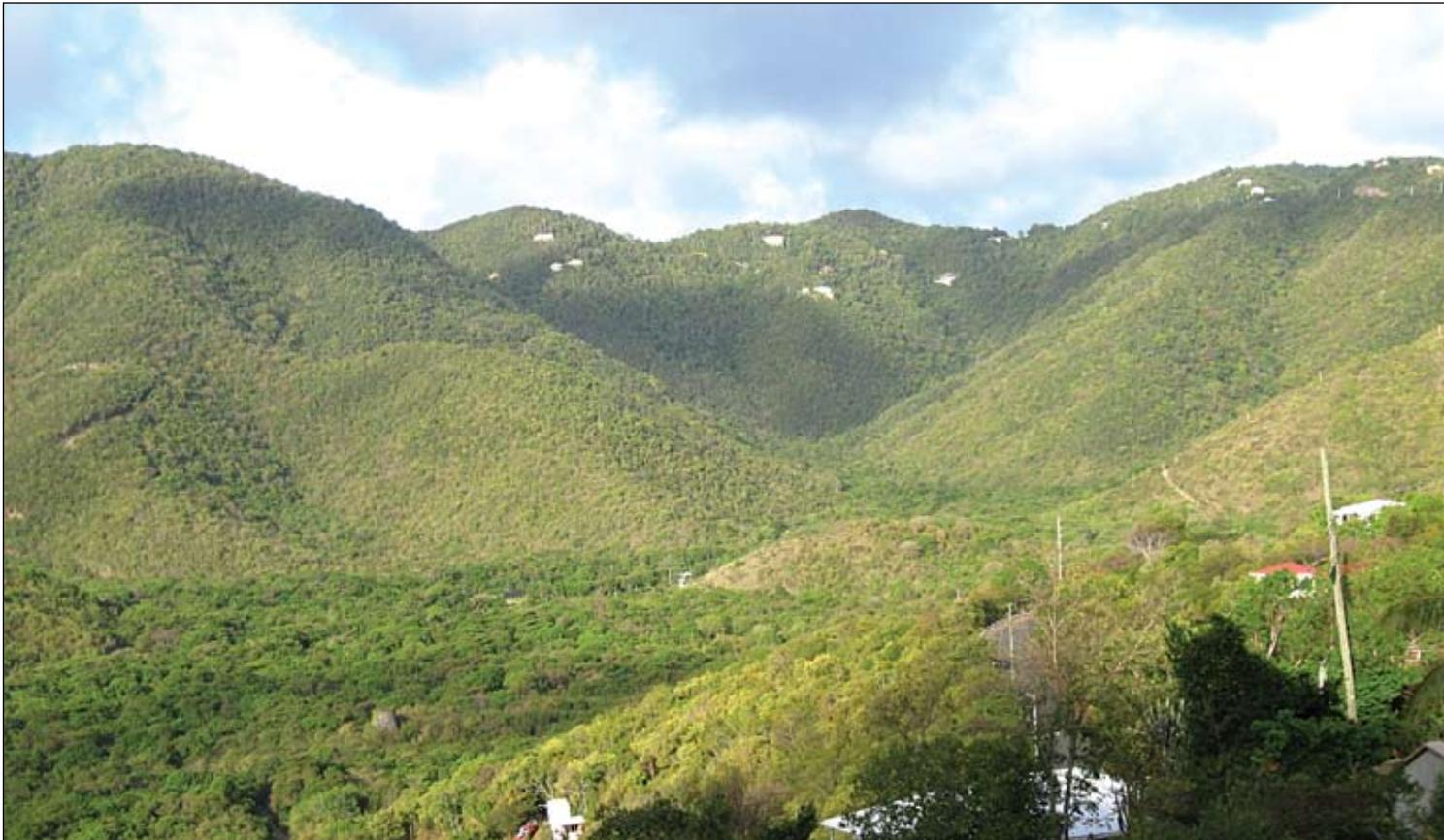


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Volunteers Needed To Make Coral Bay Territorial Park Reality

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

While a large portion of land in the very heart of Coral Bay could be slated for protection, the deal is far from a surety and not even close to complete.

The 173-acre parcel of land in

question, which comprises most of the Coral Bay valley in Estate Carolina, is owned by four beneficiaries of the Egbert Marsh Trust. The land contains extensive plantation and post-colonial era ruins and at least one of the beneficiaries hopes to see those

ruins and the entire parcel preserved for generations.

But although Sheldon Marsh, a grandson of Egbert Marsh, is pushing for the land to be turned into a territorial park, the government must first pony up the \$12 million asking price.

"I am not in the position to just hand over this huge piece of land," said Marsh. "If anyone thinks I'm in a different position I could send them pictures of my run-down one bedroom apartment."

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St. Croix Heritage Dancers perform in Florida for the Department of Tourism.

DOT Takes Central Florida by Storm

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When the Department of Tourism took to the road last week as part of its strategy to target potential visitors in key geographic markets, the crowds were waiting.

DOT took Central Florida by storm with a series of events to promote the accessibility, value and unique offerings of the U.S. Virgin Islands to potential visitors.

May 14 started off with a bang at the Savannah Center, a premier retirement community located in Lady Lake, Fla. whose residents belong to the "baby boomer" demographic and are known to have a propensity to travel.

DOT and five hoteliers exhibited to a crowd of more than 3,500 potential visitors over the course

of six hours. Residents turned out in droves, armed with copies of the locally placed ads which announced DOT's presence.

Later that evening, the DOT hosted a Virgin Islands Experience at The Villages Town Square, one of the community's most popular venues. The performances attracted more than 2,000 residents and featured Quelbe music by Stanley and The Ten Sleepless Knights, quadrille performed by the St. Croix Heritage Dancers and performances by Carnival Dancers and Mocko Jumbies.

By the end of the four-hour experience more than 500 spectators, who were visibly caught up in the lively atmosphere, were dancing the "electric slide" alongside the Carnival dancers, St. Croix Heri-

tage dancers and the more than 50 Virgin Islanders from The Villages and surrounding areas who came out to help share the spirit of the territory.

"We believe the residents' excitement displayed at Friday night's event will translate into business for the territory," said DOT Commissioner Beverly Nicholson-Doty. "Many of these residents are fans and repeat visitors of the Virgin Islands and expressed keen interest in making a return visit before year's end."

Shoppers lined up around the trade show booth to be entertained by traditional steel pan music and authentic Carnival dancers, a new addition to Virgin Islands consumer events which kept the crowd steady all day.

DeCastro Clinic Closing Tuesday from 8 to 10 a.m. for Staff Training

Department of Health Commissioner Julia Sheen announced last week that Department of Health clinics will close temporarily at different periods during May 25-27, for staff training.

The Morris F. deCastro Clinic on St. John will be closed from 8 to 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 25. Sheen regretted any inconvenience to clients and said that normal hours territory-wide will resume on Tuesday, June 1, following the Memorial Day holiday.

IGBA Monthly Meeting Set for May 27

The Island Green Building Association will host its monthly meeting on Thursday, May 27, at The Marketplace on the second floor, with a social at 5 p.m., and meeting from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Stuart Smith will speak about his role as the Principal Planner for the Department of Planning and Natural Resources and Comprehensive Coastal Zone Planning, followed by a questions and answers session. Come hear and discuss plans for the future of St. John. The public is welcome to this free seminar. Call 227-1110 for more information.

Women's Convention Is May 28-29

St. Ursula's Episcopal Church will celebrate the 45th Annual Women's Convention on Friday, May 28, with a march from Frank Powell Park in Cruz Bay 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. For more information call Cleamena Duncan at 776-6964 or 776-6336.

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.

SJSA Merit Scholarship Auditions June 6

St. John School of the Arts will have auditions for their Ruth "Sis" Frank Performance/Merit Scholarship on Sunday, June 6, at 2 p.m. The scholarship is applied to tuition for art, dance or music for the 2010-11 school year at St. John School of the Arts.

Qualifications are:

- Students must be between the ages of 11 to 17 years old.
- Students should be performance-ready and have studied their art form for three years. This can be self-taught, private or in-school instruction. The student must show and display advanced skills at the time of audition.

• A letter of recommendation should accompany the application.

• Application deadline is Wednesday, June 2, 2010.

To apply, contact St. John School of the Arts at 779-4322 or download an application at www.stjohnschoolofthearts.org.

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With the government's financial shortfall, however, the \$12 million price tag is not expected to be easily met.

"Even though we are hoping to see this become a park and are moving forward, a lot of people thought this was a done deal," said Marsh. "It is not a done deal. This needs to be made to happen."

In order to help in the effort, Marsh is working with Senator at Large Craig Barshinger to realize federal matching funds to bring the price tag down. But those federal grants often come with strings attached and are not guaranteed to be approved.

"Federal grants always come with attachments and they are by no means a done deal," said Marsh. "People have talked about having recreational facilities on the property, but that would likely not be a possibility with the federal funding. The grant process might not work and we're also talking about a considerable amount of time."

Now Marsh is hoping to attract volunteers to form a non-profit organization similar to the Magen's Bay Authority to spearhead a grass roots fundraising campaign.

"The trust has to be bought out and while we're looking at grants, I don't want to just look at one solution," said Marsh. "This would be a second solution to making the land a territorial park."

With 'For Sale' signs on the property regularly vandalized, Marsh is certain that many Coral Bay residents are not in favor of the alternative to preserving the land — subdividing the 173-plus acres into quarter-acre and half-acre plots for development.

"We know that people are interested in keeping this property undeveloped," said the beneficiary. "We have had repeated problems



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The Egbert Marsh Trust's more than 173-acre parcel, above center, is a highly visible property which comprises most of the Coral Bay valley.

with the our 'For Sale' signs being vandalized. But if people want this to be protected they need to step up and help and not just destroy the financial prospects of the property owners."

"We're willing to preserve this property but one of the things we need and something that will help us greatly is knowing that we have local support," said Marsh.

The beneficiary foresees a private and public partnership developing to raise money to purchase the land and later to help run it as a territorial park.

"Now we're talking about developing a non-profit organization along the lines of the Magen's Bay Authority on St. Thomas which runs a V.I. park," Marsh

said. "Something like a private charitable organization that could develop and run the park. So the government would own the park, but the park would be run by the organization."

"The organization could possibly work with the Coral Bay Community Council and the idea is that the authority would be created to help acquire the property and then run the park down the road," he said. "We want to target individuals and corporations who have an interest in this land being preserved."

The arrangement would allow for the community to have a strong voice in the future of the land, Marsh added.

"The community could be very

involved, rather than the government, in running the park itself," he said.

Marsh is hoping to get the charitable authority organized quickly and stressed that time is a factor.

"We'd like to get this up and running as soon as we can," he said. "The longer it takes the better a chance that another deal comes up that would involve development."

Marsh is one of four beneficiaries of the Trust that owns the land and is the biggest proponent of preserving the property.

"It started with my idea to just preserve the ruins and it ran from there," he said. "While I'm pushing for the park effort, the other beneficiaries are not nearly as en-

thusiastic about it as I am."

Marsh is looking for a core group of volunteers to join his effort to make the land a territorial park. Anyone interested should call him at 860-942-7039.

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Roadway Committee Hopes To Open Roads Through VINP

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The St. John Roadway Committee continued to push its agenda of opening roads in the Virgin Islands National Park at its monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 5, at the Battery in Cruz Bay.

In addition to welcoming several new members to the committee, the group was also

joined by Department of Public Works Commissioner Darryl Smalls, a DPW engineer and St. John Administrator Leona Smith.

The group is proposing to complete Route 107 through to Route 108 to relieve heavy traffic on Centerline Road and create an alternate route out of Coral Bay in the event of a disaster.

The St. John Roadway Committee will convene again in June and members hope to welcome Department of Planning and Natural Resources principal planner Stuart Smith and Virgin Islands National Park Superintendent Mark Hardgrove.

In July, the committee is planning to invite federal government officials to its meeting.

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Burks and Crew Aboard *Whatever* Win 11th Annual Commodore's Cup

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Capitalizing on light winds over two days of racing and relying on his Laser sailing skills, Dick Burks won a tight battle to capture the 11th Annual Commodore's Cup title.

Burks and his crew aboard *Whatever* raced the Ensign to victory in Class A, consisting of boats measuring 30 feet and under.

In the Class B, for boats 31-feet and over, *Windshift* took top honors, but captain Stefan Scholz couldn't edge Burks in the Laser sail off, which pitted the two winners against each other.

With the absence of a PHRF class this year, regatta organizers split the pursuit fleet in half in order to have two captains for the Laser sail-off finale.

The annual regatta is hosted by all three of the island's yacht clubs — Coral Bay Yacht Club, St. John Yacht Club and Nauti Yacht Club — and is a fundraiser for Kids And The Sea (KATS) St. John, a youth volunteer sea safety and sailing program.

A fleet of 16 vessels set sail out of Coral Bay on Saturday, May 8, the first day of racing. After a few distress calls, however, the fleet was expected to be smaller on Sunday, May 9, but several new boats showed up to take part in the second day of racing.

KATS students weren't left out of the fun either. Students at least in their second year of instruction took part in an Optimist regatta off Johnson's Bay on May 8, making a strong showing for the future of St. John racing.

At the awards ceremony at Skinny Legs, Love City resident Steve Black won the coveted raffle grand prize, a 12-foot inflatable Caribe dinghy with 15 hp Yamaha outboard.

While the regatta, sponsored by Budget Marine



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The crew of *Whatever* took home the Commodore's Cup title thanks to captain Dick Burks, top, winning the Laser sail off finale.

and Cruzan Rum, didn't boast the largest fleet in the Caribbean, it might have featured the youngest crew member in eight-week old Audie Weaver aboard *Runaway*.

See full race results on page 16.

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SUMMIT KICKS OFF FRIDAY AT MAHO BAY CAMPS

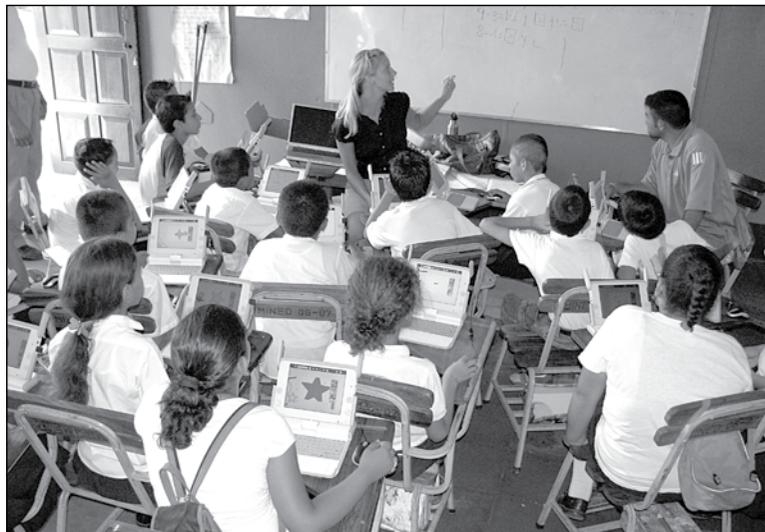
World-Wide One Laptop Per Child Mentors Visit St. John This Week

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Mentors, software developers and other key figures from across the globe working with the international One Laptop Per Child movement are gathering this week right on Love City.

The first ever OLPC Realness Summit will kick off on Friday, May 28, at Maho Bay Campground. Bringing together members from five continents and the Caribbean, the summit was designed as an event of “no hype, no bashing, no wireless, no room service with just straight talk about what works, what doesn’t, and why we do what we do,” according to organizers.

The OLPC Realness Summit is sponsored by Waveplace, a non-profit organization which educates children with digital media across the Caribbean and has created programs developed in Nicaragua, Haiti, Florida and right here on St. John.



A Waveplace mentor leads a computer class in Nicaragua.

“People who have done OLPC deployments around the world will be joining together for the first time ever on St. John,” said Beth Santos, Waveplace outreach coordinator. “There will be people from Afghanistan, Brazil, Haiti and Europe coming to St. John to talk about how their deployments are coming, how they solve different challenges and will work

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St. John Celebrates the 10th Annual Wagapalooza



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Dogs of all shapes and sizes, and decked to the nines in costumes, took over the Winston Wells ball field on Saturday, May 22, for the 10th Annual Wagapalooza. The funky island dog show is the St. John Animal Care Center's major fund raiser of the year. See full story next week.

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Anti-Gang Committee Hosting St. John Conference on May 26

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The U.S. Attorney's Office, Weed and Seed, the V.I. Police Department, Project Safe Neighborhoods-V.I., the Department of Education, Crime Stoppers and several other agencies have collaborated their efforts and formed the Virgin Islands Anti-Gang Committee.

VIAGC will also host several open conferences throughout the territory for law enforcement and the community at large. A law enforcement anti-gang conference will be on May 26 from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Westin Resort and Villas.

VIAGC will focus on training and educating law enforcement on detecting gang signs, behavior and activities associated with this type of criminal behavior. VIAGC has invited Christopher Hill, Louis Jordan, Leroy Contee and LaVelle Campbell, gang experts, to provide "Train the Trainers" training, and a Law Enforcement Conference for local and federal law enforcement personnel, VIHA management staff and Human Services.

The committee has also relied on the expertise of Lambert Media to produce the first documentary film on gangs in the territory, and the film will be featured during training and the conference. Train the Trainers training will take place May 24 on St. Thomas at the University of the Virgin Islands and May 27 on St. Croix at the University of the Virgin Islands.

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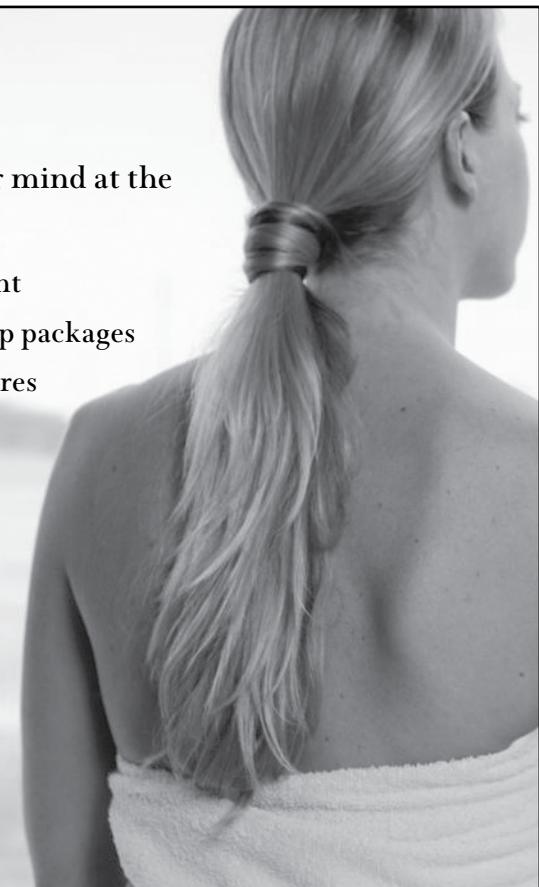
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St. John residents gathered on the Cruz Bay dock to watch a mock rescue at sea by St. John Rescue's Marine Unit and the U.S. Coast Guard to kick off Safe Boating Week.



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Territory Celebrates National Safe Boating Week

St. John Tradewinds

Governor John deJongh proclaimed the week of May 22-28, as "National Safe Boating Week" in the territory and to kick off the observation the enforcement division of the Department of Planning and Natural Resources hosted an opening ceremony and fun day on Saturday, May 22, in Cruz Bay.

The theme of the week, "Boat Smart, Boat Safe, Wear It!" recognizes that hundreds of lives could be saved every year by the use of life jackets. The national "Wear It!" campaign encourages Virgin Islanders and all U.S. residents to practice safe boating habits while enjoying the beauty of local oceans and waterways.

In the Virgin Islands, residents are blessed with some of the most spectacular and accessible coastal waters in the world. Residents have the freedom and ability to enjoy these areas for personal recreation, sport, and for business purposes, including for tourism-related ventures and fishing.

The designation of National Safe Boating Week is an important reminder of the significance of safe boating to the community and to the natural environment.

With the growing popularity of recreational boating and related water sports activities, there is an increased demand on the enforcement officers of the Department of Planning and Natural Resources, U.S. Coast Guard, National Park Service, V.I. Police Department, as well as local voluntary organizations including the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, U.S. Power Squadron, V.I. Rescue Squad, and other agencies that strive to ensure the safety of boaters.

"We are grateful for their ongoing efforts in support of safety for all Virgin Islands residents and commend their daily vigilance on our behalf," said deJongh.

The majority of serious boating accidents are the result of operator error, fatigue, recklessness and intoxication from alcohol or drugs. These needless accidents claim innocent lives and destroy priceless



St. John residents got an up-close look at a U.S. Coast Guard vessel.

marine resources.

Approximately 700 people die in boating-related accidents in the U.S. every year, with nearly 80 percent of the fatalities resulting from drowning. The use of life jackets can prevent most of these types of fatalities.

During National Safe Boating Week and throughout the year, all Virgin Islanders are encouraged to support safe and responsible boating practices as part of a concerted effort to save lives and protect the marine environment.

Governor deJongh encouraged all Virgin Islands residents and visitors who participate in boating, fishing, water and jet skiing activities to take the time to learn about and utilize safe boating procedures, as well as employ proper safety equipment.

A strong familiarity of the current laws and environment is also key for good safety habits.

The governor also asked local yacht clubs, boating and related community organizations to participate in various activities scheduled for National Safe Boating Week.

For more information call DPNR at 774-3320.

Street Naming Bill Taking Next Step Toward Operational E911 System

St. John Tradewinds

The government's effort to bring structure to the territory's road system is taking another step forward with the help of Senator at Large Craig Barshinger.

The two-term lawmaker is sending a draft of a roadway naming bill to the V.I. Legislature's Legal Counsel.

The aim of the bill is to name the streets and roadways of the Virgin Islands and assign them to a mapping system that would allow addresses to be located using mobile GPS units. The project is the work of the V.I. Office of the Lieutenant Governor. Senator Barshinger is a long-standing supporter.

"This is the single most important thing the Legislature will do this year, with respect to safety in the Virgin Islands," Barshinger said. "Every Virgin Islander at one

point or another will have a need for emergency medical, police or fire service and when they do they will be able to get help immediately."

Improving the territory's mapping system with GIS technology was the subject of a recent public hearing of the 28th Legislature's Committee of Economic Development and Technology, chaired by Senator Barshinger. Among the people testifying at that hearing was Raymond Williams, chief of staff for LGO.

"We all agreed we would work collaboratively to generate legislation that would make the street naming project a successful one," Williams said.

The senator said once the bill receives the proper legal scrutiny he hopes to introduce the street naming bill by this summer.

STJ Rotary Club Earns Awards at District Conference



Rotary Club of St. John members accepted several awards for the organization for supporting education and sponsoring community service projects during a Rotary District conference in Jamaica earlier this month.

The club was honored by the district for outstanding service. Rotary Club of St. John was honored with a DG's Errol Alberga Gold Award — the highest level — and two literacy awards for its continual dedication to improving island education opportunities. The St. John club thanked past president Geri Kotas for her work which allowed the group to earn the awards.

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Pastel master artist Livy Hitchcock, who owns Bajo el Sol Gallery in Mongoose Junction, instructs Ivanna Eudora Kean artists on the finer points of marine still life.



St. John Tradewinds News
Photo by Lisa Etre

VICA Features Work by IEK Students

St. John Tradewinds

Art Students from the Ivanna Eudora Kean High School will be the featured artists at the Virgin Islands Council on the Arts.

The opening reception was May 21, but the show will hang through June 2. The public is invited and selected works will be for sale.

This semester students have working with professional artists in two day workshops. IEKHS Art Department chairperson Lisa Etre wrote a grant request to VICA to

fund the workshops. The title of the exhibition is, "Paste, Paper, Pastel and Metal: Exploring New Media," which is exactly what the students have done.

Livy Hitchcock, owner of Bajo el Sol Art Gallery and a pastel master artist, directed the students in a marine still life. Her experience as a teacher for the Caneel Bay Resort made her a perfect choice for teaching students at all levels.

Jan Etre, Lisa Etre's sister, visiting from Berkeley, CA, introduced

paste paper design and metal relief. The combination is a stunning collection of mixed media. A long time craft show organizer and artist herself specializing in fabric and printmaking, both Jan and Lisa Etre were raised in St. Croix.

VICA is located in the Francois Complex, Charlotte Amalie. Their hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The show will also be at Bajo el Sol from June 4 through 14. For more information call 774-5984.

Territory's American Legion Posts Gather for 41st District Convention

St. John Tradewinds

The American Legions of the Virgin Islands hosted its' 41st Annual American Legion District Convention on Saturday, May 15, at the Myron G. Danielson American Legion Post #85, Headquarters on St. Croix.

At the convention Legionnaires from all posts in the Virgin Islands assembled to discuss issues affecting the veterans of the territory and to prepare an agenda for the Department of Puerto Rico Convention next month.

The guest speaker for the convention was Shenita Washington, Assistant Director of the VA Caribbean Healthcare System who spoke to the members on benefits offered by the healthcare system. Lieutenant Governor Gregory Francis also addressed the con-

vention members.

The legion rendered a special tribute to Armed Forces Day and the deployed members of the V.I. National Guard and all deployed members of the Armed Forces.

Certificates of Honor were presented to the Assistant Adjutant General for the Virgin Islands National Guard, Colonel Elton Lewis. Colonel Lewis also addressed the audience on the deployment of the 661st Military Police Company, the HHC 786th Quartermaster Battalion and the 651st Public Affairs Detachment of the VING.

A highlight at the convention was the election of a new District Officer who would lead the district for the next two years. Elected to office was Charles David as the new District Ten Commander.

Alfred Williams of Post #133 was elected as the First Vice Commander, and Kathryn Houston of Post #90 selected as the Second Vice Commander. Curtis Williams was elected as Treasurer, Annie Day Henry, Service Officer, Charles Vallarde, Chaplain, Gregory Miller, Judge Advocate and Monroe Edwards, Sergeant-at-Arms. Secundino Roman Cruz was elected as the Area "D" Vice Commander. These officers will be sworn in next month at the Department Convention in Puerto Rico.

Post Commanders Amos L. Sealey, Post #85; Herald Todman, Post #90, Secundino Roman Cruz, Post #102, and Curtis Williams, Post #133 were sworn in as they being a new term as commander for there respective posts.

More Problems at Julius E. Sprauve School Surface After Student Stabbing

By Mauri Elbel
St. John Tradewinds

The recent in-school stabbing of a 14-year-old Julius E. Sprauve School student by a schoolmate sent shock waves through the community, but a teacher at the school says the victim has since been manipulated by school officials.

The victim returned to school a week after he was stabbed on the left side of his upper torso by a 16-year-old JESS student from St. Thomas on April 8.

A JESS teacher, who wished to remain anonymous, said the victim met with school officials including Department of Education District Superintendent Janette Smith-Barry, a school counselor, JESS Principal Mario Francis and JESS Vice Principal Brenda Dalmida regarding the incident earlier this month — without his parents present nearly a month after the assault occurred.

“At first, the stabbing was treated as an aggression, as an assault, and then suddenly the boy comes out after meeting with them saying it was an accident,” said the teacher. “I believe that the boy was manipulated. I feel it was a setup — I am not so naive to believe the boy changed his mind so suddenly.”

“I’m concerned the boy’s rights are being disregarded and there is a lack of honesty in this whole picture,” the teacher added.

The JESS teacher said the stabbing reaction was not an isolated cover-up at the Cruz Bay public school campus that instructs 230

“At first, the stabbing was treated as an aggression, as an assault, and then suddenly the boy comes out after meeting with them saying it was an accident.”

students in kindergarten through ninth grade.

The teacher said the recent stabbing and other behavioral and under-performance issues which are rampant at the school stem directly from mismanagement of the school.

“All the problems that are happening recently are the expression of the negative material the principals have planted in the school,” said the teacher.

The 16-year-old perpetrator has reportedly been suspended from school, although school administrator’s did not return telephone calls for comment.

Francis previously told *St. John Tradewinds* school officials had met with the student body and was planning to increase the school’s conflict resolution program.

“The school’s principal has a need to look well in front of the community of St. John,” said the teacher. “But yet the principal and vice principal are often away from the school, and the school is left poorly managed.”

The veteran teacher said one

major flaw with the school is the way the principal reprimands teachers in front of their students.

“The principal often diminishes the dignity of the teachers in front of the students, which leads to a lack of respect,” the teacher said. “I have never seen a school where children control the school. It is sad because we are giving the children the wrong message, and it makes the teachers become dis-attached to the fate of the students.”

At JESS, students are not interested in listening to their teachers and teachers receive no support from the principals, the teacher continued.

“There is an open antagonism from the principals toward the teachers,” the teacher continued. “This makes the principals look good in front of the parents, but that is not how education is supposed to be.”

Despite written communication to the superintendent and commissioner of the Department of Education, letters from teachers have gone unanswered, the teacher said.

“I would like to see the two principals who lack leadership to be placed somewhere else and principals who have leadership to be brought into the school,” the teacher said. “With good leadership, the teachers would work together and the students would look up to teachers instead of looking down. You cannot be taught by someone who you think is less than you.”

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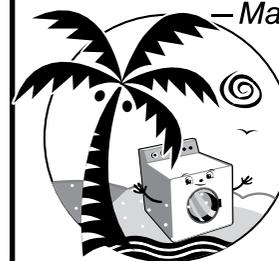
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The classic touring yacht *SerenaSea*, above, is available for three-hour tours out of Coral Bay.

Coral Bay Residents Buy *SerenaSea*

St. John Tradewinds

The 30-foot polished mahogany touring yacht *SerenaSea* was recently purchased by Coral Bay residents Carolyn and Otmar Thoemmes, who came across the boat's "For Sale" listing in a local newspaper and swiftly seized upon the opportunity to relaunch the charter business.

"Over the years, I took several excursions on *SerenaSea* to snorkel in the sparkling St. John water," said Carolyn Thoemmes. "Little did I expect that one day this beautiful 30-foot classic passenger yacht would be mine to

share with others."

The Thoemmes had such a great time on each *SerenaSea* excursion, they decided not to change a thing.

"Time and again, each trip was a total delight," said Carolyn Thoemmes. "For that reason, when we bought the boat, we engaged the friendly, experienced crew to join us in this venture."

As in the past, *SerenaSea* departs daily from Coral Bay. Captains Marie Naisby and Nine Fette point out how convenient this location is for vacationers and residents on the quieter side of St. John.

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Urban Fashion with Universal Appeal Found at Closet International

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

St. John fashionistas looking for the latest cutting edge and environmentally-conscious fashions no longer face taking a trip to Rock City for their goods.

Since opening Closet International in the Lumberyard late last month, Najocki Boyd, company president and CEO, has been steadily expanding his collection of men's and women's clothing.

With a passion for expression, Boyd is hoping to give St. John residents the clothes they need to make just the right statement.

"My passion is expression of oneself," said Boyd. "Often it's hard to find the right words to express yourself. Or you might be shy and have difficulty talking about certain things."

"You might have trouble explaining yourself but you can do it all through just what you wear," Boyd said. "You can make a simple statement with your clothes or create an entire expression."

In naming his new venture, Boyd took a cue from the multicultural community of the Virgin Islands.

"The name for the store came



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Najocki Boyd opened Closet International in the Lumberyard late last month to meet Love City's hip shopping needs.

from the beautiful melting pot that we have here in the Virgin Islands," said Boyd. "I want to cater to the needs of all people, not just people with one type of background. It's international as in catering to everybody who wants to express themselves through fashion."

The new store is currently chock full of the latest men's Sean Jean jeans, LRG conscious tees and Baby Phat tops for the ladies, and Boyd is constantly bringing in

new merchandise.

"I'll have men's, women's and children's clothing, swimwear, handbags, sunglasses, hats and accessories," said the boutique owner.

Keep an eye out for the latest styles from Apple Bottom, Dereon, Academics, and Ecko soon as Boyd's collection continues to expand.

"My clothes are centered in urban fashion, but are really univer-

"My daughter's family is from here on St. John and just the commuting back and forth for a T-shirt or jeans is too much. The lack of apparel and inventory here always stuck in my mind. I saw that as a big hole that needed to be filled."

— Najocki Boyd, owner Closet International

sal in style," said Boyd.

The St. Thomas resident has a child on St. John and grew weary of the long commute just to buy clothing, he explained.

"My daughter's family is from here on St. John and just the commuting back and forth for a T-shirt or jeans is too much," he said. "The lack of apparel and inventory here always stuck in my mind. I saw that as a big hole that needed to be filled."

Being able to simply walk up to the Lumberyard and buy the newest socially and environmentally conscious LRG T-shirt at Closet International saves some serious green as well as time.

"For those on a budget the expense of traveling to St. Thomas to buy a \$10 or \$20 T-shirt can add up to \$50 or \$60 after all the expenses

of boats and taxis and eating," said Boyd. "Now it's all right here. You don't have to have the headaches and all the planning that goes into a St. Thomas shopping trip."

In addition to catering to all backgrounds, Closet International will also have something for every body type, Boyd added.

"From children's sizes to plus sizes, we won't leave anyone out," he said. "We'll have sizes for everyone."

Closet International located next to Frames of Mind on the first floor of the Lumberyard. Closet International is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Letters to St. John Tradewinds

One Two-Letter Word With Many Meanings

You lovers of the English language might enjoy this. There is a two-letter word that perhaps has more meanings than any other two-letter word, and that is "up."

It's easy to understand up, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake up? At a meeting, why does a topic come up? Why do we speak up and why are the officers up for election and why is it up to the secretary to write up a report? We call up our friends. And we use it to brighten up a room, polish up the silver; we warm up the leftovers and clean up the kitchen. We lock up the house and some guys fix up the old car. At other times the little word has real special meaning. People stir up trouble, line up for tickets, work up an appetite, and think up excuses. To be dressed is one thing, but to be dressed up is special. A drain must be opened up because it is stopped up. We open up a store in the morning but we close it up at night. We seem to be pretty mixed up about up! To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of up, look the word up in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes up almost a quarter of the page and can add up to about 30 definitions. If you are up to it, you might try building up a list of the many ways up is used. It will take up a lot of your time, but if you don't give up, you may wind up with a hundred or more. When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding up. When the sun comes out we say it is clearing up. When it rains, it wets the earth and often messes things up. When it doesn't rain for awhile, things dry up. One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it up, for now my time is up, so...it is time to shut up!

Submitted by
Z. Hruza

We Need Leadership

In the late 1980s, the Bahama Islands legalized casino gambling to increase revenue and the tourist trade. When they did this they made an interesting law. The law is — any Bahamian caught in a casino is subject to a \$500 fine. Black or white, doesn't matter. In the good 'ole U.S.V.I. the leaders of the community have decided, against the community's wishes, to balance the budget with the proceeds from gambling. In the USVI, the leaders of the community targeted the citizens by installing gambling machines at the local race tracks. This doesn't seem to me to be in our best interests. The leaders of this community have spent hun-

dreds of thousands of dollars of our money to stop the windmills at Tutu from producing electricity. Now we have rolling brown-outs for homes and businesses because of WAPA's mismanagement, and they have the presence of mind to thank all the citizens and businesses that ran generators during the brown-outs for helping them out. I have to assume that the leaders of this community are not totally corrupt, they are probably doing the best they can. Aren't there 16 people in the Virgin Islands that can become senators and governor who have the desire and ability to lead us out of the mess that these guys have created?

Greg Miller

Prayer Week Events Are Needed, Let's Start Planning

At the beginning of this month, I started looking in the paper and around Cruz Bay for some sort of announcement(s) about event(s) being planned on St. John for the National Day of Prayer which was Thursday, May 6. If there were any, I'm sorry I missed them. I was looking forward to taking part. I know there was at least one prayer event on St. Thomas, as it was broadcast on WGOD radio during the noontime hour. One of the most powerful, effective and necessary things we can do is repent and ask God to heal our territory and our country. There are so many things happening right here on our island and in this little dot called the territory of the US Virgin Islands in the middle of the ocean that cannot and will not be

changed if we do not turn from our wicked ways and stand in the gap for healing and restoration. I will pray that next year our local churches and pastors on St. John will think it's important enough to plan at least one community event, perhaps in Cruz Bay park or at the Battery. I'll be happy to help get the word out! Again, if I missed them, I hope they will be announced better next year. I didn't see one article in the paper or one poster anywhere, or any flyers. This is not something that should be kept secret or just within the organized congregations. Open wide the church doors so all may come! Thank you for allowing me to comment on this!

Pam Dolson

With No Car, A Resident Remembers Special St. John

May 23rd marks a year since I drove off the road and totaled my vehicle. Very few people took note of my accident, except my closest friends and co-workers, because luckily I was unhurt and it wasn't big news. I was relieved to not be a headline. Why I walked away from such a serious accident is still a question to me. The easy answer is seat belts! But, the bigger question was/is why am I here? In the last year I have re-learned that it is generally easy to get around the island. And, I have remembered in what a kind and beautiful place I live. There were very few times I had to walk the entire way from Giff Hill to Cruz Bay. But, when I did, it made me proud that I could, and grateful for the view along the way. My rides were often a chance to reconnect with a friend I don't have enough time with usually, or an opportunity to meet

and chat with a neighbor I didn't know well. For six months my main transportation was my feet — and it wasn't bad. Last winter I accepted a gift of a vintage vehicle. Since I know now that I don't need a car, it's easier to accept the responsibility of a classic car that is not made for everyday use. The bonus of this choice is that my little car seems to make everyone happy. It cheers me to drive by folks and get a thumbs up or a smile where I can see a memory of someone's days gone by. Thank you to everyone on St. John for years of friendship and help. St. John is and always will be the home of my heart.

Deanna Somerville
and her '62 Nash
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Keeping Track of Crime

2009	2010 TO-DATE
Homicides: 1	Homicides: 0
Shootings: 0	Shootings: 0
Stabbings: 0	Stabbings: 0
Armed Robberies: 5	Armed Robberies: 1
Arsons: 0	Arsons: 0
1st Degree Burglaries: 6	1st Degree Burglaries: 0
2nd Degree Burglaries: 17	2nd Degree Burglaries: 10
3rd Degree Burglaries: 70	3rd Degree Burglaries: 36
Grand Larcenies: 67	Grand Larcenies: 20
Rapes: 1	Rapes: 0

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Lt. Governor Francis Urges Residents To Prepare for Hurricane Season

St. John Tradewinds

Lieutenant Governor Gregory Francis urged all Virgin Islanders to review their insurance policies and make any necessary adjustments in coverage prior to the June 1 start of the 2010 hurricane season.

Francis, who serves as the territory's Commissioner of Insurance, said residents should take steps now to ensure they have the right type and amount of insurance coverage to protect their assets.

A review of insurance coverage should be a standard component of hurricane planning and emergency management, according to Francis. The Lt. Gov. also recommended that residents review their policy to make sure they have the right type of coverage for their primary residence — whether it's a house or a boat.

Buy enough insurance to rebuild the home and replace all personal belongings and take photographs of their home; and also photograph and inventory valuables and other personal property inside of the structure.

Reward Offered in Virgin Islands Lottery Burglary and Arson

St. John Tradewinds

Crime Stoppers is offering a \$2,000 cash reward to anyone with information leading to the apprehension and/or arrest of the individuals responsible for the May 13, 2010 burglary and subsequent arson of the Virgin Islands Lottery on St. Thomas.

The individuals wore gloves and hooded clothing to disguise themselves. The individuals were captured in a surveillance video as they carried out the alleged crime, which occurred between the hours of 5:30 and 6 a.m. at the lottery offices located on Kronprindsens Gade, St. Thomas.

Anyone who may assist in identifying the perpetrators in the surveillance video or who may have information regarding this crime should call Crime Stoppers' confidential tip line at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or 774-5666, ext. 125. All callers will remain anonymous.

Residents should also store important documents such as insurance policies, deeds, property records, etc. in a waterproof and fireproof container or at an off island location; and evaluate their property and purchase flood insurance if needed.

Hurricane preparedness is not limited to homeowners, but includes renters as well, according to Francis.

"Renters also face some of the same risk as homeowners when disaster strikes," he said. "Recovering from any disaster is more challenging without adequate insurance coverage."

Since a landlord's coverage

may only cover the building, he encourages renters to secure renter's insurance to cover any losses of their personal property.

Francis hoped that both homeowners and renters will use the annual review for hurricane preparedness as an opportunity to shop around for the best insurance policies and prices. The Lt. Gov. reminded the community to update their property insurance regularly to include improvements, major purchases and increased rebuilding costs.

For more information on disaster preparedness and to download a disaster inventory checklist, visit www.insureonline.org.

DOH Issues Dengue Fever Alert

St. John Tradewinds

Department of Health Commissioner Julia Sheen reminded residents that June 1 is the start of the hurricane season, which means increased downpours, as the territory has experienced recently.

These conditions can make certain areas near the home a haven for mosquito breeding, placing residents at risk for Dengue Fever.

Dengue Fever is a virus transmitted by the Aedes Aegypti mosquito and symptoms include headache, joint and muscle pain, nausea, vomiting and loss of appetite. More complicated cases of Dengue Fever can result in Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever, which is characterized by high fever, bleeding and circulatory failure and in rare instances, may result in death.

The hurricane season runs June 1 to November 30, 2010, and Sheen said that residents can help their community and the Health Department stop the spread of Dengue Fever by doing basic things.

Keep tires in dry place; put plants that are currently in water, into soil; empty flowerpot bases weekly; and keep barrels tightly sealed.

Cover or turn pet dishes and buckets that hold water upside down; place a screen or mesh over the overflow pipe of cisterns; repair or replace damaged screens and keep windows and doors without screens closed; and cover infant cribs with mosquito netting.

Use mosquito repellants containing DEET. Follow instructions carefully and use on arms, legs, ankles and nape of neck. Avoid applying repellent to eyes, lips or bruised skin and to children under two years old and to the hands of older children

Sheen urged healthcare providers to be vigilant about reporting suspected cases. Dengue Fever is a reportable disease and all medical agencies, clinics and private physicians territory-wide are required to report any such cases to: Epidemiologist Dr. Eugene Tull via secure fax at 713-1508 or calling 713-1311, Ext. 3241.

To report large pools of stagnant water, contact the Environmental Health Division on St. Thomas at 774-9000, Ext. 4641 or dial 715-5111.

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PURSUIT CLASS A

- 30-feet and Under
1. *Whatever* - Dick Burks
 2. *Zenyatta* - Kevin Curtwright
 3. *Silmarillian* - Lora
 4. *Yellow Snow* - Bear
 5. *Southern Breeze* - Steve Bond

PURSUIT CLASS B

- Over 30-feet
1. *Windshift* - Stefan Scholz
 2. *Runaway* - Doug Weaver
 3. *O'dege* - Sara O'Neil
 4. *Rainbowmaker* - Vince Barnett
 5. *Sushi* - Fuego
 6. *Nattie M* - Mark Grant
 7. *Heart's Desire* - Matt Hobart

COMMODORE'S CUP WINNER - DICK BURKS

The Commodore's Cup was won by *Whatever* captain Dick Burks in a Laser sail off with the Class B winner, *Windshift* captain Stefan Scholz.

The Caribe dinghy with 15hp Yamaha engine were won by St. John resident Steve Black.

Festival Organization Is Seeking Miss St. John Contestants for 2010

The Festival and Cultural Organization of St. John is seeking young ladies interested in vying for the title of Miss St. John Festival Queen 2010-2011.

Contestants must be 16 to 21 years of age, have a 2.5 academic average, a resident of the St. Thomas/St. John district and never been pregnant. Interested young ladies can pick up applications at the St. John Tourism Office. For more information call 626-0785.

Crossword Answers — Puzzle on Page 18

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Law Camp Open to Virgin Islands Students

St. John Tradewinds

The National Bar Association in conjunction with the St. Thomas law firm of BoltNagi PC is encouraging Virgin Islands students of diverse socioeconomic backgrounds to pursue a career in law.

The Crump Law Camp has an open enrollment policy with an emphasis being placed on low-income students of color and encourages all 9th through 11th grade high school students (between the age of 14 and 17) to apply.

Funding is available, for example, students from households with an income of \$35,000 or less, would receive free tuition which includes airfare, meals, housing, and all educational material.

The 10th Annual Crump Law Camp 2010 will

be from July 11 to 24 at the Howard University School of Law in Washington, DC and offers students an exciting academic and social agenda, which includes field trips in the Washington, DC area.

All students are paired with college and law school students, professors, and practicing attorneys to serve as mentors as they continue their education through high school, college and law school.

The highlight of the law camp is the competitive Mock Trial Competition where the four winners are invited to attend the National Bar Association Annual Convention.

Applications are available on the National Bar Association website at www.nationalbar.org, or by contacting BoltNagi PC.

World-Wide OLPC Mentors Gathering on St. John

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Starting from the idea that putting laptops into children's hands and teaching them how to use them could literally change the world, Waveplace has deployed mentors across the globe to teach students digital media.

Combining mathematical principles and storytelling skills, students in Waveplace pilot programs use \$200 XO laptops which were designed by MIT Media Lab technicians. Waveplace was founded by frequent St. John visitor Timothy Falconer who launched the first pilot program at Guy Benjamin School in 2007.

With mentors working in vastly different regions, it is difficult — and up until this week has proven impossible — for teachers to gather and share stories of both successes and challenges.

"It's such a big, broad organizations with deployments across the world, it's really difficult for us to sit down and talk to each other," said Santos. "There is just a whole world of people and there is no real central core of information."

With the movement still in its infancy, mentors must tackle problems as they arise, but many of the same challenges are often faced in numerous locations.

"This is really a constructionist vision and people learn by doing," said Santos. "There is no instructional manual for the program per se, so the realness is just the actual

working and teaching."

The lack of electricity, for example, has been faced by several deployed mentors and an ingenious idea from Afghanistan could be the answer, explained Santos.

"A group from Afghanistan is coming and they've created a desk that you can pedal and through the pedal create power," she said. "They were having trouble with reliable electricity so with the desk students can pedal away and use their computers."

The summit will also serve to allow mentors to share their diverse stories and learn from each other.

"Some countries don't know what is really going on with the OLPC program," said Santos. "One of the deployments I did was in Sao Tome, in Africa, and worked with local authorities who had computers, but didn't know how to teach students to use them. I was going into these classrooms and there all these computers in a closet."

"Everyone has totally different experiences that we can share with each other," said the Waveplace outreach coordinator. "This will be a great way for us all to connect, like a big OLPC family reunion."

In addition to the summit, Waveplace is also hosting a mentor training workshop and three pilot programs for St. John students.

The workshop, which runs from May 24 through June 2, is designed to train mentors to go out

and teach students and other teachers how to use XO laptops. After completing the workshop, mentors will be prepared for deployment around the globe to spread the OLPC movement.

"We're looking for more mentors right now, especially from St. John," said Santos. "Anyone who is older than high school age and has an interest in learning how to use these computers and learning how to teach children would be ideal. It would also be good to be interested in travel as the mentors would be able to go out and do this long-term as well."

Sure to keep themselves busy during their Love City stay, Waveplace officials are also sponsoring a 60-student pilot program, the second to be launched in Love City. Waveplace launched its first pilot program on St. John at Guy Benjamin School in 2007.

This year's OLPC pilot program will be taught to third to fifth grade students from each St. John elementary school.

A total of 60 students from GBS, Julius E. Sprauve School and Giffit Hill School will start learning computer programming on May 24. The pilot program will wrap up on June 16.

The sessions will be videotaped and streamed through Waveplace's website at a later date. For more information on the workshop, summit or pilot programs check out <http://waveplace.com> or <http://realness.org>.

California Woman Arrested for Credit Card Fraud at Yacht Haven Grand

St. John Tradewinds

Police on St. Thomas arrested 20-year-old Vivian Wang of Oakland, California and charged her with Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card after she attempted to purchase more than \$10,000 worth of items from a Yacht Haven boutique.

Bulgari employees said Wang was accompanied by another person when she attempted to purchase an assortment of handbags, belts and other leather items with a credit card, however the card was declined.

Wang then told the clerk to call the 800 number on the back of the card for authorization, but the store employee said that was against store protocol. Wang then told the employee she would return the next day for the merchandise.



Vivian Wang

The store manager contacted the police who conducted an investigation and determined the credit card and the identification Wang presented were forged.

Wang returned to the boutique the next day, Saturday, May 15, at about 11:40 a.m. and was arrested by police officers.

Unable to post \$20,000 bond Wang was remanded to the Bureau of Corrections pending further court action.

V.I. Police Department Commissioner Novelle Francis said businesses should always be on the look-out for the latest scams.

This scam was based on a fraudulent 800 authorization number that store employees are asked to call. However the person answering the call is a participant in the scam and tells the business to authorize the purchases.

"The store employees did the right thing by holding the purchases and calling the police," Francis said.

Police Warn of Counterfeit Bills in Territory

St. John Tradewinds

Investigators of the V.I. Police Department's Insular Affairs Unit on St. Croix warned the general public to be aware of counterfeit \$20 bills circulating in the community.

A few counterfeit bills have been turned over to police on St. Croix as recently as last week and may be circulating on St. Thomas and St. John as well, VIPD explained.

VIPD Commissioner Novelle E. Francis Jr. asked the public to use a few simple tips to determine if the money they receive is legiti-

mate.

Look for shifting color on the bills. The color on the number on the lower right hand side of the bill is made with color shifting ink. If the color does not shift, the bill is not authentic.

When holding the bill up to the light, the face on the bill is repeated as a water mark in the unprinted space on the right side of the portrait. The watermark can be seen from both sides of the bill.

The security thread can be seen when holding the bill up to the light. The security thread is a thin imbedded strip running from top

to bottom on the face of the bill. In \$10 and \$50 bills the strip is located on the right of the portrait, and in the \$5, \$20, and \$100 bill it's just to the left of the portrait.

Finally, compare the feel and texture of the paper with other bills which are known to be authentic. Real bills feel like fabric and counterfeit bills feel more like paper.

"If you discover that a bill in your possession is counterfeit, turn it over to the police," Francis said. "It's felony to knowingly pass a counterfeit bill you received to someone else."

Help Crime Stoppers Solve Crime of the Week

St. John Tradewinds

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

On May 13, at a villa in Virgin Grand, a burglar entered at night through an unlocked door. Items stolen included a notebook computer and case, a DVD external writer, a Droid cell phone,

a watch, an iPod, a T-100 Sony camera, a video camera, and two passports. The minimum reward for the arrest of the burglar is \$714.

Community members can submit tips on these or any other crimes at www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org or by calling 1-800-222-TIPS. 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 tip-

ster 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 a tip. To learn how it works, visit www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org.

Law enforcement has new questions on several homicide and burglary tips. Anyone who submitted a tip this year, please contact Crime Stoppers to see if see if there's a question.

St. John Police Report

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EMERGENCY LAND LINE: 911

EMERGENCY CELLULAR:

340-776-9110

POLICE DEPT: 340-693-8880

FIRE STATION: 340-776-6333

Saturday, May 15

10:29 p.m. - A citizen c/r a suspicious vehicle parked on Fish Bay Road. Suspicious vehicle.

Sunday, May 16

12:09 p.m. - An Estate Carolina resident r/ a larceny. Grand larceny.

12:14 p.m. - An Estate Pastory resident c/r a disturbance. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

4:28 p.m. - A citizen c/r a disturbance with a male. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

Monday, May 17

7:35 a.m. - An Estate Fish Bay resident r/ being threatened. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

10:20 a.m. - An Estate Bethany resident r/ a disturbance at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

1:11 p.m. - A visitor from North Carolina r/ a missing wallet. Lost wallet.

6:00 p.m. - An Estate John's Folly resident r/ an assault. Aggravated assault and battery.

Tuesday, May 18

8:23 a.m. - A citizen r/ a burglary at Blue Stone Services. Burglary in the third.

12:07 p.m. - A citizen p/r a disturbance of the peace. Disturbance of the peace.

2:20 p.m. - An Estate Susannaberg resident r/ an auto accident in the area of Mongoose Junction. Auto accident.

Wednesday, May 19

2:38 p.m. - An Estate Bethany resident r/ an assault. Aggravated assault and battery, D.V.

4:40 p.m. - A visitor from Georgia r/ that damage was done to his car. Damage to a vehicle.

Thursday, May 20

3:38 p.m. - A citizen c/r a vehicle in the area of Giffit Hill playing loud music. Loud music.

4:10 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident r/ receiving harassing phone calls. Telephone harassment.

7:10 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident c/r loud music. Loud music.

9:35 p.m. - A citizen c/r a man lying on the bridge in Estate Pastory.

Friday, May 21

2:28 a.m. - A citizen c/r a vehicle over the embankment in the area of Estate Grunwald. Auto accident.

4:49 a.m. - A citizen c/r suspicious activity in the area of Estate Carolina. Suspicious activity.

Community Calendar

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

Tuesday, May 26

The committee has also relied on the expertise of Lambert Media to produce the first documentary film on gangs in the territory, and the film will be featured during training and the conference. Train the Trainers training will take place May 24 on St. Thomas at the University of the Virgin Islands and at the conference will be at the Westin Resort on Tuesday, May 26.

Thursday, May 27

The Island Green Building Association will host its monthly meeting on Thursday, May 27, at The Marketplace on the second floor, with a social at 5 p.m. and meeting from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

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.

Sunday, June 6

St. John School of the Arts will have auditions for their Ruth "Sis" Frank Performance/Merit Scholarship on Sunday, June 6 at 2 p.m. The scholarship is applied to tuition for Art, Dance or Music for the 2010-11 school year at St. John School of the Arts

June 30

Lt. Gov. Gregory R. Francis strongly encourages corporate citizens to satisfy the franchise tax and annual filing requirements of Titles 13 and 26 of the Virgin Islands Code which requires every registered corporation to pay a franchise tax to the Office of the Lt. Gov. on or before June 30 of every year.

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

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HOMOPHONE

DOUBLE FEATURE

ACROSS

- 1 Assist in crime
- 5 Back of a hit single
- 10 Actor Lowe
- 13 Direct to a new chair
- 19 Defendant's plea, in brief
- 20 Unit of light
- 21 Punk rock subgenre
- 22 Old Olympic swimmer Gertrude
- 23 Clove hitch given to a seer?
- 26 Pretenses
- 27 Mud-slugs
- 28 Correct someone from Prague?
- 30 Norma — (Sally Field role)
- 31 Cousin of equi-
- 32 Bow of films
- 34 To — (exactly)
- 35 Walkway with an ivory carpet?
- 38 Stick (out)
- 39 Translucent gem
- 43 Suffix of dogmas
- 44 Get limp
- 45 Big video game maker
- 46 Alaskan port
- 47 Leo, for one
- 50 Is going to
- 51 Orem locale
- 52 Aragon aunt
- 53 Paper-folding craft
- 56 Educator Horace's opposition?
- 61 Hunger
- 62 Merrill of "Desk Set"
- 64 Get better

- 65 Justification
- 66 Covers bivalve mollusks with small spots?
- 71 Port in the Keystone St.
- 73 Stock mkt. debuts
- 74 Refrigerate
- 75 — big hurry
- 78 Bulldoze a pile of T-bones?
- 82 Illogical
- 84 "Les —" (musical, for short)
- 85 Polish target
- 86 Gp. for people 50 and older
- 88 Sporty German autos
- 89 Chick's tail?
- 91 Take — stride
- 92 Twain's Finn
- 93 Drinker's road offense, briefly
- 95 Sound from a leaky tire
- 96 Agree silently
- 97 Take off a shoe and carry it?
- 102 Maui tree
- 104 Mysterious
- 105 — Dhabi
- 106 U-Haul rental
- 107 Extort the pretty girl?
- 111 Rendering weaponless
- 113 To the rear, on a ship
- 114 Rave review of a musical work?
- 117 Stored safely away
- 118 Luau paste
- 119 Frighten
- 120 Pulitzer-winning biographer Leon
- 121 Shoulder bags
- 122 Isr. neighbor
- 123 Jobs
- 124 Have- — (poor folks)

DOWN

- 1 Turkish city
- 2 Dwarf tree
- 3 Runs away to marry
- 4 Lug along
- 5 Yield flowers
- 6 Certain about
- 7 Mini-devils
- 8 Article in Berlin
- 9 Electronic musician Brian
- 10 Put back on the payroll
- 11 Greek vowel
- 12 This and that
- 13 Yacht race
- 14 Draw forth
- 15 Take hold of forcibly
- 16 Irish Gaelic
- 17 Baldwin of "30 Rock"
- 18 "Avalon" musician John
- 24 Burger side
- 25 Art institute in Brooklyn
- 29 Instructed
- 32 Tyke
- 33 Actress Palmer
- 36 Ding-a- —
- 37 Conflict of 1914-18: Abbr.
- 38 Enterprise captain Picard
- 40 Mineral in bananas
- 41 — acids
- 42 Country singer Rimes
- 45 Iron output
- 47 Kikkoman sauce
- 48 Hot temper
- 49 Cocktails with lemon juice
- 50 Bit of flirting
- 51 Draws upon
- 54 Highly skilled
- 55 Book after Jonah
- 57 "— Lady" (Tom Jones hit)
- 58 Welles with an Oscar
- 59 Touches
- 60 Prefix with content
- 63 "To repeat ..."
- 67 Novelist Harper —
- 68 Decide to participate
- 69 Caroling tune
- 70 — -to-nuts
- 71 Bombeck and others
- 72 FBI attacks
- 76 Nashville-to-Chicago dir.
- 77 Classifieds or personals
- 79 Lay to rest
- 80 Island of Hawaii
- 81 "— bleu!" (French cry)
- 83 Gifu sashes
- 87 "Top Hat" studio
- 90 "Football Friday" cable channel
- 91 Noncoastal regions
- 92 "Ready or not, — come!"
- 93 Goes ashore
- 94 Take forcibly
- 97 "The Fresh Prince of —"
- 98 "— of the North" (classic silent film)
- 99 City in Spain
- 100 Scalpel's kin
- 101 "Das Kapital" editor
- 103 Don't differ
- 104 Jetson lad
- 107 Stinging flier
- 108 Q-V link
- 109 Like — not
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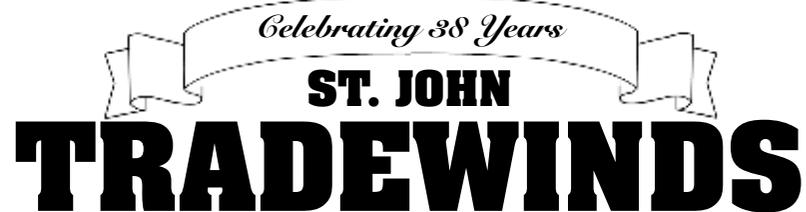
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"Southern Cross" - This traditional Danish style stone home offers the utmost privacy yet only a ten minute drive to Cruz Bay Town. Features include large covered porches, beautiful custom mahogany cabinets and built-in bar, exposed concrete beams and window sills and tile floors - all combine to create an elegant atmosphere. Cooling breezes and water views on an almost level lot with room to add a pool or spa. **\$1.395M**



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"Carolina Cottage" - Really cute 2 bedroom house with nice water views of Coral Harbor and Hurricane Hole. Faces east to catch the cooling trade wind breezes & the driveway is paved for easy access. Fully furnished and a nice location close to Coral Bay with large deck and room to expand or add a pool. Space below could be converted to another bedroom. **\$575,000**

"Little Plantation" - Seven acres of subdividable land with beautiful easterly views over Coral Bay, Hurricane Hole and the British Virgin Islands. This property faces east to catch the cooling breezes, sun rise and moon rise. Walk to Cocoloba Shopping Center. A preliminary subdivision plan is in place and a road has been cut to the top of the property. **Just reduced to \$1.9M**

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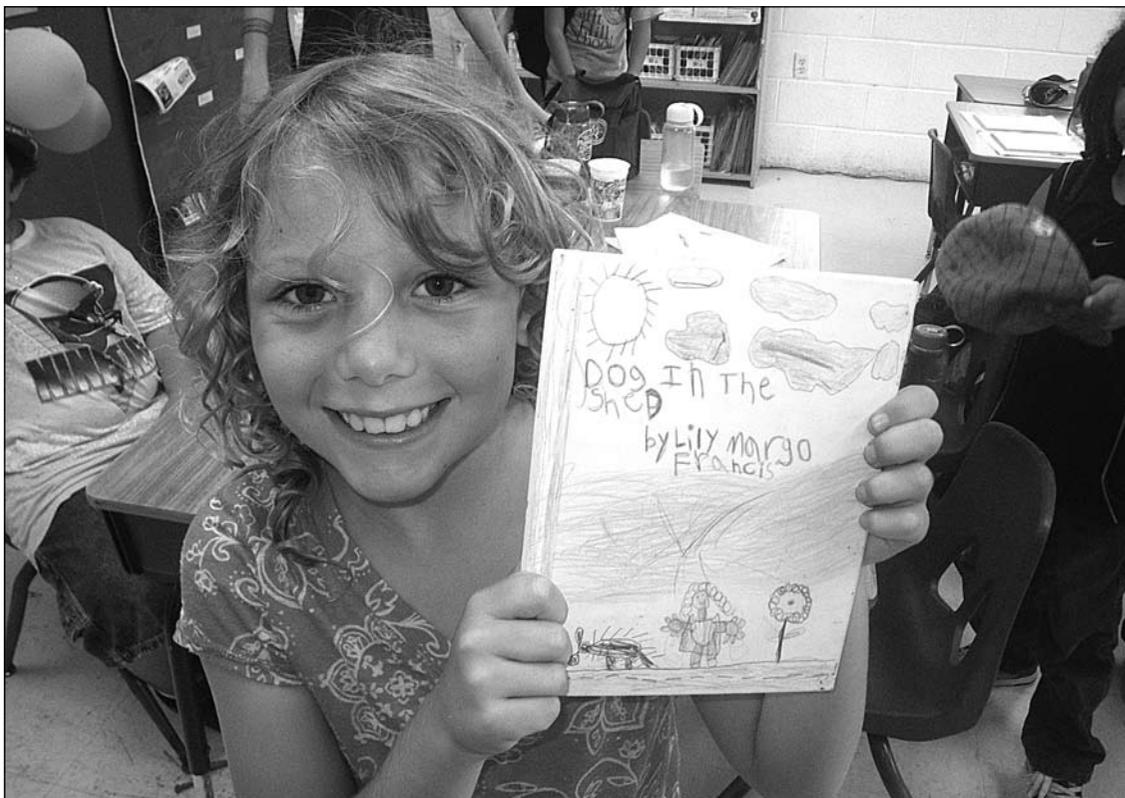
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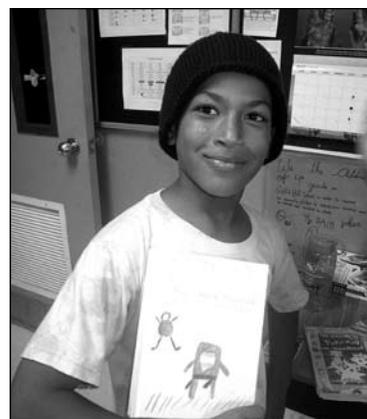
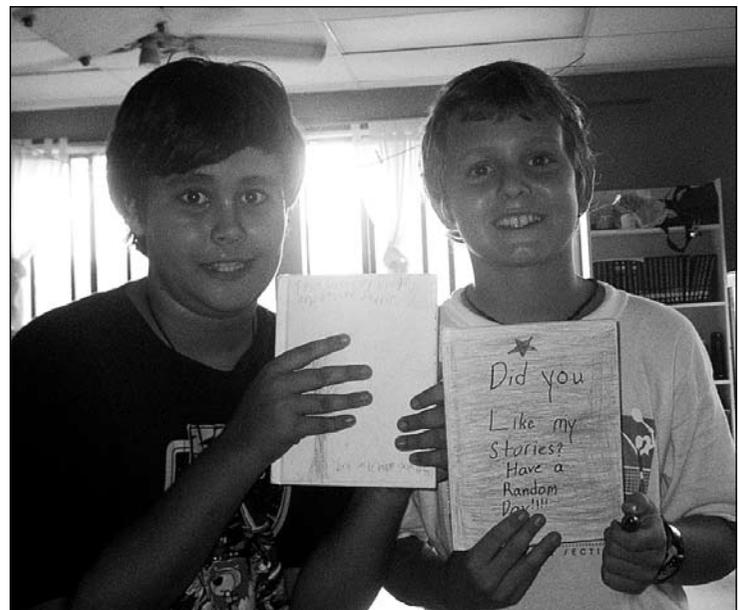
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GHS students (clockwise from above) Lily Francis, Michael Palminteri, Tomas del Olmo, Embayah Braithwait, Jessica Rutnik, Feliscia Olivieri, Landis Wallace and Zohar Softer-Greer show off their original storybooks.

GHS Students Show Off Writing, Art Skills with Storybook Project

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

From pre-school through the elementary grade levels, Giff Hill School students showed off their impressive writing and drawing skills on Wednesday afternoon, May 19.

Thanks to Kate Swan who donated blank hardcover books for students from pre-school through eighth grade, each GHS student created a work of their very own. The completed books even included short synopses of the stories on the back cover and "About the Author" information with pictures on the inside back cover.

Pre-school students like Embayah Braithwait created bilingual books showcasing their growing competence of Spanish along with original drawings and the corresponding English words.

Oliver Biddle and his pre-kindergarten classmates created

counting books with each number illustrated by trees, butterflies or stars.

Older students filled their books with humorous stories and sometimes hair-raising tales. Primary class student Tristan Michtner's book was titled "The Killing Lizard." Peals of laughter were heard from a group reading Lyric Vaccaracht's book.

Several third graders, including Luca Costello presented their take on "The Worst Picture Day Ever." Fourth grader Tomas del Olmo's short story collection "Book of Randomness" included one tale inspired by a classmate titled, "The Smelliest Locker."

Poems filled Vela Culbert's "New Kid-itis and Other Stories," while Ty Massaquoi's "Super Mato" told the tale of a superhero tomato who fights the rancher man and the pepper gang.

In addition to sharing their stories with friends and family

members, GHS lower school students also got to show off their craziest hats on May 19 for Silly Hat Day.

With floppy ears, zany horns or crazy colored hair, GHS students flexed their creative and artistic muscles.

The school-wide book project, which students all the way up to the eighth grade participated in, is a part of GHS' focus on writing, explained lower school principal Beth Knight.

"The project combined art and writing and the students worked on these for months," said Knight. "This is kind of a kick-off to the 'Six Plus One' writing program we're going to be doing next year."

Before filling in their blank books, students participated in writers' workshops and brainstorming sessions.

"The children loved the project and what they came up with is so impressive," said Knight.

