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Community Support Makes First-Ever St. John Relay for Life Huge Success

By Jaime Elliott
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“Amazing.”
“Wonderful.”
“Fantastic.”

Residents were at a loss to find an adjective superlative enough to describe the community support which made the first-ever St. John Relay for Life at Winston Wells ball field such a rousing success.

The 18-hour event, which kicked off on Saturday afternoon, February 19, and wrapped up on Sunday morning, February 20, raised more than \$120,000 for the St. Thomas/St. John Chapter of the American Cancer Society. All of that money will remain in the islands to help local cancer patients travel to St. Thomas or to the mainland to get the treatment they need.

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Cirquetacular performers show off their flexibility and aerial skills during the first-ever St. John Relay for Life in Winston Wells ball field.

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Historical Bits & Pieces

by Chuck Pishko

Black History Month: Frederick Douglass

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When Governor John deJongh proclaimed "Black History Month" in the U.S. Virgin Islands early this month, he asked that the community honor black Americans who lived through the Civil War.

This theme provides an opportunity to celebrate black Americans involved in the war who played a major role in eliminating slavery. It also provides an opportunity to study how Americans of African descent have contributed to efforts to aid economic advancement for all Americans.

I believe that the life and work of Frederick Douglass personifies this theme. He was born enslaved in Maryland in 1818. With the help of a kind lady, he learned to read and write; activities punishable which could lead to whippings and sale "down the river."

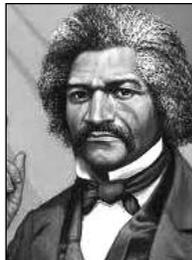
At an early age, he bought a copy of "The Columbian Orator," the leading elocution primer on human rights of the day.

Douglass educated himself to become a leading abolitionist writer and newspaper publisher. His newspapers, "The Black Star" and

"Frederick Douglass' Papers," published in Rochester, New York were widely read in the abolition community. Also, the papers continuously celebrated the anniversary of Emancipation in the British West Indies and the emptiness of our Fourth of July celebration while so many remained enslaved.

He railed against Fugitive Slave Laws and even Abraham Lincoln for not freeing the slaves. When Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, Douglass rejoiced and began recruiting black men to fight in the Union Army: "Men of Color, To Arms!" Three of Douglass' own sons heeded his call.

In August, 1863 when the battles of Vicksburg and Gettysburg and the New York draft riot weighed heavily on the White House, Douglass walked in off the



Frederick Douglass

street, presented his business card, and waited to see the President. Lincoln continued to welcome strangers to the White House in spite of the dangerous times.

Lincoln recognized Douglass and they shook hands. He was an admirer of Douglass' speeches. Douglass explained to Lincoln that his efforts to recruit blacks were hampered by the half-pay that they received and the lack of promotions.

Plus, captured black troopers were being summarily executed by their Confederate captors. Douglass left the meeting with a new fondness for Lincoln and his lack of the popular prejudice against blacks. He met with Lincoln two additional times and every succeeding President in his lifetime.

Prior to the war, Douglass personally and actively supported the Women's Rights Movement. He attended the suffragette's first convention in Seneca Falls, New York, stating "We hold women to be justly entitled to all we claim for men."

Douglass was truly an honorable man worthy of acclamation.

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Audubon's Annual Plant Sale Set for March 5 at Luthern Church

The V.I. Audubon Society's annual plant sale will be on Saturday, March 5, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cruz Bay.

The funds raised are used to sponsor numerous programs for local school children on St. John, preservation and restoration efforts at the Small Pond at Frank Bay — a Virgin Islands-designated Wildlife and Marine Sanctuary and area adopted by the Audubon Society — and participate in events on Earth Day and Reef Fest hosted by the Friends of the V.I. National Park.

Once again the organization will offer a wide variety of plants for sale. Anyone looking to add palms, coleus, bay trees, desert rose, agaves, ground covers, orchids and other garden favorites to their landscapes, should make sure to stop by the plant sale. Tomato plants and herbs will also be for sale.

Anyone who would like to donate plants (plants in pots only, please) for the sale, just drop them off at the church yard on March 5 between 8 and 9 a.m. For further information contact co-chairs Dave Spoth at (716) 472-6888 or Mary Moroney at 779-8091.

Wild To Speak at Next SJHS Meeting; Short Business Meeting Planned

V.I. National Park Archaeologist Ken Wild will be the guest speaker at the St. John Historical Society's next meeting on Tuesday, March 8, at 7 p.m. at the Bethany Moravian Church Hall.

Wild will cover 4,000 years of Virgin Islands history. Using selected artifacts from the Cinnamon Bay Station, he will speak about pre-Columbian culture in the Caribbean, and share what historians now infer about the timeline and nature of long-ago Taino habitation of St. John and the VI.

A short business meeting will precede the presentation, at which time the SJHS Nominating Committee will present a proposed Board slate for 2011-2012 and accept additional volunteer nominations from the membership.

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.

SJFS Moves March 15 Film Screening To Sputnik's in Coral Bay

The St. John Film Society has changed the venue of its March screening to Sputnik's in Coral Bay.

Join the group on Tuesday, March 15, for a free screening of two films starting at 7 p.m.

The first film is "A Tribute to Annie Love," an eight-minute film by Jeremy Garza and Trent Myers, which documents the event at Rhumb Lines in memory of Annie Love on June 6, 2009.

The second film is "Heart of the Sea," by Lisa Denker and Charlotte Lagarde, a portrait of Rell "Kapolioka'ehukai" Sunn, who died in January 1998 of breast cancer at the age of 47.

Known worldwide as a pioneer of women's professional surfing, at home in Hawaii Rell achieved the stature of an icon — not only for her physical power, grace and luminous beauty, but for her leadership in a community that loved her as much as she loved it.

Attendees are asked to bring their own folding chairs. For more information check out www.stjohnfilm.com or email info@stjohnfilm.com.

Found Guilty of Murder Twice, Jahlil Ward Back on St. John

By Jaime Elliott
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After spending more than two years in jail and being found guilty twice of murder, Jahlil Ward walked out of prison and returned to St. John last week.

V.I. Superior Court Judge Brenda Hollar granted Ward's motion for reduction of bail, allowing him released after posting 10 percent of his \$100,000 bail, according to a report in the *V.I. Daily News*.

Ward's third-party custodian will be Edwin Penn of Estate Adrian, and Ward will have to remain at his home under house arrest, surrender his travel documents, have no contact with witnesses and wear an electronic monitoring device as part of his release terms, according to the St. Thomas-based daily newspaper.

The prosecution, led now by V.I. Assistant Attorney General Claude Walker, filed a motion asking for Hollar to recuse herself, which the judge denied. Walker also filed a motion for the court to reconsider its order, according to the *V.I. Daily News*.

Hollar has heard both of Ward's

murder trials after which two separate juries found him guilty of stabbing 21-year-old Jamie Cockayne to death on a Cruz Bay street during the early morning hours of June 19, 2007.

Cockayne, from Pennsylvania, had been on St. John a few months waiting to start a job in the British Virgin Islands when he was stabbed eight times, including in the femoral artery, just after midnight on June 19.

Less than an hour before he was found bleeding on the street in front of Fashion Palace, Cockayne had been in an altercation with Ward and Anslemo Boston and Kamal Thomas in a Cruz Bay bar. Cockayne bled to death in Estate Enighed before medical help arrived.

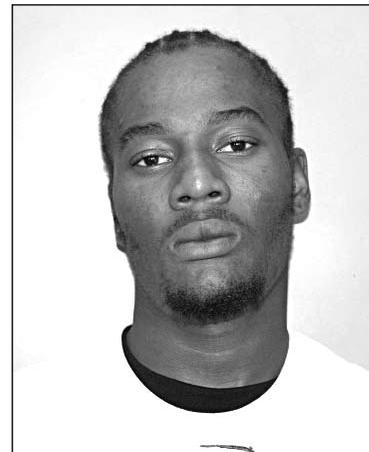
Before last week, Ward had been in prison since his arrest on June 27, 2008, when he returned to the territory from the mainland for the St. John Festival celebration. Ward, who was nabbed at the Cyril E. King Airport, was the third suspect arrested for Cockayne's murder. Codefendants Boston and Thomas were arrested several months ear-

lier in 2008 and also charged with murder in the first degree.

The first trial for all three men was joined and started in October 2008. After a week of testimony, the jury found Ward guilty of murder in the first degree and Thomas and Boston guilty of third-degree assault. All three were convicted of using a dangerous weapon during the commission of crime of violence.

During sentencing for the first convictions, in July 2009, Hollar sentenced Thomas and Boston to spend 12 and half year in jail and to pay \$11,500 in fines. Ward faced life in prison without the possibility for parole for the first-degree murder conviction.

Shortly after the conviction came down, however, Ward's attorney Michael Quinn filed a motion to dismiss after he discovered a piece of evidence — a jail cell confession — which the prosecution had not shared with the defense. Daryl Mertens had spent time in a cell across from Thomas in 2008 and alleged that Thomas confessed to murdering Cockayne. Prosecutors did not turn over



Jahlil Ward

Mertens' statement to defense, which gave Hollar grounds to order a new trial for Ward. Then in September 2009, the judge threw out the assault convictions and sentences of Thomas and Boston after learning that the Cockayne family had paid several witnesses.

During the second trial for the three St. John men, Thomas and Boston's hearing was separated from Ward's trial. In December 2009, Ward faced his second jury alone and was convicted of second-degree murder, third-degree

assault and weapons charges.

Thomas and Boston were again found guilty of third-degree assault and weapons charges after their second trial in March 2010. That time around, Thomas was also convicted of threatening and intimidating a witness.

In November 2010, Hollar sentenced Thomas and Boston to 10 years behind bars and more than \$10,000 in fines. They are currently serving those sentences.

In July 2010, Hollar granted Ward's motion for a new trial on grounds that the prosecution had prevented Mertens from traveling to the territory to testify during the December 2009 trial. Hollar has not set a new date for Ward's third trial and might rule to dismiss the case, according to V.I. Department of Justice spokesperson Sara Lezama.

"A new date for a third trial has not been set," said Lezama. "At this point we are just waiting for Hollar to dismiss or set a date. We're just waiting to see."

Walker did not immediately return calls from *St. John Tradewinds* requesting comment.

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The day of the event, organizers had announced an \$80,000 profit, but the finance committee pushed that total to more than \$120,000 last week and was still counting as of press time.

A core group of volunteers — Joan Birmingham, Celia Kalousek, Doug Bean, Elaine Estern, Beverly Biziewski, Karen Radtke, Brian Holt, Philip "Grasshopper" Pickering, Jared Warren, Hank Slodden, Julian Harley, Toya Ellis, Brenda Sonson, Cynthia Smith, Aldria Wade and Sabrina Castle-Lynn — led by event chair Mary Bartolucci, worked for months to organize the event.

"Everything ran seamlessly," said Kalousek. "And that was thanks to the complete commitment by the planning committee."

It was also the whole-hearted support by the entire community which made the St. John Relay for Life so successful, and so much fun, explained Bartolucci.

"The thing that I liked about it



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Alain Brin

More than 700 luminary bags were lit, each one representing someone who has lost their fight or continues to battle cancer.

was that everybody, all ages, all different parts of the community, everyone came together for this," said Bartolucci. "Everyone worked together and there was a great vibe in that field all night."

Volunteers arrived at the field around 8 a.m. on Saturday morning to start raking mud, the result

of an early morning rain storm. In the early afternoon team members started to trickle in and pitch tents on the field, as organizers wrapped up last minute preparations.

By 4 p.m. all 36 teams were gathered in the ball field; team members wearing gold T-shirts and survivors sporting purple

shirts, donated by Rocky Coast and Skinny Legs.

Following renditions of the American and Virgin Islands Anthems, by Fern LaBord, executive director of the St. Thomas/St. John American Cancer Society chapter, survivors took to the make-shift "track" around field behind Pan in Motion to start the Relay for Life.

From the first lap, which began only five minutes after the scheduled 4 p.m. start time, the track at Winston Wells ball field was never empty. At least one member of each team walked around the track for the next 18 hours, a testament to the fact that "cancer never sleeps," said Bartolucci.

Giff Hill School's Rainbow Dancers, got the entertainment started. They were followed by a full line-up of musicians, bands and entertainers including Ah We Band, Cool Sessions, Shane Meade and the Sounds, Mark Wallace and Jay Keefe, The Ish, Inner Visions, Rich Greengold and Slammin', John Schuld and

Lauren and Bo. Emcees Fletcher Kelly, Brenda Wallace and Ronnie

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About 30 passengers aboard *Kekoa* enjoyed an up-close look at a humpback whale which entertained the group for 45 minutes.

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“Thar She Blows”

Adult Female Humpback Frolics with EAST Whale Watchers Aboard *Kekoa*

By Jaime Elliott
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Passengers aboard the 50-foot catamaran *Kekoa* had a whale of tale to tell last week.

Each year the Environmental Association of St. Thomas/St. John (EAST) hosts several whale watching trips off the southern coast of St. John, but there is no guarantee that whales will actually be spotted.

Several hours into EAST's first whale watch of the season on Sunday, February 20, 30 hopeful whale watchers got a treat when a roughly 45-foot humpback whale spent almost an hour playing around *Kekoa*, according to captain Ryan Witbeck.

“We were between Frenchman's Cap and St. John and we'd been out a couple of hours,” said Witbeck. “We had spotted some other whales over near Ram's Head when all of a sudden three whales appeared off our port side. We put the sails away and just drifted.”

A mother whale and her calf were accompanied by what was likely a “midwife,” explained Witbeck.



The 45-foot adult female whale stayed close to *Kekoa* and offered glimpses of her tail, top, and nose, above.

“I guess it was the midwife of the three, because there was a mother and a calf and then the third whale,” he said. “She decided to come over and say hello to us and she spent about 45 minutes with us. She did circles around the

boat and under the boat and just hung out with us.”

“We were just adrift and she was following along,” Witbeck said. “She was swimming very close and slow and we could see her eye and everything. She seemed very curious about what we were up to.”

The curious female whale was about 45-feet in length, according to Witbeck.

“I think the largest humpback whales get is about 50 feet, so she was definitely a full grown adult,” he said. “She was hanging out with us and put on a show.”

Humpbacks are one of about 30 species of cetaceans which call the Caribbean home at some point during the year. After feeding in cold northern waters during summer months, humpbacks migrate to the Caribbean in the winter and spring to calve and breed.

EAST hosted a second whale watching trip aboard *Kekoa* on Sunday, February 27, and will head out on its final sail on Sunday, March 6. Tickets are \$55 for members and \$65 for non-members. For more information call 774-1837 or 777-7190.

No One Injured in Carolina Home Fire

By Jaime Elliott
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Flames engulfed the Coral Bay home of Brenda Dalmida and her family on Monday afternoon, February 21, around 4:15 p.m. sending plumes of smoke across the Carolina Valley and up to Bordeaux.

No one was injured in the blaze, but the concrete structure was basically gutted by the fire, according to V.I. Fire Department St. John Deputy Chief Winnifred Powell.

Both the Coral Bay and Cruz Bay Fire Stations responded to the fire, which drew a total of five trucks as well as St. John Rescue and V.I. Police Department officials and St. John EMTs.

Dry weather worried nearby neighbors about the possibility of the fire spreading in the Lower Carolina neighborhood. The structure, however, was concrete which contained the blaze within the home, Powell explained.

"It was a concrete house so the fire remained within the dwelling itself," said Powell. "The house was more than 65 percent destroyed. Because of the concrete it is

still a solid structure, but the contents of the home were all but destroyed."

The cause of the fire was still being investigated as of press time and Powell declined to comment on when the Arson Prevention Unit would have results.

"The cause of the fire is under investigation as we speak," the fire chief said last week. "Not sure how long it will take because it depends on how much work they have to do and what they have to clean out in order to determine what happened."

With her home gutted by fire, Brenda Dalmida could use quite a few helping hands.

She especially needs help rebuilding her home, so anyone with time to help is encouraged to pitch in. Contact Alice Krall at Coral Bay Jewelers at 776-6167 or Alecia Wells for more information.

Donations to Dalmida can be made through the St. John Revolving Fund, with Dalmida's name in the memo line. Stop by Connections and talk to Cid Hamling at 776-6922 for more information about how to donate.



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The Estate Carolina home, above, was quickly engulfed in flames even though the concrete structure remained intact.

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Rotary District Governor Diana White, center, poses with Paul Harris Fellow Award honorees (left to right) Paul Kessock, Bruce Munro, John Fuller, Joan Birmingham and Lee Fuller.

Rotary Club of St. John Honors Nine with Paul Harris Fellow Award

By Jaime Elliott
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Rotary Club of St. John honored several of its own members as well as supporters of the organization with the prestigious Paul Harris Fellow Award during the club's meeting on Friday afternoon, February 18, at the Westin Resort and Villas.

Harris and three business associates founded Rotary International in Chicago in 1905 and the awards in his honor were established in 1957 as a way to thank members' humanitarian efforts. To qualify for the Paul Harris Fellow, Rotary members must donate at least \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation, which is the organization's humanitarian and charitable arm.

The Rotary Foundation is the largest humanitarian effort in the world, explained District Governor Diana White, who attended the St. John Rotary Club meeting to bestow the Paul Harris Fellow lapel pins, certificates and medals on honorees.

"Every penny that goes to the Rotary Foundation is accounted for," said White. "There are not many foundations in the world today that can say that."

Community members who em-

body Rotary International's ideal of "service before self" are also eligible for the award, White explained.

A total of nine Paul Harris Fellow awards were issued by Rotary Club of St. John, but only five of the recipients were able to attend the meeting. Rotary member and club past president Joan Birmingham was awarded her seventh Paul Harris Fellow for donations.

Sharon Coldren, also a Rotary Club of St. John member, was honored with her first Paul Harris Fellow Award. Rotarian Catherine Fahy was granted her second Paul Harris Fellow Award while fellow member John Fuller was granted his seventh.

Fuller's wife, Lee Fuller, was honored with her first Paul Harris Fellow, after her husband made a contribution in her name, explained White.

"Behind every great Rotarian is a saint, and Lee has been a saint," said White. "The contribution made in your name will contribute to world peace."

Rotary Club of St. John member Gerianne Kotas was honored for her years of service and for spear-heading the group's literacy projects, according to White.

The group's current president Bruce Munro has continually risen to the challenges of leading the club, White explained.

"Bruce has risen to many challenges this club has had and lived up to Rotary's motto 'service above self,'" said the district governor.

Former St. John Community Integration Team chairperson Helen Simon was honored with the Paul Harris Fellow to mark her dedication to the community, according to White.

"As a community leader in so many facets of life, her work has made St. John and the world a better place to live," she said.

As an organizer of Rotary's main fundraiser, Flavors of St. John — which supports the group's scholarship fund — Paul Kessock embodies the spirit of community service, White explained.

"His unstinting service to our club in bringing Flavors to a new level of excellence has shown his dedication and service above self," said the district governor.

Rotary Club of St. John meets each Friday afternoon at the Westin Resort and Villas at 12:30 p.m. Group members are also considering hosting a Coral Bay satellite meeting on weekends.

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VINP To Enforce Parking and Speed Restrictions on North Shore Road

By Jaime Elliott
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As parking becomes more scarce with hundreds of tourists descending on St. John, visiting and local beach-goers alike should be careful about where they park and how they drive their vehicles this high season.

With repairs to North Shore Road wrapping up, V.I. National Park officials are ramping up efforts to keep the roadway safe and plan to enforce all parking and speed restrictions.

The park is renewing its effort to reach a "zero accident" goal in 2011, according to a press release issued by VINP officials on Wednesday, February 23.

"Public safety is a critical part of making VINP the number one park destination for tourism in the Caribbean," according to the park statement. "The near completion of the North Shore Road paving contract has given VINP an opportunity to implement safety plans for installation of traffic calming devices such as new crosswalks, new parking areas, new signage, and in general, to slow traffic down."

Previous years have seen between eight and 12 accidents on North Shore Road and the newly renovated roadway has made the possibility for high speeds greater, explained VINP Superintendent Mark Hardgrove.

"This initiative really came up because of the many near misses we've had on the road



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

When the parking lot at Maho Bay is complete, the entrance, above, will be moved farther away from the corner. Once the lot is open there will be no parking allowed on the beachside of the road.

and the ability, with the improved state of the road, to get high speeds," said Hardgrove. "We looked at our statistics and we've done really well, so we wanted to challenge the community to see if we could achieve zero accidents this year."

"We've done so much to make the road better, we are trying to get folks to respect the natural beauty and understand they are

in a National Park," Hardgrove said. "It's not about the transportation as much as the experience. At any moment, around any turn you can expect to meet a donkey, a deer, a biker, a walker or a jogger."

A day of enjoying the pristine natural beauty of VINP should not be followed by a night at the hospital or worse, Hardgrove added.

"We don't want anyone to have to suffer any losses," he said. "We would hate to have folks go out and have a great day in the park and then not come home. Life is so precious, we can all just be more careful."

A new parking area at Jumbie Beach trailhead has expanded vehicle capacity at the popular snorkel area. At Maho Bay, VINP officials are working to complete a parking area to accommodate about 25 to 30 vehicles and will then halt parking on the beach side of the road, explained Rafe Boulon, VINP's chief of resource management.

"We're probably going to continue to allow people to park on the land side of the road, but stop people from parking on the beach side of the road," said Boulon. "The parking on the beach side has clearly impacted the beach there. It's really important to protect the root system of the sea grapes there in order to hold the sand together and retrap sand after a large storm."

"People parking on the beach there over time have created big gaps which have left nothing to hold the sand in place," Boulon said.

The new parking lot will be located on the site of the old trailer at the Maho Bay corner towards Annaberg. The entrance to the parking lot will be moved farther away from the corner to increase visibility.

Once the lot is complete, VINP officials

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Cheryl Francis Pitches Junior Achievement Program to Chamber

By Jaime Elliott
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Virgin Islands Lieutenant Governor's wife Cheryl Francis appealed to Love City business people to support the Junior Achievement Virgin Islands (JAVI) program at a meeting of the St. John Chapter of the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday night, February 22.

Eight chamber chapter members attended the meeting at the Cruz Bay Battery to hear about the new JAVI program, which is designed to introduce students to the world of business through hands-on lessons in budgets, taxes, savings and spending.

Rolled out in the territory by Pastor Themba, the local JAVI executive director, Francis has signed on to be the program's chair. She was inspired to get involved as a way to reach out to young people, she explained.

"I look at these young people as children with hopelessness in their lives," said Francis. "A lot of these children see that their parents don't know how to pay bills and do a budget. A lot of them can't read or write and I don't want these kids to think they can't because their parents can't."

"We make a difference by giving these kids hope," said Francis.

When a child can picture himself as a business owner, that is one less child on the street, Francis told the group.

"The program is about telling kids they can have a future and showing them what they need to get there," she said. "We talk about these young people out there stealing and we're trying to teach them other things to occupy their minds."

"They think about 'If I want a car or a

house, this is what I need and I don't have to go out there and rob anyone,'" said Francis.

The program is currently being introduced in seventh grades across the territory and JAVI is looking for St. John volunteers to teach the program at the Julius E. Sprauve School. Volunteers commit to 45 minute classes once a week for six weeks and JAVI provides a comprehensive training kit of step-by-step instruction.

"We make it a game," said Francis. "You don't go in and lecture the students. We make it fun."

Volunteers work in pairs in concert with teachers and are supported and trained by JAVI members. The program is flexible as far as times and days of instruction, but the central focus is getting students to imagine a future for themselves and then work towards that future, explained Francis.

"JAVI is about helping our young people become business owners," she said. "As business people we look to you to get the word out to our young people. Try to get them to imagine a future by hearing you, seeing you and understanding your experiences."

"Then they say, 'I can do that,'" Francis said. "No one else is telling these kids they have a future. No one will tell them the way you will."

Students take a pre-test to see where their level of business sense is before JAVI, and a post-test to gauge what they have learned during the program, Francis added.

"A lot of these kids don't get that they have to have respect, that they have to sell themselves, that they have to get the right job to get that house of their dreams," said the JAVI chairperson. "They can't imagine

where to start and that is what JAVI is all about."

Young people just need a chance to get ahead and change their future, Francis added.

"The young people just want a chance and an opportunity to grow," she said. "We can do this, but we need support. Kids have to get from under this sense of hopelessness."

"This is not a perfect world, but if you reach one person that is one person who is not out there robbing," Francis said.

JAVI officials have set up four classes at JESS. The program is set to kick off at the St. John public school on April 4 and run through May 23. Officials are hoping St. John residents will volunteer to lead the four JESS JAVI classes.

Chamber chapter members also discussed the large beige fencing surrounding Frank Powell Park at the meeting.

"The fencing around the park has created a very dangerous corner and it's so blah and boring," said Kate Norfleet, St. John representative for the local chamber. "We are stuck with it now, so we have to make it a positive thing. Maybe we can have school children paint a mural welcoming people and excusing the appearance of the park."

Other members questioned whether the fence could at least be moved back to allow for access to the sidewalk along the waterfront.

"We must demolish the sidewalk in order to put pavers in," said Department of Housing, Parks and Recreation's Hubert Mucosco. "It's a construction site. It's a liability issue."

Local chamber chapter members an-

nounced that this year's public service honoree will be Department of Public Works St. John Deputy Director Ira Wade. Wade will be honored at the at the chamber's annual awards banquet on April 9.

"We're going to get a good group from St. John to attend the banquet and honor Ira Wade who has been there for all of us," said Norfleet.

St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce board members met with Governor John deJongh in mid-February to discuss the territory's fiscal situation, Norfleet explained.

During the two hour meeting, deJongh outlined his plans to raise the gross receipts tax by one percent and hike the hotel tax by two percent, which the chamber as a whole opposed, according to Norfleet.

"We had a close and lengthy conversation with the governor about the fiscal situation and his pitch for the group to support his raising gross receipts and hotel taxes," she said. "The chamber as a group is against the one percent increase, but we had a great back and forth and it was an excellent meeting."

Chamber members who feel strongly about the proposed gross receipts tax hike are asked to put their thoughts into a letter to the governor and email Norfleet, who will forward the letters to the board. St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce board members will compile the letters and share them with the governor, Norfleet explained.

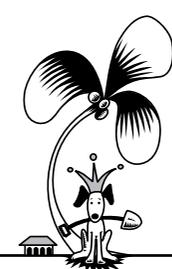
Local chamber members can email Norfleet at katendesign@mac.com. To volunteer for JAVI on St. John, contact board member Bonny Corbeil at bonnycorbeil@vipowernet.net.

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Giff Hill School students showed off their puppetry skills, above, as part of the cast of "Dream, Wish, Believe" along with fourth graders from JESS and GBS.

Fourth Graders Wow Audience with Show-Stopping "Dream, Wish, Believe" Performance

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Dream big and you never know what you can achieve.

That was the heart-felt message fourth grade students from each island school and St. John School of the Arts dancers delivered at the show-stopping "Dream, Wish, Believe" performance on Friday night, February 18.

After two weeks of training with five professional actors, singers, dancers and puppeteers from New York City, the St. John students took to a specially-constructed stage at the Westin Resort and Villas and put on two jaw-dropping performances of the original musical "Dream, Wish, Believe."

Created by puppeteer and Tony-nominated Broadway actor John Tartaglia, the musical performances were the culminating events of the two-week "Broadway Comes to St. John" program hosted by St. John School of the Arts.

Along with Tartaglia, Michael Shawn Lewis, Rhonda Miller, Donna Drake and Laura Barnao

spent two hours each day over two weeks with island fourth graders teaching them songs, choreography, narration and even creating the puppets for the show.

All of their hard-work was evident in "Dream, Wish, Believe," which told the tale of a St. John donkey named Gideon, who wished more than anything to live in the sea. With vivid narration, fancy footwork and rousing tunes, Gideon's transformation from lonely donkey to the first sea horse was brought to life through puppets, songs and dances. The show brought many in the audience to tears and the entire house to its feet.

Through the sale of raffle tickets — for the chance to win a weekend in New York City at the W Times Square, tickets to three Broadway shows and dinner at two top Theater District restaurants — and seats in the 6 p.m. performance and dine-around, St. John School of the Arts was able to raise more than \$30,000 to continue supporting arts education on Love City.

SJSA angel supporters paid \$200 a ticket for the chance to see the 6 p.m. performance, enjoy a champagne reception and a gourmet meal at either La Tapa, Lime Inn, Morgan's Mango, Ocean Grill, Rhumb Lines, Waterfront Bistro or Zozo's Ristorante as part of the Cruz Bay "dine-around."

After selling most of the 200 available raffle tickets, St. John architect Michael Milne won the coveted Broadway weekend in New York City.

On the heels of the 6 p.m. "Angel" show, students got right back on stage for an 8 p.m. performance, which was open to the public for a donation of any kind to SJSA.

While the program was designed as a fund raiser for SJSA, it turned into so much more, explained one "Angel" who whole-heartedly enjoyed the show.

"Of course originally, this was about fund raising," said Laura Hollander. "They needed to raise money for the school and this whole thing was conceived with

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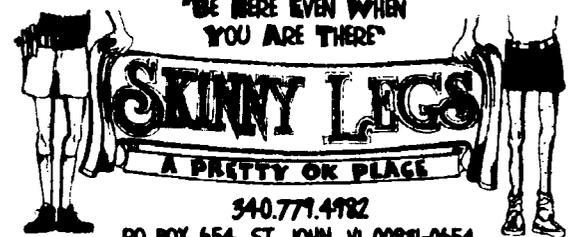
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Relocated 11th Annual Arts Festival Wraps Up Week of Trials and Ordeals

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

After a trying week in the V.I. National Park ball field, the 11th Annual St. John Arts Festival wrapped up on Friday, February 25, with organizer Frank Langley returning vendors' fees.

From low attendance to few vendors, the week supplied a constant stream of problems and issues for Langley.

While only a few vendors took part in the week-long event, St. John Arts Festival founder Langley was hoping to be able to reimburse those exhibitors for their nominal fee to take part in the festival, he explained last week.

Langley's return of funds was the last event in a weeks-long ordeal which included the surprise relocation of the festival, a sudden grading of the field, an attempt to remove the stage and on-going electrical issues.

While the fenced in Cruz Bay park remained quiet for most of the week — signs of demolition were first visible on Thursday, February 24 — Langley was pushed to the VINP field even though he had secured permits for Frank Powell park months before.

On Thursday, February 17, Langley was waiting for Department of Public Works officials to erect a stage for the scheduled bands, when a grader appeared, he explained.

"Last Thursday the Department of Housing, Parks and Recreation decided to 're-grade' the VINP field, due to a 'long-awaited grader suddenly becoming available,' leaving no grass except for the perimeter," said Langley. "On Friday it flooded after the rainstorm and it became a bog."

The St. John Arts Festival officially opened on Saturday, February 19, with exhibitors scrambling to find dry patches of grass to pitch their tents. A planned "expo" layout was abandoned and attention was turned to getting the 30-piece 73rd Army Band set up for the week's first performance.

There was no power in the field, however, because an electrical hook-up was not complete, Langley explained.

An hour later, thanks to help

from Enid Doway, a Water And Power Authority representative arrived and got the 73rd Army Band in action, according to Langley.

"The concert was good, but the attendance was very poor," he said. "The bog was the main feature."

A Gospel Concert on Sunday morning was followed by a well-attended performance that night of the Caribbean Ritual Dancers at the Westin Resort and Villas.

"The Westin event was great," Langley said. "Attendance was also good, around 50, with lots of children who had a blast joining in."

Electrical problems continued to plague the festival on Monday when St. John Reggae band Inner Visions again found no way to hook up to the service box, Langley explained.

"For the past three days there has been no power outlets for the bands to plug into each day," he said on Tuesday, February 22. "The first day, the 30-piece 73rd Army was kept waiting for over an hour while we tried to get someone to come and hook up a power cord with outlets to the service box on the fence."

"The second day, we expected to find the power cord and outlets still there, but it had been disconnected and taken away without a word from whoever did it," Langley said. "Again, we had to delay the Gospel Singers Concert until a cable with outlets could be found and connected. The third day, Inner Visions waited three hours until someone could come and connect them to the 220-volt service in the box."

A Monday night recital by St. John School of the Arts dancers and musicians, however, was well-attended and kept the festival moving along, according to Langley.

On Tuesday, however, the festival almost lost its stage, Langley explained.

"A crew came and tried to take the stage and shade away on Tuesday morning, but the vendors would not let them," he said.

With the stage in place, Echo People were able to entertain a small crowd that afternoon. On Wednesday, Langley was able to

solve the power issues in the field.

"The power connection has been solved once and for all, thanks to Goodwin Electric who sent a man all the way from a job in Coral Bay," said the arts festival founder. "He installed a permanent four-outlet box to the service panel, gratis."

Koko and the Sunshine Band took to the stage on Wednesday, followed by SAMBACOMBO on Thursday and Musical Vibrations on Friday.

Looking back on the week, Langley chalked up the less-than-stellar experience of the 11th Annual St. John Arts Festival to several factors.

"Attendance at the ballfield was very poor, due to the location, which was not central like Frank Powell Park," he said. "Also the layout of band and booths was not compact like Frank Powell Park, due to the large, newly-graded area separating the bandstand from the exhibition booths re-located on the opposite side of the field to avoid flooding."

The location of the power service box required the bandstand to be located on the far side of the field with vendors on the other side of the bog in the middle, Langley explained.

"The number of exhibitors was small because of the out-of-the-way location and the unattractive layout," he said.

Langley also had trouble trying to fasten a sign to the large beige fencing surrounding Frank Powell Park to direct people to the new location of the arts festival, he explained.

"There was inadequate signage to re-direct visitors to the new location of the festival," said Langley. "We had to use our other banner and make a re-direction sign and literally pin them to the fence cloth around Cruz Bay Park while avoiding traffic. DPW could not let us inside the Park to feed through cable ties because they said 'only St. Thomas has a key.'"

Throughout the week Langley kept his smile in tact and has pledged the 12th Annual St. John Arts Festival will be better than ever — back in Frank Powell Park.

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Diana Ripley, at left, and John Fuller with glass bowls from Maho Bay Glassworks smile for the camera outside of ACC's shelter.

Ripley and Fuller Honored for Years of Dedication to ACC

St. John Tradewinds

Outgoing Animal Care Center president Diana Ripley and outgoing treasurer John Fuller display Maho Bay Glassworks blown-glass bowls which were awarded to the two ACC volunteers during the group's annual meeting in appreciation for their years of work.

Audubon Society Dedicates Bench in Honor of Achzet



V.I. Audubon Society members dedicated a hand-made bench at Hawksnest Beach last month in honor of former long-time member John Achzet, who passed away at the age of 83 on September 19, 2010.

Mary and Tim Moroney, CJ and Ed Wilson and Peggy and Dave Spoth created the bench to meet V.I. National Park specifications. VINP also chose the location of the bench, near pavilion one looking out on the sea grape trees nearby.

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Kimberly Boulon and Avelino Samuel Featured at Bajo el Sol's March 4 Show

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These two exceptional artists willingly share their journeys of personal growth and artistic growth with their many followers.

Boulon's drawings and paintings are a "reflection of her emotional response to an idea or subject, pulling from her past experiences and present revelations." Her show is entitled "Figures and Faces, Abstracting Spaces" and will feature works in watercolor, gouache and pastel.

Samuel, one of the most accom-



Wood vessel by Samuel

plished wood turners, continues on his path towards excellence. Born and raised on St. John "in an environment that laid the basis for his development as an accomplished

wood turner," Samuel became acquainted with native trees, and learned first hand, to appreciate their beauty. His latest approach to his art involves texturing and hot point burning of the art piece to both enhance and through this natural method give the piece a new life.

Come to the gallery on March 4 from 5 to 8 p.m. and share with Samuel, Boulon and Bajo el Sol's other St. John artists. The gallery's regular hours are 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon until 6 p.m. Sunday. The gallery is located at the top of the stone steps in Mongoose Junction. For more information call 693-7070.



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Onesie is back home with his friends.

After *Tradewinds* Letter, Chocolate Hole Resident Reports Onesie Is Safe and Sound

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Onesie's friends are delighted to say he's been found!

From the day *St. John Tradewinds* showed his distinctive face to the community, from all sides of the island came word that folks were looking for him.

And the very day the newspaper came out, after being lost for nearly a month, Onesie was identified in Chocolate Hole, where he'd been all that time. His friends believe he was most likely trapped by neighbors and relocated far from home.

He was a very smart and lucky old cat to have gone to the porch of Monica Munro, who could see he was healthy and sweet-natured and who allowed him to come in each night to share the food and water she leaves out for her own cats.

Munro tends the large ACC feeding station at the dumpster near the Westin Resort and Villas, where a colony of neutered cats gather each day to be fed. She realized Onesie and several others at her station were new to the area and she assumed they'd been dropped off there.

While residents ponder how to protect their furry friends from being trapped and relocated, they are reminded to simply be kind. The safety of island cats depends on the attention and kindness of friends and neighbors, people like Munro and all those other kind people who have called and emailed their support.

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Attendees are asked to bring a dish to share, from salad to dessert... perhaps a favorite provisions dish reminiscent of those days when fresh food was scarce? Dishes will be spread on the inside tables and the group will eat lunch at about 1 p.m.

There will be live music and the history of the local area will be shared by Eleanor Gibney. For pre-picnic background reading, enjoy Nancy Gibney's "Finding Out Different," a story in the wonderful book "St. John People." History can be amusing. Please bring a friend, sunscreen, a beach chair, and a hearty appetite and stay to swim.

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As construction of a parking area at Enighed Pond Marine Facility, left, wraps up, V.I. Port Authority plans to start charging for parking at the U.S. Customs Lot, above. More than 100 cars will be accommodated at the new free parking lot at Enighed, while the Cruz Bay lot, which also is controlled by VIPA, will be a pay-to-park facility, according to VIPA executive director Ken Hobson.

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Letters To St. John Tradewinds

Don't Stop Supporting the Animals

This letter is directed to all of the St. John Animal Care Center supporters and all animal lovers in the entire the world!

Recently the ACC fired the shelter manager Connie Joseph, for reasons that are not entirely clear. This has generated much talk and speculation. People agree and disagree with this decision and that is OK.

What troubles me, however, is how quick people are to say that they will no longer donate or support

the ACC of St. John. I have read this on line more than once. Please! I am begging the animal loving community not to "re-abandon" these animals.

"You" are all that they have! They need "you" each and every one of you. I am absolutely begging you — please do not forsake these animals because you disagree with ACC politics!

Joey Danishefsky

Save Arts Funding

The U.S. House of Representatives is on track to cut \$43 million from the National Endowment for the Arts' budget of \$167.5 million. That's a 26 percent cut — the deepest in 16 years!

Our Senators should prevent these deep cuts from happening when they take up this legislation at the end of this month.

The arts mean jobs! According to Americans for the Arts, the nonprofit arts industry generates \$166.2 billion annually in economic activity, supports 5.7 million full-time equivalent jobs in the arts and related industries, and returns \$12.6 billion in federal income taxes.

Measured against direct federal cultural spending of about \$1.4 billion, that's a return of nearly nine to one. Federal funding for the arts leverages private funding. The NEA requires at least a one-to-one match of federal funds from all grant recipients — a match far exceeded by most grantees. On average, each NEA grant leverages at least \$7 from other state, local, and private sources.

Private support cannot match the leveraging role of government cultural funding.

Sincerely,
Kathy O'Neil

SJSA Thanks Angels for Supporting Broadway Production

St. John School of the Arts' Board of Directors and Administration wish to thank those who gave their time, energy and talent toward making the production of "Dream, Wish, Believe" such a success in many ways.

Richard Archuletta, Mark "Bucky" Buchalter, Suki Buchalter, Artie Camisa, Chelsea Drug Store, Evan-na Chinnery, Dylan Christopher, Connections, Peter "Bully" Cornelius, John Crees, Jeff Cronkin, Stephen Deisher, Paul Devine, Shanna Dickerson, Luba Dolgopolsky, Epiphany Theater, Faye Federicks, Leroy Forbes, Alesia Georgiou, Marcy Geroge, Giff Hill School, Rob Glabach, Guy Benjamin School, Dixie Jarvis, Julius E. Sprauve School, Janice Lord, Cliff McArdle, Cindy & Richard Metcalfe, Carla Murray, Karen Ovcina, Terri Parker, Prestige Winegroup/West Indies Corporation, Carlie Powell, Craig Roub, Larry Saffady, Chris Sahr, St. John Hardware, St. John Printing, St. John Rescue, Karen Samuel, Starfish Gourmet, Bill Stelzer, Leonard Stephen, Donald Sussman, Earl Thomas, Tradewinds Newspaper, VI

National Park,

The Westin Resort St. John, Carol Zarowny, Thank you to our St. John Restaurants who gave a tremendous support to this success: La Tapa, Lime Inn, Morgan's Mango, Ocean Grill, Rhumb Lines, Waterfront Bistro, ZoZo's Ristorante

Congratulations to Michael Milne who won "St. John Goes to New York" raffle and thanks to the sponsors: Etcetera Etcetera; Jim & Carol Furneaux for airfare; The Producers of Chicago, La Cage aux Folles and Pricilla, Queen of the Desert and Alecia Parker, GM; The Westin New York at Times Square; Sardi's,

Thank you to all who bought Angel Tickets and/or Raffle Tickets! And last, but not least, the Actors: Laura Barnao, Donna Drake, Michael Shawn Lewis, Rhonda Miller and John Tartaglia.

Sincerely,
Jan Kinder, Exec. Director of SJSA
Ronnie Lee, Vice President,
of SJSA Board of Directors

ISLAND NOTES from the publisher

Congratulations AS-O and CJO!
 — MN

Obituaries



Long-time Literacy Coordinator Norine Lewis Passes away

St. John Tradewinds

Norine Giannoni Lewis of Arlington, Massachusetts, passed away recently. Daughter of the late Michele and Marie Giannoni. Sister of Jane Button and husband Gerald of Colorado, and Ann Prato and husband Nelio of California. Also survived by two nephews, three nieces, cousins in Italy, Massachusetts and Florida and her life-long friend Astrid Moden Aradi and husband Michael of Groveland, MA as well as many friends.

Norine worked for the Teacher Corp. in Providence, Rhode Island. Later she moved to St. John, where she worked as the literacy coordinator for the public school system. There was a celebration of her life in Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

Alice Adeline Wiggins Densmore

St. John Tradewinds

Alice Adeline Wiggins Densmore was born at home in Sunapee, NH, on February 7, 1929, the daughter of Burt Wiggins Sr. and Aline Messer Wiggins. She was a loving daughter, sister, wife, aunt, mother and grandmother.

Alice was valedictorian of her high school class and after WWII she married Donald Albert Densmore. She and her husband Don enjoyed dancing and together they ran the Lobster Bucket restaurant in Sunapee, NH. She loved to cook and bake for her family and friends and care for her grandchildren. In her later years she also enjoyed cooking for the residents of Arborview, in Newport, NH.

Alice passed peacefully at Hanover Terrace, Hanover, NH, with the assistance of Hospice. She is predeceased by her husband Donald Densmore, her grandson Brook Anthony Gallup and her brother Robert O'Conner Sr.

Members of her family include daughter Robin Densmore Gallup and her husband Richard of St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands, daughter Allison Densmore Touchette and her husband Steven of Enfield, N.H., and son Don Densmore and his wife Judy of New Gloucester, Maine; grandsons Bradford Touchette, Daniel Touchette and Drew Densmore and granddaughter JoAnna Densmore; six sisters and two brothers, and many nieces and nephews. A private memorial service will be held in the summer, as Alice also loved flowers and vegetable gardens.

Memorial gifts may be sent to her grandson's non-profit fund, Brook Gallup Scholarship Fund, Sugarloaf Regional Ski Educational Foundation, PO Box 88, Eustis, Maine 04936.

Applications for Summer Internship Available

St. John Tradewinds

Department of Labor officials have started accepting applications for the Labor Investing for Tomorrow (LIFT) summer internship program.

Now in its 22nd year, the LIFT program continues to provide college juniors, seniors, and graduate students with meaningful work and internship experience in their chosen career field. Interns may also gain college credits during the program. The application deadline is April 8.

Interested juniors, seniors or graduate students may pick up applications at the Department of Labor offices located at 2353 Kronprindsens Gade on St. Thomas and at 16AB Church Street, Christiansted on St. Croix. LIFT applications are also available at www.vidol.gov.

Completed applications should be returned to: Arah C. Lockhart, Assistant Commissioner of Employment and Training, V.I. Department of Labor, P.O. Box 302608, St. Thomas, VI 00803-2608.

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
the new collection program, please contact:

St. Croix: Jennifer Russell at 712-4987 or 712-4962

St. Thomas: Cordell Jacobs at 777-3073

For More Information Contact:

St. Croix
Jennifer Russell
712-4987



St. Thomas/St. John
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St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Residents of all ages came out to the first-ever St. John Relay for Life which raised much more than the originally reported \$80,000, above.



St. John Tradewinds News Photos by Alain Brin



Survivors enjoyed an elegant dinner, top, while team members took to the track all night long during the 18-hour fund raising event. The V.I. Fire Department's mammogram test, bottom right, was just one of the many attractions at the Relay for Life.

St. John Relay for Life

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Klingsberg, along with DJ Adonis, kept the evening flowing.

Survivors, each accompanied by one caregiver, converged in the middle of the field, under a white tent at 6 p.m. for a stunning Survivors Dinner, organized by Holt and Estern. A long table with seating for more than 80 people stretched across the field with white linen tablecloths, glassware and centerpieces filled with roses and orchids.

The gourmet meal was sponsored by Mathayom Private Chefs, Ted's Supper Club, La Tapa, Zozo's Ristorante, La Plancha del Mar and Waterfront Bistro and served by volunteer waitstaff. From the green tea poached sea scallops and cauliflower puree with black pepper honey gastrique appetizer to the decadent double chocolate brownie waffle with vanilla bean ice cream and butterscotch sauce, the meal was a true culinary treat for all the senses.

"This is by far the best Survivors Dinner I have ever seen and I organize Relays for Life back home," said one survivor from New Jersey. "It was just amazing."

Aerialists Cirquetacular put on their first of four high-flying shows of the night around 8 p.m. Each performance included an impressive display of acrobatics and flex-

ibility, with the 3 a.m. performance perhaps the biggest show-stopper of all.

The night turned serious around 9 p.m. as organizers and volunteers from Antilles and Giff Hill Schools began to light luminary bags around the track. More than 700 bags were lit, each one representing someone who has lost their fight or continues to battle cancer.

Once all the luminaries were lit, survivors gathered on the track, each holding a lit tiki torch and one link of a glow-in-the-dark chain, signifying the number of cancer-free years represented. Under the glow of a full moon survivors led the lap as the rest of the team members present filled in behind, almost making one complete circle around the track.

The luminaries glowed all night, and were especially poignant around 3 a.m. during Cirquetacular's third performance when the power went out. Under the glow of the full moon with luminaries ablaze, the performers continued their show and one bright shooting star flashed across the sky.

"The luminary ceremony was so moving and the full moon was so beautiful," said Bartolucci. "You just couldn't have asked for anything better. It was really what you want a community event to be."

While St. John is not the only or the first community to host a Relay for Life —orga-

nizers were told to expect about \$8,000 from their first effort — the community made the event something all will remember for a long time to come while raising serious cash for the cause, according to Bartolucci.

"Cancer has touched just about everyone in some way," she said. "I knew that St. John could do this and I knew that the people would come together because they were impassioned. The thing that we have here over any other place is that most people know each other and have some kind of interaction that brings them together."

Woody's Seafood Saloon raised the most for the event, donating almost \$14,000 in total. Other top-grossing teams were Rhumb Lines' two teams with \$10,000, Giff Hill School's two teams with \$9,000 and the Non-profiteers with \$7,000. Even people not on teams helped out, by paying \$10 a head to enter the event. Walk-ins alone netted more than \$4,000.

The biggest money maker during the event was the team of Tamarind By the Sea, a collaboration of Tamarind Inn and Sadie Sea, who hosted a dunk tank which raked in about \$1,000. The people choice award, hosted by Choice Communication and determined by text messages, went to the Cureibbean Warriors.

The best food of the night was determined to be Abby O'Connell's Team Live

Strong, who served up the famous Soggy Dollar Roti's all night long. Each team was impressive, but other standouts included the V.I. Fire Department's Ralph Fette mammogram/prostate test station, Banana Deck and High Tide, according to Kalousek.

"Christy from Banana Deck, Wendy from the Fire Department and Dulcy from High Tide were in the field at 8 a.m. mucking mud so we could start setting up tents and they stayed the entire night," said Kalousek.

St. John Market's new deli donated sandwiches and breakfast and fed the more than 75 volunteers twice during the event, Bartolucci added.

While still counting the total amount of funds raised, the head of the local American Cancer Society was buzzing last week.

"I want to thank the entire community of St. John for their support," said LaBord. "I will get back to you with the final amount. But God bless you and thank you, thank you, thank you."

Organizers were set to meet this week to start planning next year's Relay for Life and the St. John Community Foundation will continue to sell luminary bags all year.

SJCF executive director Kalousek was still collecting and accepting donations for the American Cancer Society at her office on the third floor of The Marketplace. For more information call Kalousek at 693-9410.

Cook-Rutnik, Lipsky and More Featured at Caribbean Museum Center in March

St. John Tradewinds

An Exhibition of Fine Art will be hosted during the month of March at the Caribbean Museum Center for the Arts in Frederiksted.

The original art of 20 Caribbean artists will be on display with each work for sale. Artist exhibiting will include Jane Akin, Kathy Bennett, Nancy Byrnes, Sondra Catts, Diego Conde, Kathy Cooke, Janet Cook-Rutnik, Dove, Carlos Garcia, Rasa Glengary, Cynthia Goldberg, John Jones, Barbara Joslyn, Alexis Lavine, Larry Lipsky, Ross Meuer, Kitty Olson, Stuart Rames, Carolyn Roblyer and Evan Swarze.

In addition, the museum gift shop will have a special display of all prints for sale including the work of Jean Merwin, Sue Snow, Leo Carty, and Sharon Wilson. Patrons and collectors who would like to see a catalog of all works for sale, may email a request to Linda Garvin at garvinlj@gmail.com.

The exhibition will open with a reception on Friday, March 4, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the museum. Light refreshments and a cash bar will be available. Members receive a 10 percent discount on all purchases including paintings and prints for this event. Memberships to the museum may be purchased at the door.

The exhibition can be viewed through March 31 during the hours of 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, except for cruise ship days when hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free to the museum and the opening. CMC Arts is at 10 Strand Street in Frederiksted. Call 772-2622 for more information.

ACC Sets New Shelter Visiting Hours

The Animal Care Center of St. John announces new hours for the shelter. Visiting hours at ACC's shelter are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. The shelter is closed Sunday and Monday. For more information call the ACC at 774-1625.

Drumming Showcase Set for Thursdays

The community is invited to come out and join Eddie Bruce and friends in a weekly drumming showcase at Cinnamon Bay amphitheater on Thursday evenings starting at 7:30 p.m.

Sponsored by Friends of V.I. National Park, the weekly showcase highlights drumming, dancing and more with audience participation always welcome. Great fun for the entire family awaits at Cinnamon Bay amphitheater, each Thursday night through April.

Fire Service Revokes Burning Permits

V.I. Fire Service's Fire Marshal Leon Battiste notified the public last week that effective Monday, February 14, all previously issued burning permits were revoked.

There will be no issuance of new burning permits throughout the St. Thomas/St. John district until further notice. Residents are urged to be mindful of dry weather conditions and circumstances which make burning rubbish at this time extremely hazardous. Battiste apologized for any inconvenience.

Fatty Crab Announces New Hours

Fatty Crab has new hours. The newest Cruz Bay restaurant will be open Wednesday through Monday from 5 to 10 p.m. for dinner. From 10 p.m. to midnight the restaurant will serve a late night menu along with the Fatty Crab signature cocktails.

Police Log

Friday, February 18

2:29 p.m. - An Estate Glucksberg resident p/r that his ex-employer refused to issue his W-2 form. Police assistance.

7:15 p.m. - A Calabash Boom resident p/r that he picked up his minor son from school. Police assistance.

Saturday, February 19

No time given - A citizen r/ loud music in Cruz Bay. Loud music.

10:30 a.m. - An Estate Bethany resident r/ he was bitten by a dog. Dog bite.

12:15 p.m. - An Estate Contant/Enighed resident r/ she was struck by a vehicle. Hit and run.

3:10 p.m. - A visitor from New York r/ that her luggage was stolen. Grand larceny.

7:24 p.m. - Badge #130 p/ at Leander Jurgen Command with one Dapney Williams of unknown address under arrest and charged with assault in the third. Bail was set at \$25,000 by order of the court. She was detained at Leander Jurgen Command and later transported to the Bureau of Corrections on St. Thomas.

Sunday, February 20

12:11 p.m. - A George Simmonds Terrace resident p/r a disturbance of the peace, threats. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

4:50 p.m. - A Calabash Boom

resident p/r that she was assaulted by her father. Aggravated assault and battery, D.V.

7:35 p.m. - The people of the Virgin Islands r/ recovering contraband while on foot inspection in Cruz Bay, area of the roundabout. Recovered contraband.

Monday, February 21

8:57 a.m. - An employee of Alfredo's Landscaping p/r a burglary at the business. Burglary in the third.

10:00 a.m. - An Estate Adrian resident p/r a stolen vehicle. Stolen vehicle.

10:05 a.m. - A Bellevue Village resident p/r a stolen vehicle. Stolen vehicle.

10:20 a.m. - An Estate Chocolate Hole resident p/r property damage, vandalism. Damage to property.

10:25 a.m. - A citizen c/r that he was bitten by a dog. Dog bite.

6:38 p.m. - A citizen p/r lost property. Lost property.

Tuesday, February 22

9:35 a.m. - A citizen p/r an assault. Simple assault.

3:45 p.m. - A citizen p/r a grand larceny. Grand larceny.

5:12 p.m. - A Great Cruz Bay resident r/ a grand larceny. Grand larceny.

8:10 p.m. - Government of the Virgin Island received a call about smoking at Castaways. Violation of

smoking law.

Wednesday, February 23

4:30 a.m. - An Estate John's Folly resident r/ a D.O.A. D.O.A.

4:28 p.m. - A citizen p/r an auto accident. Auto accident.

6:10 p.m. - Badge #90 p/ with one Jah-Wada Jones of Estate Glucksberg under arrest and charged with simple possession of a controlled substance. Bail was set at \$1,000 by order of the court. He was detained at Leander Jurgen Command and later transported to the Bureau of Corrections on St. Thomas.

Thursday, February 24

4:34 a.m. - An Estate Carolina resident c/r that someone stole a vehicle from his driveway. Stolen vehicle.

8:45 a.m. - An Estate Carolina resident c/r that the vehicle he reported stolen earlier was returned without incident. Returned vehicle.

3:15 p.m. - A visitor from New Jersey r/ a recovered watch. Recovered watch.

3:35 p.m. - A citizen p/r a disturbance of the peace, threats at the Cruz Bay dock. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

Friday, February 25

8:35 a.m. - A citizen p/r telephone harassment. Telephone harassment.

9:34 a.m. - A visitor from Illinois r/ property damage. Property damage.

CRIME STOPPERS U.S.V.I.

Organization Seeks Information on Recent Crimes

St. John Tradewinds

Crimes Stoppers is asking the community's help to identify and arrest the individuals who are burglarizing homes throughout the territory.

Most of these burglaries are occurring during the day while the residents are out. Areas being burglarized on St. Croix are Estate Barren Spot, Strawberry Hill, Estate Smithfield, and Mt. Pleasant West. On St. Thomas, there have been at least 10 burglaries on the North Side with the burglars possibly using a small black car to get away.

On St. John, the major locations are Giff Hill, Glucksburg, Chocolate Hole, and Estate Carolina. Most burglaries are solved because somebody saw something and told law enforcement what they needed to know.

Residents should work with neighbors to stay informed about crime issues in each neighborhood, and if they see something suspicious, say something. The minimum reward for the arrest of a burglary suspect is \$714.

Items being stolen include laptop computers, big

screen televisions, jewelry, and cash. Most of these items are being resold. Please note that the sale or purchase of stolen property is a crime. If anyone is approached with a so-called "bargain," don't buy it.

Realize that the item was probably stolen, possibly from the home of a neighbor, a friend, or even a relative. Be part of the solution by reporting the details about the property and the person who offered it. Help put an end to these burglaries by telling what you know about the sale of stolen property.

Let's continue to help make the community a safer place to live by submitting information on 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 multi-lingual.

If a tip leads to an arrest or the recovery of stolen property, illegal drugs, or weapons, tipsters will receive 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. |

St. John Tradewinds Business Directory

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kathy@islandgetawaysinc.com

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Located in Coral Bay

VINP Road Safety

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plan to block parking along the beach at Maho Bay and will plant sea grape trees in an effort to halt erosion, explained Boulon.

"We plan on blocking that area off with management boulders and replanting sea grape trees which should cut down on the erosion," he said.

The concrete swale at Maho Bay will also be blocked off to send a clear message that vehicles should not be parking on the sand, Boulon added.

"We're going to be putting some sort of flexible stoppers on the concrete swale," said the chief of resource management. "They will be attached to the edge of the road and will be flexible so if there is a water event, things can wash through. But they will clearly indicate that you shouldn't be driving onto the beach."

On the other end of the beach, long-planned renovations to the pavilion are expected to get underway soon, according to Boulon.

"Pavilion renovations have been in the works for a long time," he said. "We'll be removing the flat section of the building and we'll fix up the roof so people can use the building for get togethers. We'll also be putting in one little picnic area, like at Hawk-snest, but much smaller in scale with the smaller space at Maho."

"And we're putting in a bathroom facility," Boulon said. "Then we'll realign the

parking on that end. We'll likely make the parking perpendicular instead of parallel to the pavement, but some parallel spaces might remain."

After all the work is complete, the same amount of vehicles should still be able to park in the Maho Bay area, if not more, Boulon added.

Other new sights on North Shore Road include six "traffic calming devices" as well as "Speed Bump Ahead" signs.

"In the next few weeks crosswalks will be installed at Lind Point trailhead, Jumbie Beach trailhead, and Cinnamon Bay to further enhance pedestrian safety," according to the VINP release.

The statement also cautioned drivers not to park on the pavement anywhere on North Shore Road.

"As a reminder, parking anywhere along the North Shore Road with any one of four tires on the pavement is considered obstructing the flow of traffic and is prohibited for safety reasons," according to the VINP statement. "Although not required or always feasible, park rangers will attempt to locate drivers to move their vehicles instead of issuing a \$50 citation."

"Rangers encourage visitors to arrive at their favorite beach early in the day and to use public transportation whenever possible," according to the VINP release. "If parking is not available seek out a different beach by hiking park trails."

Hiking guides are available at the VINP Visitor Center in Cruz Bay.

Church Directory

Baha'i Community of St. John
For Devotions and Study Circles, call 714-1641
7:30 p.m. Fridays; Study Circles 9 a.m. Sundays
776-6316, 776-6254

Bethany Moravian Church
11 a.m., Sunday School 776-6291

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13 ABC Coral Bay, 776-6304
Sunday School 10 a.m.,
Sunday evening 6 p.m., Thursday 7 p.m.

Christian Ministry
Cinnamon Bay Beach
Inter-Denominational, Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Christian Science Society
10:45 a.m. Sunday- Marketplace
Wednesday Testimonials
7:45 p.m. on last Wed. of Month

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
Sun. 9 a.m., on St. Thomas . 776-2379
Sun., 5 p.m., STJ, Lumberyard

Cruz Bay Baptist Church
Sunday 11 a.m., 6 p.m. 776-6315

Emmaus Moravian Church
Coral Bay, Sun. 9 a.m. 776-6713

Jehovah's Witness
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Saturdays (Español), 10 a.m. Sundays, 340-715-0530

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Tuesday 7 p.m. Bible Study 693-8884

Nazareth Lutheran Church
Sunday 9 a.m., Sunday School 8 a.m.
776-6731

Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Sat. 6 p.m., Sun. 7:30 & 9:30 a.m., Spanish Mass
5:30 p.m.; Monday and Tuesday, 7 p.m.;
Wednesday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. 776-6339

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

St. John Pentecostal Church
Sunday 11:05 a.m., 6:30 p.m.
Tuesdays Prayer 7:30 p.m.,
Thursdays Bible Study 7:30 p.m.
779-1230

St. Ursula's Episcopal Church
Sunday 9 a.m.; Bible Class, Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.
777-6306

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Sunday, February 27

EAST is hosting whale watching trip aboard *Kekoa* and will head out on its final sail on Sunday, March 6. For more information call 774-1837.

Saturday, March 5

The V.I. Audubon Society will host its annual plant sale at Nazareth Lutheran Church. Giffit Hill School announces "Culturalypso," a school-wide community carnival, from 2 to 4 p.m. There will be free activities, a bouncey house and food for purchase available.

Tuesday, March 8

V.I. National Park Archaeologist Ken Wild will be the guest speaker at the St. John Historical Society's next meeting at 7 p.m. at the Bethany Moravian Church Hall.

Saturday, March 12

All are welcome to join the St. John Historical Society in a relaxing potluck picnic at the Oppenheimer Pavilion on Saturday at noon.

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

Tuesday, March 15

The St. John Film Society has changed the venue of its March screening to Sputnik's in Coral Bay. Join the group for a free screening of two films

starting at 7 p.m.

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.

Monday, March 28,

SJCF's annual meeting is scheduled at the Fish Trap Restaurant. A dinner will be hosted at 6 p.m. with the meeting kicking off at 7 p.m. and the community is invited.

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.

Through March 31

An Exhibition of Fine Art will be hosted during the month of March at the Caribbean Museum Center for the Arts in Frederiksted. The exhibition can be viewed through March 31 during the hours of 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, except for cruise ship days when hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 16

The 14th Annual Julius E. Sprauve School Benefit Gala will be at Caneel Bay Resort.

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.

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By Frank A. Longo

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MEN OVER BOARD ACROSS

- 1 Tree with chocolate-yielding seeds
- 6 Shoulder blade
- 13 Attempted
- 20 Stop prematurely
- 21 Emmy winner Janney
- 22 Program that blocks pop-ups
- 23 Person used to increase a candidate's popularity, e.g.
- 25 Found a radio station on the dial
- 26 Inventor who rivaled Tesla
- 27 Caviar source
- 28 "Wild Thing" rapper Tone —
- 30 "Zip- — -Doo-Dah"
- 31 Bumper flaw
- 32 Radiance
- 34 "It" novelist
- 38 "Ah, OK"
- 40 "The Dukes of Hazzard" co-star John
- 42 Zeta follower
- 43 Singer with the Pips
- 47 "You've Got Mail" director Ephron
- 48 Tiny amount
- 49 Acting in place of a ruler
- 50 Punker/folkie DiFranco
- 51 Huge
- 52 Aruba, e.g.
- 53 English rocker Brian
- 54 Writer John Dickson —
- 56 Yemeni port
- 58 Inclined
- 60 "Look —!"

("Aren't we a pair!")

- 62 High fortress in Scotland
- 69 Attend as a visitor
- 72 Wood shoe
- 73 1959 Neil Sedaka hit
- 74 "Filling Station" poet
- 77 Agreeable
- 78 Prefix with center or dermal
- 79 Watering aid
- 80 Golda who succeeded Levi Eshkol
- 83 Kind of acct. that accrues interest
- 84 Give guff to
- 87 Stage design
- 88 "There's no — team"
- 90 Stinging plant
- 92 — to the test
- 93 U.S. gas brand
- 95 Hit for Abba
- 98 Ending of ordinals
- 99 "Kung Fu" star David
- 101 City laws: Abbr.
- 102 Theme of this puzzle
- 104 Western lily
- 106 Valet for the Green Hornet
- 110 Highway cost
- 111 Marne "Mrs."
- 112 Precursor of reggae
- 113 Li'l tyke
- 115 Tourist guide
- 118 1959 romantic comedy appropriate for this puzzle?
- 122 Campsite shelters, collectively
- 123 Attributed
- 124 French playwright Jean
- 125 "Roots" Emmy winner
- 126 People painting, e.g.

DOWN

- 1 Like Batman
- 2 Residence
- 3 Actor Farrell
- 4 Three-time president of Haiti
- 5 Artist Dix
- 6 Baglike part
- 7 Light cigar
- 8 Lets enter
- 9 Hookah, e.g.
- 10 D.C.'s land
- 11 Like valleys
- 12 Shakers founder in America
- 13 Furry guard
- 14 School Web site suffix
- 15 Indian flatbread
- 16 Adjust a bit
- 17 Trendy weight-loss plans
- 18 Of the East
- 19 Outlaw type
- 24 Things eaten
- 29 Expressing views
- 33 Albanian currency unit
- 34 "Zip it up!"
- 35 Blast creator
- 36 Ending for auction
- 37 Gun lobby inits.
- 39 'N — (pop boy band)
- 41 Hi-tech film effects
- 43 Oily stuff
- 44 Soup bean
- 45 Rabbit's tropical lookalike
- 46 Quaint ointment
- 51 Sailor's bed
- 52 "— uphill climb"
- 55 Surrealist Magritte
- 56 Hoffman of the Yippies
- 57 Bands of two
- 58 Frau's cry

59 With 116-Down, classic arcade game

- 61 T-shirt data
- 63 Strike while the iron —
- 64 Catches
- 65 Wish (for)
- 66 Mournful
- 67 Place
- 68 Ten plus one
- 70 Brief sleep
- 71 Sendai sash
- 75 Axiom's kin
- 76 Hotel chain
- 81 Like some painful hairs
- 82 Necessary: Abbr.
- 84 Watch from the stands
- 85 Penned
- 86 Brit. island in the Atlantic
- 87 Penny pincher
- 88 Hospice
- 89 Bladed boot
- 91 Alabama city
- 93 Elec. coolers
- 94 Séance reply
- 95 HST follower
- 96 "— for Alibi" (Grafton novel)
- 97 Drink with 114-Down
- 100 Kind of acid in vinegar
- 103 Thin boards
- 105 Bistro patron
- 107 "32 Flavors" singer Davis
- 108 Less savage
- 109 "Golden Boy" playwright
- 112 Dirty stuff
- 114 Hen's clutch
- 116 See 59-Down
- 117 Grow mature
- 119 Med. service
- 120 Air quality gp.
- 121 Bouncers check them

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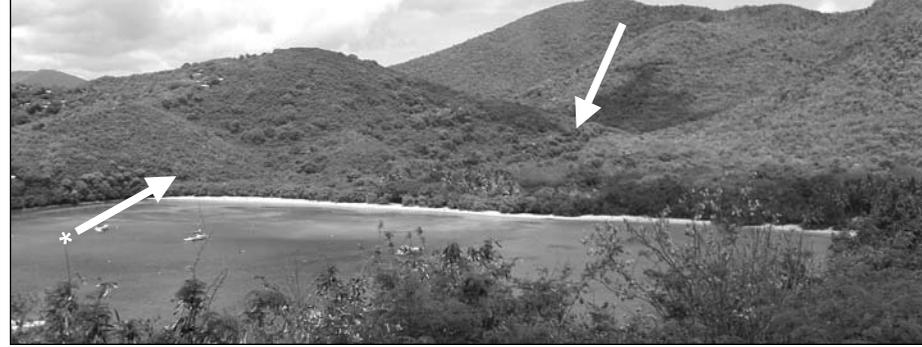
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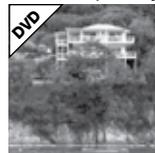
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GBS students donned fish hats while singing about the pleasures of living under the waves as part of "Dream, Wish,



Guy Benjamin School students showed off their impressive singing talent, standing, while GHS students pitched in with puppets.



St. John Tradewinds News Photos by Bill Stelzer



Julius E. Sprauve School students, standing at left, mastered several impressive dances as part of the musical, which was created by John Tartaglia, in back.

GHS students led the puppetry portion of the show and introduced the audience to Gideon the donkey.



Students from GBS, JESS and SJSA work together, above, to show off their skills during the show.

Fourth Graders Wow Audience with Show-Stopping "Dream, Wish, Believe" Performance

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that purpose in mind. But when we left the reception and saw the children lining up for the second performance I took the time to tell them how fabulous they were."

"The pride and self-esteem of these children for having done this wonderful show and getting the applause and approval of the community was unbelievable," said Hollander. "This started as a fundraiser, but what this became was so much more. The contribution to the children of this island who now have hopes and dreams of becoming something — it just blew my mind."

Everything from the music to the singing, to the puppets and narration made "Dream, Wish, Believe," truly something special.

"I don't want to gild the lily, but if I could keep a log of the feedback that I've gotten, it is virtually overwhelming," said Ronnie Lee, SJSA board of directors vice president, who also hosted the Broadway actors at his home. "Just this morning someone stopped me and said the show brought tears to their eyes and how the two shows and the dine-around really brought the whole community together."

While unifying the community, "Dream, Wish, Believe" was also the first time fourth graders from Julius E. Sprauve School, Giffit Hill School, Guy Benjamin School and St. John School of the Arts, all collaborated

on a project, instead of operating in competition with each other.

"I believe the most important aspect of 'Dream, Wish, Believe' was to bring the children and schools together for one united effort," said SJSA director Jan Kinder. "Through the fantasy and magic of theatre, the children delivered a powerful message for all."

The message of dreaming and believing in the opportunity to make those dream come true, made quite an impression on the audience, explained SJSA assistant director Kim Wild.

"My favorite part was seeing the smiles coming out of the 'theatre' after the performance," said Wild. "They gave me chills. Comments made to me during the reception were invaluable."

"Some people said they cried, others that they laughed, and that is what a theatrical experience is all about," Wild said. "Theater should make you think; it should make you wonder; it should touch your heart in a way that you've never felt before. The theatre makes us human on a different level."

Many in the audience were also amazed at what the students were capable of accomplishing in such a short amount of time, Kinder added.

"This experience also changed the lives of all who were involved, including the audience," said Kinder. "At times we were teary eyed and then filled with laugh-

ter or in awe of the children's abilities and talents."

And it wasn't just the audience who was transformed through "Dream, Wish, Believe."

"The children captured our hearts and each one became important to us," the Broadway actors wrote in an email to Kinder. "We fell in love with the community of St John — everyone was gracious, kind, supportive and embraced our idea to 'Dream, Wish, Believe.' We will cherish the memories forever."

While cherishing the memories from the show, the actors have also agreed to come back next year as "Broadway Returns to St. John," explained Lee.

"I still have to speak to the administrative heads of the schools," said Lee. "But the actor told me they are prepared to come back for three weeks next year if the administrators can make the time available to them."

The promise of another stunning performance next year — and the chance for students to challenge themselves and work with professional Broadway actors — is more than exciting, explained Wild.

"The program itself was an amazing experience for everyone involved," Wild said. "We need more of this."

Anyone who missed the two performances of "Dream, Wish, Believe," should plan to attend a future screening of the original musical at SJSA. School officials will announce a date for the screening soon.