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PAN-O-RAMA RESCHEDULED FOR JUNE 5

Due to inclement weather forecast by the National Weather Service and in order to protect the steel pans, the St. John Festival Committee was forced to postpone Pan-O-Rama from May 29, to June 5. The committee apologized for any inconvenience.



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ST. CROIX'S BRYSON MAYS WINS 7TH ANNUAL BEACH-TO-BEACH POWER SWIM

Bryson Mays, 15, of St. Croix handily won the seventh annual Beach to Beach Power Swim on Sunday morning, May 30. Bryson ran ashore at Hawksnest Beach after swimming the 3.5 mile course from Maho Bay unassisted in one hour, fourteen minutes and five seconds. Almost 200 swimmers competed in the Friends of V.I. National Park fundraiser in calm seas and a light easterly wind.

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DeJongh Outraged at Violent Crime by Defendants Awaiting Trial, Sentencing

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Last week Governor John deJongh expressed his anger and frustration at the continued number of violent crime incidents taking place in the territory by perpetrators who are either on pre-trial release or awaiting sentencing.

The territory has seen a steady increase in the number of criminal acts being carried out by those who have already been arrested and are either awaiting trial, or sentencing, the governor explained.

"The message to our Superior Court judges is loud and clear — the place for these criminals is behind bars, not free on the streets or in our neighborhoods," said deJongh.

The V.I. Police Department statistics are clear when it comes to those defendants who are committing crimes, are charged, and then released by the judges pending trial, according to the governor.

During that time that they are to

be confined and their movements limited, they continue to gain possession of illegal guns and continue their retaliatory acts based on the vendettas they hold against each other, deJongh added.

The governor was at a loss to understand how a 17-year-old minor who is under house arrest for assault in connection with a crime on St. Thomas was on St. Croix May 21 instigating a confrontation that ended in three innocent bystanders being hit by stray bullets at the D.C. Canegata Ball Park, he explained.

"These victims, a man, a woman and a 12-year-old child were out with their families enjoying recreational activities at this popular park and ended up hospitalized for gunshot injuries," said deJongh. "All current indications suggest that the 17-year-old instigated the confrontation that ended in a shooting."

DeJongh intended to request an

immediate meeting with the leadership of the V.I. Superior Court to hear from the Judiciary as to the reasoning behind the decisions that are made from the bench regarding house arrest, decisions that have so far not been in the best interest of the community.

The police cannot be expected to wage an effective battle against criminals if suspects are so easily returned to the streets following their arrest and in many instances, following their being found in possession of dangerous weapons, according to deJongh.

"I encourage members of our community to stand up with me against this practice of granting pre-trial and pre-sentencing release to criminals whose intent is to continue their violent crime assault against the people of the Virgin Islands," said the governor. "The time has come for increased actions on our part and I for one will see to it that they happen."

DPNR Warms of Storm Water Runoff Impacting Beaches

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As a result of the recent rains throughout the territory, the Division of Environmental Protection anticipates negative environmental impacts caused by storm water runoff, announced the Department of Planning and Natural Resources.

DPNR advises the public to refrain from using the waters throughout the territory until these

effects subside. DPNR is also advising parents to instruct their children to keep away from storm-water-impacted beaches as well as areas with manholes and storm-water flooding.

There may be an elevated health risk to anyone swimming in storm-water-impacted areas from increased concentrations of bacteria.

All persons should also be aware that storm-water runoff may

also contain contaminants or pollutants harmful to human health and therefore all persons should avoid areas of storm-water runoff (i.e. guts, puddles, and drainage basins).

DPNR will continue to monitor the impacted areas and waters. For additional information regarding water quality call the Division of Environmental Protection at 774-3320.

JJ Fun Day Set for 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.

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.

Free Film Screening at Sputnik's Jun. 1

As part of its 2010 Summer Film Series, the St. John Film Society is hosting a free screening of "Pete Seeger: The Power of Song," by Jim Brown, on Tuesday night, June 1, at 7 p.m., at Sputnik's in Coral Bay.

The 93-minute film is an inspiring biographical tribute to one of the greatest American singer-songwriter of the last century. Event goers are encouraged to bring a beach chair for better seating.

Julietta will be serving her delicious rotis and souse but dinner must be pre-ordered at 776-6644 or info@stjohnfilm.com

The film series is sponsored in part by the National Endowment for the Arts. For more information visit www.stjohnfilm.com.

DPNR Warns of Jellyfish Threat

The Department of Planning and Natural Resources announced last week that the St. Croix East End Marine Park, a program within the Division of Coastal Zone Management, issued a warning to the public about recent sightings of Portuguese Man-of-War jellyfish in Turner's Hole and Great Pond Bay.

The jellyfish have been seen both in the water and on shore. The jellyfish are pink or purple, translucent with numerous long, stinging tentacles.

The tentacles remain toxic and can produce a sting even after washed ashore. As such, the tentacles should be avoided if a Portuguese Man-of-War is encountered in the water or along the shoreline.

If stung, affected skin areas can be rinsed with seawater (fresh water will set off more stinging cells) or household vinegar. If a serious reaction results from the stings, medical attention should be sought. For more information call 773-3367 or 773-1082.

MSA Approves GHS Accreditation

The Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools have approved the awarding of accreditation to Giff Hill School for a period not to exceed seven years.

This grant of accreditation extends to all divisions that are a part of the school. The administration and faculty are proud of this achievement and believe it speaks to all of the hard work and positive changes that have taken place over the course of the 2009-2010 school year. Please contact the school with any questions by calling 340-776-1730 or visiting www.giffhillschool.org.

Parade, Booth Applications Available

Applications for the St. John Festival Food Fair, July 5th Parade and Festival Booth are available at the St. John Tourism Office and the St. John Administrator's Office.

For more information call 340-690-3692 or 340-690-1725.

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Experts Say Gangs in Love City Are Real

By Jaime Elliott
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With known gang signs sprawled across the territory's neighborhoods and schools, it's time for residents to wake up to the harsh reality of gangs in America's Paradise, experts warned last week.

Residents got a sobering look at the state of gangs throughout the territory — and right here on St. John — during a V.I. Anti-Gang Committee conference on Wednesday night, May 26, at the Westin Resort and Villas.

The conference drew more than 100 St. John residents including parents, teens and young children who heard from both national and local gang experts on the alarming and undeniable rise of gangs in the last few years.

"I could go right now and show you gang writing on classroom doors right here on St. John at your middle school," said LaVelle Campbell, school security manager and local gang expert. "A lot of you are in denial, but that does no one good. No one wants to believe what is going on."

"You need to open your eyes," said Campbell.

There are more than 500 gang members — some as young as nine years old — across the territory representing gangs like the Bloods, Crips, Latin Kings and more, Campbell explained.

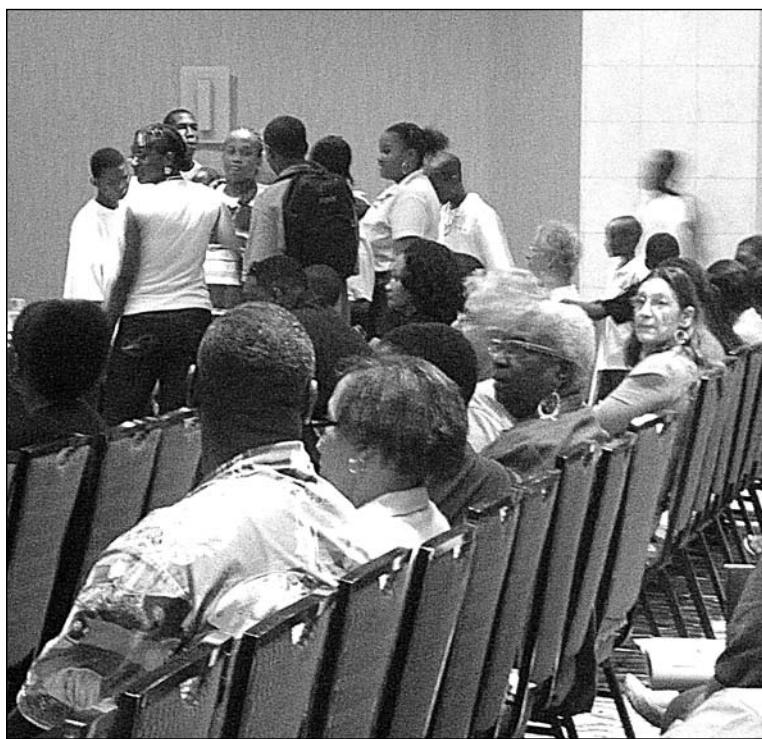
"I confiscated two knives off a first grader and I took a knife away from an eight-year-old boy," said Campbell. "You have Crips here on St. John."

And it's not just the territory's young men who are being lured into lives of violence. There are at least two well established female gangs in the territory as well, Campbell added.

Last week was not the gang expert's first time on St. John, but this time instead of presenting his Gangs 101 talk, Campbell sat back as the crowd viewed the impressive "Gangs in Paradise."

Blurry videos of school fights captured on cell phone cameras were just some of the disturbing images presented in the documentary, which was produced by Lambert Media.

The film included jail cell inter-



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Young people at the conference held hands and pledged to honor their parents.

views with convicted gang members and interviews with parents of slain children. "Gangs in Paradise" also included an interview with two St. John parents who suspected their son of gang involvement.

"We don't always know what is going on," said the mother. "It's time to start paying attention, especially in schools."

The territory-wide Anti-Gang Committee is a collaborative effort between numerous agencies including the U.S. Attorney's Office, Weed and Seed, Project Safe Neighborhoods, V.I. Police Department, Department of Human Services, the Office of the Governor and more.

The St. John conference was one event during a week-long conference and training program the committee hosted on all three islands last week. With the St. John conference drawing the biggest crowd, Love City has taken the first step in addressing the problem, according to Director of Intervention Services Cira Burke.

"It's so nice to see all these children here with their parents," said Burke. "We all share the passion of wanting to make a difference

in the community and help our young kids who are facing drugs and gangs."

During her work with Intervention Services for the past decade, Burke has lost 42 children through gang related violence and hopes to save at least one person from a similar fate.

"Tonight we want to make a difference to at least one person in this room," she said. "That person could be your son, your grandson, your daughter or your neighbor. This is not just a black and white issue."

"This is clearly impacting our entire community and it needs to stop," said Burke. "This is not a St. John problem or a St. Croix problem or a St. Thomas problem alone. This is a territory problem and a global problem."

Contributing factors range from poverty to teenage pregnancies, explained Burke.

"According to the Kid's Count Data from the Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands 55.8 percent of children in the Virgin Islands live in single parent homes," she said. "Our family structure has changed. And 29 percent of our children are living in poverty."

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"Looking at teen births, our teenagers are getting pregnant at rate of 57 per 1,000 girls between the ages of 15 and 19," said Burke. "What is really going on in our community?"

School proficiency levels and drop out rates play a part in the rise of gangs as well, Burke added.

"Our reading proficiency at the seventh grade level is 22 percent," she said. "In math we have a 41 percent proficiency rate. What does that say about us as a community?"

"We're not reading and we're not doing math — what are we doing," Burke asked. "Our drop out rate — we're not looking good there either. We have a 13 percent drop out rate in the territory which is twice as high as it is in the United States."

Teenagers between the ages of 16 and 19 not going to school and not working are ripe material for gang members, Burke added.

"One out of every four males in this age is not going to school and not working," said Burke. "These are detached youth and that is a very serious problem. These kids formulate gangs and they rob your homes and rape your kids."

Addressing the problem of gangs starts in the home, and must be followed through in schools and the community, according to Burke.

"We need to take a personal look at what we're doing as parents," she said. "We need to look at every aspect of this. The hardest part is looking at what we say, what we do and how we think."

"This is a community effort and

we all need to buy into it," Burke said.

Engaging the youth in attendance, Dr. Celia Victor, director of clinical compliance, asked each young person to the front of the room to hold hands.

"Repeat after me, 'I will be honest; I will love my community; I will be fair; I will listen to my parents,'" Victor had the students recite.

Other speakers at the conference included Assistant U.S. Attorney General Ishmael Meyers, Police Director Retired L. Louis Jordan, Sgt. Christopher Hill, Sgt. Leroy Contee, Bonny Corbeil and Winsbut McFarlane.

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Wha's Happ'nin'

by Sis Frank

So Many Old Friends Have Left Us

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And now, Bob Lefferts is the latest — his marvelous photographs showed his artistic talents, but his sense of humor and natural charm meant so much to everyone who knew him.

He and Sybil had been married for almost 50 years, the perfect marriage. Hopefully, Sybil will return next winter to sing at The Beach Bar. We all extend our love and deepest sympathy to her and the family.

Even though we hadn't seen Susan Buchanan on a regular basis, we all cherish the memory of Midori and her family who were such caring

people. I remember when they moved here from Hawaii, they were blessed to have had Carmen Samuel Hodge living nearby while Susan battled her illness.

Art School Dance Recital Draws Huge Audience

There were over 200 attending. I only hope that there is that large number when the "Young Lions" host their show on June 11 at the Westin. This will send the young musicians to music school.

Kaitlyn Cummings was outstanding as she performed her ballet solo that she created.

I was proud of them all!

Whitney Smith Inducted Into Antilles School's National Honor Society

By Jaime Elliott

St. John Tradewinds

St. John eleventh grader Whitney Smith was recently inducted into the Antilles School's Chapter of the National Honor Society.

Smith is the daughter of Winston Smith Sr. of the V.I. Water and Power Authority and Beulah Dalmida-Smith, Director of the Department of Planning and Natural Resources' Division of Fish

and Wildlife.

The 16-year-old St. Johnian is hoping to spend her summer at a stateside university studying engineering and plans to pursue a career in biochemical engineering.

"She has great aspirations," said her mother, Beulah Dalmida-Smith.

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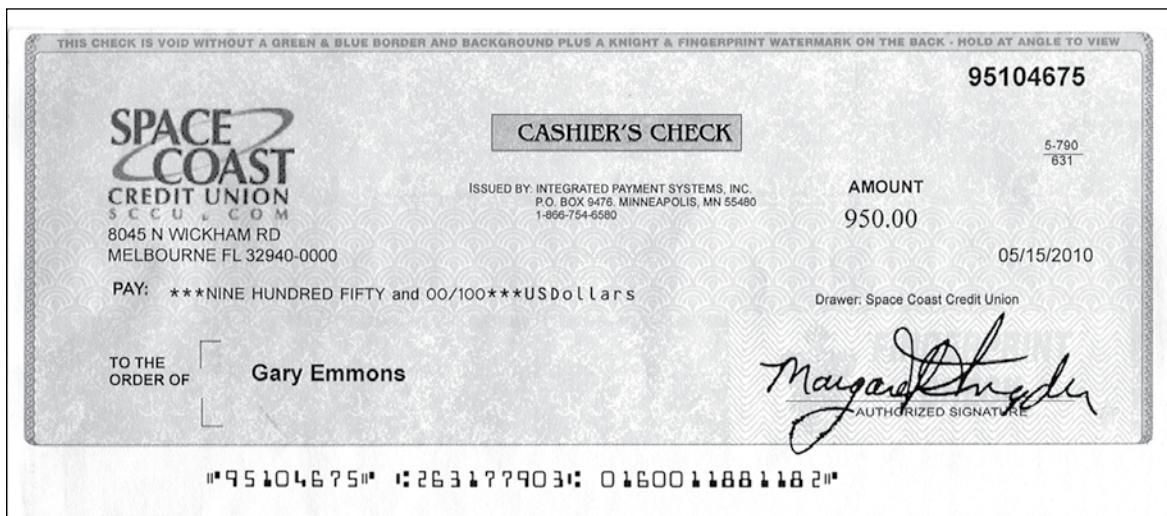
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Check Scam Hits St. John Mailboxes, Luring Residents with Cashier's Check

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

A St. John resident opened his mail on Saturday, May 22, and found a \$950 check with his name on it.

"I thought, 'this has to be too good to be true,'" said Gary Emmons.

Turns out the Estate Bordeaux resident was right. The check he received in his mailbox was one of the latest scams targeting residents across the country.

Arriving in an envelope with a Canadian return address and Canadian postage, the cashier's check featured the bank name Space Coast Credit Union of Melbourne, Florida, and was issued by Integrated Payment Systems Inc. of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

"Forgeries can take weeks to be discovered and untangled. The bottom line is that until the bank confirms that the funds from the check have been deposited into your account, you are responsible for any funds you withdraw against that check."

The signed check was dated May 15 and signed by an authorized signature which appears to spell "Margaret Snyder." The envelope also contained a letter from Crenshaw Research of New York City explaining that the recipient of the letter was selected to be a secret shopper.

"As one of the people selected to represent our firm, you will be acting as a Customer Service Evaluator of selected companies in your area," according to the letter. "This campaign is an excellent opportunity for you to earn hundreds of dollars weekly."

The first assignment for the secret shopper is to evaluate the ef-

ficiency of Moneygram, for which the recipient is promised a \$150 flat fee, according to the letter.

In order to start the project, however, the recipient is informed that they must first contact Crenshaw Research in order to remove the temporary hold on the cashier's check. They then must cash the check at their local bank, keep only the \$150 and send the rest back using Moneygram, which is how the scam works.

Just because a check is deposited does not mean that check is good, even if it is a cashier's check. While banks are required to make deposited funds available quickly, usually within one to five

days, it could take much longer for the fraud to be determined — by which time the consumer is out.

"Under federal law, banks must make funds available to you from U.S. Treasury checks, official bank checks (cashier's checks, certified checks, and teller's checks), and checks paid by government agencies at the opening of business the day after you deposit the check," according to the Federal Trade Commission's consumer protection website. "However, just because funds are available on a check you've deposited doesn't mean the check is good."

"It's best not to rely on money from any type of check (cashier, business or personal check, or money order) unless you know and trust the person you're dealing with or, better yet — until the bank confirms that the check has cleared," according to the website. "Forgeries can take weeks to be discovered and untangled. The bottom line is that until the bank confirms that the funds from the check have been deposited into your account, you are responsible for any funds you withdraw against that check."

So if Emmons had deposited the check and sent \$800 back to Crenshaw Research, he would have been out the entire \$950 for the deposit as well as the \$800 he sent back to the company.

The secret shopper scam is one
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For the Dogs: ACC Raises \$25K at 10th Annual Wagapalooza

By Jaime Elliott

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Cruz Bay went to the dogs last week.

Dogs of all ages, shapes and sizes — and some decked out in elaborate costumes — took over the Winston Wells ball field on Saturday, May 22, for the 10th Annual Wagapalooza.

The whacky island dog show drew a crowd of about 100 people to the ball field to watch the pups face off in a number of categories. While each dog couldn't take home a coveted blue ribbon, all island dogs won thanks to the \$25,000 the event raised for the St. John Animal Care Center.

Through the sale of raffle tickets, registration fees and food and drink sales and donations, the St. John ACC almost met its \$30,000 goal, explained Waga co-chair

Monica Munro.

"We're still counting, but we think we raised around \$25,000," she said. "Our goal is always higher and my personal goal this year was \$30,000, but we're very happy with what we raised. Everything was wonderful."

The island's only animal center, ACC operates a no-kill shelter and cares for numerous dogs and cats across the island. The group has an operating budget of about \$150,000, and receives only about \$15,000 from the government.

Wagapalooza is one of the group's main fundraisers for the year and has proven to be a popular event with hotly contested categories from Best Old Timer, won by Susan Mann's dog Pepper, to Best Look Alike, which went to Chloe and her owner Alicia Duplisey.

"We don't charge admission,

so we don't have exact numbers, but I think our attendance was up," said Munro. "We probably had the same number of dogs in the show, but we had tons of raffle prizes this year. Everyone was so great about donating prizes we probably had about 110 raffle prizes."

After handing out blue ribbons for category winners, ACC officials named Jack, owned by Derrick and Catherine, Waga 2010 King and Asa, owned by Colleen McAlister, this year's Waga Queen.

While Munro was busy working during Waga, she found time to enjoy the mouth-watering treats available at Top Dog concession.

"My favorite part of the night was really Jennifer Troisi's food at Top Dog," said Munro. "Everything was made from scratch and

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Best Lap Dog Maggie, shows off her winning form, sitting atop owner Earl Clark's lap.



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Thank You!

IGBA Looks to Future of St. John Development with Principal Planner

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

The Virgin Islands is on the cusp of change, Principal Planner Stuart Smith told the Island Green Builders Association at its Thursday evening, May 27, meeting at The Marketplace.

Smith, who came on board with the Department of Planning and Natural Resources just three and a half months ago, shared how the upcoming Virgin Islands Code revision will help preserve the local environment.

The code will undergo an 18 month long revision period, directed by Rutgers University. Steep slope development, which causes the majority of the Virgin Islands' runoff issues, is just one of the areas that will be addressed in the new code, explained Smith.

"It's the number one cause of nonpoint source pollution," he said. "The current zoning is inadequate at addressing steep slope development."

One way to address the problems caused by steep slope development is by establishing maximum cut and fill quantities, giving less allowances to steeper properties, Smith added.

Other controls Smith hopes to see implemented in the new code will address waste treatment systems, vegetation and buildable area.

"A lot of people come in and clear cut the entire site because it's cheapest to develop that way, plus it provides access for construction equipment and a place to store building materials," said Smith.

The planner hopes the new code will address the practice of clear cutting lots by ensuring property owners only remove vegetation that is absolutely necessary for construction, remove the vegetation in phases, and preserve vegetation around guts.

"Roots soak up moisture in the ground and hold the soil in place," said Smith. "They keep the soil

from slipping and becoming runoff."

Regulating waste treatment systems can also help protect the environment, according to Smith. Traditional septic systems can cause effluent to run onto neighboring properties, and even into the ocean.

"People put drain fields on unsuitable topography, and all that effluent slides down drain field lines too quickly, then leeches to the surface," said Smith. "Rainwater can then wash it down to the neighbor's property or the street. We can control a lot of this with waste treatment system setbacks."

New setback regulations can also help ensure that new construction fits in aesthetically with other island homes, Smith continued.

"Aesthetics is hard to insert in planning documents, but if we can control the size of structures being built it's a benefit for everyone," he said. "We could implement a floor area ratio, where you take the



Planner Stuart Smith

entire square footage of the house and divide it into the area of the property, which would help with grading and scale."

Smith also hopes the new code will address one issue that often plagues St. John — building height. The new regulations may address building height rather than number of stories.

"Building height is the biggest headache I run into," said Smith. "One of the most important things we could do is to establish measurable height."

One of the most important ways to help residents develop responsibly is education, Smith explained.

The planner implored IGBA to help educate those going through the building process on new environmentally friendly technologies.

"Everyone thinks the traditional way is the cheapest, safest, most predictable way to do it," said Smith. "Most people see dollar signs more than the environmental impact. Organizations like IGBA can really sit down and walk you through some of the new energy saving environmentally friendly technologies."

Finally, Smith assured IGBA members that DPNR is in fact user friendly, and encouraged everyone to come to him with any questions or concerns.

"You can bring anything to me," said Smith. "Even if I can't get the answer, I'll try to find it for you."

DPNR's St. John office will move this week to the old Head Start building near the library in Cruz Bay. Smith can be reached at 774-3320 ext. 5107, or via email at stuart.smith@dpnr.gov.vi.

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Chamber Members Look To Keep Cruz Bay Waterfront Quaint

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Members of the St. John Chapter of the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce voted to create a draft of a proposed plan for the Cruz Bay waterfront and creek areas during the group's Tuesday evening, May 25, meeting at Ocean Grill upstairs.

The 13 chamber chapter members at the meeting, which was led by Don Porter, discussed what changes they'd like V.I. Port Authority officials to realize along the waterfront and near Cruz Bay Creek — which was mostly nothing at all.

"I don't understand what the big hurry is here," said Andy Rutnik. "Why not create an ambiance there with open space and something we can access instead of that big fence. We should look at it as common space that should be preserved."

"Why do we have to do anything there right now," Rutnik asked. "We don't want any big buildings and in the meantime we can have open spaces, some palm trees and benches and local vendors. Then we can let future generations come up with better ideas."

The chamber chapter group is hosting a town hall meeting on the issue, co-sponsored by Senator at Large Craig Barshinger's office, on June 24. While the location of the meeting has yet to be determined, group members were hoping to agree on what the group would propose for the area.

"If we have concerns with plans for the area, we should come up with what we want to see there and have it in written format to share at the town meeting," said Porter. "We want to avoid a negative experience and come to the meeting with ideas of what we want to see happen."

The St. Thomas-based architectural firm Robert deJongh and Associates was contracted by VIPA to design a plan for the Cruz Bay waterfront from the Loredon Boynes Sr. Ferry Dock to the Creek.

Among other plans, the architecture firm proposed to construct several commercial buildings in



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Chamber members discussed ways to keep Cruz Bay's quiet character.

the area, which chamber chapter members at the meeting largely opposed.

"We don't want to have a mini Havensight here," said Glen Speer. "The waterfront should be for people to enjoy their lives on St. John. We shouldn't have buildings along the waterfront."

With construction costs continually climbing, VIPA would have to borrow to pay for the project, which could translate into higher fees as the semi-autonomous government agency looks to recoup its expenses, explained Speer.

"VIPA keeps having to borrow to pay for these things," he said. "Construction costs are so high the numbers won't ever pan out. So there will be higher airport fees or dock fees or something."

"Plus the companies they're going to lease the buildings to are EDC beneficiaries which don't pay taxes," Speer said.

Catering to corporate entities to fill proposed shops along the waterfront would alter the character of Cruz Bay, added Speer.

"VIPA is big on corporate entities and cruise ships," said he said. "That changes our entire island and corporate entities just haven't worked here. I don't really think this project is going to happen because I don't think they can pay the bonds."

Walking areas devoid of vehicle

congestion would be a great thing to have along the waterfront, according to Cid Hamling.

"I would like to see a walking area there with green space without congestion and traffic," said Hamling. "And we could open ourselves up to the marine industry which we drove out of the U.S. Virgin Islands."

While several members discussed plans for the creek, one chapter member questioned the purpose in the first place.

"Has anyone ever heard of the Port Authority listening to anyone," asked Pam Gaffin. "What can we do this time so they really pay attention."

In order to make their voices heard, the group should attend a VIPA governing board meeting, according to Lorelei Monsanto.

"I suggest that you go to VIPA and make a presentation at a board meeting," said Monsanto. "You have to get up off the island and go all the way to the airport and make a presentation before the entire board."

The group voted to have Rutnik create a first draft of a proposal which would outline limited activity along the waterfront. The plan will eventually become the basis of further presentations to the VIPA governing board and possibly V.I. Legislature and Governor John deJongh.

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Forecasters Call for Active 2010 Hurricane Season

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

It's that time of year again — the 2010 Hurricane Season officially kicks off on Tuesday, June 1, and forecasters are predicting more storm activity this summer than last.

Philip Klotzbach and William Gray of Colorado State University's Tropical Meteorology Project, which has been issuing seasonal hurricane predictions for 27 years, are calling for about eight hurricanes, four of which are expected to be major hurricanes, of category four or higher. The meteorologists are calling for a total of 15 named storms for the hurricane season, which ends on November 30.

The forecasters issued their last report in April and will publish an updated forecast on Wednesday, June 2. The duo will publish their final update for the 2010 Hurricane Season in August.

The April predictions, however, already featured more storm forecasts than the group's December report.

"We have increased our early April forecast from our forecast of early December due to the considerable warming in tropical Atlantic SSTs [sea surface temperatures] along with an

anticipated weakening of the current moderate El Nino," according to Klotzbach and Gray's report, which can be viewed at <http://hurricane.atmos.colostate.edu/Forecasts>. "The predicted weakening of El Nino conditions combined with a very strong anomalous warming of the tropical Atlantic are the primary reasons why we are increasing our forecast. We believe that these two features will lead to favorable dynamic and thermodynamic conditions for hurricane formation and intensification."

The meteorologists refer to a sea surface temperature anomaly as the reason for the expected increase in hurricane activity for 2010.

"Conditions in the Atlantic are quite favorable for an active season," according to the Tropical Meteorology Project report. "SST [sea surface temperatures] anomalies across the Main Development Region for March are near their highest levels on record. This pressure gradient pattern causes a reduction in the trade winds."

"Reduced trade winds drive less upwelling and evaporation from the sea surface, typically resulting in a warming of SSTs," according to the report. "Warmer Atlantic SSTs in the MDR [main development region] are associated with

"Conditions in the Atlantic are quite favorable for an active season."

an active THC [Thermohaline Circulation], weaker tropospheric vertical wind shear, weaker trade winds, increased instability and lower-than-normal sea level pressures. All of these conditions are generally associated with much more active Atlantic basin hurricane seasons."

The sea surface temperature anomalies could, however, dissipate by the start of or during this year's hurricane season.

"The big question is whether or not this anomalous warming will persist through the upcoming hurricane season," according to the Tropical Meteorology report. "We will be monitoring these conditions over the next couple of months."

In addition to the CSU's June and August updated forecasts, the group will issue two-week forecasts for Atlantic tropical cyclone activity during August and October. All of the forecasts are available at <http://hurricane.atmos.colostate.edu/Forecasts>.



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Inner Visions Hits the Road as Foursome for 2010 Summer Tour

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

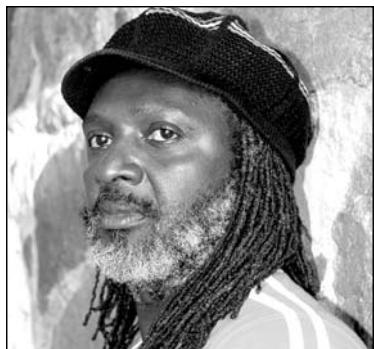
The hardest working reggae band in the business hit the road again last week, but minus one long-term member.

Love City's own Inner Visions departed the territory on Thursday, May 27, for the reggae group's tenth stateside tour. This time around, however, the group took to the road as a foursome since "Ras" Paul "Osis" Samms, who pitched in on vocals and percussion, has left the band.

Inner Visions is touring this summer with Phillip "Grasshopper" Pickering, Alvin "Jupiter" Pickering, Akiba "Snooze" Pickering and Aswad "Hollywood" Pickering.

While Inner Visions' popularity has continually grown over the band's more than 20 years of playing, the reggae artists haven't found the financial windfall they still expect, according to guitarist and vocalist Phillip "Grasshopper" Pickering.

"Ras Paul has retired after more than 20 years with the band," said Pickering. "I guess he was just tired of the road. Touring isn't easy and it is not showing its face financially yet the way it should."



Grasshopper



Jupiter



Snooze



Hollywood

"We're sad to see Paul go, but we wish him well," said Pickering.

Despite the lack of money flowing their way just yet, the Inner Visions members know it's coming, Pickering added.

"You know, Bob Marley and Peter Tosh had the same issue in the beginning when the money wasn't there," said Pickering. "But you have to know where you're going, not just where you are. It's just a matter of time."

With fans around the globe hammering for Inner Visions songs and concerts, the band is confident of continued success.

"We have heard from everywhere from Guam to France talking about our music," Pickering said. "I think if we lived in the states for a year,

Inner Visions would be a household name everywhere. It's tough living here and trying to sell as many CDs as possible and get our names out there."

With two agents representing the popular roots reggae band these days, Inner Visions already has more gigs lined up this summer than ever before, explained Pickering.

"This is our tenth stateside summer tour," he said. "We might come back for a week or two, but otherwise we have dates booked through September. We've got dates from Asheville to Maine and from New Jersey to California."

Far from the luxury tour buses of the major label musicians, Inner Visions members will regularly play a

gig until 2 a.m., then pack up their own gear, drive 10 hours to the next gig, set up and jam again. But that scenario is better than having down time, according to Pickering.

"It's a lot of hard work, but it's even harder if you're not working enough," he said. "In the past we've had time off, but this year we're booked pretty solid with club dates and festivals. It's getting better year after year."

Pickering doesn't have one favorite stateside performance location, but several locations stood out in his mind.

"I love to play places where the crowd really gets into it and then you feed off that," he said. "It's always fun to play in St. Louis and Maine. There is a place called

Schooner's Landing where they love us — they even expanded the club there for Inner Visions."

A new album for the band is also in the works, which Pickering said should be out soon.

"It's already been mixed and mastered and now it's in the production phase," he said. "We won't push it locally until September though when we get back. We'll do CD release parties and that sort of stuff."

As the roots reggae musicians continue to keep their positive vibrations grooving, Inner Visions fans can plan on catching the band stateside anywhere from North Carolina to California. For the band's 2010 Summer tour dates check out innervisions.com.

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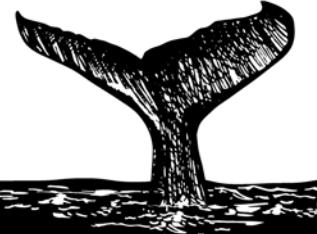
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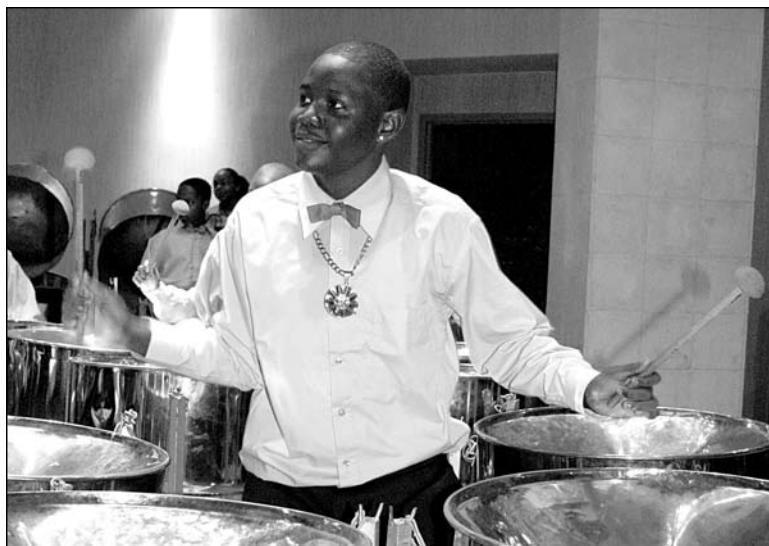

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Nekwan Sprauve captured the attention of the audience last year with his animated-playing of the four-pan tenor base during Love City Pan Dragon's Chirstmas Concert at the Westin Resort.

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New Basketball Court and Scholarship Fund in Memory of Nekwan Sprauve

By Malik Stevens
St. John Tradewinds

Early in the month of May, St. John was struck with the unexpected passing of 15-year-old Nekwan "Neko" Sprauve.

Nekwan, who had always been in a life-long battle with sickle cell anemia, came down with a serious illness, which has been speculated to be Dengue Fever. After a couple days of putting up a difficult fight, the young man's life was brought to an early end.

Nekwan is survived by both his parents, his older sister and two younger brothers, to whom we all wish sincere condolences in this time of mourning and re-

adjustment.

Though suffering from a serious case of sickle cell anemia while alive, "Neko" as he was affectionately called by his family and friends, never let his sickness slow him down.

Nekwan was a hard-working student at the Giff Hill School, who pushed himself to be able to partake in the school's athletics as a member of the school's basketball and flag-football teams.

He was also a long-time member of the Love City Pan Dragons, where he was able to channel his love for music. For those who might not know him, but

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by Angela Alifieri

The Mind/Body Connection: Take a Deep Breath

St. John Tradewinds

When it comes to relaxing on a typical day on St. John, most probably think that the task shouldn't be too difficult.

When one starts adding up life's challenges like finances, relationships, or current health matters, however, it begins to be clear how important it is to learn how to slow down and take a deep breath.

The reality is that stress appears in all areas of our lives no matter what part of the world we live in — the major link to not allowing it to consume us is all in the approach. That is when it's time to focus the your breath.

Stress is a normal physiological reaction to anything that causes us to feel threatened mentally, emotionally, or physically. The body responds by releasing stress hormones such as adrenaline and cortisol into the blood stream which causes the heart to pound faster, the muscles to tighten, blood pressure to rise, and the breath to quicken.

All of a sudden the senses become sharper, and increased strength and stamina help to speed reaction time so that you are ready for any life threatening situation. This natural stress response is otherwise known as "fight, flight or even freeze" response. It is a natural mechanism built into all of us to keep us alive. But what happens when we are in this mode on a long-term basis?

When our bodies are constantly undergoing threat, the body simply cannot fully function at its optimal level of health, and it begins to break down. Chronic stress has a multitude of symptoms that affect one's quality of life.

Some of these common signs are: unknown weight loss or weight gain; sugar cravings; mental confusion; digestive imbalances; moodiness; excess or lack of sleep; high blood pressure; and even the suppression of the immune system, which can also relate to increased susceptibility to viruses. The best option from here is to learn techniques to disengage this constant state of influx to a state of equilibrium.

Our bodies function best at a relaxed state. This relaxation happens when our breath slows down, our heart rate decreases and our bodies begin to let go of any physical tension held in the musculature. From here, our mental and emotional levels of self are also more stable as we move toward a place of being centered and more conscious about how we approach circumstances in our lives.

When we allow ourselves a moment to slow down and take a deep breath, we are giving ourselves the opportunity to be more "present" in all that we do.

So, now the question remains, how do we stop and

take a deep breath? Well, the best approach to that is to develop breath awareness.

Here are 10 simple steps to realizing your breath:

1. First — stop what you're doing.
2. Find a comfortable position, inhale and exhale through your nose, close your eyes and begin to observe your breath.
3. Begin to notice your inhalations, and exhalations — where do you feel your breath traveling to in the body?
4. Try to slow your breath down.
5. On your next inhalation count 1,2,3... and on your exhalation do the same.
6. Once you have slowed your breath down a little, attempt to direct your breath to your lower belly.
7. On your next inhalation count, feel your belly rise.
8. On the exhalation, begin to feel the belly draw in.
9. Attempt this breath cycle at least five times.
10. Now open your eyes — what do you notice?

If you have noticed anything at all, you should have observed a small sense of relaxation. The awareness in your mind may have taken some silence, colors around you may appear more vivid and the body may even feel a little softer and lighter.

In addition to these feelings, you are also taking the first step to reaping the endless benefits of placing yourself in a relaxed state. Some of these include: embracing happier and healthier relationships; better mental awareness; and more opportunity to create and attract positive influences in your life like a new job or education.

Keep in mind that old saying, "practice makes perfect." A healthy life is about making choices that are in our best interest to maintain a sense of balance. So, as with anything new, nothing happens overnight. If you are willing to make even a small commitment to your breath, the advantages will be endless.

By simply moving from a place of making a conscious choice versus allowing a reaction to take hold of your life, you are empowering yourself to live a more happy, healthy and relaxed lifestyle. Good Luck!

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Bajo el sol owners Tom and Livy Hitchcock give back to their community by using their gallery to validate students' achievements,

allowing their creativity to flow and giving them a positive experience.

IEK Art Department Chairperson Lisa Etre directs students in projects which keep them engaged and successful. Exposing the public to the talents of children has been a priority for Etre since she took lead of the IEK art department 16 years ago.

Using grant funds from V.I. Council on the Arts and Friends of V.I. National Park, students are exposed to new materials and

methods not usually found in the classroom. The students also have the pleasure of working with some of Bajo's professional artists.

The results are varied, from pastel to paste paper, metal work and printmaking. Also featured are several experimental group pieces by Etre's Color and Design Students. Kean Art teachers Alrid Lockhart and Frances Rutnik will also have work in the exhibition.

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Friends would also like to extend a big thank you to all the event volunteers that helped to make this year's Power Swim a success. Without you we would have never been able to put this event together!

Letters to St. John Tradewinds

Register To Vote and Get Involved

This is a call to action. Tell all your friends to register to vote, if they live in the Virgin Islands and choose to vote in the US, we need them to get involved in the VI.

If you know of anyone who can represent you in the Senate or Governor seek that person out and ask them to represent you. Support the individual in anyway you can.

"You are the ones you are looking for." With that said, get active in your community. We are all living together and all actions or lack of actions are determining the future for generations to come.

Contact groups and organizations and become members, partake in your own destiny. Become part of the solutions not part of the problem. You can choose for Chamber of Commerce, Community Foundations, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, VI Unity Day Group, PTA, PTO, Coral Bay Community Council, Friends of the Park just to name a few. Get involved.

The issues that are faced in the Virgin Islands can and will be solved with your help and insight.

Please forward your input, we need people to represent us and you need to help them help us.

Lorelei Monsanto

How Lucky Can You Get?

You take over with two wars that have been going on for seven years and you start to get them under control. At the same time your country and the rest of the world is in total economic crisis, you start to get that under control.

Everyone in the world hates your country and you start to mend bridges and make friends. So Tea Parties start to develop led by a comedienne and hard core right wingers to derail you. You finally get a little fix on a totally dysfunctional health care system and begin to work on legislation to prevent another world financial crisis and BP, one of the world's worst polluters, has an oil well blow up and now you have to fix the Gulf of Mexico.

It sure ain't easy.

Greg Miller

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: 36
Grand Larcenies: 21
Rapes: 0

Cane Come After the Fall, A Special Tribute to Mr. Smith

When I want to think good thoughts, of everyday happenings on St. John, I must always call on my friends. For memories and pleasantries and, most importantly, good people. Good morning!

I will now tell you about a good St. Johnian, his name is Al Smith. A man who deserves his long recognition and accolades.

He has worked at the post office from donkey years. Even with a disability now, he still works there. Maybe shorter hours, but that's still a good amount of service at the post office every week.

And in his spare time, he makes canes and other helpful things for the handicapped and needy. He

does this for the care and love of the needy.

Mr. Smith thank you for all that you do.

You get a big hug from all your fans. Now you keep on "raising cane" and you keep making your special blessings.

Sincerely,
Loretto Kraft

P.S.

My cane is just beautiful and fits just right. Al Smith, you are my hero for your custom canes, clocks and woodwork and good will.

"Brenda" by Beverly Melius

today is too soon to gather in
the frayed and torn remnants
of your pain

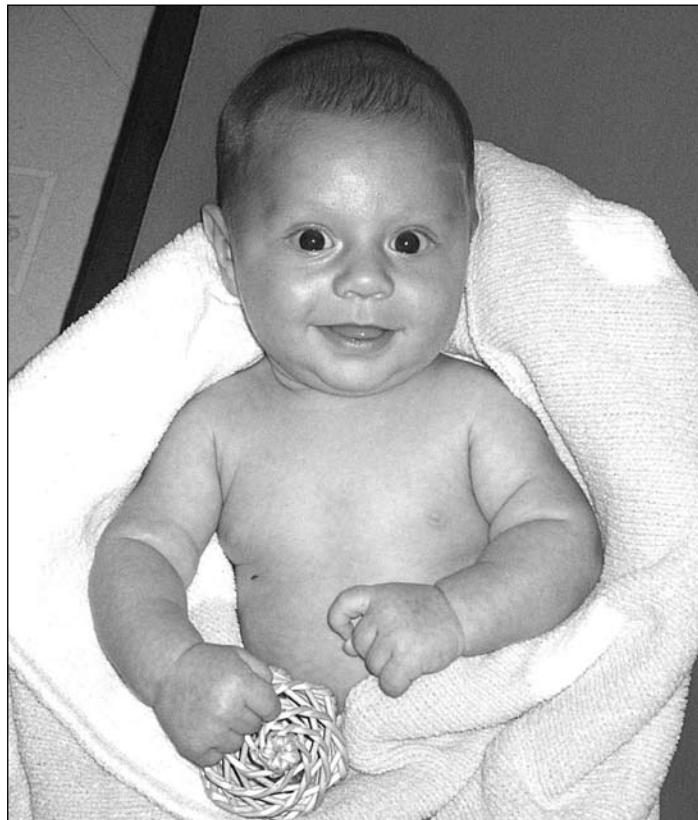
too soon to sweep up the
green leaves of your grief
but someday you will embrace
the endlessness of your loss
and loose it to the clouds

so they can breathe it from you
into their soft folds, so they can
caress it gently as a child's cheek

loosing it to the wind
to play his music on
loosing it to the sea

to sing him his lessons by
loosing it so the laughter and memories
of your precious boy can well up
within you and bring you peace

even today though, even today
the unknowable measure
that is far greater than all ah we
is humming within you
blessing the song of your life



Birth Announcement:

Audie Benjamin Weaver

Proud parents Clare and Doug Weaver welcomed their son, Audie Benjamin Weaver, into the world on March 16. Audie was born at 12:20 a.m. at Schneider Regional Medical Center on St. Thomas weighing eight pounds and 2.2 ounces and measuring 20.5 inches.

Obituary

Winter Resident Robert Lefferts Passes at Age 83

St. John Tradewinds

Robert Lefferts, a 45-year winter visitor to St. John died on May 19, 2010, surrounded by his family. He was born in Paterson, NJ, May 12, 1927, the son of the late Morris and Eleanor Leffertz.

He held a BS and MSW from Ohio State University and a PhD from the Brandeis University Florence Heller School for Advanced Studies in Social Welfare. He was a Special Research Fellow, National Institutes of Health, 1969-71, and served as a consultant to President Johnson's Anti-Poverty Council in Washington, DC, in 1964.

Lefferts came to Stony Brook University, NY, in 1971 as a Professor on the faculty to start the School of Social Welfare, and was Acting Dean 1979-80, and 1991-92, Director of the Research and Consultation Center and Associate Dean 1974-78, 1989-2000. In addition, he was Affiliate Professor of Management, Harriman College for Policy Analysis and Management, 1985-88.

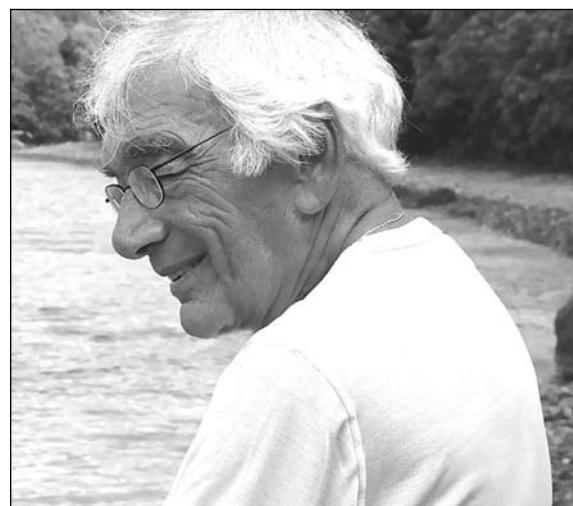
From 1991-2002 he was Chief Executive Officer of 100 percent Drug Free Clubs, a federally funded safe driving demonstration program funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Prior to coming to Stony Brook University, he was Vice President, Greenleigh Associates 1963-71 and Chief Consultant 1971-78 where he directed 33 studies of federal, state and local anti-poverty programs. His earlier work was in the community council field in Chicago, Schenectady, Media, Pa. and New York City.

He was President of Lefferts Associates 1984-2006, his market research and program evaluation firm. He was consultant to numerous organizations including LI Fund for Women and Girls, Stony Brook Surgical Innovations, National Black Alcoholism and Addictions Council, Gynacare, Inc, LI Headstart, Inc., and US Virgin Islands Department of Health.

Lefferts was the author of three books, "Getting a Grant," (Simon and Schuster), "Basic Handbook of Grants Management," (Basic Books) and "Elements of Graphics" (Harper and Row).

Following his retirement from the University, while in St. John, he bought his first "real" camera at the age of 76 and became a fine art photographer.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo File

Bob Lefferts

With no formal training or prior experience, his work met with immediate artistic and commercial success, including seven one-person shows and more than 30 group shows. His first show was at the Donald Schnell Studio.

His work is in more than 240 private collections and has been used in books, magazines and CD covers. Much of this work is in a contemporary impressionistic style and won him critical acclaim from reviewers.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Sybil, son Rick and his life partner Linda Holt, daughter Debby Lefferts, her husband Mario Brenes, stepson Ed Buffman, his wife Teresa Durkin and their daughters, Sydney and Hayley, brother George and four nieces and their families.

A Memorial Celebration will be hosted at Moloney Funeral Home, 523 Rte 112, Port Jefferson Station, NY, Saturday, June 5, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Concern for Independent Living, Inc., Donations Department, 312 Expressway Drive South, Medford, NY 11763, or the Trust for Public Land, www.TPL.org, Save Maho Bay.

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ISLAND NOTES from the publisher

— My sincerest sympathies to Sybil Lefferts and her family on the passing of Bob.

— Please donate to the Nekwan Sprauve Basketball Court and Memorial Scholarship Fund.

— Don't forget to take your family to the "JJ" Alfred Memorial Fun Day on Monday, May 31.

— MN

Check Scam Hits St. John

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type of fraud which uses fake checks to lure potential victims. Similar scams include foreign lottery, internet auction and check overpayment scams.

"In secret shopper scams, the consumer, hired to be a secret shopper, is asked to evaluate the effectiveness of a money transfer service," according to Federal Trade Commission's consumer protection website. "The consumer is given a check, told to deposit it in their bank account, and withdraw the amount in cash. Then, the consumer is told to take the cash to the money transfer service specified, and typically, send the transfer to a person in a Canadian city."

"Then, the consumer is supposed to evaluate their experience — but no one collects the evaluation," according to the website. "The secret shopper scenario is just a scam to get the consumer's money."

The scam is difficult to track, according to FTC's website.

"Con artists who use these schemes can easily avoid detection," according to the website. "When funds are sent through wire transfer services, the recipients can pick up the money at other locations within the same country; it is nearly impossible

for the sender to identify or locate the recipient."

In order to avoid check scams, consumers are urged to never wire money to strangers and only accept checks from known banks and from known people. Emmons' secret shopper offer also included a plea to act quickly due to the time sensitive nature of the request, which is a sign the deal is a fake, according to FTC.

"If the buyer insists that you wire back funds, end the transaction immediately," according to FTC. "Legitimate buyers don't pressure you to send money by wire transfer services. In addition, you have little recourse if there's a problem with a wire transaction. Know who you're dealing with, and never wire money to strangers."

Emmons hoped that by sharing his story with the community he could save someone from becoming a fraud victim, he explained.

"In today's world with a lot of people struggling financially, this could be very tempting," said Emmons. "I just wanted to get the word out as quickly as I could to stop this scam and hopefully no one will fall for it."

If anyone believes they are a victim of a scam, contact FTC at ftc.gov or call 1-877-382-4357.

Crossword Answers — Puzzle on Page 18



St. John Tradewinds News Photos by Tropical Focus

Dogs young and old, big and small enjoyed the festivities and fun at Wagapalooza. Waga 2010 Queen Asa, top left, got a hug from owner Colleen McAlister.

For the Dogs: ACC Raises \$25K at 10th Waga

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she had really good food for vegetarians."

The event could not have been so successful without the numerous volunteers, Munro added.

"We had so many wonderful volunteers," she said. "Even people who hadn't signed up, just showed and helped out."

The one night of fun takes almost one full year worth of work and organizers are already looking ahead to next year.

"We had another successful Wagapalooza and we'll absolutely have another one next year," said Munro. "We're already looking at dates and tentatively we're looking at May 21 next year. We have to start planning next year's event the day Waga ends."

Munro has already signed up to help out next year and said it was the animals which keeps her dedicated to the St. John ACC.

"I love the animals," said the proud owner of two dogs and five cats. "Seeing some of these animals who have been neglected and dropped off at the shelter and then watching them find new homes and people who love them — that makes it all worth it."

The next major St. John ACC fund raiser will be the group's annual No Fleas Please, Flea Market in October. Then in January, St. John animal lovers will gather once again for the annual Christmas for the Animals, which the group is already planning too.



Residents of all ages got in on the whacky Waga fun. Residents posed with their pets in front of the famous "Wagameter" after the show.

While Munro wouldn't reveal the location of next year's holiday party, "it's going to be at one of the newest and most beautiful villas on the island," she said.

The St. John ACC is always in need of donations to keep its shelter doors open and its spay and neuter programs operational. For more information about the ACC or to make a donation, call 774-1625.

Philanthropist Sussman Matching UVI Donations Up to \$100,000

St. John Tradewinds

The University of the Virgin Islands and UVI Trustee Donald Sussman are issuing a matching gift challenge to the Virgin Islands community.

In an effort to encourage charitable giving to the university by alumni and non-alumni, Sussman, a member of the University's Board of Trustees, has stepped forward with a \$100,000 matching gift challenge for individuals and companies who have not supported the university since October 1, 2008.

Sussman will match every alumni contribution dollar-for-dollar for all gifts in excess of \$100. All non-alumni gifts, from businesses and individuals, in excess of \$1,000 will be matched 50 cents per dollar donated. All gifts meeting these criteria will be matched up to \$100,000. Sussman's matching gift challenge runs until September 30, 2010.

"The University of the Virgin Islands is elated to have continued commitment from Mr. Sussman," said UVI's Interim Vice President for Institutional

Advancement Dr. Henry Smith. "Mr. Sussman has donated substantial gifts in recent years, but this kind of challenge encourages the entire community to contribute to UVI."

"Now is the time for donors to maximize their contribution to UVI, especially alumni, since alumni contributions will be matched 100 percent," said Smith.

Donors can designate specific areas where they want their contributions to be used, Smith added.

Those areas include scholarships, the Foundation for the University of the Virgin Islands, the Reichhold Center for the Arts, academic divisions, research, UVI's Community Engagement and Lifelong Learning Center, summer enrichment programs and athletics.

Gifts not designated will go toward the President's Fund, an unrestricted fund which supports areas of greatest need. To make a donation or to learn more about university initiatives contact the UVI Institutional Advancement Office at 693-1040.

Court and Scholarship in Memory of Nekwan Sprauve

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are familiar with the band, Neko was one of the happiest boys on the tenor base who had the biggest smile and the most rhythmical movement while performing.

Nekwan was a loving son, brother, cousin, student, athlete and performer and no matter where he was or what he was doing, he had the ability to make those around him laugh and feel more light spirited.

In loving memory of Nekwan Sprauve the Gifft Hill School is constructing a new basketball half-court and garden at its upper campus in remembrance of his presence at the school and life on St. John.

This court will be positioned to the front side of the school building, and is expected to be completed early enough for the students of the 2010-2011 school year to enjoy.

As these students dribble up and down this new half court, the main intention is for them to remember their good friend Neko, and also to realize that life tomorrow is not guaranteed. It could be a reminder for students to live each day as if it was their last, putting their best foot forward.

In addition to the Nekwan Sprauve Memorial Half Court, GHS is also establishing a scholarship fund in Nekwan's name. This scholarship will be for students

who exhibit excellence in athletics and in the arts and music, as well as possessing Nekwan's positive character and outlook on life. The initial goal for this scholarship fund is \$25,000.

Although Nekwan has left us at a early age, he is off to a better place and though he is now gone, he will not be forgotten. The Gifft Hill School efforts will guarantee this.

To donate to any of the above efforts please contact Beth Jones or Molly Murrill in the GHS Development Office at 776-1730 or ghsdevelopment@mac.com. Or feel free to contribute online at http://www.giffthillschool.org/support_donate.html.

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 knows anything, they should say something. Even the smallest bit of information may be just what law enforcement needs to solve these cases.

St. John

On Tuesday, May 18, the office trailer of Blue Stone Services at Virgin Grand Estates was broken into. Stolen items

included three cordless drills, an impact driver, seven 18-volt batteries, a saw and a hammer drill. Police believe a vehicle was used to transport the items from the scene.

The Territory

Crime Stoppers is offering a \$2,000 cash reward for information leading to the arrest of the individuals responsible for the May 13 burglary and arson of the Virgin Islands Lottery office located at 78-79 Kronprindsens

Gade in Charlotte Amalie. The individuals were captured by a surveillance video as they carried out the crime, which occurred between 5:30 and 6 a.m. Pictures can be viewed at the Crime Stoppers website.

Community members can submit tips on these or any other crimes at www.CrimeStopperSUSVI.org or by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). Tips are completely anonymous, and stateside operators are bilingual.

St. John Police Report

EMERGENCY LAND LINE: 911

EMERGENCY CELLULAR: 340-776-9110

POLICE: 340-693-8880 / FIRE: 340-776-6333

Friday, May 21

12:40 p.m. - An Estate Carolina resident p/r a disturbance with his employee. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

8:59 p.m. - A citizen c/r a disturbance in Coral Bay.

Saturday, May 22

11:55 p.m. - Badge #708 p/ with one Paul Morris of Free-man's Ground under arrest and charged with disturbance of the peace, D.V. and aggravated assault and battery. No bail was set by order of the court. He was transported to the Bureau of Corrections on St. Thomas to be remanded.

possession of a controlled substance. Bail was set at \$1,000 by order of the court. He was transported to the Bureau of Corrections on St. Thomas to be remanded.

5:50 p.m. - Badge #90 p/ with one Shamyra Alecia of Estate Contant under arrest and charged with simple possession of a controlled substance. Her bail was set at \$1,000 by order of the court. She was transported to the Bureau of Corrections on St. Thomas to be remanded.

10:40 p.m. - Badge #742 p/ with one Raymond Krek of Jefferson, WI, under arrest and charged with driving under the influence. His bail was set at \$1,000 by order of the court. He was transported to the Bureau of Corrections on St. Thomas to be remanded. DUI.

Sunday, May 23

1:47 a.m. - One John Doe needed medical treatment at Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center. Police assistance.

3:38 p.m. - A market owner c/r a male stole two bottles of liquor from his business. Petit larceny.

Monday, May 24

2:10 a.m. - A citizen r/ a verbal altercation turned physical.

6:42 a.m. - An Estate Gifft Hill resident r/ he was involved in an auto accident. Auto accident.

10:45 a.m. - An Estate Carolina resident p/r she observed some plants that appeared to be marijuana on her family property. Police assistance.

Tuesday, May 25

10:03 a.m. - A citizen c/r she was in an auto accident. Auto accident.

2:32 p.m. - An Estate Bethany resident c/r a larceny. Grand larceny.

3:30 p.m. - The people of the Virgin Islands r/ the sale of illegal drugs in the area of Nature's Nook, Cruz Bay. Simple possession of a controlled substance.

5:50 p.m. - Badge #90 p/ with one Jamar Todman of George Simmonds Terrace under arrest and charged with simple

Wednesday, May 26

10:53 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r destruction of property. Destruction of property.

11:37 a.m. - An Estate Bethany resident r/ his rear windshield was destroyed by flying debris. Destruction of property.

4:15 p.m. - A California resident r/ being given a bad check. Drawing and delivering worthless checks.

7:30 p.m. - Badge #742 p/ with one Kim Chi Van, the owner of Cali Nails, under arrest and charged with drawing and delivering worthless checks. Her bail was set at \$1,000 by order of the court. She was transported to the Bureau of Correction on St. Thomas to be remanded.

Thursday, May 27

8:13 p.m. - An Estate Contant resident c/r requesting police assistance. Police assistance.

Friday, May 28

1:50 p.m. - A citizen p/r he went to drop his daughter home to her mother's house and she was nowhere to be found. Neglect of parental duty.

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 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.

Tuesday, June 1

As part of its 2010 Summer Film Series, the St. John Film Society is hosting a free screening of "Pete Seeger: The Power of Song," by Jim Brown, on Tuesday night, June 1, at 7 p.m. at Sputnik in Coral Bay.

Deadline: Friday, June 4

Scholarships are available for students in the Early Learning Center (Preschool through First Grade) at Gifft Hill School. Applications need to be submitted by Friday, June 4.

Saturday, June 5

Due to inclement weather forecast by the National Weather Service and in order to protect the steel pans, the St. John Festival Committee was forced to postpone Pan-O-Rama from May 29, to June 5.

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 17-20

The 2010 Scotiabank International Optimist Regatta will take place June 17 to 20 out of the St. Thomas Yacht Club.

June 30

Lt. Gov. Gregory Francis 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.

Monday, July 5

St. John Festival parade will be on Monday, July 5, starting at 11 a.m.

ALCHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

Alcoholics Anonymous meets as scheduled: Sundays, 9:45 a.m. at Hawksnest Bay Beach; Closed meetings for alcoholics only at Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cruz Bay at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays; Open meetings on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 6 p.m. at Nazareth Lutheran Church; 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

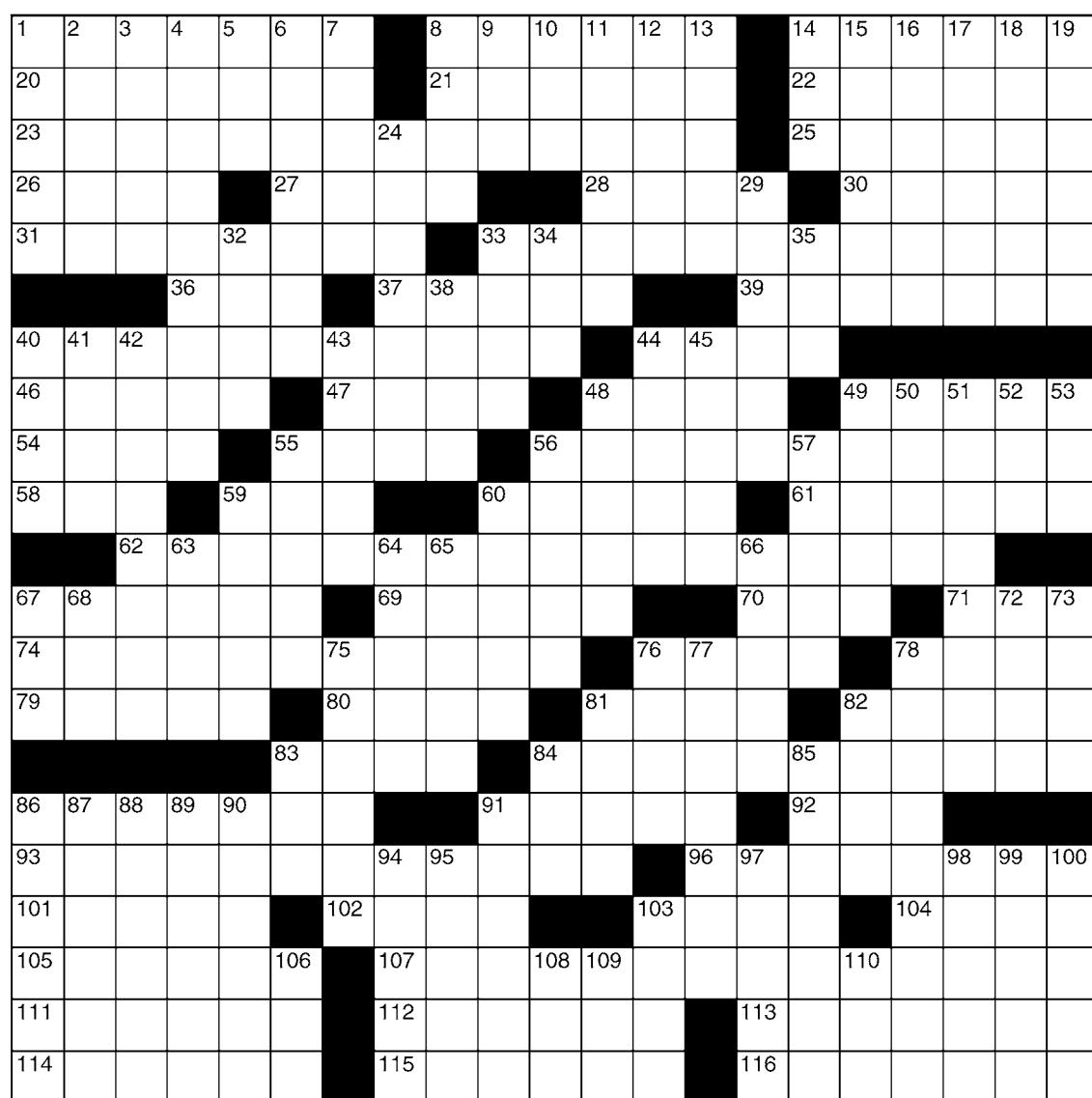
Al-Anon meets on St. John every Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the picnic table at the VINP ball field, and every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at St. Ursula's Multi-purpose center.

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



AN OPENING AND AN ENDING

ACROSS

- 1 Pertaining to the tongue
- 8 Most skillful
- 14 Puzzles
- 20 Apparel brand
- 21 Theater area
- 22 Small slice of meat
- 23 The Ross Sea is an arm of it
- 25 American flag feature
- 26 Spaghetti sauce brand
- 27 Airport stats: Abbr.
- 28 Musical staff symbol
- 30 Kitchen tool
- 31 Home for some cubs
- 33 Very old and outmoded
- 36 Cohort of Fidel
- 37 Saints' head surround-ers
- 39 Tony winner Fabray
- 40 Katie Couric, e.g.
- 44 Some med. scans
- 46 Distributed
- 47 Yale alums
- 48 Exits
- 49 Alpha's antithesis
- 54 With 53-Down, aggressive swarming insect
- 55 Watch info
- 56 "Kings Row" co-star
- 58 Spill cleaner
- 59 Eggy drink
- 60 Make thrilled
- 61 Selling without profit
- 62 Whatever else besides
- 67 Baltimore baseballer
- 69 Heroic stories
- 70 Vocalist Yoko
- 71 Trail off
- 74 Settler after a conquest of 1066
- 76 Burkina —
- 78 Boat landing place
- 79 Talked incessantly
- 80 Lager, e.g.
- 81 Objectives
- 82 US Airways alternative
- 83 Bunks
- 84 Pension option
- 86 Put on exhibit
- 91 Smoothing tools
- 92 Dem.'s opponent
- 93 Hostile to the United States
- 96 Prevalent and rapidly spreading
- 101 Be frugal
- 102 Surrealist Magritte
- 103 Catch-22
- 104 Gossipy Barrett
- 105 Squat (down)
- 107 "The Daily Dish" blog-ger
- 111 It's under a car's hood
- 112 18th-century pope
- 113 Like the king of the jungle
- 114 Prepares for another use
- 115 Piece for seven
- 116 "The Eve of —" (Keats poem)
- DOWN
- 1 Twist into a knotted form
- 2 Hawaiian island or porch
- 3 Money paid
- 4 In a loyal way
- 5 Title for a Brit
- 6 Person who acquiesces
- 7 Espresso beverage
- 8 Curved lines
- 9 Prefix with chemistry
- 10 Fond du —, Wisconsin
- 11 Puts in office
- 12 Stuffy, as air
- 13 Not too flabby
- 14 They have hard drives
- 15 Beat in a footrace
- 16 Endeavor
- 17 Bring forth
- 18 Do again
- 19 Novelist Laurence
- 24 "Alien" actor
- 29 Wrap up
- 32 Opportunity
- 33 "Woe!"
- 34 Part of NCO
- 35 — Cruces
- 38 French lady friend
- 40 Partner of 109-Down
- 41 Agrippina's son
- 42 Seek voters' support
- 43 Consider
- 44 July, for one
- 45 Watch again
- 48 Pesky flies
- 49 Big name in lawn care
- 50 Easily split mineral
- 51 Al Bundy portrayer
- 52 Car tankful
- 53 See 54-Across
- 55 On a scale of one —
- 56 Take out — (borrow money)
- 57 "Jack Sprat could — fat ..."
- 59 Stocking fiber
- 60 Samantha of "The Collector"
- 63 — contendere
- 64 "Look not thou upon the wine when it —": Proverbs 23:31
- 65 Christens
- 66 Actress Portia de —
- 67 Rowing need
- 68 Cell material
- 72 — carotene
- 73 Wheat husk
- 75 Mindful sort
- 76 Turku native
- 77 Jesters, e.g.
- 78 Seasoning pungently
- 81 In a bit
- 82 Colored
- 83 "Kapow!"
- 84 Coaching legend Parseghian
- 85 Three-note grouping
- 86 Christmas reindeer
- 87 Harmonized
- 88 Bee attacks
- 89 Short finger
- 90 As yet unactualized
- 91 Got frosty
- 94 Lops a crop
- 95 Navel type
- 97 Anka and McCartney
- 98 "— On Up" ("The Jeffersons" theme song)
- 99 Sans sense
- 100 Walking aids
- 103 Tease
- 106 Monitor stat
- 108 Trio after Q
- 109 Partner of 40-Down
- 110 Mauna —

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WATERFRONT "PRESIDIO DEL MAR" on Peter Bay Point, has private path to pristine beach. Spectacular new, gated estate on 1.63 acres with exceptional privacy, surrounded by 645' shoreline and National Park waters.



\$32,000,000

L'AUTRE MONDE Breathtaking views! Privacy is paramount...Contemporary gated estate features open floor plan with extensive common areas, 2 pools, luxurious master suite, 6 additional bdrms. Private dock.



\$6,800,000

RIVENDELL, a Peter Bay Villa of classic style. 4 Bedr o m s , 4.5 baths, walk to the beach and greatviews make this a super package.



\$5,750,000

CASA DEL SOL - Elegant 4 bedroom villa in Rendezvous Bay offers privacy and includes amenities such as a spa, pool and home office. Spacious decks offer views from sunrise to sunset.



\$3,995,000

GALLows POINT SEAVIEW great location for development, walk to beach and town! Masonry 2x2 home on .58 ac. Combination of R-4 & W-1 zoning allows for condos or commercial uses.



\$2,999,000

POINCIANA is an island classic home on 1.24 acres of prime waterfront overlooking Hart Bay. 3 bedroom popular rental with one of the best views of the south shore.



\$2,300,000

WINDWARD SIDE CALABASH BOOM offers 2 cottages with hot tubs in private setting. Panoramic views over harbor to BVI's. Charming brick courtyard, lush tropical landscaping, and outdoor showers. Excellent rentals.



\$1,275,000

WALK TO BRUNCH & BEACH plus ENJOY SOOTHING SURF SOUND from this unique, masonry & stone custom crafted, gated villa with panoramic water views. Flexible floorplan features 4 bdrms plus cottage.



\$1,200,000

COCONUTS" 3X3 GIFFT HILL VILLA impressive water views to St. Thomas, good breezes, Caribbean style with center courtyard & pool, large covered gazebo, lush landscaping and a flat yard!



\$995,000

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\$899,000

"86 FISH BAY" WHY PAY RENT? Affordable home with income producing apartment has ocean & mountain views, extensive native stonework with hardwood accents and an open floor plan.



\$425,000

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\$1,150,000

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"CALABASH BOOM".4 ac. GREAT views, private. Topo map \$475,000
"GREAT CRUZ BAY" Westin Resort beach access!.78 ac. \$499,000
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"FISH BAY" 3 large parcels. Views, breezes and paved access. One includes cistern slab, well, active plans/permits. From \$369,000

"VIRGIN GRAND ESTATES" Gated sub-division, sunset views. Can build FRACTIONAL HOME! Paved roads. 3 from \$335,000
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"CHOCOLATE HOLE" VIEW LOTS Sunrise to Sunset. 2 adjoining breezy lots. Hart Bay east and St. Thomas west views. From \$425,000.
"ESTATE CONCORDIA" hillside sites with stunning views ranging from the BVI's, down St. John's eastern coast to Ram's Head, St. Croix. From \$550,000.
"UPPER MONTE BAY ESTATES" 7 Spectacular private parcels above Rendezvous Bay; paved road, stone walls & underground utilities. From \$999,000

"PETER BAY ESTATES" Exquisite home sites with breathtaking views over the North Shore, BVI & cays between. Prices from \$1,850,000.

BEST BUY BEACH FRONT "GREAT CRUZ BAY" private dock access, quiet upscale neighborhood, awesome views. Owner/broker. Call for details. \$1,300,000.

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"HAULOVER" BEACHFRONT 2.24 acre sub-dividable borders National Park! AMAZING VIEWS! \$1,999,000

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"DREEKETS BAY ESTATES" spectacular BVI views, excellent roads, underground utilities, stone walls, planters, common beach. Minutes from Coral Bay. 12 lots from \$399,000

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ELLISON BIG PRICE REDUCTION New plan w/3 levels of living space. 3 suites. \$1,990,000



NEW! ALLESANDRA Luxurious masonry villa, extensively renovated in 2007, picture throughout, & Island stone. Masonry 2 BR/2 garage \$1,999,000

MILL RIDGE exudes quality, mahogany



FLANAGAN'S PASSAGE VILLA 3 BR, 3.5 BA villa, superior craftsmanship, Spanish tile roof, 180° views, large pool & hot tub

CINNAMON DAY DREAMS! Located in Nat'l Pt boundaries of Catherineberg on 1 acre. 2BR/2.5BA & office. Immaculate! \$2,395,000



BAREFOOT New 2.5 bath guest cottage in quiet neighborhood. \$599,000.

PLUMERIA Sunsets! 3 BR/3BA masonry pool villa. Set privately in lush gardens, fenced yard, boarding greenspace. 2-car garage \$1,499,000



YOUR OWN SECLUDED BEACH Just steps to Hart Bay, "Rendezview" features 4 BR/4BA with a lower 3BR beach house. \$2,895,000

CVISTA Magnificent open air 4 bdrm villa above Rendezvous Bay. Stunning residence exudes comfort, class & elegance. \$3,895,000

FUN & CONTENTMENT 180° views. Tiled

pool deck, 2 large AC suites & mahogany hardwoods. Plans for 3 more bdrms. \$1,235,000

WATERFRONT RETREAT Privateer Bay. 3BR/3BA masonry beach house steps from the water. Paved roads & u/g utilities. \$975,000

NEW! 1.05 acres on Mamey Peak, 1x1

Main House and 1x1 Guest Cottage. Flat

slope and stunning views. One of a kind fixer

upper!!! \$795,000

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rental home with gourmet kitchen and with

views of Coral Bay harbor. \$615,000

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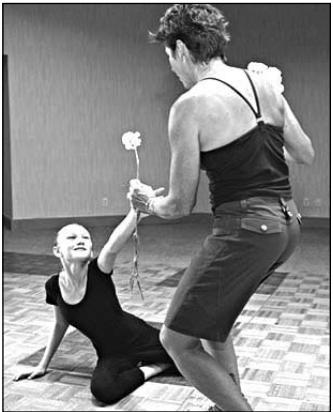
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Photos by Linc Berry Photography

Captured moments of SJSA student performances as audiences' enthusiasm supported SJSA's talented youth.



Arts Students Showcase Talents at SJSA Music, Dance Recitals

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

St. John School of the Arts students wowed a packed house at the Westin Resort and Villas on Saturday afternoon, May 22, during the school's Spring Dance Recital.

Students impressed friends and family members with their movement routines, ranging from tumbling to contemporary dance to ballet and tap.

"It was awesome," said SJSA assistant director Kim Wild. "There was a big crowd and I was very proud of every student who performed. There was not one moment that was not a wow-ing moment."

"Everything was just really, really great," said Wild.

New to the school this year is the Art of Modeling taught by Shatik Stephens, which has

proven to be popular among the school's students. The 16 modeling students both opened the recital with a short anti-gun violence skit and ended the show by strutting their stuff on the catwalk.

"They ripped the runway," said Wild. "There was a lot of energy and a lot of adorable little kids and a lot of good feedback. The whole show just ran smoothly."

In addition to Stephens' models, SJSA teacher Jude Woodcock's tumbling and creative movement students impressed the crowd with their mastery of the material and professional poise.

"Jude's students were amazing," said Wild. "They knew exactly what to do and obviously had practiced very hard."

Wild's students in contempo-

rary dance, ballet and tap were equally impressive. One student, merit scholar student Kaitlyn Cummings, even choreographed her performance all by herself, Wild added.

"Kaitlyn did a great job especially since she choreographed the ballet by herself," said Wild.

Music students put on a show of their own the following day, May 23, in front of proud family and friends.

With the successful recitals now behind them, SJSA officials are gearing up for summer.

For more information on regular classes, the summer Young Writers Camp and other summer offerings at SJSA, or to make a donation to ensure the island's arts school continues being able to instruct students in music, dance and more, call 340-779-4322.

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.

