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Love City Live! Rocks St. John



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When an event combines amazing roots reggae music and one of the most beautiful venues on the island, it makes for one pretty special evening. That was the vibe on Saturday, January 30, at the Estate Susannaberg Ruins, above, during the main concert of the Love City Live! festival.

Entertainment included Visions Reggae Combo, band member Jupiter is pictured at right, DJ Top Notch, Lion SoulJahs Band, Black Star Band and more.



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Affordable Health Care Could Come to St. John by Summer

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

Anyone who's tried to purchase health insurance recently understands why approximately one-third of Virgin Islands residents simply opt to go without. Plans that cover U.S. Virgin Islands residents are hard to come by, and many times the few options that are available are cost-prohibitive.

The Affordable Care Act does not cover the USVI, leaving Virgin Islanders on their own when it comes to health insurance. The obvious consequence of being uninsured is medical debt, but living without health insurance can also lead to more serious health issues, as those who are uninsured often delay seeking medical care and skip preventative care altogether.

Two St. John residents are hoping to tackle these issues by opening a non-profit primary health care practice called the Island Health & Wellness Center, where a minimal flat rate fee will cover annual physicals, immunizations, and sick visits.

"We also want to provide educational classes on subjects like nutrition and diabetes prevention to help make this community healthier as a whole," said Sandy Colasacco, a board-certified family nurse practitioner. "I've been an RN for years now and people stop me on the street for medical advice because they don't want to spend the money to go seek care. There's a huge need for affordable health care. I wanted to take my medical training and use it for something positive."

Colasacco, a longtime St. John resident who also operates a maternal and infant health care nursing services business in her native Massachusetts, is working on launching the Island Health & Wellness Center with St. John resident Andi Vacharat, who was motivated by a recent experience where she was unable to schedule an appointment to see a doctor for an injury until she paid the fee up front. The center's services will benefit both uninsured individuals and conventional doctor's offices.

"We should actually create a cost savings for the

Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center and other primary care offices," said Vacharat. "Right now, they're dealing with either not getting paid by those who are uninsured, or people who are waiting so long to seek medical care that it becomes an emergency, which results in higher costs."

Two years of work has already gone into making this idea come to fruition, including research on the amount of money needed to open such a facility, as well as registering the business as a non-profit, which allows for grant money to be used. Once Colasacco and Vacharat have reached their funding goal, they'll move forward with securing a location and building out the space. In the meantime, they're conducting surveys to determine what kind of affordable health care services residents would like to see on St. John.

They hope to open their doors by this summer. If building a standalone facility becomes infeasible, several local private practices have offered office space where the Island Health & Wellness Center can operate. Colasacco and Vacharat anticipate that visits to the Island Health & Wellness Center will cost \$50, though Colasacco emphasized that no one will be denied care due to an inability to pay.

In addition to tax-deductible donations, which can be made via the St. John Community Foundation, the Island Health & Wellness Center is in need of volunteers to fill various roles.

"We're looking for people in the medical community that want to help out in an advisory role, or any other capacity," said Vacharat.

Marketing, accounting, and legal professionals will also be needed, as well as volunteers to help with the build-out of the facility. The center will be in need of medical supplies and other items.

To learn more information about the center, including what is needed to get the facility up and running, visit www.islandhealthcenter.org or find the Island Health & Wellness Center on Facebook. Residents can also help by completing a survey of health care needs that can be found on the center's website.

SJHS Monthly Meeting is Feb. 9

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St. John Historical Society's monthly member meeting at the Bethany Moravian Church Hall on Tuesday, February 9 at 7 p.m. will showcase important people on St. John.

This is a part of the society's series "People Who Made a Difference." Ronnie Jones will be presenting his grandfather, Neptune Richards. In addition, SJHS will be showing a slide show of other people in the community who, with their entrepreneurial spirit, were responsible for the ebb and flow of commerce on St. John. Without these remembrances, these dynamic people might slip into obscurity as the years pass. Members will be encouraging the audience to share anecdotes, so as to keep these memories alive.

Bethany Moravian Church Women's Fellowship Valentine's Experience is Feb. 14

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Women's Fellowship of the Bethany Moravian Church invites the community to its Annual Valentine's Experience on Sunday, February 14, at 3:30 p.m. Come celebrate God's Love for humanity and our Godly love for one another. For more information call the church at (340) 776-6291.

January Rain Data from Trunk Bay

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St. John Celebrity Moose Hops Private Plane to New Home in Boston



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By Rebecca Reinbold
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St. John local celebrity Moose, a dog which the Animal Care Center rescued nearly five years ago, has finally found a home.

On Saturday, January 23, Moose boarded a private jet headed to Boston, snow and his new family. This kind and loving Pit Bull mix had become a fan-favorite with people around the country determined to help him find a home and end his nearly 1,628-day stint as a resident in the shelter.

ACC Shelter Manager Ryan Moore traveled with Moose aboard the private plane (the use of which was donated by supporters) and assisted with his transport. Upon arriving in Boston, they transferred to a limo and braved Winter Storm Jonas, even getting stuck in the snow and having to be assisted by a good Samaritan passing by!

“It was very humbling and overwhelming at the same time, but all the people who helped us get Moose stateside, the people stateside, plus his adoptive family were some of the greatest people,” said Moore.

During Moose’s tenure at the shelter, he had seen more than 160 dogs enter the ACC and leave to forever homes. With the help of Last Hope K9 Rescue in Boston and tremendous support from the ACC and local volunteers, Moose was able to find a home with the Burke family, who had been following his story on Facebook since August last year.

When the Burkes saw in December that Moose was headed to Massachusetts, they knew it was kismet. The Raggi’s, who have

visited St. John and adopted ACC animals in the past, generously donated the private airfare and car service from St. John to Boston to get Moose to his new home.

“Moose is adjusting very well at home,” said Christine Burke, Moose’s new owner. “He loves to snuggle and has been sleeping on my daughter Bella’s bed at night. He likes being outside despite the colder weather and loves going on walks.”

“We are so happy to finally have him home,” she said.

Moose’s journey has been a long one, including initial abandonment, countless hours spent with volunteers and stress caused by prolonged kennel life. ACC staff and volunteers have worked hard over the years to make Moose more adoptable, taking him on hikes, socializing him and, recently starting obedience training at Paradise Paws in St. Thomas.

The combined efforts of staff, volunteers, island visitors and even Facebook fans transformed Moose’s sad story into a success story. Not only has it been an amazing feat for Moose, but it has been a great accomplishment for the ACC as well.

“The trip was one of the greatest and most rewarding experiences of my life,” said Moore. “This has been a team effort in that not only has the shelter worked on this, but volunteers, the adopters, his escorts, and Last Hope K9 Rescue. He deserves to live a life with a loving family as does every dog, and we are just happy that this is finally happening.”

“It has been a long road for him but we

Moose, above left, and above right in center surrounded by adoring fans and St. John ACC volunteers, was escorted to his new Boston home by shelter manager Ryan Moore, below with Moose.

never gave up,” the ACC Shelter Manager said.

The ACC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to the wellbeing and care of homeless, abandoned and abused animals on St. John. The ACC also works hard to educate the community about caring for their pets properly, knowing this will benefit both the shelter and the island animals in the future.

For more information about the Animal Care Center of St. John, please visit <http://www.stjohnanimalcarecenter.com/> or email stjacc@islands.vi.



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St. John Trail Race Certain to Challenge Runners on Feb. 29

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

Hiking trails on St. John are renowned for their beauty, varying degrees of difficulty, and sweeping vistas. Now, a new island race will challenge runners to traverse 13.6 miles of trails in less than three and a half hours.

The St. John Trail Race, scheduled for Feb. 29, starts with a climb from Cruz Bay to Caneel Hill. The course follows the ridge line to Margaret Hill before dropping down to the Water Catchment Trail head. Runners then encounter the longest non-trail portion of the course with a 1.3-mile stretch on Centerline Road to L'Esperance, where they will descend alongside the Fish Bay Gut to Reef Bay. The course climbs up the Reef Bay Trail and crosses Centerline before descending down to Maho Bay via Maria Hope Trail. Runners then head to the Leinster Bay Trail where they connect to the Johnny Horn Trail before descending toward the Coral Bay finish line.

The race was created by St. John resident and longtime trail runner Kyle Hart.

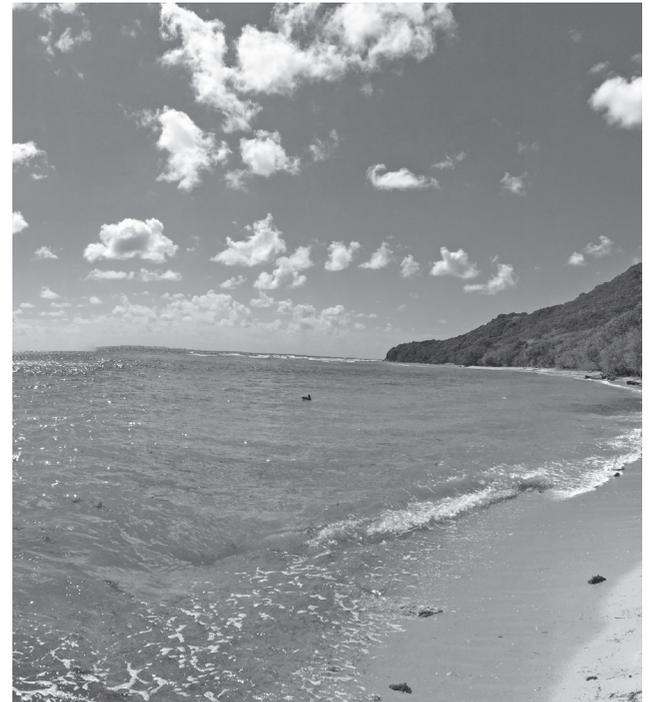
"I asked myself, 'What's the best experience I could create on St. John for trail runners?'" said Hart. "How could I incorporate the most beautiful places along the way?"

After several trial runs on various routes across the island, Hart decided on a course that would go from Cruz Bay to Coral Bay while maximizing use of the V.I. National Park's trails. The number of runners accepted on this inaugural run is 35 in an effort to minimize resources needed for the race. Runners must complete the race in three and a half hours or less. At press time, 32 runners were registered.

"One of the aspects of the race is you have to be self-supported," said Hart. "We may stash water at various checkpoints but you're kind of on your own. You have to take care of yourself, and it's rewarding."

Portions of the trail are out of cell phone range, Hart added.

"You don't want to turn your ankle on L'Esperance because you'd have to drag yourself back up," he said.



St. John Tradewinds News Photos by Andrea Milam.

The first St. John Trail Run will wind past some beautiful scenery during the 13.6 mile course which leads from Cruz Bay to Coral Bay on February 29. Organized by Kyle Hart, the race will be a gruelling run for only 35 athletes who will enjoy passing ruins, above left, and several stunning shorelines, above right.

Though the St. John Trail Race is just two days after 8 Tuff Miles, Hart anticipates that those fit enough to compete in his trail race will view the popular road race as a warm-up.

"The timing was intentional because there's a certain type of person who flies down for 8 Tuff Miles, and I have a few people in the Trail Race who are doing that," said Hart. "Some people have mentioned the timing as a barrier to them participating in the Trail Race, but I wanted to get people who are very fit this year. The 8 Tuff Miles is a good taper-down race before the Trail Race."

The VINP, where the majority of the run will take place, has been supportive of the Trail Race, Hart said. St. John Rescue will be on hand at checkpoints where the trails meet the road. Hart is still searching for volunteers to man various checkpoints, a commitment that will take less than two

hours, to ensure runners are successfully navigating the course.

Though the course may sound grueling, there's a certain beauty in trail running, Hart explained.

"It's so intense because you have to focus really deeply, sometimes for very long stretches, to avoid tripping on rocks and roots, so it can be mentally fatiguing," he said. "Then you come around a bend and the trail opens up to a beautiful view or a wildlife sighting that just blows your mind. There's so much surprise and delight in trail running."

"I'm delighted to be able to share this with the community, and I hope it becomes an event everyone looks for on a regular basis," Hart said.

To learn more about the St. John Trail Race or to volunteer at race checkpoints, visit www.stjohntrailrace.com.



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Estate Enighed Container Port Project Nearing Completion

VIPA Plans to Start Charging for Parking at Cruz Bay Gravel Lot



By Judi Shimel
St. John Tradewinds

Paving work for the Theovald Moorehead Marine Facility cargo apron is expected to move into a new phase shortly. Contractors are almost finished laying concrete slabs in an area set aside for the storage of shipping containers, said a spokesperson for the VI Port Authority.

Motorists driving along Route 104 towards the St. John Westin have seen workers near the Estate Enighed barge dock measuring and pouring concrete slabs in the apron area. The work began around November 2015.

The next step is the installation of curbs and gutters, VIPA spokesperson Monifa Brathwaite said.

“The project is on budget and on schedule,” said Brathwaite. “We expect to be completed by April 2016.”

The budget for the apron project is \$1.2 million.

VIPA Senior Engineer Byron Todman, quoted in the fall edition of VIPA’s newsletter, said the paved apron is being built as a preservation measure. Until the time the work began, shipping companies were storing containers in a sandy area near the barge dock, he explained.

Construction is also taking place near a relocated fringing mangrove, which was partially destroyed in creating the barge dock and container port.

The apron was supposed to be built as part of the

original construction in 2006, but was delayed for financial reasons, according to Todman.

Meanwhile, VIPA officials are moving into the design phase to pave the parking lot laying along the perimeter of the marine facility. VIPA Executive Director Carlton Dowe announced the plan at a town meeting at the Cruz Bay Legislature in March 2015.

The paved parking project is included in the agency’s Fiscal Year 2016 budget. VIPA officials said \$70,260 has been awarded to the deJongh group for design work. Additional funding may be needed to move from design to paving.

About 150 parking spaces are currently available at the Enighed facility, which is largely used to accommodate commuters and ease the demand for parking from Cruz Bay Quarter to Mongoose Junction.

Residents attending the March 2015 town meeting, however, bristled when Dowe said the Estate Enighed facility would be converted into paid parking once the paving project is completed. The agency needs the revenue in part to fund operations at the barge dock and container port, Dowe explained.

VIPA maintains both paid and free parking at facilities it operates on St. Thomas. The one best known by those traveling to and from St. John is found at the Urman Victor Fredericks Marine Terminal at Red Hook. Rates for parking there range from \$2 for an hour to \$10 for the day.



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Happy Valentine's Day St. John!

VINP Reconfigures Buoys at Johnson's Reef to Protect Vessels & Resources

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The buoys at Johnson's Reef were recently reconfigured by V.I. National Park staff, with five buoys already present moved in closer to the reef, and three additional buoys added.

The technology available when the original buoys were installed in 1999 necessitated placing the buoys well away from the reef. With the availability of new materials and technology, buoys can now be placed much closer to the reef, thus offering greater protection for the reef and for vessels.

Johnson's Reef is a shallow reef located in VINP one-half mile north of Trunk Bay off of the north shore of St. John. The new configuration, consisting of eight yellow buoys encircling the reef, will reduce the likelihood of boat groundings and vessel damage and will enhance the protection of the reef.

Vessels must remain outside of the perimeter of these large yellow buoys to avoid striking the reef. Past groundings have caused significant damage both to vessels and to the reef.

For more information on buoys, moorings and boating in Virgin Islands National Park visit <http://www.nps.gov/viis/planyourvisit/virgin-islands-marine-visitor-use-information.htm>.



Connecting with Nature

by Gail Karlsson

Music Review: Adelaide's Warblers Thrill St. John

St. John Tradewinds

With so many talented artists performing on St. John during the winter season, you can be out almost every night rocking and rolling.

Now a new Latin group performing on the south shore of St. John is causing quite a stir. They are called Adelaide's Warblers, but back home in Puerto Rico their group is the Reinita Mariposeras (which loosely translates into "Little Queen Butterfly Hunters"). Not very macho, but I heard they were flashy looking and knew a lot of sweet songs, so my friend Kathy and I drove out to Lameshur Bay to catch their act.

Okay, they were just little birds, but very handsome and good singers, so we were happy we made the trip. We did have to hike out into the forest a little way past Little Lameshur Bay beach on the path towards Reef Bay.

It is lovely out there, but it's not a good venue for the late night crowd — which is okay because the birds do most of their singing from mid-morning to early afternoon.

One of the common male songs is a long loud trill increasing in pitch. We could hear it from a distance up the hill before we saw a couple of birds flitting back and forth across the path.

The interesting thing about these warblers is that until recently they were only found on Puerto Rico and Vieques. Now they seem to be set-

tling in the Virgin Islands as well. I heard about these guys from Professor Richard Veit who frequently does research at the Virgin Islands Environmental Resource Stations at Lameshur. He is a professor from the College of Staten Island and the City University of New York Graduate Center.

The Adelaide's Warblers were first observed on St. Thomas in 2012. Last January, Professor Veit and his colleagues found five of them on St. John near Lameshur, including at least three different singing males that appeared to be vigorously defending breeding territories. This January they counted eight. Seems like the band is expanding.

There are some familiar St. John residents also performing in the same area — including Bananaquits and Yellow Warblers. Though they may show you a flash of yellow as they flit past, up close these birds sound and look quite different.

The song of the Yellow Warbler is commonly described as "sweet, sweet, I'm so sweet", while the Bananaquit keeps repeating "tseet, tseet, tseet" which is not very melodic.

If you don't make it to Lameshur, check out some of the trilling tunes of the Adelaide's Warblers at this website: <http://www.xeno-canto.org/species/Setophaga-adelaidae>.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Richard Viet

The enchanting songs of the Adelaide's Warbler, above, have been entertaining morning hikers in the Lameshur Bay area on the south shore.



St. John Tradewinds News Photos by Gail Karlsson

At left is a Yellow Warbler, whose song is described as "sweet, I'm so sweet," while the song of the Bananaquit, above, is best described as "tseet, tseet, tseet."



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Plastic Bag Ban Soon Come?

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Are a plastic bag ban, recycling and composting – soon come ?

Governor Kenneth Mapp, in his recent State of the Territory address, spoke about a Waste Reduction Program that will include Recycling, Composting, a Beverage and Container Deposit Law, a Trash Separation Plan and a ban on Plastic Bags throughout the territory!

To me these are some very welcomed policies!

Lets be honest about our waste system that we now have in place. It is literally non-existent! Our landfills are at a critical stage of being over filled, not to mention that trash being disposed of in those landfills is an environmental disaster.

I applaud Governor Mapp for taking a stand on our solid waste disposal problems. These are not going to just disappear, they will get worse before they get better.

We will all need to educate ourselves and our children on trash separation, recycling and bottle bill deposit laws.

We will need to keep an eye out for individuals who will wantonly dump trash illegally. Check out the current bin sites and look at the items that are illegally dumped beside the dumpster bins — couches, refrigerators, washing machines, dryers, TV's, old computers and more.

We cannot allow these illegal practices to continue!

I ask each and every one of us to start to embrace the new methods of trash reduction that will soon begin to be implemented.

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Canfield Named 2015 VI Sailor of the Year by VISA

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It's not everyone that can start skippering a revolutionary boat at the beginning of a year and end that same year as it's classes' world champion. This impressive feat is the defining reason why Taylor Canfield has been named "2015 Virgin Islands Sailor of the Year" for the third year in a row by the Virgin Islands Sailing Association (VISA).

"Olympian in the Laser class, Cy Thompson, had a good year along with Optimist sailor Teddy Nicolosi," said VISA president Phillip Shannon of the awarding of this highly coveted title. "However, Taylor's dominance in the M32 while at the same time maintaining his number two ranking as a match racer were deciding factors."

"What an honor," said Canfield, who learned of this honor via Email in route to the World Match Racing Tour's 2015 season finale, the Monsoon Cup, in Malaysia,

where he finished second.

The conferral of the VISA award is what Canfield called "the icing on the cake" of a successful sailing year. He and his US One Sailing Team started off 2015 on a different tack than usual when they decided to race M32s, a 32-foot catamaran dubbed a high performance "speed machine" by its builders. Canfield's desire to test his skills for the first time on two hulls instead of one was driven by three key factors. First, he had an opportunity to train against members of the Nacra 17 US Sailing Team and very much enjoyed the experience. Secondly, the fast double-hull design fit in well with the ultimate carrot of his sailing career, that of sailing in the America's Cup, an event now trending into a multihull competition. Third, the cincher was a ride on a M32 owned by Sweden's Mathias Rahm, a world champion, Olympic and America's Cup contender

and inaugural M32 champ in 2013.

Canfield, who has thrived on speed since his days sailing Optimists in the Caribbean trade winds, got hooked and geared up to throw down the gauntlet in the M32. This he did by winning the four-leg M32 North American Series in April before heading to Europe in the summer for the five-leg M32 Scandinavian Series.

"Of all the regattas this year, I would say the biggest accomplishment was winning all but one of the M32 Scandinavian Series," said Canfield.

Canfield also didn't miss a beat keeping up with his match racing career in 2015. In fact, he successfully defended his title in the Congressional Cup, hosted out of the Long Beach Yacht Club, in California, in May.

Canfield joined an elite club being one of only eight skippers in the 51-year-old Cup's history to win two years in a row.

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By Virgin Islands National Park & Coral Reef National Monument

Superintendent Brion FitzGerald

Healthy Parks - Healthy People

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Most of our readers can relate to being asked “what is your favorite time of year on the island?”

It is an interesting question and one that I likely answer differently depending upon what time of year the question is asked. I can tell you that the one time of year that I most frequently find myself thinking “this is my favorite time of the year” is December through the end of February.

That is because this is the time when I see a significant increase in the number of local residents out in the park either walking or running the roads and trails. I find myself wondering if they are getting ready for 8 Tuff Miles, or if they are out here because it is so much cooler this time of year.

I confess to being a morning person and regardless of why they are out there, I love seeing familiar (and new) faces out in the park when it is quiet and the sun is just coming up. Something about seeing these folks helps to motivate me since I know they made the same choice I did that morning.

They also chose to get out of bed, hit it early and enjoy the beauty of Virgin Islands National Park. Their use of the park never fails to make me realize how lucky we are to have this special place to enjoy.

This thought resonates even more this year as we celebrate the 60th anniversary of the establishment of VNP. By the way, for our off island visitors, the motor vehicle code asks pedestrians to walk/run facing oncoming traffic where the road shoulder is wide enough to safely do so.

As mentioned in last month’s column — one of the NPS’ Centennial themes is Healthy Parks-Healthy People. When you use the park for exercise, you are not just contributing to your own personal well-being, you are setting a positive example for the rest of our visitors.

Speaking of setting a positive example, I also want to offer my sincere thanks to those individuals who are doing so by taking action to help keep our island and this park free from roadside litter and trash.

I saw Lloyd Prince out cleaning Centerline Road this week and Peter Alter doing the same thing on the previous Saturday. I know that the “Get Trashed St. John” group has been very active in the park and I loved the *Tradewinds* article on the St. John teens joining forces with the Coral Bay Community Council to clean up Hard Labor Ghut.

When I saw Mr. Prince this week I thought how one person in a community can make a huge impact simply by taking individual action. Some might ask, “How much of a difference can one person make with the amount of trash we have?” I would offer that anyone seeing these individuals working out there is less likely to toss something out the window of their car or to leave their unsecured garbage next to a roadside dumpster or by a trash container in the park.

You are all making a big difference and we thank you for your efforts. I hope to see you out in the park.

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Government Launches Zika Virus Action Plan

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Despite only one confirmed case in the United States Virgin Islands, the local government is focusing its resources on preventing the spread of the Zika virus.

A Preliminary Action Plan was established this week with the assistance of Department of Health Commissioner nominee Dr. Michelle Davis, an expert epidemiologist and Regional Health Administrator for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Davis has been in constant contact with the Center for Disease Control and monitoring World Health Organization reports since learning of the potential threat to the Virgin Islands.

“We are working diligently to prepare and protect the territory,” Davis said. “I am appreciative of the assistance of the CDC with the diagnostics and educational materials. I will be continuing to work with the CDC in the event of further developments.”

Governor Kenneth Mapp directed the mobilization of a multi-agency team led by DOH.

“We are extremely fortunate to have the assistance and leadership of Dr. Davis who is a true expert in this area,” Mapp said.

DOH Deputy Commissioner Kimberly Jones, who has helped coordinate prevention efforts, said additional resources are being directed to mosquito eradication, as well to boosting education efforts. Public information campaigns are expected to ramp up in the coming days and information will be disseminated in schools, workplaces and at large events such as the upcoming Agriculture Fair on St. Croix.

Enforcement officers from DOH, Waste Management Authority, Department of Planning and Natural Resources and Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs temporarily assigned to Virgin Islands Police Department were allowed to return to their posts when the Executive Order assigning them to VIPD expired on January 31.

“These officers will be visiting neighborhoods throughout the territory to assist in eradication efforts, but we are also calling on every Virgin Islander to do their part,” Jones said. “Get rid of any standing water in and around your homes and help your friends and family members do the same. Report stagnant water to the Department of Health that is too big for you to handle such as an abandoned cistern or pool.”

Jones also urged Virgin Islanders to protect themselves from bites as best they can with clothing and repellents. She said those with symptoms similar to those found with Zika should see a health care provider. DOH, in conjunction with the CDC, continues to test specimens from suspected cases of Zika Virus at no cost to residents.

DOH has distributed approximately 3000 mosquito nets focusing their efforts on pregnant women, who doctors believe are at greatest risk from exposure to Zika. DOH officials have conducted Healthcare Provider training sessions in both the St. Thomas/St. John and the St. Croix Districts. Training has also been conducted with emergency room staff at the Roy L. Schneider Hospital on St. Thomas and the Juan F. Luis Hospital on St. Croix to help them recognize suspected cases.

Additionally, a comprehensive training session was conducted with the entire staff of the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority, as its personnel often come in contact with potential mosquito breeding grounds around bins and other disposal sites.

“I want our residents and our visitors to rest assured we are taking all possible steps to combat this virus and we will continue to keep the public informed with regular updates,” Jones said.

For more information call DOH at (340) 774-9000. Updates and information are also available on DOH’s website at www.healthvi.gov.

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Inspiring Interiors

by Tiffany Cassidy

Do's & Don'ts of Interior Design

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I enjoy helping people design and create their dream home through drapery, furniture and all of the little things they love. All too often I hear stories of people taking on design and remodel projects on their own, and ending up with items they don't like and a room they are unhappy with. Use these tips to help make your next project a great success.

Five Common Interior Design Mistakes to Avoid

Wrapping your head around decorating a room, let alone an entire home, can be daunting and overwhelming to anyone. Here are five of the most common mistakes that people make when decorating and easy ways to avoid them.

1. Don't over furnish your room.

Does your room seem crowded or awkward? Are you able to navigate through it with ease? These problems could be occurring because your room is over furnished. Less really is more in so many cases. Creating a space plan before you make any purchase can be very helpful.

2. Don't try to make something fit.

Between side tables, coffee tables, media storage, and other types of furniture, there's a lot that goes into decorating a room, and sometimes what you want or have just doesn't fit. Scale of the furnishings should complement the scale of the room. If you're having trouble finding the right solution sometimes a custom piece really is worth waiting for!

3. Don't over clutter.

Displaying family pictures and prized possessions is just one aspect of making your home yours, but do you need to showcase everything you own? Editing your collections will allow you to really appreciate each of the items you love. Put extras away in storage and then rotate your collections seasonally. Your home will feel refreshed each time!

4. Don't be a victim of poor lighting.

Poor lighting can make your home feel dark and dingy! Allow for as much natural light as possible during daylight hours. After dark, in addition to your ambient and task lighting, don't forget to add accent lighting. Whether to highlight artwork or the home's architecture,

accent lighting can add elegance to your interior.

5. Don't choose your furniture before your paint color.

Paint is available in any color. Fall in love with one item for your room, whether it's a painting, a rug, or artwork, you can then pull the color palette for other items from that one. If you love your inspiration piece you will love the room that springs from it.

Now, here are five tips for what to do to create great living spaces for you and your family to enjoy.

Five Do's for Interior Design

1. Do set a budget and shop with a plan.

Before you head out to shop for furniture sit down and make a plan that includes your budget and what you need. A space plan combined with a budget will help you make choices more easily

2. Do embrace texture.

Color isn't the only way to create interest in your room. Exploring different textures and mixing styles can elevate the space. A seagrass rug can pair beautifully with modern lacquered cabinets. It doesn't hurt to shop around and keep your eyes open for unique and interesting items; you never know what you'll find!

2. Do your windows.

Other than paint, window treatments can make the single largest impact in your room. Not only do they control light but window treatments also give you an opportunity to add more texture and color.

3. Do rethink furniture placement.

It may be tempting to push your tables or sofas to the wall to create an open floor space, but placing your furniture close together creates an intimate and cozy setting.

4. Do create a focal point.

A focal point creates order and focus and helps you design and furnish your room. Here in the Virgin Islands we usually like to use our amazing sea views as the room's focal point.

Caneel Bay Resort Appoints Nicholas Arnold as Executive Chef

St. John Tradewinds

Just in time for its 60th anniversary year, Caneel Bay Resort announced the appointment of Nicholas Arnold as Executive Chef.

With a passion for the culinary arts that matches the beauty of the island the resort calls home, Arnold oversees all dining operations, menu creation, and procurement of the freshest, most flavorful ingredients for Turtle Bay Estate House, Caneel Beach Terrace, Caneel Beach Bar & Grill and Cannella. He also directs private dining and room service, as well as banqueting for special events.

Arnold infuses his menus with healthy, nutrient-rich, and eminently flavorful food — cooked with integrity and the freshest possible ingredients. He is sourcing local mahi, lobster, mango and arugula, to name a few, and all seafood he uses — particularly halibut, salmon, tuna and other local fish — is re-iced only three times and spends no more than 48 hours out of the water. Meanwhile, he is always looking for opportunities to infuse his cooking with Caribbean techniques and history.

Arnold worked at Caneel Bay previously from 2000-2002 as Garde Manger Chef, a position he secured on invitation from then-Chef Hans Schadler who spent the majority of his career at Caribbean Rockefeller Resorts. This time Arnold arrived at the Resort from New Albany Country Club in New Albany, Ohio, where he was Executive Chef over the past four years.

Arnold has also held positions at a number of prominent addresses, including as Executive Chef of The Garden of the Gods Club in Colorado Springs; Executive Chef of Boulder Country Club in Boulder, Colorado; Chef de Cuisine at The Wisconsin Room at the American Club, an AAA Five-Diamond, Forbes Five-Star resort in Kohler, Wisconsin; and Executive Chef of Riverbend, a private membership club originally created in 1923 by Walter Kohler, then-Governor of Wisconsin.

When not in the kitchen at Caneel Bay Resort, Arnold loves to hike the tropical beauty of St. John or relax and read from his collection of 2,500 books. He also enjoys traveling with his wife.



Hippie Love Fest Fundrasier for Michael Beason is Feb. 24 in Coral Bay

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There's one very groovy party with a purpose planned in Coral Bay on Wednesday, February 24, from 4 to 9 p.m. at Pickles Deli.

The "Hippie Love Fest and Open Mic for Mike with Ike" is designed to both celebrate the Love City roots of community caring and to help St. John long-time resident and musician Michael Beason and his wife Barbara Footer who are dealing with a major medical set back.

Beason known, as MB or "ice cream mon" had an accident while loading Ben and Jerry's onto his truck. He basically fell off the roof of the ice cream van while unloading ice cream. Unfortunately the impact of his fall broke his heel to smithereens.

Beason had to leave island for medical treatment in Florida. He's had surgery and now local friends are trying to help out for his long term recovery.

What better way to help a friend and relive the 70s and 80s on St. John? Think bell bottoms, tie dye shirts, head bands, brownies, love beads (even Tiffany Jensen is sending beads from New Orleans for the event), John Lennon glasses — well you get the drift!

Now and Zen owners Lolita and Rick, upon hearing about the benefit, immediately donated 50 gorgeous sarongs and will donate all the proceeds for the cause!

There will also be great music that night with both local and visiting musicians. All proceeds from the tip jar will go to the cause.

A big "hail up" too Pickles Deli owner Bev Melius who repeatedly offers her establishment to support our Coral Bay community.

The evening will also include fun contests like a 60s mod look-alike contest. Think Jimi Hendricks, Janice Joplin, John Lennon, or if you'd just rather be you, in your 60s favorite outfit or laid-back Coral Bay style, that works.

Bonny Corbeil, who has spearheaded this fundraiser, is seeking volunteers to help make this a fun



and crazy event, just like the 60s. She needs help with raffle tickets, decorating, and simply putting groovy into the planning of this first ever Hippie Love Fest.

Call Corbeil at (340) 693-587 or e-mail bonnycorbeil@gmail.com for more information, to volunteer or make a donation.

Anyone who would like to offer raffle prizes, like villa stays, an item from a shop, or an activity that can help Mike out, then we'd love to hear from you.

Thank you to Anne Marie Porter, the Barefoot Minister, who immediately donated a \$400 wedding to our raffle; as well as artist/designer George Hollander who has designed a special light fixture for the event entitled "Beason's Beacon."

Everyone with the peace and love vibe is welcomed! Mark your calendars, Love City, be square or be there!

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Historical Bits & Pieces

by Chuck Pishko

St. John School of the Arts: Steel Unlimited II

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After 400 years of suffering, the people stolen from their African homes invented a musical format from the industrial waste of discarded oil barrels. They tuned the barrels to create a musical sound that brought them joy that they shared with their people.

Workers as shown took steel drums, hammered them and completely transformed them into musical instruments. They burnt and tuned them into steel pans. When beaten and played with an African percussive spirit, the music was no longer African or European. The arrangements, language, musical beat, notations and rituals surrounding transcend into something new; it became Caribbean creolized music.

Even today a steel oil drum is processed in the same way until it produces the Caribbean creolized music.

Young St. Johnians were being trained to bring out the Caribbean creolized music that would amaze their many listeners in the early 1990s. Under the tutelage of their director Rudy Wells, Steel Unlimited II performed in the United States and also played all over Europe. They dazzled them in Denmark, regaled them in Germany, fascinated them in France and spellbound them in Switzerland.

Steel Unlimited II perfected their music and came home with a deeper understanding of their new musical form. The returning emissaries energized the St. John School of the Arts.

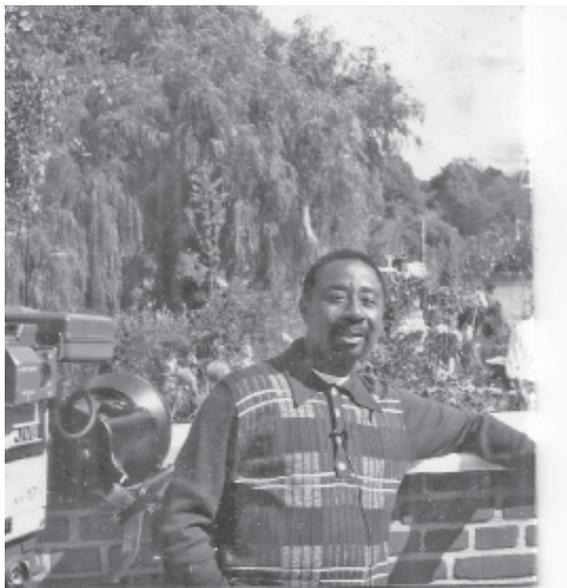
Rudy Wells deserves special accolades for his contributions. Rudy took 36 students and turned them into accomplished musicians in a short time. He also supervised the creation of the steel drums into musical instruments. Rudy earned a Bachelor's degree in music from the Berklee College of Music in Boston, Massachusetts and a Master's degree in Education from the University of Miami. His musical acumen and his ability to transform students into maestros was outstanding.

Ironically Rudy suffers from advanced Alzheimer's disease and no longer can recall his accomplishments. But his accomplishments live on in the people trained and the people who enjoyed his music.



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Rudy Wells, the founder of Steel Unlimited II, making pans, above, and smiling for the camera, below..



14th Annual Celebration of Love set for Feb. 14 at Trunk Bay

St. John Tradewinds

Join "The Barefoot Minister" Rev. Anne Marie Porter on Sunday, February 14, at Trunk Bay at 5 p.m. for what has become one of the most anticipated traditions of the season.

This year will mark the 14th Annual Celebration of Love vow renewal hosted by Porter. More than 1,300 couples have celebrated Valentine's Day with Porter at this free and heartwarming event. There is no registration necessary; just show up.

VI Audubon Society 18th Annual Plant Sale is Saturday, March 5

St. John Tradewinds

Once again the VI Audubon Society will offer a great variety of plants and trees at reasonable prices at its annual plant sale. Come see us at the The Marketplace on the second level parking lot by St. John Hardware from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 5.

Anyone looking to add palms, bay trees, mahogany trees, pink cedar trees, desert rose, agaves, or ornamentals such as Joseph's Coat, lantana, ruellia, plumeria, periwinkle, passion fruit vine, and other garden favorites to your yard should make sure to stop by. Vegetable plants will also be available including tomatoes, lettuce greens, eggplant, sweet and hot peppers, kale, collards, edaname and banana root stock. We will also have many diverse herbs for sale including cilantro, parsley, dill, basil, mint and garlic chives. This list is only a portion of what will be available. If you love orchids we will have those for sale, too.

This event is the major fundraiser for VIAS. Money raised is used to sponsor educational programs for school children, to promote environmentally sound practices, and to continue efforts to, preserve, restore and enhance the wildlife sanctuary at the Small Pond at Frank Bay, a Virgin Islands designated Wildlife & Marine Sanctuary. For further information contact Dave Spoth at (716)472-6888.



Wine Talk with Paul

by Paul Tsakeres

The Big Night is Almost Here

St. John Tradewinds

Well, ladies and gentlemen, cats and kittens, it is once again time for the big pressure night of the year — Valentine’s Day.

Being only a week away, what a nice thing to know that with a little guidance from Island Cork and with our combined skills, you are sure to shine!

The best restaurants are sure to fill up fast so with a dose of motivation and confidence you can create a great event for yourselves and together enjoy a great night. Lay off trying to find “The Perfect Wine” and since there are many suggestions to make, let’s get started.

First, be sure to have some of Josephine’s organic greens on hand, get over to Sam and Jack’s to get a bag of some exotic ravioli they may have, or order some with wild mushrooms or squash. Then get over to the Fish Trap to buy some delectable scallops, shrimps and/or clams because you are preparing a fast and easy gourmet dinner at home!

Cleaning your house and getting rid of your roommate may be the hardest part for the younger people in the audience, while many others are already getting their menu together for a nice night.

Put a fast salad together with the greens a few cherry tomatoes and a couple of discs of Chevre (goat cheese) as an easy first course. Start the evening with Champagne or Sparkling Wine and frankly, it would be fine to enjoy the champie throughout, just be sure to have that second bottle in the fridge! It’s a nice way to start the evening and it goes well with the first course.

Next up a small pasta course. Drop 3-5 ravioli for each person depending on the size into some boiling water. Easy right? Heat that lovely sauce they were selling too and here is another great way to shine. The

bubbles will be terrific with this course too, very palate cleansing.

The crispness of the Champagne will leave your mouth refreshed and ready for the next bite. You should have a couple of glasses remaining so keep it cold as you move into a great white wine because next up is a fish course.

So many of you catch your own lobsters and more still know someone who does too. With just a little prep here, this course too can be simple and elegant. I suggest only using the tails and therein lies your task. If you prefer instead of, or in addition to, the lobster, sear some scallops in butter, flash fry a couple of shrimp and, if he has a couple of little neck clams, you can put them under the broiler with the lobster tail. None of these suggestions take long in the kitchen so you can be assured of plenty of quality time with one another.

Along with the main course, enjoy an unctuous rich Chardonnay, called White Burgundy in France. The richness of the butter, the scallops and lobster are truly made for one another. There are buttery vanilla elements in a wine like this that are very complementary with this food. Since there are no rules, you could select a crisper wine in the same family, like a Chablis, which is an unoaked Chardonnay that has a more flinty characteristic that often pairs well with lobster. Alternatives could include an excuse to try something like an Albarino from Spain, a Sauvignon Blanc or a new international favorite with any seafood in the Assyrtiko from Santorini.

Before you finish the Champagne under the stars, enjoy a small bottle of dessert wine or a true Moscato d’Asti from Italy since a fine sweet dessert loves a sweet wine. Mix it up and enjoy everything.

Viva Amore.

New Government Job Listings to be Posted This Week

St. John Tradewinds

Division of Personnel Director Milton Potter said the public should be able to access the expanded list of Government job vacancies on the DOP’s website by Monday.

Personnel staff experienced various technical difficulties this week while trying to upload an increased volume of information related to the number of new job listings.

Potter said that the initial emphasis will be on filling teaching and law enforcement jobs.

“We will focus earliest on filling vacancies at the Police and Education departments, as well as the Corrections Bureau,” he said. “However, in the next few days we will also be posting listings for job openings in Human Services, Public Works, Health and the Bureau of Internal Revenue.”

In recent weeks, Governor Kenneth Mapp took steps to restore funding to more than 800 vacant positions however, Director Potter indicated that some of the job listings require updates before they can be posted.

“The public will see new additions to the job listings on a regular basis over the next few weeks as this information is finalized,” he said.

Potter said that the application process can be completed online at www.dopusvi.org or those interested may visit the Division’s offices.

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Sorry WAPA, But Propane Will Not Save Us Money

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History: Hundreds of Virgin Islanders had rallies against high WAPA prices leading up to 11/11/11. Remember the protests? On 11/11/11 at 11:11, citizens planned to switch off their current en masse. It was a form of boycott, to show WAPA that customers have power too.

I went to WAPA on St. Thomas at 10:45 and asked to observe the control room to see the voice of the people register on the gauges at WAPA. I was refused entry, despite being a senator representing the people. WAPA officials were clearly upset and fearful of the power of united consumers. Afterwards, WAPA refused to report what the boycott looked like from the control room.

In the following weeks, it seemed that WAPA customers were seized with hopelessness. No more organized protests, just complaining on talk radio and a diffuse frustration that was everywhere in the community. Then the 30th Legislature was elected. Hearing the people's voices, we studied the issue for six months and then proposed a series of four bills to solve the problem. It was not successful; WAPA's lobbying broke the resolve of most of the senators. (If the public had remained focussed, we would have a modern electric grid today.)

Let me be very specific. On the day we considered the first bill, which was a Resolution sponsored by Sen. Myron Jackson that set forth the nature of the crisis, told what we had done to date, and laid out what we needed to do, approximately 45 WAPA employees filled the Legislative Chambers. I was chairing the Energy Committee hearing, and I could see the support for our plan evaporating before my eyes! Senator Millin Young's bill to limit the LEAC to no more than the cost of the base rate thus had no chance of passing. (We managed to pass the Resolution of Sen. Jackson, because it had no direct effect on WAPA, it just set forth

where we'd been, where we where, and where we needed to go. Even so, WAPA was against it.)

We were forewarned that WAPA would attend and lobby (and it is their right to do so). We had been contacted by some clergy about how their flocks were struggling mightily with the burden of exorbitant WAPA bills. Clergy asked what could be done. We told them that it would be helpful to senators' resolve if faith groups could send a few dozen people to support action to lower WAPA bills and increase reliability. No one showed up. Later, we understood that "people had to work" and "people were afraid of confronting WAPA employees." Of course WAPA employees were being paid to be there, but senators needed to see several dozen regular, suffering citizens in the audience. If there had been 200 suffering citizens, I believe that senators would have had the heart to make the necessary changes.

As I have said previously, several times, Sens. Gittens, Millin Young, and Payne did not waver. Sometimes leaders must take the right action and then explain why they made the decision. That is not what the Legislature did, however.

I cannot blame other senators for soft-pedaling and backing off of our clearly-conceived plan — senators are elected to represent the People. And those People who show up and let their will be known get more representation than those who do not. This is the way democracy works.

But I wish in my heart that the vast majority of suffering Virgin Islanders and Virgin Islands businesses had lobbied as fiercely and effectively as WAPA did.

As you know, we did pass Legislation to promote the use of renewable energy (Acts 7075 and 7586). But we could have done so much more, by investing in a WAPA that was fuel-efficient and that could accept unlimited renewable energy onto the grid. As you know, WAPA hit the "cap" for renewable energy about a year ago, causing the blossoming

VI solar industry to come to a screeching halt. That cap of 5 megawatts for STX and 10 megawatts for STT/STJ would not have existed if we had voted to modernize WAPA.

One of our four bills was to offer the generation portion of WAPA for sale to private industry, under the following terms: 1) They had to be the highest bidder (we expected \$250-\$350 million); 2) They had to achieve a fuel consumption of 9,200 BTU per kilowatt-hour or better; 3) They had to accept (unlimited) electricity from customers who wanted to net-meter with their own solar or wind; and 4) They had to give the generation back to WAPA & the people of the VI in 20 years.

It was my hope that WAPA would do these things by itself in order to avoid being partially privatized. I said this during the hearings. But instead of taking the hint from the legislature and hearing the cries of the People, WAPA hunkered down and focussed on lobbying, lobbying, and lobbying.

WAPA convinced us that "propane is the answer." It was a diversion. The real issue is fuel-efficiency. WAPA paid for propane capability, but did not increase the fuel-efficiency to 9,200 BTU per kilowatt-hour. At 17,000 BTU per kilowatt-hour, rates will be too high, whether fueled by propane or diesel.

Propane has not saved us money. We have a temporary easing of the pain due to the precipitous fall in world oil prices. If WAPA had modernized its plants in 2009-2012, our rates would be about half of what they are today. Imagine how you would spend that extra disposable income! Imagine how many businesses would have expanded rather than going out of business!

That brings us to where we are today.

I hope that this brief history of our energy path from 2009 until today is helpful.

Craig Barshinger

Crossword & Cryptoquote Answers (Puzzles located on Page 20)

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Letters to *St. John Tradewinds*

We Need to Fix Our Local Government Soon

St. John Tradewinds

There are a lot of very skilled people in our community and I think if they push hard enough, they can get Governor Mapp to do his job. He will either learn fast or be dumped or just help take care of things in Paradise.

Removing the top management in our government workforce and replacing them with people who have had no training at all of what the Department does or how they did it is a pretty big step. He cut pretty deep and he is going to have to start paying attention to how he is going to get things working again.

We need a government that functions and the employees deserve managers that can help them make it function. Changing all the Directors and Commissioners and then going on trips all over the world instead of doing his job to teach his new bosses how to do their jobs, is not what we hired him to do.

He's not a bad guy. I have met him a couple of times and he seems to me to be pretty

personable. It's sometimes hard to get things going again after the bosses have all been replaced, but there is no need of sliding backwards just because we have a new Governor.

This community is not going to tolerate any more ineffective Governors who do not help us to continue to get better. It is good to see that Lt. Governor Potter is cancelling all the government auction sales of property because of in-house crime at the OLG. I hope he is going to fix the OLG and that revoking the sales was not just to give property back to his buddies.

Potter did a great job at PBS and I hope that he stops traveling and begins to fix the Office of the Lt. Governor. That office costs us millions of dollars in lost revenue because of sloppy tax collection and the bumbling bureaucracy that handles issues related to property sales record keeping. Lets all hope for the best and be prepared for a change if things don't start improving.

Greg Miller

SJCF Volunteers Thank Light Up the Night Supporters & Sponsors

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The St. John Cancer Fund would like to thank the following people for their support and contributions to making Light Up the Night 2016 a huge success.

This event would not be possible without the help of our official sponsor, The St. John Experience App, and our affiliate sponsors: St. John Hardware, Marketplace St. John, Key Management, Island Style Weddings, Mongoose Junction Merchants, E&C Gas Station, Transportation Services, Gallows Point Resort, Caribbean Villa Management Woody's Seafood Saloon, VI- ATM, AARP St. John Chapter.

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Thank you to all who gave of their time, support and money, because of all of you, the St. John Cancer Fund can continue to assist St. Johnians in their fight against cancer.

"Donkey" Dana Thanks Supporters of Yard & Bake Sale

St. John Tradewinds

We had an amazing turnout for our first ever yard sale! Pam Holmes, author of our recent Donkey Updates published in the local media, and her boyfriend, Craig, had generously offered the furnishings from a "cottage" they were going to tear down on their property. Since I was moving closer to the corral, I asked if we could do a yard sale with the items, instead.

They said "yes," never having done one themselves. Neither have I ever taken the time to have a sale, although I came up with a good bit to sell. With the advice of yard sale pro Angela Ebner, we were able to raise over \$2,300 in sales and a total of over \$3,000 with generous monetary donations in one day!

Many, many thanks to all who helped make it happen and came out in support of St. John's one and only "Donkey Lady."

To Pam and Craig, of course, for their continued support! Beverly Melius for allowing use of the whole parking area of Pickles in Paradise. Isabelle Turner for baking up some special treats and being the yard and bake sale cashier.

Genieve Paris for baking up some goodies, contributing items to sell and helping with the bake sale. Alisa Gessner being present all day and bringing her students to help out. Teri Wine for first promoting me on Facebook, helping to get set up and purchasing yard sale items. Bonnie Corbel for making our signs, helping to set up tables and organize as well as being a customer.

Diane Bauder and her daughter Elizabeth for helping at the corral to feed the horses and then at the yard sale, (As well as making sure I had something to eat!). Liz of Queen of Tarts for the delicious coffee cake. Baked in the Sun for the plentiful sugar cookies

Mark Harvath of Poncho Pickle for the flavorful corn bread and purchasing yard sale items. Erin Pryor of Triple B for the wonderful cheesecake. Karen Samuel for the healthy oatmeal/raisin cookies. Linda Reidelbach and Jamie for the fantastic bake sale items, including cupcakes in ice cream cones. Oriel Smith for transporting the trailer to and from the

yard sale as well as his passion for the donkeys. Nancy Stomp and Jason for their generous donations including a mattress plus past support from the Baggy Wrinkles Yoga Club.

Jane and Larry Brown for a large truck load of donations. Jamie Johnson for two car loads of donations plus her generous monetary donations. Ron and Sue Yackle for numerous items. Lauren Jones Magnie for numerous items.

Carey Mercurio and Tom for a rattan sofa and numerous other items. Sharon Coldren for a ureka palm plant. Candace Greathouse for the imaginative paintings. Joanna Wheatly for the glassware and plates she procured for me from St. Thomas/St. John Bargain and Sale page.

Gail Van de Bogurt for the mug as well as being a great advocate for the corral.

Coral Bay Community Council for all the clothes.

Caneel Bay for the linens.

Gallows Bay for the sheets and towels.

Jean Vance for helping set up this event on Facebook as well as advertising on her website.

Calvary Baptist church in Coral Bay for lending us the tables.

Special thanks to Karen Bruder and Margery Jones for their generous donations.

Angela Ebner for giving us great yard sale tips.

Once again, the Coral Bay community showed its outpouring support. Thanks to the continued donations throughout the day. I think we actually ended the yard sale with more items than we started with! Craig packed the trailer with barely an inch to spare. Which means once I am settled in the new space, we will be planning on having another sale! Stay tuned!

Please note, if you're interested in helping the animals and their caretaker, you can still contribute via PayPal through info@horsesstjohn.com.

Thank you everyone!

Dana Bartlett

Community Calendar

St. John Tradewinds welcomes notices of community-oriented, not-for-profit events for inclusion in this weekly listing. Call 340-514-300 or e-mail editor@tradewinds.vi.

Tuesday, February 9

— St. John Historical Society's monthly member meeting at the Bethany Moravian Church Hall on Tuesday, February 9 at 7 p.m. will showcase important people on St. John.

This is a part of the society's series "People Who Made a Difference." Members will be encouraging the audience to share anecdotes, so as to keep these memories alive.

Saturday, February 13

— The Humane Society of St. Thomas will host its annual fundraiser, the elegant Valentine's Ball, Saturday, February 13, at Villa Botanica at the Crown and Hawk Botanical Gardens, with cocktails at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner and silent auction at 7:30 p.m.

Music will be provided by DJ Eric Snow to get the party going and keep everyone dancing all night. There will be a silent auction with many unique items up for bid. This event supports the Humane Society of St. Thomas' ongoing efforts to provide food, medical care, and adoption services for homeless animals on St. Thomas.

February 13 - 17

— The 16th Annual St. John Arts Festival kicks off

Saturday, February 13. This year's Festival program retains the successful format of previous years, starting with a Children's Day on Saturday, February 13th, when all the energy and exuberance of youth is displayed – including traditional steel pan band music, school choirs, age old Quadrille dancing and lively jump rope performances which demonstrate superb skill, timing and coordination – without being tied up in knots!

Sunday, February 14

— Join "The Barefoot Minister" Rev. Anne Marie Porter on Sunday, February 14, at Trunk Bay at 5 p.m. for what has become one of the most anticipated traditions of the season.

This year will mark the 14th Annual Celebration of Love vow renewal hosted by Porter. More than 1,300 couples have celebrated Valentine's Day with Porter at this free and heartwarming event. There is no registration necessary; just show up.

Friday, February 26

— Bethany Moravian Church is hosting Family Movie Night February 26 at 7 p.m. The February movie is "Selma."

"Lightecture" at Kimberly Boulon Fine Art Gallery will Feature Work by George Hollander Feb. 12



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Kimberly Boulon Fine Art Gallery invited the community to join in a pre-Valentine One Man Show as the gallery presents George Hollander's newest light objects.

For one night only, the gallery will extinguish its own lights for this event. "Lightecture" will take place on Friday, February 12, from 5 to 8 p.m., on the second floor of The Marketplace.

The focus of Hollander's presentation is the architecture of light, hence the word "Lightecture" — light plus architecture. His work breaks from the traditional forms of lighting, towards an exploration of new ideas in form and function. The "functional art" movement of the late 70s, early 1980s caught his attention while working in New York City and has been a part of him ever since.

Hollander's current work reflects an organic evolution, a boldness in its authenticity and originality, that needs to be experienced. For those who attend his opening at the gallery on Friday, February 12, Hollander will unveil two new spectacular pieces.

Come enjoy with this pre-Valentine's Day light show with wine, appetizers and George Hollander. It's light, it's art, it's passion!

SJHS Monthly Meeting is February 9 at Bethany Moravian Church

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This is a part of the society's series "People Who Made a Difference." Ronnie Jones will be presenting his grandfather, Neptune Richards. In addition, SJHS will be showing a slide show of other people in the community who, with their entrepreneurial spirit, were responsible for the ebb and flow of commerce on St. John. Without these remembrances, these dynamic people might slip into obscurity as the years pass. Members will be encouraging the audience to share anecdotes, so as to keep these memories alive.

ALCOHOLICS 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.

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On *the* Market

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Stunning Water Views & Cooling Breezes Await at Hummingbird's Secret Overlooking Great Cruz Bay

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Enjoy all that tropical living has to offer — stunning water views from your refreshing swimming pool and cooling trade winds — at the well appointed Hummingbird's Secret overlooking Great Cruz Bay.

This two bedroom, two bathroom villa, at 300-11 Estate Chocolate Hole, is for sale for \$1.65 million, explained Christie O'Neil of Holiday Homes of St. John.

Hummingbird's Secret is nestled in the desirable neighborhood of Great Cruz Bay only a few minutes from the dining, shopping and nightlife of Cruz Bay. With a mix of year-round residents, second home owners and short term rentals, Great Cruz Bay offers an ideal neighborhood for island life. The famed white sand beaches of the North Shore of St. John are also only a short drive from this villa.

The home is perched on a large parcel — a full 0.460-

acre — and there is space for expansion of the home. The lushly landscaped property feels like a tropical oasis miles away from reality and will help to lull you into full relaxation mode.

Hummingbird's Secret features two fully air conditioned, beautifully appointed bedroom suites. In both of the bedrooms, you'll find sliding glass doors leading out to the spacious deck, bringing light into the rooms as well as those breath-taking water views.

This home is perfectly designed to afford the utmost in privacy while supplying luxurious gathering areas. A beautiful, light-filled great room boasts a charming Caribbean style exposed beam ceiling and custom rattan furniture.

The open plan gourmet kitchen at Hummingbird's Secret — which features a dine-at island with room for four — will allow you to whip up amazing meals without having

to leave your guests unattended. Enjoy meals at the lovely indoor dining area or, fire up the grill outside and host a dinner party al fresco on your covered deck as you watch the lights of St. Thomas twinkle to life in the distance.

By day, you'll never tire of watching the boats bobbing at anchor below in Great Cruz Bay from your spacious deck. Lounge by the large swimming pool and work on that tan while enjoying a perfect afternoon in paradise. Or take a break from the sun as you enjoy the shade and the breezes from the covered deck area.

From the views to the breezes, the Caribbean details and the convenience to Cruz Bay's ferries, shops and more, Hummingbird's Secret is a must-see property on St. John.

For more information about Hummingbird's Secret, call O'Neil at Holiday Homes of St. John at (340) 776-6776.



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Soak up breath-taking water views from your expansive pool deck at Hummingbird's Secret, above right, or relax in the comfortable great room with a charming exposed beam ceiling, at left. Each of the two bedroom suites, above left, boasts sliding glass doors leading to the pool deck

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7:30 p.m. Fridays; Study Circles 9 a.m. Sundays
776-6316, 776-6254

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Sunday School 9 a.m., Divine Worship 10 a.m.

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Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday evening 6 p.m., Thursday 7 p.m.

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Sun. 9 a.m., on St. Thomas . 776-2379
Sun., 5 p.m., STJ, Lumberyard

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Coral Bay, Divine Worship 8:30 a.m., 776-6713

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Tuesday 7 p.m. Bible Study 693-8884

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Friends of VINP President Hails Record Year of Fundraising at Annual Meeting

By Judi Shimel
St. John Tradewinds

The superintendent of Virgin Islands National Park thanked members of the non-profit Friends of V.I. National Park for the financial and volunteer assistance they in 2015.

VINP Superintendent Brion Fitzgerald offered his thanks while delivering his annual State of the Park address at the Friends of VINP annual meeting.

Fitzgerald was one of three speakers who appeared at the January 25 meeting at T'ree Lizards Restaurant at Cinnamon Bay Campground. About 100 participants were in attendance.

The annual meeting provides an opportunity for supporters to hear about accomplishments made in the previous year, the challenges to face and goals being set for the year to come.

The meeting also helped mark the start of an historic year for the National Park Service, which is celebrating its centennial. The year 2016 is equally historic for VINP, which is celebrating its 60th year.

Friends of VINP President Joe Kessler welcomed participants with a message proclaiming 2015 as the group's best fundraising year to date.

"We met or exceeded our targets in most areas," said Kessler. "Thank you for your generous support in helping us achieve these goals."

Kessler thanked committed donors, board members, active volunteers and staff members for helping make the record fundraising year possible.

"And last, but not least, a great team of colleagues from the NPS who really understand that together we can make VINP a model of resource protection and cultural preservation," Kessler said.

VINP, like National Parks across the country, faces chronic under-funding, explained Friends of VINP Program Manager Karen Jarvis.

"It's not lost on anybody that parks are underfunded," said Jarvis. "This park has serious understaffing issues, underfunding issues and the support of Friends of VINP is more important than ever now."

The non-profit group currently has about 300 active members and close to 2,000 members in good standing. Dozens of private foundations, local businesses, the University of the Virgin Islands, the Government of the Virgin Islands and the West Indian Co., Ltd. count among its contributors. Contributions

among them ranged from \$2,500 to \$10,000.

More than 100 private individuals, local associations and businesses added their support in the past year as well. Contributions among them ranged from \$250 to \$2,499.

A list of funded projects — made possible thanks to the 2015 fundraising efforts — was published prior to the annual meeting. Immediate goals for the year include the introduction of a software application for smart phones and mobile devices guiding visitors around VINP.

Creation of Friends of VINP's App — partially funded at \$6,000 — is intended to engage the youth and young adults who are more technologically inclined, Jarvis explained.

"We're developing an app to bring more park information into people's hands," she said. "We're looking forward to growing and changing and keeping the support of our existing members and bringing new people into the fold."

While many St. John and St. Thomas families know there is a national park on St. John, their focus is largely on the beaches, according to Jarvis. With help from the Friends App, residents will be able to find out more about VINP programs, rules and regulations, history, conservation and more.

"I think it gives people a reason to stop and think about the reason for public lands in general," Jarvis said.

Perhaps the most significant financial commitment for Friends of VINP this year will go to Hassell Island in Charlotte Amalie Harbor. Historic features of Hassell Island, a former maritime navigation station and coal trans-shipment center, are being restored with help from Friends of VINP.

There are two funded projects for Hassell Island in 2016. One seeks to create an ethnographic documentary of living persons who either resided or worked on Hassell Island. The other project seeks to restore the workshop at the Creque Marine Railway site as a repository for Hassell Island artifacts.

Annual meeting attendees also heard from National Parks Conservation Association President and Chief Executive Officer of the Theresa Pierno. Delivering the keynote address, Pierno spoke about her own service at VINP several years ago and her delight in seeing the results of successful conservation efforts.

Stockwell Speaking at Feb. 14 & 21 UUF Meetings

St. John Tradewinds

Join the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of St. John at 10 a.m., on Sunday, February 14, at Giffit Hill School's lower campus to hear Merry Stockwell speak on "Since I Last Saw You."

There is much to gain by looking back at some events and experiences of our lives. Hindsight gives us perspective and allows us to understand what we have learned. We do have choice on what memories we want to highlight in our mental galleries. Stock-

well will share a small selection of what she has chosen for this year.

At 10 a.m. on Sunday, February 21, Stockwell's topic will be on "50 Shades of Okay."

We often mean so many things when we say that someone is "okay" or that we are "okay." We will look at some of the meanings of "okay," the many shades of that meaning, and how we can lighten our own shade of "okay."



Chef's Corner

by Mares Crane

Simple Snacks for Beaching & Boating

St. John Tradewinds

Whether you are having a day out on the water or meeting friends at the beach, taking some tasty food that can be prepared easily along with you will add to the enjoyment. Always keep things that don't need to be in a cooler in a basket, which will leave you ample space for beverages. A cheese board with Italian meats and olives is also a great thing to nibble on but to go with that, here are some recipes to enjoy in the sunshine!

Smoked Salmon Dip

A close friend of mine shared this recipe with me recently; thank you.

Chop some smoked salmon into small pieces, and add finely chopped red onion and capers to taste. Add chopped dill, freshly squeezed lime juice and freshly ground pepper. Serve with bagels cut into small pieces (1 bagel = 12 bites) and whipped cream cheese.

Tropical Fruit Salsa

1 medium ripe papaya, 1 ripe mango, ½ a pineapple all cut into ½-inch dice, 1 medium jalapeno seeded and ribs removed minced, 1 small red onion cut into ¼-inch dice, 1 Tbsp chopped fresh cilantro, 1 Tbsp grated lime zest, 1 Tbsp fresh lime juice, salt to taste.

Combine all ingredients in a bowl and refrigerate for at least an hour.

Edamame and Lemongrass Hummus

2 green onions, 1 10-oz package frozen edamame beans, ½ Cup Italian parsley, ½ Cup water, 2 Tbsp lemon juice, 1 Tbsp chopped fresh lemongrass (or ¼ tsp finely shredded lemon peel) 1 Tbsp canola oil, 2 cloves garlic quartered, 1 tsp freshly chopped ginger (or ¼ tsp ground ginger), ¾ tsp salt, ¼ tsp crushed red pepper.

Thinly slice green onions, keeping green tops separate from white bottoms, set aside. Cook edamame according to packet omitting salt. Drain, rinse with cold water and drain again. In a food processor combine edamame, white green onion bottoms, parsley, water, lemon juice, lemongrass, oil, garlic, ginger, salt and crushed red pepper (if desired), process until smooth. Transfer to a serving bowl and stir in the green onion tops. Serve with vegetables dippers and flatbread.

Flatbread (makes 5 flatbreads)

1 1/8 Cup strong bread flour (1 cup and 2 Tbsp), ½ tsp salt, ½ tsp coriander seeds toasted and ground, ½ tsp smoked paprika,

4 Tbsp olive oil, 8 Tbsp warm water.

Mix the flour, salt, coriander seeds and paprika in a large bowl, make a well in the center and add the olive oil and warm water. Using a fork, start incorporating the flour with the water and oil, if necessary add more water. Once the dough starts to come together, use your hands to form into a soft ball. Dust your hands and a clean work surface with flour and knead the dough for 5 minutes until smooth and elastic. Put the dough back into the bowl, cover and set aside for 15 minutes. (This dough is much firmer to handle than bread dough and will feel heavier). Divide the dough into 5 equal balls. Roll them out to the thickness of around 2.5mm. Heat a griddle/frying pan and cook the flatbreads for 2 minutes on each side.

Cheddar Pecan Crackers

1 Cup shredded cheddar cheese, ¼ Cup butter, ¼ tsp dried thyme, 1/8 tsp cayenne pepper, ¾ Cup all purpose flour, ½ Cup finely chopped pecans.

In a medium mixing bowl let cheddar and butter stand at room temperature for 30 minutes. Beat the cheese and butter until well mixed. Add thyme and cayenne pepper. Beat until combined. Use a wooden spoon to stir in the flour and pecans until combined. Form into a ball using your hand and knead gently if necessary. Shape into 8-inch long log. Wrap dough with plastic wrap and chill for 4 hours until firm. Preheat oven to 350 F. Lightly coat a baking sheet with nonstick cooking spray. Using a sharp knife, cut log into 1/8-inch thick slices. Place on baking sheet. Bake about 10 minutes until light golden. Transfer to wire rack to cool.

Spinach, Pine nut and Ricotta

Mini Muffins

12-oz fresh spinach, ½ Cup part skim ricotta, ½ Cup shredded Parmesan, 2 eggs, 1 garlic clove crushed, ¼ tsp salt and pepper, handful toasted pine nuts.

Preheat oven to 400 F. Pulse spinach in food processor in 3 batches. Place in a bowl and add ricotta, Parmesan, salt and pepper and garlic. Beat eggs and add in. Coat muffin pan with non-stick spray and fill, being sure not to over fill the pans. Cook 10 to 15 minutes.

Muffalata Sandwich

This is a nice and hearty sandwich that was created in New Orleans and is perfect

cut into pieces and shared.

¼ Cup red wine vinegar, 2 garlic cloves, 1 tsp dried oregano, 1/3 Cup olive oil, 10 large pitted green olives chopped, 1/3 Cup pitted/chopped Kalamata olives, ¼ Cup chopped roasted red bell peppers, salt and pepper, 1 lb round bread loaf roughly 7-inches diameter, 3-inches high, 4 oz thinly sliced ham, 4 oz thinly sliced mortadella, 4 oz thinly sliced salami, ½ Cup thinly sliced red onion, arugula leaves.

Whisk the first 3 ingredients in a large bowl to blend. Stir in olives and roasted peppers and season. Cut 1 inch off the top of the bread. Set top aside. Hollow out top and bottom halves. Spread olive mixture over bottom and bread top. Layer the meats and cheese in the bottom. Top with onions and arugula. Spread remaining olive mixture on top. Cover with top and wrap in plastic wrap and place in fridge a day. Cut into wedges and enjoy.

You can always use ciabatta rolls as well. Also use any of your favorite fillings. Roasted vegetables, tomatoes, mozzarella and basil makes a great vegetarian alternative.

Mini Chicken Pesto Wraps

4 tortilla wraps, 1 Cup cooked chicken, 4 Tbsp pesto (see below), 1 Cup fresh spinach or arugula leaves, 1 red pepper, 1 carrot grated.

For Pesto: 2 cups fresh basil, ¼ Cup grated Parmesan, ¼ Cup pine nuts, 1 garlic clove, ½ tsp salt, ¼ cup olive oil. Blend all ingredients in a food processor.

Either microwave each tortilla for 15 seconds or bake for a few minutes just to make it less doughy. Coat the chicken in pesto, fill tortillas with the chicken mixture, then red pepper, grated carrot and finally the leaves. Roll up tightly and wrap in cling wrap tightly. Refrigerate. Unroll them from the cling and trim the ends. Cut on a diagonal, then straight which should give you at least 5 slices out of each roll. And you have small pieces that sit up with the diagonal pointing up.

Mini Quiches

This recipe makes 24 mini quiches.

2 unbaked pie crusts, 3 slices bacon, 1 Cup finely chopped mushrooms, 1 large egg, 1/3 Cup milk, 1/3 Cup shredded swiss cheese, 2 Tbsp chopped chives, salt and pepper.

Preheat oven to 425 F. Lightly coat mini

muffin pan or cups with nonstick cooking spray. On a lightly floured board unroll both pie crusts. Using a 2 ¾-inch round cutter cut out 24 circles of dough. Gently press each into muffin tin. Bake for 6 to 7 minutes. Cool slightly. Reduce oven temp to 350 F.

For the filling, cook bacon over a medium heat until crisp and drain on a paper towel, reserving 1 Tbsp drippings. When bacon is cool, crumble. Add mushrooms to reserved drippings and cook for about 3 minutes until tender. In a small bowl, whisk together egg, milk, salt and pepper. Then stir in bacon, mushrooms, cheese and chives. Fill each pastry cup with about 1 tsp of the filling. Bake in oven for about 18 minutes until filling is puffed and set. Cool.

Chocolate and Raspberry Brownies

1 Cup margarine softened, 2 Cups superfine sugar, 4 eggs, 1 Cup self raising flour, 1 Cup chocolate chunks, ¾ Cup cocoa powder, 1 Cup fresh raspberries, 1 tsp cocoa powder

Preheat oven to 350 F. Grease a 12 x 9-inch baking dish with 1 tsp cocoa powder. Beat eggs, superfine sugar, margarine, flour, chocolate chunks and ¾ Cup cocoa together with a hand mixer or wooden spoon in a large mixing bowl. Gently fold raspberries into batter. Spoon into prepared baking dish and bake until a toothpick inserted comes out clean and the top is crispy, about 40 to 45 minutes. Cool completely before cutting.

Walnut Shortbread

2 sticks unsalted butter, 1 Cup confectioners sugar, 2 tsp vanilla extract, 2 Cups all purpose flour, ¼ tsp salt, 1 Cup finely chopped walnuts, ½ Cup coarsely broken walnuts.

Preheat oven to 325 F. Beat butter in a mixing bowl with a wooden spoon. Beat in sugar and vanilla. Stir in the flour and salt. Add the chopped walnuts and mix with fingers to form a dough. Pat the dough into a 9-inch round cake pan or shape a 9-inch round on a cookie sheet. Lightly press the remaining walnut pieces into the surface of the dough and score the round into pie shaped wedges with a sharp knife. Prick the dough in several places with a fork. Sprinkle with granulated sugar. Bake for about 20 minutes until lightly brown. Cool slightly then cut into wedges as scored. Store in a airtight container.

PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Frank A. Longo

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| 1 Of the liver | 57 Bitter beer | 95 "Remington —" | 7 Algiers area | 50 "Carte" start | 90 Tennis call |
| 8 "Hello" singer of 2015 | 58 * Feral | 96 * It often adjoins a big bedroom | 8 Western gas brand | 51 Body part cut by van Gogh | 91 Kenton of jazz |
| 13 The Cowboys, on scoreboards | 59 Horses of the West | 101 * Folk hero of Vermont | 9 Unheeding (1986 hit) | 52 Compacted, informally | 93 Squelches |
| 16 "That feels ni-i-ice!" | 61 Bending body part | 104 — riche | 11 Vegas intro? | 53 Big water filter brand | 94 Dance move, when tripled |
| 19 Variety of coffee | 62 Diner cousin | 106 British prep school | 12 Powell of film | 54 Seabees' mil. branch | 95 — Balls (snack brand) |
| 20 Of the kidneys | 64 Samovars, e.g. | 107 * Result of income inequality | 13 Break the connection of | 55 Fed. crash probe | 97 Infatuate |
| 21 Book like Titus or Jude | 65 Unwelcome grade | 111 Prefix with surgeon | 14 For each | 57 Agree to | 98 Tennis' — Garros Stadium |
| 23 * Futile endeavor | 66 Sci-fi captain Jean- — Picard | 114 Genesis twin | 15 Described | 59 Zodiac lion | 99 Elk sounds |
| 25 Restricting factor | 68 Their names are divided in the answers to the starred clues | 118 Dreadful | 16 "— girl!" | 60 Yogi Bear voicer | 100 Gardner of old movies |
| 26 "What — state of affairs" | 70 Muscles to crunch | 119 * Their members love drawing blanks | 17 Baldwin of Hollywood | 61 "Climb — Mountain" | 102 Spice's kin |
| 27 Go away | 72 Absorb | 123 Zero | 18 "Take it" | 62 Stellar bear | 103 Coral rings |
| 28 * Non-earthlings | 75 Ring arbiter | 124 Bar garnish | 22 Knight's title | 63 Israeli coin | 105 Strip of gear, nautically |
| 30 Cowboys or Raiders | 77 Hood's blade | 125 French explorer who named Louisiana | 29 Vietnamese neighbor | 67 Espy | 107 Did vocals |
| 32 Money matters | 79 Not sickly | 126 "Goodness!" | 30 Little kids | 69 Double curve | 108 English horn relative |
| 34 * Freight vessels | 83 * People trying to get mates | 127 St. crossers | 31 Double mer | 71 Butler's Scarlett | 109 Cell: Suffix |
| 40 * Saw beyond | 86 Suffix with 121-Down | 128 Niamey site | 33 Spot in la mer | 72 "Beat it!" | 110 "This — recording" |
| 45 Sirens, say | 87 Distinctive periods | 129 Scoundrel | 34 Waterproof sealant | 73 Butler's name | 112 Gutter site |
| 46 Rearrange | 88 Heating device | DOWN | 35 Dog-tired | 74 Toenail treatments, for short | 113 On-demand taxi service |
| 48 Safe, asea | 89 Piñata topper? | 1 "Very funny" | 36 Zellweger or O'Connor | 76 Waitress at Mel's Diner | 114 Vivacity |
| 49 Arm parts | 91 Slips on sleet | 2 Lustful god | 37 Fishtank bed | 78 State of fury | 115 Mope |
| 50 Imam's God | 92 Seed casing | 3 Daddy | 38 Comrade | 80 Disney mermaid | 116 Adept |
| 52 Twisted fiber used in textiles | | 4 Tucked in | 39 Picnic side | 81 Gravy spoon | 117 PC sort? |
| | | 5 Up to, in brief | 41 — visit (call) | 82 German steel city | 120 Roman 151 |
| | | | 42 "... from — down under" (1981 hit song lyric) | 84 River deposit | 121 Have dinner |
| | | | 44 Not relaxed | | 122 "Cyber" CBS series |

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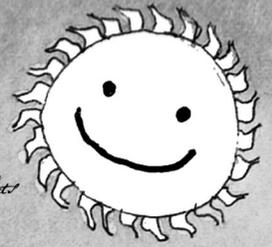
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