelssohn.

The always impressive Savannah Lyons took the stage next, dancing to Van Halen’s “The Synthesizer, the Guitar and the Tutu,” choreographed by SJSA’s very own Kim Wild.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Adam Lynch

SJSA alumnus Shatik Stevens led the crowd in singing art school founder Sis Frank “Happy 86th Birthday.”

Shatik Stevens capped the evening off with a moving rendition of “Orange Sky” by Milton DeLugg and Willie Stein, with Harvey Werbel accompanying on piano.

After the closing notes of “Orange Sky” faded away, Stevens led the audience in a rousing rendition of “Happy Birthday” for Sis Frank, a pillar of the St. John community

and founder of SJSA.

Frank no doubt made a meaningful wish as she blew out her two candles — an eight and a six.

“I couldn’t thank you enough, all of you,” said Frank. “I can’t thank you enough for sending your children here and for supporting us. It’s so wonderful to have young people who really love the arts and

who really practice.”

“I know what parents go through with the practicing, but it’s so important,” Frank said. “And as you can see, the results are pretty wonderful.”

After watching their operating budget get perilously close to drying up, SJSA kicked off a fund raising effort and were immediately met with enthusiasm and success.

“We have accomplished a great deal in a very short amount of time,” said Kinder. “Our fundraising has allowed us to keep our doors open and will allow us to host another summer writing camp.”

Led by SJSA board member Fay Fredericks, the summer writing camp incorporates dramatic arts, composition, dance, music and cultural studies.

“It’s an excellent program and a great opportunity for our students,” said Kinder.

The school is still collecting donations in hopes of reaching its operating goal of \$34,000. Dona-

tions can be sent SJSA, Box 180, St. John, VI 00831. For more information about the school check out their website at www.stjohn-schoolofthearts.org.

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MLB Creative, MaLinda Media Clean Up at ADDY Awards

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

The best of the territory's on-line, print, television and radio advertising were recognized by the American Advertising Federation of the Virgin Islands on Saturday, April 24, at Antilles School's Prior-Jollek Hall.

MLB Creative of St. Thomas took home the most Addy Awards as well as the coveted Best of Show. Not to be outdone, MaLinda Media earned just as many awards as MLB, taking home three gold and five silver Addy Awards recognizing the quality of the company's publications, *St. Thomas Magazine* and *St. John Magazine*.

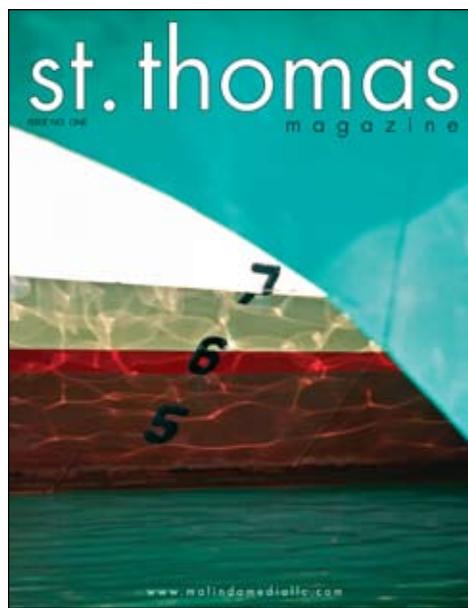
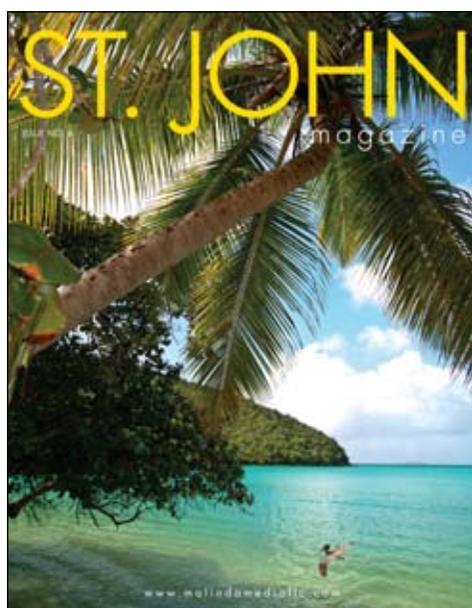
All gold medal winners — and silver medal winners in categories that had no gold winners — advanced to the district round which pitted the professionals against the tops in their field from across the Caribbean and Florida.

MaLinda Media took home a silver medal in that round for the 2010 *St. John Magazine*, winning recognition for the publication design from the region's top advertising agencies.

"With a silver Addy Award from district, MaLinda Media is now known in Florida and can attract regional and national advertising," said Terri Brown, treasurer of AAF of the VI and CEO of MLB Creative.

Both the local and district recognition serve as an affirmation of MaLinda Media's effort to showcase the islands in the most professional way possible and as inspiration to maintain and improve that level.

"For the MaLinda Media team, winning gold Addys affirms that our product is top-notch and that professionals in our industry agree," said MaLinda Nelson, MaLinda Media



St. John Tradewinds News Graphics Courtesy of MaLinda Media

MaLinda Media was awarded Gold Addy Awards for both *St. John Magazine* (Issue No. 4) and *St. Thomas Magazine* (Issue No. 1), in addition to five silver Addy Awards.

MaLinda Media LLC owner. "It proves that we're continuing to move forward with our original vision — to create magazines which present St. John and St. Thomas in the most professional way possible— and it encourages us to continue to do even better."

All Addy entrants are judged by fellow professionals and the Virgin Islands' material was judged by some of the top judges in the country, explained Brown.

"Our judges here and the judges in the states are national-caliber judges," Brown said. "We always go for the best judges we can find and we got one of the best judges in

the nation in Chic Davis. He is the national chair and he has judged more shows than most of us have entered combined."

"We always want the best judges so we can have the best work going forward to district," said Brown.

In addition to Davis, Lisa Colantuono and Leslie Winthrop, both advertising executives from New York City, also judged the Advertising Federation of the Virgin Islands' Addy Awards entries. MLB and MaLinda Media, raking in the most awards, were the judges' favorites.

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St. Thomas Magazine
Magazine Design

St. Thomas Magazine's
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St. John Magazine
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St. Thomas Magazine
Publication Cover Design

St. Thomas Magazine's
"Fishing with the Frenchies"
Editorial Design

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Caneel Bay Resort expects to have around 60% occupancy this summer season.

St. John Hotels Forecasting Sunny Summer 2010 Season

By Mauri Elbel
St. John Tradewinds

As the weather warms up on the island, hotels are projecting a sunnier forecast this summer compared to last year.

“Right now it is looking better than last year, which is great — people are booking a little further out,” said Stephanie King, manager of The Inn at Tamarind Court. “June and July are already looking better. It is looking like I am going to pass last year.”

Tamarind is already booked at 30 to 40 percent occupancy for June and July, but King said a substantial amount of business comes from locals and walk-in day trippers from neighboring islands who decide to stay overnight at the affordable inn just a short walk away from Cruz Bay hot spots.

“We are the cheapest on the island next to the campground,” King said.

During June and July, standard rates are \$120 a night and they drop to \$110 in August. Locals and wedding parties also can take advantage of 10 percent off year round — a special King said helps boost the hotel’s occupancy rates.

This past winter season, Tamarind fared about the same as last year, averaging 75 to 80 percent occupancy with some weeks com-

pletely booked. King said the inn will close for the last week in September and the first week in October for annual cleaning and maintenance.

Caneel Bay Resort will also close its exclusive grounds for the second year in a row — shutting its doors September 7 through October 20 to make infrastructure improvements, according to Nikolay Hotze, the resort’s managing director.

Hotze said the resort had a successful winter season — beating its budgeted forecasts and growing by six occupancy points since 2009.

“Overall, we have seen a great four months of the year — business has been extremely well,” Hotze said. “In January of 2009, we had 55 percent occupancy and we were able to grow that by 14 percent. We were not expecting that — we budgeted for 58 percent and we had 69 percent occupancy.”

February and March hit above projections at 80 percent occupancy and April stayed at 74 percent — a number Hotze said was expected.

“Last year we offered more specials to get to where we wanted to be, and this year the demand was high so we could grow our rates

and didn’t have to give so many specials away,” he said. “St. John was very busy, which definitely helps in our busiest and highest rated months. We hope that continues toward the end of 2010.”

Hotze said this year’s summer season is difficult to predict, but he believes occupancy will average in the low 60s.

“This coming May, June and July, it is hard to say,” he said. “It is a little bit slower now, but last year it seemed to pick up very last minute and we are hoping for the same last minute pick up.”

The Westin St. John Hotel and Villas also topped last year’s first quarter and is projecting a five to six point occupancy rise over 2009 for its second quarter, according to general manager Mike Ryan.

Ryan said the Westin’s summer is already looking strong with June projected to be up between four and six points from last year, July up two to three points and August higher than 2009, though not as significantly.

“It’s all thumbs up,” he said. “Our first quarter was in the mid-to high-80 percentile and our second quarter will also be in the 80s. June looking in the low 80s, July is looking like it will be in the 80s, but then August will fall off into the 70s.”

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DeJongh Signs Bill, Delays St. John Capital Improvement Fund Reprogramming

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On Monday, May 3, Governor John deJongh approved Bill 28-0228 which was passed by the 28th Legislature recently and was due back to the Senate on May 4.

The first seven sections of the bill were submitted by the deJongh administration in order to reprogram monies to ensure that certain government departments and agencies meet their budgetary requirements.

“These measures will provide the necessary funding to support the Department of Tourism’s efforts at marketing and promoting the territory, the Bureau of Corrections with hiring of new corrections officers, and the V.I. Housing Authority’s renovation of vacant and occupied rental units,” said deJongh. “In addition, the Governor Juan F. Luis Hospital and Medical Center will utilize a portion of the reprogrammed funds to bring its V.I. Water and Power Authority bill up to date.”

Sections 8 and 9 of the bill, which would allow a greater number of Virgin Islands residents the opportunity to qualify for rebate incentives for installing solar thermal systems were approved.

“The V.I. Energy Office has already im-

plemented rebate programs involving solar water heaters, photovoltaic panels, small wind energy systems, Energy-Star-rated appliances and hybrid vehicles,” said the governor. “The administration’s Sun Power Water Heater loan program has proved successful as demonstrated by VIEO’s approval of approximately 41 loan applications and the current processing of another sixty additional applications.”

“The aggregate amount of all these loans is approximately \$241,890,” said deJongh. “As you are well-aware, the provider of these services are local vendors and especially those that have made the commitment to renewable energy initiatives and sourcing, further complemented by our green training programs.”

The Energy Office continues to work hard at partnering with other departments and agencies as well as individuals and businesses, in order to develop and implement innovate energy savings strategies, which are proven to reduce cost for the government, deJongh added.

St. John Fund Change Delayed

Section 11 of the bill simply delays the effective date for the legislatively initiated

law that deletes solid waste collection and disposal services as a permissible use for the funds in the St. John Improvement Fund.

“The implementation of this law will pose challenges because current V.I. Waste Management Authority projects will require another funding source,” said the governor. “My administration has sought creative ways to both maintain the incomparable natural beauty that is a character of St. John while developing appropriate infrastructure to support quality services for the people.”

“The Department of Public Works has worked tirelessly to develop and complete St. John projects funded through the ARRA, bond proceeds (Act Nos. 7081 and 7095), Federal Highway Administration and local funding sources,” the governor said.

St. John Capital Projects Funded

The administration’s capital projects have supported infrastructure development and includes a budget for construction on Route 104 in the amount of \$4 million; \$150,000 for bus shelters; \$200,000 for the fish market; \$5.1 million for road re-construction work within the National Park Service’s road infrastructure, \$800,000 for Kings Hill Road, \$275,000 for Bethany Road, \$364,000 for

the Frank Powell revitalization, \$1.2 million for Bordeaux Mountain, and \$2 million for parking accommodations in Cruz Bay.

Section 12 of the bill enacts a practical provision of law that allows the V.I. Police Department to use a measuring device to determine the degree of tint on car windows for compliance with the law prohibiting tint that reduce visible light transmittance to less than 35 percent.

Section 13 is a measure that “authorizes” the V.I. Superior Court to use up to \$200,000 from the Fiscal Year 2010 budget for certain legal fees for judges and magistrates.

DeJongh also approved section 10, which provides funding from the V.I. Educational Initiative Fund to the Department of Education in order to foster extracurricular activities, and provide the essential resources for building skills in career and technical fields for the students at the Charlotte Amalie High School, Addelita Cancryn Junior High School, Ivanna Eudora Kean High School and the St. Croix Education Complex.

“My administration will continue to support such educational projects that increase our student’s skills and preparedness to succeed in the workplace, deJongh said.



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Danish Intern Explores Findings of 1920s Excavations on St. John



Casper Toftgaard

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

Thanks to the work of one Danish citizen, Denmark's National Museum is loaded with artifacts, notes and photos taken in and around St. John in the 1920s that have been untouched for decades and are just waiting to be deciphered.

University of Copenhagen student Casper Toftgaard is taking a stab at the collection, amassed by Gudmund Hatt, who excavated in Cruz Bay, Cinnamon Bay, Mary Point, Coral Bay and the south side of St. John soon after Denmark transferred the Virgin Islands to the United States. Toftgaard, whose second stint on St. John recently came to an end, is working toward a master's degree in archaeology.

Toftgaard was on island as part of the Friends of the V.I. National Park-funded internship program, which encourages University of Copenhagen students – who have access to copious amounts of data relating to St. John history in the Danish National Archives – to further their studies on St. John.

Hatt's collection is so large that Toftgaard decided to focus on just one type of artifact

– stone axes, which date all the way back to pre-Taino times.

"Hatt was doing really good excavation for his day," said Toftgaard. "There are close to 100 big wooden crates in the National Museum just crammed with artifacts. I'm focusing on stone axes so as not to drown in it all."

Hatt's collection has not been actively used for research since the 1940s, Toftgaard added.

The Danish intern prepared for his trip to St. John by reviewing and gathering notes and photos taken by Hatt during his excavation on the island.

Toftgaard then applied today's knowledge and science to Hatt's data to help establish a more definite chronology for the artifacts found in the 1920s.

"Carbon dating wasn't available for him, but now we can do that," said Toftgaard. "Today, we also have much more knowledge about things like how stone was traded between islands. For him, studying the artifacts was more like studying pieces of art."

Toftgaard plans to write his thesis on the stone axe portion of Hatt's collection, and hopes his interest in the artifacts will inspire

other Danish students to follow in his footsteps.

"There is a lot of stuff just laying in Copenhagen that should be available to Caribbean archaeology students," he said. "I'm just starting out in a small way."

Toftgaard's first stint on St. John was in 2008, when he focused on marine archaeology. He investigated a vessel wrecked in the mangroves off Hassel Island, and looked into the logistics of how Charlotte Amalie harbor worked. Toftgaard also looked at anchors stuck in various coral reefs around St. John in an attempt to discern whether they were there as moorings, or the result of an accident.

The Danish intern served 19 years in the Royal Danish Navy before he decided it was time for something new. He has been a big asset to the VINP archaeology program, VINP Archaeologist Ken Wild explained.

"He's already contributed a lot," Wild said of Toftgaard. "He's a stabilizing force for our younger interns, and it's always a pleasure to have him."

Toftgaard expects to return to St. John later this year to review his thesis and further findings with Wild.

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So many cards with wild messages — even the bartenders shocked me!

Marvelous Recital at the Art School

It's a shame if you missed it — dancers, pianists, musicians and vocalists gave their all to a large audience! Thank you all for your good wishes!

Julian Parton's "St. John, Our Treasure Island"

He has been putting his memories together in a lovely book — to be seen at the library — wonderful pictures of old-timers!

The Partons, now in their 90s, are visiting this week. We had many laughs over the "good ol' days!"

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Workshop, Drumming Session and Free Film Screening at Sputnik May 11

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

The vibrant culture of the Garifuna people will be the focus of an exciting night at Sputnik's in Coral Bay on Tuesday, May 11.

Another of the St. John Film Society's "meet the filmmaker" series, the May 11 workshop will feature Oliver Greene and his colorful film "Play, Jankunu Play," about the music and dance expressed in the Garifuna Wanaragua ritual, Jankunu.

The event, which starts at 5 p.m., will also include a drumming session hosted by the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of St. John.

The Garifuna people are descendants of Native Americans of the Caribbean and West Africans brought to the West Indies to toil on sugar plantations in the islands. After being exiled from St. Vincent, the Garifuna were relocated to Central America.

Greene, who has a Ph.D. in ethnomusicology from Florida State University, has studied the culture of the Garifuna since a university advisor mentioned there was a lack of information regarding the culture.

"That was back in 1993 or 1994," said Greene. "While I was at Florida State, I was in the Caribbean steel pan band and I was in the African drumming ensemble so I told my principal advisor that I wanted to focus on something that was Afro-Caribbean. She was the one who suggested that very little work had been done on the Garifuna and that I could look into that particular culture."

After reading about the culture, Greene was intrigued and a series of events assured him he was on the right path.

"I read up on them and it sparked my interest," said Greene. "Then various doors started to open. For example, once I decided to follow this path I went to an anthropologist who had excavated Myan ruins in Belize and she told me all about the Garifuna people along the coast there."

"I also attended a conference at the University of Northern Florida that was all about the Garifuna



St. John Tradewinds News Photo Courtesy of Oliver Greene

Garifuna people of Belize perform the Jankunu ritual with masks painted to mimic former British oppressors.

culture, music and traditions," he said. "This was all within a two-month period and it didn't end there. I was working in a mall in the Tallahassee area and a gentleman of Caribbean descent came in."

"I happened to mention that I was studying the Garifuna people and he said, 'are you Garifuna,'" said Greene. "He said, 'I'm Garifuna.' He was the only person of Garifuna descent in the whole Tallahassee area and he helped me with my looking at different aspects of the culture and music."

The Garifuna are a distinct culture retaining their own language, music and rituals throughout their long exile from their West Indian homeland.

"The Garifuna people are a mixture of Native American, primarily Arawak and Caribs, and people from African and West African

descent who were brought to the Caribbean to be enslaved," said Greene. "There was a ship full of West Africans who were going to be enslaved and the ship wrecked in the West Indies. The survivors swam to nearby St. Vincent island and there the Africans intermingled with the Native Americans and this was the creation of the people called Garifuna."

"They were later defeated by the British in 1796 and exiled to Central America," Greene said. "First they were sent to Honduras but then they made their way, migrating to Belize, Guatemala and Nicaragua. They are a distinct cultural group with their own language, cultural practices, foods, dances, music and rituals."

Today Garifuna people can be found from Los Angeles to New York and Chicago, but the group

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Nickbarg To Sail for Yale

National Single-handed Laser Champ Picks East Coast College

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

With the U.S. national single-handed laser championship under his belt and team and fleet racing success with his Antilles team members, Love City's Max Nickbarg was a tantalizing prospect for the nation's top collegiate sailing programs.

The only problem Nickbarg faced was choosing which one of two elite universities to attend — if that can even be considered a problem.

Nickbarg only applied to two schools — Yale and Stanford — both of which quickly accepted the star high school sailor.

But after visiting one of the campuses recently, the St. John sailing sensation has settled on where he'll spend his next four years — in Connecticut.

Nickbarg will call New Haven home as he enters Yale next year and joins the school's esteemed sailing team.

"I chose Yale over Stanford after I went up and visited the campus in New Haven a few weeks ago," said Nickbarg. "It's just closer to home and east coast sailing is more competitive than west coast sailing. Also, I'll get to sail more because there are sectional regattas every weekend."

Nickbarg wasn't interested in the prospect of flying across the country to sail against east coast teams if he attended the California school.

"If I went to Stanford, I would have had to fly to the east coast a lot for regattas," said the Antilles graduating senior.

Before he heads up to Yale, however, Nickbarg still has several competitions left in which to sail for his Antilles team. The team already handily won its qualifiers for both high school nationals in team and fleet racing.

Antilles School's sailing team headed up to Greenwich, Connecticut, this past weekend for the fleet racing Mallory Championship and will fly to Seattle, Washington, in two weeks for the team racing championship Baker Cup.



Max Nickbarg

"We finished fourth in team racing last year and we're hoping to win this year," Nickbarg said.

The sailor will also compete in laser competitions in Puerto Rico and South Carolina before he packs his bags for college.

"I'll sail in the CFC Games and then the North Americans as well," said Nickbarg. "The summer is getting pretty booked up."

Add a few match races with fellow Antilles graduate Tyler Canfield and Nickbarg is certainly looking at a busy summer. The St. John sailor, however, is already looking forward to his upcoming dorm days.

"I'm looking forward to moving to the states, meeting new people and doing a lot more sailing," he said. "I'll probably miss the weather here and the whole island lifestyle. But I'll come back and visit a lot."

In addition to his busy sailing and school schedule, Nickbarg might find himself on television. The St. John sailor recently crewed on an 80-foot maxi Kialla IV, in the BVI Spring Regatta, much of which was captured by MTV film crews shooting a reality show pilot.

"They filmed a pilot for a reality show," said Nickbarg. "They shot a lot of sailing and then all the parties and stuff. I had a lot of fun because it was the first time I've sailed on such a big boat."

If things progress as projected for Nickbarg, it certainly won't be the last time he sails on such a big boat. Congratulations Max!

Maho Bay and Concordia Environmental Tours Are Available for School Groups

St. John Tradewinds

Concordia Eco-Resort and Maho Bay Camps on St. John have made their resort facilities available to school groups for student tours showing examples of environmental sensitivity.

In the last few years, both eco-resorts have received recognition and recommendations in National Geographic Adventure Magazine, The New York Times and many other publications.

Maho Bay Camps offers children and adults a wide array of art classes featuring products made from recycled materials. Many school groups have enjoyed watching Maho's staff glassblowers wield the hot glass into colorful bowls, glasses and sea creatures.

The evening glassblowing demonstrations are free and afternoon sessions can be arranged for school groups by appointment.

Unlike any traditional resort, Concordia is unique, not only in the Virgin Islands but in the world, with canvas-covered eco-



St. John Tradewinds News Photo Courtesy of Maho Bay Campground

A group of students watch as an artist at Maho Glassworks creates art pieces from recycled glass.

tents, powered by solar energy, and built with site-sensitive techniques. The eco-tents provide sleeping accommodations for five or six people, private toilets and solar heated showers, kitchen facilities with refrigerator, and spectacular ocean views.

This year Concordia added four new Eco-Studios to its accommodations which represent

the leading edge of sustainable resort development. On the side of a hill, boardwalks and stairs connect the road, eco-tents and swimming pool.

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St. John Rescue Is Seeking Volunteers

By Dustin Prudhomme
St. John Tradewinds

St. John Rescue, Inc. is an all volunteer organization dedicated to saving lives and building a better community through participation, education, and community spirit.

When residents of St. John see volunteers responding to a call of duty, many wonder, what they can do to be a part of SJR, they can do to assist the group, or even wonder who really is a part of SJR?

There are many ways residents can help SJR provide emergency support services to residents and tourists on the island.

Anyone can become a member and volunteer their time or expertise to serving the community in which they live. Within the organization residents volunteer on three different levels.

SJR has responding members, supporting members, and special members, which all serve a vital role within the support provided by SJR to the community.

Responding members actively participate in emergency incidents and must meet mandatory training and certification requirements throughout the year.



Supporting members provide logistical and administrative assistance, and train alongside to provide support to responding members at their option.

While many residents want to be a part of this great organization, by becoming a supporting member, they can provide a service back to the community without the direct hands-on approach needed from responding members.

SJR has a third membership of special members and this is comprised of individuals who assist in obtaining grants and fundraising. This group of membership will be discussed more as SJR celebrates 15 years of serving the community through professional volunteer service.

SJR meets on a monthly basis at Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center on the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m.

The group also has a minimum of two trainings per month. The general public is invited to all trainings and meetings to develop a better understanding of how rescue operates and how they can be of assistance. Contact a member of SJR for more information attending a meeting.

By becoming a responding member, volunteers assist at local community events, respond to medical emergencies, and participate in specialized training units such as marine rescue, rappelling, and extrications.

SJR responding members have specialized skills in vehicle and structure stabilization and extrication using state of the art equipment. Some of the state of the art equipment used by the group are Jaws of Life, Portable Automated External Defibrillator, oxygen kits and an island-wide communications system.

Anyone who is a hands-on person and wants to provide service back to the community is urged to become a responding member.

Three Spanish Films End "The Forum"

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The Forum will end its 2009-10 season with three wonderful Spanish films, which are all award winning films in Spanish with English subtitles.

The films will be shown at Market Square East Cinemas, starting at 7 p.m., on three successive Wednesdays. The ticket price for each is \$15, and \$5 for students with an ID.

"Broken Embraces," the latest work of the renowned Spanish director Pedro Almodovar, will be shown on Wednesday, May 12.

Save May 19 for "Gigante," a romantic comedy/drama and May 26 for "Sin Nombre," a tough story about illegal immigration and gangs shot in Mexico.

To buy tickets in advance, call Reichhold Center for the Arts at 693-1559, or go to Dockside Bookshop, Interiors or Home Again. For more details call 690-4350.

Power Swim Warm-up Set for May 16

Join Friends of V.I. National Park on Sunday, May 16, for the third and final practice swim before the big race.

Meet at Maho Bay beach at 8:30 a.m. and swim whichever course — Cinnamon, Trunk or Hawksnest. Safety boats will be in the water for support. Swim assisted (with fins, mask, snorkel) or swim unassisted, just come swim.

Friends is still looking for more enthusiastic and helpful folks to assist with the power swim.

The race itself will be on Sunday, May 30, at 8 a.m. Registration is now open. Go to www.friendsvinp.org/swim or call 779-4940 for more details, to register or volunteer for the event.

"JJ" Fun Day Set for Memorial Day

The Fifth Annual Javon J. Alfred Fun Day will be on Monday, May 31, at the Winston Wells ball field from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The entire community is invited to join in fun, games and food. The Fun Day commemorates Deverell Alfred's son "JJ" who was struck by a truck and killed on his way home from school on Christmas Eve five years ago.

The Alfreds need donations of money, games, toys, refreshments and more to make the day a success. Stop by *St. John Tradewinds* office on the third floor of The Marketplace to make a donation, or call 776-6496 or email info@tradewinds.vi.

"It's important to spend time with family because if something tragic happens, you will feel like you took advantage of all the time that you had," said Deverell Alfred.

Waterfront Bistro Chef Miner Takes Third in Ultimate Chef Challenge

St. John Tradewinds

The Second Annual Banco Popular Ultimate Chef Challenge drew world accomplished chefs from St. Thomas, St. John, St. Croix and Virgin Gorda who competed on Wednesday, April 28, extending the celebration of V.I. Carnival into the early evening.

The impressive list of chefs included: Erica Miner, Executive Chef, St. John Waterfront Bistro, St. John; Elvet Carty, Chef de Cuisine, Hervé Restaurant and Bar, St. Thomas; Vincent Russo, Executive Chef, The Ritz-Carlton, St. Thomas; Ryan Burke, Sous Chef, Lobster Grille, St. Thomas; Negust Kaza, Executive Chef, Tutto Beni, St. Croix; and Hemant Dadlani, Executive Chef, Rosewood Little Dix Bay, Virgin Gorda.

After the grueling and exciting competition, Dadlani of Little Dix Bay took top honors as the Grand Prize winner, walking away with \$1,000 and an inscribed Versace platter from Banco Popular.

Ritz-Carlton Executive Chef Russo took second place and \$750; and St. John Waterfront Bistro Executive Chef Miner took home \$500 for her third place finish.

The event was so popular last year, a new venue was found on the lawn in front of Fort Christian to accommodate the crowds wanting a personal glimpse of top chefs in action.

The Ultimate Chef Challenge is the only event of its kind on St. Thomas featuring chefs from all the Virgin Islands. In the 60-minute challenge, chefs opened a mystery basket of ingredients that were required in each of their two competition dishes.

A community kitchen of "Virgin Fresh" ingredients provided by the USVI Department of Agriculture and the UVI Extension Service as well as other ingredients were available for the chefs. Each chef was also allowed to bring herbs, spices and garnishes that compliment their own style of cooking.

The dishes were scored by a panel of judges on visual appeal, taste, originality, nutritional balance and sanitation. The chef with the highest combined number of points was deemed the grand prize winner.

The judges were Antolin Velasco Velez of Banco



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

3rd Place Winners – St. John Waterfront Bistro Chef Erica Miner, left, and her Sous Chef Leslie Reska.

Popular, Chef Larry Nibbs with Nibbs Catering and Patricia LaCorte, of Oceana and Grand Cru. The challenge was officiated by Oran Bowery, the 2009 Ultimate Chef Winner Mat Mathayom from St. John and Leslie Gumbs, of Theo's Personal Chef Services.

The Department of Agriculture and UVI Extension Service promoted Virgin Fresh produce with a display of local produce and proteins grown in the Virgin Islands.

For more information check out the competition website www.popular.com/ultimatechef.

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Housing Committee Hears Update on Calabash Boom Affordable Units

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In an effort to receive an update on the status of affordable home ownership projects, emergency housing units, low income building tax credit financing and other relevant issues pertaining to residents owning inexpensive homes territory-wide, members of the V.I. Senate Committee on Housing, Sports and Veterans Affairs met with officials from the V.I. Housing Finance Authority, V.I. Housing Authority and private contractors next week.

Representatives from VIHFA told committee members they've completed several home-ownership programs that have taken time to complete.

"After a long, painstaking 17-year-old, the authority is pleased to announce that the units located on the eastern end of St. John in Calabash Boom have been completed," said VIHFA executive director Clifford Graham.

The price tag for a home in Calabash Boom is approximately \$410,000, but subsidized costs lower the price to \$295,000 for an immediate equity of



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Mortgages for the brand new Calabash Boom town homes, above, could be available for as little as \$295,000, according to officials.

\$115,000. The VIHFA anticipates homes will be sold by early May and June which would allow first-time home buyers to be eligible for the \$8,000 federal tax credit.

Photojournalist Explores V.I. Identity

St. John Tradewinds

Who exactly is a Virgin Islander? Is it someone born here? Is it someone who has chosen to live here? Is it a people bound by common language, culture, and ideals?

It's a controversial subject that prompted one photojournalist to explore the topic exhibition entitled "All Ah We: A U.S. Virgin Islands Community Portrait Project" scheduled to be on display May 7 at the Reichhold Center for the Arts, with a free reception beginning at 6 p.m.

The exhibition will be one part of the V.I. Humanities Council's "We the People: Building Community, Celebrating Diversity Conference on Bridging Cultures," May 7 and 8 on St. Thomas.

The unique diversity of the U.S. Virgin Islands was the driving force for photojournalist Michael Nissman to produce a one-of-a-kind portrait collection of the people of this historical territory.

From the most well-known to the least, this photo collection of portraits seeks to find a cross-section of Virgin Islanders, including people of all walks of life, backgrounds, skill sets, ages, origin and history. This portrait series seeks to put a face to the driving question, "who is a Virgin Islander?"



In addition to the portraits, each photo will accompany a short description in their words of what in that person's view constitutes a Virgin Islander.

This portrait series will be featured as an exhibit in the VIHC sponsored forum "Building Community, Celebrating Diversity" in May 2010.

In addition to the May exhibit in St. Thomas, showings will be scheduled later in the year on both St. Croix and St. Thomas/St. John.

In addition to the photo exhibits, each of which will feature approximately 40 portraits, Dr. Robin Sterns plans to make a companion book of as many as 600 photos and statements Nissman will gather from across the territory.

Award-winning photojournal-

ist Nissman started his journalism career at age 16 while working for his hometown newspaper in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Since then he has been a contract photographer for numerous publications including Sports Illustrated.

He's the recipient of more than a dozen state, regional and national awards including a team-recipient of the Pacemaker Award, the highest honor in college journalism. His work has appeared in two exhibits in the U.S. including photographs he produced in New Orleans in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

Nissman is currently a reporter/anchor with TV2, a CBS affiliate in the U.S. Virgin Islands. In 2009, at the age of 23, Nissman produced his first documentary, "Hurricane Hugo: The Longest Night."

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IGBA Awards Premier Homes Its Highest Rating of Five Stars

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The Island Green Building Association has recognized Premier Homes, LLC, as the recipient of a 5-Star Rating in the Residential Tropical Green Building Certification Program.

This is the highest award offered by IGBA, a non-profit organization that provides leadership on sustainable and environmentally responsible development.

Premier Homes, LLC earned the award with their proto-type model home, currently occupied by owners Richard and Kim Borck of Estate Clairmont on the north shore of St. Croix.

The home meets a checklist of eligibility requirements, including sustainable features such as site planning and design, building structure, water management, energy conservation, waste minimization and innovation in advanced Green Building Design and Technology.

The checklist, which can be seen at www.igba-stjohn.org, scores a point system to award three, four and five star levels of Green Building Certification specific to Virgin Islands environment.

Richard and Kim Borck start-

ed Premier Homes, LLC in 2007 with a strong desire to build a totally "green" home that was self-sufficient and utilized sound site development techniques, and then offer "turn-key" home packages to others.

"We wanted to include the most innovative and best-tested technologies to determine our structural and finish components, and utilize the wind and sun to power the home and heat the water," said Borck. "We also wanted to include power regardless of whether WAPA was on or off, and have systems to clean and pump wastewater to our landscape, and use native plants and proper soil retention."

The Borck's were inspired by construction materials proposed for the St. Croix Environmental Associations' Estate Southgate Facilities, where they discovered the RASTRA® Insulated Concrete Form wall system.

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This St. Croix home is the first in the territory to receive 5-Star status from the Island Green Building Association. The designers have plans to construct two similar homes on St. John this year.

"I found the wall system to be perfect for our use at Premier Homes, so we became the Caribbean Distributor for this product," said Borck.

Premier Homes also uses FIBEROCK® "Aqua-Tough" dry-wall by US Gypsum which is 85 percent recycled, and recycled composite countertops by Avonite®, making them a leader in re-using discarded materials for new

home construction.

"Our goal is to use renewable and recycled resources for our homes," said Borck.

Wind and/or solar systems are also included in "turn-key" packages capable of powering at least 60 percent of normal house loads with battery back-up, and all water heating requirements.

The company distributes wind turbines from both Raum Energy,

and Urban Green Energy. For solar power, they offer panels from various manufactures and typically utilize OutBack® Controls and Inverters to complete the package that powers their homes.

The Borck's now live in their model home and have contracted to build three more Premier Homes; a turn-key home/villa at Grassy Point in St. Croix (a small cottage on a rock cropping in the Caribbean Sea, now nearly completed), and two more in Coral Bay, St. John — a main house and guest cottage to begin in May, 2010.

Premier Homes has designed and engineered six models for clients to choose from, and offers to build out custom homes.

Both IGBA and Premier Homes, LLC are helping ecologically sound building to become a reality in the Virgin Islands, and both are excellent resources for those who want to build an island dream home, or retrofit one, without nightmares about negative effects on the environment.

For more information, visit Premier Homes, LLC at www.phvi.com and the Island Green Building Association at www.igba-stjohn.org.

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Mind-Spirit-Body

Not only are we killing off a majority of the life on this planet, we are fighting each other to the same result.

Mind-spirit-body.

We are self-conscious and we can teach ourselves.

We are able to connect emotionally with each other and all life on this planet.

We are a physically powerful form of life on this planet.

Let's not kill all life on this planet in a fight to see whose way is best, there is no alternative. Life is at stake.

Greg Miller

Cosmic Lee

she was a day playing with dolls
ones with eyes that blinked and hair that combed

she was a room full of dress ups
silky, feathery, sequined and spike heeled

she was a child's tea party, into each tiny cup
she poured a surprise, a joy, an innocence
her teapot brimmed with love

she was only partly of this earth
roaming freely, wholly, through the universe
gathering moons and rainbows
her being so full it's light spilled everywhere
so that all the island knew of her, was swept up in her
now her children and her children's children
an all ah we, her island children
can find her in the touch of the sea
the arc of a wing, the flame of cloud
her cosmic light reflecting, reflecting

— **Beverly Melius**

The Early Days with Erva Claire

When the dawn broke on April 15, 2010, a beautiful soul escaped a fragile body and soared into eternity leaving behind both friend and family. While those of us left behind remain tethered to this earth, a spirit now mingles with those loved ones that have gone before.

The earthly remains are now for us to honor in prayer and thought while we look back on a life that was long and fulfilling. No one's memory will be able to fully recreate the life of this remarkable woman but for those that knew her she will always bring a smile.

Janet and I first met Erva Claire Denham in late 1969 soon after we arrived on St. John. We were looking for work when we met two young high school dropouts who recently landed on the island and had contracted a job to paint a hotel called "Lille Maho."

The hotel, which at the time was only accessible by four-wheel drive jeep over a treacherous rocky dirt road, consisted of two duplex cottages, a main house for the owners and a small one-room unit atop a commissary and storage room.

It was isolated and private, without phones or neighbors, except one, the infamous Ethel McCully. The young painters as it turned out had never painted anything and were glad to include us in the deal by taking advantage of our more experienced work history.

After a bone-jarring ride with the newly hired painters bouncing around in the back of an old army jeep and Janet and I holding on for dear life in the front seat, we arrived at Lille Maho Hotel. Our driver was Erva August, the daughter of Erva Claire and John Denham, both named after their grandmother Erva Boulon Thorpe.

Erva August was about the same age as Janet and I and had a cheerful positive nature, not unlike that of her mother and grandmother. The Denhams also had a younger daughter named Bish, who was the baby of the family.

The remoteness of the hotel and the fact that we had no transportation required us to stay at the hotel while the painting work was being done. That was the beginning of a long and enjoyable relationship with the Boulon/Denham family that would span 40 years and include many enjoyable moments.

As a young couple with little more than our ideals and a desire to experience St. John, Janet and I settled into the quiet life at Lille Maho. When the cottage painting was completed and our young friends moved on to other endeavors, we were asked to stay on and manage the hotel for the Denhams.

Erva Claire, whose knowledge and wit was mixed with a pragmatism that was both direct and humorous, became my mentor. While Janet busied herself with the management and bookings of the hotel, I concentrated on the grounds and cottages.

EC, as she was called, reacted to my eagerness to learn about landscaping and the native flora by introducing me to the many plants that flourished around the hotel grounds.

The landscaping was nothing at all like we have

today, where hotel sites are bulldozed to bare earth and Florida nursery plants are used to recreate some tropical fantasy. EC chose to integrate native plants and trees with her favorite flowering plants to minimize maintenance and enhance the hotels semi wild setting.

My willingness to learn was all EC needed to begin a lesson that to this day is the bedrock of my native plant knowledge. Our walks and talks went on for hours and were not just about the many useful plants that surrounded us but also mixed with colorful stories of St. John and its people.

Through her eyes and words I grew to love St. John and to understand that this small island paradise was just a microcosm of the world beyond. That romance, betrayal, jealousy, power, lust and humor were all woven into island life like so many strands in the native whist baskets. Her stories were ribald and humorous, told in such a way that you came to understand how island living was uniquely personal, that everyone had something good and bad to say about the other.

EC let it be known that she was not going to join her continental contemporaries in their risqué social scene of parties, drinking and gossip, but preferred the pragmatism of the native St. Johnians. She professed her blunt opinions and said what she felt regardless of the company.

I learned so much from EC in those early years that to this day I am guided by her wisdom that made understanding island life simple and uncomplicated. For Janet and I the romance of St. John was intoxicating and our innocence was most evident. EC recognized our optimism but never succumbed to the jaded nature of her stateside contemporaries by discouraging our pursuit of mixing with the locals.

With a look of caution and simple words she let us know how best to engage the cultural differences that we encountered those first years on St. John. She had a concise knowledge of the layering of relationships that made up St. John society and with the skill of a surgeon she cut out the phony transplants that arrived with their attitudes and the locals that playfully manipulated our innocence.

She loved her husband and children above all and delighted in telling us stories of their life on St. John, often in their company, which always ended in loud belly-generated laughter by all present.

This family enjoyed each other and as Janet and I were graciously assimilated, we also were included in their gatherings and lives. Lille Maho was the center of our existence for three wonderful years while we managed the hotel for the Denhams and many great memories were created.

Erva Claire was the mother of us all in those days; her presence was always welcome; her love always felt and her generosity always offered.

Janet and I will miss you EC and our memories will never let us forget you, but most importantly we will always thank you for guiding us in our early years on St. John. May you rest in peace.

Andy and Janet Rutnik

Keeping Track of Crime

2009

Homicides: 1

Shootings: 0

Stabbings: 0

Armed Robberies: 5

Arsons: 0

1st Degree Burglaries: 6

2nd Degree Burglaries: 17

3rd Degree Burglaries: 70

Grand Larcenies: 67

Rapes: 1

2010 TO-DATE

Homicides: 0

Shootings: 0

Stabbings: 0

Armed Robberies: 1

Arsons: 0

1st Degree Burglaries: 0

2nd Degree Burglaries: 10

3rd Degree Burglaries: 35

Grand Larcenies: 19

Rapes: 0

Still No Up-front Funding for Solar Water Heaters

By Karen Vahling
St. John Tradewinds

Frustrations are reaching the boiling point for Virgin Islanders responding to a promised opportunity to save money, save energy and save the planet with rebates for solar water heaters.

Everyone is motivated — except the people who hold the checkbook at the Virgin Island Energy Office, according to Senator at Large Craig Barshinger, who says someone should be in hot water.

The V.I. Legislature Act 7075 promised lower utility bills, new jobs and less use of fossil fuels with a program that offers “solar water heaters at no upfront cost.”

The program, which combines loans and rebates to pay for solar water heaters and installations, was to begin last fall, but not a single rebate/loan package has been fulfilled. Although Virgin Islanders are ready to participate in the program, the money has yet to appear from the VIEO — including federal funds allocated by President Obama through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

“All the stakeholders are saying ‘yes’ to the Solar Water Heater (SWH) program, but the VIEO is saying ‘no,’” said Sen. Barshinger. “Young people signed up to be trained at C-TECH on St. Croix and completed the course; V.I. installers cross-trained so they could install solar water heaters; a business formed on St. Thomas and began manufacturing solar water heaters in the V.I., with the intent to ship throughout the Caribbean as well as meet the demand here.”

“Over 200 customers got quotes and applied for the rebate/loan packages with the V.I. Energy Office,” Sen. Barshinger said.

Despite all the positive response from the people and employers, the VIEO has failed in its responsibility to fund the program, he added.

“The SWH graduates are idle, the customers are frustrated, the ARRA money is not being spent, and the SWH manufacturer has laid off the workers and they have looked at moving the manufac-

“All the stakeholders are saying ‘yes’ to the Solar Water Heater Program, but the VIEO is saying ‘no.’”

— Craig Barshinger
Senator -at-Large

turing portion of their business to Haiti,” said the senator. “Every stakeholder group jumped at the opportunity, while the executive branch has not brought a single rebate/loan cycle to fruition.”

Governor John deJongh signed Act 7075 into law in July of 2009, laying the groundwork for the SWH program, and he often speaks of performance indicators in his management methods.

“I am wondering what kind of performance this indicates,” Sen. Barshinger said.

Stakeholders are voicing their frustrations at increasing levels. Ed McKenzie of Solar Systems, LLC, and his employees have been hit hard by the delays.

“We had confidence in President Obama’s plans and the commitment expressed by our local government, so we made the investments and created our business,” said McKenzie. “We now have losses exceeding \$100,000 and have had to lay off eight employees that produced over 200 solar water heaters.”

Brian Walden, also of Solar Systems, LLC, still has hopes that the program will materialize.

“Senator Barshinger, as Chairman of the Committee on Economic Development, Energy and Technology, has been very proactive as far as listening to the needs of the private sector,” said Walden. “He is not afraid to lead, though he may anger some people. I run into so many people in the government who just give you lip service because they fear political ramifications, but Craig walks the walk and talks the talk.”

“We have been getting a lot of

positive feedback from deJongh’s office, and Bevan Smith, Director of VIEO says there have been several loans approved — but as of today, no funds have been released,” said Walden. “We hope to see results soon.”

Under Act 7075, solar hot water heaters are now required by law for all new and substantially modified construction in the U.S. Virgin Islands, 70 percent of all hot water must come from energy efficient solar systems.

The Division of Planning and Natural Resources is mandated by the act to enforce the solar water heating requirement in all plans submitted to them for approval.

The SWH program is “an easily implementable and cost effective opportunity for reducing demands for imported fossil fuels; creating much needed jobs, improving the local economy and is an essential strategy in the process of creating a truly secure and sustainable energy future,” according to the law.

While this sounds good in theory, it is not being practiced as yet.

Despite the late and rocky start, Sen. Barshinger was confident that VIEO will come through and fulfill its mission.

“The VIEO has increased its staff members for the program and has the ability to deliver funds for the solar water heater program,” said Sen. Barshinger. “All other pieces are in place and I trust the VIEO is working to get the process in action soon. Keep applying for the program, and remember that public input will be accepted for the upcoming hearing of the Committee on Economic Development, Energy and Technology, where testimony on the SHW program will be heard.”

That hearing will be on Monday, May 10, at 6 p.m. in the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Hall on St. Croix. To apply for a solar water heater, call the VIEO at 774-3320 or 773-1082.

To report a complaint or compliment, call Gov. deJongh at 774-0001 or call Barshinger at 693-3546; e: senator@barshinger.net.

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Workshop, Drumming Session and Free Film Screening May 11

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retains its rich culture and elaborate rituals.

Performed during Christmas time, the Jankunu ritual is the focus of Greene's film. Men in mock European masks dance to beating drums while going house to house throughout their neighborhood.

"The music, dance and ritual are all called Jankunu," said Greene. "The songs are a form of male social commentary. The distinct feature are these masks and you have to remember the Garifuna had encounters with the British from back in St. Vincent."

"Then after they arrived in Belize, which was formally British Honduras, they had reason to mimic this group of former oppressors," said Greene. "The costumes that they wear have wire masks with European faces painted on them."

In addition to the masks, Garifunas taking part in the Jankunu ritual weave together their African and Native American heritage, Greene added.

"They have headdresses with feathers to represent the retention of their Native American ancestry and they have knee rattles that represent a retention of their African ancestry," he said. "They also dress in costumes of mostly white shirts with black or white pants and crisscrossing ribbons around their waist which mimic the British costumes."

The ritual dates back to plantation era times when dancers would travel from one mahogany camp to the next and similar rituals have been discovered across the Caribbean, Greene added.

"Today they go from house to house in the neighborhood and it begins on Christmas Day," said Greene. "In Belize, where I filmed the documentary, it was believed to have been introduced from Jamaica. There is an older tradition in Jamaica and also similar dances to the Jankunu are common in St. Kitts, Nevis, Guyana, Dominican Republic, Bermuda and even North Carolina."

Greene will discuss his film and lead a drumming session on May 11 in addition to screening "Play, Jankunu Play." For more information check out the group's website at www.stjohnfilm.com

SJFS's 2010 spring film series is sponsored in part by the National Endowment for the Arts

MaLinda Media Cleans Up at ADDY Awards

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"The judges loved MaLinda Media's work," said Brown. "They just kept picking MaLinda Media's work time after time."

While the local and world economy continue to recover, the American Advertising Federation of the Virgin Islands is doing what it can to make its members' lives easier.

"It's been a tough couple of years and we had a few fewer entries, but a lot more companies became members and first time entries," said Brown. "I think that says a lot about good small businesses being able to get started here and do good work. Another thing that was different this year was that we tried to respect that it was a tough year for many businesses and we tried to keep the event to a very reasonable price."

While previous Addy Awards show tickets went for upwards of \$100, this year's event tickets were only \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members.

"We really did the show on a shoestring budget and it would not have been such a success if not for the many volunteers who worked so hard behind the scenes," said Brown.

For the first time this year, the V.I. advertising club awarded a Best Of Student work to Paul Remy Jr.

"We had our largest student show this year," said Brown. "We only had five entries, but it's a start, and we gave out our first ever Student Best Of award."

As the business landscape begins to improve, Advertising Association membership certainly has its privileges, explained Brown.

"It's a trade association and it's not just for advertising agencies, but for publishers, photographers and copywriters," Brown said. "Everyone gets together and we kind of look out for each other and become friends. You always like to hire your friends so you can see the benefits there."

"It's a really great thing to be a member to increase business especially in the world in which we operate today," said Brown.

Although she has several years of publications now under her belt and more than a handful of Addy Awards, MaLinda Media publisher Nelson is not about to rest on her laurels. Instead, the MaLinda Me-



Jaime Elliott displaying MaLinda Media's three gold ADDY awards.

dia team is eagerly looking ahead to the release of her next magazines.

"My inspiration comes from my experiences on St. John and St. Thomas — based on what I find unique and interesting about each island," said Nelson. "It is the diversity of the Virgin Islands community that gives me my main inspiration. Over the last few years, I've received so many telephone calls and emails from people with story suggestions — my editorial idea list keeps growing each year."

"Our 2011 editions are currently in the works with another dozen or so incredible features for each of the island magazines," Nelson said.

For anyone who didn't fare as well as Nelson, the publisher offered a bit of advice.

"Never think you can't achieve something — always challenge yourself by stepping out of your comfort zone," said Nelson. "It's healthy to feel nervous and excited at the same time — take calculated risks and always strive to do better. You're never the best you can be; there's always room for improvement."

For more information on the Advertising Association of the Virgin Islands and a complete list of 2010 Addy Award winners check out www.adclubvi.org.

Crossword Answers — Puzzle on Page 18

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Help Crime Stoppers USVI Solve Crime of the Week

St. John Tradewinds

Crime Stoppers USVI is asking the community's help to solve the following crimes. Anyone who knows something, should say something. Even information that seems insignificant may be just what law enforcement needs to solve these cases.

On the island of St. John, on April 26, the main office building at Gift Hill School was burglarized with the business office and supply rooms being broken into. The suspect(s) entered by prying open the eastern door. Items stolen included a safe containing over \$1,400, and a flat screen Toshiba Regza TV.

Help law enforcement solve these or any other unsolved crimes by submitting an anonymous tip at www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org or by calling

1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

All tips are completely anonymous, and the stateside operators are bilingual. If a tip leads to an arrest or the recovery of stolen property, illegal drugs, or weapons, the tipster receives a cash reward to be paid according to their instructions. Only anonymous callers to Crime Stoppers are eligible for these cash rewards. Technology makes it virtually impossible for anyone to trace your tip. To learn how it works, visit the website www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org.

Crime Stoppers USVI is run entirely by volunteers and is financed by membership dues and sponsor contributions. To join in the fight against crime, become a volunteer or a dues-paying member.

Territory Receives Two Highway Safety Grants

St. John Tradewinds

Governor John deJongh's office received notification from the U.S. Department of Transportation last week of the award of two National Highway Traffic Safety Administration grants totaling more than \$400,000.

"These grants will support ongoing highway safety programs in the Virgin Islands. In the first grant, the territory will receive \$344,085 as part of a nationwide funding of highway safety programs," said deJongh. "This formula grant is awarded each year by

the Department of Transportation. The second grant award totals \$75,414 and must be used to implement and enforce occupant protection programs to reduce deaths and injuries from riding either unrestrained or improperly restrained in motor vehicles."

DeJongh was pleased to see the additional funding awarded to the territory at a time when the V.I. Police Department and the Office of Highway Safety continue their public education programs to encourage motorists to drive safely on the roads and highways of the Virgin Islands.

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN! Residential Electronic Waste Recycling Drive

RECYCLING SCHEDULE

ST. CROIX

May 20 - 22, 2010

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

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ST. THOMAS

May 20 - 22, 2010

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Community Motors Warehouse
(East of Frenchtown Texaco)

ST. JOHN

May 17 - 18, 2010

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Winston Wells Ball Park

Items That Will Be Accepted For Recycling:

- CPU's
- Disk Drives
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- Monitors
- Mouse
- Projectors
- Scanners
- Speaker Sets
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- Video Cameras
- Walkie-Talkies
- Copiers
- Printers
- Fax Machines
- Televisions
- PDA/Handheld Systems

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Department of Planning and Natural Resources

773-3450

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**St. Thomas/St. John
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St. John Police Report

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Sunday, May 2

6:30 p.m. - A citizen p/r her ex-boyfriend threatened to destroy her vehicle. Telephone harassment, D.V.

10:04 p.m. - An Estate Adrian resident c/requesting police assistance. Police assistance.

Monday, May 3

9:10 a.m. - An Estate Bordeaux resident c/r that she was assaulted by her boyfriend. Aggravated assault and battery.

9:50 a.m. - An Estate Carolina resident p/r that he was assaulted by his ex-girlfriend. Simple assault.

10:25 p.m. - A citizen c/r loud music coming from Giff Hill. Disturbance of the peace.

Tuesday, May 4

10:15 a.m. - A George Simmonds Terrace resident p/r being harassed. Police assistance.

8:07 p.m. - An Estate Bethany resident c/r her residence was broken into. Burglary in the third.

10:20 p.m. - Badge #1099 p/ with one Jessica Leigh Prudhomme of Guinea Gut Apartments under arrest and charged with driving under the influence. Bail was set at \$1,000. Unable to post bail, she was detained at Jurgen Command and later transported to the Bureau of Corrections to be remanded.

10:44 p.m. - Estate Enighed resident r/ a disturbance. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

11:26 p.m. - An Estate John's Folly resident r/ a disturbance. Disturbance of the peace.

Wednesday, May 5

3:07 p.m. - A St. Thomas resident r/ he was almost struck by a school bus in Cruz Bay. Police assistance.

5:10 p.m. - A visitor from Georgia r/ that his iPod and snorkel were stolen. Grand larceny.

Thursday, May 6

12:15 a.m. - A citizen c/requesting police assistance to help a motionless male who seemed intoxicated in the area of Joe's Dine. Police assistance.

12:32 a.m. - A citizen r/ loud music in the area of Hill Crest. Disturbance of the peace.

1:43 a.m. - A citizen c/r a disturbance in the area of Joe's BBQ. Assault and battery.

2:10 a.m. - Badge #98 p/ with one John Doe of an unknown address under arrest and charged with assault and battery and simple possession of marijuana. He was detained at Jurgen Command and later transported to the Bureau of Corrections to be remanded.

7:15 a.m. - An Estate Upper Peter Bay resident c/r that her residence was burglarized. Burglary in the second.

No time given - An Estate Enighed resident p/r that her ex-boyfriend is harassing her over the phone. Telephone harassment.

No time given - An Estate Grunwald resident p/r that her ex-boyfriend took her chain. Grand larceny.

3:07 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident r/ she was assaulted by a female. Simple assault.

3:53 p.m. - A citizen c/requesting police assistance with his minor son. Police assistance.

4:07 p.m. - An Estate Chocolate Hole resident p/r his villa was broken into. Burglary in the second.

5:16 p.m. - An Estate Pastory resident p/requesting police assistance. Police assistance.

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.

Monday, May 10

The Coral Bay Community Council will host a forum on Monday, May 10, at 6 p.m. at Sputnik's in Coral Bay which will feature local cistern drinking water testing results.

Monday, May 11

— Friends of the Congressional Glaucoma Caucus Foundation, Delegate to Congress Donna Christensen, Creighton University and St. Croix Eye Group, Inc. are hosting free glaucoma screenings this week on St. John. The general public is invited to stop by St. John Eye Care on Tuesday, May 11, for screenings by Dr. Freidenberg. Screenings on Wednesday and Thursday will be for the Gallow's Point Resort staff and family and Caneel Bay staff.

— The vibrant culture of the Garifuna people will be the focus of an exciting night at Sputnik's in Coral Bay on Tuesday, May 11.

Thursday, May 13

Giff Hill School is hosting an Open House on Thursday, May 13, from 5 to 7 p.m. at both the lower and upper campuses.

Sunday, May 16

Join Friends of V.I. National Park on Sunday, May 16, at 8:30 a.m. at Maho Bay beach for a practice swim for the Beach-to-Beach Power Swim, which is on Sunday, May 30.

Saturday, May 22

Wagapalooza 2010 will be from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Winston Wells ball field in Cruz Bay on Saturday, May 22.

May 28-29

The 45th Annual Women's Convention will be on Friday, May 28, with a march from the Cruz Bay park to the church starting at 6:15 p.m. A service at St. Ursula's Church will follow the march at 7 p.m. On Saturday, May 29, the group will host its conference at the Westin Resort and Villas starting at 7 a.m.

Sunday, May 30

Friends of the VINP's 7th Annual Beach-to-Beach Power Swim is Sunday, May 30.

Monday, May 31

The Fifth Annual Javon J. Alfred Fun Day will be on Monday, May 31, at the Winston Wells ball field from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous 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 Moravian Church, Coral Bay.

Narcotics Anonymous Meetings

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

Al-Anon Meetings

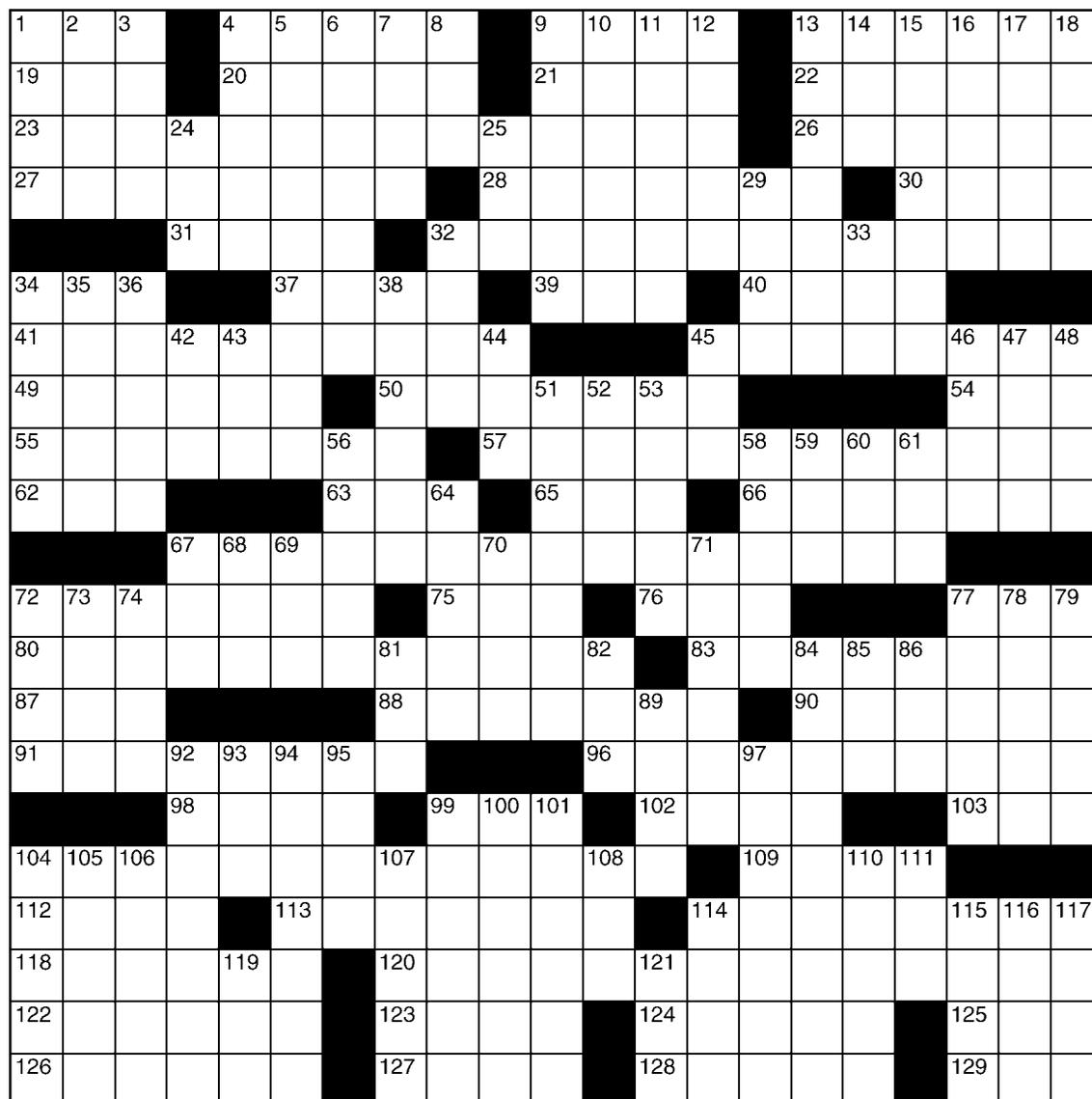
Al-Anon meets on St. John every Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the picnic table at the VINP ball field, and every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at St. Ursula's Multi-purpose center.

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.

PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo



MOTHERS ALL AROUND

ACROSS

- 1 Aware, in slang
4 "— man with seven wives"
9 Put through a strainer
13 Pancreas and thyroid
19 Had a dish
20 Radar relative
21 "Hi, José!"
22 Go bonkers
23 Award given to U.S. civilians
26 Publication distributor
27 Directs a grin toward
28 Ocean plant
30 As a result
31 Fruit discard
32 The kids don't usually sleep in it
34 "— so you!"
37 "Ta-ta!"
39 "— give you the shirt off his back!"
40 Englishman
41 "Tuesdays With Morrie" author
45 Rated
49 TV antenna
50 Toy soldier
54 BlackBerry, e.g., briefly
55 Frying pans
57 Borough in Camden County, New Jersey
62 Sci-fi power
63 "Don't tell — can't ..."
65 "Made in the —"
66 Piques
67 Manhattan's

- Guggenheim
is one
72 One drinking
75 Suffix of languages
76 Rome-to-Belgrade dir.
77 Four-year degs.
80 Like many cold medications
83 Most self-satisfied
87 Post-op destination
88 Like itches
90 Muse of astronomy
91 Topical
96 TV series featuring trucks with huge wheels
98 One of the Baldwins
99 Battery size
102 "Quickly!"
103 Bratty tot
104 11th to 14th-dynasty Egyptian period
109 Balky beast
112 "So that's it"
113 How a craze may take the world
114 Intellectuals
118 Thin sheet
120 "The Dick Van Dyke Show" actor
122 Comic Stan
123 Take — (sleep briefly)
124 Mean grin
125 Drs.' org.
126 Scribble
127 Scotland's Loch —
128 Tiny lakes
129 Word divided in this puzzle's nine longest answers

DOWN

- 1 Bad actors
2 Agenda bit

- 3 Prefix for "foot"
4 Dot in the ocean
5 Birchbark trumpet used in hunting
6 Baby formula brand
7 27th U.S. president
8 ETA part: Abbr.
9 "Give me a break!"
10 Salt with element #53
11 Streamed
12 More docile
13 Quiet planes
14 Plural of "el"
15 States positively
16 Prefix with physiology
17 San — Chargers
18 Longtime senator
Thurmond
24 Roker and Unser
25 That, in Chile
29 Drops off
32 Drop anchor
33 Conk out
34 Photograph
35 Layers
36 Undress
38 Belittler
42 Spanish hero El —
43 Contained
44 "Tasty!"
45 Wee colonist
46 Places to rejuvenate
47 "Oz" actress Falco
48 Water flow stoppers
51 "I'll take that bet!"
52 Requirement
53 "There's — for that"
56 Nail-filing stuff
58 Burden lifter
59 Lead-in to nuptial
60 Baseball's Astros, on scoreboards
61 — and Coke

- 64 Graceless
67 Engineers' sch.
68 Tokyo sash
69 — Moines
70 — Spumante
71 Releases from a cage
72 Fake: Abbr.
73 "— obliged!"
74 Azure, e.g.
77 Lovable title dog of film
78 "Just —" (classic hymn)
79 Envelope stick-on
81 Apple product
82 "Lil" studio
84 Produced, as computer data
85 Suffix with press or script
86 Patriotic women's org.
89 Clayey soil
92 White wine
93 Everyone
94 Bating game for tots
95 Disgusting
97 Japanese banjo
99 San — (Texas city, informally)
100 Greek markets
101 Madison Ave. figures
104 Foundries
105 Son of Abraham
106 Voice opposition
107 "What a Piece of Work —" ("Hair" song)
108 "Peg — Heart"
110 Lewd looks
111 Screw up
114 K-P link
115 Cain raiser
116 — -shanter
117 Muslim holy man
119 Original
121 African viper

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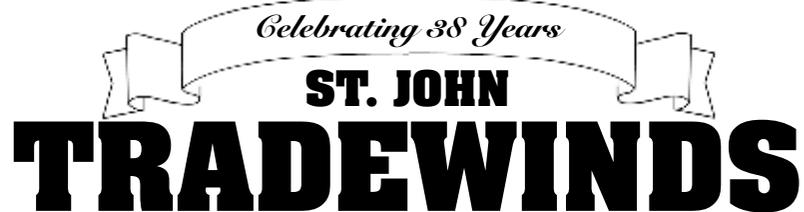
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DLCA Reminds Businesses To Post Licenses

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Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs Commissioner Wayne Biggs reminds all businesses of their obligation to display their business license(s) prominently at all times in their place of business.

Business licenses must also be posted clearly and be identifiable by the consumer. The mission of DLCA is twofold with attention paid to businesses and consumers.

“On the business end, the charge of the department is to ensure that all businesses and individuals comply with the licensing laws of the Virgin Islands through education, regulation, and enforcement,” said Biggs. “Our objective is to work with any entity or individual conducting commerce so that

they are fully informed on the existing rules and regulations and how they may avoid enforcement action.”

The requirement for all businesses to display their business license(s) is pursuant to Title 27, Section 307b of the Virgin Islands Code. All businesses must have current business license(s) posted in their establishment. DLCA is forewarning all businesses that Enforcement Officers are routinely conducting inspections to ensure compliance. Failure to display a current business license may result in a fine of up to \$500.

“We thank all businesses currently in compliance and advise those not abiding by the law to expeditiously act on resolving this deficiency” said Biggs.

VIPD Offers Firearms Amnesty Until July 15

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The V.I. Police Department Firearms Bureau is conducting an amnesty program to allow residents to renew their expired firearm licenses without penalty and to surrender unwanted firearms to police with no questions asked.

The amnesty program will last three months beginning Thursday, April 15, through Thursday, July 15, and is part of the VIPD’s effort to keep illegal weapons off the streets.

During this period, individuals with illegal, unregistered, unwanted or found fire-

arms are encouraged to turn them over to the police department with no questions asked. Too frequently, these deadly weapons fall into the wrong hands.

Firearm owners with expired gun licenses can renew their licenses during the amnesty program without penalty. Persons with unregistered firearms can have them registered if they meet the qualifications to possess a gun license.

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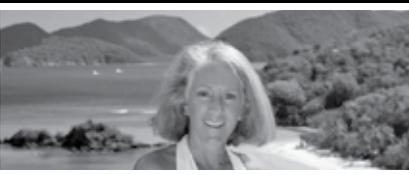
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WINDSONG - Stately Boatman Pt. villa, w/separate cottage, situated on a 1ac parcel w/panoramic views. 6 bdrms., 7 baths, huge pool, fully furnished. \$3,495,000

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CBR CONDO LISTINGS

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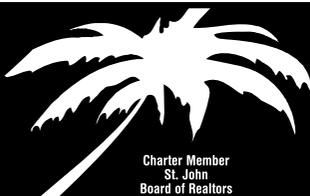
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The "actual" celebration culminated in a beautiful performance from some of our merit scholarship students: Kainoa Metcalfe, Tyler Stephen, Christin Marsh, Jonte Samuel (accompanied by Tabri Lake on bass), Kaitlyn Cummings and Savannah Lyons-Anthony.

Upon arrival, our guests enjoyed music (CD recordings) of Victor Provost who is a SJSA alumni as well as a professional steel pan player in the US.

Ending the show was from the spectacular singing voice of Shatik Stephens, SJSA alumni and ballet and modeling teacher.

Ms. Frank was presented a cake and her favorite rendition of "Happy Birthday" was sung by Ms. Stephens. Everyone had a chance to meet and greet the students while enjoying birthday cake!

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