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Get ready Love City!

The third annual St. John Chaotic Kayak Race to benefit Team River Runner's Love City program is set for Sunday, July 28, at 12 p.m. at Oppenheimer Beach

Teams of three, two paddlers and one "water gunner," will go head to head in several heats, trying to wrestle the Golden Paddle Award for first place away from two-time winner Arawak Adventures.

For the first time this year, the event will also feature a Stand Up Paddle board race. SUP racers just need to show up at the beach with their own boards and be ready to race for an entry fee of \$25.

Even for people not racing this year, Oppenheimer Beach will be the place to be on July 28. Come out and enjoy the best beach party on island and support Team River Runner's St. John trip.

One-hundred percent of the proceeds raised through the Chaotic Kayak Race will pay to bring wounded veterans to St. John in November for a week of health and healing through adaptive kayak sports.

For more information or to donate to the event, check out www.stjohnchaotickayak.com.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo Courtesy St. John Chaotic Kayak

This trophy for the top SUP finisher is up for grabs for the first time this year.

Long-time Attorney Nancy D'Anna Dies

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Longtime St. John attorney Nancy D'Anna died Thursday, July 18, while being transported to Roy Schneider Hospital on St. Thomas.

Attorney D'Anna told friends she had recently been ill with pneumonia and left her office Wednesday afternoon to rest at home. She was transported to St. Thomas Hospital by ambulance

boat Wednesday night and died en route, according to unofficial reports.

Atty. D'Anna had practiced on St. John for more than 20 years and handled a wide variety of cases for numerous island residents. She was known on the island for her love of her horses.

No information was available on funeral arrangements as of Sunday, July 21.

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Volunteers Needed To Remove Signs

Coral Bay Community Council officials are looking for volunteers this month to help remove all the remaining signs and sign posts from the NOAA – ARRA stormwater projects.

The group will reuse the posts for fence posts and sign posts at the wetlands corner park in Coral Bay. Residents are asked to bring the posts and still usable signs to the CBCC parking lot and office by July 31. For more information on how to help call CBCC at 776-2099.

VIPA's Cruz Bay Lot Closed This Week

The V.I. Port Authority announced last week that the parking lot adjacent to the U.S. Customs facility in Cruz Bay will be closed from Tuesday, July 23, through Wednesday, July 24, for striping.

The parking lot will re-open on Thursday, July 25. VIPA Executive Director Carlton Dowe apologized for any inconveniences this may cause the traveling public.

JFLI Fundraiser Set for July 27th

John's Folly Learning Institute Summer Program is hosting a delicious fund raiser on Saturday, July 27, starting at noon.

Come on out and enjoy roast pork, baked chicken and fried grouper along with all the sides including macaroni and cheese, fried plantains and more. Punch and dessert is included with each meal

Proceeds from the fundraiser will benefit JFLI's planned trip to Ghana. For more information call 775-9594 or check out the website at www.johnsfolly.org. See you there!

CBCC "Next Steps" Meeting July 29th

Coral Bay Community Council is hosting an AIA workshop follow-up meeting on Monday, July 29, at 6 p.m. in room six at Guy Benjamin School.

At the meeting, residents will discuss "Next Steps" based on the presentation of the American Institute of Architects and community concerns from the May workshop which included more than 120 Coral Bay residents and property owners.

The Coral Bay Vision survey results, available at http://sdrv.ms/13Tvo4K, will also be discussed. CBCC officials will also form a Steering Committee of residents to lead those "Next Steps."

ACC's Flea Market Set for October 19th

"No Fleas, Please," the St. John Animal Care Center's annual flea market, will be Saturday, October 19, at the Winston Wells ball field from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Donated wares are now being accepted. Call the shelter at 774-1625 for information about pickup of furniture and volunteering to help with setting up the fair.

"How To Apply" Grant Workshop Set

Virgin Islands Council on the Arts is conducting a series of "How to Apply" workshops for the August 31 grant submission deadline

Information on project and budget development will be discussed in detail. First time applicants are encouraged to attend.

On St. Thomas the workshop will be at VICA's office on July 26 at 5:30 p.m.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

V.I. Environmental Resource Station Eco-campers take a break from identifying fish and other sea life at Great Lameshur bay, above.

Students Learn About Environment and More at VIERS Camps

By Jaime Elliott St. John Tradewinds

Summertime on St. John means being able to find a parking spot in Cruz Bay, quiet beaches, warm water and time for local kids to enjoy camp at the V.I. Environmental Resource Station in Lameshur Bay.

Last week a group of seven- to 12-year-olds were busy identifying the abundance of sea life at Great Lameshur Bay at a VIERS eco-camp.

"We've seen lobsters and snails, sea anemones and sea cumbers," said camper Seala Matthias, a re"This year we're focusing on mangroves and mangrove habitat exploration. Mangroves are such important habitats for all kinds of fish and corals, and there is so much to learn. The kids have really been enjoying it."

- VIERS manager Randy Fish

cent Guy Benjamin School graduate. "We've seen eels and corals and all kinds of fish."

Some eco-campers were wading through shallow water just off

shore while others were picking their way along the rocks at Great Lameshur Bay, looking for fish and other sea life

The students were also set to

enjoy time swimming at Little Lameshur Beach and working in VIERS' wet lab during their twonight, three-day camp.

"This year we're focusing on mangroves and mangrove habitat exploration," said VIERS manager Randy Fish. "Mangroves are such important habitats for all kinds of fish and corals, and there is so much to learn. The kids have really been enjoying it."

VIERS officials hosted four three-day eco-camps, which were all free for students, and paid for by Friends of V.I. National Park.

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Officials Suspect Arson in VINP Vehicle Damage

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On Sunday night, July 14, around 10 p.m. Virgin Islands National Park Rangers, V.I. Fire Department officials and V.I. Police Department officers responded to a report of a fire at the park maintenance yard in Cruz Bay.

Upon arriving, the agencies

found three National Park Service vehicles engulfed in flames. All three vehicles were destroyed in the fire with damages amounting to approximately \$90,000.

The cause of the fire is believed to be arson related with suspects still being identified. The incident is still currently under investigation by the VINP, VIPD, VIFS and Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The loss of these three vehicles is impacting daily maintenance operations at VINP as well as Youth Conservation Corps' summer trails program since the vehicles were used to transport local students to and from work locations.

VINP officials are asking anyone with information about this crime to please contact the Chief Ranger's Office at (340) 776-6201 ext. 228 or 254. Anyone with information can also contact Crime Stoppers V.I. at 1-800-222-8477; and the tipster will remain confidential.

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St. John Cancer Fund Marks One Year

Non profit awarded almost \$16,000 to cancer patients in first year

By Jaime Elliott St. John Tradewinds

When a group of nine St. John residents saw some dire needs of local cancer patients not being met, they decided to form their own non-profit to help pay for rent, cover medication costs and more.

On Monday, July 15, the St. John Cancer Fund marked its first birthday and during those 12 months — thanks to five main fundraisers — the group was able to assist 10 residents with everything from helping with groceries and rent to covering transportation and medication costs, doling out a total of \$15,780.95 in assistance.

"I can't believe it's been a year already," said Phillip "Grasshopper" Pickering, a founding member of St. John Cancer Fund. "The year really flew by."

The fund itself is managed by the Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands, which charges no administration fees. When a resident needs help, all they have to do is file a request with a St. John Cancer Fund board member. That person forwards the now anonymous request to a five person Advisory Board, which acts on the request, explained St. John Cancer Fund founding member Mary Bartolucci.

"The Advisory Board approves or denies the request and they've never turned down anyone," she said.

Once the Advisory Board approves the request, Bartolucci sends the request to CFVI, which cuts a check for the cancer patient in need within 24 hours, she explained.

St. John Cancer Fund's assistance for residents in need is only restricted by how much money is in its coffers, explained Cynthia Smith, another founding member of the group.

"What is great about the fund is that we're not restricted at all as to how we can



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Four of the nine founding members of St. John Cancer Fund (L to R) Adonis Morton, Cynthia Smith, Phillip "Grasshopper" Pickering and Mary Bartolucci.

help," said Smith. "We can cover the costs of groceries or back rent or help pay for gas for someone. We have to cap the assistance we give people only based on the amount of money we have to give."

Currently residents can apply for up to \$1,500 in assistance from St. John Cancer Fund each fiscal year and members want to be able to increase that number, by a lot, explained founding member Adonis Morton.

"We'd love to give people more money but to do that we have to raise more money and get the word out about what we do," said Morton. "I think once people understand that we are here to give them help, and unrestricted help, more people will step up and support us."

"We'd love to raise that cap to \$3,500 or

more, but to do that we need more funds," said Bartolucci.

Several local groups and organizations already do support the St. John Cancer Fund. Some People on St. John hosted a Golf Outing fundraiser at Mahogany Run in October for the group and organizers are planning a similar event this year.

October also saw Woody's Seafood Saloon's annual block party which also supported St. John Cancer Fund. While Woody's has since been sold, the new owners have pledged their continued support of St. John Cancer Fund, according to Bartolucci.

Other events which supported St. John Cancer Fund last year included a Dinghy Run poker game hosted by High Tide and a post 8 Tuff Miles beach party at Oppenheimer Beach in February.

St. John Cancer Fund members also raised money at the St. John July Fourth Festival Parade in Cruz Bay, where they sold food, drinks and T-shirts from a table in Franklin Powell Park. The table was sponsored by Woody's and The Tap Room and while the group raised several hundred dollars during Festival, they also spread the word about their work, Smith explained.

"We had so many cancer survivors come up and share their stories with us," she said. "I think we really got our name out there to people who didn't know that much about us or what we do."

While St. John Cancer Fund members celebrated one year of successfully helping cancer patients, they each hoped to be able to do more in the coming year.

"I am really excited to be a part of this and I think our level of participation so far has been great," said Morton. "But I would like to see a lot more outreach and a lot more hands-on help from the community. This whole group is about the community being their for the community and we need that support."

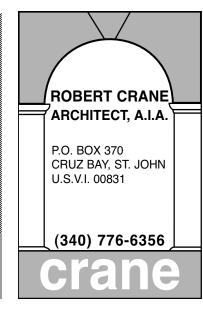
With many residents on St. John lacking health insurance, the fund can really have an impact on someone's life, Morton added.

"There are a lot of people on St. John who are self-employed and don't have health insurance," he said. "There is a lot of need out there for this kind of help. This makes a definite impact on people's lives; you can see it."

Smith enjoyed being part of the group because it actually makes a difference in people's lives, she explained.

"It's all about making people feel better," said Smith. "It's about helping them get to a better place."









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Playground equipment has been ordered and should be shipped in early August as renovations are just about complete at the Pine Peace basketball court, above.

Pine Peace Basketball Court Renovations Nearing Completion

By Jaime Elliott St. John Tradewinds

Thanks to community support and government cooperation, renovations to the island's sole basket-ball court, located in Estate Pine Peace, are just about complete.

A \$386,000 government allocation was awarded to Stone Mason Construction which covered the costs of tearing up the old court, installing extensive drainage to fix the frequently flooded area, pouring a new court, renovating the bathrooms, installing new fencing and lighting and seeding the area.

In order to complete the project, however, additional funds were needed to cover costs for bleachers, bleacher covers, a scoreboard and playground equipment. Community activists Alice Krall and Nedra Ephraim appealed to businesses and residents to help fill that gap and the two were able to raise a total of \$50,000 which covered the cost of the entire project.

"We had raised \$42,000 and just needed a bit more in order to order the last of the playground equipment," said Krall. "With our last push we were able to raise \$8,000 and that covered everything that we needed."

All of the playground equipment for the Pine Peace basketball court is en route to Miami, from where it will be shipped to the Virgin Islands in early August, Krall explained. "We know it's kind of impossible to keep kids from playing there, but we're trying to get the grass to grow. There is police tape around the area so hopefully people will stay off."

- Allice Krall, community activit

"Two pieces of equipment are already there and everything else is on its way to Miami," she said. "We're hoping to ship everything together in a container on August 8 from Miami. It will take three days to get here and then we'll get to work on putting it all together and in place."

The main renovations by Stone Masonry are already complete and the contractor is helping to make sure recently planted grass in the area continues to thrive, Krall added.

"Stone Mason finished their part of the project and they actually did a lot with the grassy area there too," Krall said. "It was just dirt and they cleaned it and seeded it and donated a nice underground irrigation

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New Love City Sticker Helps Support St. John Cancer Fund

By Jaime Elliott St. John Tradewinds

Gregg Bernstein has been spending time on St. John for more than a decade, but this time he's here to stay.

With close ties to the island and one resident who passed away, the native New Yorker decided to give back to the community.

"I've been back and forth to St. John since 2000," said Bernstein. "I've spent several summers here in the past and I finally decided that this is the place I want to be "

Working with a graphic designer friend, Bernstein recently created a new sticker depicting the outline of St. John with a big red heart in the middle. He will donate a portion of the sale of each sticker to St. John Cancer Fund.

"I always wanted to do something for the community," he said. "I wanted to do something to give back. I didn't want to just come back and be another person in the mix."

"I lost my mother and my grandmother to cancer and I think just about everyone has been affected by cancer in some way," said Bernstein.

While he knew he wanted to help the St. John community in



Gregg Bernstein, left, who is supporting the St. John Cancer Fund is pictured with Mary Bartolucci, a member of the organization.

some way, Bernstein was also inspired by his college friend Kristi Hansen, who passed away last

"Kristi and I were good friends and we both stepped foot on St. John for the first time together," he said. "This sticker is also in her name. I think it's a nice memory of her and will help to keep her legacy alive."

Bernstein donates a portion of all wholesale funds on his end to

St. John Cancer Fund and also asks the retailer to donate a portion of their profits to the group as well, he explained.

"It's kind of like a double donation," he said.

Bernstein's stickers, which retail for \$3, are available at Connections in Cruz Bay, Pink Papaya, Papaya Cafe and Chelsea Drug Store in The Marketplace, and soon will be also be for sale at Low Key Watersports.

Happy Birthday JJ



Friends gathered at JJ's Texas Coast Cafe in Cruz Bay last week to wish owner JJ a very happy birthday! The long-time St. John business owner enjoyed cake and even blew out a few candles at the party. Happy Birthday JJ!

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IGBA founding member Doug White, above and at left, leads a tour of construction sites during the group's green construction seminar last week.

IGBA Seminar Focuses on Green Construction in the Virgin Islands

By Jaime Elliott St. John Tradewinds

Almost 40 people attended an Island Green Building Association Green Construction Seminar on Tuesday, July 16, on St. John.

The free seminar, hosted by IGBA in conjunction with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, drew government officials, architects and more, explained IGBA president William Willegerod.

"There was a great range in our attendees," said Willegerod. "There were appraisers and architects and the Coral Bay Com-

munity Council was represented, but also a number of people from the Department of Planning and Natural Resources from St. Thomas and even St. Croix. It was very well attended; it was actually over-booked."

A total of 36 attendees had the chance to learn about the realities of "going green" in the USVI. The group gathered at the University of the Virgin Islands St. John annex in The Marketplace on Tuesday morning and heard from IGBA founding member and board member Doug White and local plant ecologist Gary Ray.

"Doug White talked about our Tropical

Green Certification checklist," said Willegerod. "He explained to all the people present, item by item, what is involved in going green here so that people can do more to make their own residences more sustain-

Following White's presentation, Gary Ray shared some of his extensive knowledge about native plant species with the group, Willegerod added.

Department of Planning and Natural Resources St. John Coastal Zone Management coordinator David Rosa led the group on a tour of three construction sites on St. John,

according to Willegerod.

"The first site we visited was a new construction in Estate Chocolate Hole where the IGBA seminar group learned about sustainable techniques and we got to see how these ideas were put into practice," he said.

The group also toured two sites in Estate Peter Bay where waste water treatments and erosion control measures were highlighted, Willegerod explained.

All attendees also received valuable incentives from the St. John green building group, Willegerod added.

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Technical Malfunction Causes Siren Alert

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A technical malfunction caused the tsunami siren in the Lindberg Bay area of St. Thomas to activate at about 3:45 p.m. Wednesday, July 17.

VITEMA advised the public that there is no need for alarm. No warning has been issued for the Virgin Islands.

Senators Seek Public Input on HOVENSA Agreement at Public Meetings, via Email

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Senate President Shawn-Michael Malone has placed the complete text of the proposed HOVENSA agreement online for public review and established a special email address for comments and testimony.

Senators will vote on the proposed agreement on August 7.

"Given the critical economic importance of the HOVENSA refinery to our territory it is essential that residents have maximum opportunity to review and comment on this proposal," Malone said. "I look forward to hearing from the public and to reviewing this important document in detail."

The Fourth Amendment Agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands and HOVENSA covers the potential sale of the refinery and will allow it to continue to operate as an oil storage terminal during the sale process.

Senators, who received a copy of the proposal last week, must approve this agreement in order for any sale to move forward.

Malone established a special email account for comments and testimony related to the HOVENSA agreement. Emails may be sent to: HovensaAgreement@legvi.org. In order for emails to be part of the official record, residents must include their full names, addresses and contact information.

The public is also invited to testify at or attend public hearings on the agreement set to begin at 1 p.m. July 22 on St. Croix and 5 p.m. July 23 on St. Thomas. Testifiers may sign up in advance by calling Ms. Hobson on St. Thomas at 693-3723.

"We are doing everything possible to maximize the public's role in this process," Malone said. "The closure of HOVENSA with little or no warning was economically devastating and it is my hope that we can find a reasonable way to resume operations through a new owner at least until such time as we can further diversify our economy."

"The refinery's closure has clearly demonstrated our need to expand tourism and create new jobs in technology and agriculture on St. Croix," said the Senate President. "I also continue to see the big island's potential as a cargo trans-shipment port."



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Honored by VINP for Service. Pictured (L to R) back row: Colleen Caines, Evin Samuel, Golda Hermon. (L to R) front row: Paul Jones, Ina Duncan, Deanna Somerville, Janice Williams.

VINP Recognizes Employees for Length of Service Awards

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Virgin Islands National Park and Coral Reef National Monument Superintendent Brion Fitzgerald recently recognized 13 employees of the park by presenting "Length of Service" certificates.

The certificates were presented for Length of Service in five-year increments.

Both Evin Samuel and Peter Hassen received certificates for five years of service. Employees receiving 10-year certificates were Johney Leon, Franklin Smith and Paul Jones; 15-year certificates went to Colleen Caines, Deanna Somerville and Janice Wil-

liams; 20-year certificates were presented to Glen Sprauve and Monique Rogers-Clarke. VINP Archeologist Ken Wild Jr. received a 30-year certificate and Ina Duncan received a 40-year certificate.

"We appreciate the dedication and commitment of these employees in their efforts to further the mission of the National Park Service," VINP Superintendent Fitzgerald said. "Their continued dedication makes Virgin Islands National Park the special place that it is"

For more information contact Paul Thomas at (340) 776-6201, ext. 252.



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A portion of one of the grants will be used to test soil near the main Coral Bay dumpsters, at left, to look for contaminants.

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CBCC Receives \$272,100 in Two **USDA Grants To Study Solid Waste** and Wastewater Treatment

By Jaime Elliott St. John Tradewinds

Coral Bay Community Council was recently awarded \$272,100 in grant funding from the United States Department of Agriculture, Delegate to Congress Donna Christensen announced last week.

This USDA funding is for two different programs. The first, in the amount of \$182,100, is from the department's Technical Assistance Training Grant program to conduct portable water and wastewater capacity analysis for identifying solutions to potable water delivery and wastewater management in the area.

"Basically we are going to be inventorying potable water and waste water in Coral Bay and forecasting future demands," said CBCC environmental project manager Tricia Reed. "We're going to be seeing what options are viable for Coral Bay's potable and waste water treatment needs. The answer could that it stays the same and people use cisterns tanks and private septic systems, but maybe there will be other options."

"Essentially, we're going to use the grant to hire experts in the field who are going to assist us with this," said Reed.

The second grant is in the amount of \$90,000 from USDA's Solid Waste Management Grant program to analyze the management of solid waste in Coral Bay and investigate the effect that dumpster use has on Coral Bay's water resources.

"We're absolutely going to be looking at relocating the dumpsters. The second part of the solid waste grant will be looking at a human health and ecological risk assessment on the dumpsters."

> - Tricia Reed CBCC environmental project manager

"There are two things going on with the solid waste management grants," said Reed. "One is the development of an integrated solid waste management plan. That starts with an inventory of our existing solid waste in Coral Bay."

"The second part of that is forecasting future waste as we grow and developing options and plans for management of that waste," she said.

CBCC officials have been looking at relocating the main Coral Bay dumpsters from their current site on the main south shore road right near the water's edge and abutting sensitive mangroves and wetlands, to a new location.

This solid waste grant might help in the push to move those dumpsters, Reed explained.

"We're absolutely going to be looking at relocating the dumpsters," she said. "The second part of the solid waste grant will be looking at a human health and ecological risk assessment on the

CBCC officials will take soil

samples near the dumpsters to see if any toxins are affecting the area, according to Reed.

"Basically we'll go out and sample the soil at the dumpsters and see what contaminates are in that soil," said the CBCC environmental project manager. "We'll develop a report to see the risk to human health and the ecosystem based on the contaminates coming from the dumpster."

This project will be the first time anyone has sampled the soil near the dumpsters and will supply scientific data on possible dangers of having the community's solid waste collection in that area.

"The report could point that the dumpsters have the potential to contaminate the environment and impact human health and it might be a good idea to move them," said Reed. "We'll have hard data on that after the testing."

CBCC will host a series of public meetings in the future to share information about the new grants and enlist community volunteers to help with the projects, Reed added.



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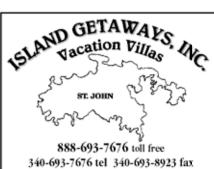








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by Bob Malacarne, N-R, EMT

Our Role During Natural Disasters

St. John Tradewinds

Greetings from the members of St. John Rescue. As we enter into the heart of hurricane season, we need to discuss the role of St. John Rescue during natural disasters.

St. John Rescue members live on St. John and will be prepared once we receive word of an impending storm. We work closely with VITEMA of St. John and receive the most up-to-date weather reports from that agency.

Of course, St. John Rescue members will not be dispatched to an emergency during the height of any dangerous hurricane. All of our training sessions stress "scene safety" as the most important aspect of any emergency response. If a rescue member is careless and becomes incapacitated because of injury then we have just increased the number of patients we have to treat and decreased the number of responders.

The message here is for everyone to prepare for a hurricane and stay as safe as possible during the height of the storm. If you feel that your house is not strong enough to withstand the forces of a hurricane then you need to get to a shelter. The location of shelters on St John will be broadcast on our local radio stations.

St. John Rescue will be out there before and after a hurricane answering the call, as always. Remember to call 911 or (340)776-9110 for any emergency.

Our Rib Cook Off was an overwhelming success. We apologize for anyone who did not get to sample the mouth watering ribs. They were sold out in short order. We were so impressed with the huge turn out. It exceeded all expectations

A great big "thank you" to all our friends who supported us by attending and making donations, and to all the businesses who contributed to this great cause.

We are still a long way from paying for our new headquarters. Rest assured that there will be more St. John Rescue fundraisers in the near future. It is quite costly to provide first class emergency rescue services to the residents and visitors on St. John. We appreciate the support we receive from our friends and neighbors.

A great big "thank you" to Cid at Connections for providing St. John Rescue members with a great lunch during the Festival Parade. It was just what we needed to get us through our coverage of the parade.

St. John Rescue is offering a course to anyone who would like to become an Emergency Medical Responder (EMR). This is a new classification for emergency responders that is one level below Emergency Medical Technician



St. John Tradewinds News Photos Courtesy of St. John Rescue

A recent CPR class hosted by St. John Rescue members.

(EMT)

The EMT course is about 170 hours of class work. The National Registry of EMT's has recently changed classifications to: EMR, EMT, Advanced EMT, Paramedic.

EMR's are trained to reach patients, find out what is wrong, and provide emergency care. They are also trained to move patients, when necessary, without causing further harm. The course will be 48 hours in length and will begin on August 26. Classes will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays starting at 6 p.m. at St. John Rescue Headquarters in Estate Pastory. The fee for the course is \$100 and includes a text book. Please contact me at (340)626-5118 or by email at starvillas@msn.com if you are interested in signing up.

We also offer CPR classes to the community on the second Saturday of each month starting at 10 a.m. If you are interested in taking a three hour CPR class please contact me. The fee for CPR is \$30 per person.

CALLS FOR JUNE

- June 4 on Centerline Road for a head on collision; there were no injuries
- June 6 at Trunk Bay for a water rescue
- June 10 on the waters near Jost Van Dyke for a stranded swimmer
- June 24 for a DOA
- June 25 to Ram Head for a stranded swimmer.

Our last CPR class was hosted at our headquarters. Thank you to Rudy Callwood and Preston Pollock for helping with this class. Participants were: Karen Nisbett, Tricia Rogers, Marylyn Phillip, Micquena Dhu, Don Berry, Ophelia Torres, and Chynel Wheatley-Barresi

Until next month — stay safe!



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Wendy Davis Hosting CPR Awareness Class on Wednesday, August 7

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Wendy Davis of the V.I. Fire Service will host a two hour CPR awareness session on Wednesday, August 7, at Cases by the Sea starting at 6:30 p.m. This is an awareness session about what anyone can do to help save a life before emergency medical technicians arrive.

Virgin Islands Sailors Represent at Regattas



Young Virgin Islands sailors, including Mateo Di Blasi second from left, have been representing the territory well this summer at regattas across the globe. The Opti Championships are in Italy this week and wrap up on July 26.

St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Reader Identifies Rare Bird

By Jaime Elliott St. John Tradewinds

When Candice Greathouse shared a picture of several birds she had been enjoying watching on Puerto Rico but could not identify, a *St. John Tradewinds* reader came through with the answer.

The birds are troupials, according to Capt. Barbara Emerson.

"It's a troupial," Emerson wrote. "Was introduced over a century ago from South America. Now common to western Puerto Rico. Rarely seen on the south side St. Thomas.

Ref: "A Guide to the Birds of Puerto Rico and the VI" by Herbert Raffaele, Plate 37.



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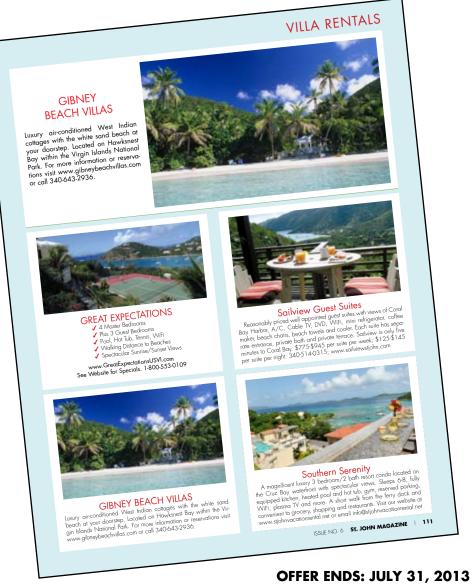
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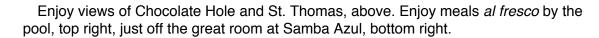


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On the Market

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

Enjoy Caribbean Sunsets and Views of St. Thomas from Samba Azul

By Jaime Elliott St. John Tradewinds

You'll never tire of watching the tropical sun sink below the horizon and seeing the lights of St. Thomas twinkle to life while reclining on the tiled pool deck at Samba Azul.

This two bedroom, two and a half bathroom Estate Chocolate Hole villa is for sale for \$1.3 million, explained Islandia Real Estate sales associate Lynn Giovanna.

"Samba Azul is an exquisite new rental villa that offers beautiful sunset views overlooking Chocolate Hole bay and beyond to St. Thomas," said Giovanna

A grand entryway with hardwood

double doors will welcome you to this newly constructed home overlooking Chocolate Hole bay below and beyond to St. Thomas.

As soon as you open the double doors to the home, the view off the pool deck
— and the cool breeze — is visible at the far end of a spacious great room.

Entering the home, an expansive great room gives you the feel of openness and fills the villa with light and air. A comfortable living room invites you to curl up and watch the game while the open floor plan is sure to make entertaining a breeze.

An open plan kitchen, boasting a beautiful island with granite countertops, will entice you to whip up meals at home. Enjoy dinner in the great room, or dine al fresco under the covered deck just off the pool. You'll want to toast under the stars while you enjoy the cooling trade winds on Samba Azul's tiled deck.

"Samba Azul boasts a large, comfortable living area which opens to an outdoor dining and pool area with beautiful sunset views over St. Thomas," Giovanna said.

Walk out of the double hard wood doors of the great room and step onto the pool deck and outdoor dining area.

Stretch out in a lounge chair just off the pool and soak up the Caribbean sun, or avoid the heat in the shade of the covered dining deck. Cool off in the refreshing pool without having to take your eyes off the turquoise water of Chocolate Hole bay.

Samba Azul includes two oversized master suites, each with en suite bath complete with spa tubs, large tiled showers and double vanities. Step out of either bedroom to a private deck and seating area, sure to be your new favorite spot to enjoy a cup of coffee each morning.

"From the two spacious, air conditioned master suites, the well-equipped gourmet kitchen and more, there is exceptional craftsmanship found throughout Samba Azul," said Giovanna.

For more information on Samba Azul, call Giovanna at (340) 344-1825.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Send your letter to editor@tradewinds.vi

NEXT DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JULY 25th

Keeping Track of Crime

2012

Homicides: 1

Shootings: 1

Stabbings: 0

Armed Robberies: 1

Arsons: 0

1st Degree Burglaries: 3

2nd Degree Burglaries: 3

3rd Degree Burglaries: 40

Grand Larcenies: 72

Rapes: 1

2013-TO-DATE

Homicides: 0

Shootings: 0

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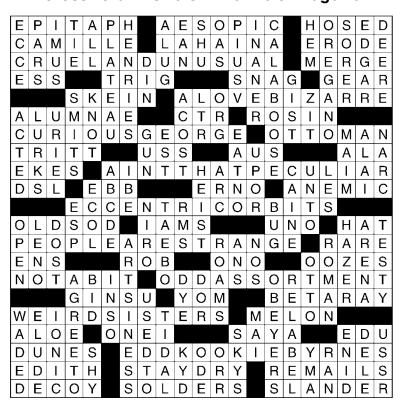
2nd Degree Burglaries: 1

3rd Degree Burglaries: 13

Grand Larcenies: 44

Rapes: 1

Crossword Answers — Puzzle on Page 20



Letters To St. John Tradewinds

Too Much Weight on Power Poles

Last week while we were keeping an eye on Tropical Storm Chantal. I drove to East End St. John and also across the Bordeaux Mountain Road. What I saw really has me concerned.

Two companies, Innovative and Next Generation, are installing new coaxial cable onto our existing power poles (WAPA poles). The cables they are installing are the same type, very heavy gauge coaxial cables. The problem is that the power poles we have were not designed to support much more weight.

With the newly added weight, the poles are starting to lean and bend. Already poles on Bordeaux and East End have broken or fallen from this new weight. That has caused power outages, and then everyone blames WAPA for not having power. This time, however, it is not WAPA's fault.

Lets face it coaxial cables are a thing of the past.

Fiber Optics is the way our island should have had new communication cable installed. It should have been installed underground too, just like it was in St Croix and on St Thomas.

Now with two sets of heavy coaxial cables hanging from our existing poles, our electrical grid is at risk. Again St. John gets the short end of the stick; and not only were we shortchanged on not getting Fiber Optic cable, now we have to deal with falling power poles and lines hanging way too low.

Please call Senator Barshinger to see what can be done to fix this mess we already have.

With this being hurricane season, I believe it should be fixed now and not later. Our electrical grid depends on a fix for this haphazard installation.

> For a greener tomorrow, Dan Boyd, Lovango Cay

St. John Festival Queen Says, "Thank you!"

It is truly a blessing to be deemed as your Miss St. John 2013 and continue on with everlasting experiences, exposure and relationships.

Special and sincerest thanks to the Almighty! He stuck by my side when I was on my last straw of patience. The saying is definitely true; one can do all things through Christ who strengthens once you believe and trust.

To my community, it takes a village to raise a child. My village not only helped raise the young lady I am today but ensured that I had the necessary tools toward my quest in becoming the now reigning Miss St. John Festival Queen 2013.

I thank each and every community member who has taken their precious time out whether it was to grant me well wishes, give advice, support me financially and mold a better young role model.

To my Dream Team Entourage and Friends: Chaperone Cresida Reid, Fashion Guru and Modelling Coach Chermaine Kean, Speech Therapists and Creators Chester Edwards and Kory E. Davis, Mr. Kyza Callwood, Kemistry and Simon, and my family you guys are truly the "wind beneath my wings."

To Mrs. Feja Lima and Mrs. Gerda Morales, Mr. Gooding, Ms. Nydia Thomas, Officer Steven Payne and Ms. Karen Samuel, Charis Rhymer, Lydia Morris, Fashion Treats and Bertha C. Boschulte.

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Thank you! Thank You! Thank You!

Most gracious Thank You's to my court — Charisma Starr Hypolite, Monee K. Edwards and Tyeefah Keyahna Lynch, you ladies have truly made this continuous journey one I would never forget!

"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world." -Harriet Tubman.

To the WTJX Family, Daily News, St. John Tradewinds and all other media for capturing the precious moments and exposure, I thank you all!

Remember as we celebrate and go forth on Love City's Cultural Scene for Festival 2013 increase the peace, no drinking and driving, and respect one an-

> Respectfully Yours, Khadijah Ashiya Ann Lee Miss St. John Festival Queen 2013

Bag Your Own Trash

We have three main dumpsites the bins. and several small bins located on St. John. The company responsible for removing the garbage is doing a wonderful job. It is our turn to insure that the trash remains inside

Ball all loose items and secure the tops. Make sure all items go into the bin. Encourage your neighbors to clean up. Take all big items to the landfill. Organize a "swap

meet" to recycle items. Donate one hour to cleaning up the island.

Show your appreciation by telling the garbage men and truck driver, "Than you."

Emmanuel Prince

Letters To St. John Tradewinds

Blind Leading the Blind

Let's get to the point. If the U.S. Virgin Islands were to get a CFO, that will be a short-term solution to a long-term problem.

When that CFO leaves, the issues concerning money will come right back. If our people don't understand how to manage money in a new way, we will continue to squander and abuse. The reason being is that our old habits will seek to dominate any progress gained by the temporary fix.

The reason the government is failing is because the majority of homes are failing when it comes to finances. Most homes are living paycheck to paycheck and these same folks ingrained in this culture are running our government.

Therefore you have a system that spends too much, robs one account to pay another, saves little, piles up debt on unnecessary items, rewards employees who don't produce, won't clean house when corruption is evident and lowers standards just to fit in. There are a few bright ones in the bunch, however, this apple cart is about to turn over.

We cannot survive for much longer with this Democrat philosophy. It is the reason why we are in this

mess in the first place. I know that many of you don't agree with the conservative or the Republican party. But let me ask you this, "If you are on a sinking ship, your wife, children, relatives and friends are all on the boat and the only person handing out life saving equipment is of a different belief. Would you take their assistance or allow everyone to drown?"

We have to take a serious look at our political beliefs. And compare it to the economic, social and physical well-being of our society. Something has to change.

I continue to ask you to look at the situation in Detroit. A city that is heavily black, unionized, with many welfare programs and is largely Democrat. If our current leaders follow this pattern, we will no longer have a say in our destiny.

The U.S. Virgin Islands are headed towards a financial cliff and it is saddled with a bag of old ideas. The only useful tie we have with the Democrat party is that of their mascot "donkey" because we have plenty of those.

Emmanuel Prince

Choices

It is upsetting to see parents, grand parents, uncles, aunts, relatives and friends participate in the Carnival revelry. And to know that these same people won't come out to support their kids as they participate in sporting events.

It is distressing to know that money is being spent on new clothes, costumes, food, drinks and toys but uniforms and proper footwear for our kids can't be bought.

The Julius E. Sprauve school teams have to share jerseys, gloves and even the baseball field. The last two games of the season had to be played in St. Thomas because the ballfield was being set up for a musical event. We claim that we love our kids, yet the lack of financial support, attendance at games, proper attire and discipline shows a different story.

The parents make sure that the kids show up for practice in order to perform for Carnival day. But they have no idea where the kids are during the school year for sports practice. It is for the love of sports and kids that many coaches and teachers go out of their way to field a team for these events. Yet the frustration comes from dipping into your own pocket to keep things go-

ing while the government and parents squander their money away.

The success of any team is the time, money and energy that one must invest in order for players to develop. We can have a world class facility, school system and teams, if our focus were on the priorities of life.

Your children are worth the sacrifice, so cut the cable for a few months and use that money to buy cleats. Ask the boss if you can leave early once all your work is done. Read with your kids about a famous athlete and the hard work they put into becoming the best. Instruct your kids that they are to be respectful to the coaches, opposing teams and referees.

The school year will be starting soon and we would like full cooperation between coaches, parents and students. Many of us are willing to teach the kids the fundamentals of the game. But we need the proper tools, attitudes and support to ensure another successful season.

Thanking you in advance, Emmanuel Prince

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Two Virgin Islands athletes will take part in the exciting Basketball without Borders Camp and learn from some of the game's greatest players.

St. John Tradewinds News Photo

VI Basketball Standouts Selected for Basketball without Borders Camp

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Virgin Islanders Nicholas Springer and Stephaun Adams were chosen to represent the Virgin Islands at the annual FIBA/NBA Camp of the Americas.

Basketball without Borders Americas 2013 is scheduled to take place July 25 through 28 at CE-NARD in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Springer is a 6-foot-5 shooting guard who decided to do his senior year at Maranatha High School in Pasadena, California. Springer, who's been at Crescenta Valley since his sophomore year, earned All Pacific League first-team accolade in his junior season, tallying 13.1 points and 5.3 rebounds a game. The Falcons advanced to the Division I-A semifinals in consecutive campaigns and finish with a 23-9 record.

Springer also was a member of the Virgin Islands junior men's national team two years ago after completing his freshman year at Country Day School.

"It's an honor to represent my home," said Springer. "It tells me that I have people who believe in me, people that I know think I can make it to the next level. To me that's motivation in itself."

"And I want to thank Coach Jareem Dowling especially, for making it all happen," he said. "We are going to do it big in Puerto Rico this year!"

Stephaun Adams is a rising senior who attends Ivanna Eudora Kean High School. The 6-foot-2 guard was named Most Outstanding Player two weeks ago at the Five Star Camp in Louisville. He presently plays with team Manimal in AAU competition.

"Stephaun is a new addition to Team Manimal," said Team Manimal Coach Maze Stallworth. "He is the top-rated player in the Virgin Islands and is going to make a splash on the circuit this weekend. He

is 6'2" guard with a high basketball IQ and a high motor."

Adams single handily changed IEK from a second place finisher to a winner.

Carlos Delfino (free agent, 12-13 season with Houston Rockets), Manu Ginobili (San Antonio Spurs), Walter Hermann, Fabricio Oberto, Pablo Prigioni (New York Knicks), Pepe Sanchez, and Luis Scola (Phoenix Suns) will join fellow NBA players Chris Copeland (Indiana Pacers) and James Anderson (free agent, 12-13 season with Houston Rockets) as mentors for the campers.

NBA coaches attending BWB Americas include Kenny Atkinson (Atlanta Hawks), James Borrego (Orlando Magic), Kaleb Canales (Dallas Mavericks), and Ime Udoka (San Antonio Spurs). Gersson Rosas of the Houston Rockets returns as the BWB Americas Camp Director.

In addition to on-court instruction, the NBA players and coaches will participate in extensive community outreach through NBA Cares, the leagues global social responsibility initiative.

Events will tip off with a basketball clinic for 50 Special Olympics athletes at CENARD followed by a BWB Girls Clinic for 40 local female basketball players. Highlighting the camp will be an afternoon of hands-on service alongside community volunteers in partnership with TECHO, a nonprofit that constructs transitional houses and provides social inclusion programs for families living in extreme poverty conditions.

Nike, a BWB global partner since 2002, will outfit the campers and coaches with Nike apparel and

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Today's Cryptoquip clue: V equals W

Athew Laban Wins 25th Anniversay Bastille Day Kingfish Tourney with 34.26-pound Catch

St. John Tradewinds

Skill and luck proved a winning combination for St. Thomas angler Matthew Laban recently.

When the official weigh-in was complete at the 25th Anniversary Bastille Day Kingfish Tournament, hosted July 14 at Hull Bay Hideaway, it was Laban who reeled in the Largest Kingfish, a 34.26-pounder, aboard the Calypso 34, *Emanuel*.

Laban was one of 211 anglers, including 39 junior anglers, on 55 boats who celebrated a successful tournament at the Coors Light, Snapple and Captain Morgan angler bars, provided compliments of Bellows International, which distributes these brands and has sponsored this tournament for over two decades.

"I caught the big one early in the morning," Laban said. "It was our second bite of the day. I knew it was a big one by the way it tore off line making the reel scream."

There were two secrets to Laban's success, he explained.

The first was bait.

"We use big bait to catch big fish — horse ballyhoo," he said. "Anyone serious about winning this tournament, like us, spends the entire day before rigging baits, checking reels, checking hooks and making sure everything is ready."

The second was a lucky well-worn long sleeve dark blue shirt.

"I've worn this shirt in all the tournaments I've fished in so far this year," Laban said.

True to result, he landed the fourth and fifth largest dolphin in the Virgin Islands Game Fishing Club's Dolphin Derby in April, the first and third largest fish in the Frenchtown Father's Day Tournament in June, and now the Largest Kingfish, in which Laban pocketed \$2000 in cash, sponsored by NEMWIL, managed in the USVI by Red Hook Agencies, Inc. and providing homeowners and business insurance in the USVI for over 20 years.

The Second Largest Kingfish prize also went to Gina Bengoa, aboard Absolutely, who caught a 33.98-pounder and won \$1000 in cash sponsored by Yanmar, distrib-



Mathew Laban, far left, wins the Largest Kingfish and Best Male prizes.

uted by Offshore Marine; Coors Light, distributed by Bellows International; and Frank's Electric.

"We saw a big one, over 60 pounds, very early, but then lost it," said Bengoa, who was fishing in the tournament for the first time, although she fishes regularly in tournaments hosted by the Golden Hook Fishing Club on her home island of St. Croix.

"It was fun to catch such a big fish," she said.

Tamika Turbe, fishing aboard *Emanuel*, reeled in a 30.27-pounder to win the Third Largest Kingfish cash prize of \$850, sponsored by Coors Light, distributed by Bellows International and Frank's Electric

With 14 fish (132.42-pounds) caught total, Capt. Joel Questel aboard *Feel Good I* won Best Boat and was awarded \$1000 cash from Offshore Marine and Yanmar.

Meanwhile, the catch of 6 king-fish (67.09-pounds) earned Capt. Adam Turbe, aboard *Ocean Jem*, the Best Captain award and \$1,000 cash from Offshore Marine and Yanmar.

Laban's catch of 6 fish weighing a total of 96.91-pounds, aboard Emanuel, earned him Best Male Angler, and a \$725 cash prize from Offshore Marine and Yanmar, and Frank's Electric.

It was Tamika Turbe, aboard *Emanuel*, who reeled in a total of seven fish weighing a total of 70.86-pounds, who picked up the Best Female Angler award and a \$725 cash prize - \$500 of this sponsored by Red Hook Agencies.

The Best Junior Male prize of \$325 cash from Offshore Marine

and Yanmar went to Adrian Turbe, who caught six fish weighing a total of 67.09-pounds, aboard *Ocean Jem*

Nicole Berry won the Best Junior Female prize, \$325 cash from Offshore Marine and Yanmar and the Brin Family in memory of Kimberley Brin, with the catch of four fish weighing a total of 24.79-pounds, aboard *Friendship*.

Although the tournament is focused around kingfish, other species earned anglers \$525 cash each courtesy of TOPA Insurance Services, Inc. and Coors Light, distributed by Bellows International.

Paul De Lyrot caught the Largest Jack, a 12.13-pounder, from aboard *Feel Good I*. Junior angler Joshua Laplace reeled in the Largest Barracuda, a 31.46-pounder from aboard *Ruckus*, which set a new tournament record.

The Largest Bonito was caught aboard *Sea Wessel* by Flame Gonzales and it weighed 3.32-pounds. Finally, Tim Spofford reeled in the Largest Mackerel, a 7.93-pounder, from aboard *C-Hawk 222*.

Winners also received overnight stays at local hotels, dinners for two, and a variety of luxury gifts and excursions all generously donated by the Virgin Islands' business community.

Judges Herman Richardson and Kevin Laplace, Sr., officially weighed in the catches.

After weigh-in, the fun continued onshore at Hull Bay Hideaway. Oliek Ledee and Cool Session Brass entertained throughout the afternoon. Later, crowds gathered inside Hull Bay Hideaway for the Awards Ceremony, where Lashing Dogs entertained.

In celebration of the tournament's Silver Anniversary, a \$500 prize was awarded to each of five randomly drawn registered boats that did not reel in any prize-willing fish.

Similarly, all 39 registered junior anglers were eligible for a special \$1,000 "Catch in the Hat" award. In this award, sponsored by Red Hook Agencies and Offshore Marine, 18 names of registered junior anglers are randomly drawn from a hat and awarded \$50 cash while the 19th name selected re-

CFVI Board Elects 2013 Officers, Four New Directors

Ricardo Charaf Named Chairman Emertius

St. John Tradewinds

The Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands last week announce the results of the 2013/14 election of officers and four new board members.

At their annual meeting, CFVI Board members unanimously elected Attorney George Dudley as Chairman; Alda Monsanto as 1st Vice chair; Victoria Saunders as 2nd Vice chair; Trudie Prior as Secretary; and William Graham as Treasurer.

Four new directors were also elected to the Board: Scott Barber, Angelina Daswani, Letty Hulsman and Mark Robertson. The new directors began their three-year term of service immediately following the annual meeting on June 28.

Ricardo Charaf, who stepped down after serving as CFVI Chair for the past 12 years, was named Chairman Emeritus by a unanimous vote in recognition of his moving the Foundation to new heights during his tenure. The Board also honored three board members who had completed the maximum service of nine years: Vivek Daswani, Betty Saks and Marie Thomas Griffith.

Other current directors on the CFVI Board are Filippo Cassinelli, Lawrence Kupfer, Catherine Lockhart Mills, Margaret Sprauve-Martin, Claire Starkey and emeritus directors Henry and Penny Feuerzeig.

"We are so very thankful to the CFVI Board of directors, new and returning members as well as past directors who provide the leadership needed to take the work of the Foundation to new heights," said CFVI President Dee Baecher-Brown. "These distinguished volunteers are tireless in their commitment to advancing the goals of the Community Foundation and to bringing positive change to our Virgin Islands."

For almost 25 years CFVI has supported programs committed to youth, learning, family support and the environment. CFVI is a leading advocate and supporter of programs that give children the best starts possible while ensuring opportunity and sustainability for our community in the future.

CFVI operates or funds close to 50 community programs including: The Family Connection, scholarships, Kids Count data book, teacher grants and emergency grants for families, for seniors, and for medical assistance. CFVI is a registered non-profit supported by individual donors, trusts, corporate donations and estate planning.

ceives \$100 cash.

Over \$16,000 was awarded in cash and prizes this year.

The 25th Bastille Day Kingfish Tournament is sponsored by Coors Light, Captain Morgan and Snapple, distributed by Bellows International; Offshore Marine, the Yamaha and Yanmar distributor in the Virgin Islands; NEMWIL, managed in the USVI by Red Hook Agencies, Inc., providing homeowners and business insurance in the USVI for over 20 years; and TOPA Insurance Services Inc.

First organized by the Northside Sportfishing Club in 1987,

the tournament has become one of the highlights of French Heritage Week July 8-14 festivities.

The tournament benefits the Joseph Sibilly School, St. Thomas Rescue and Nana Baby Children's Home.

In addition, seven students received a combined total of \$6,500 in scholarships for post high school education. The students are Adam Berry, Shanelle Brin, Jakesha DesCartes, Joshua Ledee, Alexander Querrard, Gabrielle Querrard and Bianca Sibilly.

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Basketball Court Renovations Nearing Completion

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system which will pop up and water the grass. The system has rain detectors too so it won't go off unless it is needed."

Although the beautiful new court must be enticing to local youth looking forward to being able to use the sole island basketball facility, officials are asking the public to stay off the court for now.

"We know it's kind of impossible to keep kids from playing there, but we're trying to get the grass to grow," said Krall. "There is police tape around the area so hopefully people will stay off."

If all goes according to plan, the final pieces for the basketball court renovation project will arrive on St. John by mid-August and be installed by the end of the month.

"We're hoping to ship from Miami on August 8 and two weeks after that we hope to have everything completed," said Krall.

The court will be open by the time school resumes in the fall and government officials are planning a grand opening which will likely take place after Labor Day, Krall explained.

The event will also feature a basketball tournament and shoot around. Krall added.

Final touches to the Pine Peace basketball court will include a sign thanking the many private donors who helped to ensure the project was completed, according to Krall.

"It's really nice that the community stepped up and that this project is coming together," she said. "It's a great example of a private and public partnership that



Games should resume before September on the newly renovated and upgraded Pine Peace basketball court.

worked."

Support for the Pine Peace basketball court has come from Scotiabank, which paid for the scoreboard, Rotary Club of St. John, Tim Duncan's Community Education Initiative, the Claffins, B.J. Harris, Woody's Seafood Saloon, St. John Accommodations Council, Terri Gibney, St. John

Hardware, the Kanebs, Helen Simon, the Bitners, Innovative, Fred Trayser, who is donating services to install the bleachers, and several anonymous donors, according to Krall.

The St. John Community Foundation acted as the fiscal partner for the community fundraising portion of the project, Krall added.

IGBA Seminar Focuses on Green Construction in V.I.

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"Everybody who attended received a participation reward," he said. "There were IGBA memberships given out and everyone had the opportunity to choose from professional membership or family membership. There were also opportunities for people to take advantage of two hours of green construction counselling or \$200 off of our Tropical Green Certifi-

cation."

There was so much interest in the seminar in fact, IGBA officials are planning to host more Green Construction seminars in the future.

"We're going to host similar seminars on St. Thomas and one on St. Croix," said Willegerod.

The seminar was paid for with a NOAA grant, which will also be used to produce 30-second advertising spots featuring White and Ray, Willegerod added.

"William Stelzer filmed the whole seminar and he'll be working with Doug White and Gary Ray to create 30 second ads about green building," said the IGBA president. "We'll definitely see more of this in the future."

For more information on IGBA, check out the group's website at www.igba-stjohn.org.

DOJ Concludes Second Round of "Operation Island Sweep" for Sex Offender Compliance

St. John Tradewinds

Attorney General Vincent Frazer said Saturday, July 20, that the Virgin Islands Department of Justice has successfully completed its second "Operation Island Sweep." In joint cooperation with the United States Marshals Service and with the assistance of the Virgin Islands Police Department, a territory-wide compliance check of all sex offenders residing, attending school and working within the territory was conducted during this past week.

He said there are currently 55 sex offenders registered in the District of St. Thomas-St. John and 42 sex offenders registered in the District of St. Croix. "Sex offenders who were found to be in violation of territorial and/or federal sex offender laws for their failure to report to the Virgin Islands Department of Justice to register were apprehended."

Frazer said five offenders were arrested on St. Croix and three on St. Thomas. We continue to pursue those violators who were not located.

As the agency tasked with monitoring sex offenders in the territory, the Department of Justice remains committed to protecting the families of the Virgin Islands community. The registration requirements are necessary to accomplish this task. "We ask that members of the community continue to visit our website at www.doj.vi.gov or go directly to usvi. nsopw.gov to access the registry and view the list of sex offenders in the territory. We also ask that anyone knowing the whereabouts of a sex offender who is required to register under Virgin Islands law but has failed to do so, to contact us at 774-5666 on St. Thomas or 773-0295 on St. Croix and provide this information to one of our Sex Offender Registry coordinators. You may also provide this information through the email address provided in our registry," Frazer said last week.

Poison Control Centers Urge Safe Summer Travel, Share Tips

St. John Tradewinds

The American Association of Poison Control Centers and the experts at America's 57 poison centers are encouraging summer travelers to stay poison-free while vacationing, according to Wendy Stephan, educator with the Florida Poison Information Center – Miami.

"Poison emergencies can happen anytime, anywhere; even on vacation," Stephan said. "In fact, poisonings often happen when normal routines or environments change. So while you're enjoying yourself visiting family, camping at a national park, or relaxing at the beach, it's important to follow these tips to stay poison-free."

America's poison experts offer the following tips for travelers:

- Always keep medicine and cosmetics out of the reach of children and in their original containers. Don't leave them in luggage where a child can get into them. If someone takes the wrong medicine or a child gets into it, call the local poison center at 1-800-222-1222.
- Be aware of the plants and wildlife in the area, and teach children to always ask before touching new bugs or creatures. The local poison center will know which species are harmful and can give important steps to reduce pain and prevent serious harm.
- Travel and eating go hand-in-hand, but food poisoning can become an issue. The local poison center can give immediate advice and tell when it's time to seek emergency care.

"Before you leave on your trip, program your cell phone with the nationwide toll-free Poison Help line: 1-800-222-1222," Stephan said. "A call to the Poison Help line will connect you to free, confidential help from medical professionals at your local poison center 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Happy travels!"

Police Log

Friday, July 12

3:17 p.m. - A citizen r/ that his friend fell and hurt herself. Accidental injury.

6:17 p.m. - While on Sector Patrol, a traffic stop was conducted and a resident refused to obey the lawful orders of the officer. Interfering with an officer in the discharge of duties.

6:26 p.m. - Badge 1205 p/ at Leander Jurgen Command with one Roger Fleming Jr. of Estate Beverhoutsberg, under arrest and charged with interfering with an officer during official commission of duties. His bail was set at \$500 by order of the court. He was detained at Leander Jurgen Command and later transported to the Bureau of Corrections on St. Thomas to be remanded.

9:10 p.m. - A citizen r/ that a man urinated on his private property. Obscene/indecent conduct.

Saturday, July 13

2:23 p.m. - A citizen c/r a domestic disturbance in the area of Estate Beverhoutsberg. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

Sunday, July 14

9:30 a.m. - An Estate Pine Peace resident p/r a disturbance. Disturbance of the peace.

12:54 p.m. - A Calabash Boom resident c/r a disturbance with her children's father. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

4:55 p.m. - A St. Thomas resi-

dent p/r that a male threatened him in the area of the Cruz Bay ferry dock. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

6:49 p.m. - A Calabash Boom resident c/requesting police assistance to get her kids from their father. Police assistance.

8:36 p.m. - A citizen p/r that a female assaulted her in the area of Hawksnest Beach. Assault in the third.

10:56 p.m. - A citizen c/r that vehicles were on fire in the area of V.I. National Park Maintenance Yard. Fire.

Monday, July 15

10:00 a.m. - A citizen c/r that a male was smoking marijuana outside his business in the area of Wharfside Village. Simple possession.

12:27 p.m. - Badge #1248 p/ at Leander Jurgen Command with one Willis Fahie of Estate Contant under arrest and charged with simple possession. His bail was set at \$500 by order of the court. He was detained at Leander Jurgen Command and later transported to the Bureau of Corrections on St. Thomas to be remanded.

2:32 p.m. - A St. Thomas resident p/r that an ex-employee received two checks from said complainant knowingly. Grand larceny.

Tuesday, July 16

9:20 a.m. - A citizen c/re-

questing police assistance with her landlord. Police assistance.

1:44 p.m. - A citizen p/r that she lost her wallet in the area of Jumbie Beach. Lost wallet.

2:11 p.m. - A Coral Bay resident c/requesting police assistance to remove someone from his vessel in Coral Bay harbor. Police assistance.

3:56 p.m. - A citizen r/ that someone entered the villa where he is staying and removed several items. Burglary in the second.

Wednesday, July 17

8:27 a.m. - A St. Thomas resident p/r that his child mother's boyfriend assaulted his daughter. Aggravated assault and battery on a minor.

6:07 p.m. - A citizen c/r that a male assaulted him in the area of Cruz Bay ferry dock. Simple

8:15 p.m. - A citizen c/r loud music in Cruz Bay. Disturbance of the peace.

Thursday, July 18

9:23 a.m. - A Coral Bay resident c/r a larceny in the area of the Coral Bay dinghy dock. Grand larceny.

10:38 a.m. - A St. Thomas resident p/r a destruction of property. Destruction of property.

Friday, July 19

12:34 p.m. - A citizen p/r that he was assaulted by another male in the area of Cruz Bay ferry dock. Assault and battery.

Crime Stoppers — United States Virgin Islands

Crime prevention is up to all of us, and thanks to you, the community, we are seeing a reduction in crime. Please continue to speak up. If you know something, say something and help get the rest of the criminals off our streets. Even the smallest bit of information may be just what is needed.

St. John

On June 18, between the hours of 5 a.m. and 7 p.m., a home in the area of #873 Estate Gift Hill and Regenback was burglarized by someone who entered the res-

idence through a window. Items stolen included an iPod, a 14k Cuban Link hand chain, a pair of diamond stud earrings, and a Glock 40 handgun. Tell us what you know and help identify the burglar.

St. Thomas

On Sunday, July 7, at 8:40 p.m., officers responded to the Lima Company Fire Station for a call about a male with a gunshot wound. Responding officers found 32-year-old Akim Hyndman with a gunshot wound to his torso. Hyndman was trans-

ported to the hospital where he died. Preliminary investigation revealed that Hyndman was in the vicinity of Tutu Hi-Rise Building #21 when he was shot. Help identify the shooter(s).

Be part of the solution. Continue to help make our islands become a safer place to live and visit by telling us what you know about these, or any other crimes, at www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org or by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). You can also text "USVI" plus your message to CRIMES (274637).

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.

Tuesday, July 23-Wednesday, July 24

- The V.I. Port Authority announced last week that the parking lot adjacent to the U.S. Customs facility in Cruz Bay will be closed from Tuesday, July 23, through Wednesday, July 24, for striping. The parking lot will re-open on Thursday, July 25. VIPA Executive Director Carlton Dowe apologized for any inconveniences this may cause the traveling public.

Friday, July 26

- Virgin Islands Council on the arts is conducting a series of "How to Apply" workshops for the August 31 grant submission deadline. Information on project and budget development will be discussed in detail. First time applicants are encouraged to attend. On St. Thomas the workshop will be at VICA's office on July 26 at 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 27

 John's Folly Learning Institute Summer Program is hosting a delicious fund raiser on Saturday, July 27, starting at noon. Come on out and enjoy roast pork, baked chicken and friend grouper along with all the sides including macaroni and cheese, fried plantains and more. Punch and dessert is included with each meal.

Sunday, July 28

- The third annual St. John Chaotic Kayak Race to benefit Team River Runner's Love City program is set for Sunday, July 28, at 12 p.m. at Oppenheimer Beach.

Monday, July 29

— Coral Bay Community Council is hosting a follow-up meeting on Monday, July 29, at 6 p.m. in room six at Guy Benjamin School. At the meeting, residents will discuss "Next Steps" based on the presentation of the American Institute of Architects and community concerns from the May workshop which included more than 120 Coral Bay residents and property owners.

Wednesday, August 7

Wendy Davis of the V.I. Fire Service will host a two hour CPR awareness session on Wednesday, August 7, at Cases by the Sea starting at 6:30 p.m. This is an awareness session about what anyone can do to help save a life before emergency medical technicians arrive.

ALCHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

All meetings are now open. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 6 p.m. Nazareth Lutheran Church, Cruz Bay; Thursday 7 a.m. Nazareth Lutheran Church, Cruz Bay; Sunday 9:45 a.m., Hawksnest Bay Beach; Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 6 p.m. at Moravian Church, Coral Bay

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

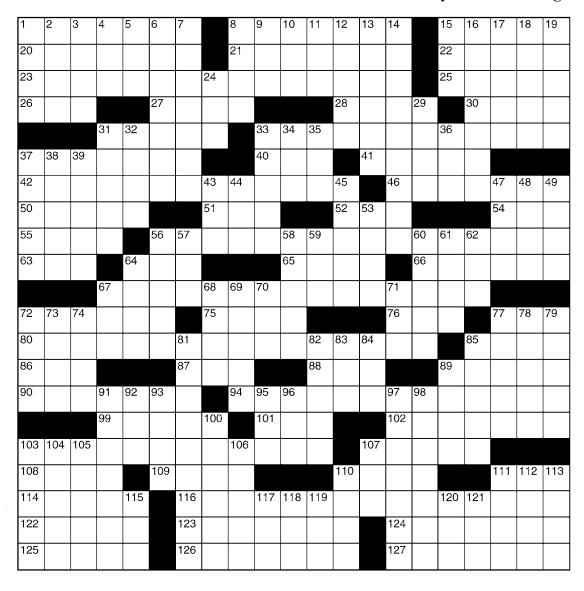
Narcotics Anonymous has open meetings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. every Saturday at St. Ursula's Church.

AL-ANON MEETINGS

For Al-Anon meeting location and times, please call (340) 642-3263

Crossword

By Frank A. Longo



OUT OF THE ORDINARY

ACROSS

- 1 It may begin "Here lies
- 8 Like fables with morals 15 Sprayed like a firefighter 20 Composer Saint-Saëns
- 21 Maui tourist town
- 22 Wash away 23 Like overly harsh
- punishment 25 Consolidate
- 26 Suffix with prophet
- 27 Calc prered
- 28 Hosiery hitch
- 30 Transmission option
- 31 Coil of yarn 33 1985 hit for Sheila E.
- 37 Female graduates
- 40 Middle: Abbr. 41 Cello bow rub-on
- 42 Monkey of kid-lit
- 46 Upholstered footstool
- 50 Country singer Travis
- 51 Inits, on a navy vesse 52 Neighbor of Ger.
- 54 Apple pie mode
- 55 Just makes, with "out" 56 1965 Marvin Gaye hit
- 63 Dial-up alternative, for short
- 64 Fall away
- 65 Cube inventor Rubik
- 66 Feeble
- 67 Noncircular paths around bodies
- 72 Homeland, affectionately

- 75 Big name in dog food
- 76 108-card game 77 Toque or fez
- 80 1967 hit for the Doors
- 85 Infrequent 86 "Star Trek" rank: Abbr.
- 87 Pilfer from
- 88 Singer Yoko
- 89 Leaks slowly
- 90 To no extent
- 94 Mismatched collection
- Knife of old infomercials
- 101 Kippur
- 102 Stream of electrons
- 103 Witches in "Macbeth"
- 107 Cantaloupe or honeydew
- 108 Body gel additive 109 "There's haver
- heard!"
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- 114 Beach hills 116 "77 Sunset Strip"
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- 125 Hunter's lure
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- 17 More irritated
- 18 Rocker Winter
- 19 Plow pioneer
- 24 Noisy clamor
- 29 Basic idea
- 31 Actor Jimmy
- 32 Granny, e.g.
- 33 At of (priced at) 34 Item in a P.O. box
- 35 Part of NATO: Abbr.
- 36 Acne spot
- 37 Performed on stage
- 38 Lies in wait
- Apocryphal archangel 43 With 115-Down, nervous and apprehensive
- 44 Part of i.e
- 45 "... wife could lean"
- 47 Injure badly
- 48 Jái 49 DEA agent
- 53 "Shape ship out!" 56 Alphabet opener
- 57 "May of service?"
- 58 Burglar's job
- 59 Missile's path 60 "Deathtrap" star Michael
- 61 "For us a child is born"
- 62 Guitarist Paul
- 64 "Green" sci.

- 68 Robert De -69 1990s exercise fad
- 70 Bldg. units
- 71 Virus, e.g.
- 72 Not closed
- 73 Jay of NBC 74 Biblical verb
- 77 Belittling frat brother
- 78 Circus venue
- 79 Touchy 81 Bohemianism
- 82 Meanders 83 Question's opp.
- 84 Turndowns
- 85 Like Brutus 89 Prince - von Bismarck
- 91 Go along with
- 92 Christie's crv
- 93 many words
- 95 Coloring stuff 96 Caméra
- 97 Ones toeing the line 98 Tag anew
- 100 In the habit of
- 103 Crossed a ford
- 104 Get by 105 Like a charged atom
- 106 Cyclical, at the beach 107 tai (drink) 110 "The the limit!"
- 111 Markey of
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DEVELOPMENT/COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES: Hansen Bay 7A is an 18 acre parcel with studies done and a 15 lot sub division permit. All lots have water views and breezes and 4 lots are on the flat top of a ridge with almost 360 degree views. Reduced from \$3.18M to \$2.49M; Estate Zootenvaal 20 acres over looking the marine preserve at Bork Creek and Hurricane Hole just east of Coral Bay \$7M; Group Dwelling permit for 6 apartments and a driveway permit have been issued for this 0.9 acre lot in Estate Rendezvous & Ditleff. With sunset and water views to St Thomas from this gently sloping lot, this is a perfect parcel for developement or for a single family home with lots of privacy. \$499,000, Rendezvous Bay Waterfront at Boatman Point - \$730,000.

"EAST END POINT" - The eastern-most point of St.John is now for sale. This estate sized lot is over 5 waterfront acres with several natural building sites & unlimited views to the British Virgins from Tortola to Norman Island and within the new sub division of "THE POINT AT PRIVATEER" \$4.5M.

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Solar Shingles





Recently solar shingles have become price-competitive with bolt-on panels, and are getting much more popular accordingly. On top of that, federal, state and local incentives can bring the cost down considerably more.

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Dear EarthTalk:

I'm getting my roof redone and have heard about solar shingles. Are they available—and are they practical for the Northeast?

> John Denson Glastonbury, CT

Solar shingles are photovoltaic cells designed to look like and integrate with conventional asphalt roof shingles. First commercially available in 2005, solar shingles were much more costly than traditional "bolt-on" photovoltaic panels, and thus were used mainly by those wanting to go solar but maintain a traditional roofline.

But more recently solar shingles have become pricecompetitive with bolt-on panels, and are getting much more popular accordingly. Eco-conscious home and building owners might find solar shingles especially attractive when they are re-shingling anyway since the solar shingles also double as functional, protective and weatherproof roof shingles in their own right.

The biggest name in solar shingles is Dow's Powerhouse line, which uses cutting edge Copper Indium Gallium Selenide solar cells (aka "thin-film" solar) to turn sunlight into electricity via a supplied inverter box.

The Powerhouse shingles generate 12 watts per square foot and are "grid-tied," meaning they're designed for structures already connected to the power grid and can send excess power back to the grid. They are wireless, snap together and can be installed by regular roofing contractors just like (or alongside) conventional asphalt shingles (an electrician needs to set up the inverter box).

Dow reports that a typical residential cluster of 350 solar singles on a roof could slash one's household electric bill by 40 to 60 percent. Such an installation can cost a homeowner over \$20,000, but federal, state and local incentives can bring the cost to half that in some areas. Powerhouse shingles are currently available (from Dow-authorized contractors) in California, Colorado, Connecticut, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New York, North Carolina, Texas and Washington, D.C.

Another leader in solar shingles is building products manufacturer CertainTeed. The company's Apollo line of grid-tied monocrystalline solar shingles and roofing tiles offers efficiency similar to larger "bolt-on" photovoltaic arrays at around the same price (and incentives similar to those for Dow may also apply) but with less bulk. Each Apollo tile is less than an inch thick and will integrate with, replace, or lay on top of existing asphalt roof shingles or tiles and generate 12 watts of power per square foot.

CertainTeed says a typical installation will save homeowners 40 to 70 percent on their electric bills. Their Apollo products are available across the U.S. but the company recommends using one of their authorized roofing contractors to make sure they are installed properly.

Now is an especially good time to go solar — shingles or otherwise — because costs have started to come down and the federal government is still offering 30 percent tax credits with no cap on the purchase of solar electricity equipment.

Twenty-seven states and several cities offer additional incentives that can get pricing on solar gear and installations down even lower. For more information check out the Database of State Incentives for Renewables and Efficiency, a free online resource provided by the North Carolina Solar Center and IREC with funding from the U.S. Department of Energy.

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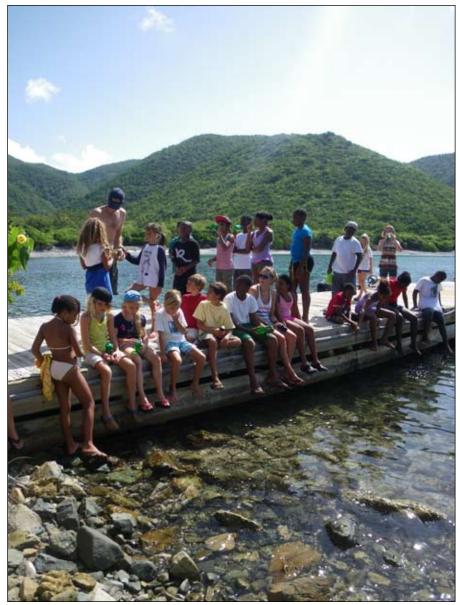
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VIERS Manager Randy Fish, bottom right standing, with ecocampers watched an ell just off shore at Great Lameshur Bay, above. The dock at Great Lameshur, above.





Students Learn About Environment and More at VIERS Camps

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While the eco-camps also include fun time like swimming and telling stories around the camp fire, the students also learn a little something about being the future stewards of St. John.

"VIERS Eco-Camps are presented to help each student understand a little bit more about the environment in which they live in and why it is important to each of us as individuals to protect our environment as best as we can," according to information from the group. "VIERS and its educators will help students identify

what some of their daily responsibilities are in protecting, preserving, and conserving natural resources. This summer we will continue our focus on coastal ecology through interactive activities and lessons."

In addition to their popular eco-camps, VIERS officials also host one four-night, five-day Science Camp, for 13- to 17-year-olds, each summer.

This summer, Science Camp will run from July 22 through 26 and will offer students hands-on field work and marine biology experience in the wet lab.

"Field activities will be analyzed in the lab so that campers can experience real life research practices," according to VIERS officials. "Field activities will include hiking, swimming and snorkeling."

Finally VIERS is also offering one four-night, five-day Ranger in Training camp from July 29 through August 2. This camp is designed for students between 13 and 17 years old and will focus on preserving the natural and cultural resources in V.I. National Park, explained Fish.