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Mays Three-peats at Beach to Beach Power Swim; Iverson Sets New Women's Record

Bryson Mays, 17, won the long-course unassisted for the third time in a row at the Friends of V.I. National Park's Ninth Annual Beach to Beach Power Swim on Sunday morning, May 27. Under perfect conditions with small seas and light winds, Mays, from St. Croix, matched exactly his record-setting swim from last year, crossing the finish line in one hour, 10 minutes and 40 seconds.

On the women's side, Brittney Iverson, 24, set a new long-course unassisted record, finishing in one hour, 17 minutes and 37 seconds, in what was her first ever open water race. The Oregon State University graduate lives on St. Thomas and competed in her first Beach to Beach Power Swim, which will certainly not be her last. See next week's edition for full story, additional photos and a full list of finishers.

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Pan-O-Rama Kicks Off Festival on St. John



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About 10 steel pan bands from St. Thomas and St. John gathered on the Winston Wells ball field on Saturday afternoon, May 26, for Pan-O-Rama, the official start to St. John Festival 2012. Despite a late start due to heavy passenger ferry traffic, the crowd enjoyed songs by hometown favorite Love City Pan Dragons, above, led by Samuel Lawrence, as well as Kirwain Terrace West Steel Orchestra, Pan in Motion, Superior Court Rising Stars Steel Orchestra and more.

Neighborhood Meeting Canceled

Governor John deJongh and his Cabinet Members will not have a Neighborhood Meeting on Tuesday, May 29, at Calabash Boom Housing Community Center. The meeting has been canceled and will likely be rescheduled for June.

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.

St. John School of the Arts End of Year Recitals Set for June 3rd and 5th

St. John School of the Arts will present its end of the year recitals in June.

On Sunday, June 3, at 4 p.m. at SJSA (Frank Hall), students will be presenting a music recital in piano, keyboard, drumming, guitar, violin and voice. On Tuesday, June 5, at 5:30 p.m. at the Westin Resort and Villas ballroom, students will be presenting a dance, tumbling and theatre recital. Art work from the art students will be on display at both events. The public is welcome to attend.

Franklin Chang-Diaz Is Guest Speaker at GHS Class of 2012 Commencement

Giff Hill School is proud to announce the graduation ceremony for the Class of 2012 on Thursday, June 14, at 5:30 p.m. on Traysen Field. This year's commencement speaker will be Dr. Franklin Chang-Diaz, former Astronaut and President/CEO of Ad Astra Rocket Company. A reception will follow.

Dr. Chang-Diaz is the recipient of seven NASA space flight medals, three NASA Exceptional Service Medals, the Liberty Medal from President Reagan and the Medal of Excellence from the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, among many other accolades.

Dr. Chang-Diaz is the veteran of seven space flights and the inventor of the Variable Specific Impulse Magnetoplasma Rocket as well as the President and CEO of Ad Astra Rocket Company.

He is also an Adjunct Professor of Physics at Rice University and the University of Houston and has presented numerous papers at technical conferences and in scientific journals. Dr. Chang-Diaz was inducted into the United States Astronauts Hall of Fame on May 5. He is the father of J. Elizabeth Kinsella, Giff Hill School's 2012/2013 Upper School Dean.

GHS is the only preschool through high school program on St. John, currently serving over 160 students. Eleven students will be graduating with the Class of 2012.

AARP Seeking Troupe Participants

The St. John AARP Chapter #4777 is looking for members to join the group in walking in the St. John Festival July Fourth Parade.

Contact Bev Biziewski at 776-6833 if interested. All national AARP members are welcome!

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Carrying a full load, the Prestige water truck, above, careened out of control in Fish Bay, tearing through a bathroom of a villa, far left, before landing across Fish Bay Road and blocking traffic for several hours.

No One Injured When Prestige Water Truck Plummets Over Hillside and Tears Through Rental Villa Bathroom

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Amazingly no one was injured when a water truck, carrying the driver and two small children, plummeted down a hillside, tore through a rental villa and overturned on Fish Bay Road around 3:30 p.m. on Saturday afternoon, May 19.

The truck was carrying a full load of water when the driver apparently missed a hairpin turn heading down to Estate Fish Bay, overturned and plummeted down a rocky ridge, according to information from V.I. Police Department officials.

Guests had arrived at a short-term rental villa mere minutes

ahead of the truck slamming through a corner of the structure and tearing off the bathroom wing, before landing across Fish Bay Road near Ditleff Point.

The water truck completely blocked the road to Fish Bay for several hours on May 19, prompting residents to lend and borrow vehicles on either side of the wreck in order to reach their homes or travel to Cruz Bay.

One resident in the area, who asked to not be named, was harrowingly close to the accident and described as “amazing” the fact that no one was injured.

“It’s just amazing that no one was hurt,” she said. “There easily could have been someone driving

up the hill or coming down the hill. If I had left a few minutes sooner, it could have been me coming up the hill.”

“The timing was amazing,” said the resident.

On its way over the hillside, the truck could have easily struck several telephone poles, hit a larger portion of the rental villa or collided into other vehicles. Remarkably, there were no other vehicles on the roadway at time of the incident, explained the resident.

The occupants of the water truck — the driver and two small children described as between six to 10 years old, according to the resident — managed to get out of the vehicle at some point and all

three escaped injury.

The truck’s water load and diesel fuel were dumped down the hillside into Fish Bay before the wreck was cleared, sometime before 8 p.m. on May 19. The smell of diesel could still be clearly detected in the area on Friday, May 25.

With sunny skies the day of the accident, weather seems not to have played a role in the incident.

“There was no rain that day; it was actually pretty sunny,” said a resident about road conditions on May 19.

The guests in the damaged rental villa were also uninjured and moved into different accommodations the day of the accident, ac-

ording to officials.

VIPD officials had no information last week on what caused the accident and the department’s Traffic Investigation Unit continued to investigate the incident as of press time, according to VIPD spokesperson Melody Rames.

Tourist Drowns While Snorkeling in VINP Waters

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

A 64-year-old woman from Florida drowned while snorkeling near Waterlemon Cay in the V.I. National Park on Saturday, May 19, according to information from V.I. Police Department officials.

The incident was reported at 1:59 p.m., according to the VIPD’s Leander Jurgen Command incident log. The woman, a resident of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, had been snorkeling in the Leinster Bay area with three other

people, according to information from the VIPD.

The companions had left the water, but continued to watch the woman snorkel, according to VIPD officials.

“When the victim seemed to be in distress her companions went to her assistance by using a dinghy,” according to a prepared statement from VIPD.

The friends called 911 prompting response from St. John EMTs, V.I. Fire Department officials and VINP Rangers, according to infor-

mation from VIPD.

“CPR was administered to the victim,” according to the VIPD’s prepared statement.

The victim was transported to Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center where she was pronounced dead at 4:15 p.m. that day.

The group of companions had been staying aboard the private vessel *Stella Maris* and had only been in the U.S. Virgin Islands for five hours when the woman drowned, according to VIPD’s preliminary reports.

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Community Celebrates 16 Years of JFLI with Eye Toward Future

By Jaime Elliott
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Students, parents and supporters of the John's Folly Learning Institute gathered on the grounds of the south shore school on Saturday afternoon May 26 to celebrate 16 years of determination and education.

Delegate to Congress Donna Christensen was the guest speaker at JFLI's 16th Anniversary celebration which also included performances by local choirs and institute students.

JFLI is an important tool for families in the remote south shore neighborhood of St. John, Del. Christensen explained.

"We have to invest in education in order to have meaningful and fulfilling jobs in the future for our children," said the Delegate. "We have to develop a greater environment for small businesses so our children can have futures here."

Citing recent political finger pointing over health care issues and more, leaders must set better examples, Christensen added.

"We have to look at ourselves and we must set a better example for our children," she said. "You might not agree with someone, but you don't have to get personal. We have to show more respect for each other."

While celebrating education, the community must also make sure the next generation is able to



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Residents, students and supporters of the John's Folly Learning Institute gather at the remote south shore school to celebrate 16 years of service.

realize their dreams, Christensen explained.

"Home ownership is very difficult and troubling issue on St. John," said the Delegate to Congress. "The American Dream must be preserved for this generation that we are celebrating today."

Formerly the Horace Mann School, the building which today hosts enriching summer and after school educational programs was abandoned for decades before founder Alvis Christian had the vi-

sion for what would become JFLI.

Christian recruited friends and community members and began clearing the grounds and dilapidated building in 1996. Before long, their efforts paid off and today JFLI counts 22 students among its student body, who learn traditional arts and crafts as well as history, science and more during after school and summer programs.

"There are countless people who helped make JFLI what it is today," said Christian. "This couldn't have

happened without all of you and all of your support."

With a vision to "be a leading community resource on St. John that preserves the wisdom of traditional life on St. John and helps transmit it as usable knowledge," JFLI has close ties to the island's senior population.

Yet Christian also envisions a day when JFLI will boast cutting edge laboratories where visiting scholars conduct research, he explained.

Looking ahead, JFLI officials hope to expand the school's infrastructure to support these types of scientific research, Christian added.

After having visited Puerto Rico the past two summers, this July Christian will take a group of about 12 students to the big island of St. Croix.

"When we were coming home from Puerto Rico last year, it hit me that these students didn't know about St. Croix," said Christian. "They didn't know where Christiansted or Frederiksted were."

After their July 15-22 trip, JFLI students will know all about the big island. Students will take part in the Whim Museum's Summer program "Get to Know St. Croix," and learn all about the cooking, rich history, art and music of the island, Christian explained.

JFLI officials plan to host a series of food sales at the Coral Bay Triangle over the next few weeks as fundraisers for the upcoming St. Croix trip, added Christian.

Before enjoying a fantastic home-cooked lunch, the crowd at JFLI's 16th Anniversary celebration enjoyed songs by the Emmaus Moravian Church Choir, Calvary Baptist Church Choir, JFLI students and Emmaus Adventurers Youth Group.

For more information about JFLI or to make a donation to the school, call 626-2686.

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"St. John After Dark," a St. John Magazine photographic essay by Steve Simonson, took home a Gold ADDY Award for Editorial Spread locally and a Silver ADDY Award at the district level. Publisher MaLinda Nelson said she had a difficult time choosing from hundreds of Simonson's photographs to graphically create the award-winning spread.



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Firstbank, MaLinda Media and MLB Creative, Win Big at 2012 ADDY Awards

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

More than 200 advertising professionals gathered on St. Thomas at the Marriott Frenchman's Reef Beach Resort on Saturday night, May 19, to celebrate the best of the best in their field at the 2012 ADDY Awards Gala.

Presented by the American Advertising Federation of the Virgin Islands, this year's theme was "Celebrating 45 Years of Excellence," and the night feted both up-and-coming talent as well as industry veterans.

Sheldon Turnbull was toasted with the Emerging Leader in Media Award and Lee Carle, who took home a limited edition Virgin Islands timepiece crafted locally by Cardow Jewelers, was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

FirstBank was awarded the big Best in Show honor for its Local Consumer Campaign commercial "The Bank Belongs to Them." The Best in Television award was given to FirstBank as well, and the Best in Print went to Bellows International Ltd.

Other big winners of the night included MLB Creative and MaLinda Media, both of which won their local award categories in the AAF 4th District and will now compete on the national level which includes 200 member clubs.

MLB Creative is the advertising agency behind campaigns for clients including Banco Popular, McDonald's Virgin Islands and Choice Wireless. MaLinda Media is owned and published by MaLinda Nelson who is the creative talent behind the popular *St.*



St. John Magazine Publisher MaLinda Nelson, right, with Firstbank's Marketing Officer Iscah Rampersad on the red carpet. Firstbank was awarded the Donald Plantz Best of TV and the coveted Best of Show among many others awards.

John Magazine publication and also the publisher of *St. John Tradewinds* newspaper.

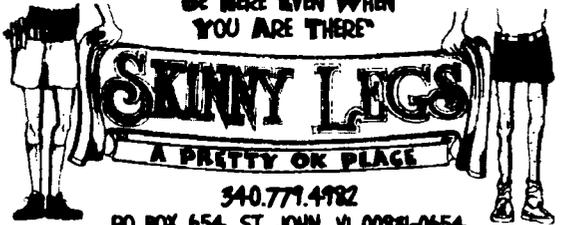
Last weekend was not Nelson's first time accepting ADDY awards; the publisher has more than a dozen gold ADDYs to her credit.

"I have won numerous local ADDY Awards since

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Police Investigate Death in Estate Pastory

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Police are investigating the death of a man on St. John that occurred on Thursday, May 24. Police were called to the home at about 2 p.m. that day and found the victim unresponsive inside his home.

Police said the man, who is a native of Haiti in his early forties, was found inside the Estate Pastory home by his roommate. The roommate told police he came home and was unable to get inside because the doors were locked, according to police.

After looking through the windows, the roommate said he saw keys on the table, stuck a pole through the window and retrieved the keys. Once inside the home he said he found the victim unresponsive on the floor bleeding from the neck and a knife was nearby. The roommate said he left the home and called the police.

The case is being actively investigated by the Criminal Investigation Bureau. Police said they are awaiting the Medical Examiners' report which may reveal the manner of death.

Get Ready for Festival!

“Play Mas, Jump Up and Enjoy Yourselves for Festival 2012”

By Zoe Ferrigno
St. John Tradewinds

This past Saturday, May 26, marked the beginning of St. John Festival 2012, themed “Play Mas, Jump Up and Enjoy Yourselves for Festival 2012.”

The month-long cultural celebration, now in its 58th year, kicked off at the Winston Wells ball field with Pan-o-Rama — the hotly anticipated annual steel pan festival.

But anyone who missed Pan-o-Rama should not worry, there are plenty of festivities planned throughout the month of June and into July, including concerts, pageants, bike and boat races, and food and cultural fairs.

Don't miss the always exciting Festival Princess 2012 Selection Show at Winston Wells ball field on Sunday night, June 17, at 6 p.m. Also mark those calendars for Saturday, June 23, when the beautiful Festival Queen 2012 contestants will vie for the crown, starting at 8 p.m.

Festival 2012's grand finale will take place on Wednesday, July 4. The day's celebrations are slated to begin well before the sun rises, when hundreds will gather at the V.I. National Park (where??) at 4 a.m. to dance in J'ouvert, a traditional early-morning festival street party.

The fun will continue throughout the day with the Festival Parade (scheduled to start at 11 a.m.), and live music by both local bands and groups from throughout the Caribbean. So far, event organizers have managed to confirm performances by bands from Trinidad,

2012 Festival Honorees

Food Fair Honoree
Gwendolyn Harley

Grand Parade Marshal
Rodney Varlack, Sr.

Festival Village Honoree
Clifton “Ashley” Boynes

will recognize three distinguished individuals in the categories of Food Fair Honoree, Parade Honoree, and Village Honoree.

Being awarded the first of these titles is Gwendolyn Harley, a local artist whom Smith described as a “long-time participant in Festival's Food Fair” and known for her handmade dolls. This year Food Fair is scheduled for Sunday, June 24.

This year's Parade Grand Marshall will be Rodney Varlack, Sr., owner of Varlack Ventures, Inc., a family-run Cruz Bay business which specializes in car rentals, ferry services, and island tours. In the past, Varlack has used his business to provide safe transportation to Festival revelers during and after the event's festivities, explained Smith.

“He is known for giving back to Festival... and the community,” she said.

The Festival 2012 Village Honoree is Clifton “Ashley” Boynes, Sr. who is no stranger to Festival.

Boynes' family has been participating in the St. John Festival since its earliest years, explained Smith.

Boynes himself has made many donations to the Festival and Cultural Organization of St. John, Inc., the non-profit committee which organizes the event, Smith added.

Boynes will be feted on Friday night, June 29, at Festival Village Opening, set for 7 p.m. at the U.S. Customs Parking lot.

All three of these honorees have over the years contributed to the St. John Festival celebrations, Smith explained.

St. Kitts, and Dominica, and are in the process of booking a French band from Haiti.

Event organizers strive to come up with diverse musical line-ups like this one as a way to make sure that St. John Festival remains a popular and relevant event within the Virgin Islands, explained St. John Administrator Leona Smith, who is also chairperson on the Festival and Cultural Organization of St. John Committee.

“We are small in comparison [to St. Thomas and St. Croix],” said Smith. “[Our Festival] is known for good music — we need that to encourage people to come out.”

The last of the festivities planned for this exciting day of dancing and celebrating is a Fourth of July fireworks display, which will begin at 9 p.m. over Cruz Bay Harbor.

While this year's Festival certainly offers plenty of opportunities to have fun, it aims to give back to the community in other, more substantial ways as well.

As in years past, the celebration



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

A U.S. Coast Guard officer, at left, unloads a portion of the 1.4-ton haul of cocaine, above, found about 50 miles south of St. Croix on Sunday night, May 20.

USCG Leads Multi-Agency Seizure of 1.4 Tons of Cocaine Off St. Croix

St. John Tradewinds

U.S. Coast Guard, Customs and Border Protection and Drug Enforcement Administration authorities disrupted a maritime illegal drug shipment Sunday night, May 20, and seized approximately 2,833 pounds, or 1.4 tons, of cocaine off the southern coast of St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands.

The drug shipment was estimated to have a street value of over \$25 million dollars.

“The outstanding efforts and collaboration between all law enforcement authorities are responsible for this successful disruption

and seizure, which prevented a major drug shipment from reaching our shores,” said USCG Capt. Drew Pearson, Sector San Juan commander.

While on a routine patrol, CBP agents onboard a CBP DCH-8 marine surveillance aircraft detected four men aboard a suspicious vessel, approximately 50 nautical miles south of St. Croix, USVI Sunday evening.

Coast Guard Sector San Juan Watchstanders were notified and diverted the USCG Cutter *Sapelo*, who was patrolling the area

at the time, to interdict the suspect vessel.

The crew of the CBP marine patrol aircraft observed the men onboard the suspect vessel jettison suspicious objects overboard and begin to flee at a high rate of speed after they noticed the presence of law enforcement authorities in the area.

The crew of the USCG *Sapelo* arrived on scene and began to recover the jettisoned cargo from the water. After searching all night and the following day with the assistance of a Coast Guard MH-65 Dolphin helicopter from Air Station Borinquen, the

crew of the *Sapelo* was able to recover 50 bales of suspected illegal contraband that had been thrown overboard from the suspect vessel. A further inspection and testing of the suspected drug shipment revealed the contraband to be cocaine.

The crew of the Cutter *Sapelo* transported the illegal drug shipment to Coast Guard Base San Juan Tuesday night, May 22, where they transferred custody to awaiting Drug Enforcement Administration Special Agents.

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Student News: Sage Buchalter Heading to University of Queensland, Australia

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Sage Rose Buchalter has completed her Junior year at Colorado Mesa University in Grand Junction, Colorado, and is preparing for a Study Abroad Program at the University of Southern Queensland in Toowoomba, Australia.

Sage, who was a dedicated student of the St. John School of the Arts for 10 years, will be completing her degree in Music Theatre in Spring 2013. Sage and her family would like to express appreciation to all friends on St John who supported Sage in her efforts to get to Australia.



Sage Buchalter

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National Park Grants Concession for Trump Parking Tower

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If you have driven out to the North Shore beaches, you had to notice that more parking is sorely needed at Cinnamon Bay. Additionally, with Governor deJongh's support, Havensight will have West Indian Company's huge new car rental with free car ferry passes ready for the cruise ship passengers by the beginning of hurricane season. This will be a major crisis for Park visitors or as government calls it, "an issue."

The Donald to the rescue! Through his legal office of Tiff & Squabble, Donald Trump has announced plans for a high-rise parking garage. The Virgin Islands National Park immediately approved the concession for The Trump Organization.

It is to be built on the site of the present Cinnamon Bay parking lot.

"The parking at Cinnamon is totally impossible," said Park Ranger Frank Pestiferous. "Tourists take all the best places."

Local fashion maven Susan Chair said the project was too large a challenge for local contractors.

In a call to his office, Mr. Trump was asked how he proposed getting the high-rise building approved.

"A total of 14 levels — two underground — 12 above," he said. "My architects will call it three stories. I'm advised that other developments on the island have used this strategy very successfully."

"We wanted it to be high enough that you could see the strings of lights from St. Thomas, but not so high as to interfere with the flight patterns for the new St. John airport," said Trump.

When asked about the design he cited various influences.

"I plan the design to be a cross between Trump Taj Mahal in Atlantic City and a Virgin Islands carnival," he said. "My thoughts are that we can form the concrete to look like painted plywood on the exterior and interior. Each floor will have its own theme. We'll string up lights and pennants and have bouncy houses on every floor."

He was also asked about the parking fees.

"If those yahoos at Wormwood can charge \$20 for parking at Caneel, I certainly can get \$50 for parking in a gorgeous facility emblazoned with the Trump brand," he said. "It will be such an experience; some will stay in my garage and never go to the beach."

Mr. Trump said that he didn't intend to visit the construction site.

"When I came down, my fabulous, expensively-coifed, all-natural hair met the trade winds... it is not to be repeated," he said.



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Patrons requesting a refund must go to the Reichhold Center box office and turn in their tickets to receive a refund. Refunds will be granted until June 30. For any inquiries regarding the refund, contact the Reichhold Center box office at 693-1559.

MyVillaBook Aims to Revolutionize Villa Guest Experience

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Imagine guests walking into their rental villa and having the fridge already stocked with their favorite beer and snacks; a reservation at their favorite restaurant is already set for that night and, in the morning, a massage therapist arrives for an already booked appointment.

That's how Michael Barry sees future guests enjoying St. John vacations while allowing his new company to literally take care of everything.

After more than year of development, the Sun Dog Cafe owner recently unveiled his newest venture, St. John Host Inc. and the property-specific MyVillaBook.

"When you arrive here for the first time you don't necessarily know how cool it is to walk out to Drunk Bay and see the rock sculptures," said Barry. "What I'm doing is to synthesize all of the information that is out there and streamline it and personalize it for each guest."

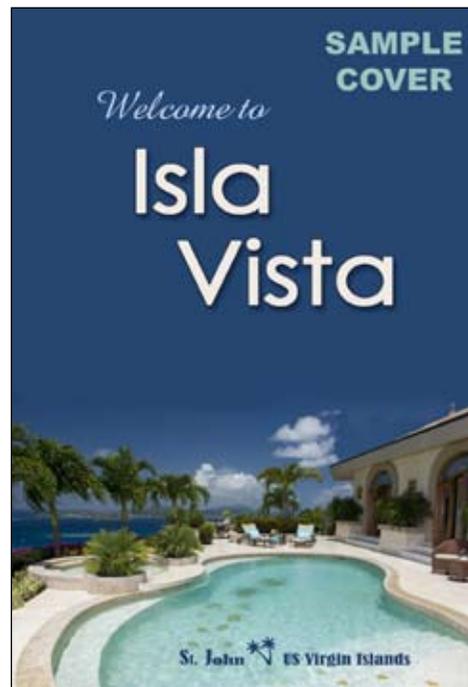
With its comprehensive and innovative approach to meeting all possible needs a villa guest could have, Barry's new company strives to solve a long-standing problem, he explained.

"The problem has been there forever; you know those three ring binders in rental villas that serve as a manual and refer guests to restaurants and services," he said.

The books are difficult to assemble and often out of date, Barry explained.

"It seems like no one has been comprehensive about fixing this problem and MyVillaBook is my attempt to make it work," he said.

Barry's attempt at fixing that three-ring binder problem includes a hard cover book specific to each villa, a soft cover book sent to future guests of the villa, an accompanying website and a personal concierge, able to be reached via a toll free number.



Geared for individual villas, MyVillaBook offers comprehensive services to guests.

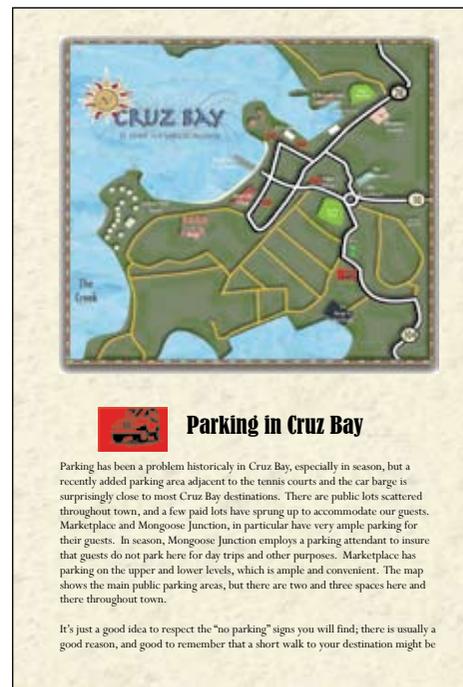
First of all, the villa book is a professionally printed hard cover publication customized to each villa individually, explained Barry.

The book features high quality photos of the rental property and information personalized by the villa owner about the features of the property, Barry added.

"In addition to the individual vacation rental information there is a substantial amount of information about a visit to St. John, what amenities the particular villa offers and how the guest might best enjoy their stay in the villa and on the island," he said.

"It will have information about who to call for what, when," said Barry. "It will also help villa managers because the guests will know what to do if their light bulbs are out at 3 a.m." Barry said.

In addition to the hard cover book in the



Parking in Cruz Bay

Parking has been a problem historically in Cruz Bay, especially in season, but a recently added parking area adjacent to the tennis courts and the car barge is surprisingly close to most Cruz Bay destinations. There are public lots scattered throughout town, and a few paid lots have sprung up to accommodate our guests. Marketplace and Mongoose Junction, in particular have very ample parking for their guests. In season, Mongoose Junction employs a parking attendant to insure that guests do not park here for day trips and other purposes. Marketplace has parking on the upper and lower levels, which is ample and convenient. The map shows the main public parking areas, but there are two and three spaces here and there throughout town.

It's just a good idea to respect the "no parking" signs you will find; there is usually a good reason, and good to remember that a short walk to your destination might be

villa itself, Barry's new company will mail a soft cover version of the publication to guests who have booked the property, he explained.

The soft cover, spiral bound book will detail island information similar to the hard cover version, but also contain suggested itineraries and a calendar where guests can make notes, Barry explained.

"The soft cover book arrives as a gift from the villa owner to be used before and during the trip and serves afterwards as a memento, something that will be shared with others," he said. "So say you're in Cincinnati and you get this book in the mail. It's snowing outside and you're looking at this fantastic book about St. John and planning your amazing vacation in paradise."

"It's a bit about the romance, but there is also practical information like restaurant

menus and ideas for island adventures," said Barry.

The third piece of the puzzle is a toll-free number for guests to connect to their own personal concierge, which will be overseen by Shanna Dickerson, St. John Host's director of guest services, explained Barry.

And finally, a matching website and an in the works cell phone application, will allow guests to access all MyVillaBook information and services right from their computers and smart phones, Barry added.

"A matching website gives guests the option to use MyVillaBook on-line for their convenience and gives the ability to reorder books conveniently," he said. "An application allowing the content to be downloaded to a smart phone or other device is in development."

While Barry admitted that the book is not for every St. John tourist, MyVillaBook is ideal for the guest who is looking for a little help planning their Love City stay, he explained.

"It's not for everyone, but there are a lot of people who, if they want assistance, this process could be a good fit," said Barry. "The goal of the comprehensive program is a complete focus on a guest staying in a villa on St. John and to make sure guests maximize their time and pleasure here."

The program is currently in the sales and production cycle and Barry said the cost is "shockingly inexpensive," with most revenue expected from concierge bookings.

"We don't know the capacity right now for how many villas will be included but in order to maintain a high level of production, the number will be limited," he said. "We'll see how things develop in response to the initial offerings."

The books will be refreshed every year with the initial mailings set to go out in October, Barry added.

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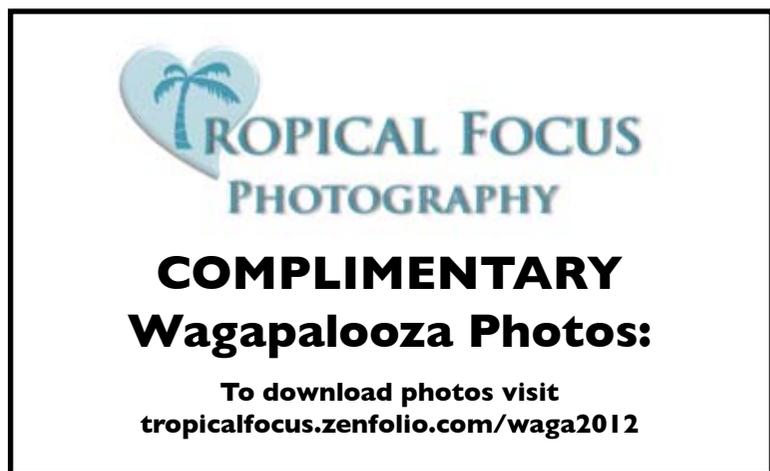
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Tahlia, above, was crowned Waga Queen while Woody, at left, took home the honor of Waga King, at the funky island dog show on Saturday, May 19.

Taliah and Woody Are Named Waga Queen and King as Volunteers Raise \$20K for ACC

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

About 200 people gathered in the V.I. National Park ball field to watch dogs of all shapes and sizes strut their stuff and show off their talents while raising about \$22,000 for the St. John Animal Care Center at Wagapalooza on Saturday evening, May 19.

The 12th annual island dog show drew a great crowd and raised more money than last year, according to ACC volunteer Sally Furlong, who was the lead organizer of the event for the first time this year.

"It was fantastic," said Furlong, who worked along with co-organizer Viky Becker. "There were probably well over 200 people and we had 30 entries in the competition. Things went really well and, although we don't have all the money in yet, I'm going to say that we raised about \$22,000."

The funds will go to help the sole St. John animal welfare group continue to care for the island's abandoned and neglected dogs and cats and cover operations of its no kill shelter.

There were nine different category winners with two top winners, Waga King and Waga Queen. Taliah, owned by Crystal Allen, was named Best Costume and Waga Queen while Woody, owned by Furlong,

but showed by Viky Becker, won Gambler's Choice and was named Waga King.

While not every dog could take home the top honors, everyone had a blast at the distinctly island dog show. Waga attendees enjoyed hotdogs, ribs and hamburgers by the crew from Driftwood David's and sipped on a signature cocktail created by High Tide just for the event called "Go Dog, Go."

"The food and drinks were great," said Furlong. "Everyone really enjoyed everything and High Tide's signature drink was definitely a hit."

Younger dog show guests had fun with face painting and balloons while the entire crowd cheered on dogs and owners who vied for titles from best costume to best old timer.

While this was her first time heading up Waga, Furlong — who grew up riding and showing horses and ran horse shows for years in the states — is no stranger to animal shows.

"It's the same four-legged deal, just with dogs instead of horses," she said.

And Furlong, who knew she wanted to have dogs show off more than their barks this year, unveiled new categories for the show.

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Gift Hill School Celebrates Student Excellence at Merit Scholarships Award Ceremony

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Gift Hill School students and parents celebrated last week during the school's annual Merit Scholarship Awards ceremony on Monday morning, May 21.

With funds raised from the school's annual auction and donations, GHS officials awarded more than \$70,000 in merit-based scholarships to 44 different students at the private pre-K through 12th grade school.

"The scholarship funds were raised through our auction and also donated and set aside specifically to celebrate students for their hard work in academics, the arts

and athletics," said Molly Murrill, GHS' assistant to the development director.

In order to be considered for scholarships, students in grades two through 11 completed merit scholarship award applications which were reviewed by a committee comprised of GHS faculty and administration, Murrill explained.

Scholarships were awarded in Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Athletics, Academics, Outstanding Effort, Citizenship and a category called Spirit of GHS. There were also several special awards distributed, the Nekwan Sprauve Me-

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GHS Upper School student celebrate their Merit Scholarship Awards.

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Volunteers Spruce Up Coral Bay



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Volunteers gathered in Coral Bay on Tuesday morning, May 22, and set to work removing hundreds of bags of debris from the shoreline and mangroves. Organized by Lora Koehler and sponsored by Coral Bay Community Council and Skinny Legs, the event also marked National Maritime Day. Thanks to all the volunteers who made Coral Bay a cleaner community due to their efforts.



Chef's Corner

*Celebrate Diamond Jubilee
with a Few Traditional British Recipes*

**By Mares Crane
St. John Tradewinds**

The Commonwealth is celebrating Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee this year, which marks the royal's remarkable 60 year reign.

The festivities will culminate in huge celebrations in London, England June 2 to 5, but you can join the fun wherever you are with a few traditional British recipes. Enjoy and raise a glass to the Queen!

Coronation Chicken

This was invented a year after the accession of Queen Elizabeth II to the throne, for her coronation in 1953. It is perfect for picnics and lunches and makes a great filling for sandwiches.

- 1 lb cooked chicken, white or dark meat, chopped
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 Tbsp tomato puree
- 2 Tbsp lemon juice
- 1/4 to 1/2 pink Hellman's Mayonnaise
- 1/2 clove garlic, chopped
- 1/2 tsp curry powder or paste
- 2 Tbsp apricot jam
- 8 oz seedless grapes, halved
- 2 oz toasted almonds, chopped

Place onion, garlic, tomato puree, jam and curry powder in a small pan and bring to a boil, slowing stirring the whole time. Add 1/2 of the lemon juice. Let chill. Once chilled, blend with mayonnaise in a large bowl and add the chicken. Refrigerate overnight. Toss in grapes and remaining lemon juice. Garnish with toasted almonds and chopped parsley. A garnish of chopped apricots makes a nice addition as well.

Scones

Scones are the ultimate teatime treat, hailing from Scotland and Southwest England. This recipe is for plain scones, but can easily be altered with the addition of cheese or chopped fruit.

- 2 cups all purpose flour
- 1/2 stick cold butter
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 5 oz whole milk
- 1 egg beaten with a little milk

Heat oven to 400F. Grease and flour a baking sheet. Sieve flour into a bowl. Add chopped butter, baking powder and salt. Rub the butter into the flour until it resembles fine bread crumbs. Make a well in the center and, using a knife, stir in enough

milk to make a soft, pliable dough. Turn the mixture onto a floured board and knead very lightly until just smooth. Roll out to 3/4 inch thick. Cut rounds with a 3-inch cutter or cut into triangles with a sharp knife. Place on baking sheet and brush tops with beaten egg mixture. Bake for 15 minutes or until golden brown. Scones are traditionally served with strawberry jam and whipped or clotted cream.

For fruit scones add 1/4 chopped fruit. For cheese scones, my personal favorite, add 1/2 cup grated cheese and 1/2 tsp dry mustard into the mixture at the bread crumb point. Then sprinkle with cheese before baking and serve with butter.

Welsh Rarebit

Welsh Rarebit is an upmarket, or posh, cheese on toast. They are super easy, but make for great supper snacks and served with a salad can be a fantastic, light, weeknight meal.

- 2 oz butter
- 2 oz all purpose flour
- 8 oz strong dark beer, like Guinness
- 9 oz grated strong cheddar cheese
- 2 tsp mustard powder
- 2 Tbsp Worcestershire Sauce
- Black pepper or pinch of cayenne pepper to taste
- 4 pieces lightly toasted bread

In a small saucepan melt the butter, add the flour and cook for a couple of minutes, stirring continuously. Stir in the mustard, cayenne or black pepper and whisk in beer and Worcestershire sauce. The sauce should be smooth. Add the grated cheese and remove from heat. Butter the toasted bread and pile on the cheese mixture. Cook under the broiler for a few minutes until the cheese gets golden and bubbly.

Pimms Cup

Pimms is the quintessential British summertime cocktail. It's fruity and fun and made with Pimms No. 1. One taste and you'll be hooked!

Fill a pitcher with ice cubes. Add handfuls of fresh mint leaves, sliced strawberries, slices of oranges and slices of cucumber. Add one part Pimms No. 1 and three parts of lemonade.

Stir and serve in tall glasses. Cheers!

Editor's Note: *When a British recipe calls for lemonade, it's what Americans call lemon-lime soda. Use Schweppes or a similar, high quality lemon-style sparkling drink.*





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Watch boats swaying at anchor and enjoy stunning sunsets from the pool and deck area at the Great Cruz Bay waterfront villa Colibri, above.



On *the* Market

A feature dedicated to special homes on the market listed with *Tradewinds* real estate advertisers*

Soak Up Sunsets from Expansive Decks of Colibri

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Enjoy stunning sunsets and watch boats and ferries from two levels of expansive decks at Colibri, overlooking Great Cruz Bay.

The three bedroom, four bath home is for sale for \$3.795 million and is the ideal property for buyers looking for a well-established short-term rental villa, explained Islandia Real Estate broker/owner Merry Nash.

“Colibri is a beautiful waterfront home in Great Cruz Bay which means those views will always be there; no one can build in front,” said Nash. “The home is a popular short term rental with guests who keep coming back year after year.”

Two levels of decks overlook the boats swaying at anchor in Great Cruz Bay and afford incredible sunset views. A large pool will invite you to linger outside and soak up the rays, or enjoy meals al fresco under the shaded area just steps from the formal dining room.

Inside, enjoy beautiful native stonework, including impressive arches, water views from just about every single room and solid masonry construction. A recent \$350,000 renovation added a new standing seam roof, solar hot water heater and all new Trex decking.

Other recent upgrades include the new covered deck off the dining room and impeccable travertine



Most rooms at Colibri including the living room, above, boast amazing water views.

tile floors throughout the home. A brand new kitchen at Colibri might just have you cooking in on the new Wolf stove and letting the Meile dishwasher take care of the hard work.

Custom-wrought mahogany cabinets, stainless steel refrigerator and brand new granite counter tops round out improvements to the now professional-grade kitchen.

Colibri’s location in the established Great Cruz Bay neighborhood, just minutes from the dining and

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Letters To St. John Tradewinds

Littlechilds Thank Friends for Support

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Find Something You Love To Do

The other night I was watching Public Television and think about what a wonderful job Orspert Potter is doing for our community. There are news programs, classes on art and careers, a children's channel and much more.

We have so many great programs on five channels, a lot of them filmed here with people I know. A while ago I saw Carlos Robles at K Mart, the day before I saw him on PBS teaching us and the people at Bournfield Housing how to grow gardens. Last week there was a jazz program with local artists, it was almost as good as Austin City Limits. We have some really great musicians in our community.

I maybe mistaken but I think Potter was a Senator once. We are so lucky he stopped doing that and has found a way to serve his community while doing something he really loves. Wouldn't it be great if more of us could follow his example. The programing is helping this community to grow — watch it sometime.

Find something that you really like doing and do

it. Do it with the intent of helping everyone you meet while you are doing it. It is amazing to me how nice most of the government workers are that I meet.

I have to be nice first, but that is not a problem. Took me 10 years but I learned it. All they really want is managers that can help them to be successful at work, doing something that they think is worth while. All it takes is a manager that wants to get the job done, one who is not distracted by the pay or the status or the connections.

I think that the government workers in our community deserve managers that can help them succeed at what they are doing. Do you?

It would make a very positive impact on our community if the leaders of the community found something that they wanted to do to contribute to the community like Potter has, and did it, and stopped using their positions to build their egos and their bank accounts.

I think we deserve it, don't you?

Greg Miller

Memorial Service for Steve Levin Set for June 2

Friends will gather at Skinny Legs on Saturday, June 2, at 5 p.m. to celebrate the life of Steve Levin. Friends are invited to bring their favorite Steve stories and photos to share. Come out and dance to some of Steve's favorite songs played by the band Ish.

A fundraiser to help Irene Levin is also in the works. Friends and supporters can make tax deductible donations to the St. John Revolving Fund — be sure to write Irene Levin in the memo line — and drop at Connections or mail to P.O. Box 37, St. John, VI, 00831.

ISLAND NOTES from the publisher

Congratulations to St. John sailor Mimi Roller on her Olympic qualification!

Letters To St. John Tradewinds



A rendering of the tree-house-style campground accommodations envisioned by Hugo Roller.

Comments for Public Hearing on Proposed Zoning Change for Coral Bay Farmland

With youthful vigor, and a reasonably well thought out idea about how to proceed I began to establish my farm 28 years ago. Side stepping all the major pit falls and stumbling through quite a number of the smaller ones, the farm as you see it today is the result of a long series of adaptations.

It was a real struggle to get started, and more than once I was on the verge of throwing in the towel. Now, with an ever widening chasm of time muting those once graphic memories, it's fairly easy to gloss over the bad times in favor of what now seems so undeniably good, so beneficial not just for us, but the community as well.

Not everyone here this evening could be aware of the fact that the bottom floor of the farm house once served as the classrooms of the Earth School Learning Center back in the 1990s. A small group of families had tried to establish an alternative to what then was a very limited number of options for our children's education.

Josephine put in quite a few hours with the pre-schoolers who included our own children. Later she even taught mathematics to the upper grades. We all did what we had to do, and mostly it turned out well. One particular effort involved clearing a plot of land for the school to start a community garden. Talk about some vivid memories, I'll never forget those days when John Gibney and "Chain Saw Phil" would show up early, work like mad men for half a day and then retreat to their own chores elsewhere.

The school lasted about five years or so, and then fell victim to the economic realities that all such institutions face. After that our energies became far more focused on the farm, and many a time it felt like do or die. The lesson we learned was that if you adapt well, you survive. We've been adapting from the very

beginning.

From trying to grow certain row crops that we wanted, we progressed to growing what our soil type and climate allowed us to grow, and then moved on to what chefs wanted us to grow. Then we added fruit trees, and then the next big leap involved the nursery and garden center.

That all really began on a trip one summer to Disney World for the kids. Along the way at some point, we stopped at Fairchild Botanical Gardens, just south of Miami. They had the most beautiful assemblage of palms from all over the world. At that time of year the seeds of most of those varieties had dropped to the ground and were simply covering the areas under their canopies.

Josephine and I just looked at each other with a gleam in our eyes, and I ran back to the rental vehicle and got a box of garbage bags. Our unbridled enthusiasm resulted in an overloaded car with barely enough room for its occupants. It was truly a humble and low budget entry into the startup of our nursery. By the way, the next time we visited they had posted a new rule stating that seeds were available "for sale" on request.

A number of years ago, Steve Levin, who very recently passed away, came up to us and asked if we would be interested in bidding on landscaping a house he was building over in Chocolate Hole. He was a very good man whose family we had known from the Earth School Learning Center days, and we will miss him much.

Josephine got the job, completed it under budget and the rest is history. We were now in the landscaping business as well, and her designs were showing up in architectural magazines. It's just another ex-

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Letters To St. John Tradewinds

Comments for Public Hearing on Proposed Zoning Change

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ample of how opportunities present themselves, and you adapt. That's the bottom line; you simply have to adapt.

We are now approaching a significant juncture as we plan for our children's return from college and try to calculate how they will fit into a family farm that really doesn't call for most of those very specific skills that they've acquired. Oddly enough, despite all we've done right, developing a succession plan for them to take over the family business may be the greatest challenge we will face in our careers as farmers. Then again, we're firm believers in that old adage, "Where there's a will, there's a way."

So here we are with what we believe is a very detailed, well thought out plan to incorporate a campground with some commercial activities at the front of the property. There are enough cleared areas on the property so that we can preserve the wooded areas with a minimal impact. But before I get into any of those details I want to give a little background into how the original idea came about and then evolved.

Somewhere around 15 years or so ago we began to offer labor exchanges for young people who wanted to stay "on island" longer than the original vacation plans that they had arrived with. We had a couple of structures that sufficed for such basic living accommodations and for a couple years it seemed to be a mutually beneficial arrangement. As we discovered though, among transient populations there are always some "bad apples." Coupled with the high turn-over, we concluded that the amount of time invested in training individuals became so onerous that we abandoned the option altogether. What we learned from the experience though, was that people did enjoy the experience of staying on the farm, and that was a thought that never left us.

So when we read about the pending closure of Maho Bay in the *Tradewinds* issue of May 30-June 5, 2011, what came to mind was a very rudimentary vision of how we might be able to offer an alternative to what is now a very unique experience for many people who look for eco-tourist destinations. While we have no illusions of reproducing the uniqueness that Maho Bay offers, we feel that it would be possible to take another very popular idea and create something equally unique and certainly eco-oriented.

On-farm stays are a growing and ever more popular sector of tourism on the mainland. Our campsites would offer an elevated platform that will give occupants the "feel" of a tree-house in a lush setting of both natural and intentionally designed garden areas that will offer our guests a truly memorable stay. The destination will offer an on-site full service restaurant, a coffee and juice bar, with an internet café, various retail outlets that will cater to guest needs, and in time, a larger supermarket that will serve the surrounding community as well.

Our focus will be on incorporating the latest green technologies, and creating a truly low-carbon vaca-

tion that we believe will set new standards for low-impact development and a unique model for sustainable agriculture. Featuring solar energy, low voltage lighting and fans, a very green property that has been enrolled in the USDA's Forestry Stewardship Program for many years, and the culinary delights that will be served up right on the premises, we're certain that the unique experience of a vacation in a tree house, are a combination that will delight.

This past March, I attended a public meeting held by the V.I. Department of Tourism. The object of the various focus groups which included one entitled "Geotourism" (environment, culture, history and agriculture) offered an opportunity for citizens to both listen to an array of local panelists well versed on their subjects and to participate directly. The meeting was a very positive one, and I was both surprised to discover that so many people shared many of the same ideas that I also embrace, and that "Geotourism" was a much larger category in the overall tourism picture than I had previously suspected.

We're not here this evening to ask for government participation, loans, loan guarantees, or grants. We're not here to propose some monstrosity of a project that severely impacts the character, infrastructure or tax base of the community. This is strictly about private enterprise, an entrepreneurial spirit and a vision of appropriate development on an island that has a world class reputation for environmental preservation.

We want this project to become a showcase for our community, an economic asset that offers opportunities for other local business people and that creates jobs in an environment that has become ever more challenging for those seeking employment. What we are asking for is an opportunity to grow our family farm into a more sustainable business model that will better weather the economic storms that affect all of us. This requires a concerted effort to seek out opportunities that create greater diversification. We believe that this project meets those criteria. To succeed in this effort we ask for the support of our community and the approval of our government.

If, after reading this, you should decide that the proposal would benefit the community and are willing to express that support, please call or write any and all Senators in our legislature prior to the Senate hearing which has yet to be scheduled. Perhaps even more significant, as a show of support, would be the attendance of St. John residents at that hearing.

Thank you for your interest and please stop by our farm to discuss any questions you might have. If you require more information I would be happy to go over any additional criteria and design materials that I have prepared. Frankly, as the proposal enters this final stage of Senate review, I do not believe that the collection of hundreds of signatures in support will be sufficient to assure passage in a body where political considerations very often trump well grounded economic analysis and local community opinion.

Hugo A. Roller

Obituaries

Stephen Levin, 54, Passes Away

St. John Tradewinds

Stephen R. Levin was born in Jamestown, NY on October 16, 1957 and died on May 4, 2012 of natural causes in Mauston, WI.

Steve was pre-deceased by his mother, Priscilla (Alden) Williams and father John Levin. He is survived by cherished wife, Irene; and beloved sons Christopher and Casey; dear step-mother Judith Levin and two step-brothers; and the loving Williams family.

Steve also leaves many beloved nieces and nephews; Darryl, Erin and Tarraugh Flaherty and Nicole Donnelly Pece and Brendan Donnelly.

Also surviving Steve are many beloved sisters and brothers-in-law; Dennis, Kevin, Danny, Joseph, Brian and Eileen Donnelly and Noreen Cavanaugh.

Steve was an amazing person and friend to all who met him. He always called himself a jack of all trades — master of none, but in fact he was a master craftsman in all his projects. At heart, Steve was an artist in photography, painting, pottery and sculpting in all mediums.

While driving his truck from Sand Point, ID to Salem, MA Steve pulled over in a rest stop in Mauston, WI. He closed his eyes and peacefully passed into the



Steven Levin

hands of the angels.

Steve's journey was completed by Noreen's dear friend, Bob Leo. Irene's sister Noreen brought Steve's ashes, so he is back at home again on St. John. The family and an intimate group gathered in St. John to set his soul free on May 16.

Irene and family want to extend their heartfelt thanks to the St. John Community. There is no place in the world that can compare to the warm and loving compassion that everyone has extended during this sudden and unexpected time of sorrow.

Steve has "lifted his veil to reach the highest heights of heaven on Earth. For this We Practice. For this We Walk. For this We Falter. For this We Pray."

Michael Robert Jarrell, 52, Passes

St. John Tradewinds

Michael Robert Jerrell, 52, of Kissimmee, FL, entered into eternal rest surrounded by his loving family Friday, May 18, 2012.

Michael passed away due to complications following an accident. Born July 15, 1959, in Japan, Michael was a Master Plasterer. He is survived by his daughter Adrien, of Orlando; mother and father Clifton and Beatrice (Chmielewski) Jarrell of St. Cloud; brothers, Mark of Virginia, Steven of Kissimmee; sisters Colleen (Jarrell) Riddle, of St. Cloud, Lauri (Jarrell) Piotrowski, of Oviedo, Nicole Jarrell, of Orlando, five grandchildren, one niece and five nephews, and numerous loving extended family members.

The family received visitors at Osceola Memory Gardens, 2000 13th St. Saint Cloud, FL 34769. on Sunday, May 20, from 3 to 5 p.m., and 6 to 8 p.m. Services followed on Monday, May 21, also at Osceola Memory Gardens, at 11 a.m. Burial followed in Mt. Peace Cemetery in St. Cloud, FL.

Arrangements were under the direction of Osceola Memory Gardens Funeral Home and Crematory. To sign an online guest book, visit http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/orlandosentinel/obituary.aspx?n=michael-robert-jarrell&pid=157688773&fhid=4010&eid=sp_shareobit

"Sis" Frank Merit Scholarship Auditions June 16

St. John Tradewinds

St. John School of the Arts announces auditions for the Ruth "Sis" Frank Performance/Merit Scholarship will be on Saturday, June 16, at 2 p.m.

Applicants must be at least 11 years old and show exceptional talent and dedication to his/her chosen art form, having at least three consecutive years of instruction. Applications must be completed and returned to the arts school's office at the main building by 3 p.m. on Friday, June 8. There will be no exceptions!

Scholarships are applied to

SJSA's tuition for the following school year and can only be applied to instruction for the art form that was auditioned.

Students must prepare a performance-ready piece or a presentation on a selection of artwork. The audition is judged by three independent community leaders who will also conduct an interview with each applicant.

Applications may be downloaded from the SJSA website at www.stjohnschoolofthearts.org or stop by St. John School of the Arts in Cruz Bay.

For more information call 779-4322.



Ruth "Sis" Frank

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<p>SATURDAY, May 26, 2012 Pan-o-Rama 4 P.M. AT WINSTON WELLS BALL FIELD CONTACT PERSON: IRA WADE (340) 690-7428</p> <p>FRIDAY, June 15, 2012 Senior Variety Show 7 P.M. AT WINSTON WELLS BALL FIELD CONTACT PERSON: JANE JOHANNES (340) 776-6450</p> <p>SATURDAY, June 16, 2012 Festival Bike Race 8 A.M. AT ST. JOHN NATIONAL PARK CONTACT PERSON: JANE THILL (340) 693-9467</p> <p>SUNDAY, June 17, 2012 St. John Festival Princess 2012 Selection Pageant 6 P.M. AT WINSTON WELLS BALL FIELD CONTACT PERSON: LOHRAINE RICHARDS (340) 626-4804</p> <p>FRIDAY, June 22, 2012 Festival Musical Mix 2012 9 P.M. AT WINSTON WELLS BALL FIELD CONTACT PERSON: LUCINDA JURGEN (340) 643-8074</p> <p>SATURDAY, June 23, 2012 St. John Festival Queen 2012 Selection Pageant 8 P.M. AT WINSTON WELLS BALL FIELD CONTACT PERSON: ENID DOWAY (340) 626-0785</p>	<p>SUNDAY, June 24, 2012 Food Fair & Coronation 1 P.M. AT FRANKLIN A. POWELL, SR. PARK CONTACT PERSON: LEONA SMITH (340) 690-3692</p> <p>Boat Races 3 P.M. AT CRUZ BAY HARBOR CONTACT PERSON: SLIM (340) 771-2498</p> <p>FRIDAY, June 29, 2012 Festival Village Opening 7 P.M. AT CRUZ BAY PARKING LOT CONTACT PERSON: JANE JOHANNES (340) 776-6450</p> <p>SUNDAY, July 1, 2012 Festival Beach Jam 1 P.M. AT OPPENHEIMER BEACH CONTACT PERSON: LEONA SMITH (340) 690-3692</p> <p>TUESDAY, July 3, 2012 Cultural Day 3 P.M. AT FRANKLIN A. POWELL, SR. PARK CONTACT PERSON: ALECIA WELLS (340) 344-9166</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, July 4, 2012 Jouvert 4 A.M. AT ST. JOHN NATIONAL PARK</p> <p>Festival Parade 2012 11 A.M. AT ST. JOHN NATIONAL PARK CONTACT PERSON: NATALIE THOMAS (340) 690-1725</p> <p>Festival Fireworks Display 9 P.M. AT CRUZ BAY HARBOR CONTACT PERSON: MALINDA NELSON (340) 776-6492</p>
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A total of 44 students in grades two through 11 were awarded merit-based scholarships to be used toward 2012/13 school year tuition.

GHS Celebrates Student Excellence at Awards Ceremony

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morial Scholarship, Trayser Scholarship, The Giving Tree Foundation Scholarship and The Koonce Foundation Scholarship, Murrill explained.

The scholarships will be used toward 2012/2013 tuition, she added.

GHS strives to make education affordable for all St. John students, GHS head of school Judy Chamberlain told the crowd at last week's awards ceremony.

"GHS Scholarship Grants as well as our Tuition Assistance program have been developed so that tuition costs are not a barrier to motivated and talented students on St. John to pursue a high quality education," said Chamberlain. "Financial support for these grants comes from donations to the school's Annual Fund and Auction which total more than \$500,000 each year."

"It is an incredible compliment to GHS and you students that so many donors value our school's mis-

sion and accomplishments and want to help you — three future leaders of St. John — receive the best education you can," she said. "The reasons they give for their contributions come from you and the essays you wrote for the competition about why GHS is important to you."

GHS counts both business owners, part time residents and students' families among its donors, explained Chamberlain.

"Our donors include those with financial resources — large and small," said the GHS head of school. "They are winter residents, business owners, volunteers, grandparents, and parents. And, the donors also include you; 100 percent of the students and staff of Giff Hill School."

"Your own individual commitment and appreciation expressed in the thank you notes that you write are often cited as the most persuasive reason a donor gives to GHS," said Chamberlain.

USCG Seizes 1.4 Tons of Cocaine Off St. Croix

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"This interdiction is part of CBP's continued effort to work with fellow federal, state, local, and international partners to combat individuals and criminal organizations that pose a threat to our communities," said Johnny Morales, Director of Air Operations for CBP's Caribbean Air and Marine Branch.

"This massive seizure of 1.4 tons of cocaine is a clear indication of the hard work and dedication that

the DEA, the U.S. Coast Guard, Puerto Rico Police Department and Customs and Border Protection have in combining our resources," said Drug Enforcement Administration, Caribbean Division, Acting Special Agent in Charge Pedro Janer.

"We will continue to stop these groups who think they can smuggle narcotics into Puerto Rico with flagrant disregard of our enforcement capabilities and our laws," said Janer.

On the Market: Soak Up Sunsets from Decks of Colibri

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nightlife of Cruz Bay and not far from North Shore Road's alabaster beaches, is another one of the home's best features, explained Nash.

"One of the best features about Colibri is the neighborhood, it's quiet and conveniently located," she said. "Another great feature is the curb appeal of the nicely landscaped homes in the area with tropical blooms and of course the views; those amazing sunsets and watching all the boating activity."

Buyers looking for a proven rental property will not want to miss out on Colibri, Nash added.

"The ideal buyer would be someone who wants a vacation home which rents well in order to provide some income to maintain the home," said Nash.

Spend an evening watching the Caribbean sun melt into the horizon from the new Trex decking at Colibri and you'll surely be hooked.

For more information about Colibri call Nash at Islandia Real Estate at 776-666 or 642-2246.

Senator Barshinger Tells Rotary East Members How To Lower WAPA Rates

St. John Tradewinds

Senator at Large Craig Barshinger gave a two-part presentation on How to Get Off Fossil Fuels, Lower WAPA Rates, and increase Reliability. At Rotary Club of St. Thomas East on Wednesday, May 23, at Bolongo Bay Resort.

The first step Barshinger proposes is to develop the political will, which is the part which Rotarians can help with the most by urging the government to pay its bills. This lack of payment has caused the continuous deterioration of the territory's power system, explained Barshinger.

No money for maintenance means more and more break downs, he added.

The second part of political will is to eliminate illegal hook ups and slow meters. Barshinger noted that WAPA is currently billing about 85 percent of the power that it produces.

Phase one is to replace the generation units which would immediately reduce fuel consumption and make possible an effective alternative energy grid, such as in Germany and Hawaii.

Phase two is create a feed-in tariff, so that customers could effectively produce power via wind and solar, even diesel generators. Rotary East members were surprised to learn that there are only about 100 customers in the VI who are using net metering and that WAPA is trying to discourage it because their antiquated equipment makes it difficult to use.

Phase three is to develop an ongoing plan to increase the use of renewables such as geo-thermo off shore wind and possibly hydro to 40 to 50 percent of our energy usage. Political will is the first step and without it not much will change, Barshinger added.

2012 ADDY Awards Competition

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St. John Magazine debuted in 2007 — silvers and golds — however, to date, 14 Gold ADDY Awards hang on my office wall," said Nelson. "I have a special medal for winning at Districts and I also have the beautiful glass honorary Donald Plantz Award for Best of Print, which I won last year."

Being honored by fellow advertising and design professionals is a true honor, Nelson added.

"Winning silver at District last year as well as this year is incredible," she said. "I'm up against some of the largest agencies in Florida, some of which create marketing material for Disney World and Virgin Atlantic."

"*St. John Magazine* has been recognized as one of the most creative and beautiful magazines in the industry, and for that I am extremely proud," said Nelson. "It is a real honor to be so highly-recognized and awarded by the media and advertising industry."

While happily accepting accolades for her annual, over-sized, glossy keepsake publications, Nelson is quick to point out that she does not work alone.

"It's a team of great writers and photographers that create the

award-winning *St. John Magazine* each year," she said. "My role is to put it all together graphically and harmoniously. My collaboration with so many talented professionals is why MaLinda Media continues to have success."

Nelson also took the opportunity to thank the advertisers in *St. John Magazine* which allow her to put out such a quality publication.

"My advertisers are the backbone of *St. John Magazine*," said the publisher. "With their continued support, MaLinda Media will create the highest quality publication and promote St. John in the most beautiful and professional way possible."

Already at work on the next issue of *St. John Magazine*, Nelson is not about to rest on her laurels.

"Our 2013 edition is in the works and is sure to be another crowd pleaser," she said.

For more information about the ADDY Awards including a full list of winners, check out www.AdClubVI.org.

For more information about *St. John Magazine* or to advertise in the 2013 edition, which has a release date of mid-November, email info@stjohnmagazine.com or call 340-776-6496.

Police Log

Friday, May 18

3:38 p.m. - A St. Croix resident c/r an auto accident at Mongoose Junction. Auto accident.

6:30 p.m. - A citizen c/r an assault in Cruz Bay. Assault.

6:40 p.m. - A citizen p/requesting police assistance to retrieve his security deposit from his ex-landlord. Police assistance.

Saturday, May 19

12:03 a.m. - A citizen c/r loud music in the area of Coral Bay. Disturbance of the peace.

10:55 a.m. - Government of the Virgin Islands r/ that a resident requested assistance to retrieve his cellphone from his wife that he bought her as a gift. Police assistance.

1:13 p.m. - Central Dispatch c/r an auto accident on the barge ramp. Auto accident.

1:59 p.m. - Central Dispatch c/r a possible drowning at Leinster Bay. Drowning, D.O.A.

3:11 p.m. - A citizen c/r an auto accident in the area of Estate Fish Bay. Auto accident.

4:40 p.m. - An Estate Concordia resident c/r that someone burglarized his residence while he was off-island. Burglary in the third.

4:40 p.m. - An Estate Concordia resident c/r that an unknown male was on his property. Trespassing.

9:10 p.m. - An Estate Fish

Bay resident c/requesting police assistance to remove two males from her residence. Police assistance.

Sunday, May 20

10:00 a.m. - A visitor from MO p/r that his rental Jeep was struck while parked in Coral Bay. Auto collision.

11:38 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/requesting police assistance to witness water running from his rental apartment. Police assistance.

2:45 p.m. - A citizen c/r seeing a male who appeared to be intoxicated operating a vehicle. Police assistance.

Monday, May 21

12:11 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r that the business next to her is always playing loud music after 10 p.m. Disturbance of the peace.

10:30 a.m. - A St. Thomas resident p/requesting police assistance to request payment from her tenants. Police assistance.

6:26 p.m. - An Estate Hansen Bay resident p/r that a male punched him in the face. Aggravated assault and battery.

Tuesday, May 22

1:11 p.m. - A citizen c/r that a male and female were fighting in the area of St. Ursula's Church. Disturbance of the peace.

2:40 p.m. - A citizen p/r that she was involved in an auto accident in the area of East End.

Auto collision.

9:35 p.m. - An Estate Pastory resident c/r that someone was screaming. Disturbance of the peace.

Wednesday, May 23

3:21 p.m. - An Estate Glucksberg resident r/ that he was assaulted in Cruz Bay. Simple assault and battery.

5:14 p.m. - A citizen c/r that a male fainted in the area of Mongoose Junction. Police assistance.

7:55 p.m. - An Estate Hansen Bay resident c/r a burglary at his residence. Unlawful entry.

Thursday, May 24

2:00 p.m. - An Estate Pastory resident c/r a D.O.A. D.O.A..

2:17 p.m. - A citizen p/r that his dinghy and outboard motor were stolen from Chocolate Hole. Grand larceny.

3:13 p.m. - An Estate Glucksberg resident c/r that someone burglarized her home while she was off-island. Burglary in the third.

3:34 p.m. - A citizen p/r that she lost her passport. Lost documents.

5:50 p.m. - A citizen p/r that her vehicle was struck by another vehicle in the area of Maho Bay. Auto collision.

Friday, May 25

1:10 a.m. - A citizen c/requesting police assistance with a female in the area of Cruz Bay. Police assistance.

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

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Law Enforcement needs the community's help to solve the following crimes. If anyone knows something, they should say something, as crime cannot be kept under control crime without everyone working together. Even the smallest bit of information may be just what law enforcement needs to solve these cases.

During the morning of Friday, May 11, a tourist realized her cell phone was missing. She last had it at the Cruz Bay ferry ticket booth. The woman stated she was unable to find her phone when she went back to the Cruz Bay ferry booth. The cell phone is a silver iPhone 4 in a black rubber case; serial number 012418005468330. The minimum

reward for return of the phone is \$120.

Continue to help make the community a safer place to live by submitting information on these or any other crimes at www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org or by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). Tips are completely anonymous, and the stateside operators speak several languages.

If a tip leads to an arrest or the recovery of stolen property, illegal drugs, or weapons, tipsters will receive a cash reward to be paid according to their instructions. Only anonymous callers to Crime Stoppers are eligible for these cash rewards.

Crime Stoppers recently approved six rewards totaling \$4,900. Anyone submitted a tip, should check to see if they qualify for a reward.

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.

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 (CANCELED)

— Governor John deJongh has canceled the neighborhood meeting in Coral Bay that was scheduled for Tuesday, May 29, from 6 to 8 p.m. The meeting will likely be rescheduled for June.

Saturday, June 2

Friends will gather at Skinny Legs on Saturday, June 2, at 5 p.m. to celebrate the life of Steve Levin. Friends are invited to bring their favorite Steve stories and photos to share. Come out and dance to some of Steve's favorite songs played by the band Ish. A fundraiser to help Irene Levin is also in the works.

Sunday, June 3 and Tuesday, June 5

St. John School of the Arts will present its end of the year recitals in June. On Sunday, June 3, at 4 p.m. at SJSA (Frank Hall), students will be presenting a music recital in piano, keyboard, drumming, guitar, violin and voice. On Tuesday, June 5, at 5:30 p.m. at the Westin Resort and Villas ballroom, students will be presenting a dance, tumbling and theatre recital. Art work from the art students will be on display at both events. The public is welcome to attend.

Thursday, June 14

— Giffit Hill School's graduation ceremony for the Class of 2012, is set for Thursday, June 14, at 5:30 p.m. at 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 Beach and last year's winner is already talking smack.

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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OOH, BABY!

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- 1 Singer Bette
- 7 Old name for the Congo
- 12 Miles — gallon
- 15 Spill the secret
- 19 Room recess
- 20 Dressed for Halloween
- 22 "The — of the Ancient Mariner"
- 23 Acquired a forbidden thing?
- 25 French clergyman
- 26 S&L part
- 27 Peddle
- 28 Waterways
- 30 Send in, as a check
- 34 Bolt out of a seating tier?
- 36 City in SW California
- 41 Gillette razor brand
- 43 Joel or Ethan of film
- 44 Silly — goose
- 45 Knockoff merchandise items?
- 49 Three-screen cinema
- 51 Hypnotized states
- 52 "ER" actor La Salle
- 53 Russia's Alexis I, e.g.
- 54 Body of a cell
- 55 Actor Hunter
- 58 Chopin challenge
- 60 Port in Norway
- 64 Stopper
- 67 Refrigerated nut that can chip a tooth?
- 71 Rightful
- 73 "Tutti —"
- 75 The "E" of S.E. Hinton
- 76 Wedded
- 77 Smash hit that's not performed outside?

- 80 Grammy winner India.—
- 82 Ukraine's capital
- 83 Remove a curse from
- 84 Streets: Abbr.
- 86 Trim down
- 89 Gorbachev's empire
- 92 American mail org.
- 94 Secretary of State Clinton
- 97 Start spasming, as a muscle
- 100 Say "It's so foolish to play cards"?
- 103 Trouble
- 104 Lincoln and Beame
- 106 Fly like a vulture
- 107 Like a firstborn child
- 108 Wading bird barbecued on a rotating rod?
- 112 Last Greek vowel
- 114 Audible breather
- 115 Start of a magician's cry
- 117 Sign of the future
- 123 — time flat
- 124 "Vacation on this marshy inlet on credit"?
- 129 Former Navajo foes
- 130 Italian range
- 131 Propelling a boat manually
- 132 Blister, e.g.
- 133 "Weekend Edition" aier
- 134 Rub it in
- 135 Fuses

- 7 Nada
- 8 Pantry crawler
- 9 Freud's "I"
- 10 Richard and Jane in court
- 11 Actor Will
- 12 Part of PBS
- 13 Subgenre of punk rock
- 14 Arranges differently
- 15 "Great job!"
- 16 Progressive
- 17 "The Devil's Dictionary" author Bierce
- 18 "None of your —!"
- 21 Verbalize
- 24 Put to work
- 29 Ancient Aegean land
- 31 — Zedong
- 32 "— be nice if ..."
- 33 Loyal
- 35 Certain finished lowercase letter
- 36 CPR givers, sometimes
- 37 Prefix with 90-Down
- 38 Cattle rush
- 39 Like most music
- 40 Site: Abbr.
- 42 Having lots of land
- 46 U leaders?
- 47 10% giver
- 48 Filth and misery
- 50 Big-leaguers
- 56 Follow, as an impulse
- 57 Bungle
- 59 "The Mystery of Edwin —"
- 61 Sneaker securer
- 62 Deighton of fiction writing
- 63 Pile up debt
- 65 Sci-fi saucer
- 66 Cur's noise
- 68 "This way"
- 69 Stars and Bars org.

- 70 — Lingus
- 71 Browne who created Hägar
- 72 Quadri- minus three
- 74 One taking something forcibly
- 78 Egg, to Ovid
- 79 Old Montreal ball club
- 81 Stranded on land in the sea
- 85 "— 'nuff!"
- 87 Riles
- 88 Hit PC game
- 90 "The final frontier"
- 91 Like outlying districts
- 93 "Scram!"
- 95 "Amen, bro!"
- 96 "Bad" cholesterol, briefly
- 97 — Clay (Muhammad Ali, once)
- 98 Lambaste
- 99 One who straightens
- 101 Grier of film
- 102 Refined find
- 105 Assassin
- 109 Just one of — things
- 110 Black, to Poe
- 111 Twisted forcibly
- 113 A student's pride: Abbr.
- 116 Blue dye
- 118 Ardor
- 119 Hindu dress
- 120 On the job
- 121 Actor Wilder
- 122 Physicists' work units
- 125 Smartphone extra
- 126 "Bed-in" stager Yoko
- 127 "Aren't — pair?"
- 128 Seattle hrs.

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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, & office. **\$2.25M.**



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Estate Freemans Ground - Just a bit before Shipwreck Landing, this unique property is just across the road from the waters of Coral Bay and has beautiful views of boats anchored in Johnson Bay as well as to the East End and Norman Island. The hard part is done with a 2 story guest house nearly finished and concrete poured for the foundation of a 4 bedroom main house with 2 pools. Cool breezes and sun & moon rises. Perfect for a contractor to live in while finishing the project. **\$959,000**



"Villa Hibiscus"- All masonry construction on a large corner lot in Estate Chocolate Hole just 1.5 miles from Cruz Bay dock on paved roads. Deeded beach rights to Hart Bay and Chocolate Hole Bay and plenty of flat parking. Successful short term rental with two private units, separate storage building, plus big work shop/home office space below with separate drive way. Live in one unit and rent the other or rent them both. **\$895,000.**



"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. **\$1.199M**



"Limin' Time" - The perfect Caribbean cottage with a sandy pocket beach on Great Cruz Bay and a very large pool & deck. Completely redesigned and refurbished in 2009, Limin' Time is better than new with new high end fixtures, furnishings and new pool with the perfect location in this well established neighborhood. Keep your yacht moored within sight and just pull your dinghy up on the beach. Swim and snorkel without driving. **\$1.569M.**



"Glucksberg Gazebo"- a wooded lot with large trees and a nifty large gazebo type structure with hip roof with 12 volt solar panel, screened walls and sturdy floor. This is a great spot for gardening and growing orchids. All wood components are pressure treated, rafters are oversized 2 x 12, all joints & footers are lag bolted and Hurricane ties at the rafters. **\$129,500.**



"Boatman Point Waterfront" - Stunning easterly facing parcel with wonderful breezes, soothing sounds of the waves and breathtaking sun & moon rises. Spectacular homesite on a downhill build with topo included. The shoreline is a mix of cobble beach & rock face, with great snorkeling. 175 feet of frontage at a fantastic price. **\$730,000**

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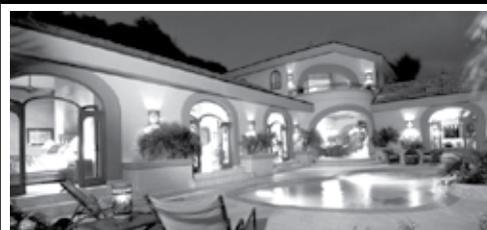
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Solar Comes of Age in the Virgin Islands

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Over the past year, Virgin Islands residents, businesses and government facilities have been going solar like never before.

The federally-funded Energy Office grants which helped fund many solar energy projects are no longer available. But even without rebates, some solar photovoltaic (PV) dealers in the Virgin Islands report that business remains brisk and residents continue to call and ask how they can get PV systems installed at their homes.

The economics of having a PV system in the Virgin Islands are looking better and better as fossil fuel becomes more costly. After all, once the system is paid for, the power generated is pretty well free.

While the initial investment remains a problem for some, the amount of up-front capital needed to go solar has gotten smaller since the initiation of the net-metering program in the territory a little over five years ago.

Also the announcement of the closing of HOVENSA has sparked additional interest in alternative energy.

"We have seen a quadrupling of monthly sales since the January announcement that HOVENSA would be closing," said Kelly Gloger, Managing Partner, Solar Delivered Gary Udhwani, CEO of Eco Innovations, agreed.

"Systems have come down so much in price that the rebate does not make any difference anymore," he said.

Udhwani added that he believes the rebate program was to get the solar business off the ground and that it accom-

plished that.

Instead of buying batteries for storage, residents in the net metering program can send excess power to the V.I. Water and Power Authority and retrieve it when they need it — essentially using WAPA as their battery.

About 100 residents are now taking part in the net-metering program. The program is limited to 20-kilowatt (kW) systems for residential customers and 100-kW systems for commercial customers. In the aggregate, WAPA is allowing net-metering systems to total five megawatts (MW) on St. Croix and 10 MW on St. Thomas.

WAPA must set limits on renewable generation because of the need to maintain the stability of the power distribution system as increasing levels of renewables are brought online.

Unlike traditional sources of energy, which are constantly available or "dispatchable," wind and solar resources are intermittent in nature. So when the wind doesn't blow or the sun doesn't shine, keeping the lights on becomes more of a challenge — especially for small island grids.

Presently, those five MW and 10 MW limits seem a long way off, but they may well become a concern for WAPA in a year or two. Just six years ago, the Nature Conservancy's 7.9-kW PV system in Little Princess on St. Croix was recognized as the largest in the Virgin Islands. Now, it is not even close. Installation of systems larger than 8 kilowatts have become weekly events in the islands.

Something else new is that residents, with just a couple

clicks of the mouse, can get real-time data on how PV systems are producing in the Virgin Islands. The Energy Office has a webpage that provides links to pages providing that information. The webpage is located at www.vienergy.org/AAenergy/pages/solar%20power.html

For people who want to know how much power is produced by the largest PV system in the islands, the one at the Cyril E. King Airport on St. Thomas, they can go to <http://www.alsoenergy.com/satcon/PowerLobby.aspx?sid=26542&source=Satcon&lang=en-US>. This system is estimated to produce enough electricity to save the V.I. Port Authority roughly \$900 a day on its WAPA bill. Rough calculation, shows the system producing about 644,000 kWh's per year.

The Montessori Academy on St. Thomas has a website that incorporates the data from its PV systems into a learning tool. It can be found at <http://www.vimsia.org/Home/green-school/solar-4-schools>

Students at the St. Croix Educational Complex will have such a tool available to them when they return to classes in the Fall. One World Sustainable is donating a one-kW PV system and will be installing it at the school this summer.

Although wind energy market has not taken off as quickly as the solar market in the Virgin Islands, it too has seen growth, and there is a site where residents can get real-time data on an active wind project. The data comes from the turbine installed at the St. Croix Reformed Church.

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<p>"WINDCHIME" is a very private 1.4 ac. estate set high atop Giffit Hill. Dramatic views to the east w/ spectacular breezes and sunrises. This 3 bdrm villa has room to expand with an oversized pool facing the terrific view.</p> <p>\$1,419,000</p>	<p>"WHALE WATCH" - Enjoy pristine East End in this lovely, 2 bedroom villa with big water views. Downstairs apartment offers additional living & income space. Hear the sound of the waves lapping below.</p> <p>\$1,275,000</p>	<p>"WILD ORCHID VILLA" in Skytop features privacy and amazing 270° panoramic views! Flexible floorplan 4 bdrm, 2 level villa is custom crafted in exotic hardwoods & stonework. Awesome sunrises! Beautiful sunsets! Cool breezes!</p> <p>\$980,000</p>	<p>"SAGO COTTAGE" adorable Caribbean style masonry cottage with wonderful island views and great rental history.</p> <p>\$975,000</p>	<p>"KABEJ PATCH" Caribbean style 5 bdrm pool villa, in a quiet, breezy location in desirable Chocolate Hole. Beautifully finished Brazilian hardwood home w/ stone accents is charming! Walk to beach. Excellent short term rental or private residence.</p> <p>\$880,000</p>	<p>"TREE HOUSE" offers spectacular views from Upper Carolina's ridge top. This gentle parcel features a 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home which is bordered by National Park.</p> <p>\$685,000</p>
<p>"FISH BAY" 4X2 INCREDIBLE VALUE! Huge panoramic views and a quiet, private, breezy location that borders Nature Conservancy property make this home a must see!</p> <p>\$535,000</p>	<p>"BEST BUY MUST SELL!" Newer masonry Flanagan's Passage income producing 2x2 with flexible floor plan, spectacular water views to BVIs, easterly breezes and end of road privacy!</p> <p>\$425,000</p>	<p>"COMFORTABLE CAROLINA COTTAGE" offers open floor plan & views of historic sugar mill with room to expand this well-maintained home that features 2 parcels. Close to Coral Bay shopping and services.</p> <p>\$285,000</p>	<p>"OWN A MONTH IN A LUXURY HOME" Choose a 3 BR 3.5 BA or a 4 BR 4.5 BA villa in upscale Virgin Grand Estates. These 3,000 sq ft villas feature STT & sunset views, pool, AC & more.</p> <p>Priced from \$65,000</p>	<p>"LAVENDER HILL" Luxurious 1 bedroom unit adjacent to pool with 2 decks. Walk to beach and town. Handsomely furnished, immaculately maintained, excellent rental management.</p> <p>\$500,000</p>	<p>"CONCH VILLAS": Why pay rent? Opportunity to own a 2br, 1ba &/or a 1br, 1ba condo close to Cruz Bay! Purchase one for yourself and stop throwing money away on rent or purchase both for additional income.</p> <p>\$185,000 & \$210,000</p>

<p>ESTATE MANDAHIL \$85,000</p> <p>ESTATE CAROLINA from \$115,000</p> <p>CONCORDIA PRESERVE from \$275,000</p> <p>DREEKETS BAY hillside & WATERFRONT from \$300,000</p>	<p>PRIVATEER BAY/HANSEN BAY hillside & WATERFRONT from \$169,000</p> <p>SABA BAY 19 ac. WATERFRONT \$9,990,000</p> <p>PETER BAY/NORTHSHORE from \$1,500,000</p> <p>LOVANGO CAY WATERFRONT South shore from \$285,000</p>	<p>MOTIVATED SELLERS!!</p> <p>UPPER MONTE BAY hillside from \$799,000</p> <p>BOATMAN PT./RENDEZVOUS WATERFRONT \$825,000</p> <p>VIRGIN GRAND ESTATES from \$499,000</p> <p>CHOCOLATE HOLE from \$195,000</p>	<p>SOME SELLER FINANCING!!</p> <p>SAUNDERS GUT two WATERFRONT lots \$345,000 each</p> <p>ALSO</p> <p>WESTIN TIMESHARES from \$3,750 per week</p> <p>ONE MONTH FRACTIONALS FROM \$69,000</p>
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2012 WAGAPALOOZA CATEGORY WINNERS

- Best Costume - Taliah - owner Crystal Allen
- Best Old Timer - Mantra - owner Hieu Nguyen
- Best Puppy - Lulu - owner Grace Hurdin
- Best Rescue Dog - Roxy - owner Diana Ripley
- Best Jr. Handler - Latoya
- owner Charlie Palminteri
- Best Adult Handler - Magnolia
- owner Diana Ripley
- Gambler's Choice - Woody
- shown by Viky Becker
- Best Look Alike - Chloe - owner Kevin Likens
- Best Trick - Cora - owner Bradford Leonard
- Babe award - Buster
- Waga King - Woody
- Waga Queen - Taliah

Volunteers Raise \$20K for Animal Care Center

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"We had a few new categories this year with the intention of having dogs do more than just walk around in a circle to be named best barker," Furlong said. "We wanted the dogs and owners to be a little more active and show off a little skill."

New categories included Best Junior Handler and Best Adult Handler, with contestants being tasked with having their dogs sit, stay, come and shake hands.

"The handler category was definitely one of the fan favorites," said Furlong. "A lot of people enjoyed watching the handlers and the dogs show off their skills."

Gambler's Choice, which had dogs traverse an agility course with hoops, a teeter-totter and more, was another new category in the 12th annual Waga.

Judges, which included Cid Hamling, Dan Boyd, Dr. Laura Palminteri, Janet Simonsen and Akhil Deshwal, had no easy task in determining this year's slate of winners and Waga King and Queen.

Despite all of the hard work and long hours, Furlong enjoyed organizing the event and promised to be back in a leadership role next year.

"It was a lot of fun," she said. "It was a big learning curve, but in the end everyone had a great time and we raised a good deal of money for the ACC. I'll definitely be back next year."



Best Look Alike



Best Old Timer



Best Puppy



Best Rescue Dog



Agility Course



Yoda and Princess Leah



Best Trick