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Wagapolooza Queen 2012

Crystal Allen and her dog Taliah win best costume and best in show for a female pouch at the Animal Care Center's 2012 Wagapolooza fundraising event on Saturday night, May 19. [Full story and more photos in next issue.](#)

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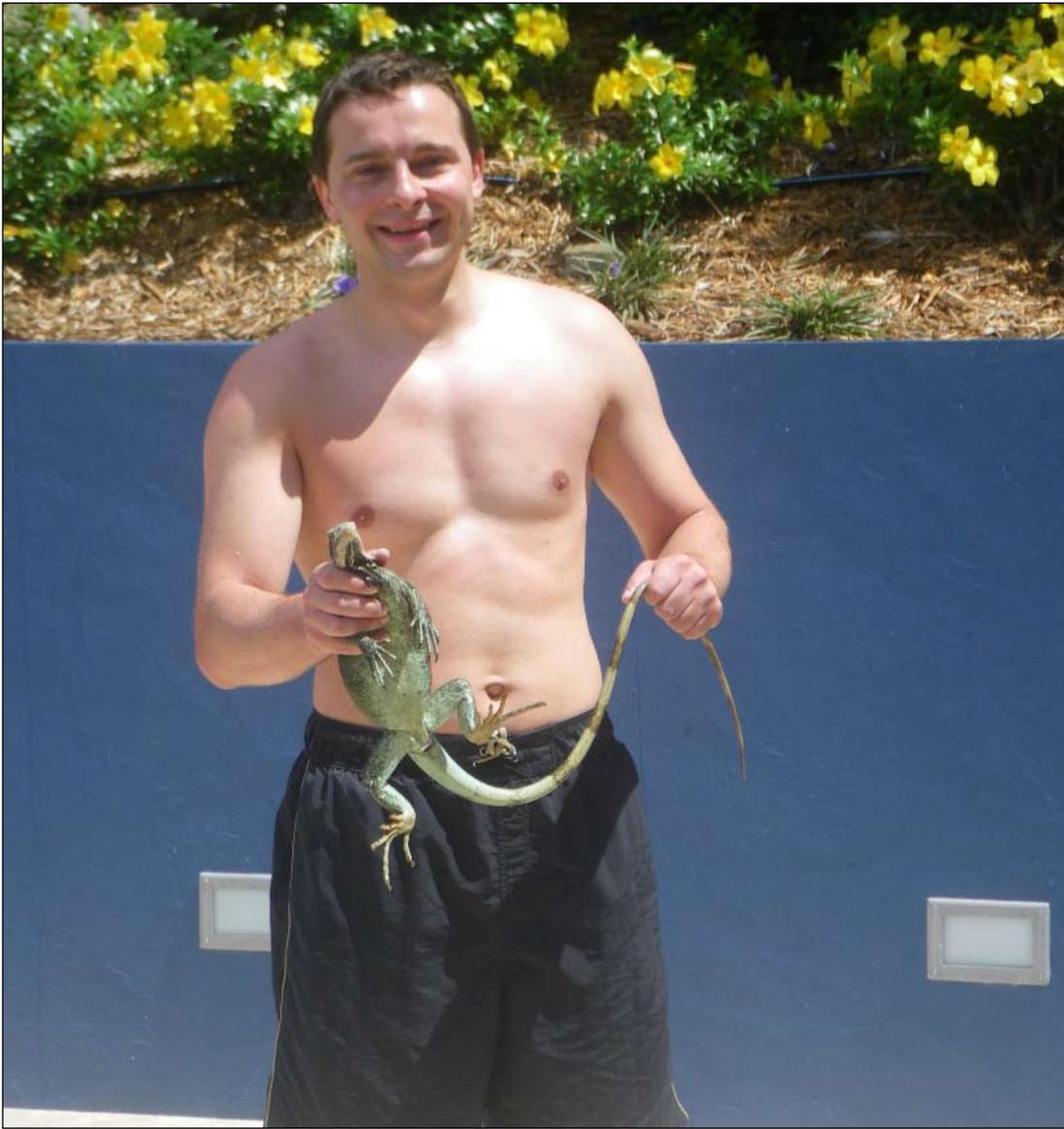
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An Iguana in the Shower?



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This part-time island resident was staying at a Estate Rendezvous villa last week when an unexpected guest sauntered into his shower. Undaunted, the iguana was quickly given a lift out of the shower and escaped down the hillside.

Coral Bay Shoreline Cleanup Is May 22

Celebrate National Maritime Day on Tuesday, May 22, by helping to clean up the Coral Bay shoreline.

Meet at Skinny Legs at 8:30 a.m. and bring some water and a smile! The event is being sponsored by the Coral Bay Community Council, Coral Bay Yacht Club and Skinny Legs. For more information call Lora Koehler at (340) 344-4341.

Mandatory Meeting for IEK Ninth Graders on Tuesday, May 22

Ivanna Eudora Kean High School Principal Sharon McCollum announced last week that a mandatory meeting has been scheduled for all ninth grade students and their parents on Tuesday, May 22, at 1 p.m. in the school's cafeteria.

Items to be discussed include final exams, summer school, summer enrichment programs, the PSAT and the Board of Education Graduation Requirements. Looking ahead to the sophomore year, McCollum said the meeting will also focus on community service, clubs and organizations at IEKHS, team reports, behavioral concerns and report cards.

For more information contact McCollum at 775-6380.

Waste Management Looking for Citizens Advisory Committee Volunteers

The V.I. Waste Management Authority is looking for volunteers to serve on Territorial Citizens Advisory Committees, being organized on each island.

WMA invites all interested persons to attend a Citizens Advisory Committee meeting on Wednesday, May 23, at the University of the Virgin Islands' Academic Center on the third floor of The Marketplace from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information call 777-3073.

AARP Social Security and Medicare Meeting Is May 23 at St. Ursula's

AARP VI is sponsoring a Social Security and Medicare presentation for all St. John seniors on Wednesday, May 23, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. Ursula's Multipurpose Center.

Breakfast and lunch will be served. Seniors have earned a say in what Social Security and Medicare is doing, or not doing. Bring questions and learn from the discussion which will help all seniors. Seating is limited and pre-registration is requested. To register for the event call 713-2002.

Moravian Church Family Fun Day Set

The Bethany Moravian Church is inviting youths of St. John to its Family Fun Day on Memorial Day, Monday, May 28, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Little League Park.

Come on out and enjoy games, prizes, food and fun. For more information call (340) 626-6279 or (340) 776-6291.

Gov. DeJongh Hosting Neighborhood Meeting in Coral on Tuesday, May 29

Governor John deJongh will host a neighborhood meeting in Coral Bay on Tuesday, May 29, from 6 to 8 p.m.

The governor and members of his cabinet will meet with residents at the Calabash Boom community center in Coral Bay. Residents are encouraged to come out and share their concerns with the territory's top brass.

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One of the nine portions of St. John roadways slated for repair is a section of Fish Bay Road, above, which has been undermined by almost nine inches, at right.



Centerline and Fish Bay Road Repairs Should Start in August, Says DPW

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Residents from Coral Bay to Fish Bay know first hand how tropical storms during the 2010 hurricane season damaged several portions of main St. John roadways.

Several areas of Centerline Road between Mamey Peak and Upper Carolina were undermined during heavy rains in September and October 2010 when hillsides washed out. Another area of Fish Bay Road, Route 10A, was also seriously damaged in the storms and continues to deteriorate.

Citizens who call Coral Bay or Fish Bay home, as well as water and cement trucks, school buses and VITRAN vehicles, drive these heavily traveled roads each day. Motorists have watched cracks spreading near areas of wash outs and, when passing, try to stay as far away from the compromised portions as the roadway allows.

Teri and Bernie Ackerman have watched as one portion of Fish Bay Road has continued to erode just above their driveway. The Ackermans have been in contact with DPW officials since October 2010 and are still hoping, and waiting, for work to begin on the site.

"My biggest concern is that the road keeps on deteriorating," said Teri Ackerman. "My fear is the road is just going to collapse and someone is going to die. A lot of

people live out here and drive over this road; there are a lot of families and residents."

There are also construction sites in the Fish Bay area, which means concrete trucks traverse the road, and rental villas, which bring water truck traffic.

The Ackermans have fully cooperated with DPW, allowing the department access to their property and even going so far as helping to replace a damaged part on a DPW backhoe.

"I don't think people realize how dangerous this is," said Teri Ackerman.

"The road has been undermined between six and nine inches and keeps getting worse," said Bernie Ackerman. "It's almost half way across the road underneath at this point. And now there are cracks that weren't there before."

In the wake of the storms, DPW put orange cones and barriers in the seriously damaged portions of roadway. And while no other work has yet to commence on the compromised roadways, Department of Public Works knows how bad the damage was too, explained DPW's Office of Highway Engineers' Materials Program Manager Tom Jones.

"We're not delaying anything, but it's taking a while because there are a multitude of sites that need work," said Jones. "We haven't been stalling. These projects are

linked to emergency relief funds and sometimes they take a long time before they are authorized."

It took time before DPW was allocated funds for road repairs from Federal Highway Administration, Jones explained.

"We didn't see the funding being released after the storms," he said. "There has been so much devastation all over the states, everyone has been working overtime."

Although Jones could not state exactly how much money Federal Highway Administration allocated to DPW, he put "the ballpark figure" at \$3 million.

Those \$3 million will be used to repair a total of nine areas of Fish Bay Road and Centerline Road. DPW officials initially planned to package all of the repair work into one project, but have since changed their minds, explained Jones.

"What we were going to do was have one big FEMA project on St. John but then we realized that if one contractor wins that bid, he might be able to do only one or two sites at a time," Jones said. "So we broke it up by location into three projects with three sites in each project. So we're hoping to have three contractors who can hopefully get working on all of the sites at once."

DPW should have the bid packages ready by the end of May and hope to see some work begin in August, according to Jones.

"We are finalizing the plans right now and many areas are going to include retaining walls, replacing concrete slabs on the roads and replacing culverts in damaged areas," he said. "We're hoping to have everything together and out to bid by the end of this month. Once the packages are out to bid, you're looking at a 90-day turnaround or so."

"We should be going to construction at the latest sometime in August," said Jones.

DPW engineers are also looking at erosion control measures to keep water flowing in natural guts and not washing out hillsides or roadways, Jones added.

Once work gets started, Jones expects work to wrap up around January 2013.

"It all depends on the way the contractor goes about the schedules," said Jones. "There are a lot of different dynamics, some projects might be faster or slower."

While Jones hopes to have contractors working on multiple sites at once, drivers won't have to contend with road closures, he added.

"There will be no full road closures, but we do expect lane closures," said Jones. "We will maintain at least one-way traffic at all sites."

While several previous DPW timetables for bid packages have lapsed, residents across the island, including the Ackermans, hope to

actually see construction this time around.

"We really just want to see the road get fixed," said Teri Ackerman. "People should know how dangerous it is and try to stay on the other side of the road. It's continually getting worse, so drivers should be careful."

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Scientists Return for Juvenile Shark Research in Coral Bay, Fish Bay

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The Coral Bay Community Council will welcome back shark researchers who are returning this week for their seventh year of juvenile shark research in Coral Bay and Fish Bay.

The shark researchers will be giving public presentations on Thursday, May 24, at Concordia and Friday, May 25, at Maho Bay Campground.

Come out and hear about the juvenile sharks, between 12 inches and two-feet long, which live in shallow seagrass-fringed bay nurseries.

Over the years, the membership and volunteers of CBCC have helped support the research with donated hours, boats, and gas, along with other grant resources. Concordia Resort has graciously donated their lodging once again.

The researchers are doing two special presentations this year to share their research done on St. John and elsewhere. "A Review of USVI Shark Research from 2004 to Present" by Bryan DeAngelis and Dr. Greg Skomal will be the first presentation on May 24 at 7 p.m. at the Concordia Eco Resort Pavilion.

Anyone who has watched "Shark Week" on TV, has seen Dr. Greg Skomal discuss his Great White Shark research in Cape Cod. Skomal will be here to tell about it himself at the Maho Bay Campgrounds Restaurant Pavilion from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., on Friday, May 25.

For more information call the CBCC office at 776-2099.



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GBS fifth graders quickly started using new tablets which were donated to the school by Innovative Corporation as GBS Principal Dr. Whitman Browne and Innovative line repairman Gregory Ashtain look on.

Innovative Donates Desktop Computers and Tablets to Guy H. Benjamin School

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Guy Benjamin School fifth graders were singing and dancing to the latest music, playing educational math games and taking pictures last week with brand new tablets.

Innovative Corporation adopted the Coral Bay public elementary school this year and made its first major donation last week.

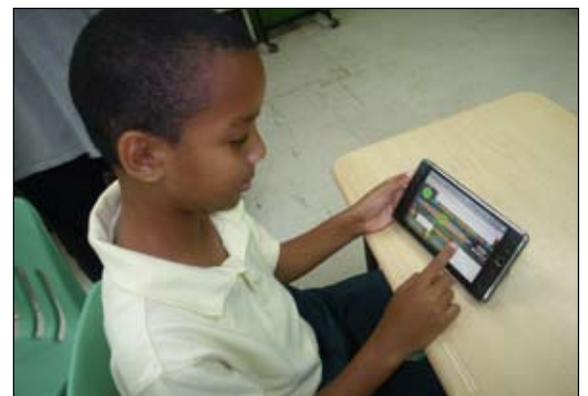
"We asked [GBS Principal] Dr. Browne what he needed at the school," said Innovative vice president of public relations and government affairs Jennifer Matarangas-King. "Dr. Browne did not hesitate and told me they needed more technology for the classrooms."

Wasting no time, Innovative donated three desktop computers and 12 Huawei tablets to GBS on Monday, May 14.

"They are going to use the tablets for reading and for class work in the classroom," said GBS principal Dr. Whitman Browne. "The students love new technology and they love these tablets."

Students didn't need to read the instruction booklets with their new tablets; they immediately began looking at websites like "Math Fun" and YouTube. Several students were dancing in the corner of the room and singing along to their favorite performers while others were snapping pictures of their friends.

"It's great to see the students using these already



No instructions needed; one GBS student looks up a math website on a new tablet.

and knowing what they are doing and being excited about it," said Browne.

Innovative officials were thrilled to be able to fill a need at GBS, explained Matarangas-King.

"This is just the beginning," she said. "We look forward to having a long relationship with Guy Benjamin School."

Last week's donation helped keep GBS up with the times, Browne added.

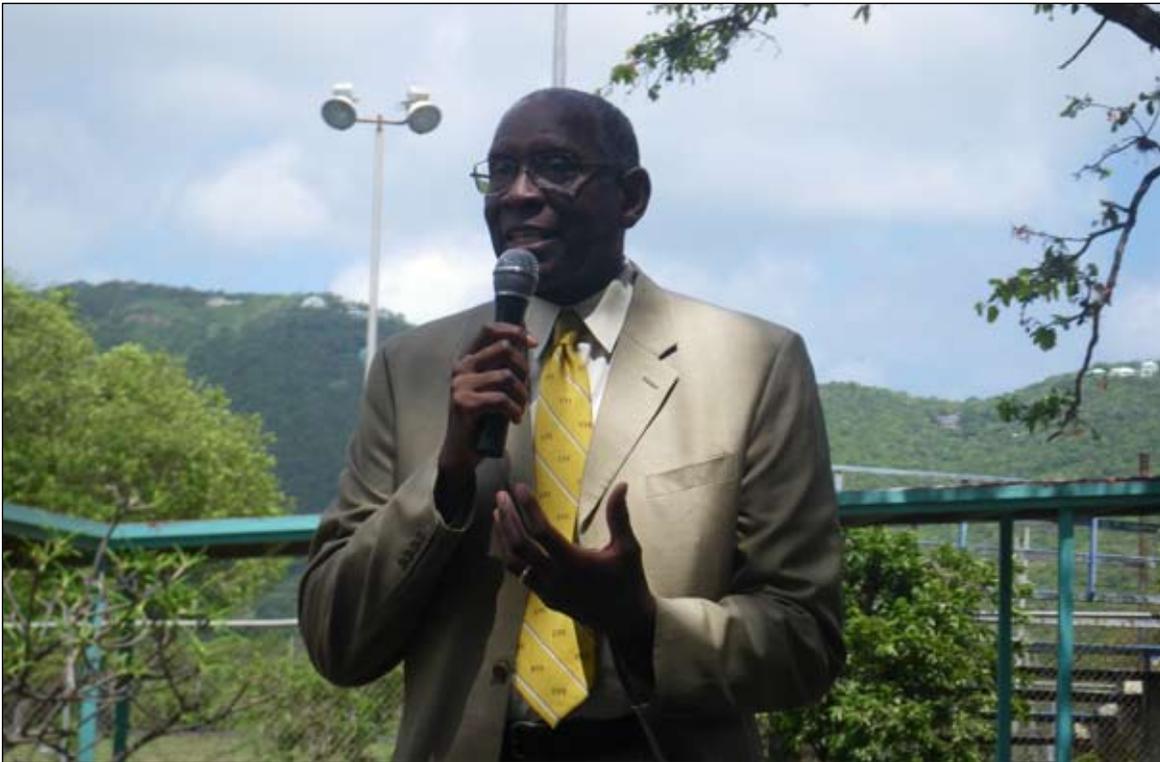
"This is how children are learning these days," said the GBS principal. "This is the way of education today."

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UVI President Dr. David Hall welcomes guests to Guy Benjamin School during an appreciation event at the school in Coral Bay.

GBS Family Thanks Supporters with Special Program of Music and Dance

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Guy Benjamin School faculty, staff and students said “Thank You” to community supporters with songs, dances and more during a special program on Thursday, May 17.

About 35 invited guests, including St. John Administrator Leona Smith and University of the Virgin Islands President Dr. David Hall, gathered in the backyard of the public elementary school in Coral Bay for the “Thank You” program and enjoyed performances by the Mighty Groover, Touched by God and talented GBS students.

“We’re delighted to have this gathering at the school,” said GBS Principal Dr. Whitman Browne. “A school is part of a community and a school and a community should work together. We are here to formally say ‘Thank you’ for your support.”

Browne introduced the teachers and staff of GBS to the crowd and encouraged citizens to continue to collaborate with the school.

“We have to work together as a school and as a community,” said

“We only exist because of you. There are seats at UVI with your names on them. We need you there and we can only succeed if you are educated well.”

— Dr. David Hall, President
University of the Virgin Islands

the GBS principal.

Bringing along his daughter who just completed her first year of college, Hall told students that there were seats with their names on it at UVI.

“We only exist because of you,” said Hall. “There are seats at UVI with your names on them. We need you there and we can only succeed if you are educated well.”

“We are a partner with GBS in creating the future leaders, lawyers, doctors and scientists in the territory and the world,” said the

UVI president. “The secret to your success is to have a love for learning.”

Students should dream big and set their sights on college, Hall added.

“You could be the next president of UVI,” he said. “You could be the next president of the USA. The UVI is your home and your university.”

Following the opening remarks, the GBS Choir kicked off the morning’s entertainment with a rendition of “This is Me,” followed by a solo of “When you Believe” by fifth grader Destiny Garcia.

Other GBS students showed off their jump roping skills and quadrille dancing mastery. Members of the Gladys Abraham Choir traveled from St. Thomas for the event and sang four songs for the audience. Other entertainment included guest performances by the *a cappella* trio Touched by God and The Mighty Groover.

GBS staff called up members of the audience and handed out certificates of appreciation along with a DVD of pictures from the school year.

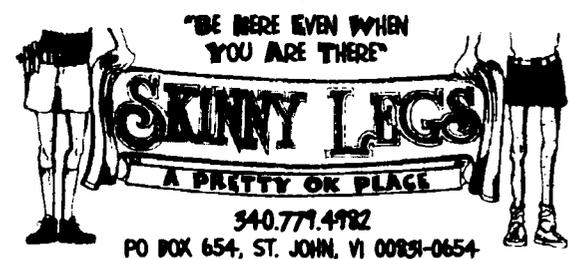
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The Division of Real Property Tax, Office of the Lieutenant Governor, will resume its auctions of properties in delinquent payment status of 10 or more years May 23-25 in the St. Thomas/St. John District.

The auction will be in the courtyard of the GERS Building on Kronprindsens Gade, St. Thomas. The property auctions will begin at 9 a.m. Bidders should register from 8 and 9 a.m.

Owners of delinquent properties can either pay their balances in full or enter into an installment arrangement in order to avoid the sale of their properties. Property owners interested in making arrangements should call the Office of the Tax Collector at 776-6737.

Property owners whose properties are in probate are asked to file their cases with the Recorder of Deeds Office in their district. A list of the properties that are slated for auction can be viewed at www.ltg.gov.vi.

Garden By the Sea Owners Take Home Boulon's "Francis Bay in April Light"

**By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds**

John Diehl and Nancy Louis took home a beautiful new painting by Kimberly Boulon last week.

The couple, who own Garden by the Sea Bed and Breakfast, were the lucky winners of Boulon's "Francis Bay in April Light," which was raffled off on Friday, May 11, at Kimberly Boulon Fine Art Gallery.

Funds raised through the raffle benefitted the St. John Rotary Club's The Brain Game project, which will put early childhood educational material in new parents' hands. The Brain Game is a book created by psychologists and educators which strives to get parents engaged in the child's development.

The program is already a staple in many stateside rotary clubs and Rotary Club of St. John past president Joan Bermingham has been spearheading the program locally. She will use the funds raised through Boulon's raffle to purchase books and distribute them to family medical practitioners who will give them away for free to new parents.

Diehl and Louis were thrilled



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Nancy Louis, at left, and John Diehl, at right, pose with their prize painting "Francis Bay in April Light" with artist Kimberly Boulon, center.

to support Rotary's Brain Game project and have even pledged additional financial support to the program.

"When we heard about the Brain Game project, we couldn't wait to buy raffle tickets and donate funds for the books," said Louis. "We

plan to support the program in the future as well."

The painting, which will hang in the Garden by the Sea common room, also depicts Louis' favorite beach, she added.

The raffle was one of the highlights of Boulon's opening re-

ception at her new gallery at The Marketplace on May 11. The evening drew about 150 people who enjoyed snacks from Starfish Gourmet and Wines and sipped on refreshments from West Indies Company while viewing Boulon's latest impressive works.



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Learn All About Montessori Method at June 2 Open House

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Anyone who has ever wondered just exactly what the Montessori method is, should mark their calendars for Saturday, June 2, when St. John Montessori School is hosting an open house from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"Parents are encouraged to come out and tour the school, meet with our administrators and learn about the Montessori philosophy," said St. John Montessori School director Debra Polucci. "There will be some crafts for kids and we're excited to show people what we've been doing and what we're all about."

With a major emphasis on instilling a love for learning, SJMS is dedicated to getting children off on the right educational footing, Polucci explained.

"Our open house is to attract parents who understand the worthiness of quality early childhood education," said the SJMS director. "It has been proven that the first six years of life are significant for the brain to develop fully. It is a great start in life to be successful before the age of six, and be filled with a love of learning."

"Most children don't start school until age 5 or 6, which is after major brain development occurs," said Polucci. "We hope to share this great advantage for young children with the community and potential Montessori families."

Located at the John's Folly Learning Institute, SJMS has been open since 2008, and currently has a student body of 14 children between the ages of 2-and-a-half and eight. But the school can accommodate up to 26 students and officials are hoping to attract more children for the next school year, which begins on September 13.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

St. John Montessori School is dedicated to instilling a love for learning and treating children as individuals, according to school director Debra Polucci.

In addition to growing its student body, SJMS officials are also hoping to find a new place to call home, explained Polucci.

"We are still looking for a new home ideally located about half way between Cruz Bay and Coral Bay," she said. "We're staying here next year, but we're really looking for a new space for 2013."

"Our open house is to attract parents who understand the worthiness of quality early childhood education. It has been proven that the first six years of life are significant for the brain to develop fully. It is a great start in life to be successful before the age of six, and be filled with a love of learning."

— Debra Polucci, SJMS director

Also returning next year to SJMS is Trish Stalter, who is currently immersed at Association Montessori International training in Mountain View, California, explained Polucci.

Stalter, who has an undergraduate degree from University of California at Davis, worked as a teacher's assistant at SJMS in 2009.

"Trish is a California-native who, after moving here, fell in love with St. John," said Polucci. "Having been a Montessori student herself, she applied for a teacher's assistant job at SJMS. Shortly after starting to work at the school in September 2009, she found her second love; the Montessori philosophy."

"Trish then decided to combine the two

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Missing Teen Returned to HS Custody

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Missing teen Tyler Eugene was returned unharmed to the custody of the Department of Human Services on May 11 according to the staff of VI Behavioral Services Boys Group Home.

Eugene was reported missing to the VI Police Department by VIBS staff on the morning of May 4 after he engaged in an altercation with staff and left the facility. After Eugene was apprehended by the VIPD he was remanded to the Youth Rehabilitation Center.

Summer Program Offers Test Prep for SAT Exam

St. John Tradewinds

Summer vacation is already here and with so many parents searching for something suitable for their teenagers to do, the University of the Virgin Islands – Community Engagement and Lifelong Learning (UVICELL) Center will be offering a summer SAT preparatory program.

The program is ideal for high school students who want to prepare fall SAT exams while participating in other enrichment activities, summer school or summer employment.

The 10-week program will meet from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. noon every Saturday beginning June 9. Interested students must submit their application by Friday, June 1, to enroll in the program. The program is open to any high school student with a GPA of 2.0 to 3.5.

The SAT is a standardized measure of college readiness used in the admission process of more than 95 percent of four-year, not-for-profit undergraduate colleges and universities in the United States.

Aligned to high school curriculum, the SAT tests reading, mathematics and writing skills students acquire during high school. The exam also measures how well students apply acquired knowledge, a factor that educators and researchers agree is critical to success in college.

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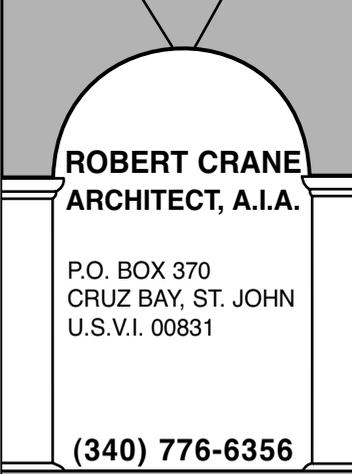
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Top Guy Benjamin School Readers Awarded Kindles



(Left to Right) Seala Matthias, fifth grade, Gabe Brooker, fifth grade, and Naiquan Frett, sixth grade, were the top readers at Guy Benjamin School this year. The three won a reading project which challenged students to read as many books as possible. The students, who have read more than 20 books since the beginning of the school year, were awarded with brand new Kindles for their effort.

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Photo by Jaime Elliott

Fran Jacobsen Now Serving Clients on St. John at Boulon Center Office

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

After falling victim to the Department of Health's slashed budget, certified nurse midwife Fran Jacobsen is now serving clients out of the Red Hook Family Medical Group's Boulon Center office.

Jacobsen worked for DOH for 25 years, seeing hundreds of cli-

ents at Cruz Bay's Morris F. de-Castro Clinic before being fired in March.

But it didn't take long before she found a new home upstairs at the Boulon Center with Red Hook Family Medical Group.

"I'm so glad that I am staying on St. John with my client base," said Jacobsen.

Although Jacobsen is not operating under a Title 10 grant, she is still offering the full array of women's and family health, including prenatal and gynecology. The office also accepts health insurance.

Clients can make an appointment to see Jacobsen Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. by calling 776-6789.

Family Resource Center Bringing Victim Advocacy Services to St. John Soon

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Representatives from churches, non-profit groups, law enforcement and more gathered at Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center on Wednesday evening, May 16, to hear about new services being offered by Family Resource Center.

"The St. John services stakeholders meeting was well attended with representatives from area churches, non-profits, medical, law enforcement, and retired citizen sectors," said Vivan St. Juste, Family Resource Center's president. "The meeting was informative

and the attendees were receptive and met Family Resource Center educational and counseling staff with open arms."

The group plans to bring victims advocacy services, educational outreach and counselling to MKSCHC on a full-time, permanent basis within a few weeks.

"We are grateful to our local governing bodies, Governor deJongh, Senator Barshinger, and LEPC for making it possible for our agency to expand needed services to St. John," said St. Juste. "Your continued support, means strengthened victims services."

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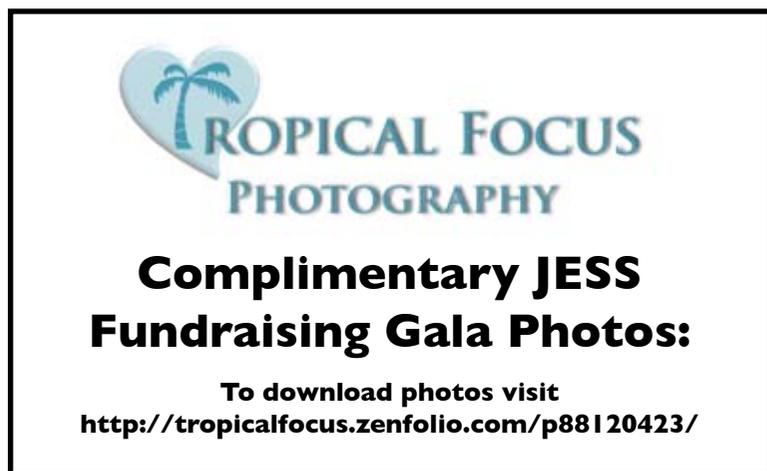
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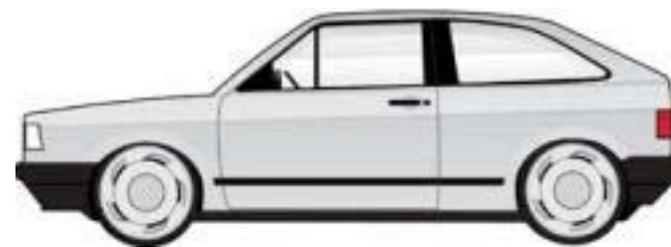
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ASK THE AUTO DOCTOR



To Charge or Not To Charge

By Jack Brown
St. John Tradewinds

Q: *I've lived here on St. John now for almost 10 years and have owned the same 2002 Jeep Liberty that I purchased new in St. Thomas. During the past 10 years I've gone through five batteries and am now on my sixth one.*

I replaced the alternator two years ago, had the car checked out by a mechanic when I purchased this last new battery to see if the alternator is charging and everything seems to be fine. I saw the mechanics volt meter and it showed the alternator charging at 14.4 volts at an idle.

What's going on that I can only get between 18 months to two years from a battery? When I lived in Oregon I got between three to four years from a new car battery. Are the batteries being sold here of lesser quality than the ones I purchased stateside?

A: To start with no. The car batteries you can buy here are the same you'd buy anywhere in the States. The problem here on St. John is short driving distances, infrequent driving and an extremely and consistent hot climate.

It takes at least 30 minutes of highway speed driving to fully recharge a car battery. Here on St. John, even if you live in Coral Bay you'll only be putting about eight miles each direction to get to town and you'll never reach highway speeds during those 8 miles. Also because it's usually either hot or raining most people, and I'm betting this is you, run their air conditioning the whole time and listen to the stereo.

Air conditioning takes a lot of current to operate. First there's the blower motor that takes a lot of current, but even more, there's also the electro magnetic clutch that sits on the front of the air conditioning compressor on the engine which is an even bigger electrical drain. Add to this your car's stereo and a lot of times windshield wipers.

All this voltage consumption while your poor car battery is begging for more charging from your alternator that it can't get because you're only driving at about 25 mph and for only a short time. Now let's talk about someone that lives close to town, like a 3 minute drive. You've just put a huge drain on your battery when your starter motor turns over your engine. You switch on the A/C, stereo and or wipers. Your battery is getting beat up every time you drive your car and it's not getting fully re-charged. It's basically just hanging on and dying a slow death.

Because of such short driving distances, your car battery can never get fully charged and sulfation and acid stratification begins to occur inside your battery. Low charge and acid stratification are the most common causes of the battery failure. Acid stratification

is the most deadly for any battery.

The electrolyte, or battery acid is the active element in the battery. On a stratified battery the electrolyte concentrates on the bottom, causing the upper half of the battery to become acid poor. This effect is similar to a cup of coffee in which the sugar collects on the bottom when you forget to stir the cup.

Batteries tend to stratify if kept at low charge (below 80 percent) and never have the opportunity to receive a full charge. Short distance driving while running windshield wiper and air conditioners contributes to this. Acid stratification reduces the overall performance and life of any battery.

Another factor in early battery failure is the extremely hot climate we live in year round. Battery acid contains mostly water as it's base. While batteries claim to be maintenance free or sealed, they all contain battery acid and it's going to evaporate just like any liquid that's subjected to the kind of heat that a battery will experience under the hood of a car or truck.

Older batteries had screw in or press in caps that allow you to open and inspect the battery acid level and add acid to top it off as necessary. There was a time when every repair shop and auto parts store had a five gallon box of battery acid on the shelf to top off any battery that was low. This eventually gave way to something called battery water that only had a very small amount of battery acid mixed with mostly water.

Now you can't even buy battery water any longer. With the advent of sealed, or as the manufactures like to call them, maintenance free batteries, it is nearly impossible, with a very few exceptions, to find a shop that has battery acid to refill your battery. The only difference between the older batteries that you could easily maintain by unscrewing the caps and adding battery acid and the newer batteries it is that the manufactures have now glued the tops of the battery closed so you can't add acid.

So, of course, the battery is going to fail much sooner than if it were able to be maintained and refilled with acid. I've always just pried the sealed caps off the top of the battery and refilled my customers batteries with straight battery acid that I keep at my shop and it's added months/years to the battery life.

High concentration battery acid is extremely caustic and as such is not usually sold to the public because of it's intensely corrosive properties. Battery acid can cause severe burns with any skin contact so I do not recommend that anyone, other than trained automotive professionals attempt to handle battery acid in any form.

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St. John Women Get Active With SHE for Health Week

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Love City ladies took part in everything from Zumba demonstrations to Pilates classes in Cruz Bay's Frank Powell Park last week as part of the local celebration of National Women's Health Week.

Sisters: Healthy and Empowered (SHE) was hosted by Sisterhood Agenda president Angela Coleman as a way to increase awareness about healthful eating and exercise. Coleman led demonstrations each day in the Cruz Bay park from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Participants enjoyed a guided meditation on Monday and took part in a Zumba fitness class with Patrice Johnson on Tuesday. Wednesday gave SHE participants an introduction to Pilates

with Keryn Bryan while Thursday was all about martial arts with Earl Thomas. Coleman herself led a dance party finale on Friday before wrapping up the week of activities.

Coleman also distributed information about heart-healthy eating tips, ways to reduce stress and recommended doctor's visits for women at each age. DJ Top Notch was also on hand each day spinning tunes in the bandstand.

Up ahead next for Sisterhood Agenda is the group's first global event. Coleman is hosting a SHE conference with celebrity guests July 7 and 8 at Frenchman's Reef and Morning Star Marriott Beach Resort on St. Thomas.

For more information about Sisterhood Agenda call 714-7076.



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Pilates instructor Keryn Bryan, at left, and Sisterhood Agenda president Angela Coleman, at right, take a break from SHE week activities in Frank Powell Park.

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Upper Carolina's Tree House, above, is perched on Majestic Mile, adjoining VINP land on a gentle slope.



On the Market

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Tree House Offers Views and Space to Expand

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Perched along Estate Upper Carolina's ridge-top Majestic Mile, Tree House boasts jaw-dropping views of Coral Bay, Norman Island and the Caribbean Sea stretching out to the horizon.

This three-bedroom, two-bath home on a gently sloped full half-acre lot is for sale for \$685,000 and offers exciting opportunities for a new owner, explained Holiday Homes broker associate Jan Courlas.

"This property will appeal to someone wanting tremendous views of the BVI and Coral Bay," said Courlas. "The home is perfectly comfortable, but for some will be a fixer-upper with exceptional opportunities to make this property even more special than it is already."

Tree House is a two-story wooden structure with spacious outdoor decks on each side of the



Sweeping views of Coral Bay and the BVIs.

home. The back of the house is nestled along the rear of the property. And Tree House will never have to contend with noisy neighbors since the property borders the V.I. National Park.

"It's called Tree House because it is up on a beautiful hillside with the rear of the home nestled along the boundary of the V.I. National Park," said Courlas.

Inside Tree House, enjoy high ceilings and an open-style great room and kitchen. Three bed-

rooms and two baths are spread among the two-story home and decks offer plenty of more living space outdoors in the shade.

While views are common from many properties on St. John, the lot at Tree House is especially appealing, Courlas added.

"The gentle slope of this lot so high on the viewing ridge is the best feature of the property," she said.

The slope will allow the new owners to easily install a pool or spa feature, according to Courlas.

"For some this will be a fixer-upper with exceptional opportunities to update this home and make it a great rental property or personal home," she said.

Call Courlas at Holiday Homes of St. John at 776-6776 for more information or to see Tree House. Courlas can also be reached on her cell phone at 643-5102 or via email at jancourlas@holiday-homesvi.com.



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Rena Marcellin's "Peace on Earth" will be featured at Bajo el Sol along with fellow IEKHS student works.

Found Art Assemblage Student Works Featured at May 25 Opening Reception

St. John Tradewinds

Bajo el Sol Gallery is hosting an opening reception featuring artwork by Lisa Etre's Color and Design Class students on Friday, May 25, from 5 to 8 p.m.

The students from Ivanna Eudora Kean High School have been involved in a very creative project entitled "Found Art Assemblage." The project is supported by a grant from the Virgin Islands Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency, in Washington, D.C.

Found Art Assemblage creates art from recycling objects that would be discarded or reusing objects that are found anywhere. Beginning with small panels, the students worked with the recycled materials to create a box within a box.

Completing the art involved creating a writing aspect around the box. Recently on display, the works have been recognized and awarded positions in competitions and places in the Annual Congressional Art Competition.

Bajo el Sol is delighted to be able to provide a venue for the students to display their art and also a setting in which the students can share not only with the general public but also the professional artists of the gallery.

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Guest Opinion

Distorting Silliness

The point of this message is, I think, that the enterprise of making silly distortions of fact deserves contempt. However many writers say one sits down to write in order to discover what one's point is.

In any case the production of distorting silliness is huge, almost overwhelming. Often the apparent purpose is to fool people. As a great man said, you can fool most of the people some of the time and some of the people all of the time, or words to that effect.

He went to say, but you can't fool all of the people all of the time. This makes democracy the worst form of government except all the others, as another great man said.

Examples of distorted silliness abound in the politics of the ongoing president campaign: the incumbent candidate for reelection is "the

first gay president." This would seem to have an uncomplimentary intent, most of the potential voters are assumed to be uncomfortable with homosexual feelings, behaviors and persons.

This discomfort persists from among hazing or bullying adolescents to righteous elders even though countless persons identified as homosexual make substantial contributions to life and culture, Socrates and Leonardo da Vinci, for example.

The same incumbent candidate for reelection is also characterized as "the first woman president." He is male, and calling men women is seen as demeaning in spite of all the great and small contributions to life and culture of women.

So now are we to expect that same incumbent to be called "the

first transgendered president" with implied disparagement of the transgendered?

The same candidate has been accused, apparently falsely, of not being "born here" in the USA, of being Islamic, and in numerous other ways not qualified or desirable for the presidency. That he is measurably, almost immeasurably, better than any of his detractors or the opponents they support is what the purveyors of distorting silliness are trying to deny or obscure.

That there are powerful interests which would benefit if those efforts are successful helps to explain why the production of distorting silliness is so huge.

But we seem to have a taste for it irregardless, which I propose is distasteful if not indeed contemptible.

Nick Childs

Obituary

Ethlyn Louise Harthman-Lindqvist Hall

St. John Tradewinds

Ethlyn Louise Harthman-Lindqvist Hall, died on May 5, 2012 at the age of 95. Her funeral service will be Saturday, May 26, 2012 at the Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cruz Bay, St. John, Virgin Islands. The viewing is at 9 a.m. with the service at 10 a.m.

She was known as "Miss Ethie" by those who went to school with her in her young school days. Mrs. Hall was born on June 6, 1916 in Susannaberg, St. John, to Emily Louise Harthman and Carl Stanley Lindqvist. She was a Head Start teacher, entrepreneur and proud mother of four children; Phyllis, Samuel, Victor and Elsa Hall.

Mrs. Hall was very much involved in the St. John and St. Thomas communities. She was a Past-President and founding member of the Business and Professional Women on St. John in 1965.

She was owner and proprietor of Hillcrest Guesthouse in Cruz Bay, built in 1966, where she accommodated people from all over the world. She later resided in Peter Bay for many years before moving to Miami, Florida.

She is survived by two daughters, Phyllis Hall-Brin, and Elsa Hall; one son, Samuel H. Hall Jr.; granddaughters, Janov Brin, Tanya Wernicke-Muldrow, and Yassin Hall; greatgrandchildren, Jaden and Jordan Brin, Dominic Muldrow, Roumell Augustine, Aubrey Warner Jr., and Marik, Yamisha Young, and the Lindqvist and Harthman families on St. Thomas, St. Croix, New York and abroad.

She was married to Samuel H. Hall, Sr. who is deceased. To leave a tribute to her, please email



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Helen Jones Wins Starfish Mother's Day Raffle



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In addition to being showered with love and affection on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13, Helen Jones was also the winner of Starfish Market's grand prize.

Jones won the supermarket's raffle on Saturday, May 12, and took home an oversized basket overflowing with gourmet cheeses and cured meats, bottles of wine, champagne, fine crackers and fresh fruit.

Although not everyone took home such a great prize, all Starfish shoppers on May 12 enjoyed noshing on snacks, sampling wines and tasting desserts like chocolate-covered strawberries.





New Bill Undermines 1964 Wilderness Act

St. John Tradewinds

Dear EarthTalk: *I understand there is an effort underway to allow all-terrain vehicles, snowmobiles, motorbikes, motorboats and other motorized vehicles into wilderness areas, which would overturn a long-standing ban. What's behind this?*

Harry Schilling, Tempe, AZ

A new bill making its way through Congress, the Recreational Fishing and Hunting Heritage and Opportunities Act (H.R. 2834), aims to make federally managed public lands across millions of acres of Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management property more accessible to hunters and anglers.

And a key element of the bill calls for allowing motorized vehicles and equipment — as long as they are used for hunting or fishing — into these areas. Leading green groups are outraged because this would undermine 1964's Wilderness Act which expressly bans motor vehicles on these last wild vestiges of untrammelled American land.

The motorized vehicles provision "would result in the destruction of the very wilderness values that millions of American hunters and anglers cherish," according to the non-profit Wilderness Society.

"The practical effect could be to open all designated wilderness areas to all-terrain vehicles, snowmobiles, motorbikes, motorboats, chainsaws and other motorized vehicles and equipment..." warned Wilderness Society president William Meadows in a letter to Congress.

He added that buildings, towers and temporary roads could even be built in currently pristine stretches of wilderness if the proposed bill becomes law.

But what's most troubling to Meadows and others is language in the bill saying that "any requirements imposed by [the Wilderness Act] shall be implemented only insofar as they facilitate or enhance the original primary purpose or purposes for which the federal public lands or land unit was established and do not materially interfere with or hinder such purpose or purposes."

Meadows fears this could be construed to allow road building, timber cutting, mining, oil and gas drilling and other development in our remaining wilderness areas.

Another beef environmentalists have with the bill is that it would exempt decisions made or actions taken with regard to hunting and fishing on federal lands from federal environmental review and public disclosure regulations established under 1969's National Environmental Policy Act.

The Wilderness Society reports that this part of H.R. 2834 would keep the public and concerned parties out of decisions to compromise the integrity of wilderness but also other types of protected lands.

First introduced in the house last September by Michigan Republican Dan Benishek (with 45 bi-partisan co-sponsors), H.R. 2834 made it through the House Natural Resources Committee within three months and is poised for a full House vote later this spring.

If it passes there, the Senate will take up a companion version, S. 2066, sponsored by Alaska Republican Lisa Murkowski and West Virginia Democrat Joe Manchin. Depending on how it plays out, the bill could be on the President's desk by the summer.

"Recreational fishing and hunting are important and vital recreational activities on our federal public lands," concluded the Wilderness Society, "but the anti-Wilderness provisions of H.R. 2834 should not be allowed to become law."

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kathy@islandgetawaysinc.com

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P.O. Box 1747, STJ, VI 00831

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Learn All About St. John Montessori on June 2

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and take the Montessori training in California," said Polucci.

Stalter is actually training at the same center where both Polucci and SJMS elementary teacher Susan Wakelee trained more than 30 years ago.

"Trish is delighted to return this September to be head teacher of the primary classroom, ages 3 to 6," said Polucci. "I will be her morning assistant, and in the afternoon will be attending to administrative duties, fundraising and advertising."

Wakelee, who has called St. John home for years, is the school's elementary teacher, teaching stu-

dents between six and nine years old. Wakelee has both her AMI Primary and Elementary training, as well as a Master's Degree in Montessori Education.

SJMS is also currently obtaining its 501(c)(3) tax exempt status, Polucci added.

"We've decided to obtain our tax exempt status to help the school prosper and grow through the many grant and funding opportunities available, and also to attract more donations," said Polucci.

With both a new, recently trained teacher and two veteran Montessori educators, it's a great time to check out what's going on

at SJMS, explained Polucci.

"The best thing about Montessori is that it's basically based on the fact that children love learning," she said. "Children love learning and they love being responsible and free thinking citizens. Basically at Montessori students are treated as individuals and the goal is to generate a foundation as an aid to life and education."

"And you really see that here," said Polucci. "The worst thing you could do is take away the student's work. They love learning and don't want to stop."

For more information about SJMS, call the school at 775-9594.

ASK THE AUTO DOCTOR

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Also understand that your charging system is not designed to charge a dead battery. If you jump start your car, driving it around will not charge the battery properly and you will only be putting excessive wear on your car's alternator. After jump starting a car, the battery needs to be fully charged with a heavy duty shop battery charger.

Most parts stores sell inexpensive battery chargers that can charge at two to 10 amps. While these smaller chargers will provide a good surface charge to your battery and possibly get your car started after an overnight charge, they cannot provide the high amperage charge that a dead or flat battery needs to survive. This can only be achieved with a heavy duty shop battery charger that you will find at most auto parts stores and professional repair shops.

I can't tell you how many times a failing battery has killed a perfectly good alternator trying to pump life back into a battery that will not accept a charge. Again, your car's alternator is not a battery charger.

If you have a suspect battery please take it to your local auto parts store or professional repair shop for deep charging and testing. Don't risk ruining your car's alternator. They cost way more to replace than the cost of a new battery.

Speaking of new batteries. In today's market, most batteries are of very good quality and reliability. Some stores sell only one grade of battery while others will offer the good, better, best options. Here's what I discovered while purchasing batteries at a store on St. Thomas. They offered an Economy, Silver or Gold battery. Each with a more expensive price attached.

Some time ago when I asked to purchase a Gold battery that carried a 36-month warranty I was given a Silver battery that carried only a 24-month warranty. When I told the sales guy that I only wanted the best Gold battery he directed me to the shelf where the Gold battery was. When I carried the Silver battery back to the shelf and picked up the Gold battery it felt like it weighed exactly the same.

You see more expensive batteries are supposed to

have more lead plates inside which is supposed to make them last longer and perform better. When I asked the sales guy why both batteries weighed the same he told me that they were exactly the same battery and the only difference was the length of the warranty coverage.

This isn't always the case with every parts store. I'm sure there are stores that do offer better quality batteries. Never be afraid to ask the parts guys what the actual differences are between the grades of batteries they offer.

Now lets talk battery warranties. Batteries warranties have always been based on a pro rata schedule. A pro rata schedule means that if you buy a battery that carries a 24-month guarantee for, let's say, \$100, then you have to divide the price of the battery by 24. This gives you \$4.16 which is the cost of using the battery for every month that it's in your car.

This means that if your battery fails in 18 months then you've used \$75 of the battery's value and you'll only get a \$25 credit towards the purchase of another new battery, not the entire \$100 that you originally paid. Also, understand that you won't get \$25 cash back, only a \$25 credit toward the purchase of another new battery.

One last thing, always make sure that your battery connection terminals and battery posts are clean and tight. Also if you can hear a click from under the hood when you try to start your car it may not be the battery at all but the starter motor instead.

Too many people jump to the conclusion that the battery is at fault and just buy a new one before checking the terminals or having someone check the starter motor out. At my shop I get calls all the time from people that have just gone out and spent a lot of money on a new battery only to find that there is some other problem.

I hope this answered your question and helps you with your future battery maintenance. You should really only be on your second or at the most third battery by now if it had been properly maintained and properly charged.

VA Health Experts To Visit Local Veterans St. John Veteran's Meeting May 22

St. John Tradewinds

The Virgin Islands Office of Veterans Affairs will host several meetings this month to help the territory's military veterans understand the health benefits they are entitled to receive.

Dr. Ivette Freytes and Dr. Connie Uphold of the North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System will be in the territory May 17 through 22 meeting veterans and their families and distributing booklets explaining the services available.

The two doctors are repeating a visit they made to the Virgin Islands two years ago, when they took the opportunity to meet both veterans and service providers who serve VI veterans and their families.

"Our motto is 'serving those who served,' and this visit by doctors Freytes and Uphold gives us a chance to do just that — help veterans understand what benefits are available to them, and how to access them," said Harry Daniel, Assistant Director of the Virgin Islands Office of Veterans Affairs.

The services presented, which are available to all of the territory's veterans, will be based on local providers.

The meetings will be on May 18 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Patrick U. George American Legion Post 90 in Sub Base; on May 19 at the Leonard B. Francis Armory in Estate Nazareth from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; on May 21 at the Myron G. Danielson American Legion Post 85 in Christiansted from 5:30 to 7 p.m.; and on May 22 at the St. John Administrator's Conference Room at the Battery from 2 to 4 p.m.

Following the programs, the movie "Taking Chance" starring Kevin Bacon will be screened. For more information call the Office of Veterans Affairs at (340) 774-6100 on St. Thomas.

Organic Gardening Training Available

St. John Tradewinds

An on-line, virtual training seminar will take place on Thursday, May 31. Organized by the National Center on Appropriate Technology (NCAT), Florida Organic Growers will lead on-line (virtual) tours of certified organic operations in both Florida and Puerto Rico.

While showing participants around the gardens, the trainers will explain how they manage their soils, water, crops, wildlife, and other resources. The one-and-one-half hour training will offer insight and advice for organic producers and others interested in organic production. The featured, organic producers are; Sonia Carlo of Hacienda Sana Siembra Organica. Cabo Rojo, Puerto Rico, and Farmer Charlie Andrews of Hammock Hollow Herb Farm. Island Grove, Florida. The webinar will begin at 1:00 PM, EST. To register for the event or for more information, visit <https://attra.ncat.org/tropicalcrops>.

JetBlue Starting Non-stop Service Between DC and San Juan Soon

St. John Tradewinds

The U.S. Department of Transportation has granted JetBlue Airways' application to fly new Capital-to-Capital service between Washington's Reagan National Airport and San Juan's Luis Munoz Marin Airport and Delegate to Congress Donna Christensen welcomed the announcement last week.

Christensen wrote in support of JetBlue's application for a beyond-perimeter slot exemption to launch the new service to San Juan.

The airline's first-ever daily non-stop service is scheduled to begin later this year and the airline intends to offer one daily non-stop round-trip flight to San Juan with connecting service to St. Thomas.

Police Log

Friday, May 11

8:33 a.m. - The captain of Native Son Ferry c/r a collision with several fishing boats in the Custom harbor due to engine failure. Accidental injury.

1:02 p.m. - The general manager of Starfish Market p/r that a citizen was disturbing customers. Disturbance of the peace.

Saturday, May 12

8:04 a.m. - A visitor from Chicago c/r that she lost her laptop while traveling between Miami and St. Thomas. Police assistance.

9:40 a.m. - A citizen p/r that she is being stalked. Stalking.

1:15 p.m. - An Estate Chocolate Hole resident c/r that a motor was stolen from her dinghy. Grand larceny.

3:38 p.m. - Government of Virgin Islands r/ an auto collision near the Customs dock. Police assistance.

10:13 p.m. - A citizen c/r loud music in the area of Coral Bay. Disturbance of peace.

Sunday, May 13

9:44 a.m. - A citizen p/requesting police assistance to remove a vagrant. Police assistance.

11:26 a.m. - A citizen c/r an auto collision in the area of Estate Glucksberg. Auto collision.

2:31 p.m. - A citizen c/requesting police assistance with his son. Police assistance.

6:00 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r an unauthorized use of vehicle. Unauthorized use of vehicle.

8:02 p.m. - A citizen c/r a disturbance in the area of Bay Side Mini-mart. Disturbance of the peace.

Monday, May 14

10:26 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident c/r that her husband is threatening to kill her and kill himself. Disturbance of the peace, threats, D.V.

11:26 a.m. - An Estate Bethany resident c/r that her aunt is harassing and verbally abusing her.

Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

12:00 p.m. - An Estate Carolina resident p/r that an unknown individual attempted to break into her rental property in Estate Enighed. Attempted burglary.

12:15 p.m. - A visitor from Australia p/r that her iPhone was stolen in the area of Cruz Bay. Stolen phone.

1:30 p.m. - An Estate Pastory resident c/requesting police assistance with her son. Police assistance.

Tuesday, May 15

9:50 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r that his ex-landlord threatened him. Disturbance of the peace.

11:11 a.m. - An Estate Adrian resident p/r a fraud. Fraud.

4:30 p.m. - An Estate Fish Bay resident p/r that he needs to file a report against his ex-wife regarding several incidents. Police assistance.

5:00 p.m. - A St. Thomas resident p/requesting police assistance with his minor son who was injured at school. Police assistance.

Wednesday, May 16

5:24 a.m. - A citizen c/r an auto accident in the area of Coral Bay. Auto collision.

11:06 p.m. - A citizen r/ loud music in the area of Coral Bay. Disturbance of the peace.

Thursday, May 17

3:41 p.m. - A citizen c/r a disturbance of the peace at E&C Service Station. Disturbance of the peace.

10:23 p.m. - A Caneel Bay Resort employee c/r that an office had been broken into. Attempted burglary in the third.

10:26 p.m. - An Estate Fish Bay resident c/r that she told her ex-husband to leave her residence and he refused to do so. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

CRIMES STOPPERS U.S.V.I. CRIMES OF THE WEEK

St. John Tradewinds

Law Enforcement needs help to solve the following crimes. If anyone knows something, they should say something. Even the smallest bit of information may be just what is needed to solve these new and old cases.

St. John

On Saturday, May 5, at about 4 a.m., a burglary was reported in the area of 7B-2 Estate Enighed, which is also known as Pocket Money Hill. The victims reported that while they slept someone entered their villa and stole a black Coach handbag, a brown billfold, a black MasterCard, a silver necklace with three gray stones and a driver's license.

St. Thomas

On Monday, June 11, 2011, a woman returned

to her car that was parked near Sib's Bar in Estate Elizabeth and drove home. Once home she discovered that her wallet was missing. It contained an ATM card, an ID card and \$100. A bank video (on Crime Stoppers USVI's website), shows a woman trying to use the stolen card at the Banco Popular in Sugar Estate. Police have not yet identified her, and are asking for help in locating her.

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 the stateside operators speak several languages.

If a tip leads to an arrest or the recovery of stolen property, illegal drugs, or weapons, tipster will receive a cash reward to be paid according to their instructions.

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.

Let's Do Lunch

60-plus? Let's do lunch! Call 693-8580.

Tuesday, May 22

— Celebrate National Maritime Day on Tuesday, May 22, by helping to clean up the Coral Bay shoreline. Meet at Skinny Legs at 8:30 a.m. and bring some water and a smile!

— Ivanna Eudora Kean High School Principal Sharon McCollum announced last week that a mandatory meeting has been scheduled for all ninth grade students and their parents on Tuesday, May 22, at 1 p.m. in the school's cafeteria.

Wednesday, May 23

— AARP VI is sponsoring a Social Security and Medicare presentation for all St. John seniors on Wednesday, May 23, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. Ursula's Multipurpose Center.

— The Division of Real Property Tax, Office of the Lieutenant Governor, will resume its auctions of properties in delinquent payment status of 10 or more years May 23 to 25. The auction will be in the courtyard of the GERS Building on Kronprindsens Gade, St. Thomas. The property auctions

begins at 9 a.m. Bidders need to register between 8 and 9 a.m.

Monday, May 28

— The Bethany Moravian Church is inviting youths of St. John to its Family Fun Day on Memorial Day, Monday, May 28, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Little League Park.

Tuesday, May 29

— Governor John deJongh will host a neighborhood meeting in Coral Bay on Tuesday, May 29, from 6 to 8 p.m. The governor and members of his cabinet will meet with residents at the Calabash Boom community center in Coral Bay. Residents are encouraged to share their concerns with the territory's top brass.

Thursday, June 14

— Gift Hill School is proud to announce the graduation ceremony for the Class of 2012 on Thursday, June 14, at 5:30 p.m. on Trayser Field.

Saturday, June 16

— SJSA will host auditions for the Ruth "Sis" Frank Performance/Merit Scholarship on Saturday, June 16, at 2 p.m.

Sunday, August 26

— The 2nd annual Chaotic Kayak Race is set for Sunday, August 26, at Oppenheimer.

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 Monday at Scandic Executive Service's meeting room in Mongoose Junction from 6:30 to 7:30pm; and every Tuesday from 1 to 2 p.m. at the VINP ball field bleachers. Warm line: 340-642-3263.

PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

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AFTERWORDS

ACROSS

- 1 Ecstatic joy
- 8 Injured
- 15 Heart chambers
- 20 Baseball's "Hebrew Hammer"
- 21 The U.S., south of the U.S. border
- 22 Bucking horse
- 23 Two words that might follow BUTTER ...
- 25 Arledge of TV
- 26 Guess as to takeoff: Abbr.
- 27 Shortcoming
- 28 Yoga pad
- 29 Not as bright
- 30 The Louvre, e.g.: Abbr.
- 32 Stephen of films
- 33 SPORTS ...
- 36 HARD ...
- 39 Get choked by, as food
- 40 Baseballer David a.k.a. "Big Papi"
- 41 Secrete milk
- 45 Discontinued
- 48 — Moines, Iowa
- 49 Congo River feeder
- 53 Modify formally
- 55 Spain's longest river
- 56 STORM ...
- 59 Winning line in tic-tac-toe
- 60 To be, to Jacques
- 63 "— in the bag!"
- 64 — -pah-pah band
- 65 Begin the cruise
- 67 — play (a simple job)
- 69 Country music resort city

- in Missouri
- 73 Tenor Jan
- 74 More piquant
- 76 Detroit-to-Montreal dir.
- 77 Some toy batteries
- 79 "An apple — ..."
- 80 Summer, to the French
- 81 AIR ...
- 86 Castle-circling ditch
- 88 Roman 553
- 89 What the Tin Woodman asked for
- 90 Derek and Diddley
- 93 Sleep disorder
- 95 Toss in some seasoning
- 97 Plain as day
- 99 Buddhism's — Lama
- 101 POWER ...
- 105 BLUE ...
- 110 Critical hosp. ward
- 111 Part of RSVP
- 112 Having disembarked
- 113 Pluralized -y
- 114 Becomes smelting waste
- 116 Letter before theta
- 118 Hipbone part
- 119 HAND ...
- 123 Get the suds out of
- 124 10th-century German king
- 125 Most pointless
- 126 See 44-Down
- 127 Maximally massive
- 128 Certifies (to)

DOWN

- 1 Rally or relay
- 2 Far greater
- 3 Pieces of merchandise
- 4 "Tik —" (2009 #1 hit for

- Kesha)
- 5 "Catch — You Can" (Dave Clark Five song)
- 6 Gain back, as trust
- 7 Took place as a result
- 8 Left
- 9 Aged
- 10 Mom's bro
- 11 "— Rae" (1979 film)
- 12 Gloomy, in poetry
- 13 Les — -Unis
- 14 Rep.'s foe
- 15 Abbreviate
- 16 Tuba's kin
- 17 SCHOOL ...
- 18 Central
- 19 Computers such as the Aspire and Extensa
- 24 Banned apple spray
- 29 Gene stuff
- 31 Enjoy a slope
- 33 Offed
- 34 "LA Ink" channel
- 35 Liaisons
- 36 Car axle, e.g.
- 37 France's Côte d'—
- 38 Gymnastics great Korbut
- 42 Qdoba items
- 43 "Take —" (office order)
- 44 With 126-Across, multiple-gear bicycle
- 46 Beethoven's Third
- 47 "Tom —" (1958 #1 hit)
- 50 Cap. of the Gem State
- 51 Pantry insect
- 52 Fed. crash investigator
- 54 Far out from the coast
- 56 Sensed
- 57 Film director Stanley
- 58 I-90, e.g.

- 60 Itchy skin condition
- 61 Up-and-comer's eventual goal
- 62 SUN ...
- 66 Sewing line
- 68 "What's the —?" ("Who cares?")
- 70 Changed the décor of
- 71 Writer Nin
- 72 Of the entire U.S., e.g.
- 75 Installed anew, as a carpet
- 78 Shape of a parenthesis
- 82 Hat, in slang
- 83 Ken and G.I. Joe, say
- 84 In — (unmoved)
- 85 Give — to (approve)
- 87 Coffee shop's cousin
- 90 Has faith
- 91 Non-written exam
- 92 Pigs' hangout
- 94 Freaked out
- 96 iPhone extra
- 98 #2 corp. execs
- 100 Suffix with hex-
- 102 Adorn richly
- 103 Maine national park
- 104 Guitarist Ted
- 105 Carnivals
- 106 Suffolk County town
- 107 Metropolis, in Milan
- 108 Microwaves, say
- 109 Ain't right?
- 114 Vexed state
- 115 Crate piece
- 117 Part of A&E
- 119 Like kings: Abbr.
- 120 Vegas cube
- 121 "— for Alibi" (Sue Grafton book)
- 122 Suffix with Ernest

Classifieds

For Rent

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Cruz Bay Side:

- Efficiency apartment, w/d near Weston \$700
- One bedroom, one bath on Gift Hill \$1000
- One bedroom, one bath near Cruz Bay \$1100
- Two bedroom, one bath near Cruz Bay \$1500
- Two bedroom, one bath, washer in Fish Bay \$1600
- Two bedroom, one bath, IN TOWN, \$1800
- Two bedroom, two bath, w/d, furnished \$1800
- Two bedrooms, two bath on Gift Hill \$1800
- Three bedroom, two bath, w/d \$1800
- Two bedroom, loft, one bath, IN TOWN \$2100
- Two bedroom, one bath, furnished, A/C, w/d in Cruz bay \$2100
- Two bedroom, two bath, large loft and deck, w/d \$2700

Coral Bay Side:

- One bedroom, one bath \$800

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Lost & Found

A Coral Bay resident found a men's silver wedding band on Centerline Road last week between Bordeaux Mountain and Mamey Peak. For more information or to claim the ring, call (340) 277-9622

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Public Notice

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND NATURAL RESOURCES
PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ZONING MAP AMENDMENT
TO THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OFFICIAL DISTRICT MAPS FOR ST. JOHN U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

St. Ursula Multi-purpose Center
St. John
Tuesday, May 22, 2012
6:00 pm

Application

ZAJ-12-1: Hugo A. Roller for Parcel No. 8-4-1 Remainder Estate Carolina, No. 1 Coral Bay Quarter, St. John from A-2 (*Agricultural Zone*) to B-3 (*Business-Scattered*) and a camping use variance. The purpose of the request is to develop a destination camp site.

Files can be reviewed on St. Thomas at DPNR's Division of Comprehensive and Coastal Zone Planning, Cyril E. King Airport, Terminal Building Second Floor or on St. John at DPNR's Office (*in front of the Elaine Sprauve Public Library, Cruz Bay*) between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday except holidays.

5/14; 5/21/2012

Yard Sale

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U.S. News & World Report Ranks VI Best Spring Vacation for 2012

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The Department of Tourism is pleased to announce that *U.S. News & World Report* has ranked the U.S. Virgin Islands as the "Best Spring Vacation Destination for 2012," according to its recent travel destinations poll.

For this category, the publication evaluated "fun locations with plenty of things to do without breaking the bank" and featured the territory as the number one location, ranking above destinations including Vancouver, Amsterdam, Bermuda, and San Diego, to name a few.

As part of the recognition, *U.S. News & World Report* called out unique attributes of each island, mentioning shopping on St. Thomas, the V.I. National Park on St. John and St. Croix's history and culture. Lighter crowds and lower prices on airfare and hotel accommodations are also called out as reasons to visit the territory during the spring season.

"We're delighted to have come out on top of appealing international destinations included in *U.S. News & World Report's* Spring Vacation poll," said DOT Commissioner Beverly Nicholson-Doty. "This ranking comes at an ideal time for our islands, helping us maximize exposure for the territory as we transition to the summer season."

Each year, the travel editors from *U.S. News & World Report* determine which destinations to include on the travel rankings based on recommendations by travel experts and U.S. News website users, with each score pulling 50 percent of the rank weight.

More than 200 destinations that are covered by *U.S. News & World Report* were analyzed, but only a select few were identified as the publication's "Best Vacations" award recipients.

The territory also received recognition in eight other categories including: #2 Best Relaxing Getaways in the USA; #2 Best Beaches in the USA; #5 Best Romantic Getaways in the USA; #5 Best Caribbean Vacations; #5 Best Honeymoon Destinations in the US; #7 Best Caribbean Beaches; #7 Best Caribbean Honeymoon; #7 Best US Vacations; #8 Best Beach Honeymoon Destinations; #9 Best Family Vacation; #10 Best Adventure Vacations in the USA; #10 Best Islands in the World; and #12 Best Place in the World to Visit.

To view U.S. full list of travel rankings and methodology, go to <http://travel.usnews.com/Rankings/> and <http://travel.usnews.com/methodology/>. The highly viewed travel page of *U.S. News & World Report*, www.travel.usnews.com, receives more than 200,000 unique visitors per month.

DeJongh Appoints Darice Plaskett as Acting DOH Commissioner

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On Wednesday, May 16, Governor John deJongh confirmed his receipt of the resignation of Department of Health Commissioner Dr. Mercedes Dullum effective May 28.

"Dr. Dullum advised me that for personal reasons she is resigning her position," deJongh said.

The governor thanked Dullum for her service at the DOH and wished her well in her future endeavors.

DeJongh appointed Dullum to the top post at the health department on November 7. She was confirmed by the 29th Legislature on February 8 and sworn in to office on March 15.

Also on May 16, deJongh named Darice Plaskett as Acting DOH Commissioner. Plaskett has had key leadership positions at the Governor Juan F. Luis Hospital and Medical Center on St. Croix since 1994. She most recently served as the hospital's Principal of Integration of Systems and Services and previously as Interim Chief Executive Officer.

Plaskett is also an Adjunct Professor at the University of the Virgin Islands since 2008. She teaches an Associate Degree nursing course that introduces nursing students to basic concepts of nursing management and leadership.

"Ms. Plaskett will bring a wealth of experience to the position of Health Commissioner given her years as a senior executive at the hospital on St. Croix," said deJongh. "I look forward to her using her proficiency and experience in key principles of health care management to lead the Department of Health."

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Skin Cancer Is Now Most Common Cancer in United States, Yet Most Preventable

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As summer quickly approaches, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has joined the National Council on Skin Cancer Prevention, Food and Drug Administration and National Park Service to emphasize the dangers of skin cancer and has provided simple steps Americans can take to protect themselves.

The National Council on Skin Cancer Prevention designated the Friday before Memorial Day, May 25, "Don't Fry Day" as a way to highlight sun safety.

"Skin cancer prevention and sun safety are important issues for EPA — our primary mission is to protect people's health and the environment," said Gina McCarthy, assistant administrator for EPA's Office of Air and Radiation. "While the agency has made steady progress protecting the Earth's ozone layer, the SunWise program and Don't Fry Day help teach children and families simple steps to stay safe in the sun and protect themselves from harmful UV rays."

"The risk of skin cancer is very real," said FDA Commissioner Margaret Hamburg, M.D. "It's therefore important that consumers prevent sunburn and protect themselves from the risk of skin cancer and early skin aging throughout the year."

"The FDA strongly recommends that consumers regularly use a Broad Spectrum sunscreen with an SPF value of 15 or higher in combination with other protective measures to more effectively protect themselves and their families whenever they are in the sun," said Hamburg.

"Whether you hike or stroll, paddle a canoe or kayak or just sit in a mountain meadow watching the clouds go by, remember to put on your hat, apply sunscreen and have plenty of water to drink," said National Park Service Director Jonathan Jarvis. "These sun safety tips will protect your skin and I think guarantee that we'll see you often in your national parks."

Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the U.S. and the most common cancer among 20

to 30-year-olds. It's estimated that one American dies every hour from melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer. Approximately 76,000 new cases of melanoma will occur this year.

To help protect people's health, EPA's SunWise program, one of the nation's largest environmental and health education programs, encourages kids and their caregivers to practice safe sun habits and raises awareness about UV sunlight that penetrates the Earth's ozone layer.

Here are some tips to help Americans continue to exercise, get outside and be SunWise this Memorial Day weekend and throughout the summer:

- Check the UV Index app: Check the ultraviolet index anytime by downloading EPA's app (epa.gov/enviro/mobile) to help plan outdoor activities in ways that prevent overexposure to the sun. UV rays from the sun (and from artificial light sources such as tanning beds) can lead to skin cancer.

- Apply sunscreen and wear protective clothing: Apply a palm-full of sunscreen with SPF 15 or higher that provides broad-spectrum protection from both ultraviolet A and ultraviolet B rays to exposed skin about 15 minutes before heading outdoors. Reapply every two hours. Wearing protective clothing, a wide-brimmed hat, and sunglasses also prevents sun damage.

- Seek shade, not sun: The sun's UV rays are strongest between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., so seek shade during this time.

- Although less common in individuals with darker complexions, skin cancer does not discriminate and is more often fatal for individuals with darker skin. Overexposure to the sun also causes immune suppression and up to 90 percent of wrinkles, brown spots, leathery skin and sagging.

EPA's SunWise program offers factsheets online that have state-specific information (epa.gov/sunwise/statefacts.html). According to the CDC, Nebraska, Vermont, Colorado, Kentucky, West Virginia, Oklahoma and Idaho have highest melanoma death rates.

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