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The Julius E. Sprauve School ninth grade class gathered on the steps outside the ballroom at the Westin Resort and Villas on Saturday evening, June 18, just before the start of graduation. The class graduated in a double promotion with the JESS eighth grade as well, which will attend ninth grade at a different school for the first time in 45 years. **See full story and photos on Page 5.**

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**Left:** Mocko Jumbies entertained the crowd outside the ballroom at the Westin Resort and Villas.

**Above:** Manager Scott Drennan and the glass blowing team at Maho Bay Camps put on a demonstration for Virgin Island travel partner wholesalers as part of the USVI Hotel And Tourism's 11th Annual Travel Destination Symposium.

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Photos by Tropical Focus*

## CBCC Hosting One More Planning Discussion Meeting on June 27

The Coral Bay Community Council is hosting one more Planning Discussion Meeting on Monday, June 27, at 6 p.m. in room six at Guy Benjamin School in Coral Bay.

Discussion at the group's June 13 meeting was so extensive on the Coral Bay dumpster relocation issue that CBCC postponed the other discussion topics.

The public is invited to come this time to: share analysis by residents and Chris Laude, PE, about the proposed water (RO) plant environmental studies; and discuss infrastructure/planning needs for Coral Bay.

What are the next steps? Shall CBCC make recommendations to the government? Shall CBCC continue the series? Come be part of the discussion. For more information call the CBCC office at 776-2099.

## Dept. of Health Announces Health Permit Deadlines for St. John Festival

The Department of Health's Environmental Health Division last week released the following deadline dates for potential vendors to seek health permits for events of the annual Fourth of July Festival on St. John.

The deadlines are listed according to the event or the site where the activity will be held.

- Winston Wells Ballpark – Monday, June 20
- Food Fair – Wednesday, June 22
- Festival Village – Friday, June 24
- Boat Race – Wednesday, June 22
- J'ouvert – Monday, June 27
- Parade – Monday, June 27

DOH Acting Commissioner Dr. Marc Jerome said that the department recently received the activity schedule and apologized for any inconvenience to potential vendors.

Health permit fees can be paid at the Environmental Health Office at the Knud Hansen Complex near the Lionel Roberts Stadium or at the Morris F. de Castro Clinic on St. John. Vendors can also call 774-9000, Ext. 4621, for more information.

## George "Santa" Belcher Fundraising Raffle 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.

## Festival Parade Applications Due Jun. 29

Applications for the Festival Parade are now available at the St. John Tourism Office and the St. John Administrator's office. The deadline for the parade application is June 29. For more information call 690-1725; or fax completed applications to 776-6992.

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Charise Dowell



Contestant #2  
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Contestant #3  
Kimberly Paul



Contestant #4  
Kinia Blyden



Contestant #5  
Akela Frett

## Five Ladies Will Make Judges' Job Tough at Festival Queen Show

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

The spotlight will be on five talented young ladies on Saturday night, June 25, when the St. John Festival Queen Selection Show gets underway at 8 p.m. at the Winston Wells ball field.

Choreographed once again this year by Lester Warner, the show is sure to be another stellar night full of singing, dancing and high-heeled competition. The five young ladies will hit the stage to strut their stuff in the hopes of wowing the judges enough in swimwear, evening wear, talent and interview categories to take the coveted crown home.

Contestant number one is Charise Dowell, an 18-year-old graduate of Charlotte Amalie High School who lives on St. Thomas.

Dowell, who just walked with her graduating class on Saturday, June 11, is planning to study criminal justice at the University of the Virgin Islands next year with an eye toward a career in forensic science.

Originally from Baltimore, Maryland, Dowell grew up on St. Thomas and always dreamed of running for Festival Queen.

"Running in a pageant was always a dream of mine," said Dowell. "This has been such an amazing experience because I have been able to fulfill my dream."

With poise and manners to spare, Dowell would make a great

role model for young St. John girls looking up to their Festival Queen, she explained.

"I would be a good role model for girls who are not so sure of themselves," said Dowell. "I would help them gain confidence and show them that they can achieve anything they set their minds to."

Dowell has been practicing long hours with Chaperone Cheryl Willie, she explained.

"It's a lot of work," said Dowell. "But it's a lot of fun getting to meet people and going to the different events."

Contestant number two is 17-year-old Niesha Paul, who also just graduated from Charlotte Amalie High School. Paul is heading off to Virginia State University in the fall where she plans to study nursing and gastroenterology.

A personal health problem prompted this bright young Queen hopeful to pursue the field, she explained.

"In the ninth grade I had gastrointestinal problems because I wasn't eating right," said Niesha Paul. "I was skipping breakfast and not eating lunch and all the acids in my stomach were damaging me. I had to spend a night in the hospital."

"I started to do my own research and it got me interested in the field," she said. "I thought I could help others avoid what I had to go through."

Niesha Paul, who hails from St.

Thomas, was inspired to throw her hat in the St. John Festival Queen ring because she loves the finery and glitter.

"I love to see the glamour and the glitz," said Niesha Paul. "St. John reminds me of my parent's home in Dominica."

Along with chaperone Charmain Kean, Niesha Powell has also been putting in long hours of work preparing for the Queen selection show.

"It takes a lot of work and a many hours of practice," she said. "But the whole experience is fun. Meeting new people and getting to talk to people is a lot of fun."

Niesha Paul would make a great St. John Festival Queen because she'd be a top-notch ambassador for the island, she explained.

"I would bring a lot of people down here because I would be a great ambassador," said Niesha Paul. "I would be a great role model for younger girls as well."

Contestant number three Kimberly Paul is the lone St. John Festival Queen contestant who hails from Love City. The 17-year-old will be a senior at Ivanna Eudora Kean next year and hopes to pursue a career in criminal justice.

"I want to attend Johnson and Wales University after high school to study criminal law and become a homicide detective," said Kimberly Paul, who is not related to Niesha Paul.

The once shy Kimberly Paul

pushed herself to join the pageant in order to overcome her fears, she explained.

"I was very shy before this," said Kimberly Paul. "No one thought I would run for Queen. But this has really built up my confidence."

"I had a lot of fun up on the stage during Pan-o-Rama," she said. "I'm glad I did this; it's good to push yourself."

While Kimberly Paul and her chaperone Michelle Freeman have been practicing every day, the Festival Queen contestant was all smiles last week.

"It's a really great experience," she said. "You get so many opportunities to get out and meet people — it's a lot of fun."

Kimberly Paul would make a great Festival Queen for a few simple reasons, she explained.

"First of all, I am the only contestant from St. John," she said. "I'm also a very high achiever and I don't think anyone expected me to run in the pageant. I would tell people to join the show because you really discover things about yourself through the process."

Contestant number four Kinia Blyden is a 17-year-old recent graduate of Charlotte Amalie High School who is attending Bethune-Cookman University in Daytona Beach, Florida in the fall. Blyden will study computer engineering with the hopes of landing a job in technology after graduation.

"Everything is done on comput-

ers these days," said Blyden. "So I think it would be great to know how to fix computers and stay on top of all the new technology that is out there."

Blyden has several important traits that make her the ideal Festival Queen, she explained.

"I have intelligence, poise and confidence," she said. "I have grace under pressure and a great personality. I would make a great role model for young girls."

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Guy Benjamin School sixth graders, above, gathered on the steps outside of the Emmaus Moravian Church just before their promotion exercise on Thursday, June 16.

## GBS Promotes 16 Sixth Graders in Principal Wells' Final Commencement at the School

By Jaime Elliott  
 St. John Tradewinds

Proud Guy Benjamin School teachers, faculty and parents packed the Emmaus Moravian Church on Thursday morning, June 16, to watch 16 sixth graders graduate from the small Coral Bay public elementary school.

The promotional exercise was an emotional ceremony as it was the last one led by GBS Principal Dionne Wells before she takes over at the Julius E. Sprauve School in the fall.

"This is my last promotional exercise as principal of GBS," said Wells. "I want to highlight the accomplishments of this sixth grade. This class was the first ballroom dancing champions in 2009."

"This class had the highest VITAL score in Math," Wells said. "Also, I must point out that the entire sixth grade class is being promoted. That serves as a testament to their potential."

Wells also shared some words of advice with the graduates.

"Learn as much as you can," she said. "No one can take from you what you know. If you short-

**"Learn as much as you can. No one can take from you what you know. If you short-change your education, you will be short of change the rest of your life."**

— Dionne Wells, GBS Principal

change your education, you will be short of change the rest of your life."

The GBS principal had some advice for parents in the audience as well.

"Parents are the backbone of children," said Wells. "Be their mentors, their nurturers and cheerleaders. Visit and volunteer at their schools."

"Show that you support them always," she said.

Wells also took time to send a personal message to the crowd at the graduation.

"Community involvement is crucial to the success of any school," she said. "I want to thank all who made my years at GBS so special. Thank you very much."

In his remarks, Department of

Education Deputy Superintendent Joseph Sibilly said the department is proud of Wells and what she has accomplished at GBS.

"I am always excited to come out here," said Sibilly. "We are proud of Miss Wells and her staff; they are an example of the success of this school. GBS you have put yourselves on the map."

"We are proud to have Miss Wells move on to JESS, to a bigger school," he said. "We look forward to having her there. JESS will continue to do well under the leadership of Miss Wells."

Sibilly also pointed out a special member of the audience in attendance.

"I am happy to see that Mr. Browne, who will be taking over

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# JESS Promotes Ninth and Eighth Graders in Double Graduation Ceremony

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

It was standing room only at the Westin Resort and Villas on Saturday evening, June 18, as family members and well-wishers packed a ball room at the resort for Julius E. Sprauve School's double promotion ceremony.

The ninth grade graduates were joined this year by JESS eighth graders, who were informed by V.I. Department of Education officials last month that they would be attending ninth grade at either Ivanna Eudora Kean High School, or a high school of their choice.

The promotional exercise was also the last one JESS Principal Mario Francis oversaw as well, as he will be transferred to a St. Thomas high school in the fall. Former Guy Benjamin School Principal Dionne Wells will be replacing Francis at JESS, while St. Thomas educator Whitman Browne will take over the helm at GBS.

Following inspirational remarks by eighth grader Keshoi Samuel, Francis addressed the graduates and well-wishers.

"This is a unique experience for us today," said Francis. "History is being made right before us and we are witnessing it. The eighth and ninth grade classes at JESS for the first time will both be leaving."

"The entire eighth grade class will leave to become ninth graders at Ivanna Eudora Kean High School or a high school of their choice," he said. "This will be the last promotional exercise for ninth graders and this is my last promotional exercise as principal of JESS."

In his last remarks as JESS principal, Francis offered both graduating classes a few pieces of advice.

"Develop a passion for reading," said Francis. "Success will come easy to those who read various genres regularly. Continue to build strong character."

"If you do not stand for some-

thing, you will fall for anything," he said. "Carry yourself in a manner that carries respect. Manners and respect will take you through this world."

Many people fought hard to have JESS expand to a ninth grade class and were not consulted when leaders decided to do away with the class, Board of Education secretary Oswin Sewer explained.

"Fifty years ago it was a special day for me and my fellow eighth graders as we graduated from school on St. John and prepared to attend the Charlotte Amalie High School," said Sewer. "Tonight I am saddened and disturbed by what this represents for our St. John educational future. Many people allocated for the addition of ninth grade at JESS 45 years ago."

"This decision was made without any input from anyone I know on St. John," Sewer said. "How does this affect our dream of having a K-12 school on St. John? Is it

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JESS 8th graders, above, shared the spotlight with this year's 9th graders.

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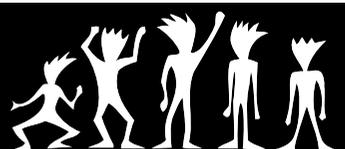


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– Lauren Mercadante, president, St. John Land Conservancy

## St. John Land Conservancy Moving Forward with Mission of Preservation

By Jaime Elliott  
 St. John Tradewinds

Since forming the St. John Land Conservancy in May and purchasing a 3.6 parcel of land at Haulover Bay on the island's East End for preservation, Lauren Mercadante hasn't slowed down.

Mercadante has been visiting St. John since she was a child and now owns a home in the Coral Bay area with her own family. She was thrilled to be able to give back to the island she loves so much by ensuring that pristine Haulover Bay would never be the site of large-scale, or small-scale, development.

“I assumed wrongly that this niche was taken and I didn't want to tread on anyone's toes,” Mercadante previously told *St. John Tradewinds*. “But we had talked about doing something to give back to St. John, which we love so much and is such a huge part of my life and my kids' lives.”

That was all the impetus Mercadante needed. She set about forming SJLC over the winter months and formally announced the group and its first major purchase in May. Since then, Mercadante has been fielding phone calls from St. John residents eager to help her and SJLC.

“Since the article came out about SJLC, we have had an outpouring of calls from happy St. John residents wanting to give their time and talents from bush clearing, to bookkeeping, to paper chasing,” she said. “I'm not surprised; this is what the people of St. John are all about. Donation inquiries are picking up too.”

Mercadante has also been hard at work on the group's website, [www.stjohnlandconservancy.org](http://www.stjohnlandconservancy.org), which is now up and running.

“We're particularly excited to announce that our web site is up and running,” she said. “We're very proud of our beautiful web site. People can find out who we are, what we do, how to donate, and how to contact us.”

The group was originally established with Lauren Mercadante as president of the board of SJLC, Attorney Raf Muilenburg as secretary and Mercadante's husband George as treasurer. Last week, Mercadante announced a new member of the board and a bit of shuffling.

“We've also had a board restructuring,” said Mercadante. “We're happy to welcome Athena Swartly, a nine-year East End resident and beekeeper, to join us as treasurer. George Mercadante takes over as Secretary. And Raf Muilenburg remains as board member.”

“Athena is a wonderful woman and a gift to us and



St. John,” said Mercadante.

And the group has big plans for the future too. As SJLC plans improvements to the Haulover area, the group will work with V.I. National Park's Chief of Resource Management Rafe Boulon as a consultant, Mercadante explained.

“We are making plans for improvements at Haulover,” she said. “We expect to have local expert Rafe Boulon working with us on an environmental and current conditions consultation. I would also like to get as much historical and cultural information on the area as possible.”

“We're going to have David Knight consult with us about the cultural resources out there,” said Mercadante. “We want to keep everything as natural as possible, as it is, without having any kind of human impact. We want people to just show up and feel like they are walking in to the natural world of St. John the way it always was.”

The next step for the group is to look at the other parcels for sale in the Haulover area, Mercadante added.

“The next step is we are discussing the rest of the Haulover land,” she said. “What we really need now is to have people who really care about the rest of the property to step up. We are in preliminary discussions right now and there are a lot of great ideas.”

Mercadante also wants to hear from residents what, if any, type of improvements should be made in the area.

“We're going to be doing some improvements on the property that we just purchased having to do with drainage and parking,” said the SJLC president. “I would especially welcome community input about what people think of Haulover and how they envision its future. It's their land for their use, it's important to know what the community wants.”

For more information about SJLC check out [www.stjohnlandconservancy.org](http://www.stjohnlandconservancy.org). To contact Mercadante, email [LaurenM@stjohnlandconservancy.org](mailto:LaurenM@stjohnlandconservancy.org).



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VIERS operations manager Jamie Irving, above. Left: (L to R) V.I. Energy Office Director Karl Knight, Jamie Irving, Energy Office coordinator Joseph Daniel and Andy Rutnik, who wrote the grant, at VIERS.

## VIERS Shows Off New Solar Electrical System to Energy Office Officials

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

A new almost 10 kW solar electric system at the Virgin Islands Environmental Research Station was soaking up rays as V.I. Energy Office officials toured the area on Friday, June 17.

The new photovoltaic system at VIERS, expected to reduce the camp's electrical bill by about 35 percent, was installed in April thanks to a \$50,000 discretionary grant from

the V.I. Energy Office.

The new solar array at VIERS complements more than a decade of energy savings at the remote Lameshur Bay resource station and camp. The camp's energy efficiency was on full display under clear skies last week as V.I. Energy Office Director Karl Knight toured the area with VIERS operations manager Jamie Irving.

VIERS and the V.I. Energy Office have been collaborating for years, with the first

major photovoltaic system installed at the camp in 2003. Fourteen 30-watt panels, producing about 1.8 kW, were installed then with help from the Rotary Club of St. John and the support of the V.I. Energy Office's rebate program.

The station's newest solar electrical systems were installed in April with a \$50,000 grant from V.I. Energy Office funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

"We're very happy to be here at VIERS,"

said Don Buchanan, V.I. Energy Office's public information officer. "We've been partners with VIERS for many years and today we're celebrating the latest addition of their energy efficiency and renewable energy efforts."

VIERS, run by Clean Islands International, has been at the forefront of energy efficiency for years, explained V.I. Energy Office operations coordinator Joseph Dan-

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## Public School Registration Phase II on St. John Scheduled for August 19

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Parents wishing to enroll their children in St. Thomas/St. John District public schools for the 2011-2012 school year are advised of the second phase of registration which begins on Tuesday, July 5, and will continue through Tuesday, July 26.

Registration is from 8:15 a.m. to 12 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Department of Education's Curriculum Center (located in Anna's Retreat across from the Seventh Day Adventist Church).

Registration for children residing on the island of St. John will be held on Friday, August 19, at the Julius E. Sprauve School from 8:30 a.m. through 11:45 a.m.

Parents and guardians are reminded that the child or children to be registered must be present at registration. Students entering Kindergarten must be five years of age on or before December 31, 2011.

The following documents are required for processing:

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- Report Card or Transcript from previous school
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Students 17 years of age or older on the date of registration or transfer, possessing a good academic standing, and in an age appropriate grade, will be permitted into the regular day education program. All others will be referred to the district's adult continuing education programs.

For more information contact Sharon Richardson, District Director of Parent and Community Involvement or Claudette Hodge at 775-2250.



Tyler Stephens



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## Eight Students Earn Ruth "Sis" Frank Merit Scholarships from Art School

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Following a grueling live audition before a panel of judges on Sunday, June 5, eight St. John School of the Arts students earned prestigious Ruth "Sis" Frank Performance/Merit Scholarships.

Judges were looking for improvement from students' who had auditioned in previous years, explained SJSA director Kim Wild.

"Since there were six students who had auditioned before, the judges were looking for substantial improvement and a level of progressive maturity in their performance and presentation," said Wild.

The sole platinum level scholarship was granted to 14-year-old Tiareh Schaub for theater. Silver level scholarships were awarded to Paige Clarke, 12, for piano; Kaitlyn Cummings, 12, for dance; Kainoa Metcalf, 14, for piano; Tiareh Schaub, 14, for dance and Emily Wild, 13, for art.

Bronze level scholarships were awarded to Tyler Stephen, 14, for piano and 12-year-old Jah-Halie Bruce for saxophone. There were no gold level scholarships awarded.

Congratulations to all the merit scholarship recipients!



SJSA Platinum scholarship recipient Tiareh Schaub



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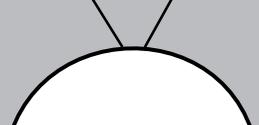
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## Gifft Hill School Awards More Than \$78,000 in Merit Scholarships

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Gifft Hill School officials awarded merit scholarships to students during a ceremony at the school last week before classes let out for the summer.

Merit Scholarships were awarded for excellence in Arts, Athletics, Academics, and Citizenship.

In addition, three V.I. Lottery awards were distributed to college-bound high school students as well as two scholarship awards for outstanding effort for students who showed hard work, dedication, and overall improvement this year.

The Spirit of GHS Scholarships were awarded to students who embody the best of the school: high academic standards; dedication and creativity to the arts; outstanding efforts in athletics; model citizenship; and a passion for learning.

The Nekwan Sprauve Memorial Scholarships were awarded to two students who demonstrate the characteristics that defined Nekwan: excellence in the arts or athletics; and a positive outlook on life.

The Trayser Scholarship was inspired by GHS' former Board President, Fred Trayser, and was awarded to a student who exhibits generosity towards others, leadership, and a strong work ethic.

In addition, scholarships sponsored by The Giving Tree Foundation and the Koonce were awarded to hard-working students who excel in athletics, academics, and the arts.

More than \$78,000 was awarded in scholarships to 47 students, all of whom completed applications and personal essays in order to be eligible. Tuition assistance and sponsorships for the 2011-2012 academic year are still available. Contact 776-1730 for more information.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

The Guy Benjamin School kindergarten class, above, sang a song of welcome to family members and well-wishers at the start of their promotion ceremony on Tuesday morning, June 14.

## Kindergarten Class at GBS "Ready for First Grade"

**By Jaime Elliott**  
*St. John Tradewinds*

Proud parents, family members and well-wishers packed the Guy Benjamin School playground on Tuesday morning, June 14, for the kindergarten class graduation

ceremony.

The kindergartners sang several songs including "Ready for First Grade" and thanked fellow school members who helped them settle in at GBS. Kindergarten teacher Lucille Parsons told a

little bit about each student before handing out diplomas and gifts to the class.

Students in first through sixth grade also received their academic awards during the Tuesday morning ceremony at GBS as well.

## Elise Flanagan Graduates from Parsons The New School of Design

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Elise May Flanagan graduated from Parsons The New School for Design with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree and a focus in Design & Management. She attended Parsons in New York City for four years. Post graduation, Flanagan will have a position at Ralph Lauren.



Elise Flanagan

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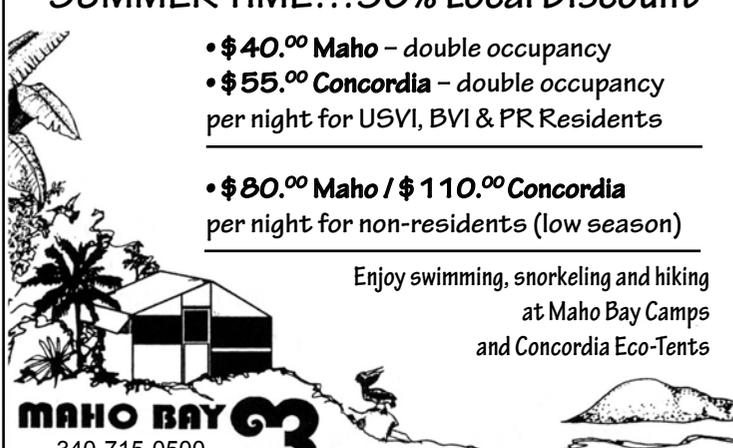
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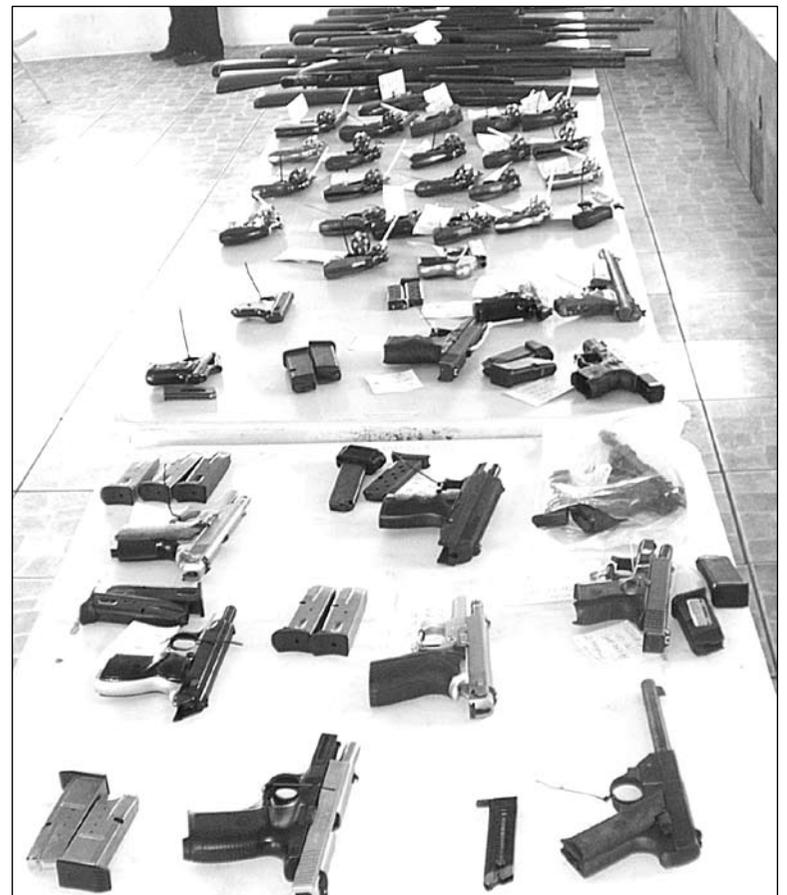


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Many residents in the St. Thomas/St. John District took advantage of the VIPD's recent gun buy-back program, which netted an impressive collection of weapons taken off the streets, at right.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

## VIPD Gun Buy-Back Program a Success

St. John Tradewinds

The V.I. Police Department's recent Gun Buy-Back program was a success with 48 deadly weapons turned in and almost \$4,000 paid out during the two-day period.

All of the weapons were in good condition and 99 percent are able to be fired, explained VIPD Assistant Commissioner Raymond Hyndman, who oversaw the program in the St. Thomas/St. John District.

"If we are able to prevent one murder, or stop one person from getting injured by gunfire, we claim it as a success," Hyndman said.

The weapons turned in included 22 revolvers, 17 pistols, four rifles and five shot guns. One weapon had an obliterated serial number. Three of the weapons — two hand guns and a long gun — were pellet guns.

"Pellet guns are very dangerous," Hyndman said "A few years ago on St. Croix a woman was killed by a pellet gun and the suspect is now serving a murder sentence."

Most of the guns obtained could really do some damage, according to Hyndman. Someone turned in a hand gun made by Derringer that had four barrels and could fire both 357 magnum and 9 millimeter rounds, he added.

The gun buy-back program was hosted on June 10 and 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day. The first gun was turned in almost exactly at 10 a.m. the first day and the last gun at 2 p.m. the next day.

The public should be proud of their participation, helping to reduce violence in the Virgin Islands, according to Hyndman.

There was a steady stream of people into the Taxi Association Headquarters turning in guns both days. Participants said they were grateful to have this

chance to get rid of weapons that were in their homes, no questions asked.

One lady brought in a gun that was previously registered to her deceased husband. Another brought two guns in a bag and said it took her a long time to bring the guns in because she was scared to touch them — one of the guns turned out to be an authentic-looking toy gun. Another man brought in two guns and said he did not want any money for them; he just wanted to get rid of them.

The gun buy back program was funded by \$10,000 given by a donor who approached Senator Shawn-Michael Malone about the project. The V.I. Community Foundation served as the funds' fiduciary.

"Every illegal weapon taken off the street is a victory. We must continue to find creative ways to chip away at our violent crime problem and diminish the pervasive gun culture in our territory," said Malone. "This was a true partnership and it demonstrates how effective we can be with greater cooperation and creativity. I would like to thank all the parties involved and to strongly encourage donors to come forward to ensure we can fund future initiatives, as this illegal firearm buy back program has been proven both necessary and successful."

"Many lives have been saved with this weekend's initiative," VIPD Commissioner Novelle Francis Jr. said. "I want to reiterate that all hands are needed on deck to stem the flow, importation, illegal possession and illegal sale of firearms in the territory."

"I commend Senator Malone, the donor and my staff for the success of this program," said the VIPD Commissioner. "I send my congratulations and special thanks to the community who understood the importance of turning in the firearms."

## St. John Amateur Radio Club Hosting Field Day June 25-26 in Estate Bethany

### St. John Tradewinds

The St. John Amateur Radio Club invites the community to take part in Field Day June 25 and 26, for a weekend of operating high frequency radio "off the grid."

The annual event, sponsored by the American Radio Relay League, is hosted the last full weekend of June with individual clubs throughout the United States participating and competing by making two-way contacts with other amateur radio stations.

The St. John club will be operating in Bethany on St. John beginning at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 25, at the home of NP2OW, Gilly Grimes. St. John "hams" will join with thousands of Amateur Radio operators who will be showing off their emergency capabilities this weekend.

They invite the public to come and see ham radio's new capabilities and learn how to get their own FCC radio license before the next disaster strikes.

Over the past year, the news has been full of reports of ham radio operators providing critical communications during unexpected emergencies in towns across America including the California wildfires, winter storms, tornadoes and other events world-wide.

During Hurricane Katrina, Amateur Radio — often called "Ham Radio" — was often the only way people could communicate, and hundreds of volunteer "hams" traveled south to save lives and property. When trouble is brewing, Amateur Radio's people are often the first to provide rescuers with critical information and communications.

On the weekend of June 25-26, the public will have a chance to meet and talk with St. John ham radio operators and see for themselves what the Amateur Radio Service is about. Showing satellite capabilities, voice communications and even historical Morse code, hams from across the USA will be

holding public demonstrations of emergency communications abilities.

This annual event, called "Field Day" is the climax of the week long "Amateur Radio Week" sponsored by the ARRL, the national association for Amateur Radio. Using only emergency power supplies, ham operators will construct emergency stations in parks, shopping malls, schools and backyards around the country.

Their slogan, "When All Else Fails, Ham Radio Works" is more than just words to the hams as they prove they can send messages in many forms without the use of phone systems, internet or any other infrastructure that can be compromised in a crisis.

More than 35,000 amateur radio operators across the country participated in last year's event. "Radio Hams" from St. John will join in this national deployment

"We hope that people will come and see for themselves, this is not your grandfather's radio anymore," said Allen Pitts, WIAGP, of the ARRL. "The communications that ham radio people can quickly create have saved many lives when other systems failed or were overloaded. And besides that — it's fun!"

There are more than 685,000 Amateur Radio licenses in the U.S., and more than 2.5 million around the world. Through the ARRL's Amateur Radio Emergency Services program, ham volunteers provide both emergency communications for thousands of state and local emergency response agencies and non-emergency community services too, all for free.

The public is invited to come, meet and talk with the hams. See what modern Amateur Radio can do. For directions, and more information call SJARC President Paul Jordan at 513-3703

To learn more about Amateur Radio, go to [www.emergency-radio.org](http://www.emergency-radio.org).

## Saltwater Gypsy Closed for Summer, Opening in New Location in October

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

After enjoying a great season at the Lumber Yard, Laurie Toth closed up her Saltwater Gypsy consignment shop on Friday, June 17.

Toth's store filled a huge gap on St. John, offering gently-used, hard-to-find items that would normally take a trip to St. Thomas to procure.

"I've decided to close for slow season," said Toth. "I've been well received and have had tremendous support from St. John so far. I'm looking forward to opening at a new location in the fall with a fresh outlook."

"This time around, I know what people are looking for and can tailor my inventory towards their immediate needs," she said.

Although Toth is taking the summer off, she promised Saltwater Gypsy would be back in October, but in a new, as yet undetermined, location.

To keep in contact with Toth and stay up on the latest Saltwater Gypsy news, email her at [saltwatergypsy@me.com](mailto:saltwatergypsy@me.com).

## Jon Mundy Speaking at June 26 Unitarian Universalists Meeting

St. John Tradewinds

The Unitarian Universalists of St. John meet at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday in the great room at Giff Hill School.

The guest speaker for Sunday, June 26 is Jon Mundy, UUF minister and author of *Living The Course In Miracles*, who will speak on "I'm nobody, who are you?"

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## Residents Pack First St. John Farmer's Market



Farmers from St. Thomas and St. John set up tables in the lower parking area at the Lumber Yard on Sunday, June 12, at the first of planned monthly markets. Shoppers snatched up fresh produce like cucumbers, kale and beets, above, as well as an array of local jams and jellies, at left. The farmers will be back on the second Sunday of each month from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

*Tradewinds* New Photos by Jaime Elliott

## VI Radio Amateurs Ready To Assist with Disaster Communications

### *St. John Tradewinds*

The V.I. Territorial Emergency Management Agency and radio amateur clubs throughout the territory have formed a working relationship to enhance emergency communications during disasters.

The goal of the relationship is to assist VITEMA with development and implementation of a series of plans and activities which will enhance disaster communications.

“Amateur radio has a long history of providing public service, especially in times of disasters,” VITEMA Director Elton Lewis said. “Before Twitter, before Facebook and other social media — amateur radio has provided service as an integral part of disaster preparedness as far as communications is concerned. I welcome this partnership with the V.I. Amateur Radio Clubs.”

Lewis met with representatives of the St. Croix Amateur Radio Club last week to dialogue and to lay the groundwork for amateur radio operators in the territory to partner with VITEMA before, during and after disaster.

Many of the participating V.I. amateurs are experienced veterans of past disasters. “Ham radio” as it is frequently called, has proven its value in many past disasters by being a major player in providing redundant communications. It is often one of the few, if not the

only, form of communication after major disasters, Lewis explained.

Ham radio operators are licensed by the Federal Communications Commission and are hobbyists who utilize their talents to promote their skills and assist the public. They are only licensed to communicate with other amateurs, however, programs such as this have proven especially valuable to governmental agencies. Hams are forbidden to profit monetarily from their activities.

Local radio amateurs currently have repeaters which provide hand-held radio coverage over most areas of the territory. There are approximately 250 licensed radio amateurs in the Virgin Islands, of which about a third are active. Hams also have long distance communication capabilities by utilizing a radio wavelength which skips off the ionosphere.

Participating radio amateurs will work closely with VITEMA personnel and be required to complete many of the same disaster readiness training classes as governmental officials.

Once the program is established and implemented, periodic training and drill exercises will be routinely held to assure maximum disaster communications readiness.

For more information contact Lewis at 773-2244.

## DHPR Summer Sports Camps Start June 27

### *St. John Tradewinds*

Department of Housing, Parks and Recreation Commissioner St. Claire Williams last week outlined his department’s plans for the 2011 Annual Summer Sports Camps for the territory, scheduled to be conducted from June 27 through August 5.

There will be a total of 23 sports camps, one of which is on St. John, and two sports clinics for participants to receive skills training in one or more sports.

“The camps are designed for children with a true interest in a variety of sports and recreational activities and are open to boys and girls, ages 7 through 15,” said Williams. “DHPR’s goals for the camps are to ensure a fun,

safe, healthy, well-organized and well-supervised program for all children, to create an enjoyable learning environment and to help participants achieve a positive self-image and to encourage creativity, a sense of learning and respect for others.”

DHPR encouraged early registration for the summer sports camp programs given their popularity. Space is limited. Applications may be obtained on St. John at the Cruz Bay Recreation Center. For more information, call 774-0255.

Outdoor Adventure Camp at the St. John Recreation Center for children between the ages of 7 and 15 will run from June 27 through August 5, from 8 to 5 p.m.

# Sizzling Summer Fashion Hits the Virgin Islands Shores

## St. John Tradewinds

The U.S. Virgin Islands will be transformed into fashion central when Signature by Terry Donovan Events presents the debut of Summer Sizzle VI July 21-25.

The four-day event, dubbed the ultimate fashion destination event of the summer, will feature an exciting line up of international and local designers and models for a week of style and glamour.

Noted international fashion designer Tracy Reese and top British menswear designer Andrew Buckler along with Cesar Galindo and Dominique Pearl from the Bravo TV hit reality show "The Fashion Show" will headline the event.

Roger Gary, Devon Scott, Johnny Vincent and The Vessel by Lois Samuel along with Trinidad's Claudia Pegus and two of the Virgin Islands very own talented top designers, Andre Etienne and Trefle Designs by Kristin Frazer of the BVI will complete the line up of designers who will be showcased at the event.

"We are very excited to be able to bring Summer Sizzle VI to St. Thomas," said Terry Donovan, CEO of Signature by Terry Donovan Events. "We are sure we will build with the community what will become the most amazing fashion destination event in the Caribbean while highlighting the U.S. Virgin Islands as the leading summer destination. Our goal is to create excitement during the summer months when our visitor rates are down."

The four-day event will feature a culture and style welcome pool party on July 21 at Yacht Haven Grande; a sunset white fashion fete at Oceana Restaurant on July 22; all leading up to the most anticipated fashion extravaganza, "Global Glamour" on July 23 at the Mark C. Marin Center at Antilles School which will feature international supermodel Sessilee Lopez and a cast of models from top New York agencies including Ford, IMG, Elite, Marilyn, DNA, Major, Muse, Next and Red. They will join local models that will be selected at the upcoming casting calls.



Model Sessilee Lopez

Summer Sizzle VI in collaboration with Models.com will host model castings on St. Thomas on Saturday, June 18, at the Yacht Haven Grande Esplanade from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aspiring V.I. models will get a unique opportunity to meet Wayne Sterling, founder and editorial director of Models.com, the leading modeling and fashion industry on-line resource.

"We greatly look forward to the experience of Summer Sizzle in the USVI and will work rigorously to bring the standards of Models.com to the casting of the shows," said Sterling. "The U.S. Virgin Islands represents a very exciting emerging model market and we anticipate discovering some world class talent around the Summer

Sizzle VI events."

Summer Sizzle VI is sponsored by Yacht Haven Grande, USVI Department of Tourism, Fat Turtle, Ackley Media Group, Wyndham Sugar Bay Resort & Spa, Oceana, Grand Cru, Cutting Edge Entertainment, JTV Chanel 55 (BVI), Norman Allen Photography, Alanzo Graphix, Ricky Joseph Photography, Native Son and BVINEWS.COM.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit the United Way of St. Thomas/St. John. For more information, call 866-889-6151 or email [info@summersizzlevi.com](mailto:info@summersizzlevi.com).

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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: 1

2nd Degree Burglaries: 4

3rd Degree Burglaries: 15

Grand Larcenies: 26

Rapes: 1

## Letters To St. John Tradewinds

### Help Fight Cuts To Critical Federal Funding

With all but \$17.4 million remaining to close this year's budget deficit, I am sure the governor and the 29th Legislature can come together to address the territory's finances without massive layoffs. After all, in the past, the situation has been far worse and we have made it through with less pain than what seems to be on the table today.

With so many demands on individuals, families and businesses — from property taxes to high gasoline and utility costs and increases in fees — layoffs or dismissals would be catastrophic. In my opinion, there are less draconian options available.

The governor has said that change is necessary and inevitable and that some of those changes have to begin now. I will trust in the wisdom of the collaborative process between Government House and the Legislature to make the requisite local changes. But that is not enough!

Despite the terrible environment in Washington, I am clear that I too owe it to my constituents to do whatever I can to alleviate the burdens we will all have to bear and to ensure that Virgin Islanders do not lose in the process.

I have written to the governor and the Legislature to inquire where they believe my office could be most helpful and have made some suggestions to Governor deJongh.

As those of you who follow House proceedings can attest, I will continue to side with those who oppose cuts to critical federal programs and I will actively advocate for the 2012 appropriation requests that we have supported that could be helpful to the territory if passed.

I have redoubled efforts to ensure that the Virgin Islands and other territories are not left out of any initiatives that might be passed in aid of the states, and I will work with my fellow territorial delegates to see if an Omnibus Territories Bill can be put together this year.

My staff and I have offered to work with all of the local departments and agencies to help identify grants and programs that could supplement local funding and offset local budget cuts.

We will work with the administration to utilize any

remaining Recovery Act funding and to request that any funding left would remain available until spent.

Legislation is about to be introduced to designate the National Heritage Area for St. Croix which brings with it access of up to \$1 million dollars annually for 10 years.

My staff and I continue to offer help to our hospitals, to work with others to advocate for programs like an infrastructure bank, the surface transportation reauthorization, and some key Congressional Black Caucus initiatives that target help to chronically distressed communities. Along with my colleagues I will continue to seek help for states and territories to alleviate the financial crises that threaten them all.

Much of this unfortunately depends on being able to break through the gridlock in Washington, but on the positive side, our President is committed to much of what I have mentioned.

It is important for me to caution that under current political and economic conditions, it is entirely unrealistic to look for any kind of federal bailout — from gasoline taxes or anywhere else.

On the other hand we are fortunate that we have the Diageo and Fortune Brand agreements which should begin to increase revenue for the territory next year and that we have an experienced and highly regarded fiduciary agent who while now only over education funds may be able to help us realize some efficiencies and savings going forward.

As one of the Virgin Islands elected leaders, I would be remiss if I did not exhaust every avenue available to us to help weather this and any other storm.

Change is never easy and although some of the changes that would be enacted will cause some pain and sacrifice, as long as it is shared and trust can be restored or strengthened, I have every confidence that the people of the Virgin Islands will rise to this difficult challenge as we have done over the centuries.

If you want to share your thoughts and suggestions with me on this matter, please reply to Donna.Christensen@mail.house.gov with "Help For The VI" in the subject line or text to 202-288-3142.

Sincerely,

**Donna Christensen, Delegate to Congress**

## One of the Best Ideas I've Heard in a Long Time

Recently here was an article in the *Daily News* concerning the governor's desire to "eliminate" 500 Government employees. The governor's plan was to authorize the department commissioners and directors to terminate employees that are not doing their job.

That is one of the best ideas that I have heard in a long time. Get rid of the employees that are not doing their jobs. Many of these employees have enough time in to retire but are just milking the system or they don't have anything better to do.

Not only are they dysfunctional, they provide a very negative work environment for the Government employees who do want to do their job. It is very hard to stay motivated when your co-workers are not doing

their jobs and, in many cases, being disruptive to the office because they are not busy.

I hope that the employees' union can go along with this rather than forcing the governor to lay off better employees with less seniority. I also hope that the Senators can get on board with this great way to improve the function of our government while saving us a lot of money.

This will definitely will be beneficial to all concerned. Maybe the employees who are let go can find a job that they enjoy doing or if they retire, can go work with a non-profit organization to spend their day helping the community.

**Greg Miller**

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## Letters To Tradewinds

### Too Young To Speak Up for Himself

It is Tuesday, June 14, around 11:30 in the morning. The computer room in the first floor of the annex building is quiet while students are having their lunch in the cafeteria.

Suddenly the quiet is broken by a monitor who is dragging a nine-year-old child. Next I see the child crying heartbroken. The monitor is hitting him with his open hand. It is a difficult moment.

I know the child. He was my student last year in kindergarten. Somebody in his family came from the Dominican Republic and gave the child his Hispanic name, although he doesn't know what it means to be Hispanic.

This is a difficult child. Is not difficult to know he has been neglected. Just to look at him and see his defensive expression and his bright eyes that do not express more feeling than the need for survival.

What are we doing to this child? To me this is another expression of a troubled kid who is being cornered by society. In this case the society of Julius Sprauve Elementary School.

I have talked about this to the principals and I have never received an answer or seen a reaction. After all, the child is only a very young person who doesn't have a recourse at his young age and obviously his family is not there for him. He is abused today and he will be abused tomorrow. He is only nine years old and he is already behind in his school placement.

There was a second teacher in the room when this episode happened.

**Jaime Lembach**

**Teacher of Spanish at Julius E. Sprauve Elementary School**

### Father's Day

It's nice to take one day and celebrate the men who are true fathers. When a child is conceived, the fun part has ended and the serious work has begun.

Being an excellent father means getting up to feed, change, wash clothes, go to the doctor, provide financially and play with your baby. It's an awesome responsibility given by our one and true heavenly Father.

There are good examples of fatherhood on the island. We must encourage and remember the sacrifices that they did to raise their children. Even men who have not physically fathered a child have in some way touched the lives of young boys and girls.

A father's love comes not only by the words he utters but also by the deeds done. May all dads pursue a deeper relationship with their kids. Keep up the good work and set the example for future fathers to emulate.

Special note: For those who didn't know their fathers or didn't have pleasant memories — lean on God, he'll take care of you.

Faithful learning

Asking for forgiveness when I mess up

Taking them to church and play

Hearing them call "Daddy" melts my heart

Entering the home and seeing them smile

Relaxing after a long day with them

**Blessing,  
Emmanuel Prince**

### Correction

The caption under Evelyn Matthias' picture in the obituary section in the June 13-20 edition of *St. John Tradewinds* was incorrect. *Tradewinds* apologizes for the error.

### Remembering David Trahan and All the EMTs

A few years back I wrote an article called "Keep Left, Drive Right." It was about safe driving on St. John and directed mainly at tourists.

But, in it I asked, "who doesn't get a lump in their throats when we hear the wail of the ambulance echo across our valleys?" With an element of panic we wonder where the kids are, if that old relative has fallen or if your wife has really mashed up the car this time.

We memorialized our friend, David Trahan, at the Lime Inn last Sunday. He was a founding force behind EMS ambulance service here and an inspiration to the generations of emergency responders that followed.

That afternoon, as we reminisced about David,

there came a brief siren salute from the street outside. In that moment, hit once again by the poignant thoughts that mournful sound evokes, I realized that for every injured motorist or cardiac patient there is a small army of dedicated people who have trained and studied and practiced to go help.

And so, next time you hear the ambulance siren and follow the sound up the hill, then muffled going down the other side, bouncing off the hillsides — yes, think of the kids.

But, think of the first responders, too. And, think of David, for in a way that's the sound of his soul floating above our island.

**Jeff Smith**

### Self-Storage Cleaning

How much stuff can one person, family, business or government accumulate? A lot.

We have rooms, basements, attics, backyards and now storage facilities full of unused items. There was a time when we gave away clothing, shoes, books and even old vehicles. Now, we hold and hoard in expectation of using them again.

The funny thing is, we never get around to using these castaways. Then they get rusty, moldy and old. And we wonder, "Why did I ever hold on this long?"

It's very tough to let go of stuff physically. It's darn impossible with emotional baggage. Words and actions that have hurt us linger for many years. Damaging our self-esteem and blocking healing.

Many wounds can't heal overnight but constant forgiving helps to ease the pain. To bottle up one's emotions takes away from: expressing true feelings; clearing the air; and builds stress.

To confront issues in a positive way may mean

writing it out on paper, speaking in a calm and respectful manner and seeking wise counsel.

Self-storage can be good for a short-term use. But as with most things in life, we keep piling stuff up until one day there is an overload. Spring time is over but that doesn't mean that you have to stop cleaning.

Make a to-do list for your storage — whether it's physical, emotional or mental. Give it away, sell it or, if it's a physical matter, pray for a peaceful solution. The more we can empty ourselves, the more good and beautiful things can come into our lives.

It won't be easy letting go. Some treasures are hard to part with. But think about the good that someone can get from using it. Take time to celebrate each giveaway, enjoy the sunset, a quiet moment, a sweet memory and begin again.

**One Love,  
Emmanuel Prince**

### It's Festival Time: Cultural Splendor at Festival 2011



The St. John Festival officially got underway last week as the island's talented senior citizens hit the stage at the Winston Wells ball field on Friday, June 17. Things were in full swing by Sunday, June 19, when the St. John Festival Princess Selection Show got underway.

## Five Ladies Will Make Judges' Job Tough at Queen Show

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Chaperone Annette James has been getting Blyden to practice for hours each day and the work shows.

"It's a lot of hard work," said Blyden. "I've practiced sometimes from 3 p.m. to midnight. But the best part is getting to hang out with the girls and getting to meet so many new people."

Not at all intimidated by the crowds sure to pack the Winston Wells ball field for the selection show, Blyden can't wait for the competition.

"I'm not nervous at all," she said. "I'm really excited for the show. I can't wait to get up there and dance and show everyone what I can do."

Rounding out this year's competition is contestant number five Akela Frett, a 17-year-old recent graduate of Ivanna Eudora Kean High School who is heading off to Deland, Florida, to attend Stetson University.

Frett will study business administration at college with the hopes of preparing herself for a career in banking. Her hours of practice with chaperone Cubie George are sure to prepare this Queen hopeful for the rigors of college.

"It's been a lot of work," Frett said about running for St. John Festival Queen. "The best part of the whole experience is getting to know the other girls."

There are a few simple reasons Frett would make a great Queen, she explained.

"I am intelligent and I know how to carry myself like a lady," she said. "I would be a great role model for young girls."

The judges surely have their work cut out for them, as all five of these talented and beautiful young ladies would make a great St. John Festival Queen. No matter who wins, one thing is certain, the St. John Festival Queen Selection Show — Saturday night, June 25, at Winston Wells ball field at 8 p.m. — should not be missed.



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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!!!

FESTIVAL HOTLINE NUMBERS: (340) 690-3692/ (340) 690-1725



## JFLI Pig Roast Fundraiser Set for June 25

Help ensure that John's Folly Learning Institute students make it back to Puerto Rico this summer and enjoy some delectable eats in Coral Bay on Saturday, June 25.

JFLI is hosting a pig roast fundraiser for its Puerto Rico field trip scheduled for August 10 through

16. The group's first pig roast raised \$1,048 and a fish fry the following month upped their travel fund another \$581.

Stop by the Coral Bay triangle BBQ stand starting at 4:30 p.m. on June 15 for great food and live music for a good cause.

## Registration Open for JFLI Summer Camp

The John's Folly Learning Institute summer program is now accepting campers as young as three years old!

JFLI offers a variety of summer camp activities ranging from computer lessons, swimming lessons, arts and crafts, VI history and more. Registration will be Monday, June 20, through Saturday, June 25, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at JFLI Coral Bay. The JFLI summer camp will begin on Monday, June 27.

## JESS Promotes Ninth and Eighth Graders

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a dream deferred?"

While the decision was made to not have a ninth grade at JESS next year, that does not mean there will never be a ninth grade at the school again, explained DOE St. Thomas/St. John District Superintendent Janette Smith-Barry in her remarks.

"First of all, DOE has not said that this is the last ninth grade at JESS," said Smith-Barry. "DOE said there will be no ninth grade for the upcoming school year. The primary reason for that is that St. John parents, the majority of them, are not sending their children to JESS for ninth grade."

"We do not have the student population to justify the resources needed for the first year of moving toward a high school diploma," she said. "We knew the decision would be unpopular to some and welcome to others. The bottom line is change happens."

Switching her focus to the graduating students, Smith-Barry congratulated the ninth and eighth grade JESS classes.

"You are all well on your way to success," said Smith-Barry. "There has never been a question about the quality of education you received on St. John."

Eighth grade salutatorian Kenisha Estrado worked hard to get the second best grade in her class.

"I worked really hard," said Estrado. "But this is the payoff for all of that work and for listening to my teachers and my parents. Getting good grades is not a privilege,

it's something you have to work hard for."

Devante Monsanto, the eighth grade valedictorian, also learned that hard work pays off.

"I was surprised to hear that I had the best grade in the eighth grade, but it shows you that hard work pays off," said Monsanto. "One thing that got me here is being serious in school. I do my work in class and don't fool around."

As a tribute to the ninth grade class, Aaliyah Carbon, Shemeara Fahie and Adelto George sang a beautiful rendition of "Hero" by Mariah Carey.

Ninth grade salutatorian Nyree Doway thanked her family and especially her mother for helping her reach her goals.

"I want to thank all of the people who encouraged me and especially my mother who is my rock," said Doway. "At JESS we are like one big family and the staff is like our parents. They try to guide us and educate us."

Ninth grade valedictorian Ashley Thomas learned many things at JESS, not the least of which was who she was as a person.

"I found out that I have a talent — I can write," said Thomas. "I write to express myself, my ideas and my feelings. I have become more confident and outgoing."

Following speeches by guest speakers Lucille Parsons and Skip Lockwood, the graduates were handed their diplomas to raucous cheers from the crowd. Congratulations JESS graduates!

## Police Log

**LAND LINE: 911 / CELLULAR: 340-776-9110**

### Friday, June 10

6:53 a.m. - A citizen c/r a break-in at Estate Susanaberg. Burglary in the third.

7:42 a.m. - An Estate John's Folly resident c/r an auto accident in the area of Johnson Bay. Auto accident.

9:39 a.m. - An Estate Contant resident c/r a break-in at her residence. Burglary in the third.

4:05 p.m. - A St. Thomas resident p/r that someone took his wallet. Petit larceny.

9:00 p.m. - VIPD officer p/ at Leander Jurgen Command with one Jeffrey Bleyor (unknown address) placed under arrest and charged with DUI.

### Sunday, June 12

2:31 a.m. - A Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center doctor c/r an assault victim at the center. Assault in the third.

2:42 p.m. - An Estate Contant/Enighed resident p/r that her phone was stolen. Grand larceny.

11:06 p.m. - A concerned citizen r/ that two tourists were being assaulted by two males in the area of Wharfside Village. Assault and battery.

### Monday, June 13

10:25 a.m. - A citizen p/r a stolen vessel. Unauthorized use of vessel.

11:11 a.m. - A citizen c/requesting police assistance in Coral Bay. Police assistance.

12:27 p.m. - A citizen p/r that she lost her documents. Lost documents.

### Tuesday, June 14

7:46 a.m. - A Calabash Boom resident c/r he was being chased by a machete. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

10:05 a.m. - A Cruz Bay resident p/r that she is

being harassed and threatened. Telephone harassment.

1:49 p.m. - An Estate Fish Bay resident p/r that a woman threatened him on the phone. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

5:30 p.m. - Badge #1105 p/ at Leander Jurgen Command with one Eli Powell of Estate Chocolate Hole, placed under arrest and charged with assault in the third and simple possession. His bail was set at \$25,000 by order of the court. He was detained at Leander Jurgen Command and later transported to the Bureau of Corrections on St. Thomas.

6:40 p.m. - A Bellevue Village resident p/r that she was involved in a disturbance. Disturbance of the peace.

11:38 p.m. - A citizen c/r shots fired in the area of Estate Grunwald. Illegal discharge of firearm.

### Wednesday, June 15

10:27 a.m. - An Estate Mandahl resident p/r that he wants his wife to leave his residence. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

11:16 a.m. - An Estate Mandahl resident p/r that she tripped in the area of Cruz Bay. Accidental injury.

3:23 p.m. - A Coral Bay resident c/r that she needed assistance to remove her son from her residence. Police assistance.

### Thursday, June 16

11:11 p.m. - A Guinea Grove resident r/ that he was assaulted in Cruz Bay. Assault in the third.

### Friday, June 17

7:52 a.m. - A visitor from Ohio p/r that he was assaulted in the area of Wharfside Village. Aggravated assault and battery.

## 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 identify and arrest these criminals.

#### St. John

On June 4 at 4:57 a.m. at Sapphire Breeze Villa at Estate Bethany, an armed robber forced his way from the patio into the master bedroom. After a brief scuffle with the father, his three children entered the bedroom. The intruder waved his gun, demanded money, and became enraged when he discovered there was little to be had. He then grabbed the victim's daughter by the arm and instructed her to show him out of the house. The intruder, described as a black male with short hair,

5'9" to 6' tall wearing a black T-shirt, black pants and a mask, took \$10 from the daughter before leaving. If anyone saw a person that morning or the night before fitting this description, please tell Crime Stoppers so VIPD can put him behind bars.

#### St. Thomas

On May 20 around noon, the residents of 173-A-10 Annas Retreat locked and secured their home. Upon their return around 3 p.m., they discovered their home had been burglarized. The burglar(s) entered the home through the kitchen window and stole a number of items such as jewelry, crystal, rare coins, a laptop, a Wii game console, and a 46" flat screen television. The burglar(s) exited through the kitchen door.

Crime Stoppers currently has 20 unclaimed rewards. Anyone who submitted a tip, should check to see if they qualify for a reward.

**Ferry Schedules - Cruz Bay and Charlotte Amalie**

**CRUZ BAY TO RED HOOK**

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

**RED HOOK TO CRUZ BAY**

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

**CRUZ BAY TO DOWNTOWN CHARLOTTE AMALIE**

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

# St. John Tradewinds Business Directory

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or locally 340-776-6152

**Island Getaways**  
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or locally at 340-779-4486

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Located at Wharfside Village

**Services**

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tel. 779-4047  
Located in Coral Bay

## Solar Electrical System

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iel, who is overseeing the latest grant.

"VIERS has always been a good steward of energy efficiency," said Daniel. "We were very impressed when we came out here and saw what they were already doing. We were excited that they applied for a new grant for solar water heating systems and new solar electric systems."

"We expect huge savings for VIERS and we'll be monitoring their data so we'll be able to tell exactly how much their savings are," Daniel said.

As an environmental resource station, VIERS is dedicated to energy efficiency, but the camp is also a great place to educate people about the technology, explained VIERS operations manager Irving.

"When we installed the first photovoltaic system eight years ago, right away we started seeing savings on all different fronts," said Irving. "Last month we installed four new systems with the ARRA funds and V.I. Energy Office grant. A major success of both has been the education component."

"Hundreds of local school kids, scientists from the states and many families pass through here and we've been able to demonstrate how these systems work and how they can be implemented, in a camp setting like this, but also in their own homes," Irving said.

V.I. Energy Office officials have set an

ambitious energy efficiency goal for the territory to meet over the next few years, explained Karl Knight.

"Our goal is 60 percent reduction in fossil fuel usage by the year 2025," said the new V.I. Energy Office director. "There are several incremental steps we'll have to take to get there and one large component of that is energy conservation. Another component of that deals with clean energy sources like solar, wind and waste to energy."

"There is great potential for solar use in the territory," said Knight. "The sun is abundant and we might as well harness it."

Irving led the group on a tour of the VIERS camp, pointing out four independent solar hot water heater systems and three arrays of solar electrical systems along the way. The camp's fourth solar electrical system array is located at VIERS' wet lab at Great Lameshur Bay, which needs constant energy for on-going experiments, explained Irving.

The original photovoltaic system is a 1.8 kW system which stores energy in batteries. The new 5.38 kW solar electric system is a net metering Enphase Energy System with all panels having their own inverters. The new system will allow VIERS staff to monitor the performance of each solar panel via the internet, Irving explained.

For more information on VIERS check out [www.islands.org](http://www.islands.org). For more information on V.I. Energy Office check out [www.vienery.org](http://www.vienery.org).

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776-6316, 776-6254

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11 a.m., Sunday School 776-6291

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

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

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

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Sun., 5 p.m., STJ, Lumberyard

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**Our Lady of Mount Carmel**  
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Wednesday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. 776-6339

**St. John Methodist Church**  
Sunday 10 a.m, 693-8830

**Seventh Day Adventist**  
Saturdays, 779-4477

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

**St. Ursula's Episcopal Church**  
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# Community Calendar

St. John Tradewinds welcomes notices of community-oriented, not-for-profit events for inclusion in this weekly listing. Call 776-6496, e-mail editor@tradewinds.vi or fax 693-8885.

## Monday, June 20 through Monday, June 27

— The Department of Health's Environmental Health Division last week released the following deadline dates for potential vendors to seek health permits for events of the annual Fourth of July Festival on St. John.

The deadlines are listed according to the event:

- Winston Wells Ballpark – Monday, June 20
- Food Fair – Wednesday, June 22
- Festival Village – Friday, June 24
- Boat Race – Wednesday, June 22
- J'ouvert – Monday, June 27
- Parade – Monday, June 27

## June 20-July 1

— SJSA 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-Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## Saturday, June 25

— The St. John Festival Queen Show is Saturday, June 25, at 8 p.m. at Winston Wells ball park.

— Help ensure that John's Folly Learning Institute students make it back to Puerto Rico this summer and enjoy some delectable eats in Coral Bay on Saturday, June 25.

— The St. John Amateur Radio Club invites the community to take part in Field Day June 25 and 26, for a weekend of operating high frequency radio "off the grid."

## Sunday, June 26

— The St. John Festival Food Fair is Sunday, June 26, at 1 p.m. at Franklin Powell Park in Cruz Bay.

— 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.

## Monday, June 27

— The Coral Bay Community Council is hosting one more Planning Discussion Meeting on Monday, June 27, at 6 p.m. in room six at Guy Benjamin School.

## 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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## THE FATHER OF ...

### ACROSS

- 1 Lets go by, as a chance  
 9 Like some eyeglass lenses  
 16 Short race  
 20 Emerge again  
 21 Medium tempo  
 22 Not tricked by  
 23 ... Nuclear Physics  
 25 Needle-nosed fishes  
 26 "Grand" instruments  
 27 Speak ill of, in slang  
 28 O.J. Simpson trial judge  
 29 Cuban salsa singer Cruz  
 30 People who may share armrests  
 32 ... the Symphony  
 35 McKellen of "Scandal"  
 36 Like the pope: Abbr.  
 37 Become laryngitic  
 38 ... Organized Crime  
 44 Wd. with the same meaning  
 45 Luggage screeners' org.  
 46 Lobbies with glass ceilings  
 47 Ease off  
 48 Motor noise  
 50 Señora Perón  
 53 Golfer's first stroke  
 56 — jongg  
 58 ... Modern China  
 63 S&L options  
 64 TV actress Arthur  
 66 Ease off  
 68 "False!"  
 69 Tantrum  
 70 ... Country Music  
 73 Lady Liberty's land

- 74 Win by — (barely triumph)  
 76 Clay worker  
 77 Univ. e-mail ending  
 78 Garden of —  
 79 ... History  
 81 Nestlé's — -Caps  
 83 Napping audibly  
 85 Wear for a messy meal  
 86 Small inlet  
 88 Employer of many CPAs  
 90 Dorothy, to Em  
 91 Father's Day honorees  
 94 Exam room noises  
 96 ... Modern Genetics  
 100 Tremendous  
 103 Actor Mischa  
 104 "The Raven" penner  
 105 ... Fitness  
 107 Libra  
 113 Shaw of jazz clarinet  
 114 Former Ford  
 115 "Either he goes — go"  
 116 Iroquois tribe  
 117 Early 16th-century year  
 118 ... the United States  
 122 Centuries on end  
 123 Off base with permission  
 124 It offers goods under a canvas shelter  
 125 Hong Kong's Hang — Index  
 126 Dawdled  
 127 Playful marine mammal

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- 1 Readies, briefly  
 2 Falcon's nest

- 3 Largest city in Yemen  
 4 Exhausted  
 5 Derby city  
 6 Leave port  
 7 Old Egypt-Syr. alliance  
 8 Wisdom  
 9 Cross words  
 10 Suffix with brilliant  
 11 32nd prez  
 12 Dumb and clumsy  
 13 Bill worth 100 clams  
 14 Waste away  
 15 Was ahead  
 16 Folded-over page corner  
 17 Investment firm worker  
 18 Long steps  
 19 Biblical cry of praise  
 24 Scale notes  
 29 Single dance move?  
 31 Fraternity "T"  
 32 First mo.  
 33 "Then again," in a chat room  
 34 Darling  
 36 Supper club  
 38 Queen of rap  
 39 Of the womb  
 40 Maker  
 41 SWAK part  
 42 Slangy approval  
 43 Aptiva maker  
 44 Dirty streak  
 49 New no more  
 51 Vehicles for large families  
 52 — -Z (totally)  
 54 Kobe sash  
 55 Seduce  
 57 Toast starter  
 59 Essentials  
 60 Hit the books

- 61 Very nature  
 62 Hardly the saintly type  
 65 Secret love affairs  
 67 More hokey, as a joke  
 70 "Star Wars" knight  
 71 "Who's there?" reply  
 72 Quick trot  
 75 Cry out loud  
 78 Activist Brockovich  
 80 Malia or Sasha  
 82 The "O" of NATO: Abbr.  
 84 Not divided  
 87 "Son of —!"  
 89 Clever, specious reasoners  
 91 Crib clothes  
 92 Prize getter  
 93 Division  
 95 Modern Greek  
 97 Mr. — (old whodunit game)  
 98 Caviar base  
 99 Loggins & — ("Your Mama Don't Dance" duo)  
 101 Aspen sport  
 102 Bullring holler  
 103 — Doria (ill-fated liner)  
 106 Bikini Island, e.g.  
 107 Lit syllable  
 108 Italian for "hundred"  
 109 Neurotic worrying  
 110 Unleash upon  
 111 School, in Paris  
 112 More rational  
 115 Fell behind financially  
 118 Zeus or Thor  
 119 Ben- —  
 120 Eden exile  
 121 "Te- —!"



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Left to Right) SBDC Associate State Director Lucy Holifield, State Director Leonor Dottin show Beth Schmidt around UVI's new St. John Academic Center.

## SBDC Open House Draws Crowd To The Marketplace

### St. John Tradewinds

The University of the Virgin Islands' Small Business Development Center hosted an open house on St. John last week.

SBDC Officials welcomed anyone interested in the center's services to check out UVI's new St. John Academic Center on the third floor of The Marketplace on Friday, June 17.

"A lot of people have come by to check out the space," said SBDC state director Leonor Dottin. "We are really excited to welcome people here and to offer more of our services on St. John. We're happy that the St. John business

community won't have to go to St. Thomas to take advantage of our services any longer."

Small business owner Beth Schmidt was one of the residents who dropped in at the open house.

"I was here at The Marketplace and I didn't even know they were up here," said Schmidt. "I came in and everyone was so friendly and nice. I'm looking to grow my business and am excited to use some of these resources."

For now SBDC is open on St. John the first and third Wednesday of each month by appointment. To make an appointment call 776-3206.

## Guy Benjamin School Promotes 16 Sixth Graders

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at GBS, is here today," said Sibilly. "He has many years of experience and I know his efforts will continue here at GBS."

Second honor student Maeven Parsil learned more than just academics at GBS, she explained.

"I also learned kindness and respect," Parsil said. "The students are all friends here and there are so many activities. GBS has been a great base for us to start our educations."

First honor student Marissa Muilenburg offered a philosophical perspective on the ending of elementary school for her fellow graduates.

"We are all sad to leave GBS, but when

one door closes another one opens," said Muilenburg. "We will all have other great schools to attend."

Muilenburg also shared some memories from her years at GBS before celebrating with her classmates.

"We did it," she said.

Guest speaker Kamaria Penn, who graduated from GBS in 2002, told the students to remain focused on their education despite the distractions sure to come their way over the next few years.

Tears of joy from parents and well-wishers were mixed with tears of sadness as teachers and faculty members bid farewell to Wells with a special song before the GBS sixth grade class of 2011 exited the church looking forward to seventh grade.



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**"El Cielo"** - This new masonry home has an ideal location in every way. Midway between Cruz Bay & Coral Bay this 4 bedroom home is perched on a flat ridge just above Upper Peter Bay & has National Park land to the north and east to insure quiet and privacy. Graceful arches frame the sweeping views from Lovango Cay to Jost van Dyke. A large deck with pool is accessed from the living room & master bedroom. Features include custom mahogany doors & windows, air conditioned bedrooms, & an office. **\$2.39M**.



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**"Fish Beach"** - a brand new Mediterranean Style two bedroom luxury pool villa at Cocoloba Beach Estates, private waterfront neighborhood with community beach parcel & dock bordering the National Park near Reef Bay yet near all the amenities of Cruz Bay. Villa features premium finishes and cook's kitchen with stone countertops and stainless steel appliances and luxurious baths. Beaches are just a stroll away. **\$995,000**.



**"Cloud 9 Villa"** - Spectacular sunsets and breathtaking views over Pillsbury Sound to St. Thomas and south over Great Cruz Bay are highlights of this masonry home with pool, spa, air conditioning, Wi-Fi, & large, new sun deck with gazebo. The lot is almost flat and tropical landscaping abounds. Two bedrooms adjoin the pool deck and a comfy loft is accessed from the living room. A cool location high on Gift Hill and Access is paved all the way. Cloud 9 Villa is a very popular vacation rental. **\$1.35M**



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**"Zootenvaal 20 Acres"** - National Park adjoins this twenty acre estate sized parcel insuring green space and privacy in quiet surroundings. Beautiful water views over the National Marine Monument at Bork Creek and Hurricane Hole will be forever preserved in their natural beauty as a protected area. This is a rare opportunity for a conservation minded buyer who wants the best St. John has to offer. **\$7M**. Adjoining waterfront parcel with 4 rental cottages and 850' of waterfront also available.

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## CBR HOME LISTINGS

**AURORA** - Enjoy 180° views, from Great Cruz to St. Thomas, from this masonry 4 bdm/4 bath villa in Contant Point. Great privacy, pool, multiple outdoor patios, excellent vacation rental history. **\$1,995,000**.

**CALYPSO del SOL** - Successful rental villa w/excellent Chocolate Hole views, 3 bd/bath suites, A/C, newer masonry construction, beautiful pool & hot tub, terrific large screened porch. **\$1,950,000**.

**EXCITING NEWS OF ST. JOHN - BLUE TANG IS FOR SALE!** - A delightful 2 bdrm/2 bath pool villa nestled high on the hillside in the prime neighborhood of Great Cruz Bay. Offering privacy, vibrant sunsets, gourmet kitchen, 60' covered veranda & sunny pool. Catered To's top rental villa. **\$1,295,000**.

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## JetBlue Offering New Flights from Boston and San Juan Starting in Dec.

### St. John Tradewinds

The Department of Tourism announced last week that JetBlue Airways, the popular value air carrier, will begin serving the territory for the first time later this year.

At a press conference in San Juan on Thursday afternoon, June 16, JetBlue outlined plans to open three new routes to the territory that will provide an increase in regional and stateside airlift just in time for winter season. The new flights represent an addition of more than 88,000 seats to the territory annually.

In addition to the new service from San Juan, the airline will make it easier than ever for New Englanders to visit the U.S. Virgin Islands with plans to launch service between Boston and St. Thomas this winter.

Effective December 15, 2011, the airline will launch daily flights between Boston Logan International Airport and St. Thomas International Airport. The flights from Logan International Airport will operate for the winter season with five weekly departures beginning December 15.

JetBlue's flights from San Juan

will be operated with the airline's quiet and fuel efficient 100-seat Embraer 190 aircraft, while flights from Boston will be operated with the airline's Airbus A320 fleet. Flights for all three new routes are now on sale at [www.jetblue.com](http://www.jetblue.com).

"We are extremely pleased that JetBlue will launch new service to the U.S. Virgin Islands both regionally and with dedicated state-side service," said Governor John deJongh.

"In developing the new service, we have always been mindful that consistent cost-effective air service to/from San Juan provides an important economic and tourism function for our local community and businesses," DOT Commissioner Beverly Nicholson-Doty said. "The added capacity created by this new JetBlue service to both St. Croix and St. Thomas will not only allow us to maximize the inbound market from Puerto Rico and market to potential visitors connecting through San Juan, but it also provides additional flights for Virgin Islanders traveling to Puerto Rico."

"Furthermore, JetBlue's service from the Boston market represents

an increase in weekly airlift and will help us effectively meet the growing demand for travel to the

U.S. Virgin Islands from the New England region," said Doty. "We look forward to working closely

with the JetBlue team to make these new routes a success for both the airline and the destination."

## USVI: One of Best Vacation Spots

### St. John Tradewinds

The Department of Tourism announced last week that the territory was selected as one of the "Best Destinations in the USA," in the first-ever U.S. News and World Report "Best Vacations" rankings.

This list of 2011-2012 rankings was created to provide prospective travelers with a collection of the most popular travel spots around the world. The territory received recognition in three of the 11 categories in the USA rankings: "Best Destinations," "Best Beaches" and "Best Family Beach Vacations."

A total of 49 U.S. destinations were analyzed, but only a select few were identified as the publication's "Best Vacations" award recipients. These recipients, including the U.S. Virgin Islands, are destinations with a record of outstanding traveler satisfaction.

"U.S. News & World Report is a leading national and international news outlet and we are delighted to be included in this list of rankings," said DOT Commissioner Beverly Nicholson-Doty. "This recognition underscores the broad appeal of our islands as we continue to ensure that the USVI remains top of mind among visitors."

The U.S. News & World Report "Best Vacations" rankings identify the best vacations based on an unbiased methodology. Two factors are combined to determine how each destination ranks — how strongly a collection of published travel writers recommend the destination, and how strongly U.S. News Travel website users (consumers) recommend the destination.

U.S. News & World Report U.S. Virgin Islands Award Rankings: Ranked #7 in Best Destinations in the USA; Ranked #2 in Best Beaches; Ranked #9 in Best Family Beach Vacations.

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