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BULLDOGS CELEBRATE PERFECT SEASON!!!

The St. John Men's Flag Football team First Phase Data Com's Bulldogs erupted into jubilation after beating the Island Raiders on Thursday night, April 2, securing their perfect record for the season. Regular season games wrap up and playoff games start this week. See story on pages 6-7.

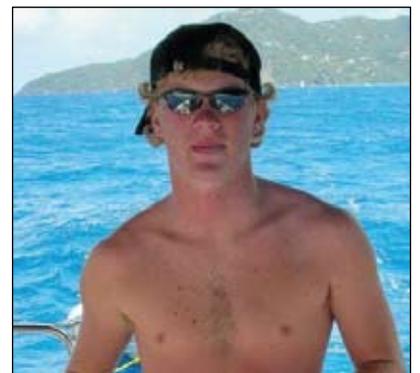


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GBS Hosts Ole Time Fish Fry



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Residents enjoyed music and great food at an Ole Time Fish Fry fund raiser hosted by Guy Benjamin Schoo on Saturday afternoon, April 4, at the Coral Bay basketball court, above.

Crime Stoppers USVI Crimes of the Week

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

St. John

Police are still seeking additional information on the murder of Juan Ayala who was found dead from multiple gunshots on Monday, January 5, outside his home in Estate Pastory. Police think there are two suspects with one described as a black male with braided hair.

St. Thomas

VIPD are asking for information

about the shooting death of Jahmarie Joseph on Tuesday, March 24. Joseph was shot to death in a drive-by shooting in the Bovoni area. Police are looking for any information about the vehicle and its occupants.

St. Croix

Police are asking for assistance in a 2004 missing person's case. U-Roy Alphonso James was last seen in the Sunny Isles area of St. Croix on December 14, 2004. James is 5'11" and weighs 156 pounds. He was 25 when he was last seen. He has a dark complexion and scars on his forehead and chin.

Crime Stoppers is pleased to report that of the 89 tips received to date, 12 have resulted in four arrests, the recovery of \$3,500 worth

of stolen property and illegal drugs, and the closure of 11 cases.

All tipsters should report to Crime Stoppers to see if they are eligible for a cash reward.

Community members can submit tips to Crime Stoppers USVI at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). The tips are completely anonymous, and the stateside operators are bilingual. Tipsters can also submit tips online at CrimeStoppersUSVI.org or by texting "USVI" plus your message to CRIMES (274637).

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

Health Fair at Powell Park April 6

In observation of National Public Health Week, April 6 through 12, residents are invited to stop by the Franklin Powell Bandstand on St. John between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on April 6. This year's theme, "Building the Foundation for a Healthy America," focuses on successful practices in health care.

St. John Montessori School Grand Opening, Gala Scheduled for April 14

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The students, parents and teachers of the St. John Montessori School, located at John's Folly Learning Institute in Coral Bay, will be celebrating the grand opening of the school on Tuesday, April 14, at 1:00 p.m.

The public is invited to attend this event to hear guest speaker Cecile deJongh, First Lady of the territory, discuss the needs and importance of early childhood education.

The public is also invited to a Gala Fundraising Dinner to support the school at Aqua Bistro Restaurant on Tuesday, April 14, at 6:30 p.m.

The night will feature fantastic food and beverages, music and merriment for all! Come and support the continuing growth of quality education in the community and funding for the young.

Next RAVI St. John Meeting Is April 21

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The Recycling Association of the Virgin Islands, St. John Chapter, meets monthly on the third Tuesday of every month, at 7 p.m. on the third floor of The Marketplace in the St. John Community Foundation offices. Our next meeting is scheduled for April 21. Everyone is welcome to join. For more information call 693-9410.

Historical Society Meeting April 14

The final meeting of the season will be on April 14 at the Bethany Moravian Church Hall at 7 p.m. After a short business meeting at which time we will elect our officers and directors for the upcoming season, Erik Miles of Studio Five St. Thomas will present his documentary titled "Danish Artist Hugo Larsen's Cultural Portrait of Our Islands 1904-1907."

Earth Day Environmental Fair April 20

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Friends of Virgin Islands National Park will host Earth Day 2009. The festivities will kick off with the Friends' annual Earth Day Environmental Fair on Monday, April 20, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the National Park ball field in Cruz Bay. This event is free and open to the public.

Come out and enjoy hands-on eco-activities, solar oven cooking demos, environmental and recycling demonstrations as well as science and "earth art" exhibits. Participants can learn about alternative energies and landscaping with native plants, participate in simulated archeology digs, and much more.

There will be live music and snacks and goodies for kids. All St. John schools have been invited to attend and the public is also welcome.

Monday's Earth Day Fair will be followed by beach and trail cleanups on Saturday, April 25. 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 to help make these events a success. Anyone interested in volunteering, adopting a beach/trail or joining Friends for a beach cleanup of Drunk Bay 8 a.m. Saturday, April 25, should contact Audrey Penn at the Friends at 779-4940.



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PSC Approves \$2 Rate Hike for Red Hook Run, \$2 Decrease for Downtown

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Ferry-goers don't need to worry about carrying dimes anymore, but will soon need to have a few more dollars in their wallets for the ride to Red Hook.

On Wednesday night, April 1, the Public Services Commission voted to rescind the \$1.10 fuel surcharge which had been in place since June 6, 2008.

Wrapping up a months-long rate investigation, the public service regulators voted to raise the adult one-way fare from Cruz Bay to Red Hook from \$5 to \$7. The board also voted to lower the adult one-way fare from Cruz Bay to Charlotte Amalie from \$10 to \$8.

The rate increases and decreases go into effect next month. While different riders to Charlotte Amalie will pay more and others less, all passengers riding to Red Hook will be forking over more money.

Children, seniors and students will all pay \$2 each way to Red Hook, instead of the current rates of \$1, \$1.25 and \$1.50, respectively.

For the Charlotte Amalie run, bulk riders will see their fares drop while other passengers will watch their ticket prices rise and still others will see no difference.

Seniors will pay \$6, up from \$5, commuters will pay \$6, which is the current rate, and bulk ticket users will pay \$6, \$2 less than the \$8 rate now in effect for a one-way fare to Charlotte Amalie.

As news of the impending rate hike spread, callers flooded Senator at Large Craig Barshinger's phone lines.

"We've gotten a flood of phone calls from people who are concerned about the ferry rates and the quality of the ferry services," said Barshinger. "They're wondering why they get such poor service even though they keep paying more. The rates keep going up and



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tom Oat

The PSC approved a \$2 rate increase each way for the Cruz Bay to Red Hook ferry.

the service is flat."

"Some people are saying service on the ferries has even gotten worse," Barshinger said.

While the senator at large lauded the sole dissenting PSC vote, from Elsie Thomas-Trotman, the sole board member from St. John, he questioned the PSC's effectiveness in its mandate to protect the public.

"I applaud Elsie Thomas-Trotman for voting no, but I feel that the PSC is not being an advocate for the grass roots men and women who must travel between the islands," said Barshinger. "The PSC does not represent the companies, the PSC is supposed to represent the individual. I believe there are signs that the PSC is not representing the grass roots, hardworking ferry user."

Barshinger intends to host a town meeting this month to bring all the parties together to discuss the issue, he explained.

"Our earliest potential date for a town hall meeting is April 23 when we'll invite the PSC, the Coast Guard, the ferry companies and Port Authority to come and start a dialogue with the public," said the senator at large. "We don't want to attack the PSC or the ferry

company owners, we want to have a dialogue. Obviously people want to say they can't afford this, but we have to listen to the PSC and the ferry companies to hear their stories."

As every single other jurisdiction under the U.S. flag finds a way to offer affordable public transportation, it seems a solution must be possible, Barshinger added.

"There is clearly a solution because there are dozens, if not hundreds, of jurisdictions where people move inexpensively over large bodies of water and don't pay nearly this much," he said. "We don't have to invent something that has already been invented."

Ferry company owners have been operating in the red for years, according to Attorney Claudette Ferron, legal representative for Varlack Ventures Inc. and Transportation Services, which enjoy exclusive franchise rights for the ferry runs.

"The ferry companies have been operating below what the rate of return is supposed to have been for decades," said Ferron. "The rate increases over the last couple of years do not begin to compensate for the losses they have incurred over the decades. With this in-

crease, the ferries, for the first time in recent history, will begin to approach their mandated by law rate of return."

The blame for rising ferry rates lies not with the company owners, but the government, Ferron explained.

"Public transportation in the Virgin Islands is a three-way concern," she said. "One is the provider — the ferry boat companies are supposed to provide the service. Two is the PSC, which is supposed to regulate the service and three is the government of the Virgin Islands which is supposed to subsidize the cost of public transportation."

"With the exception of small

subsidies over the last couple of years from local funds, the government has not provided any assistance in the entire duration of the ferry boat operation," Ferron said. "If the government provided subsidies it would considerably reduce the rate that the public would have to pay. That is what happens in every other jurisdiction."

"The public needs to ask the government where that money is," Ferron said. "It's very unfortunate that the public is always upset with the ferry boats when they should be upset with the government."

The ferry companies themselves are to blame for the lack of federal and local funding, according to Steve Black.

"The ferry companies never helped get the subsidies," said Black. "Poor records have always been the problem. Federal highway funds are available but the ferries don't fight for them."

While ferry company owners and government officials point fingers at each other, it is the riding public who will soon be paying the price.

"This is not just some luxury service, this is something that affects a lot of people every single day," Barshinger said. "The people who travel regularly are just outraged. They feel like this is adding insult to injury."

"It's coco bay 'pon top a yaz," said an exasperated Barshinger.

Governor deJongh's First Town Hall Meeting Set for April 8 at St. Ursula's

Governor John deJongh is hosting the first of planned monthly town meetings with V.I. neighborhoods on Wednesday, April 8, at 6 p.m. when residents of Enighed, Pine Peace, Powerboyd Plantation and Estate Contant are invited to

St. Ursula's multipurpose Center.

"We're doing this every month until we cover the whole island," said St. John Administrator Leona Smith. "This is the governor's initiative and he'll be covering the entire territory. We're trying

to emphasize the neighborhoods listed for this meeting to give them a chance to have their voices heard."

"Everyone will get a chance," said Smith.

2009 RAIN DATA

at Trunk Bay

March Rainfall

1.83 Inches

Average

March Rainfall

1.57 Inches

Total YTD Rainfall

5.67 Inches

Average YTD Rainfall

7.04 Inches

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Roundabout Construction Continues



Island Roads Inc. began demolition of a roadway as construction of the roundabout in Cruz Bay continued.

Work was ahead of schedule as the road passing in front of the Cruz Bay fire station was restricted to one-way traffic last week.

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Wha’s Happ’nin’

by Sis Frank

Visiting Pianist Stuns The Beach Bar Audience

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We always have gifted piano players, starting with the Queen of Jazz, Sally Smith, followed by Harvey Werbel, Roan Creque and other visitors — but a young man named Benjamin from Paris, now living in New York City, surprised us all on Sunday night.

Unassuming, recently graduated from Harvard, he made us sit up and listen! A lovely touch, marvelous sense of rhythm and to top all that, his lady-friend sang in Portuguese. He told me that he also played the stand-up bass. We all begged him to come back!

Steve May Return to Cairo Just To Play in Shadow of the Pyramids

Helen Simon tells me that the Bluzapalooza was a big success along the Nile but popular demand insists that they return! What an adventure!

Congratulations to Local Musicians for Their Recognition

Columbia College in Chicago and The Alton Adams’ Society honored our “old timers” but now the V.I. government agency headed by Glen “Kwabena” Davis is recognizing their talents. We are proud of these legends and thoroughly enjoyed the ceremonies held at the St. John School of the Arts over the past years.

Roundabout Is Looking Better Daily

That must take an enormous amount of plan-

ning and execution, but I think we all feel, in spite of the general confusion, it will be a great improvement.

Sybil and Bob Return to States

The talented Lefferts are off, but will return in June. We don’t think of them as snow-birds, they’re an important part of St. John.

Chief Librarian Wards Off Evil in Her Spare Time

I’m glad that someone is responsible for protecting us from the bad spirits. I had no idea that it was Carol McGuinness who was saving St. John from the evil monster. No wonder we have so many loving residents — it’s because of Carol’s beautiful hand-dyed Easter eggs!

Jean Mason Recuperates at Schneider Hospital

We all send get well wishes to Jean! Your many friends on St. John miss you!

Deepest Sympathy to Selwyn Powell on Ruth’s Passing

Our love to Selwyn and Ruth’s family on their loss.

Nancy Helfrich, Longtime Resident, Passes

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New Trial Possible for Convicted Cockayne Murderer Jahlil Ward

By Jaime Elliott
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Almost six months after being found guilty of first degree murder, Jahlil Ward might be granted a new trial.

On October 10, 2008, a jury found Ward guilty of murdering 21-year-old James "Jamie" Cockayne after a trial before V.I. Superior Court Judge Brenda Hollar.

Cockayne, a New Hope, PA, resident who was living on St. John while awaiting a job in the British Virgin Islands, was found stabbed to death in downtown Cruz Bay just after midnight on June 19, 2007. With the verdict of first-degree murder Ward, 20, faced life in prison without the possibility of parole.

On Wednesday April 1, however, Hollar ordered an evidentiary hearing to be scheduled on Friday, April 17, at 9 a.m., when Ward's legal counsel, Attorney Michael Quinn, will present "newly discovered evidence."

Evidence presented at the April 17 hearing will determine whether Ward is granted a new trial. Quinn did not return a *St. John Tradewinds* telephone call requesting comment.

Ward was the third person arrested in relation to Cockayne's murder. Anselmo Boston, 31, and Kamal Thomas, 18, also faced murder charges stemming from

"The subject matter of the hearing allegedly reflects Defendant Kamal Thomas' direct culpability in the murder of James P. Cockayne,"

— V.I. Superior Court Judge Brenda Hollar's order scheduling an evidentiary hearing for Jahlil Ward, dated April 1, 2009.

the June 2008 stabbing.

Hollar joined the three defendants' cases and they all sat at the defense table — often pointing fingers at each other during the trial.

Both Boston and Thomas, were cleared of murder and found guilty of two counts of third-degree assault and weapons charges — for using a pool stick to beat Cockayne before he was stabbed.

Neither of the two St. John men have been sentenced and their attorneys' motions for acquittal are still pending.

Third-degree assault carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison and the weapons charges can add another 10 years to the sentence. The weapons charges alone carry a minimum sentence

of two-and-a-half years.

Hollar's evidentiary hearing order did not require Thomas' lawyer, Attorney Benjamin Currence, or Boston's legal counsel, Attorney Michael Joseph, to appear at the hearing.

While Hollar's order did not describe the new evidence, it seems certain that Thomas is somehow involved.

"The subject matter of the hearing allegedly reflects Defendant Kamal Thomas' direct culpability in the murder of James P. Cockayne," according to Hollar's order.

During the October 2008 murder trial, most of the evidence against Ward was provided by witness Glenville "Shark" Frazer, who



St. John Tradewinds News File Photo

Jahlil Ward

testified that Ward admitted to the killing the night of the stabbing. Another two witnesses testified that Ward confessed to the murder in the days after the shooting.

Throughout the trial, Currence and Joseph pointed the blame at Ward so often that Quinn referred to the two co-defenses attorneys as "assistant prosecutors" in his closing statement.

Cockayne was stabbed eight times including in the femoral artery and bled to death on the Cruz Bay street in front of the Fashion Palace store.

The Pennsylvania man had been on St. John for a few months await-

ing paperwork to clear before he started work as a sailing instructor at the Bitter End Yacht Club in Virgin Gorda. The paperwork arrived in the mail the same day news of Cockayne's murder reached his family in New Hope.

In the months after the murder, Cockayne's parents led a media campaign lambasting perceived inaction by the V.I. Police Department. The family appeared on "CNN's Larry King Live" and Fox News, before Boston and Thomas were arrested in August 2007. Ward's arrest came almost a year later in June 2008.

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The Bulldogs and Island Raider battled it out on the gridiron last week.

Huge Crowd Cheers New St. John Men's Flag Football League

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

A new rage has gripped Love City and has residents of all ages packing the Winston Wells ball park bleachers and nearby streets every Tuesday and Thursday evening.

Department of Housing, Parks and Recreation officials had tried to start a men's flag football league on St. John for years, but didn't get momentum going until January, thanks in large part to First Phase Data Com owner Brummel Germain.

"We've been trying to start a league for the past two years and every time I called a meeting, Brummel was the only one who would show up," said Lawrence "Milk" Charles, Jr., a Leader II for HPR. "He did a great job going around and getting people involved. He really helped us get the league off the ground."

The St. John men's flag football league is not just off the ground, but soaring to new heights. Last Thursday's game pitted the undefeated Bulldogs — Germain's First Phase team on which he plays both sides of the line — against the four-win and one-loss Island Raiders, Island Getaway's team, in their last regular season game of the year.

And the St. John community did not disappoint on this exciting night, coming out in full force to cheer on — or against — the Bulldogs. With the PA system cranked high and concession workers

somehow keeping up with the demand for drinks and snacks, the Bulldogs and Island Raiders battled it out on the gridiron.

The close game was back and forth the whole night with the two sides trading TDs. It came down to only minutes left in the fourth quarter. The Bulldogs went up by eight — with no goal posts teams must try for two point conversions after each TD — and the Island Raiders had one more chance to tie it up and send the game into overtime.

"This game started easy, but not now," said a Bulldog player on the sideline. "They've got this tight."

With barely a minute left on the clock, the Island Raiders quarterback threw it deep to the back right of the end zone for a score. With the tie in sight, tensions were running high as the Island Raiders lined up for the two-point conversion.

But the Bulldogs shut them down and took the ball back as the clock ticked away, saving their perfect season. As the Bulldogs celebrated — throwing their quarterback high into the air — the Island Raiders collected themselves and vowed to settle the score in the playoffs. The Bulldogs, however, said they'd be ready.

"They were good but this wasn't our toughest game," said Travis Rogers of the Bulldogs.

The next time these two teams face off, however, just might be in the championship game. The Bulldogs and Raiders are two of the

eight teams in the league, which also consists of Prestige, Prime Time, Westin Storms, Woody's, Pond Bay and Caneel All Stars.

With one make-up game left to play between Pond Bay and Westin Storms, the regular season will wrap up on Tuesday, April 7, with each team having played seven games.

Single loss elimination playoff games kick off on Thursday, April 9, at 7:30 p.m. and will feature the third, fourth, fifth and sixth place teams. The first place Bulldogs and the second place Prestige will enjoy byes. The last two place teams, which as of press time looked to be Pond Bay and Caneel All Stars, will be eliminated from the playoffs.

While the games are physical and it's purely fun to watch the guys laying it all out on the line each down, the league also offers something bigger than just sport.

"With all that violence over on St. Thomas we're showing the kids on St. John that there is something fun and positive that they can come out and do," said Mario Josselin, a member of team Bulldog. "If the kids come out and see us playing, they'll want to come out and play flag too. There are a lot of things to do and they don't need to get involved with anything bad."

The games are entertaining for the entire family, something that isn't found all the time on Love City.

"This league is a great thing," said Bulldog member Richard

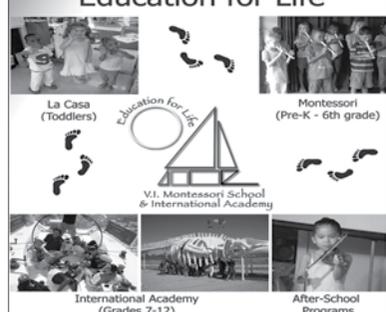
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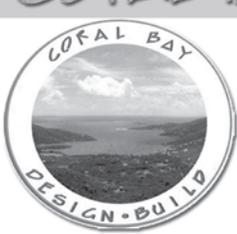
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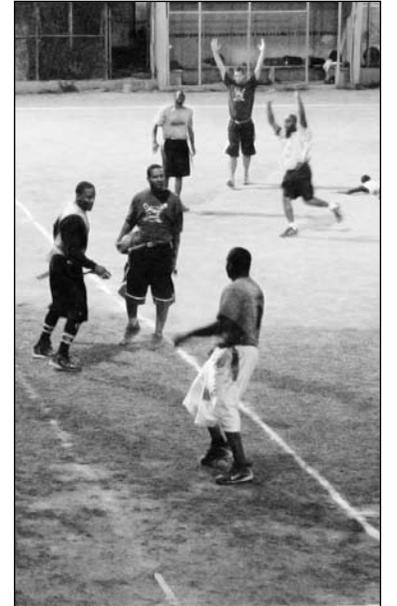
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With the Bulldog's perfect season on the line, tensions were high on the team's sideline, top left, and on the offensive line, top right. The game was back and forth all night and a late score by the Raiders, at right, almost sent it to overtime.

Baranowski. "It brings the whole community together and it's good to spend time together. It really brings people together and that to me is what St. John is all about."

For many league players, the games are a way to stay active and play against and alongside life-long friends.

"St. John doesn't have so much to do," said LJ Liburd of the Bulldogs. "It's really fun to come and play against people you've known forever."

"It's intense," said Angel Bolques, a member of the Island

Raiders team. "The games are great and really get your adrenaline going."

It's not just the stands which are packed with people of all ages, teams are composed of adults and teenagers. The Bulldogs' quarterback is the impressive 15-year-old Giffit Hill School sophomore Carson Wessinger.

While the Bulldogs also have two other teenagers on the team, more mature players round out their offense and defense.

"I come out here for the fun and the sport," said "King" Arthur Do-

"With all that violence over on St. Thomas we're showing the kids on St. John that there is something fun and positive that they can come out and do"

- Mario Josselin, Bulldogs

way, who helps balance the Bulldog's teen components. "It keeps us going."

"It's awesome," said Bulldog team member Justin Doran, a GHS student. "It's a really aggressive game and these guys are crazy."

Win or lose, the players love

coming out and putting on a show for the crowd.

"This is the first time in a long time we've had something like this on St. John," said Richard Clendinen, a Recreation Coordinator for HPR and Island Raiders team member. "The crowd is great.

The energy is always high — it's a lot of fun to play in this league."

Having generated so much excitement, HPR is dedicated to keeping the league going next year, but needs the community's support explained Charles.

"The plan is to keep this going and even grow the league and add a kid's league," Charles said. "We still need some equipment so help from the business community would be great."

For information about donating to the men's flag football league, call HPR at 776-6531.

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Auberge Resorts, owners and operators of award-winning luxury resorts and private residence clubs, announced that the company will assume the hospitality management of Pond Bay, FOLIO Collection's private residence club on the island of St. John.

Opening in December 2009, Pond Bay was developed by FOLIO Collection, creators of Isle de France Club on St. Barth's and a growing international stable of luxury private residence clubs. Pond Bay is set on 15 acres of beachfront property overlooking Chocolate Hole Bay and borders a serene pond on the southwest coast of the island.

Designed as an intimate village blending contemporary and Caribbean influences, the club features 50 three- and four-bedroom cottages and villas in hillside, pond-side and beachfront settings. The club also features an array of luxury resort amenities, including a beachfront swimming pool, a beach club, a new Auberge 75-seat restaurant and a 10,000-square-foot destination spa and fitness center.

Rounding out the Pond Bay lifestyle is a full range of personal services, from pre-arrival shopping, concierge and 24-hour room service, to wine storage, babysitting and shuttle service to nearby Cruz Bay, the social center of St. John.

"If we were to design the perfect Caribbean retreat, Pond Bay would be it — the site is exquisite," said Mark Harmon, Principal and Chief Executive Officer, Auberge Resorts. "We look forward to putting the Auberge imprint of exceptional cuisine and wine on the restaurant and bringing our signature Auberge experiences to this spectacular destination spa."

"Pond Bay will offer an exciting new Caribbean destination for buyers and an ideal exchange option

for members at the other private residence clubs in our collection," said Harmon.

"We are delighted to collaborate with Auberge Resorts on Pond Bay," said Bob Emmett, co-founder and Managing Director, FOLIO Collection. "This is an exceptional opportunity that opens the door for our owners to enjoy very special privileges at Auberge's private clubs located in some of the world's most desirable destinations."

Ownership at Pond Bay will be in deeded one-tenth fractional interests, with each owner receiving four weeks of guaranteed use plus additional space-available use annually. Pre-opening prices begin at \$315,000.

Pond Bay owners also will gain privileged access to resort destinations beyond the Caribbean through membership in the soon-to-launch Auberge Collection, Auberge Resorts' portfolio of residence clubs.

Owners may exchange part of their guaranteed time at Auberge's award-winning residence clubs, Calistoga Ranch in Napa Valley, Esperanza in Los Cabos, Mexico, Rancho Valencia in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., and at the Village Homes at The Inn at Palmetto Bluff in South Carolina.

"With our new Auberge Collection, the membership experience will be more than the sum of its parts," Harmon said. "Owners at one world-class club will gain exceptional privileges at other resorts and clubs that are the best in their class. At the core of the collection is our legacy as a hotel company, which has enabled us to perfect the resort experience for our owners and guests."

"We believe it will differentiate the Auberge Collection from the many options currently available," said Harmon.



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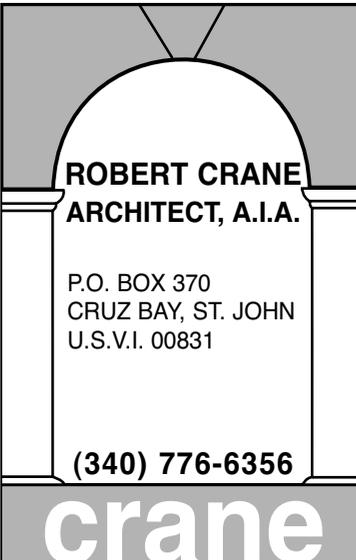
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T'ree Lizard's Fabian Richardson Cooks Up Tasty Eats at Great Prices



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Chef Fabian Richardson, and his stuffed mahi, at left.



By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Tucked away under the lazy ceiling fans of an unassuming building in the shade of a towering tree, can be found some of the most mouth-watering and affordable eats on St. John.

Cinnamon Bay Campground has long been known to visitors who relish the chance to rough it in a tent of their own or in a simple cottage just steps from the white sand beach and crashing surf.

The campground's restaurant T'ree Lizard, however, had almost been an afterthought, just a place to grab a quick bite without having to leave the beach. But that all changed when chef Fabian Richardson took over the kitchen.

Originally from Anguilla, Richardson has been in the business since the 1970s and cut his teeth in kitchens from St. Maarten to Jamaica. After a stint at Cinnamon two years ago, Richardson returned to St. Maarten for a year.

Last year guests continually asked for him and the inquiries worked. Richardson has returned to St. John and is once again flexing his creative muscles at T'ree Lizard restaurant.

While he's definitely inspired by the campground's tropical setting, Richardson said he doesn't have one particular speciality. Instead, he likes to change things up and is always looking for something new.

"My specialty is being creative," said Richardson. "If you say you're just a Caribbean chef, that limits you. I like doing a little bit of everything and being creative."

The dinner menus at T'ree Lizard reflect that philosophy with different nights featuring varying

cuisines. Monday is Italian night, Tuesday and Saturday are chef's choice, Wednesday and Sunday are Caribbean nights and Thursdays and Fridays vary according to Richardson's whims.

"Every day I do a different menu," he said. "And usually I don't just do that one thing. Even if it's Italian night, I might do a grilled yellow fin tuna or a prime rib."

The set-up at T'ree Lizard, with an open kitchen and main dishes cooked to order, fits with Richardson's dedication to freshness.

"I love to cook and I love the open kitchen here," said the chef. "I hate cooking something and having it sit around for a while. I like to make it and get it out to the people."

While he described himself as a "sauce and soup" chef, Richardson's main concerns with everything he creates are taste and appearance.

"I really like to make food that stands out," Richardson said. "I want people to look at the dish and stop and think about if they want to eat it or keep it as a souvenir."

"It's like an art to me," he said. "When an artist looks at a tree and draws it, that is like what I do with my dishes. I don't just throw things on a plate — I create that plate."

Having his food be visually appealing is of the utmost importance to the chef.

"Food should be appealing to all the senses," he said. "The presentation is what attracts you. You look at a dish and you want to eat it."

"That is where I start from," said the chef.

But that doesn't mean he skimps on flavor. Richardson leans heavily on Caribbean fruit for many of

his dishes, like a stuffed mahi with a tropical citrus vinaigrette.

"I like to do a lot of fruit sauces," he said. "When I was growing up that was a crazy idea, to use fruit in savory cooking. But citrus compliments many flavors and elevates the entire dish."

Looking ahead, Richardson is committed to bringing the culinary delights at T'ree Lizard to the next level.

"I want to take this restaurant to the highest level possible," he said. "Everything here will always be eye-catching and then it will get you with the flavor. People will remember what they eat here."

Richardson vows that his food is addictive and will have customers coming back for more to enjoy a meal in the natural surroundings of Cinnamon Bay Campground.

"It's a hidden treasure over here," said the chef. "People should come and check it out. Get away from the big lights and come and see what nature has to offer."

"If you try it, you'll love and you'll be back," he said. "Once you come, my food will be on your taste buds and you'll have to come back for more."

While delightful to the pallet, T'ree Lizards' menus are also kind to the pocketbook. The restaurant is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner seven days a week and is one of the most affordable dining options on Love City.

Breakfast entrees hover between \$5 and \$7, lunches run about \$10 and dinner is usually under \$20, which includes salad and bread. Locals will also enjoy a 10 percent discount during dinner. Menus and exact serving times vary so call Cinnamon at 776-6330 for more information.

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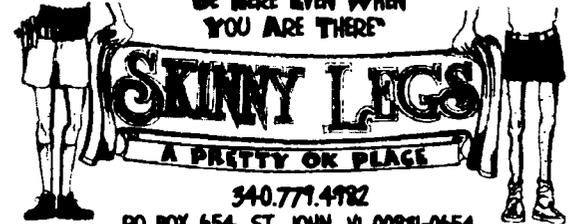
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Patrick Alle, at left, coached Antilles graduating senior Brian Oldfield, at right.

Caneel Bay Resort Tennis Director Patrick Alle Says Goodbye to Island

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

After six seasons as Caneel Bay Resort's director of tennis, Patrick Alle is stepping down to return to the states for post-graduate study.

During his tenure Alle brought the resort's tennis department from an under whelming entity to one of the top ranked facilities in the world and the number one tennis destination in the Caribbean.

Alle's work at Caneel, however, is not entirely finished. He will ensure that the transition to a new director of tennis goes smoothly over the next year and will return during Christmas week to help the department and teach long-time repeat guests.

"I will be really active in transitioning to my successor and there is no reason to think that all the great happenings at Caneel's tennis department will not continue," said Alle.

The tennis pro's accomplishments began with upgrading the resort's courts to U.S. Open-style deco turf. Creating those excellent surfaces laid the foundation for Alle to bring the tennis department to a whole new level.

Caneel Bay Resort has been ranked the number one tennis resort in the Caribbean for the last five years and number five in the world in 2008, according to TennisResortsOnLine, the preeminent source for destination tennis.

The tennis department's renown enabled Alle to secure a loyal local and visitor following as well as attract professional celebrity players for clinics and workshops.

"The locals have been a big reason why we've been so successful," said Alle. "Their support enabled me to bring down celebrities and kept the energy high and

enthusiasm strong. Being able to bring world class tennis professionals to the island has been great."

In his limited spare time, Alle coached up-and-coming tennis sensation Brian Oldfield, an Antilles School senior who will be attending an elite school in the fall where he'll be a part of the tennis team.

While Alle will be taking time away from the sport he loves to rehabilitate his strained back, he will remain tennis management firm Peter Burwash International's (PBI) regional director for the Caribbean.

"I'm not resigning from PBI," Alle said. "I will stay affiliated with them and will continue to have a presence in the region."

As Alle wraps up his work at Caneel, he leaves St. John with a heavy heart, he explained.

"I will miss St. John," said Alle. "I'm excited that I'll be coming back here at Christmas. People have been fantastic to me and this has been my home for the past six years."

"I have very strong ties to St. John and the returning guests at Caneel," Alle said. "That is a big reason why I've stayed around as long as I have. Also Caneel management has been totally supportive of everything I do."

Through Alle's tireless work, Caneel Bay Resort and Love City tennis lovers have enjoyed a top notch program, which is sure to be the tennis director's lasting legacy.

"I hope that I've just created an atmosphere at the tennis courts that makes people feel welcome and want to come out and enjoy the great property and tennis as a whole," said Alle. "Thanks to the public for making me always feel welcome and continuing to support me and the tennis program. I look forward to seeing everyone again in December."

Island Agencies Receive Anti-gang Training From Experts

By Susan Mann
St. John Tradewinds

About 40 St. John residents including Senator at Large Craig Barshinger, attended a Thursday evening, April 2, meeting in the St. John Legislature building to learn how to identify the signs of gang activity in island youth.

Nationally recognized gang expert Sgt. Christopher Hill of the N.J. Police Department and St. Thomas/St. John School Safety Manager Lavelle Campbell, who also spoke at a Love City Education Forum last month, provided the training.

Opening remarks were made by V.I. Police Department Commissioner James McCall, Criminal Assistant US Attorney Ishmael Meyers and St. John Administrator Leona Smith. VIDP's Kenneth Blake, Director of Crime Prevention, and James Latham, Law Enforcement Coordinator also briefly addressed the group.

"Some of the things you will see this evening will probably shock many of the parents here," said McCall. "Don't start blaming, instead look inside yourselves and think, what could I have done differently. This is no different from any other war, except the first responders are the families of our youth."

"You can't just water and fertilize children and expect them to

grow up the right way," said McCall.

When Blake starts asking questions to help citizens understand that gangs are indeed a real problem, people are surprised by the evidence all around them.

Some of the signs of possible gang affiliation include teens making strange markings, wearing the same color bandanas, or tennis shoes hanging from clothes lines, explained Blake.

In the 2006-2007 school year there were 46 student fights, according to Campbell.

To date in the current school year, there have been 92 fights, with multiple numbers fighting multiple numbers, such as five youth against six youth, explained Campbell.

He showed the group a photo of gang graffiti which he recently took at Julius E. Sprauve School, which read "bang, bang," with initials representing the gang members, "Bovoni Projects Massive."

The initials "SJM" stand for, "St. John Massive", with the word massive being another word for gang, explained Campbell.

Hill, who once worked as a body guard for rapper Fifty Cent, explained some of the language in the popular "hip-hop" singer's music.

For instance, when the entertainer uses the term "eat food"



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Susan Mann

Senator at Large Craig Barshinger asks a question at the conclusion of the training.

in his song lyrics, it means, "you have some thing I want, and I'm going to take it," said Hill.

The "sagging pants" trend resulted from actual prison inmates being given pants to wear that do not fit properly, Hill explained.

Campbell took a black and blue scarf from a resident of the Bellevue community and saw a student wearing a purple bandana around his neck near the Cruz Bay ferry dock, he explained.

The St. John School safety manager soon learned from another student, who was related to the former, that the purple scarf meant the student wearing it was holding illegal drugs, according to Campbell.

Campbell also showed photos

of island youth wearing the colored bandanas.

One of the more disturbing moments of the evening came when Campbell showed videos found on a computer web site of gang initiations or "flexes" — including one which showed a St. John student gang members.

A "flex" is when a student who wants to join a gang is beaten by members of the gang he or she wants to join, explained Campbell.

A retired educator from St. Thomas who did not want to be photographed or identified by name, vehemently spoke out about community divisiveness on the part of and the VI Constitutional Convention Delegates and local

radio commentators.

"We are telling our youth unless you were here before 1927, you have no hope of ever being a governor, you can't have full rights," said the resident. "We don't have a 'we the people' in the Virgin Islands. We are turning our youth against the Virgin Islands."

McCall agreed.

"The community is being divided, and it's being divided by its leaders," he said.

The large attendance at last month's education forum is a good sign, according to Campbell.

"I go to meetings where maybe five parents show up" he said.

The training lasted for three hours, with attendees peppering presenters with questions more quickly than they could respond. Another St. John training meeting is already in the works for the entire Love City community.

Participants left with detailed instructional material on recognizing the signs of gang activity, information about the two mainland gangs which have been recruiting in the territory — the "Crips" and "Bloods" — and recommended parent and community awareness strategies.

The training was made possible by the federally-funded Weed and Seed Program, a community-oriented police effort to bridge the weeding out of illegal activity.

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VINP Officials Clear Estate Sieben and Re-route Trail

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

As more and more hikers traverse trails in the remote regions of Virgin Islands National Park, it can be a race against time — and foot traffic — to protect ruins and collect artifacts.

Such became the case in the Estate Sieben area after a trail map distributed on island showed a path cutting directly through several ruins, explained VINP archaeologist Ken Wild.

“The trail was literally cutting right over historic walls and through unstable, historically significant structures,” Wild said. “Basically we have more traffic down there and we’re trying to get everything off the surface before it disappears.”

Island’s Only Boab Tree

The area is rich in history and attractions. Love City’s sole boab tree is located on the property once owned by Johan Sieben who established a sugar plantation at the site 1721 and moved there from St. Thomas, according to historian Chuck Pishko.

The property was eventually owned by St. John luminary Julius Spruave who lived there until the 1930s before he moved into town, Pishko explained.

Spruave sold the land to VINP in the 1950s, Pishko added.

With VINP interns Andrew Creasey and Katie Lanzik, Wild has already collected more than 1,000 artifacts from the ground surface alone, he explained.

“We want to get everything off the surface because the surface material can tell you so much about the site,” said Wild. “We don’t want to lose that information. We’ve just got to get it before it’s gone, or else it’s going to be lost.”

Factory, Kitchen and Great House

The area contains ruins of a factory, great house, kitchen and, Wild suspected, slave quarters, but many of the structures were obscured by overgrown brush. Friends of VINP volunteer Jeff Chabot — who leads regular trail maintenance crews throughout the park — has been leading weekly clean-ups on the trail for the past few months.

Last month Chabot and Wild led a group of students from Minnesota’s University of St. Thomas, who spent their spring break volunteering on St. John, clearing out the Sieben area and redirecting the trail around, instead of through, the ruins. The group was also accompanied by two architects who drafted reliefs of the historic structures.

While Wild had been collecting artifacts from the surface Lanzik and Creasey assisted with a ground test, digging about 30-inches down in two foot diameter area.



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VINP Archeologist Ken Wild and interns Andrew Creasey and Katie Lanzik unearth artifacts at Sieben.

“We thought we might have prehistoric site there,” said Wild. “If that is the case, the upper portion of our deposit would be historic and the deeper portion would be prehistoric. From some of the artifacts we found, we think that is the case.”

During the Sieben outing, Wild also dis-

covered the slave village he had long suspected of being in the area. Remains of small stone walls — as opposed to the large walls and rounded columns of the great house — were found a short distance from the kitchen area, Wild explained.

200-Pound Iron Pot Carried Out

The VINP architect enjoyed the extra help with the historic site, especially when hauling a 200-pound, and more than 200 years old, cast iron pot up the mile-and-a-half-long trail.

“They had poured concrete into the bottom of the iron pot to keep using it because it must have burned out,” said Wild. “It was quite heavy. We had at least six people carrying it.”

While Wild didn’t immediately date the pot with certainty, the type of handle was used often in the 1700s, explained the VINP archaeologist.

Wild and other VINP officials will return to Sieben for further clearing and study to facilitate the public’s safe enjoyment of the area, he explained.

“We want people to be able to see this, but we’ve got a lot of work to do,” said Wild.

The Sieben trail is located further along the L’Esperance trail off Centerline Road and eventually connects to the Reef Bay trail.

Copenhagen Distillers Contact VINP After Tradewinds Report on Old Bottle Find

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

When V.I. National Park archaeologist Ken Wild found a cannon near the park’s maintenance area in early February, the biggest clue to the weapon’s mysterious history was a bottle found nearby.

Heering Cherry Liqueur is a quaff crafted in Copenhagen, Denmark, since 1818 and made famous a hundred years later

with the invention of the Singapore Sling in the Raffles Hotel.

Wild estimated the Heering Cherry bottle found near the cannon to be from sometime between 1818 and 1830, as reported in the February 9 edition of the *St. John Tradewinds*.

After hearing about the *Tradewinds* story, representatives of Heering Cherry, still

crafted by the same family in Copenhagen, contacted Wild to follow up on the report.

“The family said that several other types of liqueur were produced in the same kind of bottles as Heering Cherry,” said Wild. “So we’re not sure now if that bottle is in fact a Heering Cherry or not. But they were very excited to hear about the discovery through *Tradewinds*.”

Another theory arose that the cannon in the maintenance yard was stored there after being moved from its original location by the VINP dock, according to Wild.

The three-foot long cannon is currently at VINP’s Cinnamon Bay archeology lab but why it was near the maintenance yard and what the bottle found nearby originally contained continue to mystify officials.

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St. John and Lincoln's Watch



St. John Tradewinds

Family folklore is usually just that, but not any more.

The recent discovery of a secret message inside of Lincoln's gold watch sent the news media into a frenzy of activity. New information about Abraham Lincoln in this special anniversary year is so rare that the Smithsonian was terribly excited about the possibility.

Was there really a secret message inside Lincoln's gold pocket watch, hidden there for all these years? Not only were the Smithsonian officials excited, but the news media were all there in abundance at attend "the watch opening."

Dr. Clifford Dillon Stiles, a long-time resident of St. John, had heard the family story since he was a young child. The story is that a member of the family was repairing Lincoln's watch when the Civil War broke out and that he had etched a secret message into the inside of the watch.

Stiles' maternal grandmother was a Dillon and the Dillon family were and still are the leading watchmakers of Dublin, Ireland. Stiles always considered the story just family lore because it didn't make sense for Lincoln to send his gold watch all the way to Dublin to be repaired. It would be a long time to be without one's time piece.

As it turned out, Jonathan Dillon had emigrated to the United States about 1850 and was living in Washington, D.C. in the 1860s, working in his chosen profession as a watchmaker.

He just happened to be repairing Lincoln's watch in Washington at the moment the Civil War started, according to the family story. A fellow watchmaker burst into his room to say that Fort Sumner had been attacked and the Civil War was about to begin.

Because Dillon was working on President Lincoln's watch just at that moment, he seized the opportunity to send a secret message to Lincoln. He engraved on the inside of the back of the face of the watch

a secret message. Lincoln never knew about the message and it had remained hidden for 150 years — until two weeks ago.

Recently Stiles found in his father's papers an article printed many years ago in a Dublin newspaper. Now yellowed with age, the article reported the story with a picture of Stiles' uncle, who was visiting Ireland at the time.

Stiles forwarded the article to his cousin Doug Stiles, an attorney in Waukegan, Illinois, and the family genealogist. This stimulated Doug Stiles to action.

First he found an article in the New York Times in 1906, quoting Jonathan Dillon about his engraving Lincoln's watch. Jonathan's memory about the engraving was somewhat fuzzy, but it seemed to verify the family story.

Next Doug Stiles remembered hearing this story from Dr. Stiles' father. Investigations proved there were two gold Lincoln watches. One was in a museum in Kentucky and one was in the Smithsonian. The Kentucky museum wasn't interested, but the Smithsonian was very excited.

On March 12, in a small room in the Smithsonian, an elderly German watch maker slowly and methodically opened the watch and then handed it to Doug Stiles to read the message to the media and family who had gathered.

Hidden all these years, the message read, "Jonathan Dillon April 13-1861 Fort Sumpter [sic] was attacked by the rebels on the above date. J. Dillon. April 13-1861 Washington. Thank God we have a government. Jonth. Dillon."

That would make Jonathan Dillon a great grandfather to Dr. Stiles, and a great great great grandfather to Dillon Stiles, son of TJ Stiles, a frequent visitor to St. John, and a grandson to Carol and Dr. Clifford Dillon Stiles.

There is something to family folklore after all.

- Dr. Clifford Stiles



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Mail Center To Remain Open



By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

News of the imminent closure of the Mail Center had residents in an uproar last week, and apparently for no reason since the business will remain open.

While current owner Jason Corley and his wife have decided to not renew their lease — which expires at the end of the month — Marketplace management has found new owners for the business, located on the second floor of The Marketplace, according to Debbie Marsh, Marketplace manager.

“We’re negotiating with some other people and we’re hoping everything works out,” said Marsh. “The Marketplace management team understands the importance of the Mail Center to our tenants and to the St. John community and we’re working with interested parties to take it over.”

News of the Mail Center’s closure came on the heels of Gym In Paradise shutting its doors last month, and sent tongues wagging about the island’s newest commercial complex.

Those rumors are nothing more than that as management does its best to work with each tenant, explained Marsh.

“We work with every tenant and sometimes there are other factors for businesses closing,” she said.

In order to give clients adequate notice, Corley placed notices in each mailbox last week detailing the business’ closure on April 29. He issued a second notice rescinding the first.

“The Mail Center will remain open and we’re very excited about that,” said Corley. “We love the community here and everyone has been so kind to us.”

Starfish Market Hosting Customer Appreciation Easter Extravaganza

St. John Tradewinds

Starfish Market on the first floor of The Marketplace is hosting a three-day customer appreciation Easter extravaganza from April 9 through 11.

Each day from noon to 4 p.m. the Easter Bunny himself will be at the store handing out sugar cookies. Children will have the chance to get their pictures

taken with the big bunny.

Customers will have the opportunity to win gift certificates to the store by guessing how many jelly beans are in a jar. The closest guess will win a \$100 gift certificate, second place a \$50 certificate and third place will take home a \$25 gift certificate.

St. John Film Society Presents The Garifuna Journey April 7

St. John Tradewinds

The St. John Film Society presents a free screening of the film, “The Garifuna Journey,” on Tuesday, April 7, at 7 p.m. at Sputnik’s in Coral Bay, across from the Guy Benjamin School.

The 46-minute documentary, by Andrea Leland and Kathy Berger, was made with the cooperation of the Garifuna people and celebrates their enduring spirit.

Genocide, exile, Diaspora and persecution did not break the spirit of the Garifuna people. Descendants of African and Carib-Indians, the Garifuna fought to maintain their homeland on St. Vincent in the Caribbean. For this love of freedom, they were exiled by the British to Central America at the end of the 18th century. The untold story of their ancestors’ resistance to slavery is described by the descendants of these courageous Garifuna forebears.

With vivid and engaging footage, and, shot entirely

in Belize, this documentary celebrates the continuity of Garifuna culture, a direct consequence of their bold determination.

The universal theme of continuity of culture in the face of overwhelming odds is passionately told and speaks to the testament of the human spirit, one which many cultures share.

Learn more about the film at <http://www.newday.com/films/GarifunaJourney.html>

The evening will also feature local drummer Eddie Bruce who will demonstrate drumming techniques similar to those of the Garifuna.

The event is free and open to the public, but attendees are asked to not bring coolers. Refreshments are available at a cash bar. For more info visit the website www.stjohnfilm.com, or email stjviff@gmail.com.

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13th Annual Ruby Rutnik Softball Tournament April 17-19

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Carnival season's coming, and while some girls will spend their time playing with their hair and sporting the latest outfits, others will be playing sports.

The 13th Annual Ruby Rutnik Softball Tournament will be April 17-19 in Winston Wells Ball Park on St. John.

Teams of high school girls from all three U.S. Virgin Islands and one from the British Virgin Islands will vie for the championship which results in a \$2,500 college scholarship for one of the players.

Last year, the Antilles School won the championship, and a St. John girl, Kayla Joseph, was given the scholarship. Like Ruby Rutnik, she was the star pitcher at Antilles. Kayla now attends the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

She was not the only winner. The Ruby Rutnik Scholarship Fund now makes four \$2,500 awards annually. In 2008, Dujuana Grell, now a freshman at Seton Hall in New Jersey, won the renewable \$2,500 academic scholarship, and Tamisha Thomas, now a sophomore at Monroe College in New York, was given a grant for a second year. Also the Giffit Hill School on St. John was awarded \$2,500 to assist a young, first-time student with tuition.

More than \$87,000 in scholarships has been awarded since the tournament was established to honor the memory of Ruby Rutnik who died in a car accident during her senior year at American University in 1996.

The scholarships are funded through community sponsorship of innings at \$100 each, or \$700 a game, \$2500 a scholarship. Sponsors' names will be announced at the beginning of each inning and throughout the games.

Individuals, businesses, and organizations that wish to sponsor an inning can stop by Connections on St. John, or call Andy and Janet Rutnik at 693-8069, or email andrewrutnik@gmail.com. Donations may now be made with credit cards.

Teams competing this year include St. Croix's Central High School, the Antilles School, and the high school on Tortola. St. John girls will join forces with Eudora Kean High School to form a team. Because the Saturday games conflict with the St. Thomas Carnival Queen Show, other schools from St. Thomas haven't yet com-

mitted to sending their own teams, although they may field an all-star team.

The games begin Friday night, April 17, and end on the afternoon of Sunday, April 19.

Money raised by the sale of food

and drink will benefit the Love City Pan Dragons Youth Steel Orchestra in honor of Ruby.

Tournament organizers admit that the economy is uncertain, but they're expecting that the community will continue to step up

to the plate to assist students who are now facing even greater challenges in paying for their college educations.

The one-year (renewable) academic scholarship is open to any St. John female who is a graduat-

ing senior (or college student) in good standing and is in need of financial assistance. Applications are now available at Connections on St. John and from high school guidance counselors. The deadline for applications is May 15, 2009.



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Letters to St. John Tradewinds

A Closer Look at Limbaugh's "Operation Chaos"

Editor,

Recent commentary about Rush Limbaugh's influence rarely touches upon the serious threat he and those for whom he speaks represent.

During the most recent presidential campaign, Limbaugh exhorted his radio audience to participate in a scheme termed "Operation Chaos." This "operation" was based on his premise that because Senator Clinton would be the easiest candidate for Republicans to defeat in the general election, Limbaugh's partisans should request Democratic Party ballots in a state primary to help her win delegates.

Limbaugh's legions were to practice deceit and conceal their true intentions. Nothing could be more destructive for the democratic process than for voters to practice contempt for the rules that shape our public obligations for civic responsibility.

When the founders wrote, "We the people...., in order to form a more perfect union," they weren't enshrining subterfuge. While Limbaugh ceaselessly claims that he honors the values of the founder, his advocacy of "Operation Chaos," is a reminder that his operational code relies on the end justifying the means, a corrupt sentiment alien to the founders, who expected citizens would act with integrity and eschew subversion.

Limbaugh's capacity for mischief is hardly exhausted by this episode. He makes the astonishing claim that global warming is a colossal scientific hoax, that human action cannot influence climate, and those many scientists who study climate change are falsifying their data.

These misguided, at best, scientist make inaccurate claims because they are political liberals whose goal is to create a world-wide socialist regime that alone can solve the climate-related issues. Joining him in this absurd scenario is are conservative politicians, such as Senator Inhof, who also once was certain that the ozone hole was science fiction.

Governor Palin is a conservative whose views closely resemble Limbaugh's and someone he often champions. Her views on science are important to examine, but for current purposes we can ignore the fact that she seems to have failed her college-level course in English as a Second Language. Palin often ridiculed the campaign that used *Drosophila* (fruit flies) as a subject matter.

Her remarks provoked much laughter in audiences; however, neither they nor she understood that such flies are a near perfect experimental laboratory for studying genetics. Using *Drosophila* has enabled scientists to discover Hox genes, the genetic kit governing development. Hox genes are found in a wide variety of living things, including humans, and provide additional evidence for the common ancestry of living things, a key Darwinian principle. Further research using *Drosophila* has discovered an inherent biological clock that tells birds when to migrate, bears when to hibernate, etc. The biological clock of humans has important implications for the treatment of cancers and heart attacks.

Palin's hostility to biological science finds its most

recent expression in the conservative resistance to the presidential order lifting the Federal ban on research using embryonic stem cells.

Conservatives declare that they do not oppose properly conducted research; their protestations are disingenuous, because they want to hold embryonic stem cell research hostage to their private, religiously guarded morality. In effect, they would deny to others the liberty to use the fruits of such research, when if that happens.

The right also argue that their tax dollars should not be used to further public policies to which they morally object. However, if the constitution says there is no religious test for holding public office, then neither can public policy be based on religious morality.

Furthermore, in the past half century the Supreme Court has overturned religiously-based state laws, such as Griswold (1961) that struck down a law barring contraception and the Loving case (1967) which struck a law barring racial intermarriage.

The Virginia judge whose decision to uphold the band was overturned had opined that if God had wanted the races to intermarry, He would not have put the races on separate continents.

The unrelenting attacks on science are relevant to the current economic crisis. Ultimately, the path of this downturn requires that the nation create more wealth, both to sustain and increase the standard of living as well as for export.

Science in general and the biological sciences in particular are areas where the US has important advantages. With proper encouragement, scientific discovery will be the engine for that growth in wealth. What we cannot tolerate are those who would put a political brake on national prosperity.

The nation needs those who produce scientific breakthroughs. Many of those scientists were present at the recent signing ceremony, probably more there for that one event than were invited to the White House during the Bush years. But just as importantly, the nation needs consumers of science; those alert citizens who understand and value science and who will demand that our children receive a challenging and thorough grounding in science.

These citizens will dispute those who would waste valuable class time studying pseudo-scientific speculations, such as Intelligent Design, which is nothing more than an intellectually dishonest political movement that seeks to replace science with religion.

In the Kitzmillor decision, Judge Jones (Federal District Court) ruled after extensive testimony that ID violates the principles of science. Its negative attacks on evolution have been decisively refuted by the scientific community and it may not be taught in science classes. Alert citizens should monitor their own school boards to make certain they comply with this ruling.

Finally, the Japanese recently launched a satellite to measure the Earth's carbon emissions. Why wasn't that an American satellite?

Sincerely,
J.S. Zawacki

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Parking in Cruz Bay

Editor,

The problem of parking in Cruz Bay is getting worse by government actions and inactions.

There are more cars but parking spaces are diminishing. Enlargement of some roads to allow parking and construction of a parking garage would be very good projects supported by the government stimulus — improving the infrastructure works against unemployment and, ultimately, saves gasoline because cars will not have to circulate looking for parking.

Unfortunately, our government has other priorities. In addition businesses occupy valuable public parking spaces and the number of these businesses is increasing.

There is, for instance, a new trailer in the parking space next to the tennis courts. This trailer selling refreshment occupies several parking spaces. I would like to see names of the government people responsible for this nonsense.

There are, of course, other businesses that were given permits very quietly earlier in order not to irritate people who want parking spaces and do not need

to buy bananas or drinks in Cruz Bay. All these businesses should be evicted to make space for parking.

The inactivity of the government is very annoying and every public meeting should have a government speaker justifying its inactivity and tolerance of parking blockers.

In addition, all downtown parking should have meters so that cars do not stay there too long, as some remain for days at times.

There are few other possibilities; some businesses, like the bank, have parking spaces for their customers. These parking spaces are then chained after the business closes.

It would help if these spaces remain open after business hours and use parking meters after business hours and on days when the business is closed.

There are certainly needs for parking even on Sunday and holidays. This would certainly help and parking meters would also improve the government financing.

Z. Hruza
St. John

Viable Solutions Needed for Mental Health Patients

Editor,

This letter is in response to a comment made in last week's newspaper about the "disruptive behavior" of three homeless St. John residents who "will be placed appropriately so they won't be back on the island being disruptive."

Let me begin by saying that I too, have crossed the street to avoid verbal altercations or even worse, with at least one of these residents. I absolutely "get it," when it comes to the focus on their behavior. However, whether or not this disruptive behavior would continue if they returned home should not be the primary concern here.

The only valid reason for these individuals not to come back to their home community (and it is their chosen home community), should be because the treatment level environment they need, and are entitled to as human beings, is simply not here.

Certainly, not because of how miserable they make each of us. One need not be homeless to experience such an agonizing mental health problem on St. John. A few years back an island resident of Caribbean heritage quietly left a full time job, and moved to the states. This head of household has family there to help with such a major step. This difficult decision was made after one of the children experienced his/her first psychotic break.

Had the child grown up here at home, would we be trying to find another place in the future for yet another homeless, disruptive individual? Probably.

Love City business owners, civic groups and community leaders could and should ban together with government officials to begin to find viable solutions, or at least the first steps in that direction.

Sincerely,
Susan Mann

Thatch Cay Okay Is Another Government Misstep

Editor,

The Thatch Cay development decision by the Legislature is another in a long series of missteps taken by this government to gain a quick buck. On St. John, the infamous Serenus project was the straw that broke our backs and when Thatch Cay becomes the latest eyesore, it will begin the deterioration paradise as we know it.

Anyone who read the news about this decision was shocked and dismayed. Most sentiments were; "here we go again." Why didn't the government listen?

One must stop and wonder why the Legislature took such action given the huge public appeal not to. Through local law, the Legislature must look at the legal issues involved, the rights of owners, the environmental issues and most importantly, the rights of the citizens of the Virgin Islands in their deliberations. Certainly, the Legislature heard many hours of testimony, mostly in opposition to the development.

In terms of legal issues, the Legislature's own le-

gal council cautioned that development on Thatch, the way it was planned in an R-1 zoning, would be illegal.

Owners have the right to develop their own land but must do it responsibly, and within the existing regulations, including all federal and local environmental regulations, as the owners say they will. Lastly, did the will of the people prevail in this case? It seems apparent, with so much public outcry against this project, that the peoples will was not adequately considered as being relevant. In other words, our representatives ignored a majority.

Thatch Cay is a huge, complex development which is planned for an environmentally sensitive small and very rocky island. Because Thatch has never been developed, it follows that over hundreds and perhaps thousands of years, it has become a sanctuary for wildlife of numerous varieties.

Once the shovels hit the ground, that habitat will

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- Anne Marie Porter

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be lost forever regardless of what the developers say. There is no construction plan that can ever mitigate that fact.

By the vote to allow development of Thatch, it appears that local government officials are in favor of increased jobs and taxation for the central government and for the benefit of all. I would suspect that deep in their hearts, the senators who voted for this project know that it would be an environmental challenge to pull off this project.

Only Senate President Donastorg had the courage to openly profess and oppose this. Still, it appears that money talks, with the environment and citizens' rights at stake.

The Supremacy Clause of the United States Constitution allows the federal government to overturn any local decision when federal law is in question. It is certainly clear that development on Thatch must pass federal review regardless of any local decision. Federal laws always trump local laws.

I would suggest that, if not already done, a thorough federal review on environmental impact be completed for Thatch Cay. Under the law, any citizen or group may petition the federal government for an environmental impact statement when there is a danger of harming or eliminating wildlife sanctuaries or where private or public development may harm the coastal waters. I would further suggest that perhaps the Legislature had this in mind when it made its decision. It is now up to citizens to do what the Legislature failed to do.

An area is zoned in a particular way because the government recognized, at some point in time, that ownership allows development. Zoning laws exist to either limit development or allow high-density development where applicable.

An R-1 zone, as Thatch Cay has been designated, allows limited density and no commercial allowances at all. The proposed development plans for Thatch include commercial offerings to the residents. Major barge and boat docks, eating establishments and other such commercial enterprises are not allowed in R-1 zoning. All are included in the Thatch plan.

In short, the developers want to create a compact town where residents are catered to in every possible way without having to leave the island. The legislature never was asked to change the zoning but was asked to allow the development in stark defiance of existing zoning laws. The Legislature effectively took the rights of the people, and existing zoning laws away by allowing this development.

Since the Legislature, by law, has final say on these matters locally, the only recourse would be to appeal the local decision to the federal government for an opinion. Since the Legislature did not pass a law, even the governor cannot oppose the decision legally.

I would hope that the individuals and environmental groups who showed opposition to this project would seek a reversal remedy through federal environmental agencies and even to the federal courts if necessary. Such an intervention could effectively stop any development from commencing until a decision is made.

It is so evidently clear that the Virgin Islands government is in desperate need of a Master Development Plan so that the Legislature and Executive Branches have much-needed development guidance. Lacking that, citizens must and should refer to the federal government to override decisions that affect them when local government either cannot or will not do their will.

Paul Devine
St. John

Correction

St. John Tradewinds

In the article "Healing Together Offer Cancer Support" in the March 30 - April 5 issue, the group's email was incorrect. The correct email is healingtogether@ymail.com.

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Editor,

Does the St. John public really have a say in what happens with our marine facilities on St. John? Will locals still be able to berth their vessels that are necessary for their occupations and livelihood?

Will we continue to see our fishing industry dwindle away to nothing? Will we keep having a morass of boats fighting to get to the Customs Dock daily between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.?

Residents of St. John, we are losing our prime waterfront marine bulkhead to the discretion of the VI Port Authority whims. Persons who are officially in charge of our marine terminal are from St. Thomas and they do not understand what St. John needs. They make it what St. Thomas wants but not what St. John wants.

I have been writing letters re-

questing berthing of my boat for the past five years, before the barges left for the new Enighed Pond facility. I am a Lovango Cay resident and need to park my boat while I am at work, just like persons on St. John need to park their cars while they do their work in Cruz Bay. Lovango Cay is a part of St. John. We are voting residents of St. John.

I was informed last year that I would be on the Creek Beautification Committee. I received one call to notify me of a meeting, the day before the meeting. I was not able to attend that meeting and never heard another word about meetings, nor was any request made for my input.

The marine facilities at the Creek have not changed in the past five years and as a result it has been helter skelter docking. Some

persons are using the facility for their own yacht club, leaving their boats tied up to the bulkhead for days and even months on end.

Yes, the local Port Authority employees have helped maintain order in the creek, however there needs to be more direction.

We, the residents of St. John, need to stand up and voice our concerns for usage of the Creek facilities. Imagine a marine facility that could encompass berthing for small and large vessels.

Persons visiting from other islands would have dockage. Mega yachts could tie up over night

shopping and dining in Cruz Bay. Public parking for vehicles could be a reality. Money can easily be generated with a pay to park system.

We could have an open-air fish market where there is now a non-usable, defunct boat launching ramp. Fishermen could be selling their catches to the public, just like it should be, so the public could benefit from lower costs.

Fishing is an industry that could benefit many, including the teaching of our children of the beautiful ocean that surrounds us and the sustainability of a fishing industry.

Catering to the cruise ship industry is not the answer. We now cater to visitors from away but do nothing to help our local people. We have a real gem in the midst of Cruz Bay. We all need to work together to make this gem shine for one and all.

Let your senators, V.I. Port Authority board members, St. John Administrator and our Honorable Governor know how you feel on this issue. Please do not let it slip away.

Sincerely
Dan Boyd

McDermott and Daigneault To Wed This Summer



Jessie McDermott and Brian Daigneault are happy to announce their engagement! A private ceremony of friends and family is planned this summer on St. John.

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Tuesday, April 7 — 7 p.m. - Stations of the cross
Maundy Thursday — 7 p.m. Foot washing, eucharist and agape
Good Friday — 12 noon - 3 p.m. - Liturgy and preaching
Easter Eve — 7 p.m. - Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday — 6 a.m. - Ecumenical sunrise service in the park, followed by breakfast at the Lutheran Church
 9:30 a.m. - Festival Eucharist with pans, organ and choir

Infinite Possibilities Home School Group Hosts Bake Sale Fund Raiser



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Students in Infinite Possibilities Home School group sold home-made cupcakes, cookies, brownies and slices of cake on Sunday afternoon, April 5, at Starfish Market on the first floor of The Marketplace. The students are raising funds to take a class trip this summer.

Cervical Cancer Screening at MKSCHC April 18

St. John Tradewinds

The Charlotte Kimelman Cancer Institute will host a Cervical Cancer screening from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 18, at the Charlotte Kimelman Cancer Institute and the Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center on St. John.

A Pap Smear test will be performed on interested women between the ages of 16 and 55 who have not been tested in the past six months. For more information call 693-8900 on St. John.

Firearm License Renewal Amnesty Program Extended

St. John Tradewinds

The Firearms License Renewal Amnesty program has been extended to April 10.

The Firearm Supervisors in both districts urge anyone who has not renewed their firearm license to do so immediately or face penalties.

During the Firearms License Renewal Amnesty, anyone who has a firearm and has not renewed the license can come into the Bureau and renew without fear of repercussion. The usual late fee will be waived in some instances.

Two Spring Concerts Feature Violinist and St. John Singers

St. John Tradewinds

The St. John Singers will present their annual Spring Concert on Sunday, April 19, at Emmaus Moravian Church in Coral Bay, St. John at 7 p.m.

But those who can't make it to Coral Bay can get a taste of the program at a special recital at the Lutheran Church in Cruz Bay on Easter Sunday at 7 p.m. That evening, St. Thomas violist Brett Omara will make her debut on St. John, accompanied by choir director John Cahill. The St. John Singers will perform several selections.

At the Coral Bay concert, the choir will sing a variety of music spanning nearly five centuries, including madrigals from the Renaissance, compositions by J.S. Bach, and a traditional Zulu chant that has become a

South African anthem to freedom. Brett Omara will appear as the guest soloist, and Janice Ballard will accompany the choir on piano.

Omara, who hails from Arizona, is a graduate of the Manhattan School of Music. She has extensive experience in classical music and other styles and has played with contemporary artist Kanye West. She will perform works by Mozart and Gershwin, among others.

Tickets for the Coral Bay concert are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children and students. They will be available at the door.

At the Easter concert, a free will donation will be collected for the benefit of the Music Department at Charlotte Amalie High School.

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American Legion Youth Softball Practices Every Monday

St. John Tradewinds

American Legion youth softball practices will be every Monday at 4 p.m. at the V.I. National Park ball field. Registrations will be available every day at the field. All coaches should attend. The league is open to boys and girls ages 9 to 14.

All equipment is available but players should bring a glove. There are a few gloves available until players get one of their own. Registrations are also available at Connections and at the St. John Community Foundation office on the third floor of The Marketplace. Call Paul Devine at 693-9410 for more information.

Art Show April 12 at Tallship Trading



St. John Tradewinds

Tallships Trading is hosting an Easter afternoon art show on Sunday, April 12, from 3 to 7 p.m. which will feature the works of Annie Caswell, Bryan McKinney and Sandy Stein. Check out Caswell's spirit dolls, clay sculptured jewelry and paintings; McKinney's paintings and Stein's jewelry. The fun takes place at the Jolly Dog/Shipwreck/Tallship complex on Easter Sunday afternoon.

St. John Police Report

Land Line Emergency No: 911

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St. John Police Department: 340-693-8880

St. John Fire Service: 340-776-6333

Thursday, March 26,

4:30 p.m. - A St. Thomas resident p/r that his girlfriend's child's father threatened to hurt him. Telephone harassment.

Friday, March 27

1:20 a.m. - A female c/r her husband was missing for two hours. Police assistance.

10:38 a.m. - A visitor p/r that he lost his fanny pack at the Westin Resort. Lost fanny pack.

2:05 p.m. - A St. Thomas resident p/r that he lost his wallet somewhere on St. John. Lost wallet.

7:12 p.m. - A citizen p/r that a street person was assaulted in the area of Cruz Bay. Simple assault.

8:00 p.m. - An Estate Adrian resident p/r that his girlfriend assaulted him and threw a rock at his vehicle. Assault.

8:05 p.m. - A visitor staying at Estate Zootenvaal r/ that his villa was broken into. Burglary in the third.

8:50 p.m. - A citizen r/ shots fired in the area of Estate Bellevue. Illegal discharge of firearm.

Saturday, March 28

9:00 a.m. - An Estate Carolina resident p/r being physically assaulted by his girlfriend. Aggravated assault.

10:55 a.m. - A citizen p/r that an employee did some work in his name. Fraud.

11:30 a.m. - An Estate Susanaberg resident p/r that her ex-boyfriend is harassing her. Disturbance of the peace.

11:45 a.m. - A citizen c/r a suspicious male loitering in the area of Wharfside Village. Loitering.

2:28 p.m. - A citizen c/r that someone damaged his vehicle. Damage to vehicle.

7:00 p.m. - A citizen r/ that someone broke into one of the villas he manages. Burglary in the third.

Sunday, March 29

2:13 a.m. - Ofc. present with one Gregory della

Cruz under arrest and charged with assault in the third. Bail set at \$25,000.

10:18 a.m. - A visitor from Tennessee p/r that someone unknown removed items from her rental villa. Grand larceny.

3:50 p.m. - A citizen c/r a vehicle fire in the area of Coral Bay. Vehicle fire.

Monday, March 20

4:15 p.m. - An Estate Fish Bay resident p/r that someone stole plants from his job site. Grand larceny.

5:47 p.m. - Ofc. present with one Richard Van Sickle under arrest and charged with grand larceny.

6:12 p.m. - An Estate Chocolate Hole resident c/r someone sneaking around his rental villa. Suspicious activity.

10:30 p.m. - A visitor from Wisconsin p/r that someone broke the front window of his rental jeep. Damage to vehicle.

Tuesday, March 31

11:44 p.m. - A citizen r/ that someone is assaulting a male in the area of Cruz Bay. Burglary in the first.

Wednesday, April 1

8:16 a.m. - A Department of Public Works employee r/ a burglary at the department. Burglary in the third.

3:07 p.m. - A citizen p/r that someone struck her vehicle and fled the scene. Auto accident.

6:31 p.m. - A citizen p/r that her minor cousin was bit by a dog. Dog bite.

Friday, April 3

1:50 a.m. - A citizen p/r that a male threatened him. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

1:30 p.m. - A citizen p/r that he lost his wallet in the area of Cruz Bay. Lost wallet.

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.

Wednesday, April 8

Governor John deJongh is hosting the first of planned monthly town meetings with V.I. neighborhoods on Wednesday, April 8, at 6 p.m. when residents of Enighed, Pine Peace, Powerboyd Plantation and Estate Contant are invited to St. Ursula's multipurpose Center.

Tuesday, April 14

The students, parents and teachers of the St. John Montessori School, located at John's Folly Learning Institute in Coral Bay, will be celebrating the grand opening of the school on Tuesday, April 14, at 1:00 p.m.

The public is also invited to a Gala Fundraising Dinner to support the school at Aqua Bistro Restaurant on Tuesday, April 14, at 6:30 p.m.

The night will feature fantastic food and beverages, music and merriment for all! Come and support the continuing growth of quality education in the community and funding for the young.

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 last year. The fun kicks off at noon. Register at Connections or Skinny Legs.

Monday, April 20

Friends of Virgin Islands National Park is excited to host Earth Day 2009. The festivities will kick off with the Friends' annual Earth Day Environmental Fair on Monday, April 20, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the National Park Ball Field in Cruz Bay. This event is free and open to the public.

Thursday, April 21

The Recycling Association of the VI, St. John Chapter, meets monthly on the third Tuesday of every month, at 7 p.m. on the third floor of The Marketplace in the St. John Community Foundation offices. Our next meeting is scheduled for April 21. Everyone is welcome to join. For more information call 693-9410.

Saturday, May 2

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

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

10 Sunday, St. John School of the Arts Race Unity Devotions 7:30 p.m. Fridays; Study Circles 9 a.m. Sundays 776-6316, 776-6254	Sunday 10 a.m. 693-8830 Saturdays 779-4477
Cruz Bay, St. John 11 a.m., Sunday School 776-6291	Sunday 11:05 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays Prayer 7:30 p.m., Thursdays Bible Study 7:30 p.m. 779-1230
13 ABC Coral Bay, 776-6304 Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday evening 6 p.m., Thursday 7 p.m.	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
Cinnamon Bay Beach Inter-Denominational Sunday 8:30 a.m.	9:45 a.m. Sunday, 776-6332 Sunday, March 2, at 1 p.m. at the Giffit Hill School. Call 774-8617
10:45 a.m. Sunday- Marketplace Wednesday Testimonials 7:45 p.m. on last Wed. of Month	
Sun. 9 a.m., STT. 776-2379 Sun., 5 p.m., STJ, Lumberyard	
Sunday 11 a.m., 6 p.m. 776-6315	
Coral Bay, Sun. 9 a.m. 776-6713 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10 a.m. Sundays	
9:30 a.m. Sunday Services, 10:45 Worship, Tuesday 7 p.m. Bible Study 693-8884	
Sunday 9 a.m., Sunday School 8 a.m. 776-6731	
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	

Ferry Schedules

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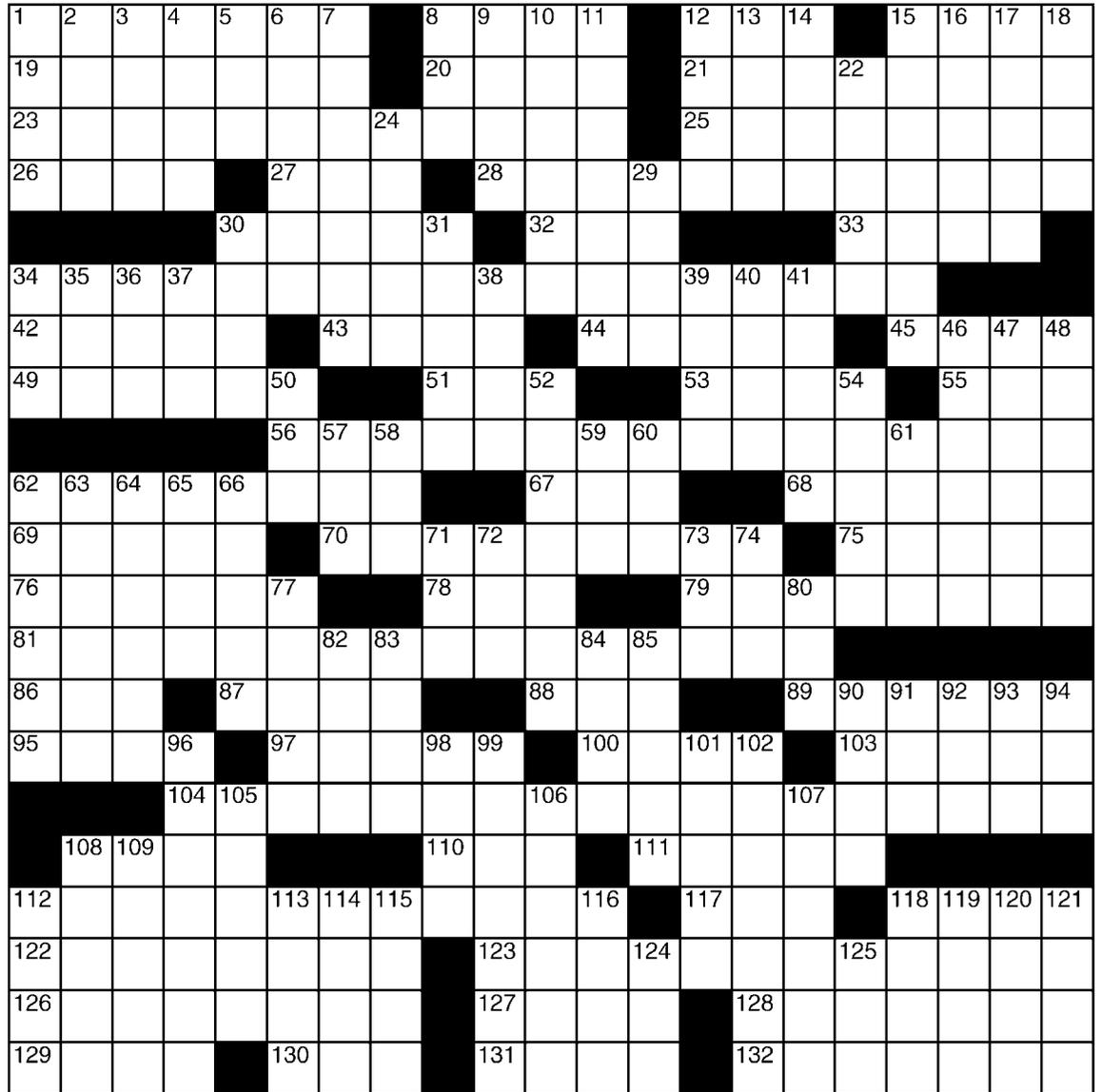
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TWO DEVILISH DEFINITIONS

ACROSS

- What a loser might request
- Big klutzes
- Suffix with drunk
- Fireplace output
- Being debated
- Have — in one's bonnet
- Arrived at by boat
- Halloween pumpkin
- HMOs, e.g.
- "Woe is me!"
- Prefix with state or angle
- Highway markers
- rage (tantrum)
- LAX info
- Levitate
- Their larvae feed on milkweed
- Rocker Cooper
- Interstate rig
- "Ciao!"
- Golda of Israel
- Twice a trio
- Before, in poems
- Mrs. Mahler
- Glasgow denial
- It links San Francisco with Marin County
- Light-hued horse
- Kilmer of film
- Dries out, with "up"
- "— there yet?"
- Mandarin variety
- "Yes, —!"

("You bet!")

- Habitat for an aquanaut
- Giant in Internet service
- Ferocious females
- Roadwork alert
- Toby filler
- Yemen's largest city
- He wrote of Lenore
- "Will do, cap'n!"
- Little chaps
- Fragment
- Makes a hole
- Prop for art
- Cellblock garments
- Robert De —
- Sette minus quattro
- Pelvic bone
- Frito Lay snacks
- Flight deck abbr.
- Dial or Lava
- Bach piece
- Theme of this puzzle
- Food providers
- "First, — harm" (medical maxim)
- Like a very angry mob
- The Beatles' — a Woman"
- Go down, as the sun
- Retired jets
- Express disdain for

DOWN

- Indian king
- And others, briefly
- Flaking rock
- Seeks info
- "General" on a Chinese menu
- Wiccan, e.g.

- Fireplace floors
- Bran source
- Aid in crime
- Pink-eyed polecat
- Political bodies
- "You wish!"
- Wife of a 1-Down
- Part of D.J.
- Gallantry
- Utopias
- "If — falls in the forest ..."
- Soft throw
- Filthy riches
- Mythical weeper
- Taxi cost
- Liberate
- Was livid
- Pas' partners
- Corrida yell
- Not allow
- Play a role
- Car part
- No mean —
- Singer Lovett
- Poets' feet
- Terminators
- "Likewise"
- Chocolate candy brand
- Friday's (eatery)
- Surround
- Come up smelling like —
- Can. province
- Hawaii's Mauna —
- Elongated fish
- Boxing great Muhammad
- Large wading bird
- Computer language
- Ocular ring
- Relied (on)
- Big-eyed birds

- Deli array
- D.C. baseballer
- "There but for the grace of God —"
- Political bodies
- Will not!"
- Early bird?
- "The Godfather" role
- Luca —
- Cell stuff
- Mas' bros
- Dear, in Italy
- Silent OKs
- Conductor — Ozawa
- Polite response to a lady
- Water, in Nice
- "— said before ..."
- Thus far
- Ernie of the PGA
- Elflike ones
- Collection of lit. pieces
- Dots
- Soviet labor camp
- "Cheese!" sayers
- Turbine part
- Copies, for short
- "— on the Ritz"
- Grammy winner Jones
- Really mad
- ENTs, e.g.
- Gold holders
- Kingly title
- Price to pay
- Film director Gus Van —
- Place
- about
- Water, in Nogales
- "Hey, you!"
- They may be pos. or neg.
- Weeder's tool

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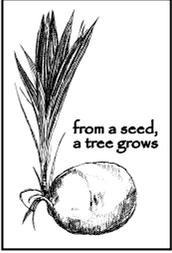
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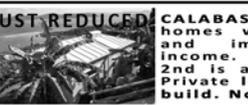


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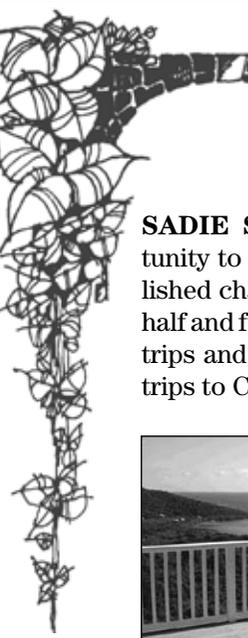
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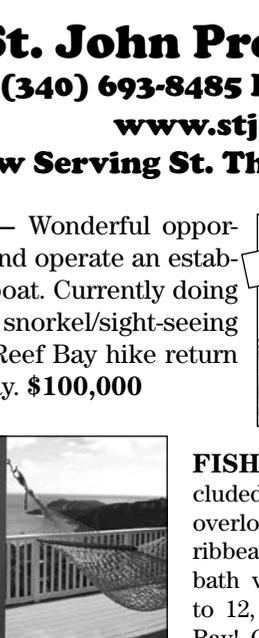
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"Amorita" - Beautiful, all masonry home in upscale Chocolate Hole North has large pool deck with spa and faces southeast to catch the tradewind breezes. There are water views over Hart Bay and the South Shore and location is just minutes from Cruz Bay and a short walk to the Westin Resort on paved roads. Features include mahogany trim, Mexican tile floors, hand painted bathroom sinks, stone arches and vaulted cypress ceilings, screened gallery, arched courtyard entrance, fruit trees, and deeded access to two beaches. **A real bargain at just \$999,000**



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<p>CRUZ BAY Prime .75 acre, 3 BR, pool and panoramic views. Zoned R-4 for development. \$2,950,000</p>	<p>OWNER MUST SELL FAST! 4 BR home in Skytop. Upper unit is a 1BR. Views to Cruz Bay. \$599,000</p>	<p>FLANAGAN'S PASSAGE VILLA 3 bdrm, 3.5 bath villa, superior craftsmanship, Caribbean stonework, Spanish tile roof, 180° views, large pool and hot tub \$2,850,000</p>	<p>FUN & CONTENTMENT 180° views. Tiled pool deck, 2 large AC. suites, mahogany hardwoods, stone accents. Plans for 3 more bdms. \$1,235,000</p>	<p>INN LOVE Beautiful Great Cruz Bay with Sunset Views! 5 BD/ 5 BA with pool & spa. PRICE SLASHED \$60K TO \$1,195,000.</p>
<p>ZOOTENVAAL Quaint Caribbean cottage tucked in at the end of the road. Walk to Coral Bay. Two separate units. \$729,000</p>	<p>ISLAND MANOR Hear the surf of Hart Bay. 4 BRs w/ensuite baths, elegant furnishings, .51 acre. Multilevel floor plan offers privacy. \$1,499,000</p>	<p>TEMPRESS 2 BR suites, pod style, impressive kitchen, private decks, dramatic sunsets. \$1,650,000</p>	<p>WATERFRONT MARIA BLUFF Villa Belvedere offers spectacular 180° views, successful turn-key vacation home. Prime location, pool, spa, 2BR/2BA \$2,750,000</p>	<p>L'ESPRIT DE LA VIE Glorious sea views, desirable Pt. Rendezvous. Efficient design, equal accommodations. 4BR/4 1/2 BA, pool, spa. \$2,950,000</p>
<p>BETHANY Remodeled property, South Shore views. Additions include 2 a/c bdms, pool, laundry rm & kitchen. \$1,400,000</p>	<p>LA BELLA VITA, "the good life" .4 a/c master suites w/ island stone showers, breath taking views, gourmet kitchen. \$2,950,000</p>	<p>ON THE BEACH AT KLEIN BAY-JUST BUILT! Serenata de la Playa offers 5 bdms and 5.5 baths. Swimmable water access. \$4,950,000</p>	<p>GARDEN BY THE SEA B&B, West Indian gingerbread architecture & island furnishings. Owners apartment plus 3 income producing units. Room for expansion. \$1,800,000</p>	<p>DREAM CATCHER successful short term rental, 3 BR/3BA; views of Great Cruz Bay, impressive swimming pool. \$1,650,000</p>
<p>ENIGHED Nearly flat town lot overlooking Turner Bay and zoned R-4. Masonry home, 4 bdms, 2 baths plus outbuildings. \$599,000</p>	<p>MILL RIDGE exudes quality, Caribbean design, mahogany throughout, Chicago Brick & Island stone. Masonry 2 BR/2 BA, office, garage, pool & cabana. \$1,695,000</p>	<p>ELLISON New construction in the Virgin Grand. Generous floor plan w/3 levels of living space. 3 master suites. Reduced to \$2,495,000</p>	<p>NEW! Live in guest apartment & rent lower apartment. Plans for 2BR/2BA main house with foundation, 21,000 gal. cistern & lower deck in place. Beautiful views. \$765,000</p>	<p>CVISTA Magnificent open air 4 bdrm villa above rendezvous Bay. Stunning residence exudes comfort, class & elegance. \$3,895,000</p>
<p>RAINBOW PLANTATION A private, family estate house on 1.6 acres. Features one of the largest private pools on St. John (w/diving board, & wet bar). Mature landscaping. \$1,650,000</p>	<p>NEW! Brand new 3 bdms, 4 bath masonry home in Flanagan's Passage. Great views with many amenities. Sleeps twelve. \$2,199,000</p>	<p>MARBELLA Expansive St. Thomas sunset views, 3 bdms w/ en suite baths. Open style, all on one level, Central A/C. \$2,850,000</p>	<p>APARTMENT Live in guest apartment & rent lower apartment. Plans for 2BR/2BA main house with foundation, 21,000 gal. cistern & lower deck in place. Beautiful views. \$765,000</p>	<p>YOUR OWN SECLUDED BEACH Just steps to Hart Bay, "Rendezvous" features 4 BR/4BA with a lower 3BR beach house. \$2,895,000</p>

CONDOS

GALLOW'S POINT CONDOMINIUMS! ST. JOHN'S ONLY OCEANFRONT CONDOS! 2 Upper floor loft units available, 1 of a kind complex. Excellent rental program, ocean & harbor views, tastefully appointed & a/c. \$980,000 & \$1,275,000

CHARMING SERENDIP STUDIO Panoramic sunset views, small complex with lush tropical gardens, on site management, pool and established rental program. \$265,000

PALM JEWELERS High end jewelry store in prime Cruz Bay location. \$525,000

BEST OF BOTH WORLDS Upscale gallery of designer jewelry, fine art, & distinctive home decor. Located in Mongoose Junction. Established (25+yrs), successful and turn-key. \$300,000

DELI GROTTTO! Consistent sales growth, deli & internet cafe in prime commercial space. Catering to tourists & residents, baked goods, beer, breakfast & lunch menu. \$475,000

MARINA MARKET SITE, zoned B-2! One of a kind commercial real estate, 2,999 sq. ft.

building and adjacent parking area. Offering a variety of business uses. \$995,000

NEW! COMPUTER EXPRESS has a solid reputation and offers quality service as an established computer repair business. Owner willing to train purchaser. Attractive owner financing! \$189,000

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