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ST. JOHN FEELIN' THE BLUES

Blues entertainers Janvia Magness, above, Zac Harmon, left, and Danielle Schnebelen of Trampled Under Foot performed to hundreds of event-goers at the 7th annual St. John Blues Festival on Saturday, March 21 at the Coral Bay ball field.

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Blaze Flares Up on External Wall of Lucky Pagoda



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Chinese food restaurant Lucky Pagoda was victim to a grease and electrical fire on Thursday morning, March 19. The restaurant, located in the Lumberyard complex, opened just a week before the fire and was so popular the kitchen ran out of food after only three days. V.I. Fire Department officials arrived within minutes to find the blaze already extinguished. No one was reported injured in the blaze and owners hope to open next week after VIFD restarts their fire safety system.

Crime Stoppers USVI Needs Your Help

Information on unlawfully employed undocumented workers sought

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Crime Stoppers is asking the community to help the VIPD solve the following crimes, and would like to remind the public that any information, no matter how insignificant, may be just what the police need to solve these cases.

St. John

Police on St. John are seeking information on any undocumented individuals living or working on the island. Additionally police are seeking information on anyone who may be unlawfully employing undocumented workers whether on a part time or full time basis.

St. Croix

VIPD on St. Croix are looking for the person who was driving a black Dodge Neon with tinted

windows in the Estate Diamond area on Sunday, March 8, at about 7:25 p.m. and shot a pedestrian during an attempted robbery. The victim was shot in his left hand and the bullet also struck the side of his abdomen.

St. Thomas

Police on St. Thomas are looking for the person or persons who fired upon two males who were walking in the Estate Contant area on Tuesday, March 10. One victim was wounded on his lower left leg and the other was wounded on the bottom of his right foot

Crime Stoppers is pleased to report we received 10 new tips this week, bringing our total to 58.

"We are seeking information on vehicles, including license plate numbers," said Hannah. "Also, a

name or nickname of any person who may have been involved in these crimes. To date with your 58 tips, you have helped VIPD and Law Enforcement arrest several individuals who were involved in assault and robbery cases."

"On behalf of the law enforcement community in the territory, we extend our sincere appreciation and thanks for your continued support in our crime fighting efforts," Hannah said.

Anyone with information on these or any other crimes should immediately call Crime Stoppers USVI at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). The operators are bilingual. Tips can also be submitted online at www.crimestoppersusvi.org, or by texting at "USVI plus your message" to Crimes (274637).

STJ Chapter Chamber Meeting Mar. 24

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The next St. John Chapter of the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce meeting is Tuesday, March 24, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Ocean Grill Upstairs in Mongoose Junction.

Les Anderson will have the latest details on the welcome cart and there will be more information on the Chamber Awards Banquet at which Steve and Helen Simon and Guy Benjamin will be honored.

Dept. of Education Community Forum Scheduled for March 24 at JESS

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Department of Education Commissioner Dr. La Verne Terry will host the second series of Expectations for Education community forums during the month of March.

On St. John the meeting will be Tuesday, March 24, at the Julius E. Sprauve School from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

"This month's series of meetings will be led by our District Superintendents and will address general concerns of the various communities in addition to presentations and discussions on Nutrition, Health and Wellness in celebration of National Nutrition Month," said Terry. "A feature presentation in observance of Music in our Schools Month will also occur."

To submit comments or suggested topics visit the Department's website at www.doe.vi/forum.

Citizens' Integration Team Meeting Is Set for March 25 at Giff Hill School

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The next meeting of the Citizens' Integration Team will be at the Giff Hill School on Wednesday, March 25.

A greet and meet will be from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. during which time the school's new ball field, built for the enjoyment of the island, can be toured. The meeting will start promptly at 5:30 p.m.

We would like to invite the entire community to attend and find out what CIT has been doing during this year to help promote the safety and quality of our community. Our mission is to represent the community and to this end we would like to hear what goals you would like CIT to move on in the next 12 months.

Join CIT volunteers, V.I. Police Department Commissioner James McCall, St. John Administrator Leona Smith and guests from various government agencies to set the priorities to enhance the quality of life of our island.

Bring your suggestions to challenge us for a better St. John!

Contestants Sought for STJ Festival

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The St. John Festival Committee is looking for young girls and boys between the ages of 7 and 11, to vie for St. John Festival Prince and Princess 2009-2010 titles.

Contestants must be residents of the Virgin Islands for one year and must maintain a 2.5 (C+) average. The winner receives more than \$1,500 incash prizes, a personal computer, jewelry and a trip.

The Festival Committee is also looking for young ladies between the ages of 16 and 21, to vie for the Miss St. John Festival Queen 2009-2010 title.

Contestants must be bona fide residents of the Virgin Islands for at least one year prior and must have and maintain a 2.5 (C+) average. The winner will receive more than \$5,000 in cash prizes and participates in the annual Ms. Caribbean Culture Pageant in St. Kitts, West Indies and other prizes.

Applications can be picked up at the various schools, Department of Tourism's St. John office and from Festival Committee members. For more information call 690-3692 and 690-1725.



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DPNR Hears Testimony on Rezoning Requests

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

There was no community opposition at a Tuesday evening, March 17, hearing at the St. John Legislature where Phillip Pickering and Almando "Rocky" Liburd requested rezoning of their respective properties in Estate Enighed and Coral Bay.

Pickering petitioned Department of Planning and Natural Resources officials for the rezoning of property in the Pine Peace area, owned by his parents Jens and Irma Pickering, from R-4 to B-2. The blue and white building located next to the E&C gas station was constructed in the 1970s before zoning laws were in place, Pickering explained.

"The house is dilapidated," he said. "We want to fix it up and add a second story, and we want to do it correctly."

New Home for Mini-Mart

The building has mostly housed businesses since it was constructed, including a lumber warehouse and an auto body shop. Once the property is fixed up, Pine Peace Mini-Mart will occupy the lower level and the upper level will contain offices, explained Pickering.

DPNR's Division of Comprehensive and Coastal Zone Planning Senior Planner Julius Jessup questioned Pickering on parking and how the property will obtain water and dispose of sewage.

The property's current yard is large enough to provide adequate parking, and a church located behind the building will be leased with the intent to purchase to provide more parking, Pickering explained.

"You will have to make sure that property is zoned for parking," Jessup told Pickering.

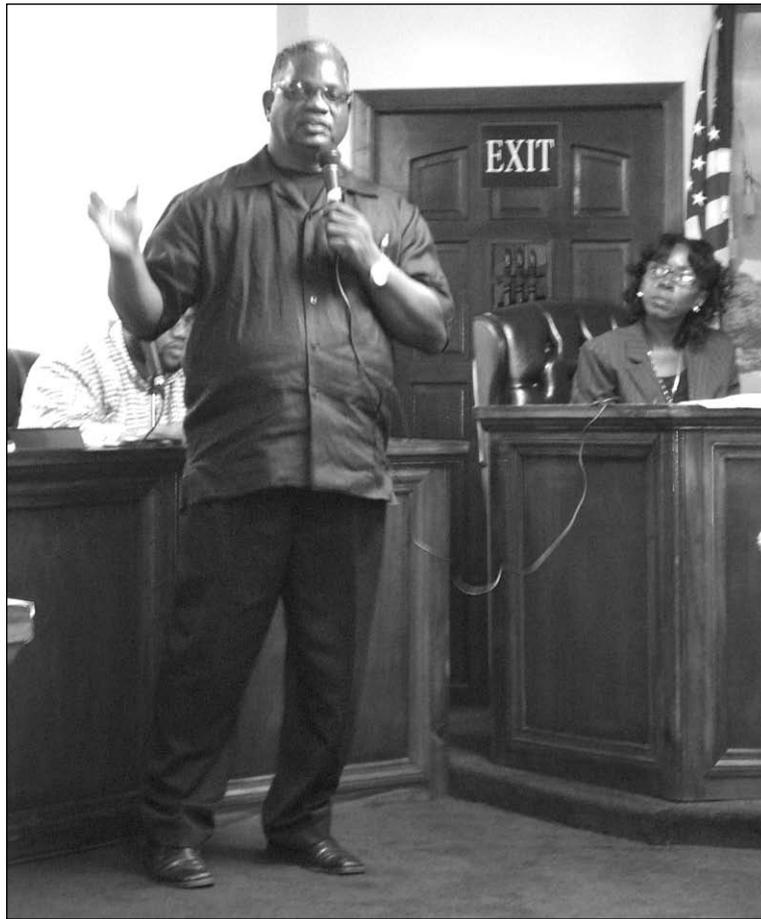
The property will use city water and is already hooked into the main sewer. Plans call for one restroom for the upstairs offices in an effort to minimize water and sewer usage, Pickering explained.

"We're hoping Pine Peace can offer better prices for local people," Pickering said in his closing statement.

No one spoke in favor of or in opposition to Pickering's request.

Coral Bay Laundromat Plans

Liburd petitioned DPNR officials for the rezoning of property in Estate Fortsberg, Coral Bay, from R-1 to B-3. In their original application, the family asked



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Andrea Milam

Almando "Rocky" Liburd testifies before DPNR officials at a Tuesday evening, March 17, hearing at the St. John Legislature.

for the property to be rezoned to B-2, however after reviewing zoning laws, they decided a B-3 zoning would allow for their desire to construct a landromat, explained Liburd.

"B-2 allows for larger things, like a K-Mart, so we changed it to B-3 to just accommodate the laundromat," Liburd said.

The property sits on Route 10, is surrounded mostly by residences and abuts Flamingo Restaurant, owned by Liburd's uncle.

"We look at Coral Bay as a growing community," said Liburd. "We want to fit in with that. We see people lugging their laundry from John's Folly and East End all the way to Cruz Bay."

The closest laundromat is in Susannaberg, several miles from Coral Bay. In addition to accommodating people like boaters in Coral Bay, Liburd explained, the laundromat is well situated to service residents of Calabash Boom's affordable housing development.

Water Supply Problem

Water will be a big obstacle to operating a laundromat in Coral Bay, Liburd admitted.

The water in wells on neigh-

boring properties owned by family members is not suitable for use at a laundromat, and reverse osmosis is expensive and wastes large amounts of water, Liburd explained.

"I'm considering drilling a well," he said. "The Water and Power Authority is considering a plant in Coral Bay. One of these has got to give."

Properly disposing of water will also be an issue at the laundromat, as there is no public sewer system in Coral Bay. Liburd has contacted a company in California which makes septic systems to handle the task of separating soap from water. He hopes to recycle water to keep the property's lawn looking nice, Liburd explained.

CZM Planner Jessup expressed his concern over Coral Bay's lack of a comprehensive plan, and the community's expanding business area. He also asked Liburd if there will be Video Lottery Terminals at his laundromat.

VLTs Possible

"I can't say yes or no," said Liburd. "If you want to stay busy, you have to move with the tide. Sometimes you gotta do what it

"We look at Coral Bay as a growing community. We want to fit in with that. We see people lugging their laundry from John's Folly and East End all the way to Cruz Bay."

— Almando "Rocky" Liburd, Coral Bay resident



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tom Oat

The Pickering family hopes to improve this building, above, as the future home of Pine Peace Mini Mart.

takes."

CCZP Acting Director Marjorie Hendricksen-Emanuel questioned Liburd on the neighbors' reactions to the possibility of a laundromat being constructed.

"I went to them to discuss what I'm trying to do," said Liburd. "There were no objections because everyone knows we could use a laundromat."

The laundromat will be run by Liburd's daughter, Alana Liburd, who has degrees in marketing and management.

"The laundromat is not for me personally," said Liburd. "Too often we don't provide a vehicle for youngsters. I'm fortunate enough to have the property to do that."

Coral Bay Community Council President Sharon Coldren spoke in favor of the laundromat and encouraged Liburd to offer as many parking spaces as possible. Coldren asked Liburd what he may use the property for if it is rezoned, but the idea of a laundromat doesn't come to fruition.

"It might be nice to put in apartments, or office and retail space," said Liburd.

Neighbors Approve of Plans

Neighboring property owner Mark Horgan also spoke in favor of the proposed laundromat.

"We hope the things you propose to do are done well, because we do like the neighborhood and

we'd like to see it successful," said Horgan.

Pickering and Liburd's requests will be forwarded to the V.I. Legislature along with DPNR's recommendations. The Legislature will then schedule a public hearing, where DPNR will present its position on the two rezoning requests.

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DeJongh Associates might reveal plans for the Cruz Bay Creek, above, next month and expect St. John residents to approve.

Plans for Creek Revitalization Could Be Presented to Public by April

By Andrea Milam
 St. John Tradewinds

Almost two years after the planning of the revitalization of the Cruz Bay Creek began, deJongh Associates is nearly ready to unveil their plans to the public.

The architecture firm, which was selected in August 2007 by the V.I. Port Authority’s governing board to help with planning at the Creek, met with board members in February to present their initial plan.

A significant recommendation made by deJongh Associates is to open the Enighed Pond Marine Facility to long-term parking, providing 150 much-needed parking spots in Cruz Bay. Enighed is framed by material dredged from the pond’s mouth during construction of the marine facility, which was placed there in hopes it would cure; however the curing process has taken much longer than expected.

“Long term parking in the area of Enighed Pond had been a point of question for some time because the portion which contains the fill has been very slow in drying, which has resulted in an inability of the ground to sustain and support heavy loads,” deJongh Associates founding partner Robert deJongh said.

“However, we recommended that if you devote the fringe of that area — which is very shallow and only contains a limited amount of fill — to parking, there is a lot less likelihood of settlement problems,” said deJongh.

“Nothing is final, because VIPA really has to be in the position where they can review the plan and buy into it before we can go public with any plans.”

— Robert deJongh, founding partner deJongh Associates

One problem the architecture firm has run into with the idea of providing parking at Enighed is who will foot the bill, as providing public parking is not VIPA’s responsibility, deJongh added.

Opening Enighed to long-term parking would allow VIPA to temporarily shift public parking from the U.S. Customs lot in Cruz Bay during the revitalization period.

“It permits us to relocate, at least for some time, the parking in the area of the Creek without doing a huge amount of displacement to the people who want to park in Cruz Bay,” said deJongh. “We would end up with 150 spaces at Enighed, plus whatever number of spaces would be brought back to the Creek area. It would result in a significant benefit to the community.”

Other than providing parking at Enighed, the only specific detail deJongh revealed is the possibility of relocating the Customs facility to the opposite end of the Creek,

closer to the V.I. National Park dock.

“Nothing is final, because VIPA really has to be in the position where they can review the plan and buy into it before we can go public with any plans,” said deJongh.

At their February meeting, VIPA’s governing board asked the architecture firm to address several alternatives to what the Creek will be used for, and how the docking facility will be incorporated. DeJongh anticipates presenting the plan to the public after the architecture firm meets once again with VIPA’s governing board in April.

Planning for the revitalization of the Creek has been a group effort consisting of St. John Administrator Leona Smith, several community members, and representatives of the National Park Service, VIPA and deJongh Associates.

“We have taken recommendations from various people in the community, one of which is Mr. Steve Black, who has been pretty willing to share ideas regarding the development,” said deJongh. “We give a lot of consideration to suggestions from the public. We don’t always call back and discuss which ideas will be incorporated and which ones won’t, but we always give the suggestions due consideration.”

DeJongh was optimistic about Love City’s reaction to the final plan.

“It’s going to be a good project,” he said. “It will help Cruz Bay enormously.”

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The event drew a crowd including Susan and Miles Stair, above with Evanna Chinnery and teacher Deblyn Van Gelder, center. GHS students served appetizers, far right.



Auction Garner \$123,000 for GHS Scholarship Fund

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

After more than two decades of hosting an annual auction fundraiser, it seems that Giff Hill School officials have perfected the art.

Anxiously eyeing the economic outlook, organizers expected to raise \$80,000, but ended up raking in about \$123,000 at the 23rd Annual Pine Peace-Giff Hill School Auction on Saturday evening, March 14, at the Westin Resort and Villas.

All proceeds will go toward the school's

scholarship fund, which benefits about 65 percent of the GHS student body, according to GHS Development Director Beth Jones.

"Our goal was \$80,000 this year because of the economy," said Jones. "But we didn't mention the economy that night. We just wanted the night to be fun and be all about good news and why people should support education on St. John."

More than 200 people came out for the evening, which started off with cocktails, passed hors d'oeuvres and an ice sculpture martini luge all courtesy of La Plancha del

Mar.

"The guys at La Plancha del Mar did such a great job," Jones said. "Everyone loved the food."

Before the live auction and dinner got underway, event participants enjoyed several special chances to win great prizes.

Wallace Wins "Golden Ticket"

Brenda Wallace was the winner of the "golden raffle ticket," 100 of which were sold for \$100. With her ticket called, Wallace was able to choose any of the auction packages and walked away with a seven night

stay in coastal Maine valued at \$4,200.

For \$25, attendees were able to purchase a glass of Veuve Clicquot which entered them for a chance to win a string necklace of South Sea pearls and matching earrings donated by Karen Gerard. Maureen Fergus was the lucky winner of the jewelry, which was valued at \$10,000, according to Jones.

"It was really exciting," said the GHS development director. "Those little things were two ways for people who couldn't afford to bid on any of the big packages to be

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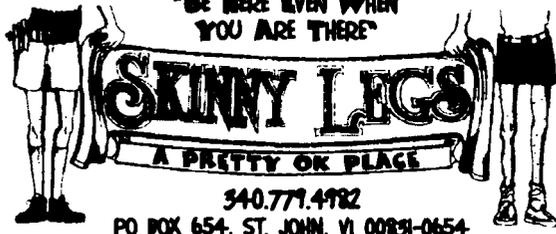
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Planned renovations to the Cruz Bay park, above, include leveling the ground and installing wrought iron benches.

Frank Powell Park Renovations Take Back Seat to Other Projects

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

Everything from investigation into the legality of a public and private partnership to a miscommunication regarding labor costs has held up renovations to the Frank Powell Park for the past several years.

Now the latest bump in the road is being blamed on other more pressing projects.

Department of Public Works officials have been focusing more on the construction of the Cruz Bay roundabout and working on obtaining a piece of the \$244 million the Virgin Islands stands to receive from the economic stimulus package, DPW St. John Deputy Director Ira Wade explained.

Wade and St. John Administrator Leona Smith had no further information on the status of the park renovations last week, and Government House and Department of Housing, Parks and Recreation Commissioner St. Claire Williams did not respond to *St. John Tradewinds'* requests for information.

Renovations to the park, which is one of the first things visitors to St. John see as they arrive via ferry boat, have been on the drawing board for years. The renovations include bringing the park's ground up to one level, installing wrought iron benches and replacing the current kiosk with a "master information board," Wade previously told *St. John Tradewinds*.

Plans also call for a sidewalk to be constructed from Connections straight through the park to help pedestrians avoid walking in the street, and for Americans With Disabilities Act standards to be met. The park's landscaping will change, but the mature mahogany trees will remain in place.

The project's total cost is estimated at \$300,000. Local contractors Carlson Construction have offered

to help with the project; however the renovations hit a snag in early 2008 due to a miscommunication between the contractor and the V.I. government.

"St. John Administrator Leona Smith, DPW Commissioner Darryl Smalls and I met with Governor John deJongh, and he had some questions he wanted us to answer in reference to what the total cost of the project would be, and whether the amount of money we have would cover that cost," Wade told *St. John Tradewinds* in April 2008. "We found that some of the items we thought were labor cost free were not necessarily labor cost free, so we are trying to get additional funding so we can complete the project. After reading a piece of correspondence, it was right there in front of us what the labor costs would be."

Services such as paving are extremely expensive, and Carlson's subcontractors are unable to donate the labor because of the cost, Wade added.

The other holdup has been the investigation of completing the project with a public/private partnership – one of the cornerstones of deJongh's 2006 gubernatorial campaign.

The decision was made for the government to provide materials for the project, while several local businesses have stepped up to the plate to donate their services. Wade was adamant about making sure the legality of such an arrangement would not become an issue down the road.

"We have to make sure that what we are planning to do falls within the legal limits of the law," Wade said in October 2007. "The legal advisor at Property and Procurement advised me that she had to research it fully."

"It's taken a little longer than we expected, but it's not forgotten," Wade added

Pond Bay Tags Trees, But Hasn't Started Coral Clearing Pilot Project

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Pond Bay Club's planned hand clearing of coral and rubble from the rocky South Shore beach it abuts should be starting in the next few months, according to Department of Planning and Natural Resources officials.

Developers of the beachfront luxury fractional ownership project on Chocolate Hole Bay, First American Development Group/Carib, were granted permission to conduct a hand-clearing pilot program on the shoreline by the St. John Coastal Zone Management Committee late last year.

While First American has no timeline for the beach clearing project, native trees near the public access entrance to Chocolate Hole Bay were tagged with ribbons last week.

"The tagged trees have been designated as those to save," said DPNR spokesperson Jamal Nielsen.

It remains unclear, however, if all of the trees which weren't tagged will be cut down. As far as the hand-clearing coral project,

First American isn't ready to proceed just yet, Nielsen explained.

"They have indicated that they may be ready to proceed in a month or two," said Nielsen. "I am certain that since this is a hand-clearing project, that it would take more time than if heavy machinery were used. So I can only estimate it will take a few months, at least, to complete."

The agreement between CZM staff and First American requires the developer to meet with officials before starting any work, Nielsen added.

"This meeting will facilitate discussions so that moving forward, any conflicts with CZM rules and regulations may be avoided," he said. "Carl Howard has been in constant communication with Pond Bay Club. They have an understanding that before any clearing of coral is done, he would be notified."

While St. John CZM Committee member Gerry Hills argued for at least a four-month assessment of the coral clearing project in order to gauge its effect on the bay's environment, the exact

terms of the observation period remain murky.

"As to an assessment period after the coral is moved, I am certain that the CZM permit has a maintenance clause within it so that the developer periodically may go and assess the situation and do any clearing necessary," said Nielsen.

The developer is allowed to only remove coral and rock from a specific 100-foot section of shoreline, according to Hills.

"The developer was given approval for a pilot project to hand clear 100 feet of the Chocolate Hole beach, only above the mean high water and near the salt pond outflow," said Hills. "Any announcement about clarifying the pilot program would be made by the staff and sent to all the St. John CZM Commissioners. I assume that the CZM staff will want to study beach profiles and sand transport both during and after completion of the pilot program."

"We have excellent ecologists on staff who are fully capable of performing these studies," said Hills.



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Native trees at Chocolate Hole were tagged, above, to not be cut down as part of Pond Bay Club's coral clearing.

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Roach Fills *Blessing of Rain* With Caribbean Identity, Universal Emotion

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Tregenza Roach's poetry ranges from uplifting to mournful, but is always evocative.

More than 40 of Roach's pieces are compiled in "The Blessing of Rain and other Poems," with illustrations by St. Johnian artist Karen Samuel, which was recently released by AuthorHouse.

Although "Blessing" is his first published collection, Roach has been composing verse since he was a young student, he explained.

"I've been writing poetry since I was in junior high school," said Roach. "I think in varying periods when you have different things that are commanding your attention, like law school or working, writing kind of takes a back seat, but it always comes to me as a kind of way of relating to the world."

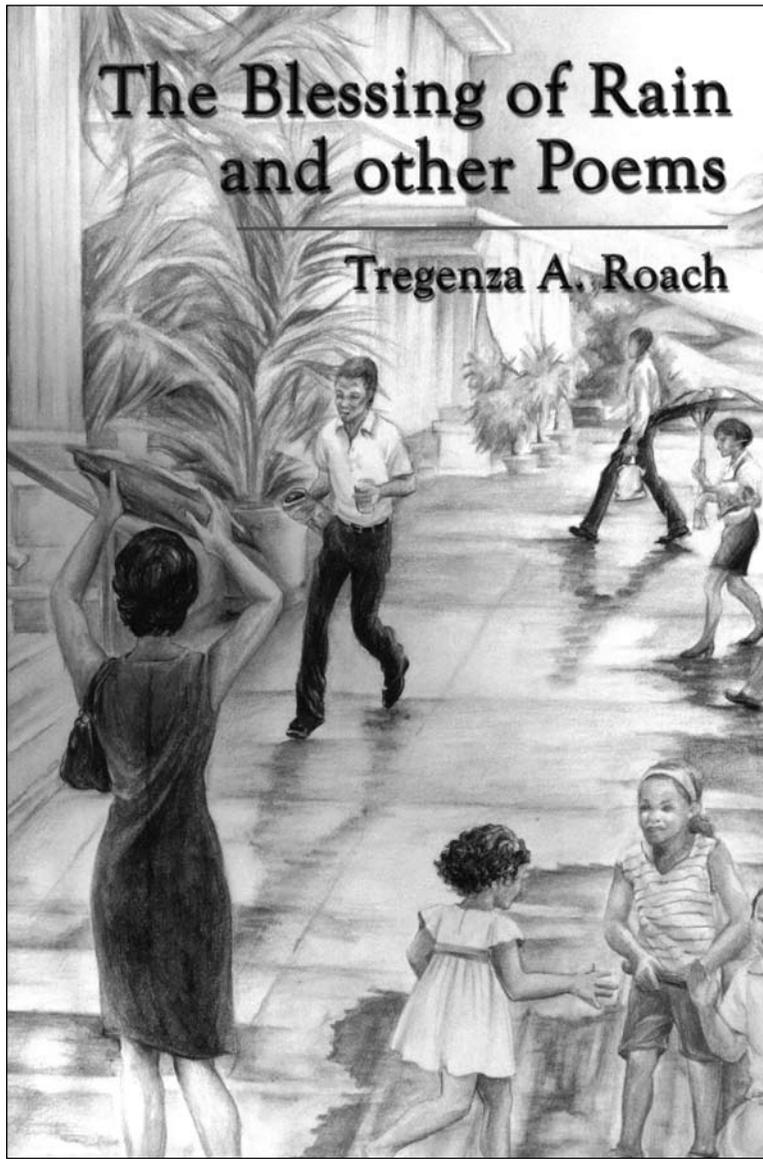
"Poetry helps me relate to the world both personally and in the bigger sense of what's happening in my environment," Roach said.

A native of St. Kitts, Roach's poetry is also deeply rooted in his Caribbean identity.

"I was born in St. Kitts and when you say that, it sets you apart here," said the poet. "But the reason that it's important is because those eight years of my life were filled with tremendous imagery."

As evidenced in poems like "The Song of Adolphous," "The Times of Sunday," and "The Season of Memory," that imagery comes through clearly in Roach's words.

"As a child who saw everything, the fields of sugar, and old people going to cut sugar cane, they were like poems just talking to me," said Roach. "That whole landscape set my imagination ablaze as a child and helped make me a person who



St. Johnian artist Karen Samuel illustrated Roach's first published poetry collection.

wanted to stop and observe and see what was going on."

The first section of "Blessing" seems to cover Roach's early life in the chapter "Ancestors and Memory." Other sections in the collection are "Passages," "The Natural World," "The Spiritual Life," and "Love and Other Essences," and tell stories and share images of a

maturing life.

While Roach's childhood on St. Kitts is fodder for his creative prose, so too are many images of St. Thomas, where he has lived for the past few decades.

"Another rich field of images arose when we came to St. Thomas," said the writer. "The different kinds of people, the changing

YOU

*You walk the way you talk.
You laugh the way you run.
You sing the way you weep.
You touch the way you smile.
You love the way you dance.
You love the way you worship.
You are my dream at morning,
and at night as I lie wide awake.*

landscape of this place inspired me. While the Caribbean landscape and culture was the same, I could feel the difference even before I had the technical skills."

The poet was inspired to put pen to paper to keep his experiences and the words of his elders alive, according to Roach.

"I think it was the whole sense of place and people who were not recorded or were recorded very little in literature that led me to want to create literature about them and those experiences," Roach said. "Some of these people were not literate and without this, how would we capture that same essence? What would be left?"

Roach has been fascinated by the world around him since he was a child and his poetry often conveys that sense of wonder at the world.

"This is a gift," said the poet. "My mother thought I asked too many questions so she took me to a lady who taught me to read. These things I still remember and I want that woman to live on in my words."

Collaborating with artist Samuel was a dream come true for Roach, he explained.

"I had wanted to work with Karen for a long time," Roach said. "I'd bought pieces of her work and admired her skills. I had a feeling that her childhood in the Coral Bay

community, which is kind of a remote rural area, would allow her to have an intuitive relationship with the work."

"We talked about the book for several months and I read her pieces and gave her the themes so she could get a sense of what I was doing," said Roach. "She did an amazing job. She understood the feeling of the pieces."

While putting the book together was no easy task, Roach is pleased with his work, he explained.

"It was a lot of work and I'm very grateful for the folks at the V.I. Council on the Arts, who helped me financially on this," said the poet. "I really look upon the book with a sense of accomplishment and I'm really happy. I get all kinds of reactions from people."

"I spoke to a school the other day and a little girl said she was going to save up her money to buy it, so I had to give her one," said Roach. "The book has definitely made me feel good. It has been a blessing for me."

While Roach's identity surely places his voice in the Caribbean, parts of "Blessing" are also universal. Poems like "Love Again," and the simple beauty of "You" speak to people across cultural lines.

"Blessing of Rain" is available at Dockside Bookshop, Amazon.com and BarnesandNoble.com.

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Mojo delights include naan and homemade tortilla chips with salsa, hummus and raita, at left, and mahi tacos with shredded cabbage and fried plantains, at right.

Mojo Cafe Has Something For Every Palate

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

In the mood for some Indian food? How about fried rice? Or maybe surfer fare would be the thing. Hot wings? Saltfish Pate?

With a menu brimming with flavors from across the globe, Mojo Cafe's night time offerings are certain to include something that will hit the spot for everyone.

For the past two years chef Hieu Nguyen has been whipping up wide ranging culinary delights at Mojo, when he takes over the Wharfside Village breakfast joint's kitchen daily at 5 p.m.

Inspired by hard-to-find and impossible-to-find fare, those delights include pork vindaloo, lamb gyros, shrimp fried rice and even curry beef pates.

"The flavors are mainly East Indian, West Indian and Mediterranean," said Nguyen. "I wanted to do something that there wasn't anything of on the island. I love Indian food and I couldn't get it anywhere, so I cook it."

Veggie Options Abound

With vegetarian dhal, tofu gyros, and vegetarian fried rice and pate options, Nguyen made sure to include dishes for the meatless population.

"I wanted to have a lot of vegetarian dishes because they are often left out," said Nguyen. "I wanted to keep it open to everyone. It's also super simple and it sells really well."

Nguyen has been cooking for more than 20 years and earned his St. John culinary stripes before branching out on his own at Mojo.

"I was formerly the executive chef at Asolare and I was a sous chef at Chateaux Bordeaux before



Chef Hieu Nguyen

that," said Nguyen. "I've been here about seven or eight years now but I've been cooking for more than 20 years. Having done fine dining for so long, I wanted to get away from it and do really different stuff."

"It's been really great and people love it," said the chef.

In addition to the vindaloo and dhal, tandoori-style chicken served with a creamy raita rounds out the East Indian entree dishes. Gyros, either lamb, chicken or tofu, and mahi fish tacos — what Nguyen describes as "surfer fare" — fill out the entree offerings.

Light Yet Satisfying "Surfer Fare"

"The gyro and tacos are surfer food, like Baja-style" he said. "I thought they would be really good here because we're not looking to eat something really heavy with cream and butter. I wanted to keep it light and really good."

"They are probably our most

popular dishes," said the chef. "And it's also stuff I like to eat."

Served with shredded cabbage, pico de gallo and sour cream on soft flour tortillas, chef Nguyen's lightly fried fish tacos are a perfect meal — filling enough for a satisfying dinner, but still light and refreshing.

Affordable Eats

While Nguyen's personal taste informed his menu decisions, he also designed the fare to keep prices down.

"A main thing for me was the price point," said Nguyen. "I really wanted to keep it down and offer a place where people could eat a cheap dinner."

With entrees ranging from \$11.50 to \$13.50, which includes two sides, Nguyen's menu is an affordable breath of fresh air in the heart of Cruz Bay.

Side dishes, from \$2.50 to \$4, range from basmati rice to fried plantations, roasted sweet potato and chick pea salad and would make an excellent meal on their own.

Nguyen's eclectic menu also includes the West Indian staple, pates. Choose from curry beef, chicken, saltfish or vegetable, each for \$3.50. The pates found their way on the menu because Nguyen was looking to fill a craving.

A Different Pate Recipe

"I used to love Comfy's by the ball field and would go there all the time," said the chef. "I was a big fan of their food and when they closed I was really bummed."

For his pates, however, Nguyen took a basic recipe and made it his own.

"I got a base recipe from a friend

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Kids First! Non Profit Organization Kicks Off Operations on St. John

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Kids First!, a Virgin Islands, non profit organization dedicated to supporting education on St. John, has completed all preparation necessary to begin full operations effective March 15.

First incorporated in June, 2008, Kids First! has operated on a limited basis while building the organization and infrastructure necessary to be fully operational.

"Our mission is to support quality education for all the children of St. John in a safe and nurturing environment," said Bruce Clafin, president, Kids First! "We believe that by providing a quality education for the island's children, we can ensure they grow into productive, responsible, and fulfilled adults who provide the leadership St. John needs for the future."

Kids First! intends to focus much of its resources on early learning programs as three years from birth to age 5 are the most critically important for human development.

High-quality early learning initiatives can greatly improve a child's readiness to begin formal schooling and to thrive in subsequent years. As resources permit, Kids First! will also support programs that directly contribute to learning in grades 1-12.

Grant Awarded to GBS

Reading is a critical skill, essential for success throughout the school years and beyond. Unfortunately, some students begin to lag behind, starting in the early years and by 4th or 5th grade it is difficult to catch up.

Recognizing this, Dionne Wells, principal at Guy Benjamin School, created the new position of "Reading Intervention Teacher." This teacher closely monitors the progress of all the children at GBS and works with teachers and students to help each student read at grade level or beyond.

Despite the progress being made, this position was at risk of being eliminated due to budget pressures. Kids First! is providing emergency funding to ensure this position will be maintained throughout the school year and will work with GBS to secure ongoing funding.

"This position is critical to the success of our students" said Wells. "Kids First! has made it

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— Bruce Clafin, president, Kids First!

possible for us to continue providing this important support for our children."

Financial Aid for GHS

St. John public schools are not funded to run pre-school programs. Giff Hill School fills that gap with the largest early learning program on St. John. This highly regarded program supports children from ages 2 and a half to 5 and ensures that young students are ready to thrive as they start the more formal education of first grade.

The comprehensive program, based on the Creative Curriculum, focuses on the cognitive/language development, the social/emotional development and the physical development of the young child. Unfortunately, many island families cannot afford the cost of this program.

To ensure the highest number of St. John children possible have access to this valuable learning experience, Kids First! provided a grant for financial aid, allowing up to 10 more children to attend this program.

"GHS' mission is to serve the entire community of St. John," said the school's headmaster. "Scholarship funds received from Kids First! help to assure an education in our Early Learning Center is accessible to all students — regardless of financial background."

Development Retreat

Brenda Dalmida, assistant principal at the Julius Sprauve School, wanted to prepare her teachers for the new school year, while demonstrating how valued they are within the St. John community.

To support her efforts, Kids First! sponsored a one-day planning and development retreat at a St. John villa. Hosted just prior to the start of the new school year,

19 faculty and three staff along with three administrators had an intense day of training, planning, brainstorming and personal development.

"My staff left — reluctantly — feeling important, valued and empowered to take on the very serious challenges of public education in the US VI."

Kids First! has launched a comprehensive web site, www.kids-firststj.org, that describes its mission and goals, organization and programs. Featuring pictures of island children and schools, it also includes an easy to use, secure, on-line credit card contribution system.



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Last year's Waga, above, drew a huge crowd just like each of the previous nine St. John dog shows. This year's event is set for Saturday, May 16.

Monica Munro and Jason Corley Named 2009 Waga Co-Chairs

St. John Tradewinds

The St. John Animal Care Center announces that the 2009 Wagapalooza chairmen will be Monica Munro and Jason Corley.

Wagapalooza, the ACC's major fund raiser of the year, will be on Saturday, May 16, from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Winston Wells ballfield. Now in its ninth year, the popular event attracts dog lovers from neighboring islands and includes fun attractions and lots of great food, music, raffle prizes, and of course, dogs.

Competitive dog show categories include best trick, best costume, best dance and more. Admission is free and participants can register dogs to compete for only \$20. Interested volunteers are strongly encouraged to contact the ACC. Planning for the big May 16 event is just beginning. Visit Wagapalooza.com for updates and more information.

Preparations for "Waga," as it's known across the island, requires a lot of advance work. ACC members, directors, and volunteers all pitch in to plan contest events, design T-shirts, prepare food, produce publicity, and set up the ballfield.

Many volunteers are needed to help the Waga committee under Corley and Munro's leadership. Help is needed on the day of the event, for cleanup, and during the weeks of preparation. A series of Waga committee meetings will begin next week.

Anyone willing to offer talent, muscle, or raffle items can call the co-chairs. Munro can be reached at monica@cateredto.com, at 776-6674, or at 776-6641. Corley can be contacted at jrcorley@earthlink.net or at The Mail Center at 714-7250.

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Local Skipper Max Nickbarg Qualifies for 2009 Youth Radial World Championship

By Jaime Elliott
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St. John skipper Max Nickbarg continues sailing his way to success.

The Antilles School student is heading to Japan this summer to race against the best youth radial sailors in the world.

Nickbarg posted an impressive finish at last month's Mid Winters East in Clearwater, Florida, to earn a slot at the 2009 Youth Radial World Championship in Karatsu, Japan, August 3 through 10.

The Love City youth's first feat came after two days of sailing in Clearwater's variable weather placed him in the Gold Fleet, his first step toward qualifying for worlds.

After two more days of racing, this time among the elite group of sailors in the Gold Fleet, Nickbarg finished 21st out of 54 racers. Since the open event included adults in the fleet — among them 2008 Olympic gold medalist Anna Tunnicliffe — Nickbarg actually placed 12th out of the youth sailors.

The finish qualified Nickbarg for Japan, where he'll be tested by a long trip and the world's top youth sailors.

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Wha's Happ'nin'

by Sis Frank

Lee Morris and Sally Smith Sing a Charming Duet

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Lee Morris plays the piano beautifully but we discovered her vocal talents Sunday when she joined Sally Smith in lovely harmony! Sing again Lee!

It's Blues Time on St. John

Please no more showers! Cruz Bay and Coral Bay will be full of top talent singing the blues — no rain delays!

Steve Simon immediately takes off for Cairo (as in Pyramids along the Nile) after the St. John Blues week! I would recommend a little down time after all that excitement!

Rotary Filled the Westin with Celebrities

Everyone was there from our Governor deJongh, Donna Christiansen, Donald Sussman, Dr. Mercedes Dullum from Cleveland Clinic, leading representatives from Roy Schneider Hospital and Myrah Keating Smith Clinic and all of us who wanted to applaud Mr. Sussman as he gave his donation enabling the establishment of the telemedicine equipment that will save many lives in the future.

I was especially thrilled to see Dr. Dullum who was my surgeon at the Cleveland Clinic in Weston, Florida. She is the head of cardiology there and is credited with establishing the system of three large screens (MKS Clinic, Schneider Hospital and Cleveland Clinic branch.) These screens show the affected area, skin, lungs and heart at all locations.

Dr. Dullum is building a home on Water Island and owns property on St. John. We welcome her as a Virgin Islander, even though she was born in Jamaica.

We are grateful to everyone who made this system possible!

Opening Night for Blues Week

The Sun Dog Cafe was jammed with music-lovers as Barbie and Michael Barry welcomed Mitch Woods and Billy Gibson as they joined Mark Wallace and his Wednesday night band. Mitch played his usual hot boogie-woogie piano — Billy was full of fun as he matched the beat on his harmonica. The crowd danced, sang and cheered — it was an exciting first night show!

CBYC Hosting 17th Almost Annual Flotilla Fundraiser To Benefit GBS

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Another day of fun in the sun is planned for next month when the Coral Bay Yacht Club hosts the 17th "Almost Annual" Flotilla benefitting Guy Benjamin School on Saturday, April 18, from noon to 4 p.m. at Miss Vie's Campground on the East End.

The fun-filled day includes a full barbecue and bar, delicious local dishes and live music by Koko and the Sunshine Band.

GBS students will enjoy a sail over to the beach on Coral Bay's own tall ship *Silver Cloud* thanks to Captain Elliot Hooper.

The public can come by car or residents can join in the flotilla for only \$40 each, which includes

lunch. With normal sailing charters running around \$100, the flotilla is literally the best deal in town.

Tickets for the sailing part of the flotilla, available at both Connections locations, must be purchased in advance. Captains will meet guests at the Coral Bay dinghy dock at 9:30 a.m. on April 18.

"The idea is that it will actually be a sail," said Clare Weaver, CBYC secretary. "So the captains will sail around for a short tour before heading over to the beach around noon. And then they'll sail back around 4 p.m."

Residents who opt out of the sail can drive to the beach. Tickets for "car-tilla" participants are \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids, include lunch, and are available at Con-

nections or at the gate.

Raffle tickets, \$5 each or five for \$20, will also be available. Prizes include \$1,000 cash and gift certificates to some of the best shops and restaurants on St. John. Vintage t-shirts from flotillas past will also be available for purchase.

Every year the flotilla is an afternoon of fun for the whole family and raises much needed funds for GBS, the small public elementary school in Coral Bay.

"People should come out because it's a fun local event," said Weaver. "There's entertainment, brilliant food and it goes to support our local school."

For more information or to volunteer for the event call Weaver at 513-1571.

Big Art Sale at Syzygy March 27-29

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Art lovers should mark their calendars for March 27 through 29, when Syzygy Art Gallery at the Cololoba Shops in Coral Bay hosts a big sale and a meet the artists reception.

Shoppers will enjoy 25 percent of all artwork in the gallery, which features pieces by Vicki Rogers, Aphrodite, Karen Mandelbaum, Merryn MacDonald and Andrea Leland among others. Also all books and art supplies will be discounted by 50 percent.

Syzygy owner Barr Lewis will host a meet the artists reception with many of the featured painters and sculptors on the gallery's deck on Sunday, March 29, from 3:30 to 6 p.m.

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Rhythm & Views

An outlook on young adult interests and concerns
by Malik Stevens

Technology in Society

St. John Tradewinds

Many of us deem the computer, the cell phone, the internet and the TV to be assets to our daily lives. We use these things for work, play, entertainment, as well as communication. For many of us, our lives revolve around these simple technologies. But just how beneficial are these things to our well being?

Studies show that not only are these technologies making people less independent, but they could also be making our children less intelligent.

"As of 2008, the intellectual future of the United States looks dim," said research analyst and writer Mark Bauerlein in a June 2008 interview. "Technology isn't making youth more astute or knowledgeable; instead it's dumbing them down to the point where they can name their favorite bloggers but fail to identify past American presidents."

Bauerlein is well known for writing his controversial book "The Dumbest Generation: How the Digital Age Stupefies Young Americans and Jeopardizes Our Future." Even though his words are a bit strong, he is somewhat right in the sense that these technologies can actually be "dumbing us down," intellectually. He says that these resources were created to advance our youth, but are being misused, instead resulting in the opposite effect.

With texting, instant messaging, e-mailing, and the infamous "spell checking" the English language is slowly being butchered. Since we can rely on spell check, some students no longer see the importance of knowing how to spell and with all the other messaging capabilities, it is almost like having another language.

We tend to make up and misuse words, use fragments, and go against everything else that is grammatically correct. Acronyms such as LOL (Laugh out Loud), OMG (Oh My God), BRB (Be Right Back), have become real words to our generation.

These technologies have opened up many doors for our lifestyles to become easier, but at times it seems as if they have made life too easy. What happened to the days of doing research papers in the library, and looking through books and archives for information?

Nowadays all it takes is a quick visit to Google and it is that simple. This easily fosters plagiarism and procrastination and it takes away from the challenge of actually looking for research. Even when students take the easy internet route, they are plagued with the many urges of checking their Facebook status, updating their MySpace page, and watching new videos on YouTube.

"I have seen students shrug their shoulders at books and turn to social networks for their leisure time stimulation," Bauerlein also adds.

The TV is the biggest of these child dumbing devices. Kids learn their morals and behaviors from what they watch, and if all they are seeing are unethical reality TV shows and illogical cartoon shows, it is going to affect them negatively.

These hi-tech devices also take away from students' desire to learn. Instead of completing their homework or discovering something new and exciting, kids want to be on their cell phones, watch TV or check their Facebook updates or all three at once.

While the new technologies have in fact changed the mentality of the present generation, do not be misled into thinking that they have only been bad for society, because they have not. Technology has been highly beneficial to us in many ways. While the studies cannot be ignored, it is a two-way street.

Like myself, I am sure many of us do recognize the faults of relying too heavily on technology, but just like any guilty pleasure, we know it is bad, but we just keep doing it. Now I've got to go check my Facebook messages.



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Letters to St. John Tradewinds

Sports Programs Show Marked Improvement

Editor,

If you have been in Cruz Bay over the past few weeks on a Tuesday or Thursday night, those huge crowds are watching the latest addition to citizen-led sports activities.

The new 15 years and over St. John Men's Flag Football league is a huge success thanks to Brummell Germain in cooperation with the Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation! This is the perfect compliment to the American Legion flag league which provides flag football up to age 14.

This is exactly what St. John needed. Men ages 15 and up are competing in what has proved to be a very exciting week night event. With eight teams and more than 90 participants and a crowd that exceeds well over a 100 every night, this sports program allows the whole community to enjoy a fun night out; Kudos to Brummell and S, P and R for this great program.

And there is more!

The after school baseball program, run by S, P and R with help from a local baseball enthusiast, has paid off in a big way. This past weekend, (March 14) St. John hosted a great little league baseball tournament for youngsters 11 to 13.

S,P and R did a great job getting the field ready.

Six teams, including Love City's own Yellowjackets, squared off for a fun morning and afternoon of great baseball.

It's exciting to know that youth and adults have these kinds of activities. Sports, Parks and Recreation has really stepped up and provided new leagues which were sorely needed. To see a list of all the Sports, Parks and Recreation offerings, visit <http://dspr.vi/Index.aspx>

This spring, The American Legion Post 131 will be sponsoring youth Co-Ed softball and t-ball. This is yet another program for youth which fits in well with its already very successful Youth Flag Football League.

Starting in 2009, Post 131 will be offering spring softball and t-ball with youth flag football in the fall. Registrations for softball are open to all youth ages 9 to 14 and ages 5 to 8 for t-ball.

You can get registrations at Connections and at the St. John Community Foundation office at The Marketplace. Call me at 693-9410 for information and to get registration forms sent by email.

Let's keep activities for youth going. Support your local sports programs!

Paul Devine

Important Steps To Save a Damaged Tooth

Editor,

I would like to thank Mary Hartman for the lovely letter and warm support she and her family gives to St. John Dental. I would also like to take this time to educate and inform the population about the important emergency steps to be taken to help save teeth that have had traumatic forces applied to them from such things as falling or blows to the mouth.

An avulsed tooth is one which has been completely removed from the mouth. If the tooth in question is a primary deciduous — baby tooth — there is no reason to replace it and doing so may cause harm to the underlying adult tooth. You should seek medical attention for any injuries.

If the tooth is a permanent — adult tooth — and is broken at the root area then do not replace it. Reimplantation is not possible. Seek medical treatment for your injuries.

If the tooth is a permanent tooth and is not broken then reimplantation may save the tooth. It is important to replace it as soon as possible within minutes is best.

First remove any dirt off the tooth by having the

patient suck on the tooth with their own saliva, have them spit out any debris and blood until the tooth is clean. Have them suck hard to remove any blood clot which is forming in the tooth socket. Place the tooth in the proper orientation (front side facing forwards) in the socket gently. If the tooth goes in easily hold it in place and seek dental care.

If the tooth does not go in the socket easily for any reason you must transport it and the patient to the dental office. The tooth can be transported by either placing in the patients mouth, not advisable for young children who may swallow the tooth or aspirate on it, or placing it in fresh milk. Time is important so call ahead and seek dental treatment immediately.

A partially avulsed or traumatically moved tooth is one which has been displaced yet has not fully been removed from the mouth. This condition does require emergency dental care, however if the treatment time has been delayed for a longer time the teeth are often still salvageable and may need to be moved by orthodontic movement.

**Sincerely,
John E Purpura DDS**

Visitor Dreams of Paradise

Editor,

I have made four or five visits to St. John in the past recent years and due to the economy, missed my trip in December of last year.

Where I am located, in Charleston, it is now 56 degrees. My feet are cold most of the time.

What a paradise you live in.

I wish someone would hold a contest for a free trip

to St. John and my partner and I could win.

I think if I could find a job as a musician/artist there, I would live there.

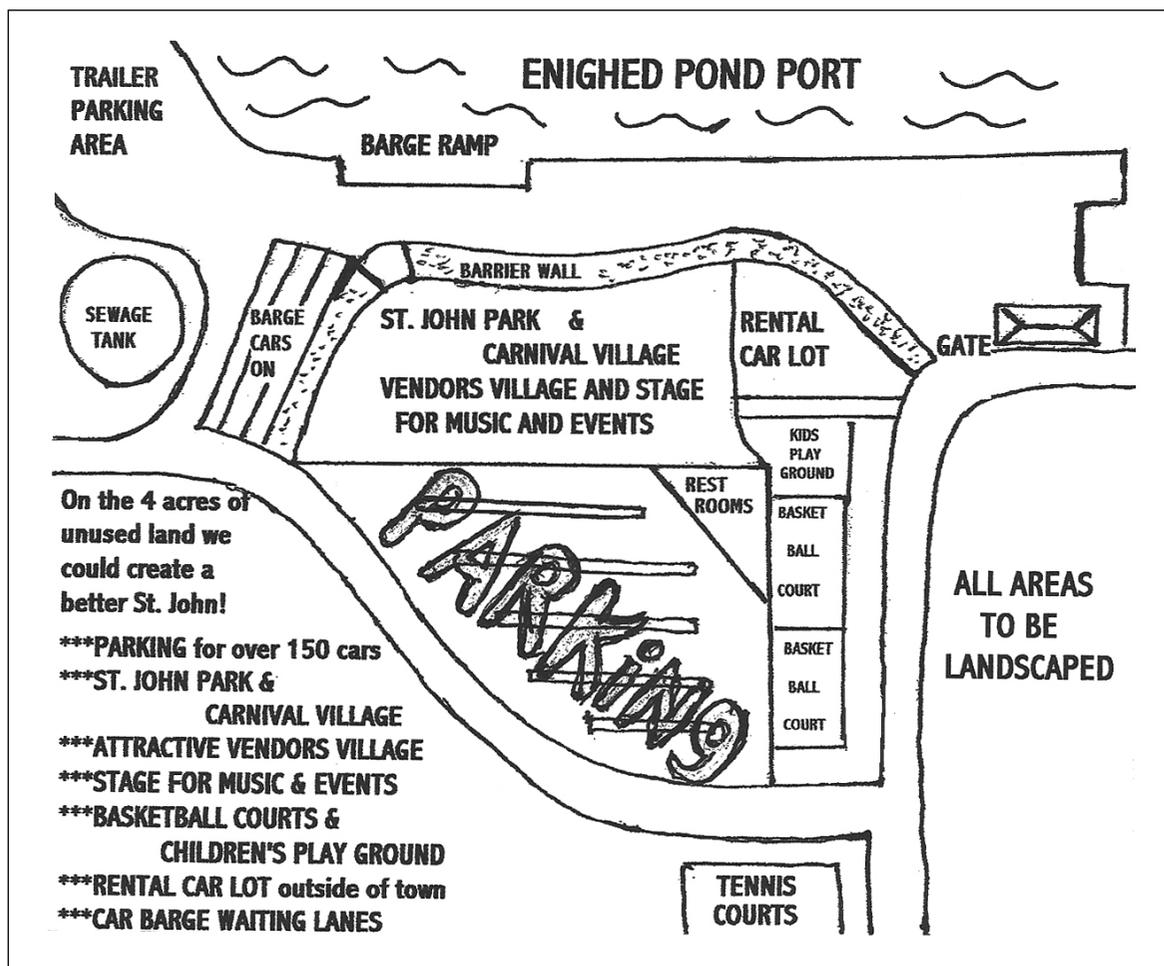
Anyway, I hope all who live in St. John realize that although the economy sucks, what a better place would there be than St. John to ease the pain.

Just a thought.

Steve Jacobs

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Letters to St. John Tradewinds



A Plan for St. John: More Parking, Recreation Facilities

Editor,

Here is a plan. A plan for the Enighed Pond which will solve so many of the problems which we experience every day, while improving our island's image and ambience. A plan which costs almost nothing!

This plan has been sent to our governor, our Port Authority and our island administrator, all with no reply, nor any offering of their "plan" for St. John.

Well, here is a plan which is open to discussion and review. A plan which takes over four acres of vacant land and provides parking; an improved Carnival Village; a stage for events; a Vendors Village which would be an attraction rather than a distraction; a solution for the basketball and youth playgrounds; and creates a beautifully landscaped park which we can all be proud to enjoy.

Over the last month, many business owners fearing their own economy have sent messages to the governor and the Port Authority supporting this plan.

Yet, again, no response, and worse, "no plan" is forthcoming from the government. There is no "planner" hired, nor any effort to hire one. The Port Authority is strangely aloof and inconsiderate of our strangled town and the appearance of our Creek and Pond areas.

This is the only plan being offered. If you like it, tell the governor and the Port Authority to consider it, or tell them to stimulate a plan of their own for St. John.

Anyway, let's do something!

Steve Black
St. John

IEKHS Maintains Safe Environment for Students

Editor,

As an educator for 25 years at the Ivanna Eudora Kean High School at Red Hook, St. Thomas, and a 29-year resident of St. John, please permit me to voice my opinion on the issue of St. John students at Kean High.

Last month there was a meeting with parents and Department of Education Administrators at Julius Sprauve School. Another meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 24 at 6 p.m. Kean Principal, Dr. Sharon McCollum, will attend. I will be off island and regret not being able to attend.

For six years Dr. McCollum has led the direction at Kean High. The number one priority has been safety of students, faculty and staff. Security professionals from the mainland and local organizations have

hosted numerous workshops and meetings over these years, informing our staff of signs to look for and how to deal with negative situations. We have maintained a safe environment each year. We are not perfect; the task is demanding and needs to be performed everyday. Consistency, structure and cooperation are paramount.

The administrative staff at Kean High has been carefully groomed. Our four principals and Dean of Students work well together and compliment each other's strengths. This was not always the situation at Kean. Our monitors and police officers have also been groomed and work well together to maintain control of our 1,000-plus student body.

Have you ever walked, or should I say hiked the

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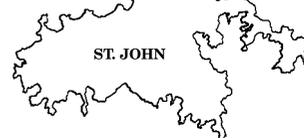
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Pine Peace Giff Hill School Auction Garners \$123,000 for GHS Scholarship Fund

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able to participate and support the school.”

Local photographer and videographer Steve Simonsen, who teaches at GHS, presented a film about the school, which was a big hit, explained Jones.

Simonsen's Video

Presentation Wows Crowd

“The video presentation was wonderful and of course everyone cried,” she said. “A lot of people came out to the auction to have a good time and didn’t really know what the school is all about. The movie showed who is in our school and what we do.”

“This year’s theme was ‘kid’s dreams,’ and it was really good,” said Jones. “It got everyone in the mood and remembering why we were there.”

With professional auctioneer Darron Mears leading the action, the bidding was exciting and suspenseful, according to the GHS development director.

“He really got the crowd involved and made the night really fun,” she said. “He got the bidding up and we were really surprised at how well all the packages did.”

Top-notch Auction Packages

Auction packages included exciting travel deals, art work and dining opportunities. The crowd bid on packages ranging from a VIP wine tasting tour of Napa Valley to a “culinary delight” trip through Umbria, Italy, dinner at

some of the best restaurants on St. John and sailboat charter cruises.

“We had some really great trips in the auction and the Westin was our benevolent sponsor once again,” said Jones. “They donated some great prizes and their staff was amazing. We couldn’t do it without them.”

The crowd got another special treat about half-way through the night when GHS senior Evanna Chinnery delivered an emotional speech.

Chinnery has attended GHS since the seventh grade when Miles and Susan Stair began covering her tuition. The opportunities she has been afforded since attending GHS have truly changed her life, Chinnery explained.

Doors of Opportunity

“That first day of school the door of opportunity was opened for me, and not once have I looked back with regret, but with emotions of love, thankfulness, and treasured memories of my journey since that day,” said Chinnery. “Being a student at Giff Hill School has not only given me the support to express myself creatively, but has opened more doors of opportunity for me. I saw snow for the first time on a school trip to the four corners region; I was the first person in my family to travel to Europe; I witnessed the inauguration of Barack Obama in January; and I have attended Berkeley College of Music for the past two summers and last



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Malik Stevens

Auction volunteers show off orchids up for bid.

weekend I flew to Boston to have my audition interview there.”

“There are many parents on St. John who wish they could send their children to Giff Hill School because they know that Giff Hill offers better education and more opportunities, but they feel that they cannot because of financial reasons,” Chinnery said. “I am asking you as a child whose mother was in this situation to be an angel and to offer a world of opportunity to other children on St. John.”

The speech moved the crowd to tears and reaching for their pocket-books, according to Jones.

“She leveled the entire room,” said Jones. “After her speech the auctioneer said, ‘if you would like to donate to the scholarship fund

right now please stand up.’ And 22 people stood up.”

“Evanna’s speech alone raised \$22,000 for the scholarship fund and there was not a dry eye in the room,” said Jones.

Barlas Honored

Each year during the auction, GHS officials take the opportunity to recognize someone who goes above and beyond the call of duty for the school. This year’s honoree was a member of the GHS family who has helped organize the annual auctions for the past 10 years, explained Jones.

“As an event chair or co-chair, Lori Barlas has worked on the auction for the past 10 years,” Jones said. “Under her leadership we’ve raised more than \$800,000 for

scholarships. She does so much, but she was a very reluctant honoree.”

Jones delivered a speech highlighting Barlas’ countless hours of service to the school and the community.

“While she does the lion’s share of the work every year, she is always in the background, never seeking acknowledgement or glory,” Jones said about Barlas. “Obviously, this level of community involvement requires a considerable amount of time away from her family, but if you ask them about it, they couldn’t be prouder of the work she does and they know that she is making St. John a better place for them and for their friends.”

After-party at Chloe and Bernard’s

Following the auction and three course meal in the Westin ballroom, the crowd danced the night away at an after-party at Chloe and Bernard’s. With a record amount of funds raised despite a slumping economy, the night was deemed a big success, explained Jones.

“Last year we raised about \$120,000 so we were really happy with year’s total,” she said. “We had so many volunteers and so many students and parents and teachers helped us out, it was amazing. It was a big night.”

To see the full list of auction packages, check out www.pinepeaceauction.com.

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campus at Eudora Kean? There is no strolling around this campus. One needs to be in shape to move around here. Add controlling young 15- to 18-year-old youth and you can imagine the workout they give. Most of our students are respectful, well-kept, caring, talented young people.

This is their social environment. We are given the task of providing quality education for them. Some students are just set on not going to class and getting in bad situations, thus hindering the education others seek.

Gangs are here in the VI, read the papers. We have been informed for years. Assemblies have been held; guest speakers invited, group meetings organized. What is in our community enters our gates. We must educate and keep students safe. At Kean it is done with “tough love.” Often it isn’t nice or pretty and hurts, but that is what is needed for order to be maintained. Adequate Yearly Progress was achieved.

St. John has voiced concern that Kean High is not meeting our students’ needs. Many of our most talented students come from St. John. The President of our Student Council, Kurt G. Marsh, Jr. is from St. John, as well as J’Nay Penn, editor of Student Council news

and carrying three Advance Placement courses. Dia Otto and Kamaria Penn are both wonderfully talented in art. On the ferry, our students are well behaved.

But, I can tell you there are some who are always in the halls and not functioning here. Parents are quick to point the finger of blame, but what are the past records of these students, and how can we work together to change their course in life?

As a parent, I know my child is the most important student in the school. I also know that that the school feels every student is important. Therefore, it is my responsibility to be my child’s advocate and communicate with the school on a regular basis in a timely manner when an issue arises, be there. When special recognition is given, be there. No child should attend school without the advocacy of a parent or guardian.

Consistency, structure and ‘tough love’ must be applied in and out of the educational system. Praise and reward must be a part of growth. Parents are the primary ‘homeroom’ educators of children.

Our ramps are always open to you at Kean. Come climb with us, as we are, “Eudora Kean on the Move.”

Lisa Etre, Chairperson of Art Ivanna Eudora Kean High School

Mojo Cafe Has Something For Every Palate

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and tweaked it because I didn't really like the flaky pastry crust," said Nguyen. "The normal dough is like a pastry dough that absorbs a lot of oil. So for our pates I try to go more towards a bread style that it doesn't absorb as much oil when you fry it."

"It's more like a fried bread than a fried pastry dough," Nguyen said. "We've made our compromise between bread dough and pastry dough and I think it's just great."

Fried rice, pork, chicken, tofu, shrimp or the special Mojo combo, for between \$4.50 and \$10.50, became a part of Nguyen's menu again out of culinary necessity.

Filling A Void

"I opened right on the tail end of China Shack closing and people wanted fried rice," he said. "So I threw it on the menu. We started with one or two, but now we have

the full menu and people really like them."

The final corner of the menu is taken up by an American favorite, done in Nguyen's distinctive style. Hot wings, for \$8, come in either East Indian, Spicy Asian or honey sesame sauces.

In addition to the regular offerings, Nguyen also creates nightly specials which vary depending on his moods and flavor desires, explained the chef.

From Thai to Italian

"Daily specials differ," said Nguyen. "We can go from pad thai to traditional rice noodle stir fry or occasionally barbecue beef brisket or pork ribs sometimes. It depends on what I'm in the mood for."

"I've even made Italian food here before too, which sells really well," said the chef. "If I get sick of eating something, I'll make something completely different. I like to keep the regular customers

guessing."

Mojo also usually has a special desert each week. A recent offering was scrumptious sweet plantains fried in spring roll wrappers served with creamy vanilla ice cream and caramel.

No matter what Nguyen is whipping up that night, one thing is certain, he is dedicated to great food and authentic flavors.

Keeping It Simple

"Great food doesn't have to be four stories high," he said. "I try to keep the flavors true and clear. I want to keep things simple really."

From the straightforward fish tacos to the layers of flavors bursting from the pork vindaloo, the most difficult thing to do at Mojo's is just deciding what to order.

Check out all of Nguyen's food at Mojo Cafe from around 5 to 9 p.m. daily. Call 776-8399 for take out.

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, March 24

The next St. John Chapter of the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce meeting is Tuesday, March 24, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Ocean Grill Upstairs in Mongoose Junction.

Tuesday, March 24

Department of Education Commissioner Dr. La Verne Terry will host the second series of Expectations for Education community forums during the month of March. On St. John the meeting will be Tuesday, March 24, at the Julius E. Sprauve School from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 25

The next meeting of the Citizens' Integration Team will be at the Giffit Hill School on Wednesday, March 25. A greet and meet from will be from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. during which time the school's new ball field, built for the enjoyment of the island can be toured. The meeting will start promptly at 5:30 p.m.

March 27 to 29

The Department of Tourism is sponsoring the 36th Annual Rolex Regatta, known as the "Crown Jewel of the Caribbean," hosted by the St. Thomas Yacht Club from March 27 to 29.

Saturday, April 4

On Saturday, April 4, Antilles School will introduce the Open Doors Gala, an evening where fun and fundraising will go hand in hand. Proceeds from the gala will go to support its financial aid and scholarship program that provides over \$1.3 million in annual support to over 50 percent of its student body.

Tuesday, April 7

The next Coral Bay business meeting is set for Tuesday morning, April 7, at 8:45 a.m. at Donkey Diner.

Saturday, April 18

The Coral Bay Yacht Club will host the Guy H. Benjamin Flo-tilla on Saturday, April 18.

Sunday, April 19

The Coral Bay Golf Open will be on Sunday, April 19, in the Skinny Legs area. Proceeds from the event will benefit long-time Coral Bay resident Grant Berkebile who underwent a series of surgeries this year. Teams of four will compete on the whacky course starting at noon.

Saturday, May 2

The John's Folly Learning Institute will have an anniversary celebration on Saturday, May 2, at 12 noon at the institute.

St. John Police Report

Land Line Emergency No: 911 Cellular Emergency No: 340-776-9110

Friday, March 13

1:53 a.m. - A citizen c/r that someone collided into him on the East End. Auto accident.

Saturday, March 14

1:00 p.m. - An Estate Bethany resident p/r that someone removed his front license plate. Stolen license plate.

1:15 p.m. - A Coral Bay resident c/r that he was robbed at gunpoint by two black males wearing masks. Robbery in the first.

3:40 p.m. - A Virgin Grand Estates resident c/r that his dinghy was stolen from the Westin beach. Unauthorized use of vehicle.

4:20 p.m. - A citizen c/r that another citizen was causing a disturbance on the Cruz Bay dock. Police assistance.

5:20 p.m. - An Estate Emmaus resident r/ that he was involved in a fight. Simple assault and battery.

7:20 p.m. - An Estate Mandahl resident c/r that his house was broken into. Burglary in the third.

Sunday, March 15

3:30 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident c/r a disturbance at her apartment building. Disturbance of the peace.

1:50 p.m. - A citizen p/r that he was verbally threatened by another male on more than one occasion. Disturbance of the peace.

6:00 p.m. - An Estate Contant resident c/r that someone stole her wallet out of her residence.

10:05 p.m. - A bartender at Island Blues c/r a disturbance. Simple assault.

Monday, March 16

8:09 a.m. - A citizen c/r that someone entered his residence.

Tuesday, March 17

10:00 a.m. - An Estate Emmaus resident p/r his girlfriend physically assaulted him. Aggravated assault.

3:00 p.m. - A bartender at Island Blues c/r that a female spit on her. Simple assault.

5:40 p.m. - A Lavender Hill resident c/r that someone broke into his house and stole some money

5:45 p.m. - A St. Thomas resident c/r he was assaulted in the

area of Coral Bay. Assault and battery.

Wednesday, March 18

2:30 a.m. - A citizen c/r there was fight in the area of Wharfside Village. Vehicle tampering.

8:10 a.m. - A visitor c/r that someone broke into her villa and stole her laptop computer. Burglary in the second.

9:00 a.m. - A visitor c/r that someone broke into his villa while he was asleep and stole his wallet. Burglary in the second.

12:45 p.m. - A citizen p/r his wallet was stolen from out of his girlfriend's car. Grand larceny.

5:48 p.m. - One L. Eichenauer was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance. Possession of a controlled substance.

Thursday, March 19

2:45 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/ to retrieve items left at the front desk on March 8.

5:39 p.m. - A citizen r/ a fight in progress at the Beach Bar in Wharfside Village.

7:39 p.m. - A citizen r/ shots fired in the area of Fish Bay. Illegal discharge of a firearm.

AA Meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous meets as scheduled: Sundays, 9:45 a.m. at Hawksnest Bay Beach; Closed meeting for alcoholic only at Nazareth Lutheran Church at 5:30 on Tuesdays; Open meetings on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 6 p.m. at Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cruz Bay; Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 6 p.m. at Emmaus Moravian Church, Coral Bay.

Al-Anon Meetings

Al-Anon meets on St. John every Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the picnic table at the VINP ball field, and every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at Our St. Ursula's Church.

Alateen Meetings

Alateen will meet on Mondays at St. Ursula's Church from 6 to 7 p.m. and is open to anyone interested in attending.

NA Meetings

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

St. John Church Schedule & Directory

<p>3 Sail Church 10 Sunday, St. John School of the Arts</p> <p>Baha'i Community of St. John Race Unity Devotions 7:30 p.m. Fridays; Study Circles 9 a.m. Sundays 776-6316, 776-6254</p> <p>Bethany Moravian Church Cruz Bay, St. John 11 a.m., Sunday School 776-6291</p> <p>Calvary Baptist Church 13 ABC Coral Bay, 776-6304 Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday evening 6 p.m., Thursday 7 p.m.</p> <p>Christian Ministry Cinnamon Bay Beach Inter-Denominational Sunday 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>Christian Science Society 10:45 a.m. Sunday- Marketplace Wednesday Testimonials 7:45 p.m. on last Wed. of Month</p> <p>The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Sun. 9 a.m., STT. 776-2379 Sun., 5 p.m., STJ, Lumberyard</p> <p>Cruz Bay Baptist Church Sunday 11 a.m., 6 p.m. 776-6315</p> <p>Emmaus Moravian Church Coral Bay, Sun. 9 a.m. 776-6713</p> <p>Jehovah's Witness 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10 a.m. Sundays</p>	<p>Missionary Baptist Church 9:30 a.m. Sunday Services, 10:45 Worship, Tuesday 7 p.m. Bible Study 693-8884</p> <p>Nazareth Lutheran Church Sunday 9 a.m., Sunday School 8 a.m. 776-6731</p> <p>Our Lady of Mount Carmel Sat. 6 p.m., Sun. 7:30 & 9:30 a.m., Spanish Mass 5:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, 7 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. 776-6339</p> <p>St. John Methodist Church Sunday 10 a.m 693-8830</p> <p>Seventh Day Adventist Saturdays 779-4477</p> <p>St. John Pentecostal Church Sunday 11:05 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays Prayer 7:30 p.m., Thursdays Bible Study 7:30 p.m. 779-1230</p> <p>St. Ursula's Episcopal Church Sundays, 7:15 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Every 3rd Sunday: Service 9:30 a.m. Bible Class, Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. 777-6306</p> <p>Unitarian Universalist Fellowship 9:45 a.m. Sunday, 776-6332</p> <p>Word of Faith Church Sunday, March 2, at 1 p.m. at the Giffit Hill School. Call 774-8617</p>
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WHO DID WHAT?

ACROSS

- Remove, as a seat belt
- Paper piece
- Arena cheer
- Mag. workers
- Zilch
- Middle school grade
- Games
- Barrymore hurled a pump?
- Hurtful, as language
- Silly — goose
- Comet part
- Murray conducted an MRI?
- Gibson tripped gracefully?
- "When will —?"
- Grounded JFK jet
- Pantry raider
- Old Dodge
- Dickens' — Heep
- "... and that — hay!"
- Colored artificially
- Turner named his preferred apple color?
- Thurman of the screen
- Pal, to Yves
- One of the Gospels
- Grow weary
- Barry cut off someone's whiskers?
- Ice cream options
- Cooling chest
- Undifficult
- Hollywood's DeLuise
- "Naughty!"
- Shields swiped a shepherd's staff?

- Slick 50 competitor
- Puffin kin
- IV flow
- Capsized, with "over"
- Cravings
- Boggs created a pig-tail?
- Super-duper
- D.C. figures
- See 69-Down
- Nest egg fund, briefly
- Pitt owned a cushion?
- Big lugs
- Hunted animal
- Gillis of old sitcoms
- Billow
- Airport abbr.
- Ave. crossers
- Gambits
- Joplin started to swell?
- Smith enjoyed a chewy fruit?
- "Believe" singer
- Prefix with nasal that means "mouth"
- Short operatic solo
- Kennedy picked out nylons?
- Adds up
- Tickle pink
- Difficult question
- Suffix with 129-Across
- Lyric poem
- Himalayan country
- Wives, in Spain

DOWN

- Stop stopping up
- Like Odin
- Purloin
- "... — a pudgy tat!"
- Decayed

- Saxony- — (German state)
- Harm's way
- Vane dir.
- That lad's
- Let a breath out
- Princely prep school
- "And — wrote ..."
- Noisy lions
- Tirana site
- Sonata producer
- Some long films
- Opera stars
- Smell
- Orig. texts
- Legendary quarterback John
- Chopin work
- Blubbery
- Previous to, in verse
- Cap
- R followers
- Sony Bravia, e.g.
- Quattro, e.g.
- Apple option
- Church part
- Section: Abbr.
- out a living
- Huge brawl
- Slips a cog
- School seat
- Old Greek markets
- Use up all the credit on
- Place a bet
- Wane
- "I saw a mouse!"
- RSVP encl.
- 33rd pres.
- 32nd pres.
- Peered
- Low life form
- Gives the go-ahead to
- With 89-Across, brand

- of frozen potatoes
- Basinger or Catrall
- 1040 pro
- Prefix with plunk
- Wild attempt
- Hammer-hurling god
- colada
- Dragon den
- Hibernia
- WWII turning point
- Comic actor Foxx
- "Aren't — pair?!"
- "No ifs, — or buts"
- Bad-mouth, to a rapper
- Legendary quarterback John
- Forester's Hornblower
- Was beside
- Part of CDC
- Tolkien brute
- Before now
- Go after and bring back
- Butter bit
- Depletes
- Excretes, as from a cell
- Shredded
- Enjoy a rink
- Reid and Lipinski
- Revolver in a subway
- Clear wrap
- "— were the days!"
- Basketball targets
- Whether by land —
- Rows
- Sinuous fish
- Hefty book
- That, in Peru
- Cartoon pic
- Med. group

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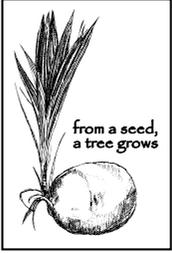
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"VOYAGES BUILDING" combination commercial & residential property in the heart of Coral Bay. Located between the Cocoloba Shopping Center & a proposed 116 slip marina, this is an ideal location for a restaurant, retail shops or offices. First floor restaurant space is fully equipped and ready to go and there are two beautiful 2 bedroom apartments on the second floor with a pool on the property. This well constructed building is just across the road from the waterfront, with views of the anchored boats, cool breezes and parking. **\$2.6M**



"Surfside"- A rare chance to own a home in the beautiful Reef Bay enclave. Surfside is a tastefully appointed Mediterranean style three bedroom, three bath pool villa situated on the edge of undeveloped park land with fabulous ocean views and breezes. Stroll via private-pathway to a secluded white sand beach with excellent snorkeling. Surfside is a very successful rental. This oversized lot comes with plans for another 2x2 villa with separate entrance. **Price reduced by \$900,000 to \$1,650,000! OWNER SAYS SELL NOW!**



"Southern Cross" - The location of this traditional Danish style stone home is about as good as it gets, offering the utmost privacy yet only a ten minute drive to Cruz Bay Town. Features include large covered porches, beautiful custom mahogany cabinets and built-in bar, exposed concrete beams and window sills and tile floors - all combine to create an elegant atmosphere. Cooling breezes and water views on an almost level lot with room to add a pool or spa. **\$1.395M**



"Casa De Palmas" - Completely rebuilt, large, comfortable West Indian style home with pool and spa, nice water and sunset views, easy access on quiet dead end road, paved circular driveway, established landscaping with many palm trees and colorful hibiscus, and good breezes. The spacious lower level has 3 bedrooms, a separate entrance, complete kitchen, and adjoins a large deck with pool. **\$920,000**



"Palm Terrace Villas"- Four of the newest and most spacious condos to be found on St. John. New construction finished in 2005, beautiful views, sun deck and pool area, walk to town and Frank Bay Beach. The two bedroom is over 1700 sq. ft. and the three bedroom penthouse units are over 2100 sq.ft. All feature large kitchens, granite countertops, stainless appliances, large closets, private washer and dryer and ample storage. These condos have it all. **\$975,000 to \$1,399,000**



"Bella Vista" is a well maintained and beautifully decorated home, perched high atop cool Bordeaux Mountain. Views from Jost Van Dyke to Virgin Gorda. Quality construction with hardwood floors and beautiful wood trim throughout. Accommodations include a large master suite, two spacious guest bedroom suites, large loft for additional guests, and a one-bedroom apartment with separate entrance. Spa and sun deck. Tremendous value - a "must see". **REDUCED: \$850,000.**



"Fris Bay Waterfront" - Owner says sell! Best oceanfront value on St. John! Incredible waterfront lot featuring unobstructed panoramic views of Flannagan, Leduck, the BVIs and Caribbean Sea. Enjoy the sounds of the surf breaking on the nearby barrier reef and snorkel from your 132 feet of shoreline. Includes plans and CZM permits for fabulous 4 bedroom pool villa. Seller financing possible with \$300,000 down. Price reduced by \$400,000 to **\$495,000!**

"REEF BAY" Large lot adjoining national park with 270 feet of waterfront on pristine Reef Bay. Easterly trade winds, a vest pocket beach and sweeping views of St. John's pristine south shore and south to St. Croix. Because of it's large size (1.32 acres) and adjoining park land on the south this parcel affords one a privacy seldom found in a waterfront property. A short walk to Reef Bay beach and a short drive to Cruz Bay on mostly paved roads. **\$2.499M**

CRUZ BAY (74-2)- B-3 ZONING - Rare opportunity to own a commercial building in down town Cruz Bay. The former Oscar's store building, across from Lime Inn, is being renovated. The first floor has a long term lease in place. The second and third floor plans are still flexible for office or residential use and available for lease. **\$1.99M**

"Battery Hill Condos" - Two lovely ground floor 2-bedroom units with spacious, private sun decks and delightful water views. Tastefully furnished and completely air-conditioned, these units are walking distance to town and Frank Bay Beach. Just steps away from both the spacious pool deck amid tropical landscaping and the ample parking area. Excellent rentals. **\$550,000 & \$795,000**

"COMMERCIAL ZONING" Reduced - Business Zoned (B-3) Property. 0.43 Acres conveniently located between Cruz Bay & the Westin Resort, on the way to the many rental villas on St. John's South Shore, & adjoining the new Greenleaf Commons Shopping Center **\$495,000**

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CBR HOME LISTINGS

PT. RENDEZVOUS - New rental villa w/3 bd/2 baths, lg. covered porch, spa, easy access & ample parking. \$1,595,000.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS - Ultimate 7 bd/7 bath compound features private doubles tennis court, 2 pools, excellent views, walk to beach. \$2,999,500.

BAYVIEW - Very private villa bordering Natl. Park, minutes from Maho Beach. Traditional masonry design with 2 bldgs connected by pool, decks & patio. 280° views overlooking Francis Bay & Northshore, + Coral Bay & BVI's. \$1,695,000.

LOVANGO BEACH HOUSE - Unique, custom home located on the beach at Lovango Cay. Beautiful details, 75' dock, completely self sufficient w/solar & wind power allowing for all amenities. Island paradise \$2,750,000.

CAROLINA - Small, poured concrete, home with lovely covered wraparound deck. Flat 1/2 ac. fenced lot, view of harbor, access from Centerline Rd. \$449K.

CHOCOLATE HOLE - Masonry 2 bd/2 bath home, with carport/workshop, on an absolutely gorgeous 0.86 acre lot w/incredible panoramic views. End of the road location offers great privacy, ample room for expansion. \$975,000.

LUMINARIA - Lux. ridgetop villa w/incredible no. shore & down island views. 3 spacious bedrm suites, 3.5 baths, lrg pool w/waterfall, spa, 4 car garage, gated entry, privacy, beautiful furnishings & landscaping. Vaca. rental history. \$2,495,000.

PERELANDRA - is a romantic 2 bd/2 bath rental villa high above Cruz Bay. Stunning panoramic views, beautiful sunsets, lush gardens, very private pool, decorator furnishings, mint condition. \$1,050,000.

AURORA - Extraordinary 180 views from this turnkey vacation rental villa on Contant Pt. 3 private ensuite bedrms, plus apartment, courtyard pool, lush landscaping, multiple decks, masonry construction, attractive furnishings. \$1,995,000.

BOATMAN POINT - Attractive masonry home on spectacular 1 ac. waterfront site w/ amazing views. Main house w/great room, kitchen, 2 bed/2 baths & separate 2 bd/2 bath guest house. Prestigious area. \$2,795,000.

WINDSONG - Stately Boatman Pt. villa, w/separate cottage, situated on a 1ac parcel w/panoramic views. 6 bdrms., 7 baths, huge pool, fully furnished. \$3,495,000.

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BETHANY - Unique free standing 2x2 condo with amazing views and year-round sunsets, new shared pool. \$649K.

SELENE'S - Ideal in town location, w/parking, for living/rental or business. Terrific views. \$450,000.

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DITLEFF POINT - Extraordinary sites on magnificent peninsula w/sandy beach, gated entry, beautiful landscaping, and incredible views. Prices start at \$895,000.

KLEIN BAY - Small upscale neighborhood, gorgeous views, commonly owned beach. \$879K & \$995K.

WATERFRONT ON MONTE BAY - Spectacular 13.44 ac. site, ideal for private estate or subdivision. \$3,400,000.

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<p>"WINDWARDSIDE" CALABASH BOOM offers 2 cottages with hot tubs in private setting. Panoramic views over harbor to BVIs. Charming brick courtyard, lush tropical landscaping, and outdoor showers. Excellent rentals.</p> <p>\$1,400,000</p>	<p>"UPPER CAROLINA": 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath, beautifully-appointed villa has spectacular Coral Bay views. Entry level has spacious great room & covered porch. Interior staircase leads to 2 master suites & lower level studio suite.</p> <p>\$1,395,000</p>	<p>"SEABISCUIT" is a winner! Charming 2x2 Caribbean style masonry villa with panoramic views, very private pool & hot tub. Breezy location convenient to Coral Bay. Walk to shoreline water sports.</p> <p>\$995,000</p>	<p>"FISH BAY" 4X2 INCREDIBLE VALUE! Huge panoramic views and a quiet, private, breezy location that borders Nature Conservancy property make this home a must see!</p> <p>\$595,000</p>	<p>"RAINBOW'S END" AT BATTERY HILL - this bright, clean and cheerfully decorated poolside condo is conveniently close to town w/ nicely manicured grounds. A must see!</p> <p>\$535,000</p>	<p>"POND BAY" ST. JOHN'S NEWEST RESORT! Waterfront luxury accommodations on beautiful Chocolate Hole beach. 3 and 4 bedroom villas with resort amenities will be opening in late 2009. Fractional Ownership (1/10th) in an expansive villa starts at \$315,000. Come in or call today to arrange a tour of the model and see the progress.</p>

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CRUZ BAY Prime .75 acre property, 3 bdrm short term rental with pool and panoramic views. Zoned R-4 for development. \$2,950,000
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MARBELLA Expansive St. Thomas sunset views, 3 bdrms w/ en suite baths. Open style, all on one level, Central A/C. \$2,850,000
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ENIGHED Nearly flat town lot overlooking Turner Bay and zoned R-4. Masonry home, 4 bdrms, 2 baths plus outbuildings. \$599,000

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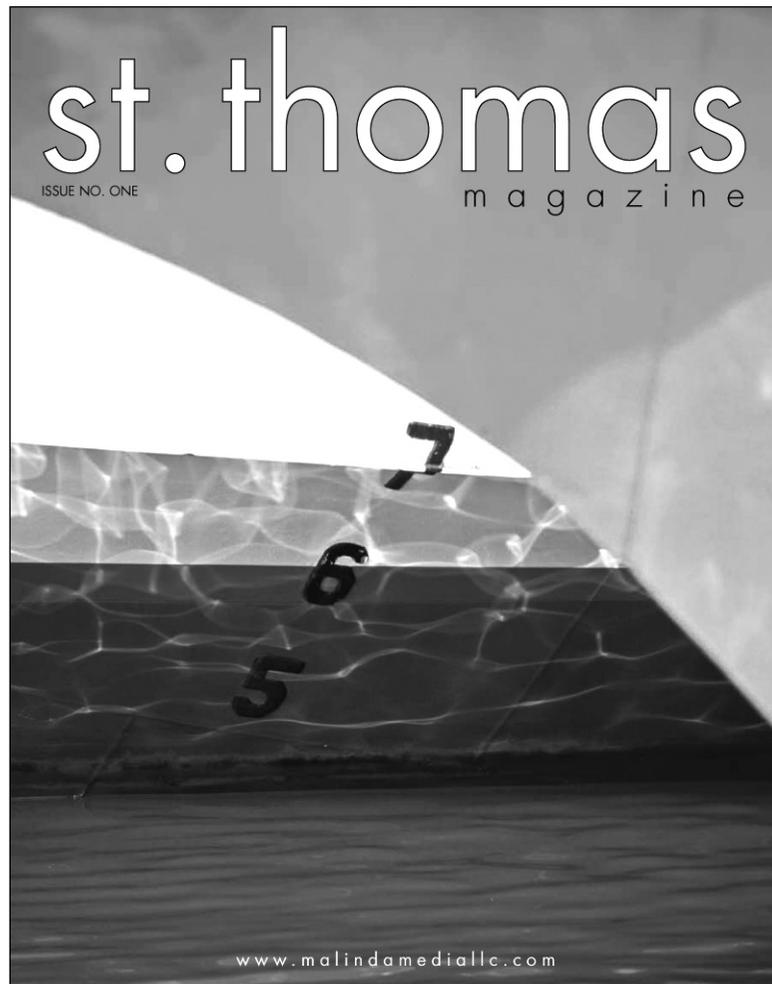
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– Fraser Drummond, island resident

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