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Island chefs, local businesses, Iowa State interns, including Macy Mears, above, along with Giff Hill School students, including JoAnne Attika, left, worked to impress 41 diners at GHS's Farm to Table Dinner on Friday evening, April 4, at the home of Glen and JoAnn Hall. The dinner included six courses made from locally-sourced food.

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Giff Hill School Students Impress Diners with Local Foods at Farm to Table Dinner

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

Although the farm to table movement that's become popular in the states hasn't quite gained as much steam here in the V.I., entire meals can in fact be made with local foods. Giff Hill School students proved it on Friday evening, April 4, when they presented a stunning six-course meal made from all locally-sourced foods to 41 guests at the home of Glen and JoAnn Hall.

The sixth event put on by GHS's Education and Resiliency Through Horticulture program

both wowed and surprised attendees, many of whom got to taste goat for the first time at the dinner, which helped raise money to fund the EARTH program.

"We heard multiple times from people at the dinner that they've never had goat," said EARTH Outreach Coordinator Sarah Haynes. "One of our students really wanted to do a curry goat. Those who tried it for the first time were really impressed, and those who love goat said it was the best goat they'd ever had."

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Seara Samantha James Is Buried Two Years After Disappearance While Questions Remain

By Tom Oat
St. John Tradewinds

The remains of Seara Samantha James, the young St. John woman whose October 2011 death at age 21 was the result of “suspected foul play,” were buried on Monday, April 7, with little attention or further information from V.I. law enforcement officials.

While the unsolved murder of a stateside man in a St. John rental apartment in January has put the island in the national spotlight, the family of Samantha Seara James was left with few answers about her 2011 death despite new questions raised by V.I. law enforcement officials.

“There was suspected foul play,” V.I. Attorney General Vincent Frazer told the media on the day James was buried at the Cruz Bay Cemetery following a belated memorial service at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church in Cruz Bay that had been announced on Friday, April 4.

“Foul Play”

Atty. Gen. Frazer did not return telephone calls from *St. John Tradewinds* for comment on what evidence indicated to authorities that James’ death resulted from foul play or a criminal act. The cause of James’ death has not been released.

The case is being handled by the Criminal Division of the office of the V.I. Attorney General.

VIPD officials were waiting for



Seara James

the Office of the Attorney General to release its opinion on the case before moving forward, Police Commissioner Rodney Querrard told the media on Monday, April 7, without any further information.

“No case is more important than the other, but I want closure for this family,” Querrard was quoted as saying in one media report.

While there have been unconfirmed reports of a possible arrest in the investigation, Querrard did not return telephone calls from *Tradewinds* for additional information on the investigation into James’ murder or what further action the VIPD would take.

James, then 21 years old, last contacted her family on October 11, 2011, two days before she was reported missing by her mother on October 13, 2011. The St. John Community Foundation conducted a candlelight vigil on November 8, 2011.

Then-VIPD St. John Deputy

Chief Darren Foy said several areas of the island were searched by officers with K-9 dogs shortly after James was reported missing.

Skeletal remains later identified as James’ were discovered on August 1, 2012, in Estate Adrian. VIPD officials never released any information on the condition of the remains or the exact location where they were found.

A VIPD spokesperson referred all inquiries to the V.I. Attorney General’s office.

The young woman had been seen last in Cruz Bay, two days before she was reported missing. James reportedly left Cruz Bay at around 7 p.m. on October 11 to walk to her home in Estate Bethany just outside of Cruz Bay up the hill known as Jacob’s Ladder on Southshore Road, according to her mother.

“She did contact her boyfriend and said she was down by the Westin (past Jacob’s Ladder) and would be home in a minute,” Seara’s mother Victoria James told *Tradewinds* in November 2011.

Current St. John Deputy Chief Lt. Maria Jones did not return a telephone request for information on the status of any VIPD investigation into James’ death.

Anyone with information about Seara James’ death is urged to call the VIPD Leander Jurgen Command at 340-693-8880, Crime Stoppers USVI at 1-800-222-TIPS or 911.

WOW Lunch Set for Tuesday, April 15

Family Resource Center’s Women of Worth (WOW) Lunch Series is scheduled for Tuesday, April 15, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. on St. John. The guest speaker will be Jennie Alvarez, advocate at Disability Rights Center of the Virgin Islands. Learn about I.E.P.’s, rights and services for persons living with disabilities.

WOW has proven to be a source of comfort, empowerment and education for women and meets monthly. A light lunch will be provided. Call 340-514-1823 for more details and to register for the WOW St. John lunch.

Celebrate Library Week on April 16

National Library Week will be celebrated throughout the Territory this week. This year’s theme, “Lives Change @ Your Library,” celebrates the transformative impact of the public library outreach services of the Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

The public is invited to attend an event to meet Regional Librarian Letitia Gittens and learn more about the Regional Library and its exceptional resources on Wednesday, April 16, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Elaine Ione Sprauve Public Library in Cruz Bay.

Gittens will be available for patron consultations, to demonstrate assistive hardware devices and software tools, and to receive input and feedback from the public.

Town Style Meeting in Coral Bay Apr. 16

The Coral Bay Community Council is hosting a “Town Meeting” style forum on Wednesday, April 16, at 6:30 pm at Guy Benjamin School, Rm. 6.

Senators have been invited to come and participate. A full range of community issues will be discussed, from education to solid waste management to potholes. What are Coral Bay’s chief issues in 2014?

Everyone is encouraged to come. For more information, call 776-2099 or email coralbaycommunitycouncil@hotmail.com.

“Beyond Babysitting” Apr. 16 at SISA

In celebration of the Week of the Young Child, the Department of Human Services will host a free public screening of *Beyond Babysitting*, a short documentary about child care quality, why it matters and how it can be attained in the territory. A discussion will follow about the involvement of teachers, parents, community members, and policymakers in supporting high quality early care and education in the Virgin Islands.

The public forum will be on St. John on Thursday, April 16, at 2 p.m. at the St. John School of the Arts. Please RSVP by April 14 to 340-774-0930, ext. 4187.

JFLI Anniversary Party April 19

The John’s Folly Learning Institute will celebrate its 18th Anniversary on Saturday, April 19, starting at noon, at the JFLI building. The guest speaker will be Delegate to Congress, and candidate for governor, Donna Christensen. All are welcome.

Starfish Market Hosting Easter Events

Starfish Market annual Easter egg hunt and egg decorating party will take place on Saturday, April 19 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Kids can come and hunt for eggs and also decorate their own Easter eggs. The first 60 kids will get free Easter Baskets to fill with their finds. Refreshments will also be served.

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One Ferry Operator Delays USCG Tests, Second Operator Doesn't Show Up

By Tom Oat

St. John Tradewinds

Only one of the island's two franchised passenger ferry companies showed up for V.I. Public Works Department-requested U.S. Coast Guard final inspection, safety drills and certification of the two new government-owned ferries on April 11 — and that crew didn't try to pass a safety inspection.

"They didn't necessarily fail the inspection," said Lt. Cmdr. Bryson Spangler of the USCG St. Thomas. "They were just not ready."

"They were working on the boat a little bit and they didn't have time to practice; it can be re-scheduled," explained Lt. Cmdr. Spangler, who said the safety inspection is not time-consuming.

"They (the Transportation Services crew) admitted they weren't ready for the drills," Lt. Cmdr. Spangler told *Tradewinds*.

"They will reschedule," the USCG official said. "We are ready whenever they are."

"We also found they didn't have a few of the necessary documents," the USCG officer added. "Everything was in order but they were missing a couple of pieces of paper."

Varlack Ventures Doesn't Attend

Varlack Ventures, the other franchisee for the passenger ferry service connecting Cruz Bay, St. John, and Red Hook, St. Thomas, did not send a crew for the USCG safety training certification, Lt. Cmdr. Spangler said.

"My crew went with me to the states" to see the vessels, Delrise Varlack of Varlack Ventures told *Tradewinds*, saying her crew members were already familiar with the vessels which have been docked in Crown Bay since their arrival in the territory last fall.

Varlack refused to comment on her company's on-going negotiations with the government over putting the new ferries into service after telling *Tradewinds* in March the government needed "to get serious."

While Transportation Services



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tom Oat

There appears to be room for another vessel at the Loredon L. Boynes Ferry Dock in Cruz Bay, but is there room for two more? The V.I. Department of Public Works Commissioner Darryl Smalls has not been able to get the two franchised ferry operators to take possession of the new government-owned ferries which have been docked on St. Thomas since last fall.

crew was not ready for its safety inspection, Varlack Ventures has three operating boats and doesn't need a government-owned boat, Varlack told *Tradewinds* in January.

Transportation Services, on the other hand, has one operating vessel and a scheduled weekend service to Puerto Rico which would make that one boat unavailable for the Cruz Bay-Red Hook route, according to observers.

"TS needs the government boat," one person familiar with the negotiations told *Tradewinds*. "Varlack doesn't."

There are also lingering rumors that the new vessels were not built with appropriate space for baggage and had an insufficient fuel capacity in addition to not being designed to operate in the swells which are predominant on the passage between Red Hook and Cruz Bay.

DPW Comm. Smalls Withholds Information

Ironically, Public Works Com-

missioner Darryl Smalls had called *Tradewinds* personally on Tuesday afternoon, April 8, in response to a previous request for comment, and explained that he had nothing to announce but would call back on Wednesday, April 9.

Although one of the new ferries subsequently was photographed in Cruz Bay on Wednesday, Smalls never called *Tradewinds* again and did not return subsequent telephone calls for comment during the scheduled Thursday crew tests or after.

USCG officials said the certification and safety inspections had been scheduled by DPW the previous week — before Comm. Smalls called *Tradewinds*.

Smalls had met with representatives of both ferryboat franchises in January to discuss the time line for placing the two government-owned ferryboats for the Cruz Bay to Red Hook route into service.

The discussion centered on insurance policies for the new ferries, the Management Service

Agreement and the final inspection and certification requirements which must be completed prior to the maiden voyages of *Red Hook I* and *Cruz Bay I*, according to officials.

It still has not been announced which company will be operating which vessel.

Commissioner Aiming for February Start

"While the initial plan was to have these vessels in service by December 2013, obtaining the requisite insurance and securing the necessary approvals from the regulatory agencies took longer than anticipated," DPW Comm. Smalls said in January.

"I am anticipating that once these requirements have been met, the vessels will be placed into service...within the next 30 days," Smalls said at the meeting January 22.

At the time, Smalls added that his department and the franchised operators remained committed to ensuring the timely completion of

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all of the prerequisite requirements to obtain full compliance and certification that will ensure the safety of passengers and crew as well as the vessels.

Reports that Smalls recently had asked officials of the shipyard which manufactured the two vessels to take them back, were refuted by officials of the shipyard.

It could not be determined, however, whether the V.I. government had yet paid the Louisiana shipyard for the two million-dollar-plus vessels.

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Event goes, above left, enjoyed the Farm to Table dinner by GHS students, including Rudy and Irene Patton, above right (center and right).

Giff Hill School Students Impress Diners with Local Foods at Farm to Table Dinner

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With the help of local chef Mathayom Vacharat, who donated his time, and others including EARTH's Iowa State interns and GHS Chef LaShanda Francis, students created the entire menu based on foods they sourced locally. This was no easy feat, explained Haynes.

"We start weeks in advance by gathering a list of produce that may be available from local farmers," she said. "Oftentimes it changes last minute, so our students and our guest chefs have to be flexible. In fact, we don't print the menu until the day of the event."

"This dinner was no different," she continued. "We definitely had last-minute changes, but somehow they brought it all together really nicely to highlight both the students' education throughout the school year in culinary arts, and also the local foods we can get here throughout the islands."

Contributing farmers included Pie in the Sky Gardens, Coral Bay Organic Gardens, poultry farmer William Allen, and Kate Norfleet, who supplied eggs used in both the homemade pasta and the sour-sop ice cream. Students were on their feet cooking for more than 12 hours the day of the event, giving them a taste of life as a chef. Although they've been learning about farm to table food preparation for the entire school year, the culminating dinner still proved to



A GHS student Elena Glenn helps Chef Mathayom Vacharat plate the evening's homemade pasta dish.

be a learning experience for the students.

"Jackfruit was something I'd never heard of," said GHS 10th grader Stephanie Kemp of the fruit that was featured in a cake during the dessert course. "Finding out that it grows near me was cool."

The dinner even proved to be a learning experience for GHS Chef Francis.

"Although I was born and raised on St. Thomas, I'll admit I was unfamiliar with so many of the fruits and vegetables found at the farmers market," said Francis. "Farm to Table has been an incredible and challenging experience for me as a professional chef and first-year educator. Since September, my eyes have been opened as

to just how much quality produce is available year-round on these islands."

Francis urged residents to try cooking with locally sourced foods for themselves.

"I would recommend that anyone interested in cooking farm to table at home make a trip to the weekend farmers market," she said. "Many of the farmers gave me tips on how to use the crops in cooking."

As the EARTH program continues to expand, GHS welcomes the community's input.

To contribute knowledge and expertise, kitchen equipment, or time working in the school's garden, contact Haynes at sarah-haynes@giffhillschool.org.

St. John Historical Society, V.I. Historic Preservation Committee To Join Forces in Historic Cruz Bay Free-Colored Cemetery

St. John Tradewinds

Tucked away in a corner of Cruz Bay between establishments reflecting modern life in this little island town is the final resting place of six free-colored Danish West Indians who died in the 19th century. Although the cemetery is incredibly significant for myriad reasons, it had been all but forgotten until last month, when the Virgin Islands government joined forces with the St. John Historical Society to lead restoration efforts at this important site.

St. Thomas-St. John Historic Preservation Committee Commissioner David W. Knight Sr. is leading the initiative, which began March 19 with a clearing of the site, adjacent to Roger Harland's commercial building and behind the Banana Deck restaurant.

"The site's been totally desecrated," said Knight. "The two markers that remain in the cemetery, which both date from the 1800s, are broken. Someone recently smashed one of the memorial plaques and attempted to access the burial."

The HPC will bring together the State Historic Preservation Office, the SJHS, and any other concerned citizens or groups to help with the restoration, which will take an estimated three to six months and cost approximately \$24,000.

In addition to the clearing that has already taken place, the restoration process will include the treatment of stumps and roots with approved herbicides and removal of stumps and roots from within the cemetery's monuments; the collection of loose artifacts and architectural components and the re-association of these materials with their respective monuments; the stabilization and rebuilding of the six historic monuments and replacement of memorial plaques; the repair and stabilization of the historic perimeter wall; restoration of the cultural landscape; and installation of a historically appropriate security fence with gate and access steps.

The Cruz Bay free-colored cemetery holds the oldest marked

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Photo by David W. Knight Sr.

One of the unmarked burials within the Cruz Bay free-colored cemetery in 2013.

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VINP officials hope the Lind Point Trail work will be funded in 2015.

NPS Finds “No Significant Impact” To Pave Part of Lind Point Trail

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

National Park Service officials recently announced their finding of “No Significant Impact” for the proposed construction of a shared use path to connect the V.I. National Park Visitors Center and Honeymoon Bay along part of Lind Point Trail.

While the paved path will not be an inclusive trail — the staircase at the Lind Point trail head means people with limited mobility would still have a difficult time — it will make walking down to Honeymoon an easier endeavor, explained V.I. National Park Superintendent Brion FitzGerald.

“The trail will not be fully accessible, but it will be easier for people with some mobility issues,” said FitzGer-

ald. “The trail will help some of our visitors and will be a place for people who might not be stable on their feet or who don’t want to hike some of the rougher trails. Or for someone who shows up unprepared for hiking from a foot-wear standpoint.”

In many areas of the trail, the pathway is wider than the proposed four foot wide distance for the new paved trail, FitzGerald added.

With the finding of No Significant Impact for the proposed trail, the next phase of the project will be to receive funding — expected to be around \$500,000 and granted in FY 2015, according to FitzGerald.

“Given how long it takes to get accounting passed, our hope is that we would get a confirmation of a budget passed

in the fall and by early January we would have the ability to bid the job with work starting in the off season during the summer months,” said the VINP Superintendent.

It has not been determined what material will be used for the paving of the trail, FitzGerald added.

Copies of the finding of No Significant Impact are available at the Park Visitor Center at 1300 Cruz Bay Creek in Cruz Bay, St. John. Directions to the center are available online (www.nps.gov/viis) or by phone (340.776.6201). The finding of No Significant Impact will also be available on the National Park Service’s Planning, Environment, and Public Comment website <http://parkplanning.nps.gov>. Under “Documents by Park” click on “Virgin Islands National Park” and follow the link to “Shared Use Path.”



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Two of the island's three car ferries were in operation last weekend. The third, "Roanoake" was out of service and appeared to be undergoing sandblasting and repainting while docked with its ramp in the mangroves on the south side of the Enighed Pond port.

Customers Question St. John-St. Thomas Barge Delays and Vessel Repairs in Port

By Tom Oat

St. John Tradewinds

With a callaloo of conflicting stories — and a few schedule lapses — regular customers of the three inter-island barge companies servicing the St. John-St. Thomas route have been expressing concern about the reliability of the inter-island barge service.

On Tuesday afternoon, April 8, a St. John rescue official called *St. John Tradewinds* from the *Mr. B* barge operated by Boyson Inc. at about 2:30 p.m. to ask if the newspaper knew why the vessel had been waiting outside the Enighed Pond commercial port for almost one-half hour after arriving from Red Hook while waiting for room at the port's bulkhead.

A regularly-scheduled commercial barge was off-loading at one of the three interior barge ramp spaces and only one space was available for the three vehicle barges regularly operating between St. John and St. Thomas to load and unload, according to an official of one of the barge companies.

"They were waiting for the

dock to clear," Cheryl Boynes Jackson of Boyson Inc. said of the *Mr. B's* delayed arrival.

Repair Work Crowds Car Ferry Ramps

Crowded conditions in the port include a number of large vessels which have been undergoing extensive long-term repairs in violation of the V.I. government's federal permit for construction of the port which prohibits major repair work on vessels.

Since vessels not in regular service have been allowed to dock for extended periods of time in the Enighed facility, homeowners in the residential neighborhood of Estate Contant overlooking the former mangrove-fringed salt pond have contacted *Tradewinds* repeatedly with complaints about the noise from metal work being conducted on vessels in the port in violation of its federal permit.

In early April, a V.I. Port Authority spokesperson told *Tradewinds* any repairs to vessels in the port, including two large vessels which have undergone extensive refitting and been almost entirely repainted in port over the

past year, are allowed under the port's federal permit because the work is "incidental."

After *Tradewinds* spoke with the VIPA spokesperson, a large tarp was used to cover continuing work on the deck of one vessel.

Former Senator Dow Not Available

The former snorkel tour boat *Leland Sneed*, which suffered major storm damage after being sold to new ownership, has been undergoing extensive repainting and repairs along the bulkhead of the port for more than one year in apparent violation of the federal permit for construction of the port which only allows "incidental" repair work on vessels.

A second large car ferry which has not been in service from Enighed has been undergoing extensive repairs while at the port bulkhead adjacent to the VIPA administrative offices at Enighed for much of 2013.

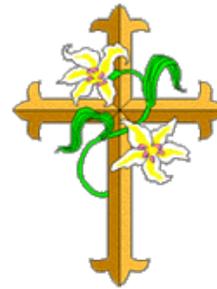
"They are literally building a new boat at the dock," one resident of the neighborhood overlooking the port — who said he had also

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Young Rotarians Team Up In Support of Myrah Keating Smith Health Clinic

By Judi Shimel
 St. John Tradewinds

As the start of hurricane season approaches, a group of St. John youth are doing their part to make sure Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center is ready for anything.

Students from Giffit Hill School, Guy Benjamin School and the Julius E. Sprauve School are part of the St. John Rotary Interact Club. Club President Joan Birmingham says the groups have been looking for a community service project they could join forces around.

"They've all been doing projects in their area of the community and they wanted to paint the clinic. The clinic doesn't need painting inside or out but they needed painting on the helipad," said Birmingham.

The MKSCHC helipad was first created around the time of Hurricane Marilyn, when badly injured residents were carried off island for medical treatment. Over the years, the markings that define the helipad, along with a large "H" in the center, have faded.

That would make it difficult for a helicopter pilot to safely land in



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tom Oat

St. John students and Rotary team up to repaint the helipad at Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center.

the event of an emergency, added Birmingham. When students execute their painting project, they will be provided with a design that will instruct them where to paint and how large an area to cover.

"We're in the process of organizing the students to go up there and do that," said the St. John Rotary Club President. "We're not sure of the dates yet but I think it's being done in May."

About 48 students make up the Interact group. Birmingham explained having the youngsters getting involved in smaller community service projects through their individual schools has helped to foster a spirit of belonging.

The MKSCHC helipad painting project is the first opportunity all three groups have had to work as a team — providing "service over self."

Governor deJongh Spotted in Cruz Bay



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Gov. John P. deJongh talks with a constituent at the Loredon Boynes Ferry Dock in Cruz Bay on Friday night, April 11, on his way to an island function.

John's Folly Learning Institute Celebrates 18th Anniversary, Plans Expanded Role

By Tom Oat
St. John Tradewinds

The John's Folly Learning Institute is celebrating its 18th anniversary and founder Alvis Christian Sr. is looking to expand the institute's after school programs for children on the isolated southeast end of St. John.

The refurbished building on the bluff overlooking John's Folly Bay will mark its anniversary on Saturday, April 19, at noon with special quest speaker Donna M. Christensen, USVI Delegate to Congress.

A special guest at the anniversary celebration will be Paul Montiero, former Associate Director of the White House Office of Public Engagement.

After several years housing the fledgling St. John Montessori School, the John's Folly Learning Institute is concentrating on filling the gap in after school programs for the growing number of children living in one of the most isolated areas of the island.

With the threatened closure of the Guy Benjamin School in Coral Bay, Christian sees an even more important role for JFLI to provide educational opportunities for students in the Coral Bay, Calabash Boom and John's Folly neighborhoods.

"Now that GBS doesn't have an after school program, JFLI needs teacher volunteers," Christian said.

The facility also is available to other organizations for events, Christian said.

"The facility is open and available to public, non-profit organizations," Christian said.

There is no fee for the use of the facility, he said, but organizations using the facility are expected to pay associated utility and maintenance costs.

One Cruz Bay church is already utilizing the facility for Sunday services for members in the surrounding community and other churches and non-profit organizations are welcome, Christian added.



Signs of the Times

The political season is upon us and roadside signs are proliferating. "Donna 2014" is all that long-time Delegate to Congress Dr. Donna Christensen needs to say about her race for Governor— although a graffiti artist has added a fine-line mustache. Lt. Governor Gregory Francis likewise has no running mate listed on his sign urging voters to "Do the Right Thing." Perennial candidate Adlah "Foncie" Donastorg, on the other hand, has a running mate and a slogan "Let's Do It!"

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Shoppers Enjoy Convenience of Calabash Market



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The new owners of Calabash Market on Route 107 in Coral Bay are ready to welcome customers to their newly refurbished shop. Ali and Maria say they set up business in November and put a lot of time and effort into shelving, display cases and refrigeration.

Customers can explore the variety of meat, fish, dairy and frozen food selections, along with "all the basics and more."

Because of its proximity to the Calabash Boom Apartments Ali says families enjoy the convenience of having their daily needs just a walk away.

"And it's closer to Concordia," said Maria, making Calabash Market a handy stop over for guests and beach goers.

The store stocks ice. Sandwiches are made fresh for picnics.

Visiting Couple Requests VIPD Assistance in Returning Rental Car — One Day Late

By Tom Oat
St. John Tradewinds

The exasperated older couple from Atlanta need police assistance when they arrived in the lobby of the Leander Jurgen Command at 8:30 a.m. on a Sunday morning.

They were visibly agitated, pacing nervously.

"We just had a problem returning our rental car and we need assistance," the wife told the desk officer.

"We turned in a rental car up (up the street) and the woman was very rude and threatening," the husband added seamlessly.

The stage was set for another USVI hospitality horror story.

"Of course I admit I was supposed to turn in the car the day before," the husband added. "But I called first thing this morning."

Now, the story was getting complicated.

"She did charge us for the extra day, but that was okay," the husband added, "but she wouldn't do the inspection and sign the release."

"We didn't want our credit card to get charged for any damage after we left," the wife explained. "We wanted her to inspect the vehicle with us."

A valid point.

"I told the woman I wanted her to go down and inspect the vehicle with us and have her sign off on the rental return," the husband interjected.

"I said I was going to take her picture if she wouldn't inspect our vehicle and sign off that there was no damage," he added.

Now, any casual observer of island etiquette could see trouble brewing.

"Then she said if I took her picture she was going to call the police, so we came right here," the husband added apprehensively.

"I was on the telephone and I just told them to go ahead and leave the key," the rental agent subsequently explained to Tradewinds. "Actually, I told him if he took my picture I would call the police — and I told him where I would put the camera."

Which may explain why the visitors immediately went to the police station.

The assisting officer left the station with the couple and somehow managed to diffuse the volatile situation — without any cell phone cameras being used inappropriately or otherwise damaged.

The visitors from Georgia, meanwhile, left with an unfathomable tale of perceived inhospitality.

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Resident musician Terre Roche helps JESS students with their songwriting.

Thanks to ASCAP Grant, JESS Students Learning Songwriting from a Master

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

St. John School of the Arts may just have tapped the next Irving Berlin or Otis Redding.

Thanks to a lasting impression by SJSA co-founder Ruth “Sis” Frank and continued excellence at SJSA, Julius E. Sprauve School sixth, seventh and eighth grade students have been learning the finer points of songwriting and music composition.

Many years ago in New York City, Frank met Attorney Peter Strauss, who oversaw the trust

for the famed lyricist Irving Caesar, who penned “Tea for Two.” Frank’s meeting with Attorney Strauss proved to leave a lasting impression, SJSA Executive Director Kim Wild explained.

“Most of Irving Caesar’s money went to the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers [ASCAP] and the ASCAP Foundation,” said Wild. “But \$100,000 of it came back to us at SJSA and that’s when we did the renovations to the school on the outside.”

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Ivanna Eudora Kean Report Cards To Be Distributed April 15

Report cards for all students at Ivanna Eudora Kean High will be distributed on Tuesday, April 15 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

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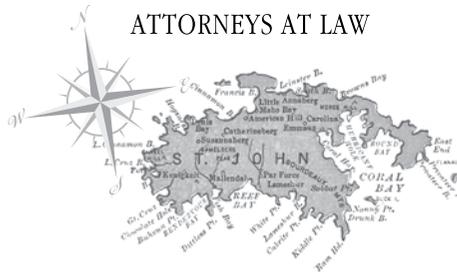
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Lengthen, Loosen and Ease Pain with Melissa Luterek at Pilates Worx

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

For anyone feeling pain in their back, knees, wrists, ankles, or anywhere really, Melissa Luterek could hold the alternative to surgery.

Luterek recently opened a spacious, air conditioned Pilates Worx studio in The Lumber Yard bringing 17 years of Pilates instruction experience with her to Love City. She has been working with patients suffering from arthritis, scoliosis, sciatica, herniated disks, carpal tunnel and more.

It was an injury she suffered which first introduced Luterek to Pilates. Originally from the East Coast, Luterek was just about to begin a four-year dance scholarship at Marymount Manhattan College, when she blew out her knee, she explained.

"I was a professional dancer and just before heading off to college for dance, in my very last audition, I blew out my knee," said Luterek. "The doctors said I would never dance again and that I needed surgery."

Undeterred, Luterek put on a brace and showed up to dance school anyway.

"My instructor told me I couldn't perform on stage with the brace," Luterek said. "She told me I had to go take Pilates classes two or three times a week. I danced for four years on that knee and after



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Pilates Worx studio owner and instructor Melissa Luterek demonstrates a move on the Pilates reformer.

college decided to get certified in the use of Pilates."

Having earned her BFA in dance, Luterek had also discovered an exercise method long known in the New York City professional dance world, Pilates, which became her life's work.

The method was created in the early 20th century by Joseph Pilates and quickly became popular among dancers looking to ease pain and increase flexibility, Luterek explained.

"Pilates was big among the dance community for a long time,"

she said. "Martha Graham practiced and so did many gymnasts and acrobats."

Luterek studied at Romana's Pilates in NYC, owned by Master Teacher Romana Kryzonowska, who was directly taught by Jack Pilates. What Luterek teaches is

called "classical" Pilates and emphasizes both apparatus and mat work.

"Jack Pilates developed all the apparatuses which use your own body weight and springs for resistance," said Luterek. "You develop nice, tone, lean muscles but you also build muscles because you are always stretching your body and building strength."

Each exercise also entails its own breath work, Luterek added.

"For each of the exercises, there is a certain way to breathe," she said. "In Pilates we inhale on the move and exhale on the relief, so each exercise has its own set of breath-work."

Jack Pilates' impressive-looking apparatuses can be found in Luterek's tidy Cruz Bay studio. From the Cadillac, so named for its versatility and quality, to the Reformer, which often gets results, Luterek shipped the apparatuses down from her former Pilates studio in LA, where she enjoyed a successful career before moving to St. John this year.

Back in LA, Luterek was voted "Best Pilates Instructor" by "LA Daily News," appeared as a model in the Pilates book "The Pilates Method of Body Conditioning" and starred as a Pilates instructor on the TV show "Reba."

On St. John, Luterek has enjoyed a stream of new clients, both

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Coral Rays offers stunning views of Coral Bay from high atop Bordeaux Mountain.

Friends of the Park To Celebrate Earth Day 2014!

St. John Tradewinds

The Virgin Islands National Park and the Friends of V.I. National Park are excited to announce this year's Earth Day events. The fun starts with the 2014 Earth Day Environmental Fair which is scheduled for Friday, April 25. The fair will be held once again at the National Park Ball Field in Cruz Bay, St. John from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This year, ocean/reef exhibits, activities and presentations will be included as a marine component to the Earth Day Fair. The Waste Management Authority will also be co-hosting the third annual Litter Stomp Parade from Julius E. Sprauve School to the fairgrounds starting at 8:45 a.m.

The Friends' goal is to educate, inform, and inspire V.I. youth and the community on the importance of preserving and protecting our land and marine environments. The events are free and open to the pub-

lic, and all St. John schools and families are invited. Last year over 500 St. John students attended the Earth Day Environmental Fair.

This event is a great way to teach V.I. youth about the environment and issues that are a threat to our islands. It is also an excellent opportunity to expose St. John students, who generally don't have the ability to attend fairs in St. Thomas, to important environmental programs on other islands.

Island wide beach clean-ups will be happening throughout Earth Week as participants of the Friends' Adopt-A-Beach/Trail program are asked to remove debris from their adopted beach/trail as part of an island-wide cleanup. The Adopt-A-Beach/Trail program encourages volunteer groups to adopt a site and become responsible for keeping it clean.

Volunteers are needed. Those interested in volunteering can call Karen Jarvis at (340)779-4940.

IGLA Launches Fundraising Campaign: Preserve St. John

St. John Tradewinds

The Island Green Living Association is proud to announce the launch of a major fundraising campaign in support of its mission to address environmental issues island-wide. The non-profit recently appointed Margaret Fitzsimons as Director of Sustainable Development to help with this effort.

Together with the board of directors and Executive Director Barry Devine, IGLA intends to undertake key initiatives that will more aggressively target issues of recycling, resource conservation, responsible building and living, and preservation of St. John's natural environment.

Collectively, the island's residents, businesses, and more than 1 million visitors per year are utilizing St. John's natural resources at a rate that poses a growing threat of degradation to the island. St. John faces unique economic, cultural, and environmental problems associated with its geography and tourism base; namely, tons of waste with little recycling, high energy and food costs, increasing pollution, decreasing land mass, and endangered wildlife. These are all key issues targeted in IGLA's fundraising campaign, PRESERVE ST. JOHN.

As a non-profit organization, IGLA's funding comes from members and generous donors. To date, public support has enabled IGLA to help St. John in many ways, and now more than ever, the non-profit needs financial support to reach higher and fund critical initiatives including island resource recovery, glass and aluminum can recycling, composting, green villa and green business membership programs, and green living education.

Contact Fitzsimons today at margaret@m-fitzsimons.com to be a part of PRESERVE ST. JOHN, and share IGLA's mission with friends, family, neighbors, and visitors. With help from the public, IGLA can enable St. John to move toward a sustainable future and preserve the island for the continued enjoyment of all.

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Green Thursday Seminar Set for April 24 at GHS

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ter understand the island environment, how it has changed in the recent past and how we can use this technology to plan from individual parcels to island sustainability planning.

The seminar will be on Thursday, April 24, at 5:30 p.m. at Giff Hill School's upper campus atrium. Come out and you're sure to be amazed by seeing St. John as you never have before. All are welcome to attend.

Annual Dog Show Wagapalooza To Benefit Island Shelter Animals

St. John Tradewinds

The Winston Wells ball field will be the setting for The Animal Care Center's Spring fundraiser. Wagapalooza, the island's unique dog show, will be Saturday, May 10, from 5 to 8 p.m.

Every dollar collected will be used for the care, feeding, and medical needs of St. John's homeless dogs and puppies, cats and kittens, both those at the shelter and those depending on feeding stations that ACC maintains throughout the island.

As in past years, Wagapalooza's show classes — unlike those of conventional dog shows — will include Best Old Timer, a Costume Class, Best Trick, Best Look Alike (dog and owner), Best Friend as well as Best Junior Handler and Best Adult Handler. The very special Babe Award to a "most improved" dog will be featured as well as a Waga King and a Waga Queen. The winners of all classes will be awarded a distinctive ribbon and the Babe, King, and Queen winners will also receive an ACC trophy.

Parade of Paws

In addition, this year a Parade of Paws will be held before the regular show classes. The Parade of Paws will be open to dogs with their owners who are just visiting Wagapalooza without being entered in a show category. Handlers and dogs of all ages will be eligible to participate in the Parade with a five dollar donation to the ACC. Participants in the Parade can register at the gate at 4:15 p.m.

This year, instead of purchasing registration tickets for regular show classes at island stores in advance of Wagapalooza, participants for all classes are asked to register at the gate, starting at 4:15 p.m. The registration fee for each class is twenty dollars and registration for three classes will be fifty dollars. Cash or personal checks are requested.

Special Attractions

A special attraction this year will be a Bouncy House for the entertainment of children attending the event with an adult. There will be no charge for children using the Bouncy House. Another attraction will be the popcorn machine that is being lent to ACC by the Freshwater Church of St. John. ACC also plans to provide a coloring book table to entertain the children with coloring books featuring animal subjects. Musical entertainment is also being planned for throughout

Wagapalooza.

ACC Board member Leslie McKibben has volunteered to chair a raffle to be held during Waga. She is looking for donations of gift certificates to restaurants and charter boat trips as well as for animal boarding, wedding packages, villa offers, attractive pottery, artwork, and jewelry, as examples. Raffle tickets will be on sale in advance of Waga at five dollars per ticket or six tickets for twenty-five dollars. Tickets will be available at several shops in Cruz Bay and Coral Bay. Watch for a future news release on the location of the shops. In the meantime, please direct questions about the raffle to McKibben at eagleraylover@me.com.

Fair Food and Drinks

Fabulous food by Katilady will be on sale throughout the event. Katilady (Kati Steinborn) will offer chili dogs, regular hot dogs, and her renowned veggie burgers. She will also be taking advance orders for veggie burgers by the half dozen for home use. For pre-event orders of veggie burgers call 340-693-8500.

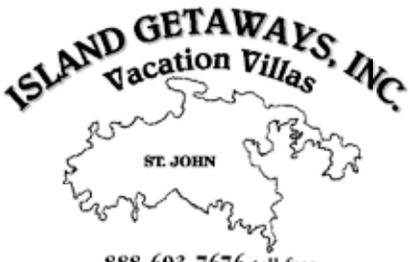
The Queen of Tarts (Liz Lowe) will also be at Waga with her famous home-made cookie bones for dogs as well as home-made cookies for people. Lowe has sold her dog cookies at past Wagas and has received raves from both her dog and dog owner customers. New to the Waga fair food scene will be Becky Reinbold who will be offering samples of healthy food products that she will soon be featuring at her St. John outlet.

Faithful ACC supporter Joe Palminteri will again be serving beverages to thirsty fairgoers. Expected offerings include beer, water, and soft drinks. As in past years, ACC is also planning to offer a "signature" beverage (with or without alcohol) during the fair.

More To Come

ACC will soon be announcing the design for the 2014 t-shirt that is being created by Cynthia Swan, the daughter of our St. John Hardware family. Collectors of the annual Wagapalooza t-shirts should watch Tradewinds about the availability of this year's t-shirts.

Also forthcoming will be the names of the dog show judges, the name of this year's Waga DJ and other late-breaking news. ACC President Lucy Banks is serving as the 2014 Waga point-of-contact. Call Banks at 340-693-7448 for additional information.



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Letters To St. John Tradewinds

Stop Playing Politics With Veterans

Our legislators in Washington must stop playing politics with our veterans, this is especially true of Vietnam war veterans. Will the game playing carry over to our veterans of present day wars? Will they too become pawns? Veterans have few friends in Washington. Just like the Vietnam veterans, today's veterans will face what we are up against, little to no support.

When our men and women in uniform come home from conflicts abroad they are met by the news media, hand shakes by politicians and photo ops. Parades are organized by veterans groups for a "Welcome Home". Most of these veterans groups are comprised of Vietnam Vets, they make up for the welcome home they did not receive, the Vietnam war offered them

only shame and are forgotten.

"A nation that forgot its fighters and defenders will itself be forgotten" President Calvin Coolidge.

Many veterans suffer with cancer, brain injury, post traumatic stress disorder. Normally these diseases are not noticed and in some cases go untreated until they become severe. Our Congress needs to wake up and provide equitable VA benefits.

The American people are urged to write, call their members of Congress and Senate and demand they take positive action providing VA benefits to those in need.

John J. Bury,
U.S. Navy, retired, Vietnam veteran
Media, PA

Military Power Deters Adversaries

We are cutting back our military because the current administration believes the world is a safer place.

The administration wants to cut the Army by 80,000 to 440,000, which is the smallest since 1940, just prior to our unprepared entry into WWII. It wants to eliminate the A-10 aircraft, which is a tank killer that supports our ground troops. It announced a cut in the Navy, building only 32 Littoral Combat Ships, versus the 52 originally planned. The savings will be \$3.5 billion over five years. If we cut our annual foreign aid by 10%, we will save \$18.5 billion in five years.

Our military cuts are proposed while potential adversaries increase their military power. Russia

grabbed the Crimea and is expanding its military, which has 760,000 active troops and 2,500,000 reservists, along with 43,000 armored vehicles. China has 2,285,000 active troops and 2,300,000 reservists, and 14,000 armored vehicles. North Korea has 690,000 active troops and 4,500,000 reservists, and 9,000 armored vehicles.

Although our technologically advanced military has provided superior firepower, we always had to use significant ground forces supported by aircraft to take back territory occupied by our enemies.

Military might, not beautiful words, will deter potential adversaries.

Donald A. Moskowitz
Londonderry, NH

Secure Homes During the Holiday

The Virgin Islands Police Department urges the community to be specifically careful as we approach the Easter Holidays.

Historically, families chose to leave their homes for extended periods and camp on our pristine beaches during this period. We are asking that every effort be made to properly secure your homes. Be sure that all windows & doors are properly secured and all unnecessary electronics devices are turned off.

Additionally, there will be an increase in traffic flow at and around our beaches as campers traverse to and from the camp sites. We are urging the motoring public to exercise caution and obey all traffic laws and posted signs.

We wish everyone a HAPPY and enjoyable EASTER HOLIDAYS.

Police Chief James Parris,
St. Croix, VI

ISLAND NOTES from the publisher

If anyone knows any information regarding the deaths of Seara Samantha James or James "Jimmy" Malfetti call USVI Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

— MN

Letters To *St. John Tradewinds*

Pave Paradise?

The applicants for the Group Dwelling Permit at Privateer Point received a very warm welcome at the Coral Bay School recently, and not in the touchy feely Coral Bay way.

I'm not part of the group doing the beach development but our history in the area goes back to the eighties. My wife Karye was involved in land sales with the original developers and I was the contractor for the upgrade to the utility infrastructure when the Homeowners Association took over. I also installed the roads and utilities at Privateer Point. The 'Dwell' looking cottage you may have seen from the water way out there is our house.

From the earliest design stage for lot layouts and access planning, Mark Davies set aside an eight acre parcel in the center of the property to be used for some type of common amenities. Clubhouse, pool, something to create a 'there' out there. I certainly didn't anticipate anything like what was feared at the meeting. Like everyone else I don't want a Sirenusa and Pond Bay all over again. Totally out of scale for St. John, which has been very successful in punishing overzealous developers.

That is also not what I expected from Davies, who never held back a dime when it came to using environmentally sound practices when we built his roads, so after the smoke cleared from the meeting I contacted Mark and his partners to get their version. What I learned has assuaged the worst of my concerns:

1. Are you planning to throw up 32 buildings and hope for another real estate bubble? No, they are going for approval to do 21 buildings they

want start with the clubhouse and pool and maybe three or four cottages. They have no appetite to sit on a pile of non-producing assets. The era of build it and they will come is over. Sirenusa, et al, were products of the time. The stream of dough and buyers was never going to end right? Indeed...

2. Why ask for permission to build so many units? It cost the same amount of money and time to do a permit for 5 as 28. If the demand isn't there they won't get built, if it is they don't have to do another permitting ordeal. My guess is I won't live long enough to see units climbing up the hill.
3. Won't this be out of scale for the east end of St. John (28 units on 8 acres)? Not if you compare this to Gallows Point (60 units on 3 acres) or Botany Bay on St. Thomas. Both pretty tasteful developments. Botany Bay is particularly analogous since it's as far away from town in St. Thomas as Privateer is from Cruz Bay. They both have oversize lots and some kind of group amenities so the 1% won't get lonely.

These folks may go berserk and put in an X Games go-cart track (which I personally would really like), they have a truckload of details with the Privateer Bay Homeowners to deal with, not to mention the whole CZM process. But for now I'm going to keep my black shirt in the closet, monitor the process, and keep my fingers crossed for the track.

Captain Bob Carney

The Future of the Territory

Here are a few simple ideas to help solve some of the territory's problems.

1 - The Senate should come up with a bill to change the number of senators to nine members with four being from the island of St. Croix, four from the island of St. Thomas and one senator from the island of St. John. This is how it was in the past and this is what it should be again.

2 - St. John must be its own District. We have no local voice with our district being a part of St. Thomas. We must have our own voting district.

3 - Each island must have its own Mayor, elected by the people, and its own council members. No more government-appointed administrators.

4 - Instead of paying government employees every two weeks, reduce the government payroll to twice a month; on the 15th and the 30th of every month.

5 - Elect heads of each department permanently. We have so many changes each time a new administration comes in, nothing gets done. We need to have people elected to these positions who remain in these positions.

6 - The government must pay its WAPA bill.

7 - EDC benefits should be reduced and EDC companies should pay 10 percent of their income to the government.

8 - Enforce gun license laws in the territory. Licenses should be \$50 per year and must be obtained by all gun owners within three months of the law passing. The penalty for not having a license will be \$1,000 fine and three months in jail.

Norm Gledhill
St. John, VI

Correction

The headline accompanying the article regarding the Friends of the VINP Beach to Beach Power Swim incorrectly announced the date of the event.

The 11th annual Beach to Beach Power swim is scheduled for Saturday, May 24.

St. John Tradewinds apologizes for the error.

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VINP To Host Summer Youth Conservation Corp Program

St. John Tradewinds

Virgin Islands National Park Superintendent Brion Fitzgerald is pleased to announce that Virgin Islands National Park will host its Annual Youth Conservation Corp (YCC) Program again this summer (2014). The YCC Program provides an opportunity for youths to be employed for an 8 - week period while gaining an understanding and appreciation about the conservation mission for the National Park Service.

This upcoming summer, the program will employ 8 students. Participants will be involved in a variety of duties associated with park operations, and earn \$7.25 an hour.

June 23-August 15

The 8-week program will begin on June 23 and end on August 15. Applicants must be 15-18 years of age and a U.S. citizen, or have permanent residency status.

Interested youths may pick up an application at the National Park

Visitor Center in Cruz Bay, St. John between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., beginning May 19 and must be returned by May 30. Returned applications must be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from the student's Home Room Teacher. Selections will be made by random drawing.

For more information, contact Vanessa Taliaferro-Robinson at (340) 776-6201, ext. 260; and/or Paul Thomas at (340) 776-6201, ext. 252.

Demonstrations Set for Library Week

Friends of the Elaine I Sprauve Library are sponsoring make your own book mark and a cake decorating demonstration during library week. For more information, call the library at 776-6359.

ReSource Depot Open Five Days/Week

The ReSource Depot is now open five days a week! Stop by Tuesday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. to browse our ever-growing collection of new and gently used housewares and construction materials.

Our friendly Depot manager, "Buddha" Gary Emmons will be happy to help you find whatever you need. We always welcome donations of household items and building materials as well. You'll not only be helping to PRESERVE ST. JOHN by keeping these items out of local landfills, you'll also enjoy a tax write-off for donating to IGLA, a 501(c)(3) organization!

The ReSource Depot is located at Giff Hill and Centerline across from the Susannaberg Transfer Station.

Elections Packages Now Available

Supervisor Caroline Fawkes advises the following: "Any Candidate who hasn't paid their late fees (penalty) on the Campaign Disclosure reports will not be able to pick-up or return a Nomination Package, as per 18 VIC, Chapter 29, Section 911." Supervisor Fawkes further states that: "Additionally, the names of all delinquent Candidates will be published in the newspapers on April 30th, as per 18 VIC, Chapter 29, Section 909 (c)(6)."

"Elections determine who is in power, but they do not determine how power is used."

— Paul Collier

Wagapalooza Set for Saturday, May 10

The Animal Care Center of St. John will have its annual spring fundraiser — Wagapalooza — on Saturday, May 10, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Winston Wells Ball Field in Cruz Bay.

Show classes to be announced shortly. All St. John schools are invited to participate in the dog-themed poster contest. Deadline for entries is Wednesday, April 9. Please submit entries to BJ Harris via email: bj@stjohnproperties.com. The class with the winning entry will be awarded an ice cream party.

Ruby Rutnik Scholarship Applications Available; Deadline Set for May 15

The Ruby Rutnik Scholarship Fund, Inc. scholarship applications are now available for the 2014-2015 school year. This year two \$2,500 annual awards are being offered to two qualifying St. John females whose families or selves have resided on St. John for five years or more and who plan to attend or are attending an accredited college or university. Applications may be picked up at Connections in Cruz Bay (776-6922) or Coral Bay or by contacting the Rutniks at 693-8069. The deadline for submission is May 15, 2014. Notice will be given on or before June 5, 2014.

Applications are also available at Giff Hill School or by calling Beth Jones at 776-1730.

The Ruby Rutnik Scholarship Fund and the Rutnik family wish to thank the community for their continued support of this Scholarship fund established in 1997 in memory of their daughter, Ruby Rutnik.

7th Annual Autism Conference



St. Thomas:

April 28, 2014

8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

University of the Virgin Islands Administration & Conference Ctr.

St. Croix:

April 30, 2014

8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

University of the Virgin Islands North West Wing Great Hall

PRESENTERS:

Somer Bishop, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Psychology in Psychiatry at Weill Cornell Medical College and a Clinical Psychologist at the Center for Autism and the Developing Brain

Ann W. Cox, Ph.D., Scientist at the Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute, University of North Carolina and Co-Principal Investigator/Director of the National Professional Development Center on Autism Spectrum Disorders

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The Bedroom Tarantula

By Sabrina Burkiewicz
(lover of St. John, hater of spiders)
Special to St. John Tradewinds



From time to time on the news and blog sites for St. John, we see people posting videos of tarantulas outside or sharing a tale on an encounter.

I read them, shake my head and think; these people have no right to complain unless they've encountered the bedroom tarantula.

My husband and I were staying in a villa in Fish Bay in June of 2012. We'd been to the island many times, never being alarmed by any wildlife we've encountered. I do have a terrible fear of spiders, but had found no cause for panic ever before.

As an arachnophobe, we see pictures of tarantulas in magazines and on TV. All arachnophobes like to tell themselves that tarantulas don't really exist, because they represent the apex arachnophobia.

On the tail end of a splendid two week trip, my husband and I had spent a long, wonderful day at the beach and had come home in the early evening. We came into our bedroom on the first floor, and I, exhausted from the sun and the salt of the day, flopped on the bed.

I grabbed the remote to see what was on TV. My husband was standing to the side of the TV, beside the sliding glass door with long white curtains. He was in the process of removing his sandy clothes for a shower.

As I pointed the remote toward the TV, to my utter and absolute horror, there was a large black tarantula, about the size of good-sized orange, clinging to the long, white curtain at about waist height.

I began screaming in terror and disbelief. My shocked husband looked at me, panicked because I was screaming, then turned to his left, to see what I was screaming about, and realized he was mere inches from the black menace resting on the curtains. In a flash, we were clinging to the top of the headboard on the bed, like two geckos about to climb the wall.

After the screaming stopped, I realized I was taking lots of long, deep breaths; i.e. hyperventilating and was growing more light-headed by the second. It dawned on me, if I fainted, I'd likely hit my head on the floor and need a doctor. If that happened, my husband would be forced to focus on me, allowing the giant tarantula to run wild in our bedroom.

It was fight or flight and we realized we had to fight. It's amazing all that flashes in your mind during those moments of blurred and blinding fear.

I spotted a large plastic cup on the nightstand next my husband. He slowly reached down and grabbed the cup and spilled the water onto the floor. We regrouped back on the headboard. Next, I cautiously reached down to my nightstand for a magazine. And we regroup on the headboard again.

Then, we agreed I had to leave the room, because if the operation failed, well, I would die of cardiac arrest. Fortunately, I was on the side of the room with the bathroom, so I slithered along the wall to the bathroom, where I exited through the bathroom door to the outside and immediately began screaming as I ran upstairs and called my Mom back in the states at \$1.99 a minute to scream some more. Mom and Dad had been staying with us, but had gone home two days earlier.

Amazingly, my brave husband crept toward the black jungle creature, and, with the precision and speed of a Jedi Knight, forced the cup over the tarantula, sealing it between the cup and against the window. He said it began flinging its body all over the inside of the cup with such force, he didn't think he'd be able to hold it.

My husband said in that moment, he realized, if he let that thing escape into our bedroom, its eight big legs would ensure we'd never catch it, forcing us to: a. Call the police who would surely laugh at us; b. Sleep in the car; and c. Well, there were no other options.

Carefully, he took the magazine and slid it between the opening of the cup and the window, with his palm pressed down over the opening of the cup, as the tarantula flung itself around in a wild frenzy. He quickly exited through the bathroom and hurled the whole thing, cup, magazine and tarantula, over the balcony and into the blackness of the jungle. He returned to the upstairs, white as a sheet, but definitely my hero.

This encounter was so unbelievable, I wondered if we were on some kind of reality show for spider haters. It was so perfectly placed on the curtain, and in the bedroom of all places, that I expected to hear the Alfred Hitchcock horror music at any moment.

So, for the next local or tourist who complains about big spiders, just remember this story and be glad you haven't encountered the bedroom tarantula!



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SUNDAYS

10a-2p	Miss Lucy's Brunch	Sambacombo	Latin Jazz
10a-1p	Concordia	Bo	Guitar
3:30-6:30	Aqua Bistro	Lauren	Guitar Vocal
4-7	High Tide	Lemuel Callwood	Steel Pan
5:30-9:30	Asolare	David Laabs	Classical Guitar
5:30-8:30	Sun Dog Cafe	Various	Open Mike
7-10	Shipwreck Landing	Hot Club Coral Bay	String Swing Vocals

MONDAYS

4:30-7	Concordia	Lauren Johnny B	Open Mike
5-8	Cruz Bay Landing	Chris Carsel	Guitar Vocal
5:30-8:30	Virgin Fire	Rich & Gregg	Sax Guitar
5:30-8:30	Aqua Bistro	Matt	Guitar Vocal
6:30-9:30	Ocean Grill	Rascio	Steel Pan

TUESDAYS

6-9	Ocean Grill	Lauren	Guitar Vocal
6-9	High Tide	Chris Carsel	Classical Duets
6:30-9:30	La Tapa	Sambacombo	Latin Jazz
6:30-9:30	Barefoot Cowboy	Erin Hart	Guitar Vocal
6:30-9:30	Morgan's Mango	Greg Kinslow	Guitar
6:30-9	Tamarind Inn	Steel Pan	Tropical

WEDNESDAYS

4-6	High Tide	Lemuel Callwood	Steel Pan
5-8	Cruz Bay Landing	T Bird	Guitar Vocal
5:30-7	Coconut Coast Studio	St John Flutes	Classical Duets
5:30-8:30	Virgin Fire	Hot Club Coral Bay	String Swing Vocals
6-9	Pickles	Micheal Beason	Open Mike
6:30-9:30	Barefoot Cowboy	Ike	Guitar Vocal
6:30-8:30	Ocean Grill	David Laabs	Classical Guitar
7-10	Shipwreck Landing	Chris Carsel	Guitar Vocal

THURSDAYS

4:30-6:30	Concordia	Wayne & Pam	Guitar Vocals
5-8	High Tide	Erin Hart	Guitar Vocal
6-9	Miss Lucy's	Rich & Gregg	Sax Guitar
6-9	Skinny Legs	Lauren & Bo	Guitars Vocal
6-8	Pickles	T Bird	Guitar Vocal
6-9	Ocean Grill	Chris Carsel	Guitar Vocal
6:30-9:30	Barefoot Cowboy	Ike	Guitar Vocal
6:30-9:30	Tamarind Inn	Brothers Nature	Rock
6:30-9:30	Morgan's Mango	James Anderson	Guitar
7-9	Banana Deck	Lemuel Callwood	Steel Pan
8-11	Beach Bar	3rd String Allstars	Rock

FRIDAYS

5-8	High Tide	Mikey P	Guitar Vocal
5:30-8:30	Aqua Bistro	Steven Sloan	Guitar Vocal
6-9	Balcony	James	Guitar Vocal
6-9	Skinny Legs	Chris Carsel	Guitar Vocal
6:30-9:30	Ocean Grill	Rascio	Steel Pan
6:30-9:30	Morgan's Mango	Lauren	Guitar Vocal
6:30-8:30	Cinnamon Bay	Eddie Bruce	Drumming
6:30-9:30	Shipwreck Landing	Tropical Sounds	Guitar Keyboard Vocal
7-9	Barefoot Cowboy	T Bird	Guitar Vocal
7-10	Rhumb Lines	Erin Hart	Guitar Vocal
8-11	Beach Bar	Flipswitch	Rock

SATURDAYS

5-8	High Tide	Jason Jones	Guitar Vocal
6-9	Ocean Grill	T Bird	Guitar Vocal
6:30-9:30	Skinny Legs	Hot Club Coral Bay	String Swing Vocals
7-10	Rhumb Lines	Lauren	Guitar Vocal

To be added to this live music schedule, the event must be a regularly scheduled event (sorry, no temporary performances), email info@tradewinds.vi with: day, time, location, performer and style. NO PHONE CALLS.

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, April 15

— Family Resource Center's Women of Worth (WOW) Lunch Series is scheduled for Tuesday, April 15, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. on St. John. The guest speaker will be Jennie Alvarez, advocate at Disability Rights Center of the Virgin Islands. Learn about I.E.P's, rights and services for persons living with disabilities. A light lunch will be provided. Call 340-514-1823 for lunch location and to register.

Wednesday, April 16

— The public is invited to attend an event to meet Regional Librarian Letitia Gittens and learn more about the Regional Library and its exceptional resources on Wednesday, April 16, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Elaine Ione Sprauve Public Library in Cruz Bay.

— A free public screening of *Beyond Babysitting*, a short documentary about child care quality, why it matters and how it can be attained in the territory on Thursday, April 16, at 2 p.m. at the St. John School of the Arts. A discussion will follow about the involvement of teachers, parents, community members, and policymakers in supporting high quality early care and education in the Virgin Islands. Please RSVP by April 14 to 340-774-0930, ext. 4187.

— The Coral Bay Community Council is hosting a "Town Meeting" style forum on Wednesday, April 16, at 6:30 p.m. at Guy Benjamin School, Rm. 6.

Saturday, April 19

— John's Folly Learning Institute will be celebrating its 18th anniversary on Saturday, April 19, starting at noon, at the JFLI building. The guest speaker will be Delegate to Congress Donna Christensen. The St. John Singers will present two concerts to celebrate the spring season.

— Starfish Market annual Easter egg hunt and egg decorating party will take place on Saturday, April 19 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Kids can come and hunt for eggs and also decorate their own Easter eggs. The first 60 kids will get free Easter Baskets to fill with their finds. Refreshments will also be served.

Thursday, April 24

— The next Green Thursdays seminar, entitled *St. John in Layers: Maps of Paradise - An Aerial Tour of St. John* will be on Thursday, April 24, at 5:30 p.m. at Giff Hill School's upper campus atrium.

Friday, April 25

The 2014 Earth Day Environmental Fair is scheduled for Friday, April 25. The fair will be at the National Park Ball Field in Cruz Bay from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday, May 10

— The Animal Care Center of St. John will have its annual spring fundraiser *Wagapalooza* on Saturday, May 10, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Winston Wells Ball Field in Cruz Bay.

Customers Question St. John-St. Thomas Barge Delays

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complained to VIPA — told *Tradewinds*.

V.I. Port Authority Executive Director Carlton Dow, a former V.I. Senator, was not available for numerous telephone requests from *Tradewinds* during the week for information about overcrowding at the Enighed port due to ship repair work.

Barge Undergoes Repairs in Mangroves

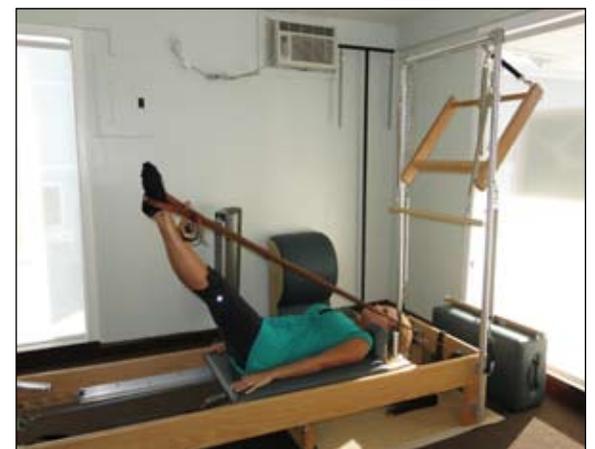
The port bulkhead became so over-crowded with repair work that by April 10 the car ferry *Roanoke* had been taken out of service and moved to the south shore of the port where it deployed its ramp over the interior bulkhead protecting the mangrove mitigation area of the former salt pond. A truckload of processed sand on board was being used to sandblast paint off

the vessel as it was moored alongside the protected mangrove shoreline.

Officials of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers told *Tradewinds* last year that the V.I. Port Authority has been fined for allowing previous incursions into the mangrove mitigation area replanted as part of the federal permit for the construction of the port project by another car ferry company to reach the same shoreline property upland of the mangrove.

The ACE official responsible for the Enighed port was not available for comment for this report.

Meanwhile, residents who rely on regular barge service are keeping a wary eye on the island's motley car ferry flotilla — and the floating traffic jam in the island's commercial port.



St. John Tradewinds News Photos by Jaime Elliott

Melissa Luterek, above, and on the Pilates reformer demonstrating an exercise.

Lengthen, Loosen and Ease Pain at Pilates Worx

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Pilates novices and experienced practitioners.

"If you've never done Pilates its best to come in and have an introduction session which is about 30 minutes and see if you like it," said Luterek. "Pilates will show you where your strengths and weaknesses are. Some people are strong but aren't flexible, for instance, and Pilates helps balance out the body."

"From the introductory session we'll plan a workout from there depending on the client's needs," she said.

Luterek offers individual and semi-private (two students) sessions with the apparatuses as well as group mat classes. She recommends clients do at least one session and one mat class per week.

"Two private or semi-private sessions a week is ideal but if you can't afford that, one mat class and one session is a good plan," said Luterek.

It doesn't take long before Luterek's clients feel and see results, she added.

"The Joseph Pilates intention is you start to feel it in 10 sessions, you start to see it in 20 sessions and you have a new body in 30 sessions," said the Pilates Worx owner. "Eventually Pilates can be a cardio workout because as you advance you learn more and move faster."

Luterek's clients have also enjoyed pain-free lives

after devoting themselves to Pilates, she added.

"I've worked with clients who have had hip replacements and titanium rods in their spines, people who have suffered from fibromyalgia," said Luterek. "They strengthen their muscles and get pain relief. Pilates helps clients who are stiff because it makes you more aware of your body. It works on alignment and posture too."

"People are known to become taller through Pilates," she said. "I don't make you taller, but I help correct your posture and you become stronger and straighter."

After almost two decades in the field, Luterek can't imagine doing anything else.

"This is my passion," she said. "My reward is seeing the benefit of Pilates for a client; seeing how much they love it."

Luterek's rates are \$45 for a private introductory session and then \$85 for private sessions. For semi-private sessions, Luterek charges \$60 per session and mat classes are \$15 each. Luterek is offering a special free introductory session with the purchase of three private sessions for \$199 or three semi-private sessions for \$139 each.

For more information check out Luterek's website at www.PilatesWorx.com or call the Pilates instructor at (877) 249-9679.

GHS Elementary Soccer Games

Friday, April 25 - Giff Hill School vs. Antilles 2 @ HOME, 3:45 PM



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Jeanetter Rhymer poses next to a photograph of IEKHS Harmonic Rays.

Harmonic Rays and Hawks Unity Choir Heading to London Heritage Festival

St. John Tradewinds

Ivanna Eudora Kean High School's Harmonic Rays choir is gearing up once again for its annual trek to the WorldStrides Heritage Performance Festival but this time around, the students are packing some extra punch: for the last two months, Kean's Rays have joined forces with the Charlotte Amalie High School Chickenhawks to form a dynamic "unity choir" that could help them bring home the gold.

The WorldStrides Heritage Performance program organizes annually a range of festivals, bowl games, and other customized events that allow student groups to show off their musical skills. This year's event will be held in London, and will give participating choirs the opportunity to be graded by a panel of renowned music professionals in categories that measure, among other things, tone, balance, blend interpretation, rhythm and intonation. The choirs will receive gold, silver or bronze awards based on their grade.

In 2012, the Harmonic Rays returned from the WorldStrides Festival in Washington, D.C., with silver awards for excellence, along with the prestigious "Esprit de Corps" award for team spirit and "Maestro Award" for best solo vocalist.

This time, Harmonic Rays choir mistress Jeanette Rhymer anticipates that the newly formed Harmonic Rays and Hawks Unity Choir will do just as well, as the combined team prepares to unleash a powerful blend of traditional and Caribbean

flavored spirituals that both she and CAHS choir mistress Neomie Toussaint-Williams (the decorated musician responsible for catapulting Gladys Abraham Elementary's choir into the local spotlight) will help direct.

Two acapella numbers and an instrumental arranged by Rhymer herself will be featured. Kean's choir will also perform three jazz selections.

"The students have just been working together so beautifully for the past few months, and it's been really wonderful to see them perform as a unit," Rhymer said this week. "We've put in a lot of hard work, but we definitely think it has been worth it to push this collaboration. We can't wait to see what they do up on the stage."

30 Students Make Unity Group

The group — made up of 20 Kean students, 10 CAHS students, both choir directors and several parents — will be leaving Monday. The students are slated to perform early Wednesday morning at the Royal Academy of Music and will find out their grade just a few hours later, as they join the other participating choirs around 6 p.m. for a medieval banquet dinner at Beefeaters Hall.

Rhymer said that to make the trip, the choir hosted various fundraising events but also received substantial donations from local churches, private organizations and businesses, government agencies, and parents. Gov. John de Jongh Jr. and Education Commissioner Donna Frett-Gregory also lent their support early on, approving travel for the group

Applications Available for \$5,000 St. John Rotary Club Scholarship Application Deadline Set for April 30

St. John Tradewinds

The Rotary Club of St John Scholarship is offered to assist a resident of St. John graduating from a high school in the US Virgin Islands in the pursuit of higher education. A need and merit based scholarship award will be a one-time scholarship totaling \$5,000.00

Eligibility requirements for the Rotary Club of St John are:

- The student must be a resident of St John graduating in June from a high school in the US Virgin Islands
- The student must have a 3.0 or better cumulative grade point average
- The student must have been accepted to an institution of higher education
- The student must demonstrate financial need (parent or guardian's tax return from the previous year). All financial information provided will be held in strict confidence.

Application forms can be obtained from high school guidance counselors, at Connections of St. John, or by email from william@willigerod.com or jfuller@rotarystjohn.org.

The following information must be submitted with the application form:

- Transcript of credits
- S.A.T. or A.C.T. score
- Record of extracurricular activities
- Three letters of reference. One must be an academic reference. The other two may be selected from a previous employer, guidance counselor, or character reference.
- A short essay (300 – 500 words) on the topic: Excellence

All applicants meeting the eligibility requirements will be interviewed. The interviews will be conducted in May 2014. Eligible applicants will be notified of the date, time and place of their interview. The applications, including the essay, letters of reference and proof of financial need must be completed and submitted to the Vocational Services Committee of the St. John Rotary Club, c/o Connections of St. John or William Willigerod, 16213 Spring Garden, St John, VI 00830, no later than 5 p.m., April 30, 2014.



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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.

AL-ANON MEETINGS

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

Church Directory

Baha'i Community of St. John

For Devotions and Study Circles, call 714-1641
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776-6316, 776-6254

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

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

Christian Ministry

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

Christian Science Society

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

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

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

Cruz Bay Baptist Church

Sunday 11 a.m., 6 p.m. 776-6315

Emmaus Moravian Church

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

Freshwater Church

Sunday Service 10 a.m.; Monday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
Thursday Women's Bible Study 9 a.m.
Saturday Men's Bible Study 10 a.m.
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7:30 p.m. Tuesdays; 7 p.m.
Saturdays (Español), 10 a.m. Sundays,
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Tuesday 7 p.m. Bible Study 693-8884

Nazareth Lutheran Church

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776-6731

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The schedule is as follows: Saturdays at 6 p.m.
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Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7 a.m.
Fridays at 7 p.m. Call 776-6339 for more information.

St. John Methodist Church

Sunday 10 a.m., 693-8830

Seventh Day Adventist

Saturdays, 779-4477

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

St. Ursula's Episcopal Church

Sunday Church Service, 9 a.m.
Bible Class on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. 777-6306

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

9:45 a.m. Sunday, 776-6332

Historic Cruz Bay Free-Colored Cemetery

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burials within the town of Cruz Bay. It's the site of the only marked burial of an individual born into slavery on St. John in the 18th century, and it's the only cemetery on St. John dedicated exclusively to members of the island's free-colored community. The cemetery is the resting place of Sarah Elizabeth Martin and at least five of her children. The individuals interred there were born between 1774 and 1817, and were buried from 1820 to 1879.

St. Thomas-St. John Historic Preservation Committee Chairperson Felipe Ayala II hopes the restoration of the site will facilitate a greater awareness of Cruz Bay's historic past.

"It is unfortunate that so many people do not show proper respect for our historic burials," said Ayala in response to the recent desecration. "It is my hope that

out of this tragedy will come a heightened appreciation for the rich history of Cruz Bay, and that the restoration will bring the memory of those buried there, and the free-colored community as a whole, back into the public's consciousness."

Several businesses and organizations have already signed on to help with the restoration including the St. John Community Foundation, Roger Harland, V.I. National Park Archaeologist Ken Wild, Friends of VINP President Joe Kessler, former territorial archaeologist Emily Lundberg, naturalist Eleanor Gibney, and licensed St. John contractors Eric Couzobon and Brent Squires's Stonemasonry Inc. To donate time, funds, or expertise to the restoration of the Cruz Bay free-colored cemetery, contact the St. John Historical Society at contactus@stjohnhistoricalsociety.org or call project coordinator David Knight at 714-5872.

JESS Students Learn Songwriting from a Master

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"Peter once again has been watching us and seeing all the great things we've been doing, he arranged for a meeting for me at the ASCAP Foundation," Wild said. "I went up there this summer we discussed a Songwriting Composition Class for SJSA."

After going through the formal grant process successfully, SJSA launched its first Songwriting and Composition Class in January. Each week, JESS sixth, seventh and eighth grade students spend 45 minutes with SJSA instructor Luba Dolgopolsky, a singer, songwriter and pianist. St. John musician Laurie Keefe of The Hot Club has also been instructing the JESS students, Wild added.

Last week, students got an extra treat in the form of an artist in residence. Professional musician and songwriter Terre Roche, who has been an active performance and recording artist since the mid-1970s, spent a week of intensive training with the students in late March, Wild explained.

"Part of the grant includes an artist in residence, a professional musician who comes down from the states and gives a more intensive songwriting composition study," said the SJSA Executive Director. "Terre has so much experience in the music industry and is so talented, the week has been amazing."

For the artist in residence portion of the class, JESS students spent an hour and 15 minutes each day with Roche, and spent time writing their own songs and performing impressive renditions of other songs in three part harmonies with percussion accompaniment.

"It's been really impressive what Terre has been



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

SJSA instructor Luba Dolgopolsky, center, along with songwriter Terre Roche, right, teach JESS students during a 45-minute class at the arts school.

doing with the kids," said Wild. "They learned all the different components of a really fun song and sounded great. The students will all be composing their own song together and they learned so much from working with Terre."

SJSA officials plan to try for the ASCAP grant again next year and even offer the Songwriting and Composition Class to other schools, Wild explained.

"We definitely want to do this again next year and want to include Giff Hill School as well," she said. "It's been such a great class, we are really excited about it."

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Today's Cryptoquip clue: V equals T

Bastille Day Kingfish Tournament July 13

St. John Tradewinds

Calling all anglers! The 26th Bastille Day Kingfish Tournament – the inshore fishing tournament that offers the best prizes and attracts more participants than any other of its kind in the U.S. Virgin Islands – will take place on July 13.

First organized by the Northside Sportfishing Club in 1987, the tournament last year attracted 211 anglers, including 39 junior anglers, aboard 55 boats.

Matthew Laban, of St. Thomas, reeled in the Largest Kingfish, a 34.26-pounder aboard the Calypso 34, Emanuel. Laban took home many prizes which included \$2,000 in cash. In addition, there are a dozen more prize categories that include Best Boat, Best Captain, Best Male, Best Female, Best Junior Male, Best Junior Female and other fish species such as Largest Jack, Barracuda, Bonito and Mackerel.

The fishing starts at 5:30 a.m. and ends at Noon, sharp, when the beachside party begins with food, music and fun lasting right up until the time of the Awards Ceremony.

The Annual Bastille Day Kingfish Tournament is one of many activities that celebrate French Heritage Week in July.

As well as being a day of fishing and fun for the whole family, the Annual Bastille Day Kingfish Tournament benefits a variety of local organizations.

For more information, call (340) 998-0854.

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St. John

VIPD continues to seek the community's assistance in solving the homicide of James "Jim" Malfetti, who was found dead in his apartment in Chocolate Hole. A 46" Sanyo TV and a silver/white iPhone 5S were stolen from his home. Please tell us what you know about this murder, or of anyone selling a 46" Sanyo TV or a silver/white iPhone 5S. Please note: it is our understanding that the family of Mr. Malfetti is offering a much larger reward than Crime Stoppers. To qualify for that reward you MUST CALL 305-814-9691.

St. Thomas

On Monday, March 31 at 2:50 p.m., two employees of Innovative were providing technical service at Doctor Maynard's Building when two masked males approached them from behind and robbed them at gun point. A black weapon was used by one of the suspects. They removed a 14kt gold wedding band, chain and hand chain before running off into the short cut that leads to Paul M. Pearson Garden.

Please continue to work for the good of all 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). If your tip leads to an arrest or the recovery of stolen property, illegal drugs, or weapons, you will receive a cash reward to be paid according to your instructions.

Where's the Police Log?

A Letter from Outside the St. John Jail...

By Tom Oat
St. John Tradewinds

There is no police report this week from the Leander Jurgen Command of the Virgin Islands Police Department.

It's not that the men and women in blue didn't do anything law enforcement related in the week before former St. John VIPD commander Angelo Hill was scheduled to be sentenced for cocaine trafficking after being convicted along with another V.I. law enforcement crony, one of his cousins and a few business associates

It's just that, after collecting the police log for the *Tradewinds* for more than 20 years, I couldn't pass up the chance to not transcribe the record of police activity on the island which is usually written by officers from St. Thomas and is sometimes indecipherable and often better off that way.

The desk officer on this recent Saturday afternoon, appeared old enough to remember me from my 1994 V.I. Police Department press identification card, but I presented my 2002-03 edition so I wouldn't be accused of vanity for using a photo ID in which I still had most of my hair – at least my beard was graying in 2002.

The sergeant on duty must have noticed that I was no longer 6'1" as listed on the VIPD's 2002 MEDIA PASS, if I ever was, nor did I weigh 185 pounds as listed, which I never have.

(I ruefully admit I am old enough to be shrinking – literally – just as my number three son, 14, is passing me in height at 5'11".)

The desk officer took my expired VIPD ID to the sergeant, who informed me that the officer had informed her he had previously told me I should secure a new media identification and that my expired VIPD photo MEDIA PASS was not valid.

VIPD Media Pass Discontinued

The sergeant also acknowledged the V.I. Police Department no longer issued a MEDIA PASS.

I assured the sergeant that my access to the police log had only been questioned once in the last five months and that my expired MEDIA PASS was the most current VIPD identification I could provide.

There ensued some references to false IDs and misrepresentation – and I was repeatedly reminded I was not being argued with during the 15-minute discussion.

I asked what identification a private citizen would have to show to look at the public record and offered the sergeant my valid, current V.I. Driver's License as a current photo ID. I offered her my business cards from *St. John Tradewinds*.

After "not arguing" with me for ten or fifteen minutes, the sergeant asked for my expired MEDIA PASS and said she would make a photocopy to investigate the issue further with her superiors.

I stepped outside the Jurgen Command to call St. John Deputy Chief Lt. Maria Jones on the cell phone number I had been privileged to be given

by the Deputy Chief herself – and left a message. Lt. Jones did not return the call.

I tried to leave a message for VIPD St. Thomas-St. John Chief Darren Foy on the cell phone number he had provided me. My call was not returned, so I must have been unsuccessful.

I did not have a telephone number for Police Commissioner Rodney Querrard, although I seem to remember calling him about something recently and I seem to recall he was helpful.

VIPD Commissioners I Have Known...

I wanted to call Raymond Davilla, VIPD Commissioner 1995-1999, or James McCall, 2007-09, with whom I actually had professional relationships, but I didn't have their current numbers – and they probably screen calls from the USVI, anyhow.

I did not try to bolster my *bona fides* by presenting my 1994-95 PRESS identification card signed by then-Commissioner Anthon L. Christian. (Milton Frett would have signed my 1992 credential, if the VIPD was issuing one when I arrived on St. John full-time.)

I just decided to spend my Saturday afternoon writing this report to fill the space set aside in each issue of *St. John Tradewinds* for reprinting the police log to keep the public informed.

I missed spending a Saturday afternoon – or usually a pedantic Sunday morning – sitting in the lobby of the Leander Jurgen Command watching our island law enforcement in action. (See related story.)

The Good Old Days

I enjoy reminiscing about the "good old days" when St. John Commander Sgt. Hill once ordered his officers to arrest me and take me directly to St. Thomas for attacking two 250-pound guys at the dump with my camera sometime in 2000.

No matter how much Sgt. Hill tried, St. Thomas jail officials wouldn't let me inside on that Friday afternoon after a few hours handcuffed to a table in the VIPD command ready room – and even after they cordially asked me to drop my pants in the jailhouse stairway for a body search.

It turned out I actually knew two of the first three young trustee prisoners I met while being processed into the jail – and they had already gone inside to inform the appropriate parties that "the newspapermon" was coming in for a weekend visit.

I always imagined jail officials did not want a reporter in their jail – or maybe they had found out from the third trustee, the jailhouse snitch, that I also knew the longest serving prisoner inside the jail and had been sending him cartons of cigarettes for years through his cousin, a friend.

But that's another story...

It all worked out because Cruz Bay denizen Greenie enjoyed a nap on the holding cell bench next to me before I was released – it's a bond we share to this day.

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Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

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LITERAL LANGUAGE LESSON

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- 1 Brings together
- 7 Refrain from
- 12 Wild prank
- 20 Toss again, as dice
- 21 Took steps
- 22 Wynton of jazz trumpet
- 23 PANE
- 25 Blows stormily, as wind
- 26 Lessens in worth
- 27 Congeal
- 28 Plains tribe
- 29 Baby's first word, maybe
- 32 "— heard worse"
- 33 CORNE
- 35 Rudimentary seeds
- 37 Skull
- 41 Weed-chopping tool
- 42 KIELBASA
- 44 Requests desperately
- 48 Sugary
- 49 Car tire's outer layer
- 50 "— la vie"
- 51 Suffix with press or prefect
- 52 UFO crew members
- 54 "How can — thank you?"
- 57 Archipelago part
- 59 Result of a belly flop
- 63 KOUCHUU
- 67 Prudish type
- 68 Garlic-seasoned mayonnaise
- 70 Howling mad
- 71 Artist Bonheur

- 72 LUACH
- 75 Shylock, e.g.
- 77 Actor/singer Zac
- 78 Pizzelle flavoring
- 79 Eur. country or Can. province
- 80 Stephen of "The Heavy"
- 81 Old letter salutation
- 83 Mountain cats
- 87 Tail off
- 92 "Tobacco Road" novelist Caldwell
- 94 TORTILLA
- 97 — Khan (Islamic title)
- 98 Ships transporting fossil fuel
- 99 Troubles terribly
- 100 CRUX
- 104 Finish
- 106 With 90-Down, side in a game that's not visiting
- 107 "How sad!"
- 108 DVR brand
- 109 Summer starts with one
- 113 At an unknown point in the future
- 115 BAGVAERK
- 119 Poe poem
- 120 Dunne of film
- 121 Make current
- 122 Most cheeky
- 123 Slacked off
- 124 Usher, often

DOWN

- 1 Israeli mentalist Geller
- 2 Fish-catching mesh
- 3 Lyric-writing Gershwin
- 4 Fibbed
- 5 Writer Wiesel

- 6 Abjectly servile
- 7 Tramway vehicle
- 8 Light tan
- 9 To — (exactly)
- 10 Adriatic and Baltic
- 11 Roush of the Reds
- 12 Symbol
- 13 Beauty shop
- 14 They're leaned on for support
- 15 Horse cousin
- 16 Eye covers
- 17 New Olds of 1999
- 18 More terrible
- 19 Ruhr city
- 24 Of warships: Abbr.
- 27 Rock's Mötley —
- 29 Swabs
- 30 Declare openly
- 31 Equine hybrid
- 33 Pear-shaped false fruit
- 34 Immobilize at a rodeo
- 36 Will of "Blue Bloods"
- 38 Wish to undo
- 39 Simile center
- 40 Comaneci of gymnastics
- 43 Holy people: Abbr.
- 44 Flat cap
- 45 Steamboat pioneer Robert
- 46 Bully's threat
- 47 Rip anew
- 50 Labor activist Chavez
- 53 Warm up
- 55 Writer Bagnold
- 56 Wang of fashion
- 58 Medicinal fluids
- 59 Orb
- 60 Opt for first
- 61 Many babies born in fall
- 62 Farming-related prefix

- 63 Rivers and Baez
- 64 "For — know ..."
- 65 Pizzeria orders
- 66 Toll producer
- 69 Statement of empathy
- 73 Pulver's rank
- 74 Sherpa land
- 76 Hawaii-born president
- 79 Burning residue
- 82 Dormant
- 84 "A," in Brest
- 85 Earth orbiter until 2001
- 86 Gauged
- 88 Suburb of Washington, D.C.
- 89 To boot
- 90 See 106-Across
- 91 Smurf or Rock suffix
- 93 Old Austrian emperors
- 94 Mediocre
- 95 Speaker systems, for short
- 96 Sphinx riddle solver
- 98 London's — Garden
- 100 Makes it
- 101 Honolulu "hi"
- 102 Instills docility in
- 103 Singer LeAnn
- 105 — power
- 109 Actress Gilbert
- 110 Tip jar items
- 111 Queue (up)
- 112 Bullfight wear
- 114 — chi (martial art)
- 115 Stop existing
- 116 Rat-a- —
- 117 Traveler's path: Abbr.
- 118 "Quit — bellyachin!"

Answer to April 13 Cryptoquip:

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AND BEING THE SAME MORTGAGE ASSIGNED TO DONALD L. OAT through the ASSIGNMENT dated September 06, 1988, between the ASSIGNOR, TRUSTEES OF CARPETERIA, INC. EMPLOYEES PENSION PLAN and ASSIGNEE DONALD L. OAT, and recorded SEPTEMBER 12, 1989, in the District of St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, in Mortgage Book 34-S, Page 432, Sub No. 4982, and entered in the Real (Personal) Property Register for Aux. 30(h), Pg. 76, 27, and 46 and Aux. Page 282.

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Extended School Breaks To Make Up for Shortened Summer Breaks for School Year Period

St. John Tradewinds
 The Committee on Education and Workforce Development chaired by Sen. Donald G. Cole held in committee a bill relating to the school year period last Tuesday at the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall.

Bill No. 30-0355, proposed by Sen. Clifford F. Graham was created, he said, to address the proposal to extend the school year without the need for additional funding. However after hearing testimony from officials, members of the Department of Education revealed that they had found a solution that would not require the legislation.

Though the calendar is a work in progress, officials say that barring any unforeseen circumstances the 2014-2015 school year will begin on August 11 and end, at the latest, by the first week in June. The additional time will allow for the facilitation of administrative duties and professional development without affecting the 1080 teaching hours required.

Commissioner of the Department of Education, Donna Frett-Gregory, explained the department's proposal. "The shortened summer break will be made up during the

Christmas and Carnival breaks," she said. "This approach will allow us to implement the school calendar as prescribed by the existing law in the upcoming 2014-2015 school year and reduce challenges in the development of the school year 2015-2016 calendar," she said.

Senators commended the department for their efforts.

Frett Gregory also called on the legislative body address another issue related to the length of the teacher's work year. The current legislation does not address when teachers actually return to duty to begin the school year, nor when they leave at the end of the school year, she said. "If this body would put into law that the work year for teachers must not exceed 190 days, this would facilitate the discussions held as the Department consults with the unions in setting the school calendar in the future."

Committee members present included Senators Judi Buckley, Donald G. Cole, Myron D. Jackson, Janette Millin Young, Nereida Rivera O'Reilly, and Tregenza A. Roach. Non committee members, Senators Clifford F. Graham and Clarence Payne III.

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CFVI Announces Availability of Undergraduate and Graduate Academic Scholarship and Enrichment Grant Applications

St. John Tradewinds

Virgin Islands— In 2013, the Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands (CFVI) gave away more than two hundred thousand dollars in scholarship and grant money to Virgin Islands youth. CFVI is pleased to announce that it is that time of the year again. The main goal of the Community Foundation is to enhance the quality of life for VI youth and to open up opportunities that would not otherwise be available. One of the ways that mission is accomplished is through the annual offering of Enrichment Grants and post-secondary academic scholarships. Funds for both of these offerings are provided through the generosity of CFVI donors.

The CFVI Enrichment Grant Program is designed to work in partnership with community organizations or individuals that are providing enriching opportunities for children and youth in the Virgin Islands community. The grants will support local non-profits, schools, clubs, qualifying organizations and individuals who are making available enriching opportunities for low to moderate income young people. CFVI will support the work of existing community programs by providing grant monies for direct scholarships to children & youth to participate in qualifying programs. Grant amounts will range from \$500-\$2,500. Support for multiple students can be included on a single application. The purpose of the grant is to open up opportunities for

students who would not be able to participate without this financial support. Thus, there must be a cost/ tuition for participating in order for the program to qualify for this Enrichment grant. Additionally, the student(s) must display financial need.

Groups or individuals interested in applying must meet the basic criteria:

- The program must be able to prove its historical existence (at least dated back one year).
- Programs must serve children ages 0-18 and be designed to enrich a child's life.
- Applicants must provide details about their program and the selection process which will be used to select the child(ren)/ young adult(s) awarded scholarship(s), should grant monies be awarded to the organization.

The Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands will also be awarding annual scholarships based on the following criteria requirements. An applicant must:

- Be a graduate of a high school in the US Virgin Islands;
- Be currently enrolled in or have applied for admission to, an accredited four-year institution with a program leading to a Bachelor's degree; For graduate scholarships, a student must be currently enrolled in or have applied for admission to, an accredited institution with a program leading to an advanced degree (Master's, PhD, JD, MD, etc.)

· Demonstrate financial need.

· For scholarships that require college enrollment, a student must have completed at least 2 semesters of study by June 2014 with a minimum 2.5 GPA.

Selection will be based on student's overall financial need, academic progress, extracurricular activities and answers to essay questions. Applications for both Grants and Scholarships can be submitted through an online portal; applications and full directions can be retrieved on the CFVI website at www.cfvi.net. The deadline to submit an Enrichment Grant application is April 30, 2014 and the deadline for scholarship applications is May 16, 2014.

For almost 25 years, the Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands has been bringing positive changes in the Territory through programs committed to youth, learning, family support and the environment. With a professional staff and a volunteer Board of Directors composed of local community leaders, CFVI is the 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, Kids Count, scholarships, teacher grants, emergency grants to families and elderly residents of the USVI. CFVI is a registered non-profit entirely supported by individual donors, grants, trusts, corporate donations and estate planning.

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Farm To Table Collage
The local food and students were the stars of Giff Hill School's latest Farm To Table Dinner on Friday evening, April 4, at the beautiful home of Glen and JoAnn Hall.

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