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### Young Authors from JESS Entertain Rotary Members with Original Short Stories

JESS students Kiahra Boynes, Alyssa Paris, Tyric Reggie, Keziah Liburd and Raymelvin Caraballo read their original short stories to Rotary Club of St. John members at the group's weekly meeting on Friday, May 13. The group donated \$10,000 to sponsor Cristina Kessler, center, as the school's author-in-residence program, through which she hosted twice weekly workshops with the students throughout the school year. JESS Vice Principal Brenda Dalmida and teachers Ann Sewer, Diane Cameron and Lucinda Parsons also attended the meeting where they were greeted by Rotary president Bruce Munro and district secretary John Fuller. **STORY ON PAGE 11**

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# Oil Leak Sets off District Wide Power Outage; No Current on St. John for Most of Day

By Jaime Elliott  
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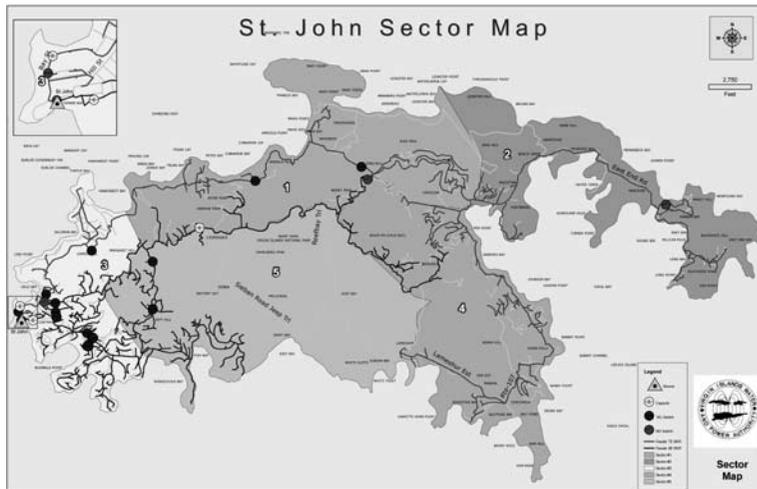
A district-wide power outage brought all of St. Thomas, St. John and Water Island to a halt for the majority of the day on Wednesday, May 11.

Power across St. John went down around 7 a.m. on May 11 as a major gas turbine on St. Thomas went off line and other units, unable to handle the increased electrical demands, quickly followed, according to information from the V.I. Water and Power Authority.

“Service was interrupted to all feeders just after 7 a.m. when the 42-megawatt gas turbine Unit #23 in Randolph E. Harley Power Plant tripped off line due to an oil leak,” according to the release. “Other units quickly dropped off line when they were unable to sustain the increased load demand as schools and businesses prepared to open for the day.”

Power on St. John was first restored out in Coral Bay and along the north shore, when residents enjoyed hearing their fans whirring by around noon. In Cruz Bay and Bordeaux, the electricity was not back until around 6 p.m. when WAPA service was fully restored in the district.

“By noon, service has been fully



WAPA's St. John sector map shows the different sections of the island and the corresponding feeders which supply power to the area. Last week's outage lasted until about 6 p.m. for sections 3, 4 and 5 while sections 1 and 2 were mostly up by noon.

ly restored to several feeders serving the St. Thomas/St. John district,” according to WAPA’s media release. “By 2 p.m., technicians were able to bring steam turbine Unit #11 on line and restore several more feeders. By 6 p.m., Unit #23 was back in service and all feeders had been fully restored.”

The public utility operator apologized to its customers in the re-

lease as well.

“WAPA apologizes to its customers for any inconveniences that occurred throughout the day due to the service interruptions,” according to the release.

To report service problems to WAPA during regular business hours, customers should call 774-3552. For emergencies or to report issues after hours, call 774-1424.

## CBCC May 16 Planning Series: WAPA's Coral Bay R/O Proposal

The Coral Bay Community Council’s planning discussion series continues on Monday, May 16, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in room six of Guy Benjamin School.

The group will discuss a proposed use for Parcel 6-4 Carolina. Parks and Recreations, Public Works, WAPA and WMA all have possible uses for this site. At the meeting, CBCC will look at another proposal for use of part of the site: a WAPA-owned water tank and standpipe for water trucks to support a proposed reverse osmosis water-making plant on the bay with a presentation by Tracy Roberts of Springline Architects and Amy Dempsey of Bio-Impacts.

Be part of these public planning discussions! Look for more information on <http://www.coralbaycommunitycouncil.org/Land-use.htm>. For more information call the CBCC office at 776-2099.

## Finance Committee Taking Testimony on St. John Vendor's Plaza on May 17

The V.I. Senate’s Committee on Finance will meet at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, May 17, at the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas to receive testimony on a variety of lease agreements and bills including an appropriation for a Vendor’s Plaza on St. John.

The committee will receive testimony on Bill No. 29-0072, an act appropriating \$300,000 to the Department of Public Works for construction of a Vendor’s Plaza on St. John. Other bills under consideration include Bill No. 29-0081, an act to increase the motor vehicle rental surcharge to \$5 and to use the revenues generated from the increased surcharge for the completion of certain capital projects.

To give testimony on these bills, or others under consideration by the finance committee, contact Chairman Senator Carlton Dowe’s office at 693-3572.

## Mandatory Summer Food Service Training Workshops on May 17 and 26

Mandatory training workshops for Summer Sites and Site Coordinators/Owners/Directors have been scheduled for the 2011 Summer Food Service Program, St. Thomas/St. John District Director for the School Lunch Program Esther Izaak has reminded interested persons.

The trainings will be on Tuesday, May 17, (which was initially announced as April 16) and Thursday, May 26. Both sessions start at 9 a.m. at the district Curriculum Center in Anna’s Retreat.

All persons who will be involved in any aspect of meal service for their program must attend one of the scheduled training sessions and make every effort to be on time.

The 2011 Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) will operate from June 27 through August 5. For more information contact the School Lunch Program at 774-8070.

## "Saturday Night Fever" Fund Raiser for Chris Chapman Set for June 11

Stop by the Lime Inn on Saturday night, June 11, at 9 p.m. for a disco extravaganza fund raiser to benefit Chris Chapman.

That’s right, friends are planning to boogie down at Lime Inn as the restaurant staff will be removing the tables. Adonis will spin the tunes, finger foods will be served and the 80s will be revisited. Tickets are \$30 and available at Connections and St. John Hardware.

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# Judge Releases 3 of 7 Defendants Accused in Drug Ring

## Potter, Ferguson Sr., Ferguson Jr. and Skelton Remain in Prison

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A botched Drug Enforcement Agency sting. An 11-month undercover operation. Confidential informants. Early morning helicopters. At-sea apprehensions. Phoney Venezuelan cocaine buyers. Phone wiretaps. Home raids.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation-led operation on St. John which led to the arrest of seven people on narcotic trafficking charges on May 6 sounded like something out of a Miami Vice episode.

Details about the FBI and DEA's operation emerged last week after the seven defendants appeared before District Court Magistrate Judge Ruth Miller for preliminary and detention hearings.

On May 6, FBI agents arrested Jerome Potter, Herbert Mason Ferguson, Sr., Herbert Mason Ferguson, Jr., Marisol Ferguson, Terrence Martin, Robert Shinnors and Earl Skelton for a number of narcotic trafficking charges. Except for Martin, who lives on St. Thomas and Skelton, who is a resident of the British Virgin Islands, the defendants are St. John residents accused of running a drug operation to possess and distribute cocaine, cocaine base and marijuana.

The defendants were charged

with a total of 47 drug trafficking crimes for bringing in cocaine, cocaine base and marijuana into the territory and distributing the drugs among a network of dealers. Judge Miller denied bail to all but three of the defendants last week.

On Tuesday, May 10, Miller granted bail to Robert Shinnors, co-owner of Low Key Watersports, on a \$50,000 cash or property bond. As terms of his release, Shinnors handed over his transportation documents and must comply with a 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. curfew.

Miller also on Tuesday granted Marisol Ferguson bail on a \$75,000 unsecured bond and appointed her sister Elizabeth Sonson as her third-party custodian. Marisol Ferguson must call in to the probation office as often as required, avoid contact with witnesses and comply with a 6 p.m. to 7 a.m. curfew.

On Thursday, May 12, Miller granted bail to Terrence Martin of St. Thomas who works for the V.I. Water And Power Authority. He was required to post a \$15,000 property and cash bond, continue living at his girlfriend Jeanette Romney's Hidden Valley home, report to the probation office, avoid contact with all witnesses and be tested for controlled substances.

Miller denied bail on Thursday to the other four defendants citing

the men as flight risks and dangers to the community.

In District Court on Wednesday, May 11, FBI special agent Michael Day testified about the details of the bureau's nearly year-long operation on St. John. Working in conjunction with the DEA, FBI officers watched and listened in on undercover drug buys using confidential informants and recorded dozens of phone calls from wiretapped phones, according to a report on the St. John Source

Day cited 16 different telephone calls and transactions dating from June 18, 2010 to April 26, 2011, according to the report. While Miller didn't allow Day to give details of the contents of the wiretaps, the FBI agent said the information led the team to conclude the seven men were involved in a drug ring, according to the report.

The FBI agent painted the scene with Skelton and Potter as the main suppliers of the drugs with Ferguson Sr., his son Ferguson Jr. and wife Marisol Ferguson running the distribution side of the operation and Martin as a "fill-in" supplier when Potter was not available, according to the report on the on line news site.

Shinnors regularly bought cocaine from Ferguson, Sr., according to the report.

With information from the wiretaps and informants, the FBI planned a sting operation for the morning of May 6. The bureau's informant set up a deal with Ferguson to buy 300 kilograms of cocaine from a supposed Venezuelan dealer for \$5,000 per kilo, who would give a 10 percent cut to the "boat man" who picked up the delivery, according to the report on stjohnsource.com.

After being approached by Ferguson, Potter allegedly agreed to the deal and got Skelton to join him to pick up the bale at certain coordinates about 10 miles south of Cruz Bay at 4 a.m. on May 6, according to the report.

Which is where the sting apparently fell apart. Although agents witnessed the suspects arriving at the planned drop site, the FBI's plane — loaded with reams of paper disguised as bricks of cocaine wrapped in trash bags and burlap sacks — had trouble taking off and then dropped the drugs in the wrong location, according to the report on the St. John Source website.

Potter and Skelton never actually picked up the shipment and tried to flee, but were easily apprehended, according to the report.

Later that day, FBI agents executed search warrants at Ferguson,

Sr.'s Estate Grunwald house and Potter's Estate Lower Carolina house as well as Potter's Cruz Bay nightclub Find da Spot, according to the report on the St. John Source.

The raid on Ferguson, Sr.'s house netted a one-kilogram brick of cocaine, 19 half-ounce bags of cocaine in the bathtub, 100 jewel-sized bags of marijuana in Ferguson, Jr.'s backpack and two handgun's under the son's bed, according to the report on the online news site.

Nothing was found in Potter's nightclub, but in Potter's home, agents found a magazine clip and a safe, the contents of which have not yet been examined, according to the report.

The operation was a joint federal investigation involving the United States Attorney's Office, the FBI, DEA, U.S. Marshal Service, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, National Parks Service, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Border Patrol, V.I. National Guard, British Virgin Islands Police Department, Customs and Border Protection, Customs Air Marine Branch and V.I. Police Department.

All seven defendants are scheduled to appear before Judge Miller on Wednesday, May 25, for an arraignment hearing.

### Registration for Beach-to-Beach Power Swim Open Until May 27

General registration for the Beach-to-Beach Power Swim continues through May 27 at the rate of \$40, with late registration begin allowed on Saturday, May 28, at the pre-race meeting for \$50.

There is no registration the day of the event. Sign up online at [www.friendsvnp.orh/swim](http://www.friendsvnp.orh/swim), or call Friends of V.I. National Park at 779-4940. Registration is also available at the Friends of the Park Store or Office, and Connections in Cruz Bay or Coral Bay. The race will start at 8 a.m. on Sunday, May 29, and starts at Maho Bay Beach.

### SJSA Instrumental Recital Is May 26

St. John School of the Arts will host its year end instrumental recital on Thursday, May 26, at 6 p.m. at the school. Music students will perform on piano, guitar, violin and voice.

## Todd Bermanski Arrested for \$300 Grand Larceny

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V.I. Police Department officers arrested a man on St. John on Tuesday, May 10, for Grand Larceny.

Shortly after 11 a.m. VIPD arrested Todd Bermanski, age 28, and charged him with Grand Larceny when he admitted to stealing more than \$300 from a Cruz Bay restaurant where he was employed as a cook.

During the investigation, a Na-



Todd Bermanski

tional Crime Information Center record check determined Bermanski was also wanted in West Virginia on drug and parole violation charges. VIPD officers said the arrest warrant for Bermanski was issued one day before he was arrested on St. John.

Bermanski is a native of Maryland residing in Giffit Hill. His bail was set at \$35,000 and he was remanded to the Bureau of Corrections pending further court action.

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JESS students, above, listen to Dr. Gilbert Sprauve talk about the "good ole" days on St. John during Tourism Week celebration outside of the department's Cruz Bay visitor's center.

## Dr. Gilbert Sprauve Shares Stories of Olden Times in Cruz Bay as Part of Tourism Week

By Jaime Elliott  
 St. John Tradewinds

Dr. Gilbert Sprauve recreated the bygone days of St. John on Wednesday, May 11, as part of the Department of Tourism's celebration of National Travel and Tourism Week.

DOT officials hosted activities across the territory last week, from a reception for the employees at both the Cyril E. King and Henry Rohlsen Airports on Friday, May 13, to celebrations at local ports featuring musicians and refreshments.

On St. John, festivities were centered in Cruz Bay with live music at the Cruz Bay Creek and storytelling and refreshments in front of the DOT's Visitors Center near Frank Powell Park.

Passersby enjoyed fresh pates, dumb bread, salt fish and tarts while sipping local juices like tamarind and ginger. Several artisans displayed their hand-crafted wares as Dr. Sprauve shared stories about island life more than half a century ago.

Julius E. Sprauve School students listened as Sprauve talked about the days before electricity illuminated the night and motor vehicles clogged the roads.

"My first trip to St. John was on a sail boat out of Red Hook," said

Sprauve. "Think of Cruz Bay as pristine, without a single boat in the harbor and then imagine just three or four sail boats in the bay. The wharf where you catch the ferry, imagine that goes out only as far as where the cashier sits and gives out tickets."

"There were three sail boats that were means of transportation back then," Sprauve said. "This was in the late 1940s and early 1950s."

*Ever Ready*, owned by the Jurgens family, was the slowest of the three, according to Sprauve.

Eddy Moorehead's *Speed* was the fastest one and Charles Smith's *Lillian* was the broadest, Sprauve explained.

"Some felt that in a favorable wind, *Lillian* could be the fastest," he said.

With no electricity lighting up the island back then, playing hide and seek in the darkness of Cruz Bay was a special treat for children, Sprauve told the students.

"Imagine Cruz Bay so dark, we would stomp our toes playing hide and seek because you couldn't see," he said. "The only lights came from a few candles and lanterns."

Taking a trip to Coral Bay to visit family and friends was a full day's adventure back then, ex-

plained Sprauve.

"We would arrange a riding party to Coral Bay and we'd leave at 4 a.m. to reach Coral Bay by 2 p.m.," he said. "We'd go by donkey or horse. Not only after we arrived out there, they would tell us to get ready to head back soon before darkness catches us on the road."

It was so quiet back in the olden days that the first thing one heard when sailing into the harbor on a Sunday morning was the choir from the Nazareth Lutheran Church, according to Sprauve.

"Imagine it so quiet that sailing in by boat, the first thing you hear is singing coming from the Lutheran Church on Sunday morning," said the historian. "One voice stood out above even the melody. Lordeon Boynes' mother Dina Boynes had a country alto you wouldn't believe."

"You could hear her voice out by the reef as you were sailing in," said Sprauve.

Students listened eagerly to Sprauve's tales from the past and even answered questions in order to win prizes from DOT officials.

Over at the Cruz Bay Creek Rooney Rhymer on steel pan and Allen Fruman on guitar kept the crowds awaiting ferries to the British Virgin Islands entertained.

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# Most Residents Express Opposition to Convenience Center in Coral Bay

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

It doesn't look like V.I. Waste Management Authority will construct a convenience center on Parcel 6-4 in Coral Bay.

Most of the 30 residents who attended a Coral Bay Community Council planning discussion series meeting on Monday night, May 9, at Guy Benjamin School were against the idea.

The suggestion arose after residents at a past planning series meeting expressed concerns about the current location of the dumpsters in the Coral Bay area. Residents cited aesthetics, public safety and negative impacts on the sensitive mangroves as reasons why the main dumpsters needed to be relocated.

CBCC president Sharon Coldren brought those concerns to the V.I. Senate's Committee on Planning and Environmental Protection last month.

After hearing Coldren's testi-

mony on the issue, Environmental Protection Committee Chairperson Senator Louis Hill asked her to see if the community was in favor of moving the dumpsters to a parcel of unused government-owned land in the area.

In addition to relocating the dumpsters, officials also raised the idea of constructing a "convenience center" on the land, which would include several dumpsters and recycling bins in a roofed and fenced structure. Mario Leonard of the V.I. Waste Management Authority tried to share a power point presentation at the meeting, explaining what the centers are and how they operate.

Before Leonard was able to give his presentation, however, several members of the audience voiced strong opposition to the idea. After regaining control of the meeting, which deteriorated into name calling and mud slinging several times throughout the evening, Coldren was able to allow Leonard to com-

**"It seems this type of thing would be better near to the densely populated side of the island as opposed to an area removed from that dense population. The rural end of the island is Coral Bay. It seems more appropriate to have this in the Cruz Bay area."**

— George Courlas, Coral Bay resident

plete his presentation.

Parcel 6-4 Carolina is a five-acre piece of land which was donated to the V.I. Government in the 1960s. The land is located in a residential area just off Centerline Road not far from the Coral Bay triangle.

While the land was originally donated to the government with the intent of supplying space for a recreational facility, the parcel is not deed-restricted, according to Coldren.

"While a number of people

in the community are under the impression that this government owned land is 'deed-restricted' to be used for parks and recreation, a review of the deed and the legislation for the government purchasing the property in the 1960s shows that there are no restrictions on the Government's use," Coldren previously told *Tradewinds*.

Since it was donated to the government, the land has only been used by Department of Public as a site to dump fill from landslides. Several abandoned vehicles have

also appeared on the site recently.

The main Coral Bay valley gut also cuts across a portion of the land and CBCC — as part of its watershed management project — is overseeing construction of a berm to filter sediment from the gut before it flows across the property.

The VIWMA convenience center was one idea for use of the land, albeit a highly unpopular idea, according to most residents at last week's CBCC meeting.

"You want to put a dump in my mother's face," said Wilma Marsh Monsanto. "There are other ways to use this area. Don't put a dump right in front of my nose."

"I have land adjacent to this parcel," said Lorelei Monsanto. "How will this affect my property value?"

"I live right above this land and each morning I wake up and have my coffee and look out to the ocean," said another resident who

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Rhodora Tira, in character as Dora the Explorer, reads a story to Giff Hill School students as part of MKSCHC's celebration of Nurses Week.

## MKSCHC Celebrates National Nurses Week: Ulrike Powell Is MKSCHC Employee of Year

By Jaime Elliott  
 St. John Tradewinds

From hosting story time at local schools to sharing cookies and coffee with V.I. Fire Department members, employees at Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center took time out last week to reconnect with the community.

MKSCHC employees focused on public outreach as part of their celebration of National Nurses Week, which culminated on Thursday, May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing.

The theme of this year's week was "Trusted to Care," and MKSCHC employees took that message to the community. On Monday, May 9, staff members shared coffee and snacks with EMS and Department of Health officials. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, Rhodora Tira — better known across the island as Dora the cartoon character she closely resembles — hosted storytime at Giff Hill, Guy Benjamin and Julius E.

Sprauve Schools, respectively.

V.I. Police Department and VIFD Cruz Bay staff enjoyed coffee and snacks with MKSCHC employees on Tuesday. On Wednesday Fire Department officials in Coral Bay enjoyed the treats before health center officials served senior citizens lunch at Bethany Hall.

"This year we wanted to celebrate the community in which we live and which supports us," said Abbie Madsen, a nurse at MKSCHC. "You could taste, smell and see the excitement and enthusiasm of our outreach efforts a mile away. This year it was less about the clinic and more about reconnecting with our community and each other."

On Thursday, May 12, MKSCHC staff took time out to honor their own during an awards ceremony in the health center's conference room. During the ceremony long-serving employees were honored and the many people who help to make the center so success-

ful recognized for their efforts.

Nurses are "champions of care," who work long and hard for their patients, said Madsen, who served as host of the awards ceremony.

"They work long hours and carry a heavy load," she said. "But they do it to make a difference in the lives of people they see and the community in which they live. We see people of all ages, all walks of life from all over the globe."

"We have the best job in the world because we get to share in our patients' lives," said Madsen. "Although our days are long and our work load growing, when we see the difference in someone's face, it reminds us why we are all here."

Several bouquets from MKSCHC patients were testaments to the caring job of the nurses at the health center. R.L. Schneider Regional Medical Center CEO Alice Taylor was on hand to share in the celebration.

"I want to acknowledge the  
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# Archaeologists Busy at Cinnamon Bay, Catherineberg, Hassel Island and More

## Special to St. John Tradewinds

V.I. National Park Archaeologist Ken Wild shared updates on on-going projects, which were made possible in part or entirely through funding provided by Friends of VINP.

The work to restore and prepare the Cinnamon Bay warehouse/great house for the new heritage education station and archaeology laboratory began April 26.

The archaeology lab has moved out of the historic structure and into a freight container at Cinnamon Bay. The public may still find folks out there a few days a week working out of the container as the park continues to excavate and analyze and catalog artifacts.

## Heritage Education Station and Archaeology Laboratory

Work to be completed before the exhibit cases are installed is extensive. The concrete floor will be taken out and all electrical wiring will be installed in a new lime floor for the museum cases and lab tables.

The windows and doors will be replaced with 18th century period construction techniques using hardwood and hand forged hardware. The walls will be lime plastered where needed and lime washed.

A new security system will be installed along with phone lines and internet for research. The contract also includes the construction of discovery drawers for education purposes and a 60 inch indoor/outdoor TV screen for educational presentations. Acces-



St. John Tradewinds News Photo Courtesy of VINP

VINP archaeology intern Casper Toftgaard, of Denmark, has been researching this complete stone ball belt, above, discovered on St. John.

sibility will be provided everyone as a concrete sidewalk and a ramp into the building will also be built.

## Accessibility Trail

Investigations and monitoring of the accessibility trail at the Cinnamon Bay factory area is complete. In the process, the investigations documented several surface remains and features that have helped the park define the village for those that were enslaved at

this plantation. Friend's archaeology funds were used to remove the plywood over the doors and windows of one of the historic structures along the walk.

Using the archaeological information derived from the work done for the trail and using the guidelines for historic restoration, the shutters, doors and hand forged hardware were restored as defined for 18th century construction.

## Cinnamon Bay Reburial

This year the completion of the excavation unit at Cinnamon Bay for the reburial of the human remains is a high priority. In the last 10 centimeters excavated, eye inlays for wooden zemi statues were recovered along with beads used to make a chiefdoms belt and a three pointed zemi stone. The park is also intent on analyzing and cataloging many of the prehistoric items from this site. So far this year we are averaging approximately a thousand objects a month.

## Artifact Research

Speaking of prehistoric stone artifacts last month her Majesty's Master and Commander and one of the park's favorite Danish interns Casper Toftgaard joined the VINP archaeology department again with new discoveries from the Danish National Museum.

Toftgaard is researching stone axes in the Danish collections that were excavated from St. John and taken to Copenhagen. In so doing, he has found a complete stone ball belt from the island — the implications of which are very significant — and has also provided the park with excellent photographs of the ball court stones from St. Croix's Salt River Bay site and many other artifacts from the Virgin Islands and across the region. The stone ball belt photograph will be uploaded onto the intern blog site, friendsvinparch.blogspot.com

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# Sisterhood Agenda Celebrates National Women's Health Week

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

Love City ladies were out on the V.I. National Park ball field each afternoon last week learning pilates, dancing, meditating and more.

Sisterhood Agenda, with funding from the U.S. Department of Human Services' Office on Women's Health, hosted a celebration of National Women's Health Month from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the field all week long with different activities each day.

Monday had ladies enjoying a walk and guided meditation, while Tuesday saw women dancing with Liz Putnam. Keryn Bryan took over on Wednesday to teach Core Pilates, while on Thursday St. John women learned self-defense with Earl Thomas. A final dance party was hosted on Friday for the last day of the week-long celebration.

The week's theme was "Sisters: Healthy and Empowered" with a focus on a holistic approach to health, explained Sisterhood Agenda founder Angela Coleman.

"We're emphasizing that you don't have to take a lot of time to focus on yourself and your health," Coleman said. "Statistically women here, and all over the country, are disproportionately represented by those affected by health issues like diabetes, hyper-tension, heart

disease, stroke and obesity."

While there are limited fitness centers on St. John, there are many ways to get and stay fit on the island, Coleman explained.

"St. John has a beautiful natural environment and we can be healthy here," she said. "Wellness includes eating right and exercising, but also your state of mind. We're emphasizing loving yourself, resolving hurt and disappointment and anger management."

"Having a positive attitude in addition to making healthy food choices and moving your body on a regular basis is something that all of us can do," said Coleman.

Showing examples of healthy food choices, Starfish Market and Deli Grotto donated wholesome food for the afternoon sessions last week, Coleman added.

"There are good food options and exercise and fitness experts right here on St. John," she said. "We can all take advantage of these resources."

While many women are aware of what they need to do to get and remain healthy, finding time can be difficult. Last week Coleman suggested women take just 20 to 30 minutes to themselves for both physical and mental health.

"Some of us know what we're supposed to do, but it's hard to find the time and space," said Coleman. "We are urging women



St. John Tradewinds News Photo Courtesy of Sisterhood Agenda

Sisterhood Agenda volunteer and Advisory Board member Shelley Griffith, left, and Sisterhood Agenda President Angela Coleman, smile for the camera.

to take 20 to 30 minutes each day for self-care. That can include a 20 minute energizer at work."

"Take a break and go for a walk," she said. "Even just doing some stretches or arm circles can help. We're emphasizing a holistic approach to health."

While the events were pushed to the VINP field as Frank Powell Park renovations continue — resulting in less than expected participation — Coleman was pleased with Sisterhood Agenda's celebra-

tion of Women's Health Week, she explained.

The non-profit group continues to gain momentum both locally and globally as Coleman is planning a Sisterhood Empowerment conference in the fall. This month, she will be busy training 10 local community-based non-profit officials her Journey to Womanhood program.

"At the end of the month, I'm training 10 community based non-profits the Journey to Womanhood

program," said Coleman. "I'll train them and provide educational materials so they can go back to their non-profit groups and either incorporate the program into their program or just teach the Journey to Womanhood program."

Journey to Womanhood focuses on teaching young women 12 to 17 about sexual health, healthy relationships, public speaking, interviewing skills, educational awareness, life skills, history and heritage, explained Coleman.

Sisterhood Agenda currently hosting a Journey to Womanhood program at the Department of Housing, Parks and Recreation's youth center in Cruz Bay. Coleman is working with Julius E. Sprauve School officials to incorporate the program into the school's summer program as well, she added.

In the meantime, Coleman is hosting a webinar in June on "Sisters in Business" and is looking for more mentor/teachers and volunteers.

"There are so many opportunities to help," she said. "We'll work with the volunteers and find ways they can help that work with their schedules."

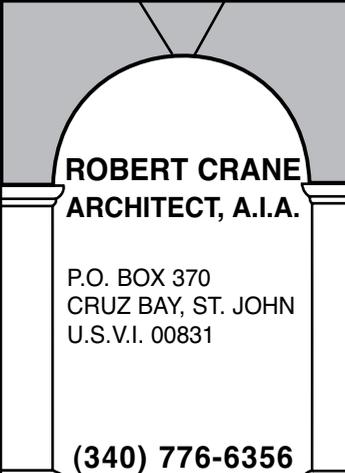
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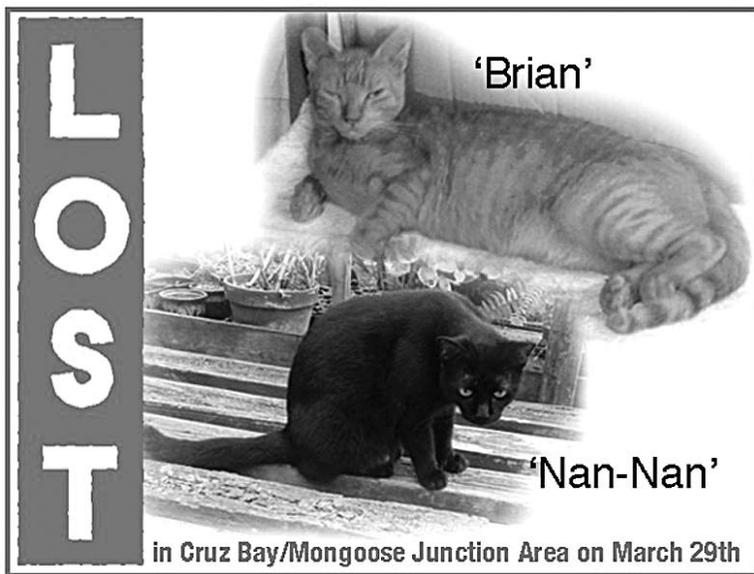


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Brian and Nan Nan, at left, and Miss Tiki, above, have all gone missing from their worried owners.

## Cats Missing from Susanaberg and Cinnamon Bay

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

Several island cat owners are hoping for a happy ending, or at least closure, to their ordeals soon.

About 10 cats in the Cinnamon Bay area, two of which were pets, went missing in March and last month another cat from Estate Susanaberg went missing.

Over the winter a cat named Onesie went missing from Estate Susanaberg and after his photo was published in *St. John Tradewinds*, the cat was returned home by the family who had been feeding him.

Now a second cat is missing from the area, and the owner is hoping for a similar outcome.

"When this small shy cat first came to our shelter with three kittens, we caught and neutered the kittens but couldn't catch her," said the pet owner, who asked to not be identified. "Over the next few years, she returned several times with new kittens for us to neuter and, when possible, to place in new homes. Then finally, she entered the trap, went to be spayed, and became one of our always present favorites."

Since then Miss Tiki has called Estate Susanaberg home, arriving for breakfast and dinner every day and lounging in the shady yard with the others, explained the pet owner.

"One by one, her offspring had disappeared," she said. "And now, just a month ago, she went missing too. We're sure that numbers of our owned cats have been trapped by neighbors and we know that at least

one of them was dumped out miles from home."

"Kind people in Chocolate Hole recognized Onesie's photo in *Tradewinds* and called to say he was welcome to remain with them where he'd be safe," said the pet owner. "We only hope someone will recognize our Miss Tiki and let us know she is also alive and well. We miss her."

At Cinnamon Bay, cats Nan Nan and Brian both went missing when a V.I. National Park ranger apparently trapped about 10 cats in the campground area. When the pet owner returned and discovered his cats missing, he was first told they were released in the VINP maintenance area near Mongoose Junction.

There are several cat feeding stations in the Mongoose Junction area, however, and no one who tends to those cats has seen any sign Nan Nan or Brian, or the other eight trapped cats.

After further inquiries about the location of his pets, the owner was then informed that only Nan Nan out of the 10 trapped cats was dropped off on North Shore Road near Caneel Bay. Nan Nan has not been seen in that location either.

While the owner of the cats has all but given up hope of seeing Nan Nan and Brian again, he hopes to at least discover what happened to them, according to friends.

If anyone has seen Miss Tiki, Nan Nan or Brian, call *St. John Tradewinds* at 776-6496 or email editor@tradewinds.vi.

## Island Dog Show Is This Saturday; ACC Reveals Waga Judges Identities

St. John Tradewinds

The Animal Care Center of St. John is proud to announce the names of Wagapalooza 2011 judges.

In recent years, Waga featured the Wagameter for judging audience response to each of the dog show categories. This year, however, the Wagameter is taking a rest in favor of a panel of local celebrities.

Long-time St. John resident and current Virgin Islands Senator-at-Large Craig Barshinger will make

his first appearance at the Waga judges' stand. Senator Barshinger is "Dad" to cats Alexander and Sabrina. He dreams of a yellow lab or a coconut retriever in his future for beach playtime.

Barshinger will be joined by former member of the ACC Board of Directors, St. John resident Paul Jordan who established the Virgin Islands Responsible Dog Ownership Day with the help of the senator. Jor-

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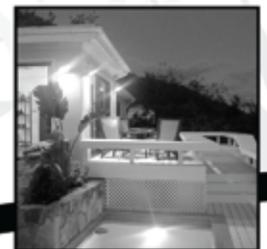
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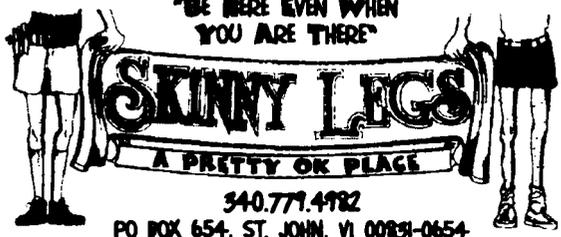
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## Friends Program Manager Penn Honored by EPA

By Jaime Elliott  
 St. John Tradewinds

From her high-energy Earth Day Environmental Fair to recruiting teenagers to maintain trails during their summer break, Audrey Penn works tirelessly to promote her home island — and environmental experts have noticed.

Penn, program manager for Friends of V.I. National Park, was recently recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency with its individual citizen Environmental Quality Award.

"It's a great thing," Penn said about the award. "I didn't even know that my V.I. Network of Environmental Educators partners nominated me for the award. When I found out I had won, I was really excited."

The news came just after Penn finished a long weekend celebrating Earth Day with the island's youth. She hosted the Friends' annual Earth Day Fair on Friday, April 29, and Reef Fest at Hawksnest Bay on April 30.

"This award definitely makes me feel that all of my hard work setting up do down and getting all the schools to come out, really paid off," said Penn.

Penn, who has been with Friends for almost three years, has also been instrumental in ramping up enthusiasm for the group's School Kids In the Park (SKIP) program, which resulted in more than 600 local students using VINP as a living classroom.

"SKIP has always been a project that Friends had, but we changed the name and ramped up efforts and interest to bring more students to the park," Penn said. "We also did more work in the schools to



Audrey Penn

explain how easy it is to get kids out there and how SKIP can help purchase supplies."

Classrooms can apply for grants up to \$500 to cover the costs associated with going to the VINP, Penn explained.

"We just had 77 kids from St. Thomas who visited St. John, some of them for the first time, this year through the SKIP program," she said. "The students had four different projects. The health class counted how many steps they took on St. John and the science teacher had students identifying different trees."

Even the youngest students can benefit from visiting VINP and drawing lessons from the environment into the classroom, Penn added.

"We also recently had preschoolers from Giffit Hill School go out to Cinnamon Bay and explore their senses," she said. "They smelled the coconut trees, smelled the bay rum and felt silk cotton. They listened to the gut flowing and learned about nature and also

about exploring careers."

"One student wanted to be an archaeologist, so they visited scientists at the Cinnamon Bay lab," Penn said.

The SKIP program is designed to engage local youth, which also happens to be a passion of Penn's as well.

"The goal is to inspire the future of St. John, which is the next generation," she said. "We are all kind of stuck in our ways, so you have to start with that next generation."

Penn hoped her EPA award would help to raise awareness about the good work which Friends of VINP achieves, she explained.

"I hope the award raises recognition for the Friends and all that we do," said Penn. "It's not just me. Heather [Ruhsam] raises the money and I try to come up with creative and innovative programs to spend some of it. I hope people are aware of all that the Friends does, and has been doing since before I started."

Penn, who seems to have found her calling, is dedicated to forging relationships between Friends and the community, and VINP, she added.

"I hope to raise awareness about who Friends of VINP actually are and change people's views in some cases," said Penn. "We have a great team and a great board and our advisory council is heading in a great direction. Our connection with VINP Superintendent Mark Hardgrove also means we are all working as one."

For more information about Friends of VINP or to support the group, check out [www.friendsofvinp.org](http://www.friendsofvinp.org) or call the group at 779-4940.

### VINP Hosting 2011 Summer Youth Conservation Corp

St. John Tradewinds

V.I. National Park Superintendent Mark Hardgrove announced that VINP will be hosting the Annual Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) Program again this summer.

The YCC Program provides an opportunity for youths to be employed for an eight-week period while gaining an understanding and appreciation about

the conservation mission for the National Park Service.

The program will employ five youths and a Youth Leader. Participants will be involved in a variety of duties associated with park operations and earn \$7.25 an hour. The eight-week program will begin on June 27 and end on August 19.

Applicants must be between 15 and 18 years of age and a U.S.

citizen, or have permanent residency status. Interested youths may pick up an application at the VINP Visitor Center in Cruz Bay between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. until May 18.

Applicants will be chosen based on their responses from an interview. For more information contact Vanessa Taliaferro-Robinson, Administrative Officer, at 776-6201, ext. 260.



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JESS students, Vice Principal Brenda Dalminda, teachers Anne Sewer, Diane Cameron and Lucinda Parsons pose with Cristina Kessler and Rotary members.

## JESS Young Writers Share Stories with Rotary Club of St. John

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

Rotary Club of St. John members enjoyed the presence of five well-spoken guests at the group's meeting on Friday, May 13, at Westin Resort and Villas.

The local Rotary Club donated \$10,000 to support Cristina Kessler for the Julius E. Sprauve School author in residence program and on Friday five young writers in fourth, fifth and sixth grades shared their original short fiction stories with the group.

Since September, the students have been meeting with award-winning author Kessler twice a week for workshops covering dialogue, character development,

plot, show don't tell and more.

Kiahra Boynes, fourth grade, Alyssa Paris, fourth grade, Tyric Reggie, sixth grade, Keziah Liburd, fifth grade, and Raymelvin Caraballo, sixth grade, read their stories to the Rotary members.

Paris' piece "Chippy's New Best Friend," is also going to be published in the September/October issue of the award-winning multicultural children's literary magazine *Skipping Stones*.

More JESS writing might appear in future issues of the magazine as well, as Kessler has submitted seven additional pieces upon which editors have not yet decided, according to the author.

## Boaters Reminded To Renew Storm Refuge Permits for Hurricane Hole

St. John Tradewinds

V.I. National Park and Coral Reef National Monument reminded any boaters last week with storm refuge permits for Hurricane Hole from 2010, and who have not done so yet, to inform the park immediately if they wish to keep your permitted spot in Hurricane Hole for the 2011 hurricane season.

If officials do not hear from boaters by May 24 VINP will assume that boaters do not plan to use the spot for which they had a permit in 2010 and their spot will go into the drawing. Boaters are asked to spread the word on this.

Each year VINP hear from people that they don't check their email, or their email has changed and they haven't notified the park, or some other reason. Please help them and VINP by getting the word out to anyone you know with a permit from last year.

Please send an email to Esther\_Francis@nps.gov to let her know and so that she can send an application for renewal. Boaters may also send or drop off a letter stating their desire to retain their spot from 2010. Boaters must fill out an application for the 2011 season so VINP has up-to-date information on boaters and their vessels.

Emails or letters should include name, vessel's name and the location of permit (example - Otter-3). For those who had temporary permits for part of last year, VINP will reach out if the original permit holder elects to not use the spot this year, thus forfeiting their spot.

VINP will be hosting a drawing for all vacant spots on Saturday, May 28. The drawing will be at 9 a.m. at the VINP Visitor Center. Anyone interested in possibly obtaining a spot in Hurricane Hole for the 2011 season please be there before 9 a.m. to fill out a card and place it in the box.

At 9 a.m. VINP officials will be drawing the cards and people will be called in the order that their card is drawn. Once all available spots are filled (less than 10 as of May 5), named will be placed on a waiting list in case a spot becomes available during the season for temporary assignment.

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## Kids First! Awards GHS \$30,000 for Early Learning Program Tuition Assistance

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Kids First!, a VI based non-profit corporation dedicated to supporting education on St. John, has awarded Giff Hill School \$30,000 to provide need-based tuition assistance for students attending their early learning program.

This grant is the largest ever made by Kids First! and is the group's third major gift to GHS' early learning program. This gift was structured so as to qualify for a matching gift offered by a generous island resident, so that a total of \$60,000 will be awarded to GHS.

"Children are born ready to learn," said Bruce Claflin, President of Kids First! "By the time they are two to three years old they can thrive if given the experience of a quality pre-school program. Since VI public schools are not funded to provide that experience, participating children must attend a private school."

"The cost of attending however is beyond the reach of most families," said Claflin. "Our grant to GHS will allow more children to attend a quality pre-school program than would otherwise be the case."

The school's celebrated Early Learning

Center follows the Creative Curriculum which balances child-initiated and teacher-directed activities while emphasizing responsiveness to children's strengths, interests, learning styles and needs.

With a low teacher-student ratio (one to eight or better), students move through educational centers that promote active learning and progress in all developmental areas.

"Early childhood is the most important period in a person's life for the development of intelligence, personality and social behavior," said GHS Headmaster Judy Chamberlain. "The foundation established between birth and age 8 is crucial, and Kids First's support of our ELC enables Giff Hill School to provide more children access to our wonderful school community and resources."

Kids First!, a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation is dedicated to ensuring all the children of St. John have a quality learning experience in a safe and nurturing environment. Kids First! focuses on early learning programs in the school, home, and community. To learn more about Kids First! check out [www.kidsfirststj.org](http://www.kidsfirststj.org).



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GHS lower school head Beth Knight accepts a \$30,000 donation from Kids First! president Bruce Claflin.

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# Reichhold Center Wraps Up Season with Aspen Santa Fe Ballet May 21

## St. John Tradewinds

Reichhold Center for the Arts wraps up its 2010-2011 season with the illustrious Aspen Santa Fe Ballet on Saturday, May 21, at 8 p.m.

Aspen Santa Fe Ballet captivates audiences with its invigorating presentation of contemporary ballet with a European twist. Aspen Santa Fe Ballet has made a name for itself not only as elite performers, but also as one of the largest dance presenters in the United States.



Purple ladies of the Santa Fe Ballet

Praised for its commitment to facilitating education and conducting out-reach programs, Jean-Phillippe Malaty, Executive Director of the Aspen Santa Fe Ballet company will host a master class on Friday, May 20, at 6 p.m.

The class is free to the general public and is open to intermediate and advanced dancers ages 13-years-old and up. The 60-minute class will demonstrate contemporary ballet techniques.

During the Reichhold Center concert, ASFB will perform a striking new piece "Where We Left Off," commissioned by renowned choreographer, Nicolo Fonte with piano music by Phillip Glass. The troupe first performed this piece after the earthquake and tsunami tragedy in Japan. It is a dance of wistfulness that transcends as a prayer.

Also, on the program, the company's signature crowd energizer with its abstract movements, "Red Sweet." This popular piece is commissioned by celebrated choreographer Jorma Elo.

"This concert gives Virgin Islanders a chance to experience contemporary ballet at its best," said Karen Gutloff, Reichhold Center's Marketing Manager. "We invite the entire family to join us for an adventurous night."

The founder of ASFB, Bebe Schewppe's vision to develop a small dance company led her to persuade Jean-Philippe Malaty, now the Executive Director, and Tom Mossbrucker the Artistic Di-

rector to relocate to Colorado to fulfill her dream. In 1996 the Aspen Ballet company was established. Initially based solely in Aspen, Colorado; in 2000 a second home was established in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

With 10 confident, passionate dancers ASFB appeals to a wide range of audiences. They have performed on stellar stages from the Joyce Theater in New York, the famous Jacob's Pillow, to the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C.

ASFB has also performed in foreign countries such as Canada, France, Italy and Guatemala. It is evident this company has put itself on the dance map, making great lasting impressions at every stop.

In 2010, both directors, Mossbrucker and Malaty were honored by the Joyce Theatre Foundation at its annual Spring Gala. The honor speaks volumes of all that ASFB has contributed to dance and acknowledges how far their reach extends beyond Aspen and Santa Fe.

Tickets are \$50, \$42 and \$32 and can be purchased at online at [www.reichholdcenter.com](http://www.reichholdcenter.com), Reichhold Center Box Office at 693-1559 or Connections on St. John. Sponsors include International Capital and Management Company; Virgin Islands Lottery; First Bank; VI Waste Management Authority; Virgin Islands Council on the Arts; Marriott Frenchman's Reef Resort; Tropical Shipping; and Innovative Communication Corporation.



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## 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: 3

3rd Degree Burglaries: 8

Grand Larcenies: 23

Rapes: 1

## Letters To St. John Tradewinds

### VINP Mystery: The Case of 10 Vanished Cats

In mid-March, Oriel Smith noticed that his pet cats Brian and Nan Nan were missing from his residence in Cinnamon Bay.

Because Nan Nan and her friends always greeted Oriel when he returned from work each day, he was worried. He watched for them every day for a week without any luck. Then in a routine e-mail to his colleagues on the Board of Directors of the Animal Care Center of St. John, he mentioned his deep concern that his beloved pets had “vanished.”

Word got around as it does in St. John, and an island friend of Oriel’s called the NPS office, asking if the Park had been trapping cats in the Cinnamon area. An official quickly replied that he’d been off-island and didn’t know anything about trapping but would get back.

His return message was that yes, a park ranger had trapped 10 cats at Cinnamon. When asked where the cats were, he said they’d been re-located to the Park Service maintenance yard adjacent to Mongoose Junction in Cruz Bay.

Oriel went to visit the official at Park offices on North Shore Road. He was given the same information. When he asked who did the trapping, he was told to wait while the ranger went in search of the trapper, a new ranger who’s only been on island for a few months. He returned saying that the man wasn’t in his office although his car was on the property. They did not give the trapper’s name.

In the meantime, friends of Oriel began to search for Brian and Nan Nan as well as any of the other eight cats. They figured that the cats would wander next door to the feeding bowls at Mongoose Junction, and that certainly such an influx of new cats would be noted.

They visited the shops where cat caretakers worked at Mongoose, explaining the situation. Later, photos of Nan Nan and Brian were distributed. No one at Mongoose has seen any new cats in the area.

Subsequently, Oriel spoke with NPS employees working at the maintenance yard where the cats were reported to have been dumped. Not one of the workmen there have seen any new cats.

Upon driving out from Mongoose one evening after searching there for his cats, Oriel encountered a NPS ranger parking his truck in the maintenance yard. He introduced himself and discovered that the ranger was the person who had done the trapping.

He said he was very sorry that he’d trapped Oriel’s personal pets. When asked who was his boss, he replied “Jeff.” He told Oriel that one cat had cried so piteously from his cage in the truck after trapping that he stopped on North Shore Road and released the cat along the road in the vicinity of Caneel Bay.

He felt sure that that cat was Nan Nan because she matched Oriel’s description. He also offered to help Oriel search for her, but he has never called Oriel back to arrange their search effort. In the meantime, Oriel has been searching for Nan Nan at Caneel, to no avail.

One of Oriel’s colleagues on the ACC Board of Directors tried to determine just who had ordered the trapping and why. She attempted to locate an NPS ranger named “Jeff” but found no such person.

That raises numerous questions: Who authorized this trapping? Did a volunteer perhaps request NPS to go to Cinnamon to trap? Or did Kelly come up with the name “Jeff” when quizzed by Oriel in order to obfuscate? And if so, was it under orders?

Why would Kelly seek to disguise the trapping action if all was as described by the Park and the cats were in relative safety in a new location? Where indeed are the cats? Were they killed?

ACC has put out a Facebook call for information about Nan Nan and Brian with clear, close-up photographs. To date, no one has seen them or the other eight vanished cats. What is the true story here?

**U.S. Taxpayer**

### Crossword Answers — Puzzle on Page 20

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### Pulling the Lever

It is hard to believe that St. John has slot machines. Once a man twice a child doesn’t mean that we resort back to children’s games. Because that’s what playing these gambling machines lead too — taking your hard earned money and foolishly giving it away.

In an economy where everyone is just making it, how can anyone justify using one penny on a chance? Interest may not be much at the bank, but it’s better than zero at the casino.

It is also incomprehensible to understand that at a time when our schools need repairs, public service personnel need equipment, libraries need maintenance, etc. that our residents would turn to these gods for fun.

If your hands need something to do, plant a garden, volunteer at a school or organize a neighborhood cleanup and beautification project. If you need excitement learn something new, read something new, chal-

lenge yourself to a new adventure.

Many people say that the young people of today are different. The truth is, so are the older ones. What kind of example are they setting, both morally and financially? Our kids should see adults that are responsible with their time and pocketbooks.

A community built on the sharing of food and fellowship does not need a selfish act of gambling in its midst. Because the term “easy come, easy go” will apply even if you manage to win. And then you start over again.

This is a free society in which we make choices. I pray that everyone restrain from visiting the establishments. St. John never did and does not need these places to occupy our time. Let’s spend it in positive pursuits with family, friends and visitors.

**Blessings,  
Emmanuel Prince**

## Letters To St. John Tradewinds

### Can You Guess Who This Is?

There's a restaurant in Cruz Bay that is the epitome of success. It's ideally located. It has top-of-the-line food due to a responsible head chef. In high season it averages over 200 people a night and I hear fantastic commentaries from tourists.

The staff is comprised of solid professionals. What makes them so professional? They are extremely patient with the public. I watch them; they're good. And as well they should be, considering the price the wealthy clientele is paying for a dinner.

Who's behind the success of this business? The owners. They know how to market and they know that customer service is number one. As a neighboring merchant, I silently observe the hospitality these entrepreneurs extend to their patrons. One thing that they do is allow non-customers to use their toilets. How smart is that?

"Come and see our beautiful restaurant — and, oh by the way, make a reservation while you leave."

They also give a discount to local livery who drop

guests off by the bus load. Even a major resort on island supports this business, probably because they get such good feedback from their guests.

What's the key selling point? Being sexy. This restaurant not only hires extremely attractive floor staff, but the kids are educated and sharp. They have the ability to at least banter with the most self-actualized people from The United States.

They rotate the staff from the floor, to the bar and to greeting people as host. One young woman who works there dresses so well that when it's her turn to seat people she looks like dynamite, a pleasant first impression the guests get when they walk into the restaurant. Her personality is even better.

It doesn't matter what the restaurant is; it's just an amazing self-sustaining organism and it's beautiful to watch unfold. Other restaurant owners should take a cue.

**An Observant Merchant**



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## Obituary

### Elisabeth (Elsbeth) Phylliss Gottel Ruffer January 6, 1922-May 9, 2011

#### *St. John Tradewinds*

Elsbeth Ruffer, 89, of Masonic Village, Sewickley, formerly of Ross, passed away Monday, May 9, 2011.

She is survived by her loving husband of almost 65 years, Walter, daughters Carolyn (Monroeville, PA) and Nancy (London, England), and son Fritz (Cyndi) (Grand Rapids, MI). She also has two grandchildren, Nathan (Tricia) and Jonathan (Vanessa), who will miss her dearly, and three great-grandchildren, Benjamin, Zachary, and Aaron Ruffer. She was also loved by her sister-in-law, Delores Printy (Troy, MI), and nine nephews and nieces.

Elsbeth was a graduate of Wayne State University in Detroit, MI, where she received her degree in music education. She taught elementary music in the Detroit suburban school system and gave private piano lessons before moving to Pittsburgh with her husband Walter. She then

taught vocal music in the middle school district of North Hills for 10 years.

Elsbeth was well known within the music circles of the greater Pittsburgh area, and was a member, both as a singer and as a pianist, of the North Hills Music Club and the Tuesday Music Club of Pittsburgh as well as serving as past president (of the Pittsburgh chapter), and Life Member, of the music fraternity Mu Phi Epsilon. Elsbeth was also an accomplished porcelain painter and could literally do anything she set out to do.

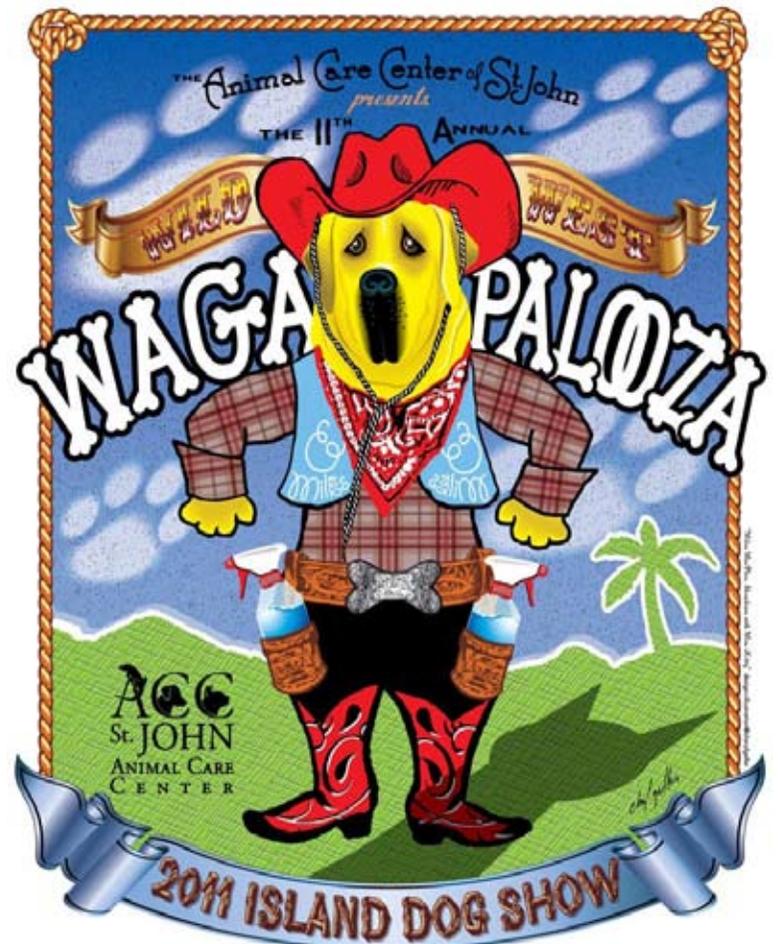
She and Walter traveled the world together after they retired but preferred to spend six months out of the year on their beloved island of St. John in the U.S. Virgin Islands where she belonged to the Audubon Society, served as president of the St. John Historical Society and worked at the V.I. National Park. She will be missed by her many friends on St. John including Ms. Vashti Boynes, her

library sewing circle friends and the congregation of the Nazareth Lutheran Church.

Since moving to the Masonic Village five years ago, Elsbeth and Walter have made many wonderful friends. We wish to thank the caring staff at the Masonic Village and Valley Care Nursing Home with special thanks to her dear friend and helper Barbara and caregivers, Maureen and Valeria.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association of Pittsburgh: 1100 Liberty Ave, Suite E-201, Pittsburgh, PA 15222 Phone: 412-261-5040 or The Masonic Village at Sewickley: Employee Appreciation Fund at the Masonic Village at Sewickley, 1000 Masonic Drive, Sewickley, PA 15143

Services will be private with a public memorial service to be held at a later date in July at the Masonic Village at Sewickley.



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*Festival Food Fair Honoree: Joyce Sprauve*

*Festival Parade Marshal: Edna O'Connor- Freeman*

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**SATURDAY, May 28, 2011**

**Pan-o-Rama**

4 P.M. AT WINSTON WELLS BALL FIELD  
CONTACT PERSON: IRA WADE (340) 690-7428

**FRIDAY, June 17, 2011**

**Senior Variety Show**

7 P.M. AT WINSTON WELLS BALL FIELD  
CONTACT PERSON: JANE JOHANNES (340) 776-6450

**SATURDAY, June 18, 2011**

**Festival Bike Race**

8 A.M. AT ST. JOHN NATIONAL PARK  
CONTACT PERSON: JANE THILL (340) 693-9467

**SUNDAY, June 19, 2011**

**St. John Festival Prince & Princess 2011 Pageant**

6 P.M. AT WINSTON WELLS BALL FIELD  
CONTACT PERSON: LORRAINE RICHARDS (340) 626-4804

**FRIDAY, June 24, 2011**

**Festival Musical Mix featuring Tarrus Riley & Others**

9 P.M. AT WINSTON WELLS BALL FIELD  
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CONTACT PERSON: LUCINDA JURGEN(340) 643-8074

**SATURDAY, June 25, 2011**

**St. John Festival Queen 2011 Selection Pageant**

8 P.M. AT WINSTON WELLS BALL FIELD  
CONTACT PERSON: ENID DOWAY (340) 626-0785

**SUNDAY, June 26, 2011**

**Food Fair & Coronation**

1 P.M. AT FRANKLIN A. POWELL, SR. PARK  
CONTACT PERSON: LEONA SMITH (340) 690-3692

**Boat Races**

3 P.M. AT CRUZ BAY HARBOR  
CONTACT PERSON: SLIM (340) 771- 2498

**WEDNESDAY, June 29, 2011**

**Festival Village Opening**

7 P.M. AT CRUZ BAY PARKING LOT  
CONTACT PERSON: JANE JOHANNES (340) 776-6450

**SUNDAY, July 3, 2011**

**Cultural Day**

3 P.M. AT FRANKLIN A. POWELL, SR. PARK  
CONTACT PERSON: ALECIA WELLS (340) 344-9166

**MONDAY, July 4, 2011**

**J'ouvert**

4 A.M. AT ST. JOHN NATIONAL PARK

**Festival Parade 2011**

11 A.M. AT ST. JOHN NATIONAL PARK  
CONTACT PERSON: NATALIE THOMAS (340) 690- 1725

**Festival Fireworks Display**

9 P.M. AT CRUZ BAY HARBOR  
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**Most Residents Oppose Convenience Center in Coral Bay**

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lives in the area. "Now you want me to look down on this."

Other residents at the meeting thought the convenience center was a good concept, but should be constructed in the Cruz Bay area instead of Coral Bay.

"It seems this type of thing would be better near to the densely populated side of the island as opposed to an area removed from that dense population," said George Courlas. "The rural end of the island is Coral Bay. It seems more appropriate to have this in the Cruz Bay area."

Still other residents were doubtful that the St. John Department of Public Works could keep up with maintenance of a convenience center.

"This is viable and important for a community, but there is skepticism if our government can or will be able to handle this," said Lori Francis.

Most residents at the meeting agreed on two things — parcel 6-4 is not the ideal location for a convenience center and the Coral Bay dumpsters need to be relocated.

"The present place of the dumpsters is unacceptable," said Barry Devine. "They should have been moved a long time ago. No one is saying this is the right site for them."

"We really need to look into it," Devine said. "We all say, 'Not In My Back Yard,' but we will all need to compromise. We need a transfer station out here and we all need to think about where we would like to see it and what we would like to see on parcel 6-4."

This week, CBCC is hosting another planning session series meeting to discuss the V.I. Water and Power Authority's proposal to build a reverse osmosis facility in the Fortsberg area of Coral Bay and a stand pipe and water storage facility on Parcel 6-4.

Amy Roberts of Springline Architects and Amy Dempsey of Bio-impacts are expected to attend the Monday night, May 16, meeting at Guy Benjamin School at 6 p.m. For more information call CBCC at 776-2099.



Hospital officials congratulate MKSCHC nurses during an awards ceremony last week.

## National Nurses Week:

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hard work and dedication of the staff here," said Taylor. "This center has the best customer service scores of our three facilities. The center consistently exceeds patients' expectations."

As the regional medical center, which includes R.L. Schneider Hospital and the Charlotte Kimelman Cancer Center in addition to MKSCHC, continues to improve its customer service as a whole, the St. John health center is leading the way, Taylor explained.

"This is really a team effort," she said.

A large part of the MKSCHC team for the past 28 years, Ulrike Powell, was honored as the center's employee of the year. While Powell, known to many as Ullie, was enjoying a day off on Thursday last week, staff overwhelmingly voted to honor her with the award, explained Madsen.

"The selection came from the

staff," said Madsen. "Some comments about Ullie were that she is 'a highly meticulous individual with a deep passion for her job,' and 'she has been here longer than the building.'"

Powell is retiring this year after 28 years in MKSCHC's lab and staff members wanted to "send her out with a bang," said Madsen.

MKSCHC officials also honored long-time staff members for their years of service. Dina Alford has worked in the medical records office for 15 years. Ten year employees Valona Hendricks, Alyce Jordan, Christine Jordan and Abbie Madsen were honored. And five year employees Sandra Liburd-Santos and Rhodora Tira were also honored for their years of dedication.

Madsen also handed out employee appreciation awards to staff members throughout the facility from security officers to kitchen staff.

## Island Dog Show:

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dan is a certified AKC "Canine Good Citizen Examiner," and he has served as a judge for three previous Wagapalooza dog shows.

New to the Waga judging scene is Adonis Morton, mortgage broker with the St. John branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia. Morton is a dog lover par excellence. He is currently "Dad" to two beautiful former shelter dogs who are reported to be very spoiled!

Thomas Shirey, a frequent part-time resident of St. John, has bred, trained, and raised numerous AKC Bouvier des Flandres champions. He has trained Schuzhund competitors in both the U.S. and Holland, and is also an experienced police and protection dog trainer with Dutch National Police Club background. ACC trusts that he will not be too demanding of St. John dogs competing for prizes as Best Lap Sitter, Best Tail, Best Puppy Love among other unusual show categories.

Wagapalooza will be this Saturday, May 21, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Winston Wells ball field in Cruz Bay. Admission is free.

It's not too late to register dogs or puppies in one of the show categories. Log into <http://wagapalooza.com> for on-line registration, or register in person at 4:30 p.m. at the ball field on the day of the event. Three ribbons will be awarded in each category, and it's even possible to create a new category to be sure of a winning ribbon!

## Police Log

### Friday, May 6

3:34 p.m. - An Estate Pastory resident p/r that his phone and backpack were stolen from the area of Cruz Bay beach. Grand larceny.

### Sunday, May 7

6:14 a.m. - A citizen requested police assistance at the barge ramp. Police assistance.

8:45 a.m. - A Cruz Bay resident p/r that he got into an altercation with another male and was threatened. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

8:26 p.m. - An Estate Pine Peace resident c/r a verbal disturbance with her son. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

### Monday, May 9

7:02 a.m. - Owner of Lone Star Taqueria r/ a break-in. Burglary in the third.

7:40 a.m. - An Estate Pastory resident p/r that her work vehicle was side swiped by another vehicle on Centerline Road. Auto accident.

12:38 p.m. - An Estate Hard Labor resident requested police assistance. Police assistance.

4:00 p.m. - An Estate Pastory resident p/r that he was threatened by two males. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

5:04 p.m. - A citizen c/r a female down in the area of Connections. Police assistance.

7:35 p.m. - A visitor from Pennsylvania c/r a disturbance at Cruz Bay dock. Simple assault.

### Tuesday, May 10

11:30 a.m. - Badge #115 p/ with Todd Bermanski of Giff Hill under arrest and charged with grand larceny. Bail was set at \$35,000 by order of the court. He was transported to the Bureau of Corrections on St. Thomas to be remanded.

11:35 a.m. - A Cruz Bay resident r/ being side swiped by another vehicle on Centerline Road. Auto accident.

3:46 p.m. - An Estate Pastory resident p/r that he was verbally harassed by another male. Disturbance of the peace.

4:44 p.m. - An employee of Cocoloba c/r a disturbance at the restaurant. Police assistance.

5:20 p.m. - An Estate Adrian resident p/r that she over heard threats being directed toward her. Disturbance of the peace, threats. D.V.

5:48 p.m. - A citizen c/r an auto collision on South Shore Road in the area of Fish Bay. Auto accident.

### Wednesday, May 11

3:46 a.m. - An Estate Pastory resident c/r that her grandmother passed away D.O.A.

12:53 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident r/ that someone opened a credit card in his name. Identity theft.

### Thursday, May 12

1:32 p.m. - A visitor from Maryland r/ a stolen bag. Grand larceny.

## 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

On Friday, April 15, at Salt Pond Beach, between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., a locked rental vehicle, with all four of the windows open about one inch, was burglarized. Although there were no signs of how the burglar entered the car, the following items were missing: a wallet containing \$200 cash; a driver's license; bank and credit cards; a birth certificate; and a Nintendo DS along with two PSP video games.

#### St. Thomas

On Thursday, May 5, J'ouvert celebrations had to be stopped because of violence. On one occasion, several people were stabbed, allegedly by one individual. Please help identify this person and help send a message that this behavior will not be tolerated at Carnival or at any other time.

#### St. Croix

VIPD is asking the community's help to locate a missing person. On Sunday, April 3, Susan Spencer was seen boarding the 3:45 p.m. ferry from St. Thomas to St. Croix. According to information provided to VIPD, she was also seen on the ferry while it was under way to St. Croix. Spencer is white, 5' 5" tall, about 165 pounds, with strawberry blonde hair, hazel

eyes, and a tattoo on her wrist of three stars and the words "One love." If anyone saw Spencer on the ferry or any time after it docked at Gallows Bay, please give the details.

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](http://www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org) or by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

Tips are completely anonymous, and the stateside operators speak several languages. If a tip leads to an arrest or the recovery of stolen property, illegal drugs, or weapons, the tipster 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.

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## High-Profile Film and Editorial Projects

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On the May 6 episode of "The Nate Berkus Show," approximately 1.2 million viewers watched as Nate Berkus surprised a woman, who was reunited with her birth mother and grandmother after 40 years of separation, with a vacation to St. Thomas at the Frenchman's Reef & Morning Star Marriott Beach Resort. The promotional value of this segment is \$20,000.

On the May 10 episode of the "Today Show," hosts Hoda Kotb and Kathy Lee awarded one "Fan of the Week," with a three-night stay at The Buccaneer. The coverage aired to approximately 2.5 million viewers and showcased great visual branding for the destination as well as The Buccaneer.

The DOT also gave support to a St. John-based production company to secure a photo shoot with the high-fashion international magazine Vogue China. Secured and coordinated by Ottworks, the shoot was for a two-part fashion spread with accompanying editorial appearing in the May and June issues.

The department assisted by providing flight support for the entire crew and models, and its NY-based PR team worked with the magazine's editors to share key information about the territory's attractions and activities for an accompanying travel story.

The May issue features a seven-page beauty spread set against the azure waters of the USVI, with a 10-page fashion spread to

follow in the June issue, in which the territory's beaches will once again be showcased with photo credits. The June issue will also feature a five -page travel story dedicated to the U.S. Virgin Islands. This Vogue China coverage will result in more than three million media impressions with an ad value of more than \$145,000.

Finally, the territory will be featured on two HGTV programs in the coming months. The popular "House Hunters International" recently filmed an episode in St. Croix while "Bang for Your Buck" shot on St. Thomas. Both programs are real estate focused and will feature three properties and a local realtor as well as beauty shots of the destination. "House Hunters International" has close to one million viewers per episode and has previously filmed in the territory.

Overall, the territory's on-island film community and local economy have benefited from the influx of film projects that have shot in the first half of 2011.

"We are extremely pleased to see such an interest in our islands from various types of film production and national broadcast," said DOT Commissioner Beverly Nicholson-Doty. "Hosting these projects in our territory is an important economic driver, resulting in benefits including on-island spend and the creation of temporary jobs for our residents."

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### Monday, May 16

— The Coral Bay Community Council's planning discussion series continued from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in room six of Guy Benjamin School.

### Tuesday, May 17

— The V.I. Senate's Committee on Finance will meet at 9 a.m. at the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas to receive testimony on a variety of lease agreements and bills including an appropriation for a Vendor's Plaza on St. John.

### Saturday, May 21

— 11th Annual Wagapalooza is May 21 at Winston Wells ball field from 5 to 9 p.m.

### Sunday, May 22

— The Unitarian Universalists of St. John meet at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday in the Great Room at Gift Hill School. The guest speaker is Nana Hendricks-Collins, who will speak on "Living from Soul-Subtle Awareness." For more information visit [www.uufstjohn.org](http://www.uufstjohn.org)

### Tuesday, May 24

— The next meeting of the St. John Chapter of the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce will be from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Castaways.

### Thursday, May 26

— St. John School of the Arts will host its year end instrumental recital at 6 p.m. at the school. Music students will perform on piano, guitar, violin and voice.

### May 26-28

The 20th Annual Folklife Festival will take over the Annaberg Sugar Mill Ruins from Thursday morning, May 26, through Saturday, May 28.

### Friday, May 27

— Enrollment for children in St. Thomas/St. John district public schools for the 2011-2012 school year are advised that the registration begins on Monday, May 2, and will continue through Friday, May 27.

— Registration for children residing on the island of St. John will be on Friday, May 27, at the Julius E. Sprauve School from 8:30 a.m. through 11:45 a.m.

### Sunday, May 29

— The 8th annual Beach-to-Beach Power Swim will be over Memorial Day weekend. Registration is available at the Friends of the Park Store or Office, and Connections in Cruz Bay or Coral Bay. The race will start at 8 a.m. and starts at Maho Bay Beach.

### 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

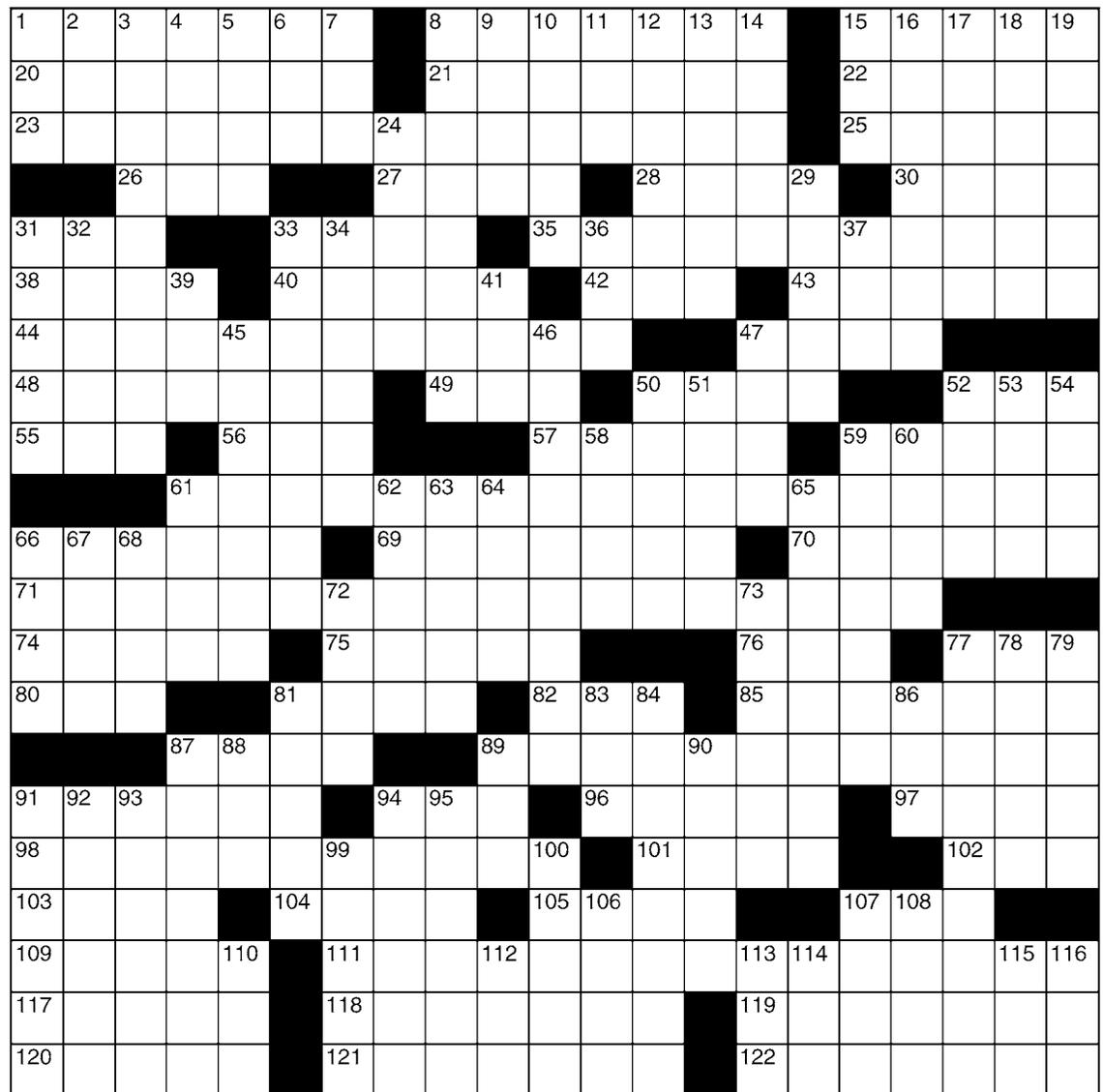
Narcotics Anonymous has open meetings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. every Saturday at St. Ursula's Church.

### AL-ANON MEETINGS

Al-Anon meets on St. John every Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the picnic table at the VINP ball field.

## PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo



### IT'S A SMALL WORLD

#### ACROSS

- 1 Pizza-topping fish  
8 Troglodytes  
15 Drang's partner  
20 University of Wyoming city  
21 Smelter input  
22 Kayak's kin  
23 It includes a nucleus  
25 Run up, as debt  
26 Jet that last flew in 2003  
27 Penta- plus three  
28 X-ray dosage units  
30 Injure with a horn  
31 That fellow's  
33 "No — traffic"  
35 Publisher owned by Random House  
38 "ER" co-star La Salle  
40 "Start the tune!"  
42 "The Lady — Tramp"  
43 Shoelace-receiving hole  
44 What a very thorough description is given in  
47 Snow glider  
48 Fencer's cry  
49 Earth heater  
50 Stair support  
52 Left-winger, for short  
55 — in "November"  
56 Arctic diving bird  
57 Bit of magic  
59 — apso (terrier type)  
61 Terrier type  
66 Pilot a plane  
69 Sailor  
70 Toed the line

- 71 Histology  
74 Stud's game  
75 — Miller" (Verdi opera)  
76 7-Down, in France  
77 Very, very softly, in music  
80 — as a fox  
81 Kitten noise  
82 Young kid  
85 Michigan/Ontario border river  
87 Bit of cotton on a stick  
89 Sports group for tykes  
91 Like laced punch  
94 In times past  
96 Esther of "Maude"  
97 Pigsty  
98 Don Ho hit  
101 See 107-Across  
102 Neighbor of Mich. and Ill.  
103 Use a Kindle  
104 Very small battery  
105 Suffix with margin  
107 With 101-Across, way up a slope  
109 Extra Dry deodorant  
111 Waterspout climber of song  
117 Validate  
118 Settle, as an issue  
119 Slightly  
120 Waste line  
121 Pale lager  
122 12 times per year

#### DOWN

- 1 Made in the manner of  
2 "King" Cole's first name  
3 Points of intersection  
4 Radio buffs  
5 Fail to use  
6 "Alice" actor Tayback  
7 "That's right!"  
8 Motherboard components  
9 In — (going nowhere)  
10 Word stock, informally  
11 Suffix with differ  
12 Expresses grief  
13 List of typos  
14 "I — nap!"  
15 — -fi flick  
16 Did a certain ballroom dance  
17 Like nerds  
18 Mickey of movies  
19 Most minimal  
24 Rich dessert  
29 Scent  
31 Virile guys  
32 Ice skater Slutskaya  
33 Old Vegas casino  
34 Baseballer Irabu or Matsui  
36 Feel ill  
37 "Toodles!"  
39 Sine — non  
41 T, in Greece  
45 Betrayer  
46 Complicated  
47 Punjabi believer  
50 Resurrected  
51 Largest city in Ghana  
52 Like bums  
53 "Oh, so that's it"  
54 Epic poet  
58 Actress Sofer  
59 Rodents in research  
60 — Lewis & the News  
61 Filly's mother  
62 Love, in Nice

- 63 Swinelike animal  
64 "QB VII" author Leon  
65 Dead-end street sign  
66 Rock concert gear  
67 Early stringed instrument  
68 Nasty  
72 Golfing need  
73 "Note — ..."  
77 Web site designer's specification  
78 Early pope  
79 Push  
81 City in Italy  
83 — the ramparts ..."  
84 Soda bottle size  
86 On the — (hiding out)  
87 Use a parachute  
88 Fly snarer  
89 "The Raven" writer  
90 "Fallen" actor Koteas  
91 Helmet parts  
92 Cardin of fashion  
93 Back to back  
94 Diminisher  
95 Vacant, as a stare  
99 1993 Nannygate figure Zoe  
100 Costly dark brown fur  
106 The "L" of "SNL"  
107 Go in circles  
108 Vocalist Eartha  
110 Article in Ulm  
112 1903, for Bob Hope: Abbr.  
113 Oft-candied tuber  
114 — -pitch softball  
115 Kay follower  
116 San Luis —, California

## VINP Archaeologists

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VINP archaeologists also hosted another Caribbean lithic researcher, Professor Sebastiaan Knippenberg of Leiden University, Netherlands who is the leading expert studying island stone sources to determine where stone tools originate from within the Caribbean. Knippenberg completed his field research on St. John in November. His report will help archaeologists sort stone tools and determine what island they came from.

### Historic Structures Preservation Projects

The project to stabilize historic ruins at Catherineberg and the factory area at Cinnamon Bay has begun. The work is being completed by a local mason contractor and monitored by cultural resource staff. The mortar used in these types of preservation/stabilization efforts is key to long term preservation efforts. Therefore, mortar sample analysis was completed for this project. Bedding mortar and wall capping will be completed with Type S lime mortar with white cement and sand.

All visible work and work around soft historic brick will consist of Virginia Lime Works Natural Hydraulic Lime (NHL) 3.5 and sand in the ratio determined by the mortar analysis. Most of the work to be completed consists of pointing and wall capping. However, in consultation with the VI Historic Preservation Office it was decided that the factory at Catherineberg should be restored as the photographic record depicts.

At Cinnamon Bay the graves and the one fallen stone entrance column will be restored. Work is currently underway at the Catherineberg factory.

### Historic Sites Research through the International Internship Program

Currently two Danish history students from the University of Copenhagen, Lasse Rodewald and Aske Stick, are on island to help the park locate historic 18th Century sites along the coast of Reef Bay. The students have spent several months researching in the archives in Denmark.

After their month-long stay on St. John, they will return to spend several more months researching and writing up what they have found in the field. So far they have located what they believe is Rift Par-

ret's house. Parret had a wife, five children and three enslaved workers when he died in 1739.

VINP archaeologists were hoping to involve the community in this project more but unfortunately the survey areas are very steep and covered in Christmas bush, wild pineapple and catch and keep. Therefore, the group has been somewhat reluctant to invite the public.

### Maritime Research Projects

Two underwater survey projects continue as time and resources allow. One project aims to complete the park's efforts to install moorings for large boats. To complete this installation requires 106 compliance that insures that no significant resources will be damaged as a result of this action.

The first half of this project, a magnetometer survey of the proposed site areas, has been completed. Currently, the anomalies are being mapped so that ground truthing can be undertaken.

The other project is being completed in partnership with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The goal of this project is to locate cultural resources and abandoned and illegal traps in the Coral Reef National Monument.

The project started with the use of Navy self-guiding side scan sonar torpedo shaped devices that located and scanned possible targets. Since the majority of the survey area was completed in over 100 to 130 feet of water it was determined to be too time consuming to dive on the large number of targets identified.

As a result, NOAA's research vessel *Nancy Foster* was brought down in March and archaeologists used an ROV to basically fly to and video record each target. Two possible wreck sites were identified for further ground truthing investigations, as were illegal fish traps in the park and the documentation of several lion fish at 110 feet.

### Hassel Island

Work continues on Hassel Island. This last month, archaeologists completed surface data recovery for a portion of the new trail that was cut from Creque Marine to Shipley Battery and to the Officers Quarters. Work will continue as the group maps out the route from the Officers Quarters to Cowell Battery and complete data recovery as required to complete 106 compliance.



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# High-Profile Film and Editorial Projects Yield Big Results for Territory

## St. John Tradewinds

A number of high-profile on-location film, video and still projects which recently took place in the territory have benefited the U.S. Virgin Islands and will continue to do so.

Select projects injected significant funds into the local economy while a series of on-island photo shoots and national broadcast opportunities showcasing the destination's offerings to potential visitors have and will continue to generate positive exposure for the territory, according to the Department of Tourism.

In April, the production team for a major motion picture filmed scenes on St. Thomas, employing more than 60 residents and utilizing services from several local businesses. The estimated on-island spend was close to \$1 million over the course of just one week.

The DOT will continue to work with the production company's executives to explore the potential for partnerships around the film's release as well as future projects.

In keeping with the department's 2011 marketing strategy, the marketing team secured coverage for the destination through on-island photo shoots and national broadcast opportunities. These valuable opportunities yield high return on investments and share key destination branding messages with consumer audiences.

A photo-shoot held in St. Thomas over a five-day period earlier this year yielded 11 pages of coverage and roughly 4.3 million media impression in Essence magazine's May issue. In a three-page spread, supermodel Toccara Jones, a former America's Next Top Model contestant, is photographed with a friend across various sites including The Royal Dane Mall, Oceana, Blackbeard's Castle and Wyndham Sugar Bay Resort & Spa.

In a separate eight-page fashion feature, a model shows off colorful spring clothing and accessory trends amidst the foliage of Villa Botanica. More St. Thomas coverage is slated to appear in the June issue.

In January, a family struck by a natural disaster was afforded an unforgettable St. Thomas vacation when DOT and Wyndham Sugar

Bay Resort & Spa hosted them during the taping of popular television series "Extreme Makeover Home Edition."

On Sunday, May 8, on ABC, approximately 10 million viewers watched the Prewitt-Brewer family from North Central Florida enjoy

Coral World and BOSS Underwater Adventure, along with meaningful Mother's Day family gatherings at local restaurants and popular

beaches on St. Thomas. The value the destination received from this exposure is over \$1 million.

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