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Both Cruz Bay Dinghy Docks Are Hammered Back Together Thanks To Community Efforts

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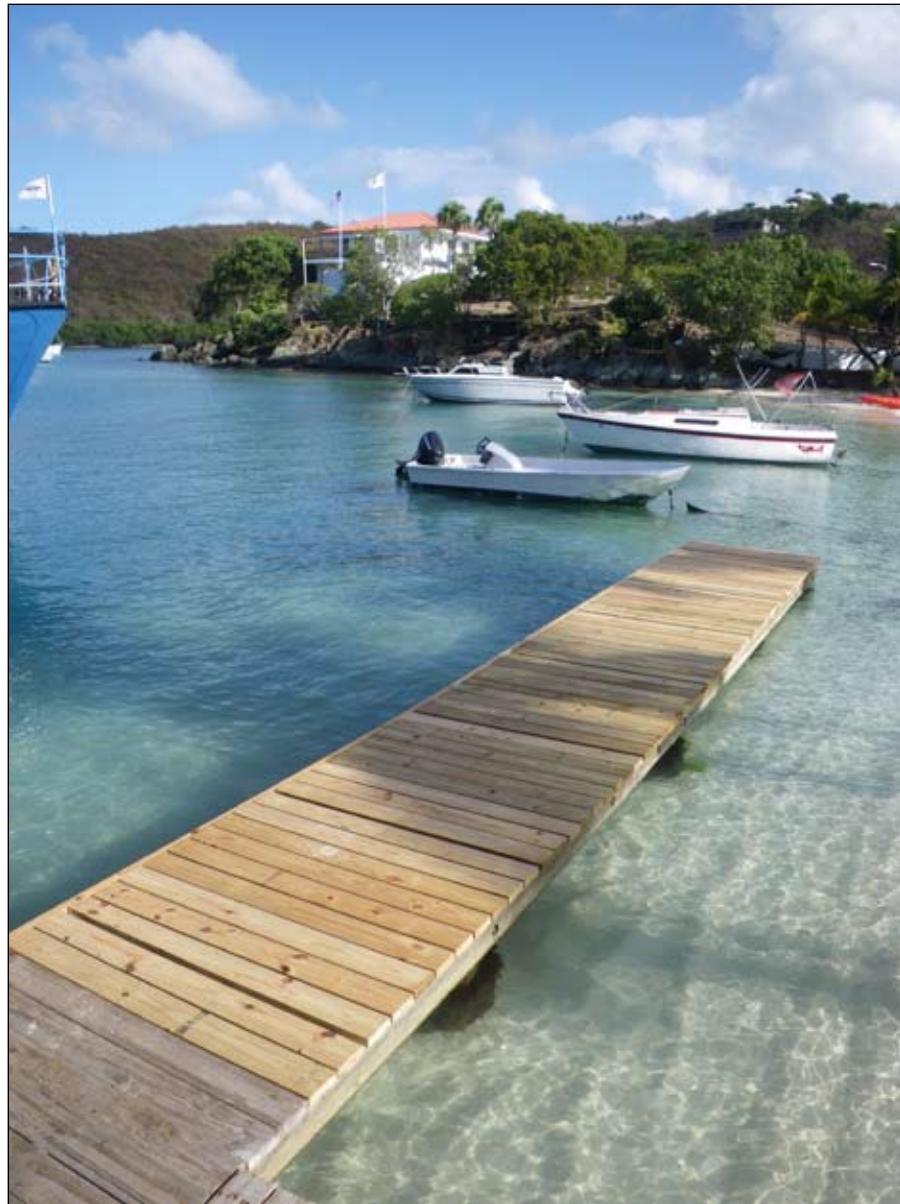
Both Cruz Bay dinghy docks were repaired last week, thanks to community efforts and a private and public partnership.

The dinghy docks on either side of the Loredon Boynes Sr. ferry dock in Cruz Bay were badly damaged in the fall when tropical storms lashed the island. Gaping holes made the docks difficult and dangerous to use, especially the dinghy dock on the Battery side of the beach.

After several months of delays, St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce St. John representative Kate Norfleet, with the help of St. John Administrator Leona Smith, managed to hammer out an agreement with V.I. Port Authority officials to expedite the process.

Members of the local chamber chapter agreed to pay for the materials and do the work to repair the dock on the Battery side of the ferry dock. VIPA executive director Ken Hobson met with Norfleet, chamber chapter member Dan Boyd and Smith on Friday morning, February 4, in Cruz Bay.

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Historical Bits & Pieces

by Chuck Pishko

Celebrating Black History Month What If?

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What if people like J. Raymond Jones, who was born in the Virgin Islands in 1899, had had the opportunity to remain in the Virgin Islands?

Instead he moved to New York City in 1918 where he was able to climb to the top of the political heap, first in Harlem through the Carver Political Club and then to Tammany Hall, the pinnacle of New York City politics.

His protégés included Manhattan Borough President Percy E. Sutton, New York Secretary of State Basil Paterson, Federal Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Robert Weaver, former Mayor of New York City David N. Dinkins and Congressman Charles B. Rangel.

You wonder what advice Jones would have given Rangel for handling his recent and well-publicized ethics problems. One imagines it surely would have been better than what he received from his current advisers.

Mayor Dinkins characterized Jones as a true political pioneer who dedicated his life to serving the people of New York.

What if Jones had been able to dedicate his life to serving the people of the Virgin Islands? Would he have expedited the islands' eventual move towards self-government?

His final gifts to his home islands when he returned here in 1980 included major donations to the University of the Virgin Islands. He and his wife also



J. Raymond Jones

established the Jones Hallway Foundation where they pledged their substantial assets to provide for the study of science and mathematics.

What additional contributions would he have made if he was able to spend his entire career here? One can only imagine.

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Free Vow Renewal Ceremony Feb. 14

Love City's own Barefoot Minister Anne Marine Porter is hosting a free marriage vow renewal ceremony on Monday, February 14, at Trunk Bay Beach at 5 p.m.

For more information call Porter at 693-5153 or 626-4658.

Cultural Exchange Set for February 17 at Fire Foods at Triangle in Coral Bay

The community is invited to join island elders and St. John students at a special cultural exchange on Thursday, February 17, from 1 to 3 p.m. at Fire Foods located at the Coral Bay triangle.

St. John senior citizens will share stories from the island's past with students from Guy Benjamin School, Julius E. Sprauve School and Giff Hill School. Listen to what life was like in the not-too-distant past right on St. John. The event is being hosted by John's Folly Learning Institute founder Alvis Christian.

Boat Departs Feb. 18 to STX Ag Fair

Join the Love City Pan Dragons as they travel to the St. Croix Agriculture Fair February 18 to 21.

The boat departs St. John at 1:30 from the Cruz Bay Bulkhead on Friday, February 18, and will return to St. John on Monday, February 21.

The cost is \$85 for round-trip for adults and \$65 round-trip for child. One way tickets are \$65 for adults and \$50 for children. Transportation is being provided by Native Son Inc. and tickets can be purchased at Courtesy Car Rental, Connections or on board.

Health Fair at Marketplace on Feb. 20

The annual Health Fair presented by the Seventh-day Adventist community will be on Sunday, February 20, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Marketplace.

The objective of the fair is to educate the St. John community on the importance of a healthy lifestyle. The fair features free health screening and vegetarian food sampling. The day will also include an Anti-Drug March, which will feature the St. Thomas/St. John Pathfinders and Pathfinder Drum Corp.

For more information call Joycelyn Thomas at 774-3388 or 693-7499 or Pastor Williams at 473-9319.

Whale Watching Feb. 20, 27; Mar. 7

The Environmental Association of St. Thomas/St. John will host its annual whale watch on three days in February and March.

The all-day sails will be on Sunday, February 20, February 27 and March 7, aboard the catamaran *KeKoa*. Eco-guides will be aboard to educate participants about whales, dolphin, sea birds and other marine life. A snorkel and swimming stop, including a discussion of what can be done to help stop the spreading of lionfish in local waters will be made available as well.

Tickets are \$55 for members and \$65 for non-members and can be purchased at Dockside Bookstore at Havensight Mall, Barefoot Buddha Cafe and Red Hook Plaza.

Participants are to meet at the Red Hook Ferry Dock at 8:30 a.m. the day of the sail. For details, call 774-1837 or 777-7190.

GHS "Culturalypso" Set for March 5

Giff Hill School announces "Culturalypso," a school-wide community carnival, on Saturday, March 5, from 2 to 4 p.m. There will be free activities, a bouncy house and food for purchase available. Call 776-1730 for information.

Full Line Up of Bands and Amazing Aerials in Store for Relay for Life

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

With the first ever St. John Relay for Life fast approaching — it kicks off this Saturday, February 19, at the Winston Wells ball field — organizers have lined up an incredible amount of talent to keep walkers and supporters entertained for the entire 18-hour event.

The combination of a top New York City-based aerialist troupe and a famous native son will ensure everyone supporting the local chapter of the American Cancer Society is kept on their toes — when those toes aren't tapping to the beat.

Phillip “Grasshopper” Pickering, lead vocalist of Love City's peerless reggae band Inner Visions, has organized the musical portion of the night. From steel pan to funk, Pickering has left no genre out of the Relay for Life musical lineup.

“I was drafted for the job,” he said. “I told them I couldn't do it, but they said they just needed my input. It's a worthy cause and we have a long way to go toward dealing with this disease, so I signed on.”

With Pickering's far-reaching

musical connections, it's no wonder St. John Relay for Life organizers tapped his considerable talent. While most of the bands have verbally committed, even confirmed acts are subject to change, Pickering added.

“We are not 100 percent totally confirmed, so this is subject to change,” he said.

Following an invocation and renditions of the V.I. March and Star Spangled Banner, the evening's entertainment will kick off with Pan in Motion, from St. Thomas, who are sure to get teams pumped up and ready for an amazing night.

Visiting the island from Florida, Shane Meade and the Sounds, are set to rock the crowd after Pan in Motion packs up their sticks. Pickering has planned to lighten the mood during the Survivor's Dinner, scheduled for 6 p.m., when Chris Robert's classical guitar is sure to set the mood for the gourmet meal.

A little after-dinner fun will be provided thanks to the Giffit Hill School dancers, who will segue into what is likely to be the more emotional portion of the evening.

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“We're basically going to bring all the skill and wow factor of Cirque du Soleil right to you in the middle of the field. We have an amazing portable rig that we'll set up right in the field.”

— MelissaMarie Wilhelm,
Cirque-tacular's Director of Marketing

resenting a survivor, someone battling cancer or someone who has lost their fight with the disease, will be lit around the field in the bleachers. Survivors will take to the field alone to drumming provided by a variety of island musicians.

“It will be dark out and they'll light the luminaria and we'll have a nice, moving ceremony,” said Pickering.

Following the luminary ceremony, Cirque-tacular will wow the audience with amazing aerials, bull whip tricks and more. The Big Apple-based performance troupe have donated their time to join the festivities and are excited to amaze the Relay for Life participants.

“I am so excited to do this,” said MelissaMarie Wilhelm, a performer and the group's director of

marketing and special programs. “We're basically going to bring all the skill and wow factor of Cirque du Soleil right to you in the middle of the field. We have an amazing portable rig that we'll set up right in the field.”

“We're going to be doing amazing aerials, we'll be having audience participation, and bull whip dancing and tricks,” said Melissamarie.

Along with Tad Emptage, Wilhelm feels that giving back is a large part of what makes the world a special and kind place, she explained.

“For both Tad and me, in both of our upbringings it was made clear how blessed we both were and how much we can help other people out there,” said Wilhelm. “It's really important for both of

us to support organizations and events like Relay for Life. There is no better gig than to really have fun and wow people while raising awareness about cancer.”

After Cirque-tacular amazes the audience, The Ish Band are sure to keep spirits high with their funky beats. Other St. John musicians scheduled to perform include Kat, Wanda and T-Bird, Koko and the Sunshine Band, Cool Session Brass, Ah We Band, Slammin', Michael Beason, Mark Wallace and In the Sand Band.

The mellow sounds of Lauren and Bo are set to wrap up the event at 10 a.m. on Sunday, February 20. And, of course, Inner Visions will be on hand to fill in when and where needed, Pickering added.

Relay for Life organizers are asking all bands and musicians to bring their own equipment. A public address system will be provided, but bands should have their own microphones, mic stands and anything else they need, Pickering added.

Any musicians who have not signed up to perform are urged to contact the event's event chairperson Mary Bartolucci at marybartolucci@gmail.com or 774-1484.

Students Practicing Hard for Friday's “Dream, Wish, Believe” Performance

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Fourth graders at all three island schools and the St. John School of the Arts practiced like mad last week to master original dance steps, musical numbers and narration as they prepared for opening night of “Dream, Wish, Believe.”

A fundraiser for SJSA, the program has brought down four Broadway talents to share their skills with students, who will collaborate on the final production on February 18 at the Westin Resort and Villas.

John Tartaglia, Michael Shawn Lewis, Rhonda Miller, Laura Barnoa and Donna Drake arrived on Love City the weekend of February 5 and have a total of two weeks to teach students Tartaglia's original musical “Dream, Wish, Believe.”



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jim Furneaux

Donna Drake and Rhonda Miller, at far left, teach Julius E. Spruave students the dance portion of “Dream, Wish, Believe” at the St. John School of the Arts.

The actors, dancers and singers hit the ground running; wasting no time working on voice, choreography, puppetry and nar-

ration at Giffit Hill School, Julius E. Spruave School, SJSA and Guy Benjamin School.

Tartaglia is teaching puppetry

and narration at GHS, Lewis and Barnoa are teaching the singing numbers at GBS while Miller and Drake are instructing JESS and SJSA students in the dance numbers.

Many of the students were nervous to meet the professionals and a bit daunted by the task ahead, explained one SJSA dance student.

“Before they came, I was so nervous to meet them,” said Tiareh Schaub, one of five SJSA dance students working on the production. “But being around such great people has made it so exciting to learn from them. They are so nice and they make you feel super comfortable.”

Schaub and her fellow SJSA dance students are learning jazz and pop steps and working at least two hours a day to master

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David Montoute Arrested for Beating Woman; Minor Later Arrested for Beating Montoute

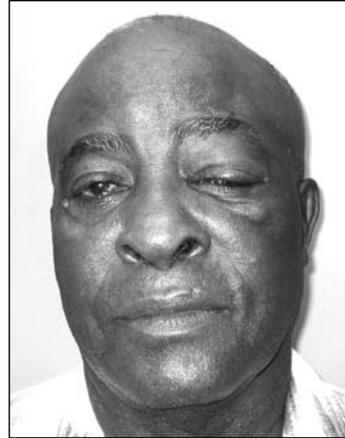
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V.I. Police Department officials on St. John arrested 61-year-old David Montoute and charged him with Aggravated Assault and Battery Domestic Violence for assaulting his wife.

A 17-year-old minor who is familiar with the abusive situation was arrested the next day for assaulting Montoute.

According to the police reports, on Tuesday, February 8, at about 7 p.m. Montoute repeatedly punched his 47-year-old wife in her face and body near a business in Cruz Bay.

When a witness intervened, Montoute fled the area on foot. The victim was bruised on her



David Montoute

face and complained of back pain and pain to other parts of her body and was taken to the

Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center for treatment.

The following day, Wednesday, February 9, Montoute was assaulted by the minor in downtown Cruz Bay. He was cut on his left eye but refused medical attention. When Montoute reported the assault to police at about 3 p.m. Wednesday, he and the minor were arrested.

Montoute was charged with Aggravated Assault and Battery Domestic Violence and held without bail pending further court action.

VIPD Juvenile Bureau detectives are following up on the minor's case which will be heard in Juvenile Court.

Chabuz Puts His Ego Aside To Raise Money for Wounded Veterans During 8 Tuff Miles

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

For the second year in a row, Skinny Legs owner Moe Chabuz is running the 8 Tuff Miles road race on Saturday, February 26, for a cause.

Chabuz, who has several marathons under his belt, is putting his ego aside and not worrying about his finishing time to raise money for the wounded warrior organization Team River Runner.

Launched at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington D.C. in 2004 by kayak enthusiast guidance counselor Joe Mornini who volunteered at the hospital, TRR now has branches at veterans' hospitals across the country.

The group's premise is simple, but profound—to affect real health and healing for active duty service members and wounded veterans through paddling sports. Volunteers teach the basics of kayaking to veterans and service members in a pool and then get them out on group trips to put their skills to the test while creating strong support systems.

TRR has been to St. John three times and is planning a fourth trip

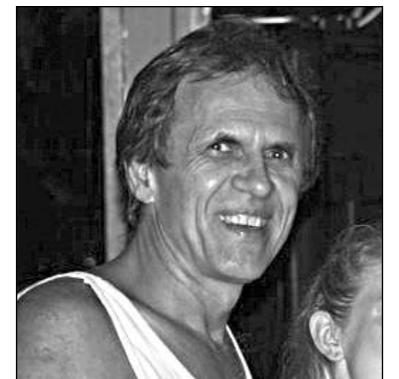
in the fall. The cost of flying 20 veterans to the island is daunting and the group relies on donations from the community. Chabuz's eight-mile race last year netted \$10,000 for the TRR St. John trip, which helped off-set the roughly \$40,000 price tag.

Chabuz raises funds by starting at the very back of the 8 Tuff Miles pack — this year capped at 1,000 participants — and getting pledges for each person he passes on his way to the finish line.

The 61-year-old runner finished the race last year in one hour and 17 minutes and passed about 700 runners along the way. While claiming to be a bit slower this year, Chabuz is sure to cruise by the majority of runners and walkers in the 15th annual road race.

"I am older and slower and I'm getting over some injuries," said Chabuz. "But what it comes down to is that it's so important for these guys to come down here and heal. So what the hell, it's more important to see them here than for me to get a good time."

Chabuz's TRR fundraiser last year was supported by many people which encouraged the res-



Moe Chabuz

taurant owner and avid runner to lace up his shoes for TRR again, he explained.

"A lot of people were really generous," said Chabuz. "Everything from little kids giving me change to people just writing \$1,000 checks. Even during the race, as I was running by someone said, 'Hey Moe, I got you for \$500.'"

To donate to Chabuz's 8 Tuff Mile TRR fundraiser, check out the website www.skinnylegs.com or stop by the iconic Coral Bay bar and restaurant and make a pledge.

Chabuz will be accepting donations until the day of the race, February 26. Go Moe!



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Fatty Crab Serving Up Unique and Enticing Fare at Love City's Newest Restaurant

By Jaime Elliott
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How do juicy mini pork and beef sliders with a tangy green chili aioli sound? Does house-made sausage with bright pickled radish and a punch of cilantro sound enticing?

If so, head right over to the newest restaurant to spice up Love City's foodie scene. After months of renovations to the old Taje location, designed by barefoot architect, Fatty Crab opened its doors for business on Thursday night, February 10.

With a new wrap-around bar, bright red bankettes, poured concrete tables and a light wood ceiling, Fatty Crab looks as exciting as its fare promises to be. And with three New York City-area locations under their belt, the team behind the restaurant ensures it will be no flash in the pan.

The "Fatty Crew," as the core team terms themselves, oversees a veritable funky South East Asian, Malaysian-inspired food empire in the Big Apple. From its first West Village location, the team opened an Upper East Side outpost and a Williamsburg, Brooklyn, barbecue off-shoot.

It was the Fatty Crew's ties to wine importer and distributor Michael Skurnik, who has a home on St. John, which landed the bunch on Love City's shores.

"We've been buying wine from Michael for years and he has a house on St. John," said Zakary Pelaccio, a Fatty Crew partner and the group's creative genius. "He said, 'I have to have a Fatty Crab on St. John.' He told us to come down and hang out and check it out."

After a brief stay, the Fatty Crew fell in love with the island and de-

cidated to give it a go. While the template for the distinct Fatty aesthetic — think deep red and bright yellow, spicy and sour, tangy and sweet — is a common thread for all of the group's restaurants, no two are the same, explained Pelaccio, who helms the Crew along with partner Rick Camac.

"What we do is unique to each place," he said. "It's not cookie-cutter. We have to be responsive to our environment."

That translates to mackerel crudo with coconut habanero vinaigrette, coconut poached Mahi Mahi with pineapple, locally-grown basil and fried shallots and seared kingfish with sunflower sprouts, rib tips and palm sugar.

While embracing local produce and protein, Fatty Crab's stamp on those ingredient ensure it will never be confused with any other

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(L to R) Fatty Crew creative genius Zakary Pelaccio, the Crew executive chef Corwin Kave and Fatty Crab St. John Chef de Cuisine Seann Hogan outside the new restaurant.

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(Left to Right) The foreman of the project posed with former St. John Liaison for Senator Hill-Bonny Corbeil, Wharfside Village owner Ed McKenzie, VIPA Executive Director Ken Hobson and Senator Louis Hill.

Cruz Bay Dinghy Docks Hammered Back Together

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That morning Boyd, who oversaw the repairs, signed a Hold Harmless Agreement and Norfleet sent out an email asking for volunteers the next day. On Saturday morning, February 5, nine volunteers showed up at 10:30 a.m. ready to get to work. By 3:30 p.m. that day, the north dinghy dock was completely repaired.

Boyd, Davis Polius, Nelson Uz-zell, Al Winter, Jeff Chabot, Jason Oliver, Richard Bates, Jason Beasley and Ian Norfleet did the actually hammering. John Russell, Michael Weinman, BJ Harris, Lisa Durgin, St. John Yacht Club, Starfish Market, Larry's Landing, Morgan's Mango, Waterfront Bistro and Paradise Lumber helped out with everything from paying for materials, to supplying sandwiches and water, explained Norfleet.

"We were there from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and got it all done," said Norfleet. "It looks great and it was a great bunch of guys. Dan did a fabulous job and was so easy to work with."



Dan Boyd, St. John Administrator Leona Smith, VIPA's Hobson and Kate Norfleet got the north dinghy dock fixed quickly.

"When we left, Jeff Chabot was still there putting in screws," she said. "He wouldn't stop; he just wanted everything to be perfect."

Due to the shallow depth of the dock, the crew decided against putting in cleats, explained Boyd.

"We left a one and a half inch opening every five boards so the dinghies could tie around the three-by-12 beam," he said. "It will also accommodate a cable to lock the dinghies to the dock."

"If we used cleats, the dinghies

would get damaged from hitting the cleats because the dock is so low," said Boyd.

Meanwhile, on the south side of the ferry dock, a private and public partnership spearheaded by Senator Louis Hill cobbled the wooden dinghy dock back together.

Hill orchestrated a collaboration with Wharfside Village owner Ed McKenzie to cover the cost and labor of repairing the dinghy dock on that side of the ferry dock.

McKenzie and Hill met with Hobson and Hill's former St. John Liaison Bonny Corbeil on Monday morning, February 7, to launch the repairs on the Wharfside side of the dock.

"This is a prime example of what government and the private sector can accomplish when we work together," Hill said. "I would like to thank both VIPA Director Hobson and Mr. McKenzie for teaming up to make these repairs a reality."

The workers who repaired the south dock on February 7 vowed it would be "hurricane-proof" and would feature metal cleats.

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Proposal To Install Sediment Detention Basin Sails Through CZM Hearing

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

A proposed sediment detention basin in Coral Bay sailed through a St. John Coastal Zone Management public hearing on Wednesday evening, February 9.

While no one from the public attended the hearing, which convened at the Julius E. Sprauve School, St. John CZM Committee members gave the proposal their full support and complimented the project.

The proposed basin is one of 18 projects being overseen by the Coral Bay Community Council as part of the V.I Resources, Conservation and Development Council's \$1.5 million grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

In obtaining the grant, from American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds, VIRCD partnered with the Estate Fish Bay Homeowners' Association and CBCC to oversee projects aimed to stem the tide of stormwater runoff on St. John. VIRCD is overseeing its own projects on St. Croix.

The Fish Bay projects were mostly shovel ready and the ho-

meowners' association has all but wrapped up road work in the area, installing swales and paving sections of the roadway.

In Coral Bay, CBCC has broken ground on about half of its projects and are set to launch several more in the coming days. Under the grant, all of the projects must be completed by June. The proposed sediment basin is the lone project requiring a Major CZM Permit, according to CBCC president Sharon Coldren.

Coldren and CBCC's stormwater engineer Chris Laude presented their plans to St. John CZM Committee members Gerry Hills, Andrew Penn and Edmund Roberts at the February 9 public hearing. Committee member Madeline Sewer was absent from the hearing.

The basin will be located on parcel no. 6-4 in Estate Carolina just off Centerline Road on a five-acre parcel of land owned by the government. A natural gut flows over the land and CBCC officials are proposing to remove the build up of sand and rubble to allow the gut to flow again.

The basin itself will cover a .42-

"Anything that will improve the conditions of the bay, I appreciate."

— Edmund Roberts, St. John CZM member

acre area and will consist of a rock and rubble weir designed to slow down the flow of water in order to remove rocks and sediment. The basin is not designed to stop the flow of water, explained Laude.

"We struggled with what to call this project, because it doesn't really fit into the traditional definition of a basin," said the stormwater engineer. "There is a natural gut right now through the area but it is full of sand, large rocks and boulders. When water builds up it will sooner or later cut across the land and make a new gut."

"We thought 'Why not just move the sand out, keep the water in the gut,'" said Laude. "Then we'll install the rock and rubble weir to capture debris and sediment before it flows down the hill. The area will look pretty much like it does now except without the gut sand."

Since the land is government-

owned it presents the perfect area to install a relatively simple stormwater retention device and will hopefully inspire similar projects, Laude added.

"This location is attractive because it's government owned," he said. "It is much more productive than trying to work with land owners and get them to install a stormwater basin. If this works well, and it should work well, there is no reason it can't be duplicated in other areas."

Excavation, which should last one or two weeks, would likely be accomplished with a track hoe and work would only be done on weekdays between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Laude explained.

"We are not building a pond or a pool, we're just taking out the accumulated rock and sand," he said. "And when that's done, we'll install the rock and rubble weir."

CBCC is in talks with Depart-

ment of Public Works officials to maintain the gut, which will need to be cleared of accumulated sand and rock over time, explained Coldren.

"Without maintenance this will last only one season," said Laude. "That is a major feature of it; to keep it maintained."

St. John CZM Committee members applauded the project and hoped the group could eventually fix guts across the island.

"I commend the group on the projects you are doing," said Penn. "It will be done properly and I applaud your efforts. Hopefully you can move from Coral Bay to other areas."

"Anything that will improve the conditions of the bay, I appreciate," said Roberts.

"I thank you for the community-minded spirit of this and I want to see it work," said Hills.

St. John CZM Committee members will host a decision meeting within 30 days to issue their decision on the proposal.

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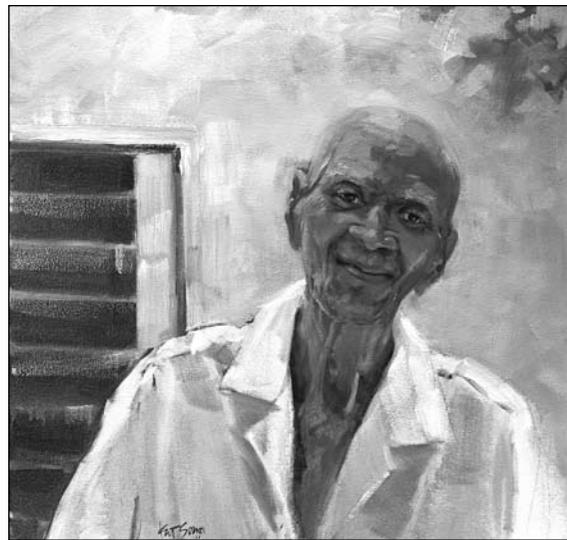
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Above left, St. John School of the Arts assistant director Kim Wild and the school's executive director Jan Kinder admire Sowa's portrait of SJSA founder Ruth "Sis" Frank. Above right, Sowa's portrait of island educator Guy Benjamin.

Huge Crowd Applauds Sowa's Island Elder Portraits

St. John Tradewinds

More than 70 people turned out to view portraits of island elders Guy Benjamin and the late-Ruth "Sis" Frank during an artist reception on Friday evening, February 4, at the Michael Banzhaf Gallery.

St. John artist Kat Sowa un-

veiled the portraits, along with new landscape paintings during the reception. While the two island elder portraits are not for sale, they firmly announce that Sowa is returning to portraiture, after enjoying a plein air period of late. The new landscapes are for sale and all

of Sowa's work will be featured at the Banzhaf Gallery through February.

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Firing of Long-time ACC Shelter Manager Connie Joseph Upsets Many Supporters

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

As the St. John Animal Care Center moves ahead with a streamlined board of directors and new volunteer efforts, the organization's decision to fire one long-term employee has ruffled more than a few feathers.

As the shelter manager for more than six years, Connie Joseph was responsible for taking care of the numerous cats in the building, cleaning their cages, their eyes, noses and bottoms. Joseph did even more than that as well, often taking kittens home to heal them back to health for eventual adoption and diagnosing infections she could treat among many other things.

While acknowledging her years of dedication to the organization the ACC board, however, voted to terminate Joseph last month. Several press releases issued by the organization after that skirted the issue, laying praise on Joseph without stating that she was no longer shelter manager.

The firing and the manner in which the news was laid on Joseph has angered many ACC supporters.

"The president at the time and a board member walked into the shelter on a Tuesday last month and said we were having a meeting," said Joseph. "They handed me an envelope and told me to read it."

The letter read in part "it is with deep regret that we must inform

"No matter what happens, I care for my kitties. To go from 50 hours a week to eight hours; I can't live on that. No one can."

— Connie Joseph, former manager
Animal Care Center of St. John

you that your position with the Animal Care Center of St. John, as written, is being terminated, effective immediately."

"They gave me severance pay and a cardboard box and 10 minutes to get my stuff," said Joseph. "They changed the lock on the door the minute I walked out."

While the ACC officials gave Joseph severance pay, the letter was the first hint that she would no longer have her full time, salaried position, explained the former shelter manager.

The officials then asked Joseph to work two days a week, for four hours each day, at the shelter and gave her a new key. Joseph agreed to the eight hours of work a week for one simple reason, she explained.

"No matter what happens, I care for my kitties," said Joseph. "To go from 50 hours a week to eight hours; I can't live on that. No one can."

The sudden absence of a full-time job was shocking enough for

Joseph, but the real heart-break was not being around her beloved cats, she explained.

"They ripped my heart out," Joseph said.

When news of Joseph's termination spread across the island, many ACC supporters were outraged. At the group's January 26 annual meeting at the Giff Hill School, Joseph's sister Debbie Penn gave an eloquent and heartfelt presentation detailing Joseph's dedication to the organization. The speech was met with many tears and a standing ovation from Joseph's staunch supporters.

"The week before the annual meeting I learned that Connie Joseph was removed from her position at the shelter," ACC supporter Lucy Banks wrote to a board member. "Since that time I have heard and read nothing but accolades for the work she has done regarding the shelter animals. I had hoped by attending the meeting, we would learn why that decision was made by the board."

"Instead, there seemed to be a cloud hanging over the room, and only a single contribution to the subject, by Connie's sister," Banks wrote. "Three little words — I am confused."

If Joseph was doing such a great job, why eliminate her, questioned Banks.

ACC officials maintained that the position for which Joseph was hired no longer existed. Instead, the organization, in the face of se-

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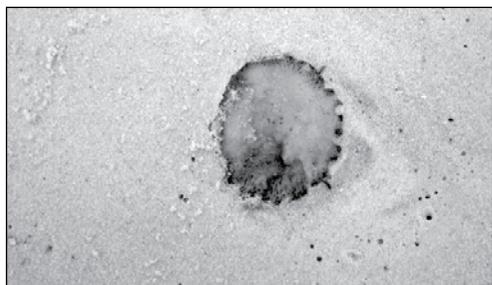
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The crew at Perdido Key, south of Pensacola, Florida, above. One of many jellyfish that washed ashore continually, at left.

Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Cleanup Work Detail Was Rewarding, Emotional Work

By Christy McManus
Special to St. John Tradewinds

This was my first detail in a cleanup operation as a Resource Advisor. It provided me with the opportunity to see the operations of the cleanup first hand.

Even though it is winding down, the operation is still huge and the number of personnel tremendous but being reduced by the day. The cleanup is winding down even though oil washes in on every wave and blows in on every wind like a brown snowdrift.

The Deepwater Horizon oil spill is the largest accidental marine oil spill in history. It was estimated that 53,000 barrels of oil a day escaped the well.

The original explosion started April 20, 2010 and was not capped until September 19, 2010. Five solid months of oil spilling into the sea resulted in about 7.95 million barrels of contamination.

While on this detail I had the opportunity to speak with a person who has worked on oil platforms who said that BP knows to the gallon what was released and if they are admitting to 53,000 barrels it is probably two or three times more than that.

"It's amazing when you can reflect on what you just took part in," said a supervisor with whom I had the good fortune to work. "It really is the largest environmental catastrophe of its kind ever! Thanks for all your help and pray they let us remove as much oil as we can!"

The supervisor and his team had been there since July working under tremendous pressures, all kinds of weather and terrible hours, often 12 to 14 hours a day, seven days a week. I felt humbled that he would thank me after all that he and his crews had done.

My assignment was on Perdido Key, a little island south of Pensacola, Florida. When I arrived on that cold, first morning my first thought was "this is the most exquisite beach I have ever seen." Then, I looked closer.

My role was to work with assigned crews to prevent any dam-

age to the natural resources from the cleanup operation. This was an eye-opener to say the least.

The first week there, I worked with a crew of 60 workers — six foremen and one supervisor — in addition to the mechanics, safety officers and various other personnel. There were many other crews working on the same beach as well as on other islands and in three other states.

Our days started at 5 a.m., when crews would arrive and have a safety meeting before mobilizing. This took some time the first week as there were so many crews. Once everyone was loaded up, the "wagon train" would head out for the day.

The resource advisors would lead the way out and select a site that could provide enough space for the crews to set up with as little damage to the resources. The crews worked in pairs or teams and combed the beach for oil.

BP representatives would drive through and reprimand supervisors for allowing workers to bend over to pick up the tar. They were worried about their injury reports.

Once they were gone, the crews were back to getting all the oil they could. Some times on their hands and knees picking up the oil.

The beach was deceiving as it would look so clean and white, but as the crews raked or dug there was almost always more oil. In some places it would wash in on the waves, the teams would walk up and down cleaning it from the water's edge all day long.

Some days they would pick up hundreds of pounds and other days none at all. It all depended on what site they were sent to. Site selection did not make sense as many times there was much oil left at the end of the day.

One would assume they would go back to finish areas with the heaviest contamination, but usually they were sent somewhere else. As the sand blew from one spot to another the large tar mats were uncovered or covered over. Even

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Almost 200 Guests Dance Under the Stars To Raise \$26,000 at Friends Gala

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Almost 200 guests toasted the Friends of V.I. National Park while raising funds for the park's non-profit partner at the organization's seventh annual gala on Saturday night, February 5, at Dave and Cheryl McDaniel's stunning Butterfly Beach villa on the Fish Bay waterfront.

Between gala tickets, tantalizing raffle packages and silent auction items, Friends of VINP netted more than \$26,000 from the gala, according to the group's development director Heather Ruhsam.

"We raised more than \$26,000, which was the most we've ever made from a gala," said Ruhsam. "We definitely beat our goal."

The key to success was a combination of great volunteers and donations from island businesses, Ruhsam added.

"We had great people helping us with the raffle items and I think it was the best raffle we've ever had," she said. "The packages we offered, like the ladies lunch and massage and the men's day of fishing and a round of drinks, went over so well. People liked the packages versus the single items which we usually offer."

"We tried to think outside of the box in terms of the raffle items," Ruhsam said.

Some of the hottest items in the raffle were the restaurant pack-

ages — where one lucky winner enjoyed five or six dinners around Cruz Bay — filling the shoes of VINP Superintendent Mark Hardgrove for a day and tickets to the National Tree Lighting Ceremony hosted by the National Parks Foundation in Washington, D.C.

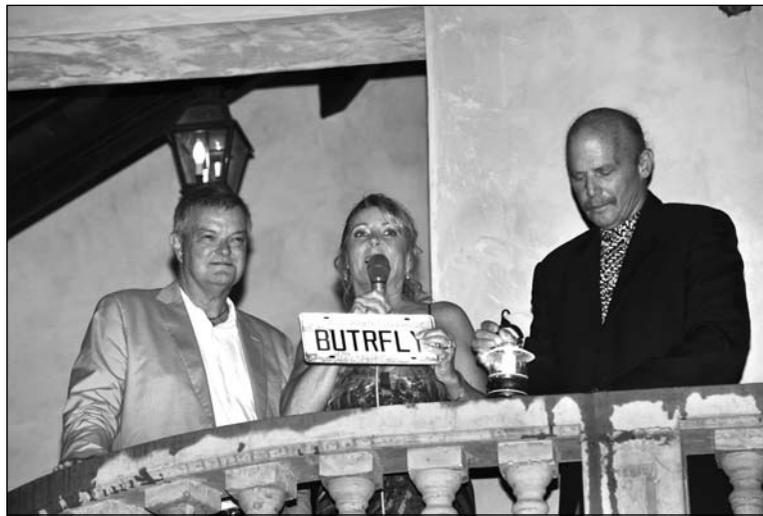
Several amazing pieces of jewelry by Alice Krall of Coral Bay Jewelers, Gerry Hill's hand-crafted cutting boards, which were the talk of the gala, and Elaine Estern's lionfish painting also garnered serious interest.

The night started on the right foot as guests dropping off their vehicles at the Westin Resort and Villas' timeshare area were greeted with glasses of bubbly while awaiting shuttle service to the villa.

The evening improved as guests were awed by the native stonework and elegant balconies and courtyards which comprise the three-bedroom beach front villa Butterfly Beach.

Everything from the food to the cocktails and live entertainment was top-notch. Catered by Mathayom, passed hors d'oeuvres included fried pork belly, roasted summer vegetables and smoked shrimp. Seared duck breast, perfectly cooked mahi mahi, rice cakes and a salad of Josephine's greens, were just a few of the many mouth-watering main entree offerings.

The combination of elegant fare



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Butterfly Beach villa owners Cheryl and Dave McDaniel, who hosted the gala, accept a gift from Friends of VINP executive director Joe Kessler, right.

and professional servers was a winning one for the gala.

"It was a Saturday night in February and we were just so fortunate to have professional waitstaff from some of the island's top restaurants helping us at the event," said Ruhsam. "We also had great chefs like Erica from Waterfront Bistro and Adam from Sun Dog and the Tap Room helping who took off a Saturday night in February to come and volunteer at the event."

"The level of professionalism really showed in terms of food and service," said the development director.

Despite a few light showers, the

skies remained clear enough for guests to enjoy dinner in the open air courtyards and dance under the stars until after 11 p.m.

"The weather worked with us and the event space," said Ruhsam. "There was a bit of rain early in the evening, but it cleared up just in time for dinner and dancing on the beach."

Live music by Lem Callwood and friends had guests kicking off their high-heels to dance in the sand right at the water's edge in Fish Bay.

"People did not want to leave the beach, they were having such a great time," said the development

director.

Two people who might have had the best time at the gala were the hosts themselves, Ruhsam added.

"The hosts had a fantastic time," she said. "They felt like they made so many new friends and they really feel like they're part of the community here now."

Even Ruhsam was able to enjoy dinner and dance to a few songs on the waterfront, she explained.

"I had so many great people working with me and putting it together before-hand, that by the evening of the event everything started on time and then just happened like clockwork," said Friend's development director.

With no detail overlooked, Ruhsam even made sure guests had a little something special to take home. Before leaving the soiree, guests were given a canvas tote bag from Sugar Apple which included a package of Mathayom's spicy smoky Java Booty Rub and pledge cards.

"People still have the opportunity to donate to Friends with the pledge cards which were included in the gift bags," said Ruhsam.

The group's next big fundraiser is its 8th Annual Beach-to-Beach Power Swim, set for Sunday, May 29.

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14th Annual JESS Benefit Gala Set for April 16 at Caneel Bay

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The 14th Annual Julius E. Sprauve School Benefit Gala will be on Saturday, April 16, 2011 at Caneel Bay Resort.

This year's theme is "Together we can make a difference as our children reach for the stars." As always the funds raised this year designated to the school are disbursed through an independent community committee whose job it is to assure all funds are used in

a prudent manner.

Last year's goals, which were to complete work on a school fitness center, introduce an elementary playground and establish an annual scholarship, are still underway. Because the gala did not garner sufficient funds to underwrite all the projects, JESS officials decided to prioritize and start with the playground project.

The fitness center will be listed as one of this year's goals. Excit-

ing news is expected shortly and an open house to showcase recent accomplishments will be announced. The school did manage to continue its agreement for a part-time school psychologist who provides invaluable service for students, parents and staff.

This year's gala committee has agreed to enhance the JESS community in the following areas. Renovate and convert the Mac Computer Lab to a PC Lab. The

current lab is out-dated and it is extremely difficult and costly to purchase software to support the platform (particularly since the entire district operates on a PC platform).

Funds will also be used to invest in electronic books for Pre-advance Placement Class (secondary), English Language Learners and Gifted and Talented Class (elementary). These electronic books will facilitate the ability of students to access a vast amount of books of varied genres in this hand held device. Youth are enthralled by technology and promoting reading through the use of technology is a win-win scenario.

The committee has also agreed to replace the current student lockers. The current ones are old and dilapidated and are insufficient for the school population. Finally, completing the fitness center, a carry over from last year, will also

be accomplished.

These undertakings will certainly "Make It Better for Our Children."

Tickets for this event sell out quickly. Do not delay in contacting Cleamena Duncan or Ivy Scatliffe-Lynton at 776-6336 to make a reservation. Tickets are \$100 per person. Don't forget raffle tickets for great and exciting prizes are also available.

Raffle drawings are responsible for a large portion of the funds raised each year. The exciting, high energy atmosphere that is generated during this part of the evening's events has always provided great entertainment and fun to all attendees. They will be on sale at various locations in Cruz Bay as well as the school office until April 15.

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Annual Virgin Islands Workshop In Plastic Surgery Convened at Westin Resort Last Month

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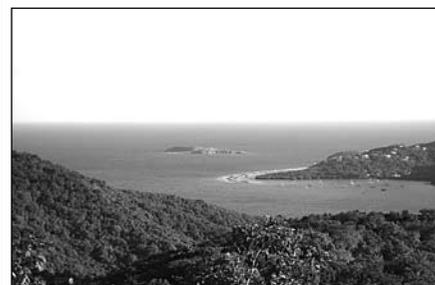
The 25th anniversary of the Virgin Islands Workshop in Plastic Surgery took place at the Westin Villas and Resorts last month from January 24 through 28.

This annual medical conference, which was started by Dr. Ralph Blocksma on Tortola, BVI, in 1986, has been chaired by aesthetic plastic surgeon Dr. Steven Ringler of Grand Rapids, Michigan, for the past 17 years.

The workshop relocated to St. John in 2004. The international workshop hosted plastic surgeons from around the world and covered topics as diverse as facial transplantation to non-surgical facelifts.

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St. John Tradewinds News Photos by Jaime Elliott

DeJongh Proclaims Black History Month in V.I.

St. John Tradewinds

Governor John deJongh proclaimed the month of February 2011 as "Black History Month" in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The month is a time to focus on the achievements of black men and women throughout history.

On the 45th anniversary of the founding of Black History Month, the community honors black Americans who lived through the Civil War. This theme provides an opportunity to celebrate black

Americans involved in a war that played a major role in eliminating slavery and shaping the future of our nation.

Observing Black History Month allows people around the world to discover, understand and appreciate the contributions black Americans have made to the development of the United States of America.

It also provides an opportunity for students and the general public to study how Americans of African descent have contributed to efforts

to eradicate poverty, educate their communities and aid economic advancement for all Americans.

The focus of this month is also to encourage the establishment of Black American organizations seeking to develop businesses, training schools, labor unions, arts and cultural programs.

DeJongh urged all Virgin Islanders to join him in observing Black History Month and in paying tribute to the heritage of Americans of African descent.

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The circle is a great improvement; it works effectively and safely, and has the potential to be a true landmark in Cruz Bay, now that plans are afoot to enhance its appearance. I want to offer my thanks to Ira Wade and the people of DPW who made it all happen. I will never doubt you again.

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Community Made Annual Friends of VINP Gala a Success

Thanks to our wonderful island community and our visitors, the 7th Annual Friends of VI National Park was a great success this year! About 180 guests gathered at Cheryl & Dave McDaniel’s home, Butterfly Beach, in Fish Bay, St. John on February 5 to celebrate and raise funds for a great cause.

Funds raised from the gala will help support Friends efforts on behalf of VI National Park in 2011. Thank you to Dave and Cheryl for hosting, and to all those who attended and to show their support for our mission. We hope you had a great time!

A party like ours doesn’t throw itself, and we would like to thank all those who helped us put on the event. Thank you to our sponsors and partners, Mathayom Private Chefs, A.H. Riise, Premier Wines & Spirits, Merchants Market, AB Cellars Importing, Josephine’s Greens, Waterfront Bistro, Cactus on the Blue, Baked in the Sun and West Indies. Additionally, over 30 businesses and individuals helped us assemble a fabulous group of raffle prizes. Thank you!

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We are incredibly grateful, without your help, it would not have happened!

We all know how special St. John is, and the businesses and people who attended and assisted with 7th Annual Friends Gala are prime examples of how generous and thoughtful our community is. Friends appreciate your support, and promises to continue our dedication to the unique national treasure that is Virgin Islands National Park for this, and generations to come.

**With gratitude,
Heather Ruhsam and
Friends of Virgin Islands National Park Staff**

Keeping Track of Crime

2010

Homicides: 0

Shootings: 0

Stabbings: 0

Armed Robberies: 1

Arsons: 0

1st Degree Burglaries: 3

2nd Degree Burglaries: 22

3rd Degree Burglaries: 70

Grand Larcenies: 67

Rapes: 0

2011-TO-DATE

Homicides: 0

Shootings: 0

Stabbings: 0

Armed Robberies: 0

Arsons: 0

1st Degree Burglaries: 0

2nd Degree Burglaries: 2

3rd Degree Burglaries: 2

Grand Larcenies: 6

Rapes: 0

Crossword Answers — Puzzle on Page 20

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Marshall & Sterling Acquires First Insurance Agency in V.I.

St. John Tradewinds

Marshall & Sterling Insurance, headquartered in Poughkeepsie, NY, announced last week plans to acquire First Insurance Agency, Inc. in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

A tentative date for the acquisition has been set for March 1. Marshall & Sterling will merge all Virgin Island-based First Insurance Agency employees, along with all active insurance clients currently with First Insurance, into Marshall & Sterling’s branch operations on St. Thomas, St. Croix and St. John.

“This acquisition represents an excellent growth opportunity for our company,” said Timothy Dean, President of Marshall & Sterling Insurance. “We have a successful history of providing exceptional insurance services, coupled with outstanding customer service and support in the Virgin Islands.”

Marshall & Sterling Insurance has maintained offices on St. Croix since 1967, and on St. Thomas since 1986, when it acquired Theodore Tunick & Company, an agency founded in 1962 on St. Thomas. Marshall & Sterling’s St. Thomas-based operations still do business under the Theodore Tunick & Company brand name. The company also maintains an office on St. John.

“We are working hard toward a smooth transition, and are dedicated to exceeding the expectations of both new and existing customers alike,” said Mark Robertson, president and branch manager of Theodore Tunick & Company.

A transition team has been formed to effectively manage the acquisition process, which is expected to take several weeks. As an employee-owned company, transitioning First Insurance Agency employees will become fellow employee-owners of Marshall & Sterling Insurance.

First Insurance Agency has been a subsidiary of FirstBank Puerto Rico. First BanCorp is the parent corporation of FirstBank Puerto Rico, a state-chartered commercial bank with operations in Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Florida.

The Corporation operates a total of 170 branches, stand-alone offices and in-branch service centers throughout Puerto Rico, the U.S. and British Virgin Islands, and Florida.

Marshall & Sterling Insurance, Inc., founded in 1864, has total annual written premiums in excess of \$400 million. An employee-owned company with more than 350 insurance specialists in 18 branch offices in New York and the U.S. Virgin Islands, Marshall & Sterling has been recognized for exceptional insurance services and support throughout the nation.

As the 23rd largest independently-owned insurance agency in the United States, Marshall & Sterling provides a full line of property and casualty insurance products, group life, health and employee group benefits, fiduciary and fidelity bonds as well as self insurance administration and loss control services to clients.

VIPD Launching "Taxi Watch" Community Policing Program

St. John Tradewinds

V.I. Police Department Assistant Commissioner Raymond Hyndman announced last week the creation and launch of "Taxi Watch," a community crime prevention program which relies on the "eyes and ears" of island taxi drivers to assist police in public safety measures.

Taxi Watch is presently operational on St. Thomas and St. John with St. Croix expected to come on line in the near future.

"Taxi Watch is similar to other crime prevention and

community watch programs with the added benefit that mobile taxi operators who traverse the islands on a daily basis now have a direct link to the 911 emergency center to report crimes or suspicious behavior," said Hyndman.

The program is a collaboration between the VIPD, VITEMA and the V.I. taxi industry, St. Thomas/St. John district. Representatives of these organizations signed a memorandum of agreement. Taxi operators have allowed police to access their individual radio frequency to allow them to directly contact 911 to transmit and receive information.

Operators can also use their cell phones to contact 911.

"The taxi drivers are an excellent resource in territory-wide crime prevention efforts," Hyndman said. "They go everywhere and see everything. With this program the entire island becomes a neighborhood watch area."

VIPD Commissioner Novelle Francis commended the taxi drivers for agreeing to be "part of the solution."

"This innovative project...brings an advanced level of ownership to these community members," said Francis. "It is the highest level of community policing."



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(Left to Right) Michael Shawn Lewis, Rhonda Miller, SJSA executive director Jan Kinder, John Tartaglia, Donna Drake, Laura Barnoa and SJSA board member Ronnie Lee are excited about the upcoming performance.

Starfish Gourmet Wine Tasting Brings Out Broadway Actors and St. John School of the Arts Supporters

St. John Tradewinds

Broadway actors on St. John to train students at all three island schools took time to greet community members at a Monday evening, February 7, wine tasting at Starfish Gourmet and Wines.

John Tartaglia, Michael Shawn Lewis, Donna Drake, Laura Barnoa and Rhonda Miller are teaching Tartaglia's original musical "Dream, Wish, Believe," to students at Guy Benjamin School, Julius E. Sprauve School and Giff Hill School. The students have two weeks to nail down the singing, dancing, narration and puppetry before opening night on Friday, February 18, at the Westin Resort and Villas.

The program is a fundraiser for the St. John School of the Arts which also sold raffle tickets for a once-in-a-lifetime New York City Broadway weekend. SJSA board

members sold tickets during the wine tasting and meet and greet last week while the crowd sipped on bubbly and a variety of fine wines.

Raffle tickets are still available, \$100 each, for the chance to win a three-night stay at the W Hotel at Times Square, tickets to three Broadway shows including backstage passes to one and dinner at the famous Sardi's and Etcetera Etcetera.

There are only eight Angel tickets left, which gets one into the 6 p.m. performance of "Dream, Wish, Believe" a champagne reception and dinner at one of Cruz Bay's top restaurants including Zozo's, Waterfront Bistro, Ocean Grill, La Tapa, Rhumb Lines, Morgan's Mango and The Lime Inn.

A second 8 p.m. performance at the Westin will be open to the community for a donation to SJSA.

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

RECYCLING SCHEDULE

ST. JOHN
February 22 - 23, 2011
9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Winston Wells Ball Park

WATER ISLAND
February 23, 2011
9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Water Island Transfer Station

ST. CROIX
February 24-25-26, 2011
9:00 am to 1:00 pm
941-946 Williams Delight
(East of Sunshine Mall)

ST. THOMAS
February 24-25-26, 2011
9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Community Motors Warehouse
(East of Frenchtown Texaco)

Items That Will Be Accepted For Recycling:

- CPU's
- Disk Drives
- Keyboards
- Lap Tops
- Monitors
- Mouse
- Projectors
- Scanners
- Speaker Sets
- Surge Protectors
- Two-way Radios
- Video Cameras
- Walkie-Talkies
- Copiers
- Printers
- Fax Machines
- Televisions
- PDA/Handheld Systems

Residential Drop-off Requirements

- Bring your electronic devices boxed
- No more than 3 of the same items per household will be accepted
- Provide manpower to unload and load items

VIWMA has a new collection program for Businesses and Government Agencies

Electronic devices will be accepted by appointment ONLY
(Other requirements and applicable fees will apply)

To schedule an appointment and to find out about
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For More Information Contact:

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Cordell Jacobs
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ACC's Firing of Connie Joseph

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rious financial difficulties, was in need of a Shelter Administrator capable of handling more computer and Web-based duties, explained recently elected ACC president B.J. Harris.

"Basically the ACC Board of Directors really came to a clear understanding late fall of last year that we had to restructure," said Harris. "We had to do something different in order for the shelter to continue to provide service to the animals of St. John and that restructuring had to be pretty dramatic."

Part of the ACC's restructuring included reducing its board from 15 to eight members, expanding its committee structure to be more efficient and making some difficult decisions, according to Harris.

"We also had to make some painful decisions about the shelter management," she said. "With our limited resources we found that the best route to take was to basically eliminate the current job and create a new position that would be more encompassing."

"The new position would include not just management of the shelter but management of the business of the ACC and that means we needed someone in there who had Web skills, could coordinate the volunteers and who could create our advertising both Web and print based," said Harris.

"We needed someone who had a lot more technical ability because we found we were able to generate much more income through the Web," said the ACC president. "It really became a completely different job."

The organization could not afford to staff Joseph's position in addition to the new one the board decided it needed, Harris explained.

"Where Connie was particularly great is with the cats," said Harris. "She is an angel with the cats and no one did that better than her. Unfortunately, it wasn't enough to service the needs of the shelter and we can't afford to keep her full time and have an administrator."

That explanation, however didn't quell the doubts of some of Connie's supporters.

"Somehow it does not seem a good business practice to eliminate one necessary obligation to fulfill another," wrote Banks. "The first act of the ACC is to care for the animals at hand, and a caretaker was in place. If there were not sufficient funds to cover an administrator, then one should not have been hired until that time when the funds could be secured."

"I feel that a volunteer candidate could have been found to fill the position until the funds were available," Banks wrote.

Another ACC supporter was brought to tears by the news of Joseph's termination.

"When I heard about it, I burst into tears," said Jenny Stark. "I feel that if they take Connie away from the shelter, they are ripping the heart out of the Animal Care Center of St. John. I just want to know who is going to love the animals now."

Fatty Crab or Broadway

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St. John eatery.

"There is no one doing what we do here and no one does what we do in New York," said Pelaccio.

The menu includes snacks, rice dishes, Fatty specialties, 'cue from their own smoker in back and sides. The vibe is more Korean BBQ than elegant entrees, with multiple dishes intended to be served and shared, explained Pelaccio.

"It's kind of Asian style that way with dishes coming out when they are ready and everyone sharing," he said. "You get to have a little sample of everything. The idea is a casual style of eating with the focus on the quality of the product and technique."

Don't be fooled by the intentional casual vibe at Fatty Crab, what is coming out of the kitchen requires serious skill.

"We're celebrating good food in a fun environment," said Pelaccio. "But there is a real sophistication required to make these dishes. You need a skill set that not

many people have."

Chef de Cuisine Seann Hogan is the man with that skill set in the Fatty Crab St. John kitchen and Fatty Crew executive chef Corwin Kave is the talent who collaborates on all the menus.

The excitement at Fatty Crab doesn't stop at the kitchen either. Fatty Crew beverage director Adam Schuman has tweaked a drink menu for the St. John restaurant from one originally designed for the Fatty empire by renowned mixologist and drink historian David Wondrich.

While some of Wondrich's genius concoctions are not to be messed with — like the Chupacabra made with tequila, chili infused Domaine de Canton, fresh watermelon juice, kaffir and lime — Schuman has put his own stamp on the Fatty Crew's latest bar menu.

"David's drinks stand the test of time but I felt that I had something to contribute," he said. "I like playful interpretations of classic drinks. I'd say playful, local and artisanal."

While creating enticing libations from hand-crafted syrups, smoked colas

and more, one thing Schuman is not is pretentious.

"It's really just all about fun," he said.

So be sure to wash down the Fatty Specialty watermelon pickle and crispy pork — marinated pork belly, pressed, cubed and fried and served up with pickled watermelon rind and watermelon flesh — with the Love City, made with cucumber, Thai basil, toasted cardamom with either gin or vodka, and muddled with fresh lemon juice strained and served over ice in a high ball and finished with a splash of ginger beer.

The Fatty Crew's wine connections also ensure diners will be sipping on vintages not to be found elsewhere on the island.

Fatty Crab is located across from Winston Wells ballfield in Cruz Bay and open Wednesday through Sunday with snacks available from 3 p.m. and the full menu available from 5 p.m. For more information or reservations call 775-9951.

Deepwater Oil Spill

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if they were uncovered they might not have been removed if a team was not in that area that day.

Regulations dictated that in some areas crews could dig 18" and others only 6" to remove any tar mats. I thought this was peculiar as turtles dig deeper than this to lay their eggs and, of course, I have seen many small children just dig and dig.

Crews dug a swath 185 yards long by about 30 to 40 feet wide and 18" deep. They lined up people with shovels in the front and people with a rake-type instrument to pull the sand out of the way behind them.

As the second week approached, there were fewer crews and those left were smaller as the contractor was laying them off; 140 were laid off that second week. Some of the teams were moved to other areas. Though they were glad to have the jobs they were sad to go as many had been working that beach together since July.

It appeared that there was a big push to advertise that the beaches were clean to increase tourism. Many places appear clean but on closer inspection there are still tar balls and tar mats; some exposed but then covered with the next wind, and some just below the surface.

At one point it was reported that a large tar mat was found just off-shore.

I was not sure why this was such a surprise as it was adjacent to where the tar was washing up consistently. A local person had the good sense to go out and video the area and provide it to local news stations.

I have not been able to find out the damage to the wildlife nor could anyone answer questions as to why the jellyfish washed up day after day. One day there were thousands of blue man-of-war jelly fish lining the beach. Almost every day there were moon and cannonball jellyfish.

The water was extremely cold and this was thought to have been the cause of death for one manatee but no one knew what caused all the jelly fish to wash up on the beaches.

The people I had the opportunity to work with were amazing! Many were retired, others had been born and raised in the area, and some had vacation homes there they had visited since childhood. All had the same thing to say.

"I want the oil off my beach; I want my beach back."

These people were working shorter days, only 12 hours rather than the 14 hours a day before the holidays. They worked seven days a week. If they took a day off there was a chance they would be fired.

For many this was the only work available. Out of work business owners, and people laid off from jobs in other areas were counting on this work. But still for all of them, they were there because

they wanted the beach clean.

They worked with only short breaks and a half-hour for lunch regardless of the weather. The only time they were called off the beach was for lightning.

The people were dedicated and creative. It came down from management that they were not to bend over to get the tar so one gentlemen bought slotted spoons and attached them to sticks so they could still pick up the tiny tar balls. This also eliminated the issue of too many shells being removed as they could be more selective with the small spoons than the big nets they had been issued.

Being on the ground brought home the devastation that was caused by the oil spill. So many people have lost their homes, businesses, and families because of the natural resource and economic damage caused by the spill.

Driving down the roads, so many store fronts were empty, and homes in disrepair or boarded up. In the marinas boats sit at the docks. The oil has contaminated the shorelines of four states — Florida, Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana. Deep water shrimpers are still bringing up shrimp nets filled with tar balls so fishing and shrimping are still closed in those areas.

There is still large amounts of oil settled on the bottom of the Gulf of Mexico. Teams are still trying to figure out how to clean that up rather than wait for it to wash ashore or dissolve into the water column when the waters warm up.

CPR Classes Available to Community

Are you trained in CPR and AED use? How recent is your training? CPR classes are being offered for the community on the second Saturday of each month. Learn the current methods of CPR, AED use, and the Heimlich Maneuver. Get certified in this life-saving skill. This is a one day, three hour class.

Contact Bob Malacarne to sign up or for more information at 626-5118 or email training@stjohnrescue.com.

Property Tax Waiver Ends Feb. 2011

Tax Collector Valencio Jackson advised Virgin Islands property owners that pursuant to Act. No. 7241, penalties and interest will be charged on the revised 2006 bills beginning February 16.

The revised 2006 property tax bills were issued in July 2010 and became delinquent on November 15, 2010. In accordance with prior legislation, property tax payers were not required to pay any penalty and interest on the 2006R tax bills.

"Notwithstanding the penalty and interest provisions of Title 29 Virgin Islands Code, section 2494, no interest or penalty may be levied on any assessment for the property tax years 2006, 2007, and 2008 for six months after the date of issuance of the respective year's tax assessment," according to Act 7241.

Accordingly, Virgin Islands property owners are encouraged to pay their 2006 property tax bills before February 16, 2011 in order to avoid the assessment of penalty and interest. After that date, penalty and interest charges will be assessed.

For more information, call the Tax Collector at 776-6737.

Annual Plant Sale Set for March 5

The V.I. Audubon Society will host its annual plant sale on March 5, in Cruz Bay's Frank Powell Park.

Mary Moroney and Dave Spoth are chairing the plant sale this year. One gallon pots are needed, and can be dropped off at Elaine Estern's studio. The group is trying to propagate more native and non-invasive plants to sell this year.

With that in mind, anyone who has Bay Rhum trees, any edible fruit or vegetables potted, are asked to donate these to the sale. Spoth will also be propagating some vegetables and ornamentals for the sale and orchids will be ordered.

25th Annual GHS Auction March 12

The 25th Annual Giff Hill School Auction will be Saturday, March 12, at the Westin Resort and Villas. For more information call the GHS development office at 340-776-1730 or email ghsdevelopment@mac.com.

Intermediate Bookkeeping Course To Begin March 29 at UVICELL

The University of the Virgin Islands - Community Engagement and Lifelong Learning Center will be offering a course for individuals interested learning bookkeeping in order to function as an entry-level bookkeeper or manage their own books.

On St. Thomas, Intermediate Bookkeeping will be from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays beginning March 29. All sessions will be at the UVICELL Center on St. Thomas.

Participants will learn how to prepare basic financial statements, journalize and post accrual, reconcile a bank statement, prepare payroll and much more.

For more information or to register, call the UVICELL Center at 693-1100 or visit cell.uvi.edu.

Police Log

Friday, February 4

6:00 p.m. - An Estate Contant resident called requesting police assistance with her boyfriend. Disturbance of the peace.

Saturday, February 5

2:50 a.m. - An Estate Bethany resident called reporting that a male was damaging his vehicle. Damaged vehicle.

8:05 p.m. - A George Simmonds Terrace resident present reporting a threat. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

Sunday, February 6

9:25 p.m. - A citizen c/r an auto accident. Auto accident.

Monday, February 7

No time given - A Coral Bay resident called requesting police assistance at her home. Police assistance.

No time given - A citizen c/r hearing shots fired in the area of Cocoloba in Coral Bay. Illegal discharge of firearm.

Tuesday, February 8

7:18 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident c/requesting police assistance. Police assistance.

7:20 p.m. - An Estate Enighed

resident reported a domestic disturbance. Aggravated assault and battery, D.V.

Wednesday, February 9

8:21 a.m. - A Margarita Phil's employee c/r an open door at the restaurant. Open door.

1:35 p.m. - A citizen present reporting that he was assaulted by a minor. Assault.

2:25 p.m. - A citizen r/ that she is being harassed via the telephone. Telephone harassment.

3:15 p.m. - Badge #708 with Units 441 and 462 present at Leander Jurgen Command with one David Montoute of Estate Pastory under arrest and charged with assault and battery, D.V. He was detained at Leander Jurgen Command and later transported to the Bureau of Corrections on St. Thomas. No bail was set.

3:15 p.m. - Badge #747 and Unit 441 present at Leander Jurgen Command with one minor male under arrest and charged with assault. He was detained at Leander Jurgen Command and later transported to St. Thomas.

4:58 p.m. - A citizen p/r being

threatened by a male. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

5:08 p.m. - An Estate Hansen Bay resident reported that someone destroyed signs on her property. Destruction of property.

5:20 p.m. - A visitor from Ohio p/r his backpack was stolen from his vehicle. Grand larceny.

Thursday, February 10

9:05 a.m. - Badge #98 present with one Gary Skrobiak of Orlando, Florida, under arrest and charged with destruction of property. Bail was set at \$500. He was detained at Leander Jurgen Command and later transported to the Bureau of Corrections on St. Thomas.

5:06 p.m. - An Estate Glucksberg resident called reporting that someone burglarized his home. Burglary in the third.

Friday, February 11

10:33 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident reported a landlord and tenant dispute. Landlord and tenant dispute.

11:10 a.m. - A visitor from New York r/ lost documents. Lost documents

CRIME STOPPERS U.S.V.I.

Organization Seeks Information on Recent Crimes

St. John Tradewinds

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

St. John

There are too many unsolved burglaries on the island. Please help VIPD identify and arrest these burglars by telling what you know, by reporting any suspicious activity, and by reporting anyone selling personal property that may have been stolen. The minimum reward for the arrest of a burglar is \$714.

For the arrest of someone selling stolen property, the minimum reward is \$536 plus 10 per-

cent of the value of any property recovered, up to \$2,500.

St. Thomas

On Monday, January 31, at 1 p.m. in the area of the Department of Labor on Kronprindsens Gade, police responding to a report of shots fired found a young male on the ground suffering from multiple gunshot wounds.

The individual was taken to the hospital where he still lies in guarded condition. The minimum cash reward for the arrest of a suspect is \$900.

St. Croix

There have been a number of armed robberies of businesses at night. Victims include an Asian food establishment in Sion Farm, a pizza restaurant in Frederiksted, and several convenience stores across the island.

Two of the suspects have been described as a tall black male and a shorter Hispanic male.

Both are dressed in black and possibly leaving the scene in a small, white vehicle. The minimum cash reward for the arrest of a robbery suspect is \$900.

Tell what you know about these or any other crimes at www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org or by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). Tips are completely anonymous, and the stateside operators are bilingual.

If a tip leads to an arrest or the recovery of stolen property, illegal drugs, or weapons, the tipster receives a cash reward to be paid according to their instructions. Only anonymous callers to Crime Stoppers are eligible for these cash rewards.

Ferry Schedules - Cruz Bay and Charlotte Amalie

CRUZ BAY TO RED HOOK

Every hour on the hour from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.

RED HOOK TO CRUZ BAY

Every hour on the hour from 6 a.m. to 12 a.m.

CRUZ BAY TO DOWNTOWN CHARLOTTE AMALIE

Leaves Cruz Bay	Leaves Charlotte Amalie
8:45 a.m.	10 a.m.
11:15 a.m.	1 p.m.
3:45 p.m.	5:30 p.m.

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David Reed and Mary Knysh bring their unique style of music to Miss Lucy's again this year.



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David Reed Back for 12th V.I. Tour To Play Four Nights Weekly at Miss Lucy's With Knysh

St. John Tradewinds

Again this March, David Reed washes ashore on St. John for his 12th season, bringing with him his alter-ego "Dr. Easy," his guitar, banjo, a homemade cigar box guitar and suitcase bass drum, assorted harmonicas and a song-bag full of eclectica.

Reaching down into that song-bag, Reed is as likely to pull out an obscure ragtimey country blues or funky folk-rock chestnut as he is to toss out a jumpin' calypso or some skankin' reggae.

On this year's "Not All There Tour", the western Massachusetts native will be joined for much of the tour by Pennsylvania's peripatetic world wanderer, multi-instrumentalist and joyous bon vivant, Mary Knysh.

Miss Mary's serendipitous steel pan, mellifluous flute, meandering mandolin and inspired vocals — not to mention her sparkling personality — are the perfect foil to Reed's fiery finger-picking, unique ululations, harmonica honkings and random suitcase thumpings.

The "Not All There Tour" is honored to be hosted again by Miss Lucy's restaurant in Friis Bay. Reed and Miss Mary will hold forth on Miss Lucy's patio every Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday evening from 6 to 9 p.m., March 1 through 26. As is often the case once he's arrived, other venues and dates are sure follow.

For more details, visit tambouraproductions.com and rhythmicconnections.com.

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Sunday evening 6 p.m., Thursday 7 p.m.

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St. John Methodist Church
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Seventh Day Adventist
Saturdays, 779-4477

St. John Pentecostal Church
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Tuesdays Prayer 7:30 p.m.,
Thursdays Bible Study 7:30 p.m.
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St. Ursula's Episcopal Church
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Monday, February 14

Love City's own Barefoot Minister Anne Marine Porter is hosting a free marriage vow renewal ceremony at Trunk Bay Beach at 5 p.m.

Thursday, February 17

The community is invited to join island elders and St. John students at a special cultural exchange from 1 to 3 p.m. at Fire Foods located at the Coral Bay triangle.

Friday, February 18

Five Broadway professionals along with island fourth graders will put on two shows at the Westin Resort ballroom. The first show, at 6 p.m., will be for St. John "Angels," followed by a reception and then a gourmet dinner at an island restaurant. The 8 p.m. show is open to the public.

Saturday, February 19

St. John Relay for Life will be at Winston Wells ball field.

Sunday, February 20

The annual Health Fair presented by the Seventh-day Adventist community will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Marketplace.

Tuesday, February 22

The next STT/STJ Chamber of Commerce St. John Chapter meeting will be on at 5:30 p.m. at Ocean Grill Upstairs.

Saturday, March 5

The V.I. Audubon Society will host its annual plant sale in Frank Powell Park.

Giff Hill School announces "Culturalypso," a school-wide community carnival, from 2 to 4 p.m. There will be free activities, a bouncy house and food for purchase available.

Saturday, March 12

The 25th Annual Giff Hill School Auction will be at the Westin Resort and Villas.

March 18-19

The 9th annual Johnnie Walker Blues Festival will feature two nights of celebrity concerts in the Coral Bay ball field starting at 8 p.m.

Starting March 29

UVICELL will be offering a course for individuals interested learning bookkeeping in order to function as an entry-level bookkeeper. The course will be from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at UVICELL.

ALCOHOLICS 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 meetings 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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RO REVERSAL

ACROSS

- 1 One- (short shows)
- 7 Practice of staying in one's birthday suit
- 13 Comes into view
- 20 Skier's lodge
- 21 Ancient Greek city
- 22 A few
- 23 Furrier's philanthropic family from Texas?
- 25 Height
- 26 Music Muse
- 27 Member of the mimosa family
- 29 "The Divine Comedy" poet
- 30 Sight-related
- 33 How heavy a British Conservative is?
- 35 For each
- 39 Stray
- 42 Matt Dillon portrayer James
- 43 Crew creating protective car parts?
- 45 Dir. opposite NNE
- 47 Serious
- 48 By (alone)
- 51 Coming into existence
- 57 Perfumes ceremonially
- 59 Letters for Old MacDonald
- 61 Certain boat propeller
- 62 Lech of labor
- 65 Dale where beans are grown to make a cathartic oil?
- 67 Chief Norse deity
- 68 Poet Neruda
- 72 Slow, on a music score

- 73 Jar tops
- 74 Decorate an infant's bed with images of celestial bodies?
- 77 Most polar
- 79 Fish enticers
- 80 Juliet's beau
- 81 Pierre of fashion
- 84 Wise guy
- 86 Rich fabric with raised designs
- 88 Crawls (with)
- 92 Chinese menu "General"
- 94 Slight imperfection on an entry blank?
- 96 Utters
- 101 Worthy to be given a title
- 104 Jump
- 105 Legal wrong committed by a gobbler?
- 107 Novelist Nin
- 109 Utah's Hatch
- 110 Most twisted
- 113 Willa Cather's "My —"
- 118 Carbon 14 or uranium 235
- 120 Rush angrily at a long-time South Carolina senator?
- 123 Like ailments that can be remedied
- 124 Group of nine things
- 125 Legume seed holder
- 126 Time in court
- 127 Give consent
- 128 Tennis star Williams

DOWN

- 1 Advil target
- 2 — En-lai

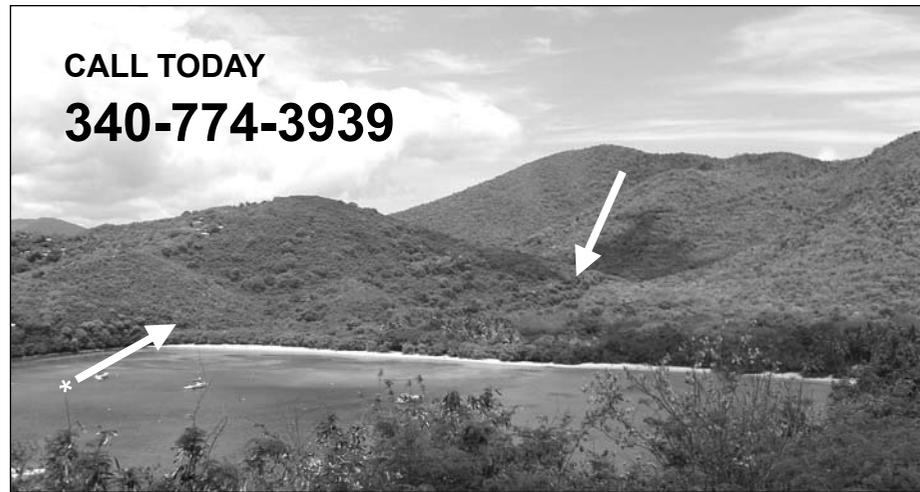
- 3 Stretched
- 4 Besides that
- 5 Goes back
- 6 Plug in a tub
- 7 Secretive govt. group
- 8 Pkg. shipper
- 9 Input info
- 10 Camaro — -Z
- 11 Layers
- 12 Team animal
- 13 Elia writing
- 14 Ran into
- 15 Dodging sort
- 16 Keep
- 17 Filth
- 18 Rare — (elements #57 to #71)
- 19 Rains cold pellets
- 24 After-tax
- 28 Infuriates
- 31 "What have — to deserve this?"
- 32 Dwarf planet in the asteroid belt
- 34 Drink in a sippy cup
- 35 What sit-ups strengthen
- 36 — up with
- 37 "— Little Teapot"
- 38 Earthquake origination point
- 40 Corp. execs
- 41 "— Dark Stranger" (1946 film)
- 44 Corps.
- 46 Horse sound
- 49 Fine thread
- 50 Lavish party
- 52 Health facility
- 53 Lying in the same straight path
- 54 "Dallas" miss
- 55 Requisites
- 56 Rendezvous

- 58 Neck area
- 60 Cyclotron bit
- 62 Sheep coats
- 63 Tight as —
- 64 Sign before Scorpio
- 65 Software programmer
- 66 Nothingness
- 69 Parcel units
- 70 Sis sibling
- 71 Young sheep
- 75 Marshall Plan pres.
- 76 Shower sponge
- 78 Lemon, lime, or orange
- 81 "Cheers" barmaid
- 82 Madison Ave. workers
- 83 Abode: Abbr.
- 85 — -bitsy
- 87 Corn holder
- 89 Takeoff stat
- 90 Livy's 1,150
- 91 — -wolf
- 93 — about (roughly)
- 95 Exercises utilizing bars
- 96 Impassive sorts
- 97 Go after
- 98 Typos, e.g.
- 99 Japanese police dogs
- 100 Obi-Wan — ("Star Wars" role)
- 102 Comes up
- 103 Volcano in E. Sicily
- 106 11- or 12-year-old
- 108 Jacuzzi user's sigh
- 111 JVC rival
- 112 Low card
- 114 Actor Sharif
- 115 "Ixnay"
- 116 Privy to
- 117 "— pinch of salt"
- 119 Al Fatah gp.
- 121 West of film
- 122 QBs' scores

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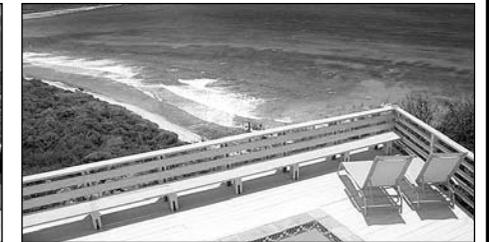
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Students Practicing Hard for Friday's "Dream, Wish, Believe" Performance

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the numbers. While no easy task, the Broadway talents are adept at playing up students' strengths, according to Schaub.

"They are great at choreographing with your strong points and working around your weak areas," said Schaub. "It's all coming together and it's really fun. I am super excited about the show."

Students at GBS are just getting more and more excited as they begin to master the lyrics of the original songs, explained the school's principal Dionne Wells.

"It's going really great," said Wells. "The kids are enjoying it and they are getting much more excited as they learn the lyrics to the songs and actually mastering the different chords."

While having fun with Lewis and Barnea, the students are working hard to master the five songs they'll be responsible for performing, Wells explained.

"It's quite extensive in terms of the limited time they have and what they are learning," said Wells. "But they are doing a great job and really having fun. I know they are going to be great; that is not a question."

"We are all looking forward to the day of the production," said the GBS principal.

The actors' level of professionalism and experience working with children has been evident at GHS, explained lower school head Beth Knight.

"It is unbelievable; just fantastic," Knight said. "The people who are doing this are such professionals and they have obviously worked a lot with children and just know how to bring out their creativity. They are delightful to be around."

The program is a unique opportunity for the three island schools to work collaboratively instead of competitively, which is often the case, Knight explained.

"I think working all together to put this production on is wonderful," GHS lower school head. "We're all working toward a common goal and that is so much better than being in competition with each other."

At JESS, SJSA assistant director Kim Wild has watched the students' excitement bloom, she explained.

"I've been watching the enthusiasm build with JESS students," said Wild. "They are learning a group dance for the production. It was told to me that they didn't want to go to an after school party because they wanted to come back to the arts school to dance some more."

Awaking a love of dance, music, puppetry and creativity, while having fun in a collaborative environment, is exactly what the program was designed for, explained SJSA executive director Jan Kinder.

"The children are being encouraged to express and challenge themselves with song, dance, acting and puppetry," said Kinder. "It's beautiful to watch some of the student's talents blossom. Everyone involved in this joint endeavor is thrilled — it is a very exciting project."

"The fourth grade children from JESS, GBS, and GHS and five SJSA dance students will be coming together in one shared and combined production," said the SJSA executive director. "I believe this is the first collaborative creative effort of this kind on St. John where the efforts of four schools are culminating in one major theatrical production."

Don't miss the performance of "Dream, Wish, Believe," on Friday evening, February 18, at the Westin Resort and Villas. "Angel" tickets for the first show, at 6 p.m., are \$200 and include a champagne reception and dinner at one of Cruz Bay's top restaurants; either Zozo's, Waterfront Bistro, Ocean Grill, La Tapa, Rhumb Lines, The Lime Inn and Morgan's Mango. There are only eight Angel tickets left and they are available at Chelsea Drug Store or Connections.

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