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Bryson Mays Sets New Course Record at Power Swim

Sixteen-year-old Bryson Mays of St. Croix came ashore at Hawksnest Beach first in the 8th Annual Beach to Beach Power Swim on Sunday morning, May 29, topping a field of about 200 swimmers. Mays, who swam the three and half mile course from Maho Bay, also won the swimming race last year, but this time around he set a new course record of one hour 10 minutes and 32 seconds. See next week's Tradewinds for more pictures, a list of top finishers and full story.

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Photo by Jaime Elliott



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Guy Benjamin School PTO Not Happy About Losing Principal Dionne Wells

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

News of the transfer of Guy Benjamin School principal Dionne Wells was met with frustration and anger last week.

While DOE did not officially announce the transfer until a May 26 press conference, rumors about the new assignments were widespread and GBS parent teacher association members discussed the issue at its My 18 meeting.

"We have a very active PTO at GBS and last Wednesday, May 18, we had at least 30 people in attendance," said Trish Meyers, a GBS parent. "I made an announcement at the meeting that I was aware that Ms. Wells was going to be transferred out of Guy Benjamin Elementary School. As to be expected, people were shocked, angry, disappointed and frustrated."

"The general feeling from teachers, parents, and many students are that we are very proud of Wells' achievements and the advancements that GBS has made over the last four years under her leadership," said Meyers. "We are very proud of our extremely capable, talented and intelligent teaching staff. These teachers have been strongly supported by Ms. Wells and the students are flourishing with Ms. Wells as principal."

Working with Coral Bay Community Council and St. John School of the Arts officials, Wells was able to win a five year 21st Century Af-

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— Trish Meyers, parent of student at Guy Benjamin Elementary School

ter School program grant, Meyers explained.

"Ms. Wells initiated and supported the very successful after school program at GBS," said the PTO member. "Ms. Wells initiated a yearly summer program to improve children's writing skills and is very active in keeping the cost affordable so any child can attend, no matter what their financial abilities are. Ms. Wells believes in the children at GBS and we believe she could do so much more for them if she was allowed to remain as principal for many years to come."

What worries the PTA more than anything is the possibility that the new principal at GBS will not want to be there. Taking over the helm from Wells is Whitman Browne, who used to be the principal of Evelyn Marcelli Elementary School on St. Thomas. Marcelli is closing at the end of the school year and Browne will report to GBS next year.

Browne, who lives on St. Thomas, has been quoted in several local

publications as viewing his new assignment as "punitive and political." GBS parents do not want their principal to view his job as punishment, Meyers explained.

"It would be a travesty to dampen that light by hiring a principal who did not want to be placed at GBS or felt it was a punishment," said Meyers. "We all know that Ms. Wells could have a positive influence on the staff and students at Julius E. Sprauve, but the teachers and children at Guy Benjamin School do not deserve to lose their leader."

"Even the most resilient child can lose their spirit to succeed if someone who they rely on and look up to is removed, then replaced with an individual who felt it was less than an honor to be leading them," Meyers said. "If the Department of Education insists on transferring Ms. Wells even after hearing our plea, we feel like we deserve no less than a replacement that is enthusiastic, grateful, and thrilled to be principal."

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Public Presentations on Local Shark Research Set for May 30 and June 1

The Coral Bay Community Council is welcoming back the island's shark researchers.

Bryan DeAngelis and Dr. Greg Skomal will be hosting two presentations for the public this year to share their research.

"A Review of USVI Shark Research from 2004 to Present" will be presented at the Maho Bay Campground pavilion on Monday, May 30, at 7:30 p.m. and on Wednesday, June 1, at Estate Concordia at 6:30 p.m.

The shark researchers are returning this week for their sixth year of juvenile shark research in Coral Bay and Fish Bay. Attendees can learn about the 12 inches to two feet long juvenile sharks that live in the island's shallow bay nurseries. Everyone is welcome. For more information call the CBCC office at 776-2099.

Delinquent Real Property List Published

The territory's delinquent real property list that has been published applies only to those property owners who have been delinquent in their payments of real property taxes for 10 or more years, according to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

The list was published in the *St. Croix Avis* on Wednesday, May 25, and will be published in the *Virgin Islands Daily News* on Friday, May 27. The delinquent real property list can also be viewed on the Lt. Governor's website, www.ltg.gov.vi.

Publication of the delinquent list is mandated by VIC T33 §2496, which requires the Lieutenant Governor to publish the names of all delinquent real property tax owners. Property owners whose names appear on this list or who know that their properties are in delinquent status are encouraged to contact the Office of the Tax Collector in their district to make arrangements for payment.

For more information, contact the Office of the Tax Collector at 776-6737 on St. John.

GHS Graduation Scheduled for June 10

The Giff Hill School graduation ceremony for the Class of 2011 will be Friday, June 10, at 5:30 p.m. on Trayser Field at GHS.

University of the Virgin Islands President Dr. David Hall will deliver the commencement address. Please call 776-1730 for more information.

"Saturday Night Fever" Is June 11

The Lime Inn will host a disco extravaganza fund raiser to benefit Chris Chapman on Saturday, June 11, at 9 p.m.

Friends of the long-time island massage therapist are planning to boogie down at the Lime Inn after the restaurant staff removes 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.

UU Hosting Beach Clean Up June 12

The Unitarian Universalists of St. John are hosting a beach cleanup on June 12 at Cinnamon Bay.

Stop by from 9 a.m. to noon for a cleanup and laughter yoga. Bring a sack lunch, gloves, a swimsuit and work clothes. Meet at the watersports area. For more information call 776-6332.

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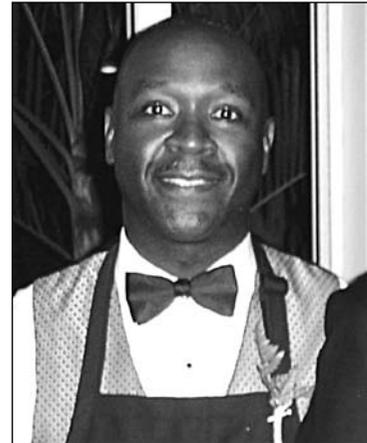
Wells will transfer to JESS; Francis to transfer to STT for 2011-12 school year

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— LaVerne Terry, Education Commissioner



Dionne Wells



Mario Francis

In announcing the closure of Marcelli on St. Thomas, Terry said the department looked at schools with less than 200 students.

“We were faced with the reality that we needed to address the fact that we have some very small schools using an abundance of resources,” said the DOE Commissioner. “Likewise, we knew that some of these schools required major repairs for which there are no resources to address. We reviewed each of these schools and made the decision to close the Marcelli School.”

GBS in Coral Bay is one of those schools in the district with less than 200 students. Terry did not discuss closing the elementary school, but did leave the door open for future “difficult decisions.”

“It’s not sound to operate small schools when other schools can take those students,” Terry said. “There may be many other tough decisions in the future. The community wants and has demanded that we improve the school system and better prepare our students for their futures.”

“Our fiscal resources are scarce,” said Terry. “Changes are necessary, painful, but necessary. No matter what we do, the best interest of the student is placed ahead of all other considerations.”

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Department of Education officials unveiled changes to the administration of many schools in both the St. Thomas/St. John and St. Croix Districts last week.

Both public schools on St. John will be run by new principals next year. After five years at the Julius E. Sprauve School, Principal Mario Francis is being transferred to Edith Williams Alternative Academy on St. Thomas next year.

Guy Benjamin School principal Dionne Wells will be replacing Francis as principal of JESS. Whitmore Browne, the principal of Evelyn Marcelli Elementary School on St. Thomas — which is closing at the end of the school year — will be new the GBS principal next year.

While rumors of transfers have been whispered for weeks, the official announcements about the new assignments came during a DOE press conference at the Curriculum Center on Thursday afternoon, May 26.

Officials cited budget cuts and

strict No Child Left Behind benchmarks for some of the transfers. DOE has cut millions from its budget and is still looking for an additional \$2.9 million in savings by the end of the fiscal year, Commissioner LaVerne Terry explained in last week’s press conference.

“The general fund has continued to decline and recently the department was required to reduce its budget by three percent to \$6.8 million,” said Terry. “We anticipate additional budget cuts for the upcoming years. It should be noted personnel cost makes up approximately 90 percent of the department’s budget.”

There are also several schools in both districts which have never met Annual Year Progress, requirements which will only get more difficult for schools to meet in the future, Terry explained.

“Since 2007, we have had three elementary schools which have never made AYP and six secondary schools which have never made AYP,” said the DOE Commissioner. “This year, schools must reach higher standards to

meet AYP. Instead of 37.7 percent of students reading at grade level to reach AYP in the third grade, starting next year it will 53.3 to meet AYP.”

“This new higher standard will put additional stress on all schools and especially on the schools which have never made AYP or barely made AYP,” said Terry.

DOE officials also outlined the department’s two year initiative to improve the entire school system.

“Two years ago we undertook an initiative to not just improve schools, but to improve the entire system,” said Terry. “In order to get rapid and sustained improvement we must look at the system as a whole. Instead of looking at each school staff in isolation, we looked at the staff as a whole to see how best to utilize our resources.”

The administration transfers were made in the best interest of each school and were not politi-

cally motivated, Terry added.

“The administrative changes were made to address concerns and create better alignment amongst schools,” she said. “Reviewing of schools’ performance data, district performances data and information from administrators were used to get a sense of where administrators might best fill the needs. Some will say these moves are politically and personally motivated and I say ‘You are wrong.’”

“This is not the first time administrators have been transferred,” Terry said. “It’s very common and this year should be considered no different than any other year. The Virgin Islands is a political place and as we all know it’s hard to separate any major decision from politics.”

“As much as we say it was not politically motivated, there will be those in the community who will not believe us,” Terry said.

New Principal Is Just One of Many Changes Expected at JESS

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Julius E. Sprauve School will welcome Dionne Wells as the school’s new principal next year and should expect additional changes as well.

Current JESS principal Mario Francis will report to the Edith William Alternative Academy starting next school year while Whitman Browne from St. Thomas will take over the helm of Guy Benjamin School, being vacated by Wells.

Among the announcements issued at a Department of Education press conference on May 26, DOE Commissioner LaVerne Terry said that the Cruz Bay public elementary and public school will be restructured.

“The Julius E. Sprauve School is one of the schools that we are looking at restructuring,” said Terry. “Initial reviews that we’re looking at are primarily at the instructional program as well as the way the school is arranged. There may be other changes coming in the future.”

“I believe that there is going to be a meeting next week on St. John to talk about other things we are proposing at the school,” Terry said.

DOE will host a meeting for parents of JESS 8th graders on Thursday evening, June 2, according to DOE St. Thomas/St. John Insular Superintendent Jeanette Smith-Barry.

“We have set a meeting for parents of eighth graders at JESS on Thursday night and information on that meeting will be forthcoming,” said Smith-Barry.

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Sun Shines on 20th Annual St. John Folklife Festival at Annaberg Ruins

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crafts made with local seeds and other organic material. Justin Todman showed off his broom making skills and Elizabeth Aubain displayed her woven bags, belts and hats.

Olivia Christian and Golda Hermon braved the heat of the small kitchen structure at Annaberg, whipping up fresh dumb bread in coal pots cooking over locally made charcoal.

Gardener Charles "Kalo" Jackson toured students around the Annaberg garden which was teeming with everything from sugar cane and coconut to cherries and lemongrass.

"My favorite part of the whole day was picking cherries from the garden," said one Lockheart Elementary School student.

It wasn't all fun and games though. Students also toured the ruins and had to answer questions about the plantation's history.

"The students were so well behaved," said Georges. "I think they really had a good time and



Students learned the history of the plantation while enjoying live music and lunch during the festival.

they even learned some things too. I love having the kids up here because there is so much to soak in and enjoy."

After an exciting night-time show under the stars at Annaberg,

which featured the St. John Cultural Dancers, St. Thomas Heritage Dancers and the Dominican Association Dancers, the 20th annual St. John Folklife Festival wrapped up another great year.

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“Flexible Zoning” Means Maho Bay Could Be Home To Resort or Villas, or Both

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

With Maho Bay Campground’s lease set to expire on July 31, 2012, a rare 13.8 parcel of land on the pristine North Shore of St. John is on the market.

The land is surrounded by V.I. National Park and includes 850 feet of sandy white shoreline in addition to incredible views. Offered by Islandia Real Estate, the land is listed as Estate Abraham’s Fancy, but is billed as Estate Maho Bay on the company’s website.

The asking price is \$23 million and the possibilities for the property are many, according to www.islandiarealestate.com.

“One of the last remaining privately owned beach front properties on St. John’s North Shore is offered for sale,” according to the site. “This privately owned north shore beachfront property offers flexible zoning for any number of uses or a combination thereof; exclusive family estate holding, private planned residential community, ultimate upscale beachfront resort.”

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Maho Bay Campground Eyes Last Season; Eco-resort’s Lease Will Expire July 2012

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

St. John could be welcoming another luxury resort to its shores. Or 25 new sprawling villas could be dotting a hillside on the North Shore in the next few years.

Those are just two possibilities for what could replace Maho Bay Campground (see side bar on this page), when the eco-resort’s lease expires in July 2012.

Although the exact future of the campground — and the 13.8 protected acres on the North Shore it sits upon — remains undetermined, officials are not taking reservations after June 2012, setting up this next high season to be Maho’s last one.

The campground, which opened in 1976, is nestled on 13.8 privately owned acres on the island’s North Shore and includes a sandy beach with 850 feet of shoreline. The campground consists of mostly low-impact wooden structures,

walkways and winding stairways, soft-sided tents, a dining and yoga pavilions and a popular arts program.

Maho Bay Camps latest online newsletter, issued last week, included a letter from owner Stanley Selengut advising of the campground’s impending closure.

“I am sorry to report that negotiations to extend our 37-year lease have been so far unsuccessful,” Selengut wrote. “Unless the landowners decide otherwise, Maho will close before July 31, 2012.”

While the date of Maho’s lease ending has been known for years, many visitors and residents hoped a land conservation would be able to purchase the property and continue leasing to the campground.

With a price tag of \$23 million, however, a buyer for the property has not been found.

Trust for Public Land, which acquired more than 400 acres nearby for

protection last year, was leading the drive to purchase the land. At this time, however, the non-profit conservation organization is no longer in negotiations with the land owners, explained Maho Camps vice president Adrian Davis.

“Trust for Public Land is no longer in negotiations with the land owners,” said Davis. “Hopefully someone will come out and purchase the land and lease it to Maho Bay Camps, but that will not be Trust for Public Land at this time.”

Funds collected by TPL for Maho Bay Camps were used to begin negotiation, Davis added.

“Anyone who donated money to TPL has gotten a letter about the end of negotiations,” said Davis. “The money they donated was for the beginning of negotiations and appraisals. It was never promised that they would purchase it or that people would get their money

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Chamber Continues To Seek Solutions To Night Noise Issue Plaguing Cruz Bay

By Andrea Milam
 St. John Tradewinds

Anyone who's driven by Cruz Bay after the sun goes down knows that the town can be a noisy place. Now downtown businesses, via the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce's St. John Chapter, are fighting for stricter enforcement of the Virgin Islands' noise ordinance.

"The law needs to be worded much better than it is, and enforcement needs to be across the board," said Castaways owner Jeff Quinlan. "The law is very generalized."

While Quinlan has been approached by V.I. Police Department officers despite his efforts to keep noise at his bar to a minimum, he's witnessed officers ignoring blaringly loud music emitting from other downtown establishments and even from cars, he said.

"It's painful to drive by these places even with the windows rolled up in my car," agreed St. John Chamber board representative Don Porter.

Businesses from Estate Lindholm to Lavender Hill, both just outside of Cruz Bay on opposite ends of the town, have faced issues with the noise level, Cruz Bay Boutique Hotel owner David Guidi explained.

"There are a few places that are so loud at three and four in the morning that it spoils it for everybody else," said Guidi, who suggested that VIPD officers making use of noise meters would help solve the problem.

Castaways owner Quinlan lauded the FBI and DEA on their recent drug busts, saying it's reduced the size of the crowd that usually hangs out across the street from his bar allegedly selling drugs.

"We've noticed a huge difference," he said. "If local police followed that trend and enforced the No Loitering sign there, it would help to solve the problem."

While it's up to the VIPD to enforce the law, the Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs, which grants the business licenses determining which establishments can play loud music — within the limits of the law — should also be involved in the discussion of making Cruz Bay a quieter place, said St. John Administrator Leona Smith.

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 Cruz Bay Boutique Hotel

Chamber members agreed to invite VIPD and DLCA representatives to next month's meeting in order to further the discussion.

Also on the agenda was the issue of the approved gas station project near Power Boyd, where excavation has reportedly begun.

"Gasoline will have to go over Jacob's Ladder," said Porter. "It's a potential serious disaster."

"We really need to step up our objection," added Cid Hamling.

Chamber members agreed to follow up on a rumored opposition to the project by a neighboring property owner, who claims the gas station's plans encroach on her land.

On the heels of Administrator Smith's announcement that V.I. Port Authority board member Robert O'Connor will soon recommend restricted parking at the VIPA-owned U.S. Customs lot, Chamber Chapter members agreed to formally recommend that parking at the lot be restricted to two hours during the day and three hours during the evening.

Chamber members also lamented the recent proposal of a bill to add a one cent import fee per pound to everything arriving in the territory aside from food and medicine.

"It sounds innocuous, but it's a little deceptive," said Porter. "It gets interesting with things like building materials."

"It's not a good bill," added Hamling.

VIPD's "Click It or Ticket" Campaign To Promote Safety

St. John Tradewinds

Governor John deJongh proclaimed May 23 through June 5 a "Click It or Ticket" mobilization period in the Virgin Islands.

During these designated two weeks, police will ramp up enforcement of seat belt laws, which have been shown to reduce the risk of injury or death caused by motor vehicle crashes.

With the safety and security of residents and visitors to the territory as a paramount concern,

initiatives like this one assist in raising awareness on potentially life-saving measures in the event of an accident. A majority of Virgin Islanders regularly travel in motor vehicles on our territory's roads and are encouraged to always practice safe driving habits.

In 2009, seat belts in passenger vehicles saved approximately 12,713 lives. Regular seat belt use is the single most effective way to protect individuals while driving; using a seat belt is also required by

law in the Virgin Islands.

In the territory and across the nation, law enforcement officers will actively participate in the Click It or Ticket initiative and will monitor the public on seatbelt use, day and night.

Checkpoints will be established throughout the territory. Increased enforcement of seat belt laws, coupled with publicity, has proven to be an effective method to increase seat belt usage and decrease fatal crashes.

WAPA Gets Green Light for New Electrical Cable to Frank Bay

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

St. John will be connected to St. Thomas by a second cable soon.

In a short decision meeting on Tuesday evening, May 24, at St. Ursula's Senior Citizens Center, the St. John Coastal Zone Management Committee voted unanimously to grant the V.I. Water And Power Authority a modification request to install a new electrical cable from Red Hook to Frank Bay.

St. John CZM Committee members Gerry Hills, Andrew Penn and Madaline Sewer voted in favor of the modification request. Committee member Edmund Roberts was absent.

The committee tabled the request at its April 28 decision meeting at the Westin Resort and Villas because the group could not get a clear answer about three seemingly unused utility poles and a rusty chain link fence in the Frank Bay area.

The poles have since been removed and a new fence will be installed in the area soon, according to WAPA officials.

At the April CZM meeting, Amy Dempsey of BioImpacts showed the committee pictures of the existing pipeline and images of the new cable's proposed location. The new cable would "provide redundancy so that if the other cables are lost or damaged, there will be full electrical power for the island of St. John," according to the request.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo Jaime Elliott

St. John CZM Committee tabled WAPA's request the first time around while it waited for the utility to remove three unused poles in Frank Bay, above.

WAPA Engineer Cordelle Jacobs, however, was unable to answer questions from the committee regarding the utility poles in Frank Bay, prompting the committee to table the request.

Under questioning from committee members Penn and Hills, Jacobs admitted not knowing details of WAPA's St. John substation.

"My boss couldn't make it here today,"

Jacobs said at the April meeting.

This time around, the WAPA engineer was able to answer to tell committee members that the poles had been cut down and a new fence will be installed around the high-voltage junction box in Frank Bay.

"The poles were removed, the grass was cut and we will be replacing the fence with a new fence within the next few weeks," said Jacobs. "Since there is a junction box there we must have it fenced it. We can't have the area just be open."

WAPA will also be removing three unused water pipes from the Frank Bay area, Jacobs added.

The seawater intake pipes are a two-inch PVC line, a 10-inch flexible line and a 10-inch rigid line. All three will be removed and the beach will be "raked back to its original condition," according to information from Department of Planning and Natural Resources' Coastal Zone Management Program.

Once the clean-up work is completed, WAPA will start installing the new electrical cable from Red Hook, St. Thomas to Frank Bay, St. John.

The project will start in the Red Hook area where WAPA will expand the existing beach manhole before laying the line with a cable installation barge. With divers and video equipment, WAPA will lay the cable

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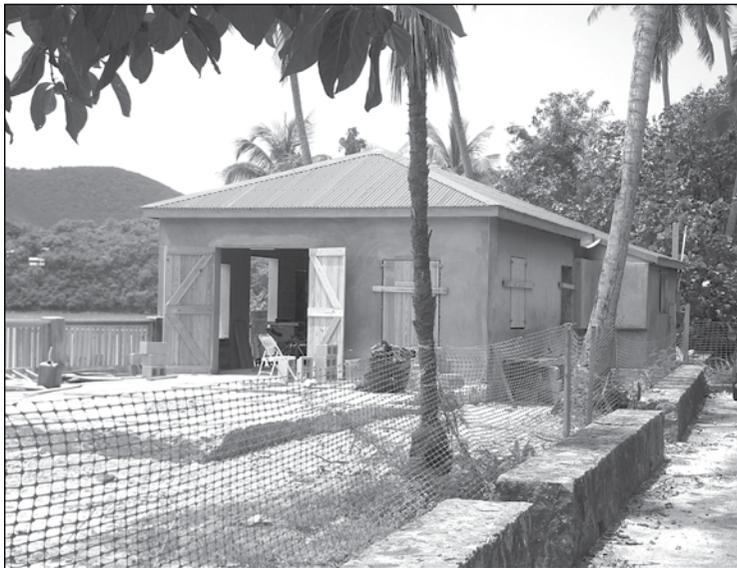
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Renovations on Pace at Maho Bay Beach Pavilion



With a new roof, reinforced concrete walls and new wooden fencing, renovations to the beach pavilion at Maho Bay are right on schedule, according to V.I. National Park officials.



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Photos by Jaime Elliott

JESS Young Authors:

The Sunrise That Brought Carnival

by Kemisha Hoheb

St. John Tradewinds

Julius E. Sprauve School students in the fourth through sixth grades took part in the author-in-residence program this school year with award winning author Cristina Kessler, with help from a \$1,000 donation by the Rotary Club of St. John.

St. John Tradewinds is privileged to be able print the work created by several students for the next few weeks. This story was written by JESS sixth grader Kemisha Hoheb.

The Sunrise That Brought Carnival by Kemisha Hoheb

6:30 in the morning. The day began with a sunrise that helped the rooster wake me up in a flash to get ready for Carnival. The shining orange color made the room bright as it came through my window.

I usually take a half-an-hour bubble bath but since I overslept I could only take a 10 minute bath. Next I made me a ham and cheese sandwich to carry with me, but I really wanted egg.

Now it was time to get dressed. I had to wear a blue Hawaiian shirt that had white flowers all over it. I also had to choose what type of black pants I wanted to wear, so I chose my skinny jeans. And I chose to wear my black and white Converse. I was ready to hit the door and go to Carnival.

I play the Double Second which is two pans. When I play it, it makes me feel like I'm in my own world. I always think about what my mother told me when she played it when she was 11, the same age as me.

She said it made her feel like she was rich, had a big house and could relax. And that the sounds of the pan always calmed her down. And now it does that for me. My mom brought this special talent to me that I didn't know I had.

I made it in time to do a little steel pan practice with my band called The Love City Pan Dragons, thanks to the sunrise. The orange sunrise that struck my bedroom had turned the sky blue. I know that the sunrise had an amazing part in Carnival. It brought light to the fantastic festival. Now everybody is having a great time — especially me.

And it brought a smile to my mother's face.



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JESS physical education teacher Lecia Richmond posed with V.I. boxing great Julian Jackson, center, during the conference at the Westin.

18th Annual "Let's Talk" Conference Teaches JESS Students About Life

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Julius E. Sprauve School ninth graders enjoyed a fun and educational conference on Friday, May 20, at the Westin Resort and Villas which covered topics from fitness to bullying.

The 18th annual ninth grade conference titled, "Let's Talk," was organized by Fran Jacobson and JESS physical education teacher Lecia Richmond.

School safety coordinator Lavelle Campbell and Virgin Islands boxing great Julian Jackson were among the day's presenters. Students also learned about gang life and violence, teen pregnancy and nutrition during the day-long conference.

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Bok choy, above at left, and passion fruit flowers, at right, are just two of the rewards of GHS' verdant garden.

GHS EARTH Program Expands Outdoor Classroom

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With less than two full weeks of classes remaining, the 7th and 8th graders at Giff Hill School have been busy bringing closure to many projects in the Education And Resiliency Through Horticulture program.

"We have pulled up the end of our incredibly successful bok choy and collard greens for one last stir fry, have chopped basil for one last pesto pasta, have rolled bins up the hill for our growing compost area, and have added layers of cardboard and mulch around all of the new fruit in the outdoor classroom.," said EARTH coordinator Kris Bennett.

Students have also been working to complete the outdoor classroom, but keep finding thinking of new ideas for the area, Bennett explained.

"The outdoor classroom has become sort of a run-

ning joke these days in terms of completion," said Bennett. "Every time we think we are finished, either Laura or I or one of the kids thinks of another idea. So every week we continue to add plants, rearrange rocks, move paths, etc."

"It only gets better," she said.

New additions to the outdoor classroom include additional lemongrass, pigeon peas, more passionfruit, ginger, sugar cane, dwarf bananas and sorrel.

GHS students in the school's EARTH program were also looking forward to enjoying the fruits of their labor, literally.

"We look forward to making limeade next week from our very productive lime trees and are encouraged by the amazing recent growth of the passionfruit vines," said Bennett.

WAPA Reminds Residents Not To Touch Power Lines

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The Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority reminded the public last week not to touch power lines that may be lying on the ground or dangling from a pole.

"We need the public to understand that there are potential shock hazards associated with electrical distribution equipment," said Hugo Hodge WA-

PA's Executive Director. "Please stay away from electrical transmission and distribution power lines. High voltage transmission and distribution lines carry a lot of energy or power and must be treated very carefully or the results can be fatal."

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to do so. If a power line falls on your car, stay inside unless the car catches fire. In such a case, jump clear of the car without touching metal and the ground at the same time.

If someone comes in contact with a live power line, the only safe thing to do is call WAPA immediately. WAPA's emergency number is 774-1424 on St. Thomas/St. John.

SJSA Hosting Summer Arts Camp "Spirits of the Tainos" June 20-July 1

St. John School of the Arts will be hosting a two-week Summer Arts Camp entitled Spirits of the Tainos from Monday, June 20, through July 1.

The camp will meet Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Students will take a look at the archeological findings of the Taino Indians from excavations at Trunk and Cinnamon Bays and hike to the petroglyphs for further understanding of these people.

Through acting, movement and music as well as making instruments and masks, students will show their interpretation of the knowledge gained with a production promoting artistic freedom and expression.

This camp is more suited for children between the ages of 7 and 10. Tuition is \$250 with \$25 off the total if for referring someone who signs up. There will also be a \$25 family discount per registered family member (immediate family only). Contact Kim Wild at 779-4322 for more information.

George "Santa" Blecher Fundraising Raffle Tickets Available at Aqua Bistro; Drawing Set for June 26

George Belcher has been Love City's Santa for 20 years and volunteered for the St. John Kids And The Sea program for more than a decade.

Belcher was diagnosed with Guillian-Barre Syndrome in November 2010 and has been out of work for the past six months. With medical bills and everyday expenses becoming too much to bear, friends are hosting a raffle drawing to raise money for Belcher.

Buy raffle tickets for the chance to win great prizes at Keep Me Posted, Aqua Bistro and Connections in both Cruz Bay and Coral Bay.

The drawing will be at Aqua Bistro on Sunday, June 26, from noon to 6 p.m. For more information call 775-1727.

Pan-o-Rama Kicks off St. John Festival 2011



A dozen steel pan bands from St. Thomas and St. John put on an impressive show at Winston Wells ball field on Saturday afternoon, May 28, for Pan-o-Rama, the first event of St. John Festival 2011. "An Astronomical and Cultural Splendor in Heaven for Festival 2011" officially got underway over the weekend with a huge crowd gathered to hear the tunes and enjoy fried chicken and johnny cakes. Pan-o-Rama participants included the Joseph Gomez Pan Blasters led by Liston "Matey" Sewer, Ulla Muller Panatics led by Sean Steele and the home favorite Love City Pan Dragons and Love City Baby Dragons, both led by Samuel Lawrence. The next Festival 2011 event is Friday, June 17, when the island's seniors will strut their stuff at the Senior Variety Show at the Winston Wells ball field starting at 7 p.m.

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Ivanna Eudora Kean ROTC by Bill Stelzer

"Life Supersaturated" at Bajo el Sol Jun 3

By Jaime Elliott

St. John Tradewinds

Mark those calendars for Friday, June 3, to check out a rare one-artist show at Bajo el Sol in Mongoose Junction.

Stop by the gallery from 5 to 8 p.m. and check out about a dozen photographs by St. John artist Bill Stelzer. While Stelzer is adept in a variety of mediums, the June 3 Bajo show will focus on a body of work he's calling "Life Supersaturated."

"They are basically images that I've taken in travels around the world," said Stelzer.

Every continent except Antarctica is represented in the show, but the photographs, taken over the past decade, are not just travel snapshots. Stelzer uses his 25 years of experience in Photoshop and other programs, to layer texture and depth into the photos, creating painterly images full of emotion.

"I put the images on a computer and use the latest computer graphics technology and my background of 25 years in computer graphics to push them into this more artistic and painterly realm," said Stelzer. "I kind of leverage what happens after the shot into more of what would normally happen before

shot. A lot of time you go out with all this expensive equipment and lenses and things, but I only had this little camera."

"But with that little camera you can get these perfect shots that are often more interesting and spontaneous than if you tried to set it up," Stelzer said.

Stelzer then takes the images and uses various filters and computer graphic techniques to create rich textures in the photos, using Photoshop for a lot more than perfecting images.

"I take the image and go to the computer and use different filters, but I use them in an artistic manner," said the artist. "So you are using all these tools of Photoshop, but you are using them in an artistic manner instead of using them to improve photos. I build and layer the image and almost turn them into brush strokes."

If it's difficult to imagine what Stelzer is doing, there is a good reason for that.

"It's kind of hard to describe because there aren't many people doing this on a professional artistic level," he said. "A lot of these tools are used by professionals, but they are used to clean things up or to fix something not right in the image."

While it might be difficult to explain his technique, Stelzer's end results are images that speak louder than photographs, but are just as accessible.

"It looks like a photograph at first, but then you realize there is more to it," said Stelzer. "It's literally saturated, but I'm also using the computer in an artistic instead of a technical way. I use the computer as a paint brush and use the camera as a sketch book."

Because Photoshop can be, and often is, used to make a model's cellulite disappear or create that perfect sunset for a beach wedding on a hazy day, Stelzer's artistic aims with the medium were taken lightly for a long time.

"This is something I've always wanted to do, but there is so much push back when someone says, 'That looks nice, but you did it in Photoshop,'" said the artist. "It's seen as cheating. It was always frustrating because I didn't have a lot of camera gear and my skills were in Photoshop — that's what I was good at."

"I couldn't use those skills in an artistic manner because everyone kept saying, 'Oh you did that in Photoshop,'" Stelzer said. "Like

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that made it not count or something.”

It took a tragedy for Stelzer to finally stop caring how other people viewed his Photo-shop work.

“Honestly, it was a few days after Annie Love died, that I just started going in and doing this,” he said. “It was so cool. Everything else was like work, but this is what I loved.”

With a free-flowing form, Stelzer likens the process of creating supersaturated images to painting.

“It’s like an exploration because when you are painting something you kind of don’t know what it is going to exactly look like in the end,” said Stelzer. “If you go with all that photography equipment you have a pretty good idea of what you’re going to get. But with this complex software you can get that same level of unpredictability and reaction within that system and it takes on a life of its own.”

“You can think you want to push it in

this direction or that direction, in terms of texture and color, but it’s so unpredictable,” he said. “You are exploring and you don’t know what will happen until you push it in one direction and see. Then something unexpected will happen and you go down that road instead.”

For all of the images in “Life Supersaturated” Stelzer used only instamatic film cameras with fixed focus and fixed lenses.

“The standard way to do this to bring in lights and filters and have assistance and have back light and all this to take a picture,” said Stelzer. “You can get incredible images that way, but you can also lose spontaneity or you can lose a moment that you would be able to catch with a handheld camera.”

“Now when I’m taking photos, I take ones that aren’t there on their own, but I know I can turn it into a painting because it has certain elements,” he said. “I use layers and color and shape and emotions and I’m always thinking how I can capture someone’s emotions and thoughts and light.”



Edge of the Sahara Desert, Africa
by Bill Stelzer

Stelzer is heavily influenced by Danish painter Hugo Larson who spent three years painting scenes of everyday life in the Danish West Indies in the early 1900s.

“In the 1900s when Hugo was painting he would go around and set up his easel and would paint people doing what they were

doing,” said the artist. “He would just capture these everyday scenes and I wanted to do a modern version of that. My photos are not posed, they are people doing every day things, but I turn that into iconic, captivating images through all the things I do in Photo-shop.”

“I’m basically creating a painting out of a photograph instead of out of a scene,” said Stelzer. “I am preserving these everyday moments, but heightening them. You wouldn’t look at it twice, but once it becomes a painting, it’s captivating.”

Stelzer’s work has been shown in a variety of venues from the Caribbean Museum Center in St. Croix to the Elaine I. Sprauve Library in Cruz Bay, but the Bajo show is Stelzer’s first solo exhibition.

Stop by Bajo el Sol at Mongoose Junction on Friday, June 3, for Stelzer’s “Life Supersaturated” show. For more about Stelzer’s work check out www.lifesupersaturated.com. For more information about Bajo el Sol, call the gallery at 693-7070.

Encore Hosting Art Opening June 3; Eunice Summer Sculptures Available

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Dr. Iris Kern is hosting an exciting show of never before seen sculptures, limited edition prints and vintage collectables, and live music and refreshments on Friday, June 3.

Kern’s art gallery and consignment shop Encore, located across the street from DaLivio’s Restaurant, will present “a night of something new” from 5 to 8 p.m. on June 3.

In addition to Kern’s already impressive collection, check out sculptures by Eunice Summer, limited edition prints by Steve Hanks, antique English equestrian pictures, Oriental scrolls and more. While the show includes a wide variety of work, there is one overarching theme, Kern explained.

“This is artwork that has never been seen in the Virgin Islands,” she said. “These are not all island artists, but it’s about time the island was exposed to people doing art elsewhere in the world.”

“Some of the work in the show is by island artists, but some is not,” said Kern. “There are also vintage pieces and collectables that are old and lovely.”

The show includes works by Hanks, a well known West Coast watercolorist known for his ro-

mantic light and soft, feminine paintings. The limited edition Hanks prints in the Encore show include certificates of authenticity, Kern explained.

While many people might know Summer’s painting’s, the local artist’s sculptures have never been showed before, according to Kern.

“The whole show is really an interesting mix of stuff and fortunately, two items are coming from private collections,” she said. “Summer’s sculptures are amazing and I’m so excited to have them in the show.”

The evening will also include live music by Eddie Bruce and Rich Greengold, refreshments and the chance to shop Kern’s collection of clothing, jewelry and collectables in Encore. Kern was bubbling with excitement at the chance to show new work on Love City.

“The focus was to bring art that has not been seen before,” she said. “That is not in any way to imply anything negative about our local artists. But they have their venues and people know their work and where they can get it.”

“I think there is enough interest in art that people will open up to new kinds of art as well,” said Kern.

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Letters To St. John Tradewinds

We Are Running Out of Time: 500 Jobs To Be Cut

In my State of the Territory Address in January, 2011, I said to the Virgin Islands community — and to our newly elected Senators — that our territory was at a “tipping point.”

I said then that the financial and budgetary challenges we faced left us but two choices: to make very tough decisions to manage the crisis ourselves; or to allow our future to be swept away by the external forces let loose by the Great Recession in ways that would be increasingly beyond our control and which would set us back for generations.

I vowed then, and have worked tirelessly since then, to be sure that we kept control of our future. To do so I have argued that we must change how we view our challenges and how together we meet them.

My Administration proposed many methods and means to close the current year’s budget shortfall and to prepare for the even vaster budget crisis that looms before us in the next fiscal year. These proposals were developed not with the goal of leaving everything “as is” — that would not work. Rather, our proposals were developed with the overarching goal of shared sacrifice.

Our aim was to do what needed to be done in a way that was spread fairly across the community with minimal employee dismissals, cuts in programs or services, unpaid holidays and tax increases. These proposals were not met with the required action, nor were they replaced with other meaningful alternatives. No, the Senate repeatedly rebuffed these suggestions leaving us where we find ourselves today. And that is back at the “tipping point,” but with less time and fewer options. But I will not permit the inaction of others to determine our future.

Our Virgin Islands’ economy is essentially a closed economy. Our financial survival is interdependent. This reality is surely understood by us all. And yet far too many who make up our interdependent whole have acted as if their own actions could be held apart, as if they did not need to be part of the solution of our common crisis.

I ask the following — if you are given the choice between postponing getting a raise for a couple of years or losing your job entirely, which would you choose? If you are a union leader, would you rather have hundreds of your members dismissed or have your members agree to give up their pay on a few holidays when they are not working anyway? And as a business owner, why oppose a two year increase in your gross receipts tax if the result is you lose your business in substantial part because your customers have lost their jobs? To me, the answers to these questions are clear.

The 29th Legislature’s unwillingness to act to address fully our budget crisis has put us in an increasingly difficult situation. I have said repeatedly that the Legislature does not have to agree with all of my proposals. However, if the Senators do not agree with what has been proposed to them, they cannot just say “no.”

They have a responsibility to develop their own

ideas and proposals to resolve the projected shortfalls. The Government’s most recent cash flow projections, which I have shared with the Senate President, include actual revenue collections and expenditures through the second quarter of this fiscal year, and the budget cuts imposed by the Legislature to the Executive Branch departments and agencies along with the Superior and Supreme Courts.

However, even with these projected revenues, we are still facing a General Fund FY 2011 budget shortfall of \$17.4 million and a FY 2012 budget shortfall of approximately \$90.1 million. With this shortfall the Government cannot continue to operate as it has operated to date.

Expectations and attitudes must change. Behavior and rhetoric must change. That is the duty of leadership. Government leaders must deal with reality. What choices we have, the real cost of those choices, what money we have — is central to that reality.

We cannot print money. We cannot just appropriate it and believe the obligation is funded. This government gets money, gets funds, only two ways. We either collect it in the taxes we collect from ourselves or we borrow it from the monies that would otherwise be there to pay for what we need, and what our children and grandchildren need, in the future.

Those are our choices. Without collecting more, we must spend less. Spending less in the Virgin Islands Government, where a substantial percentage of our expenses are the expenses of paying our employees and providing them the benefits they have been afforded, means one and only one thing — a reduction in the workforce, employee dismissals.

The dismissal of no fewer than 500 employees is now both inevitable and fast approaching. This action cannot be delayed if the savings to be realized are to be used to meet a portion of this current year’s budget deficit.

The dismissals will be effective no later than June 30. These dismissals will have a ripple effect. They will have a crippling effect on many families and local businesses. Donations to charities and civic associations will be impacted. All will feel this blow. I know this and so do you. And still, I know that a collaborative effort can do much to help us resolve the immediate fiscal crisis, to address future financial issues and future dismissals.

Further delay will not do. I recently sent a letter to Senate President Ronald Russell restating my call that we gather together to develop a plan that will more fully resolve our budget crisis. We cannot wait until after a review of the April collections; we need not gather more information, we must reject all meaningless delay tactics. More information will not change our reality.

My Administration has worked very hard to avoid reaching this point. We have used stimulus funds, we have borrowed, we have initiated capital projects to pump money into the economy, we have provided small business assistance, continued to cut execu-

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Letters To St. John Tradewinds

Future of Maho Bay Camps Unsettled

I am sorry to report that negotiations to extend our 37-year lease have been so far unsuccessful. Unless the landowners decide otherwise, Maho will close before July 31, 2012.

The land has been on the market for two years with a current asking price of \$23 million. Should it fail to sell by April of next year, we could still receive a temporary reprieve to operate through the 2013-winter season.

Yet, with only a few months notice, one can imagine how difficult it will be for our guests to plan their vacation. For example, I can no longer take bookings one year in advance. Currently, reservations are lim-

ited to this coming season only.

Whatever happens, I am proud that during the past 35 years Maho has gained a world-wide reputation as one of the first and leading eco-resorts. Those of you who have repeatedly chosen Maho as your prime vacation site will be as sad as I am that this great run ends.

Maho still has another year at least, and if you want to join what could be our last hurrah, I will do my best to give you the experience you have come to cherish.

With sincere regards,
Stanley Selengut

Coral Bay R/O Plant Would Cause Environmental Disaster

I was surprised and alarmed to learn that the Water and Power Authority has proposed a reverse osmosis desalination water plant for the Fortsberg area in Coral Bay, St. John. My reaction being triggered by the primary reason given for its need, its size, as well as its location.

The earlier proposed Calabash Boom R/O plant was strongly opposed by all of the environment agencies — Virgin Islands Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service, because of the anticipated environmental degradation to the waters of Coral Bay such a plant would cause.

The Need for the Plant

With regard to the earlier proposed Calabash Boom R/O plant, the application for its construction was subsequently withdrawn by the developer when it discovered that the combination of an on-site well and the roof catchment areas of the development were deemed to be sufficient to handle the potable water needs of the community. Therefore it is somewhat puzzling to learn that one of the primary reasons for the WAPA R/O is the apparent water needs of the apartments at Calabash Boom.

Size of the Plant

It appears that WAPA's proposed plant is perhaps 10+ times larger than that proposed for Calabash Boom. It is difficult to gage the exact size because the WAPA commissioned document that is intended to set forth an environmental assessment has a number of discrepancies as to its exact size.

Regardless, the Calabash Boom plant would have discharged some 20,000 gallons per day of highly saline brine waste-water into the bay, while the WAPA report indicates that its plant will discharge somewhere between 150,000 gallons and 225,000 gallons of waste water per day.

Plant Location

Making matters worse is the fact that the plant is

being proposed for Fortsberg, some 4,000 feet to the north and west of the Calabash Boom area placing it deeper into the bay where there is even less flushing and less chance for the highly brine content of the waste-water to be diluted to a harmless level.

The WAPA commissioned report suggests the prevailing currents will take this waste water discharge to the south and out of the bay, but casual observations of our bay suggests that the normal prevailing trade winds will drive the currents containing this briny solution deeper into the bay, into Coral Harbor and around the corner to the Virgin Islands Coral Reef Monument at Hurricane Hole.

There is no question that potable water on St. John and in Coral Bay is a precious and important commodity. But, given the size and proposed location of the WAPA desalination plant, one is left to question the cost of this opportunity — in terms of its environmental impact on Coral Bay.

Are we willing to “kill the goose that laid the golden egg?” Coral Bay is a treasure, with its beautiful clear waters. Do we really wish to add this level of stress to the marine environment?

Clearly, another location for this plant should be considered, one that does not impose upon the waters of Coral Bay and Hurricane Hole the inevitable environmental disaster that is so apparent in this proposal.

The good news is that WAPA's Environmental Assessment Report must be carefully reviewed, its assertions validated and its deficiencies identified and addressed. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is charged with assuring that this is done and in that process must consult with the various environmental agencies and must permit public input — all prior to this project being allowed to proceed.

Sincerely,
Bruce Schoonover

Too Much Sunshine or Rain

Life is different living on an island versus the mainland. Native folks pray for rain while visitors wish for sun. Water is precious for everyday use while it is taken for granted abroad.

If it was up to a government board to regulate the weather, we would all be in trouble. Thank goodness the almighty didn't give us that control. But I'm sure that He hears our requests. Let's listen in on a typical day with our Lord.

Telephone rings.

God: Good morning. How can I help you?

Tourist: Yes, I would like to ask how long will it rain today?

God: Well the animals and plants need water.

Tourist: That's good, but can you bring out the sun soon? *Beep, beep.*

God: Hold on. I have another call coming in. Good morning.

Local: Yes, my cistern isn't full and the grass is brown. Can you increase the rain?

God: Hand on a sec. Are you still there?

Tourist: Yes, I have a full schedule and limited time. Maybe letting it rain at night would be better.

God: I'll see what I can do. One moment.

Local: Harvest time is coming and the crops need more rain.

God: I'll get right on it.

Hangs up. Ponders. On one hand more rain, on the other more sun. I know what I'll do. I'll make it rain and be sunny at the same time.

A few hours later, the phone rings again.

God: Hello.

Local: What in the world are you doing? Before the crops get a chance to soak in the rain, it evaporates.

God: Hold on. *Switches lines.*

God: Hello.

Tourist: Amm. Excuse me. How am I supposed to get a suntan with all this rain?

For several minutes God switches back and forth listening to the complaints. Finally he says, “I have a solution. It won't rain and the sun won't shine again.”

There was silence on both lines.

Then the local and the tourist said, “God, we like it the way you had it before. Continue the good work. Good bye.”

After they hang up, God thinks to himself “Maybe I should send snow.”

Give Thanks,
Emmanuel Prince

500 Jobs To Be Cut

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tive branch appropriations and, finally, we have proposed austerity measures designed to equitably spread the sacrifice of changes that will cost us all.

I believe our community expected and continues to expect this level of leadership. Surely the community deserves leadership. We have made hard decisions and we have harder ones

yet to make. Not one of these future decisions will be popular, but they are unavoidable.

We will have hard times ahead. Let us not abandon our future by failing work together, by failing to make the decisions today that cannot be postponed to tomorrow. We can avoid the worst outcomes if we work together. Let us do just that.

Governor John deJongh Jr.



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ST. JOHN FESTIVAL 2011
MAY 28TH THRU JULY 4TH

Festival Theme:

" An Astronomical and Cultural Splendor in Heaven for Festival 2011"

Festival Village Honoree: Ira Wade "Wadesville"

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
CSW PRODUCTIONS: 340-643-4847/ 340-690-3102
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
CONTACT PERSON: MALINDA NELSON (340) 776-6492



NOTE: RANDOM TSA CHECKS WILL BE CONDUCTED!!! BE PREPARED!!!

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St. John Tradewinds Photo File

A luxury resort on the hillside of Maho Bay could be a reality in the future.

"Flexible Zoning" Means Maho Bay Could Be Home To Resort or Villas

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With almost 14 acres, Estate Maho Bay would make the "ultimate" in private family compounds, according to the website.

"With unsurpassed views, complete privacy and easy access, Maho Bay would make the perfect location for a family compound nestled in the natural beauty of the Caribbean," according to www.islandiarealestate.com.

The site also claims Maho's location as "well-suited for a luxury resort development."

"The property's most valuable asset is its 850-foot shoreline, including a crescent shaped beach of powdery white sand," according to the website. "There are only two existing beachfront resorts on St. John. The Westin Resort and Villas on the island's southshore with its man-made beach on Great Cruz Bay, and the Caneel Bay Resort."

"Maho Bay's natural beachfront is on par with Caneel's famed white beaches," according to www.islandiarealestate.com.

The property could also be divided into either 13 one acre-plus parcels for residences or 25 half-acre-plus sites, according to the site.

"The combination of resort and private residences exist, making this property truly unique and open to many development possibilities," according to www.islandiarealestate.com.

For more information call Islandia at 776-6666.

Notary Public Applications Online

The Lieutenant Governor's Office announced last week that notary public applications are now available online.

New and renewal applications, as well as the Notary Public handbook, can be accessed at the Lieutenant Governor's website, www.ltg.gov.vi.

Online availability of the documents enables the Lt. Gov.'s Office to be more responsive to inquiries about the notary public application process and responsibilities.

For more information, contact the Lieutenant Governor's Office at 774-2991 for the St. Thomas/St. John district.

Lt. Governor Reminds Business Owners To File Franchise Taxes by June 30

Lieutenant Governor Gregory Francis last week reminded and strongly encouraged corporate citizens to satisfy the franchise tax and annual filing requirements of Titles 13 and 26 of the Virgin Islands Code which requires every registered corporation (domestic and foreign) to pay a franchise tax to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor on or before June 30 of every year.

Statutory filing requirements and annual fees also apply to LLC, LLP, and LLLP organizations. Non-profit corporations are required to file Annual Reports and Financial Statements.

Failure to comply with the annual requirements will result in the assessment of penalties and interest, non-issuance of a Certificate of Good Standing or even administrative/involuntary dissolution.

Checks and money orders must be made payable to the Government of the Virgin Islands. For more information, please contact the Office of the Lieutenant Governor's Division of Corporations and Trademarks at 776-8515 on St. Thomas.

WAPA's Electrical Cable to Frank Bay

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across Pillsbury Sound, pass Steven's Cay at a depth of 60 feet, avoid coral around Ming Rock and come shore in Frank Bay.

"Divers will maneuver the cable around any sensitive areas as necessary during the monitoring dive," according to information from DPNR. "The cable will first be videoed where it landed and then videoed once it has been relocated. The entire laying procedure will be monitored and the lay videoed."

Giving WAPA the green light to install the electrical cable, Hills praised the utility for being "extremely responsive and quick" in addressing the Frank Bay pole issue.

Along with its approval, the St. John CZM Committee required WAPA to meet 13 special conditions. Most of the conditions pertain to the protection of sea turtles, calling for the use of siltation barriers which do not entangle the protected species and requiring all vessels working on the project to operate at "no wake" speeds.

"Operation of any mechanical construction equipment shall cease immediately if a sea turtle is seen within a 50-foot radius of the equipment," according to one of the special conditions. "Activities may not resume until the protected species has departed the project area of its own volition."

Once installed, the new cable is designed to provide St. John will a redundant line in case the other two lines from St. Thomas — one from Great Bay placed in 2003 and a second from Red Hook which was placed in 1995 — are lost or damaged, according to information from DPNR.

WAPA is expected to start the project in June, according to Jacobs.

Police Log

EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

LAND LINE: 911 / CELLULAR: 340-776-9110
POLICE DEPT: 340-693-8880 / FIRE: 340-776-6333

Friday, May 20

3:05 p.m. - A Coral Bay resident c/r a disturbance. Police assistance.

Saturday, May 21

9:04 a.m. - A citizen r/ an auto collision with a pedestrian in the area of Cruz Bay. Auto collision.

2:55 p.m. - A citizen c/r that he was assaulted by his son. Simple assault.

Sunday, May 22

4:01 p.m. - A visitor c/r an auto collision in the area of North Shore Road. Auto collision.

Monday, May 23

8:50 a.m. - An Estate Adrian resident p/requesting police assistance with his tenant. Police assistance.

10:20 a.m. - A New York resident p/r that while parked at Salt Pond Bay someone stole money from his vehicle. Petit larceny.

10:40 a.m. - An Estate Pastory resident p/r that someone re-

moved a tool from his residence. Petit larceny.

11:34 a.m. - A Coral Bay resident r/ a disturbance. Disturbance of the peace.

1:40 p.m. - A St. Thomas resident p/r having a disturbance with two males. Disturbance of the peace.

10:25 p.m. - An Estate Bethany resident r/ that an excavator was parked on her property without authorization. Police assistance.

Tuesday, May 24

12:40 a.m. - An Estate Pastory resident p/r that a woman entered his residence, ransacked same and removed items from his refrigerator. Unlawful entry.

9:56 a.m. - An Estate Grunwald resident r/ that she was assaulted by an unknown female. Simple assault and battery.

2:02 p.m. - An Estate Bethany resident c/r a trespasser. Disturbance of the peace.

6:15 p.m. - An Estate Caroli-

na resident r/ hearing shots fired. Illegal discharge of firearm.

Thursday, May 25

7:23 a.m. - An Estate Fish Bay resident r/ an accidental injury.

9:13 a.m. - An Estate Power Boyd resident c/requesting police assistance. Police assistance.

12:25 p.m. - A citizen c/r a disturbance in the area of Mongoose Junction. Disturbance of the peace.

2:50 p.m. - A citizen p/r that he was assaulted. Simple assault.

3:45 p.m. - A Lind Point resident p/r that her vehicle was damaged. Damage to vehicle.

4:00 p.m. - Badge #1105 p/ at Leander Jurgen Command with one minor under arrest and charged with illegal discharge of a firearm. Minor was released into the custody of his parents.

10:20 p.m. - A citizen r/ shots fired in the area of Coral Bay. Illegal discharge of firearm.

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

Sometime between May 2 around 6:30 a.m. and May 13 around 5 p.m., the residence at 61 Enighed was burglarized. The burglar(s) broke into the northwestern bedroom by removing the A/C unit from the northern

window. About \$7,000 worth of jewelry was stolen from a wooden box that had been hidden in the bedroom closet. The box contained two white and gold bracelets with the names Dejenne and Nyree on them, as well as many other unique pieces. For a complete list of the jewelry that was stolen, visit our website. The minimum reward for the arrest of a burglary suspect is \$714 plus 10 percent of the value of any property recovered

St. Thomas

Sometime between Monday, May 16, at 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. the

next day, the owner of Al's Café at 78-79 Kronprindsens Gade discovered that his restaurant had been burglarized. The burglar entered and exited from the western glass window. Although it wasn't immediately known what was stolen, the cash register was broken.

Citizens can submit information on these or any other crimes at www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org or by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). Tips are completely anonymous, and our stateside operators speak several languages.

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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GBS PTO Unhappy About Losing Principal Wells

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pal at Guy Benjamin Elementary. The future leaders of our island deserve that."

GBS PTA circulated a petition calling for Wells to be reinstated at the Coral Bay elementary school, which has garnered more than 300 signatures.

DOE officials understand GBS parents' and teachers' frustration, but still need to make the changes they saw necessary, explained St. Thomas/St. John District Insular Superintendent Jeanette Smith-Barry at a May 26 DOE press conference.

"With respect to the changes, there is no principal who necessarily jumped up and down with excitement about the moves because principals make close bonds with their staff, students and parents" said Smith-Barry. "A school is more than a building. It has to do with developing close relationships that are not easy to break."

"When news comes of a transfer, it is seldom welcome news," said the insular superintendent.

Wells did not welcome the news of the transfer herself at first, according to Smith-Barry.

"Ms. Wells was reluctant at first, but she has welcomed the challenge at JESS," Smith-Barry said. "I know it is not easy for her to leave GBS, or easy for the GBS family to let her go, but she too realizes that change is inevitable. She has welcomed the challenge

and I am hoping that the GBS staff will accept that and that the JESS staff will welcome her."

Although Browne has objected to his assignment at GBS, it is his assignment, Smith-Barry added.

"While he had objected to this assignment, I hope that Mr. Browne will welcome the family at GBS and I know the GBS family will welcome him," she said. "Any principal should be proud to be a principal at GBS. It is an excellent school with a great staff who work really well together."

"It's just a wonderful place to be," said Smith-Barry.

Browne's relocation was not politically motivated, Smith-Barry added.

"I take strong exception to folks who are considering this as some sort of dumping activity," she said. "It is not and I would say to folks in the community which one of the moves of the principals would folks not have considered political."

"Moves happen and we want to underscore that in some cases when you make a change of one principal for a very good reason, it automatically affects other principals," said the insular superintendent. "It doesn't mean that there was something wrong. Some moves came about because of the definite need to make other moves."

GBS PTA officials were planning a meeting at the school on Tuesday, May 31, but the date was not yet confirmed as of press time.

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

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Wednesday Testimonials
7:45 p.m. on last Wed. of Month

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Sunday 9 a.m., Sunday School 8 a.m.
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Monday, May 30

— John's Folly Learning Institute is hosting a pig roast fund raiser on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30. Stop by the Coral Bay triangle food stand starting at 4:30 p.m. on May 30 for roasted pig, chicken and fish served up with all the traditional trimmings and fresh local juices.

— Check out “A Review of USVI Shark Research from 2004 to Present,” Maho Bay Campground pavilion on Monday, May 30, at 7:30 p.m. and on Wednesday, June 1, at Estate Concordia at 6:30 p.m.

Friday, June 10

— Giffit Hill School is pleased to announce the Graduation Ceremony for the Class of 2011 on Friday, June 10, at 5:30 p.m. on Trayser Field. University of the Virgin Islands President Dr. David Hall will give the commencement address. Please call 776-1730 for more information.

Saturday, 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.

Sunday, June 12

— The Unitarian Universalists of St. John are hosting a beach cleanup on Sunday, June 12, at Cinnamon Bay. Stop by from 9 a.m. to noon for a cleanup and laughter yoga. Bring a sack lunch, gloves, a swimsuit and work clothes. Meet at the watersports area. For more information call 776-6332.

June 20-July 1

— St. John School of the Arts will be hosting a two-week Summer Arts Camp entitled Spirits of the Tainos from Monday, June 20, through July 1. The camp will meet Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This camp is more suited for children between the ages of 7 and 10. Tuition is \$250 with \$25 off the total if for referring someone who signs up. There will also be a \$25 family discount per registered family member (immediate family only). Contact Kim Wild at 779-4322 for more information.

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

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NATIONAL PASTRY FILLING

ACROSS

- 1 Pre-Soviet autocrats
- 6 Did a somersault
- 13 President Lincoln
- 20 Gossipy bit
- 21 Many a nest egg user
- 22 An excess of
- 23 Start of a riddle
- 25 Guitar string settings
- 26 “— lid on it!”
- 27 Analytic writings
- 28 Fault-find
- 29 Mary Lincoln, — Todd
- 30 V8 vegetable
- 32 Prefix with tourist
- 34 Bogie co-star Lauren
- 36 Classic Pontiac
- 37 Riddle, part 2
- 42 Head monk
- 45 F. Scott Fitzgerald’s “— Bobs Her Hair”
- 46 On Ventura Blvd., e.g.
- 47 Riddle, part 3
- 49 Annoy
- 51 “Help!,” asea
- 54 Dell products
- 55 Vulgar
- 56 Bit of acne
- 57 Elevate
- 60 Weird
- 62 Austin-to-Waco dir.
- 63 Riddle, part 4
- 66 Sounded a funeral bell
- 68 Title role for Alan Ladd
- 69 Lacking vision organs
- 70 Riddle, part 5
- 72 Prefix with chemical

- 73 “Y”-wearing collegian
- 74 Lao-tzu follower
- 75 Zodiac beast
- 76 Kind of drug that inhibits bacteria
- 78 Tokyo of old
- 80 Giant star Mel
- 81 Camera — (Cannes prize)
- 82 Riddle, part 6
- 85 Tiptop
- 88 Gere of film
- 90 Charlotte —
- 91 End of the riddle
- 95 Sizable box
- 96 Not half bad
- 97 Need to tango
- 98 Deems appropriate
- 102 Sizable tub
- 103 Stand-ins
- 105 “Masada” star Peter
- 109 Skye of Hollywood
- 110 Puzzle paper smudge
- 112 Riddle’s answer
- 115 Venerated
- 116 Piloted
- 117 Drang’s counterpart
- 118 People making 95-Down
- 119 Customers
- 120 Is pouty

DOWN

- 1 Stumbles
- 2 Dawn
- 3 Rare Italian violin
- 4 Cupid, Mars, or Jupiter
- 5 Mr., in Mumbai
- 6 Not trite
- 7 Grazing fields

- 8 With 9-Down, “So sad”
- 9 See 8-Down
- 10 Co. honcho
- 11 Always, to a poet
- 12 Wild animal’s lair
- 13 “— girl!” (“All right!”)
- 14 Kind of whiskey
- 15 1988 and 2008 presidential candidate
- 16 Parisian bud
- 17 Actress Daryl
- 18 Texas’ — State University
- 19 Me, —, and I
- 24 Like Erté’s art
- 28 Bashful
- 31 Room under a roof
- 32 List-curtailling abbr.
- 33 Deep rift
- 35 Windy City rail org.
- 37 Discontinue
- 38 Poet’s eyes
- 39 Half of bi-
- 40 “Held Up” actress Long
- 41 Insect leg count
- 42 Certain viper
- 43 Some cooking grease
- 44 Greyhound station, e.g.
- 45 “Sayonara” star Marlon
- 48 Pulitzer-winning journalist Peter
- 50 Numerical suffix
- 51 2011 Super Bowl team
- 52 Exteriors
- 53 CIA spoof film of 1974
- 56 Gusto
- 57 Quit irking
- 58 State of fury
- 59 Dossier
- 61 Mid sixth-century year

- 63 Fanciful notion
- 64 Solo in sci-fi
- 65 Shrouded
- 66 13-stringed Japanese zither
- 67 “— Miz”
- 68 Finch type
- 71 Master hand
- 72 Politician Aaron and actor Raymond
- 76 Sail support
- 77 Eagle nest
- 79 Lyric work
- 81 Dolores — Rio
- 82 I, to Franz
- 83 Cow or sow
- 84 Chances on
- 85 “Greetings, Galba!”
- 86 Official reprimand
- 87 More like an adult
- 89 “Was — blame?”
- 91 It often ends in “-ly”
- 92 — of bad news
- 93 Musical span
- 94 USN officers
- 95 Pub potable
- 98 Huskies’ burdens
- 99 Get all misty
- 100 Become used (to)
- 101 Abounds
- 104 Inn furniture
- 105 Leave off
- 106 Split
- 107 “I’m — your tricks!”
- 108 Portentous sign
- 111 Ply needle and thread
- 112 Shrill bark
- 113 Sister of Zsa Zsa
- 114 Belief: Suffix

Maho Bay Camps

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back if they did not purchase it.”

While there are several possibilities for Maho to continue operations in its current capacity, right now resort officials are viewing its next season as the last. Maho’s policy is to accept reservations one year in advance, a policy which is ending as of June 1, according to the resort’s vice president.

“We have a lease that currently ends at the end of July 2012,” Davis said. “We are not taking reservations for any time after June 2012.”

One possibility for Maho to continue is if the land owners extend the lease an extra year, Davis explained.

“The land owners have the right to extend the lease one year to July 2013, but they do not have to let us know until April 30, 2012,” he said. “On April 30, they can say, ‘yes’ and we have to operate or they can say, ‘no’ and we have 90 days to close.”

“We are operating under the assumption that our lease ends next July and this will be our last operational season unless at the last minute they tell us we’ll be open,” he said. “Then we’ll find some way to get through the season. With only 90 days notice, we’re going to be hard-pressed to get the resort where it needs to be and get people here to work.”

Selengut also addressed the lease extension issue, and the difficulty posed by a last minute decision, in his letter.

“The land has been on the market for two years with a current asking price of \$23 million,” Selengut wrote. “Should it fail to sell by April of next year, we could still receive a temporary reprieve to operate through the 2013-winter season. Yet, with only a few months notice, one can imagine how difficult it will be for our guests to plan their vacation.”

“For example, I can no longer take bookings one year in advance,” the Maho Camps owner wrote. “Currently, reservations are limited to this coming season only.”

The resort’s popular trash to treasure art department, which includes recycled glass blowing and woven bags from recycled linens, will likely not be transferred to Se-

lengut’s Estate Concordia property, Davis explained.

“We are doing our best to find someone who would be willing to take the art program at their facility and we would help set that up,” he said. “We would like to put the art center at Concordia, but with only 42 units, there is not enough to support the program. There are 112 rentals at Maho and only 42 at Concordia, so we might not be able to have all the programs.”

“It’s just not a large enough property, although we have been trying to expand it,” said Davis.

As soon as Selengut’s letter hit the internet, Davis started to get inundated with calls from people asking what they could do to save Maho, he explained.

“A lot of people are asking what happened to Trust for Public Land and what they can do to help,” said the Maho Camps vice president. “Right now I don’t have an answer for anyone. They can try to find a land trust or someone with that kind of money interested in buying the land and continue leasing it to us.”

“Then we could make donations to offset the purchase price,” said Davis.

The other option to save Maho’s future is to get the one-year extension, giving officials extra time to find a buyer willing to continue the campground’s lease, Davis added.

“What we would like to see is to get the extra year and find out sooner rather than later so we’ll have more time and people will have more time to find a land conservation organization or a buyer,” he said. “I would hate to see another major large development go up in the place of Maho.”

“It’s a sad day, especially that do not know what do to,” said Davis. “We always knew there was an end to the lease, but no one really believed it would come.”

The campground’s future is unknown, but its success in setting the standard for eco-conscious travel is certain.

“Whatever happens, I am proud that during the past 35 years Maho has gained a world-wide reputation as one of the first and leading eco-resorts,” Selengut wrote. “Those of you who have repeatedly chosen Maho as your prime vacation site will be as sad as I am that this great run ends.”



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\$540,000

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\$1,275,000

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\$2,350,000

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CONCORDIA Private and serene yet conveniently located to NPS beaches. .81 acres \$299,000
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(clockwise from top left) VINP Ranger Denise Georges organizes the festival each year, local crafts, JESS second graders had a blast, Olivia Christian made dumb bread, Hugo Roller shared bush tea samples, and Elizabeth Aubain showed off her woven bags and hats.



Sun Shines on 20th Annual St. John Folklife Festival

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

After almost a week of rain, the skies cleared on Thursday morning, May 26, just in time for the sun to shine down on the first day of the 20th annual St. John Folklife Festival.

The festival continued on Friday, May 27, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and again on Saturday evening, May 28, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Launched more than two decades ago by V.I. National Park Ranger Denise Georges, the annual festival is hosted each year at the Annaberg Sugar Mill Ruins, bringing together music, traditional crafts and history. The festival is usually put on during the month of February as a

celebration of Black History Month, but had to be rescheduled this year due to a sickness in Georges' family.

Although being celebrated a few months later, judging by the smiles on festival-goers faces, the event didn't suffer from the delay.

With a theme of "A Cultural Potpourri for All A We" the festival this year focused on the commonality of the African Caribbean Diaspora.

Presenters included Dr. Rita Pratt, Director of African Bahamian Diaspora at Henderson College; V.I. Cultural Institute Director Myron Jackson; author, storyteller, linguist and historian Dr. Gilbert Sprauve; Annice Canton, librarian and educator; poet and author Tregenza

Roach; and VINP Caribbean Historian Milagros Flores.

"Discussions were really all about the Caribbean-wide commonalities that include the natural and cultural heritage shared within the region," said Georges.

Students from Julius E. Sprauve, Guy Benjamin and Giff Hill Schools on St. John as well as Lockheart Elementary and St. Thomas/St. John Seventh Day Adventist Schools were among the attendees this year. The event was free and open to the public.

The festival featured dance performances by Lockheart Elementary School, St. Lucia Association Dancers, Dominican Association Dancers, St. Thomas Heritage Dancers and St. John

Cultural Dancers.

Koko and the Sunshine Band provided live music from the shade of the stone mill at Annaberg while Irvin "Brownie" Browne returned as emcee extraordinaire once again.

Traditional crafts and food were also available during the fair. Hugo Roller of Coral Bay Garden Center handed out samples of herbs for bush tea and basil starters. Mario Benjamin showed students how to knit seine nets and Yolanda Morten displayed her fine craftwork. Sonia Sprauve was selling her hand-made hot sauces and guavaberry jams.

Delroy "Ital" Anthony set up his hand-made mocko jumbie sculptures and

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