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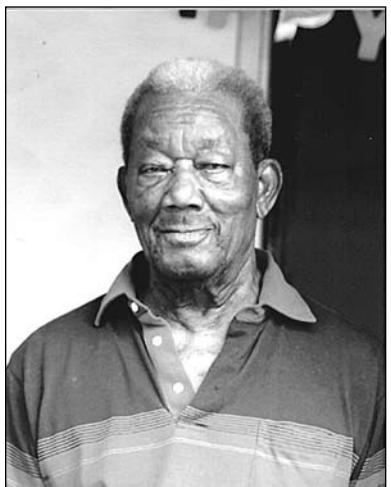
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Ernest St. Clair Wells Celebrates 100th Birthday



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Friends and family gathered at T'ree Lizard Restaurant on April 11 to celebrate Ernest St. Clair Wells' 100th birthday, which was April 8. Wells was born on Gift Hill on St. John during Danish rule. He eventually moved with his family to Brown Bay where he lived until his teen years. After school, Wells worked on sailing vessels including "DC," which transported mail between St. Thomas and St. John. After marrying Linea Anderson, the Wells family moved to Lovango Cay where they lived for many years before returning to St. John in the 1970s.

Crime Stoppers USVI Crimes of the Week

Police Seeking Information on Undocumented Aliens

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

St. John

Police are reminding residents that hiring undocumented persons is illegal. They are also seeking information on any undocumented individuals living or working on the island.

St. Croix

VIPD officials are seeking information on individuals or groups who are involved with vehicle

theft, selling stolen car parts, or altering vehicles that have been stolen.

St. Thomas

Police are seeking information on two suspects who robbed two victims Monday, April 6, just before 11 p.m. in Oswald Harris Court. One victim was shot and died four days later.

The suspects were described as being between 18 and 25 years old. One was wearing a red bandana over his face and the other was wearing a black bandana over his face.

Crime Stoppers is pleased to report that we have authorized \$6,350 of rewards to date but only \$250 has been claimed. Any

tipsters should check with 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.

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Next Recycling 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.

For more information or to join the group, call the St. John Community Foundation 693-9410.

Sen. Barshinger Hosting Town Meeting on Marine-related Issues April 23

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Senator at Large Craig Barshinger invites the public to attend a special town meeting to discuss the island's marine-related issues on Thursday, April 23, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. in the ballroom of the Westin Resort.

Guests from the V.I. Port Authority, Department of Planning and Natural Resources, Public Services Commission, National Park Service, Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Coast Guard, ferry companies and barge companies have been invited.

Proposed issues for discussion include the ferry rate hikes, proposed pay turnstiles, Creek development plans, Enighed Pond, Cruz Bay dinghy dock, marine vessel holding tanks and transportation worker ID cards.

Time will be allotted for each issue. The goal of this meeting is to bring all parties together to gain consensus, resolve issues and move policies and projects forward with adequate public input, according to Barshinger.

Coral Bay Shoreline Cleanup Is May 2; DPW To Remove All Collected Trash

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A Coral Bay Shoreline Cleanup, hosted by the Coral Bay Community Council, Coral Bay Yacht Club, KATS, and other community groups, will be Saturday, May 2, from 9 to 11 a.m.

Everyone is welcome to participate. Meet behind the Fire Station to be assigned locations and bags. Participants should bring gloves and wear sturdy shoes. The V.I. Department of Public Works will participate and remove all the collected trash to the transfer station the same day. Anyone who would like to do another area in Coral Bay, should call in advance. For more information call the CBCC office at 776-2099.

SJCA Accepting Student Applications

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The St. John Christian Academy is now accepting student applications for K-4 through third grade for the 2009-2010 school year. Application forms may be picked up at the Cruz Bay Baptist Church. For more information please call 693-7722.

American Legion Hosting Softball and T-Ball Leagues; Practices Have Begun

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All children interested in softball and T-ball should join practices at the V.I. National Park ball field. Children ages 9 to 14 can join the softball practices on Mondays and Wednesdays at 4 p.m.

Children ages 5 to 8 can join T-ball practices on Tuesdays at 4 p.m. at the VINP field. A glove is required but the league has a few to loan.

American Legion Post 131 is proud to sponsor this new sports offerings. Registrations are \$20 and are available at the field or at Connections or the St. John Community Foundation office on the third floor of The Marketplace. For more information call Paul Devine at 693-9410 or 514-6615.

New Trial Possible for Convicted Cockayne Killer

By Joseph Tsidulko
St. John Tradewinds

Recently identified witnesses and a misstep by prosecutors could result in a new trial for the only man convicted of the 2007 murder of Jamie Cockayne — a crime that cast a harsh national spotlight on St. John and the Virgin Islands justice system.

V.I. Superior Court Judge Brenda Hollar heard arguments Friday, April 18, requesting another trial for Jahlil Ward based on new evidence — statements from at least four witnesses who claim they heard Ward's codefendant, Kamal Thomas, confess to stabbing Cockayne in Cruz Bay and leaving the 21-year-old Pennsylvania man for dead.

Hollar said she is likely to grant the new trial because prosecutors failed to turn over one of those statements, which was documented in a police report the government had in its possession well before the murder trial began in October 2008.

"It's going to be very difficult not to grant a new trial," Hollar told prosecutors.

Ward, 20, was convicted more than half a year ago of stabbing to death Cockayne behind a wooden construction partition near Fashion Palace soon after Cockayne left the Front Yard bar in the early morning hours of June 19, 2007. Cockayne was living on St. John while waiting for his immigration papers to clear so he could take a job as a sailing instructor at Bitter End Yacht Club on Virgin Gorda.

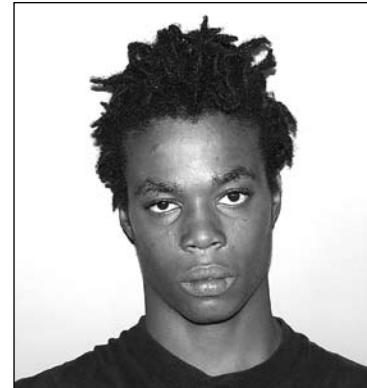
Ward's codefendants, Thomas and Anselmo Boston, 32, were acquitted of all murder charges, but the jury found Thomas and Boston guilty of two counts of third-degree assault against Cockayne, and two counts of using dangerous weapons — first a pool cue, then a wooden 2-by-4. The judge has since reduced one assault charge against each man to a misdemeanor and thrown out the weapons convictions.

Cockayne was stabbed about a half-hour after the altercation with Thomas and Boston at Front Yard. The two were angry because Cockayne kicked Boston's girlfriend's vehicle, according to their statements to police. Eyewitnesses testified they saw both men chasing Cockayne outside of the bar.

Ward's attorney, Michael Quinn, subsequently filed a motion asking



Anselmo Boston



Kamal Thomas



Jahlil Ward

for a new trial based on three witnesses whose existence came to light after the trial.

Quinn said it wasn't until Wednesday, April 15, that prosecutors informed him for the first time of a witness who told police he heard a confession from Thomas. Quinn immediately filed another motion arguing the withholding was a violation of a legal precedent that requires the government to provide defense attorneys with all potential exculpatory evidence.

Hollar said she first examined that motion minutes before Friday's hearing. The judge described it as "a bombshell."

Withheld Statement

On September 12, 2007, police interviewed Daryl Martens, who had been in jail with Thomas before the 19-year-old was released under conditions of house arrest while awaiting trial.

Martens told police "Six-pack" — Thomas' nickname — admitted to him he was the assailant who killed Cockayne and shared some details about the crime.

Prosecutors provided the defense with almost 500 pages of documents before the trial as part of the discovery process, "and this is the one they don't give us," Quinn told Judge Hollar, adding he was not accusing the Attorney General's office of intentional misconduct.

In his motion, however, Quinn wrote, "Clearly, the Martens notes were suppressed by the People."

Assistant Attorney General Renee Gumbs-Carty accepted blame for the withholding of the notes, but said it was an unintentional error which resulted from the sheer volume of paperwork involved in the case. Gumbs-Carty argued the error did not affect the outcome of the first trial and did not warrant a new trial.

Gumbs-Carty said she learned

Quinn never got a copy of Martens' statement while she was preparing for Friday's hearing, and she immediately sent the defense attorney the document.

The prosecutor reminded the court that multiple witnesses who testified during the week-long trial in October directly implicated Ward in the stabbing. Some of those witnesses said Ward confessed to them, others said they saw Ward immediately after the crime with blood speckles on his clothes.

Quinn argued at the trial those witnesses were part of a plot orchestrated by Thomas to frame Ward. He reminded the judge Friday it was Thomas' attorney who brought his client to the attention of law enforcement and who provided authorities with the witnesses and evidence that ultimately resulted in Ward's arrest.

New Witnesses

On January 12, before the Martens revelation, Quinn filed a motion seeking a new trial based on three witnesses who he learned of after Ward's conviction.

He called two of those men to the stand at Friday's hearing.

Donald Lee said he spoke with Thomas on Commandant Gade in St. Thomas several months before the murder trial. Lee said he invited Thomas to get a drink, but Thomas declined, pointing out his ankle bracelet and explaining he was under house arrest.

At that point, Lee refused to answer any more of Quinn's questions, telling a Superior Court Marshall he did not want to continue testifying.

Quinn then treated Lee as a hostile witness, asking him directly if Thomas told him he was under house arrest because he committed the St. John murder.

Lee remained silent during a barrage of questions, at one point

were close to seeing the end of the legal ordeal.

Outside the same courtroom on Friday, Bill Cockayne, Jamie's father, said with every trip he has made to the Caribbean since the trial, he has seen the case unravel.

The series of court proceedings, none of which are bringing the case closer to a sentence hearing, have been "very trying" on his family, Bill Cockayne said.

The family believes Ward, Thomas and Boston all acted in concert the night of the slaying, and all deserve punishment.

Attorneys for Thomas and Boston argued their clients were in a scuffle with Jamie Cockayne at the bar, but had nothing to do with the stabbing. They directed blame at Ward throughout the trial.

But Quinn said his client is "an innocent guy, convicted of murder and going away for life."

"He's entitled to a fair trial," Quinn told Hollar on Friday.

The judge must now decide whether Martens' statement, along with testimony from the recently discovered witnesses, would have created a reasonable probability of a different outcome at the trial had they had been made available to the defense.

If so, Ward will get a second chance to defend himself, and the Cockaynes again will wonder if they will ever see someone held accountable for their son's death.

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– Assault and robbery victim

Tourist Beaten, Robbed in Cruz Bay on First Night of Vacation

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

A Tennessee man visiting St. John last week didn't even make it to his rental villa before an attack by several young men in downtown Cruz Bay sent him to the emergency room with an empty wallet.

After being separated from his family, the 54-year-old man arrived on Love City on the 12 a.m. ferry from Red Hook and walked down the street to Joe's Diner looking for a taxi to the Westin Resort and Villas.

Instead of getting directions to a taxi or a ride to his family's villa, however, the man was jumped, robbed and severely beaten around 12:46 a.m. on Sunday morning, April 12.

"It was the first night of my vacation and I caught the last ferry here," he said. "I walked off the dock and around to where Joe's Diner is and I was asking for directions to a taxi or the Westin. My memory is that a group of young men tried to assist me in finding a taxi and it turned into something else real quick."

"I felt someone trying to get the wallet out of my pants and I had a computer and briefcase too," said the Tennessee man. "I was trying to hold onto my wallet and my briefcase when, to the best of my recollection, one of the men punched me in face and I got kicked several times. They managed to get my wallet and all I know is that both of my arms were being restrained."

The beating left the tourist with a sprained leg and ankle, a fractured nose, a fractured left eye socket and a number of cuts and abrasions. He'll need reconstructive surgery on his eye socket

when the swelling goes down to avoid further injuries.

After stumbling out of the car park area next to Joe's Diner, the Tennessee man made it to the parking lot at FirstBank before losing consciousness.

"I was in and out of consciousness," he said. "I was aware of things most of the time, but I was really upset."

The man was admitted to Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center at 2:12 a.m. on Sunday morning, April 12, where it was reported that he had been assaulted by more than one assailant, according to Schneider Regional Medical Center spokesperson Sam Topp.

"He had injury to his nose, a swollen left eyebrow, and complained of pain from the facial injuries," said Topp. "However, he refused to cooperate by consenting to treatment or transfer to R.L. Schneider Hospital on St. Thomas. Apparently, he was verbally combative and abusive, according to staff, and was allowed to leave the facility on his own without recommended treatment."

The next day on Monday afternoon, April 13, however, the man admitted himself to R.L. Schneider Hospital, Topp added.

"He reported to the Emergency Room at RLS Monday afternoon, April 13, with a broken nose — which he said had been broken several times before — an orbital fracture (damage to the bone under the eyebrow), multiple abrasions and contusions about the face, and an abrasion on the shin," said Topp. "His injuries were diagnosed and treated. With medication, he was discharged several hours later, around 4:30 p.m."

While the attack was reportedly

caught on video surveillance cameras outside of Meada's Plaza, it remains uncertain how clear of a recording it is. V.I. Police Department officials are investigating the incident and expect to make an arrest shortly, according to VIPD Commissioner James McCall.

"I am outraged by this senseless attack and robbery of a visitor to the U.S. Virgin Islands," McCall said. "We have very positive leads and I expect an arrest in very short order. I am also appealing to anyone in the community who witnessed this to please contact the police or Crime Stoppers."

While the tourist called the incident "unfortunate," it didn't sour his impression of St. John.

"I'm recovering but it's really unfortunate what happened," said the Tennessee man. "My family owns a time-share at the Westin and I've heard so many great things about St. John, my wife and I were thinking of looking for something to buy. That will have to wait for another trip because I haven't seen much of the island this time."

Responses from police and the public have made a difference for the tourist, he added.

"The police were very professional and everyone, including dispatchers, has been very compassionate," said the man. "I've been getting all kinds of apologies from people who don't need to apologize. Despite my reservations about safety, my fears are being offset by all the responses I'm getting from people."

Anyone with information regarding the assault and robbery should call the VIPD's major crimes unit at 715-5518, McCall's office at 715-5506 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

V.I. Unity Day Formally Requests PSC To Reconsider Ferry Rate Hike

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Virgin Islands Unity Day Group sent an eight page letter to the Public Services Commission last week formally requesting the commission reconsider its decision to increase most passenger ferry rates.

While a \$1.10 fuel surcharge was rescinded, the PSC board voted on April 1 to raise the current \$5 adult one-way rate to \$7, which will go into effect in May. Students, seniors, children and commuter riders on the Red Hook run will all see their fares rise as well. Commuter tickets to Red Hook increased from \$60 for a two-week supply to \$100 for the same number of rides.

The ferry run from Cruz Bay to Charlotte Amalie will decrease from \$10 to \$8 for an adult one-way ticket, but 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.

Signed by the VI Unity Day Group's Transportation Committee Chairperson Stacie January and Co-chairperson Nydia Lewis, the letter outlines seven main reasons the PSC should review its move to raise ferry fares from Cruz Bay to Red Hook.

Incomplete Financial Records

First, the VI Unity Day Group alleges that the PSC erred in approving the rates by relying on incomplete financial records from Transportation Services, one of two ferry companies granted an exclusive franchise for the runs between St. Thomas and St. John.

"The 2006/07 audit report for Transporta-

"This is in effect a subsidy provided to the much fewer riders on the Charlotte Amalie route at the expense of the many more riders on the Red Hook route. The rates for the Charlotte Amalie and Red Hook route are therefore unreasonable, discriminatory and not supported by any route cost analysis presented to or documented by the commission."

— V.I. Unity Day Group

tion Services of St. John includes a qualified statement that the auditor was unable to confirm a substantial portion — more than 50 percent of each — of the accounts receivable and accounts payable balances for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2006," according to the letter. "Receivables and payables systems form core components of any accounting system and unverifiable balances question the integrity and adequacy of the financial controls and systems of this franchisee."

"The financial statements supplied by Transportation Services, the franchisee reporting the largest and most frequent losses, cannot be relied on to determine reasonable rates," VI Unity Day Group wrote in the letter addressed to Joseph Boschulte, chairperson of the PSC.

Ineligible Expenses on Returns

The group also alleges that the PSC erroneously included ineligible expenses of franchise holders in determining reasonable rates including unpaid taxes, below-market loans to officers, and interest and income tax

costs.

No Interest Loans To Company Officers

Audited financial statements for both Transportation Services of St. John and Varlack Ventures show substantial loans to company officers. Transportation's statements show more than \$71,000 due to the company from two officers, according to the letter. Varlack Ventures' financials show \$163,943 due from officers.

"Given that the loans bear no interest and have no fixed repayment dates, it is reasonable to assume that the loans should be treated as either a dividends or compensation paid to employees and be considered taxable income for income," the VI Unity Day Group wrote. "The result of the loans to officers by the companies is that riders are essentially paying interest charges on that borrowing being passed on through increased rates."

The PSC used unallowable costs in its determining reasonable rates for the franchisees, according to the letter.

Time Share Purchase

"Audited financial statements for Varlack Ventures Inc. show that the company purchased a time-share condominium in 2000 and continues to pay principal and interest on a 10-year loan," according to the VI Unity Day Group's letter. "It is unclear why the interest and any other recurring costs on a time-share condominium should be borne by the riders under the company's franchise agreement with the government."

"Because the commission relied on unallowable and ineligible expenses in determining rates, the rates are therefore unreasonable and unlawful and must be repealed," the Unity Day Group wrote.

Accounting Is Not Uniform

The accounting records provided by the ferry companies are not uniform and should not be relied on to support their claim of losses, according to the letter.

"Non-franchise operation expenses have been included in franchise operation expenses in determining 'reasonable' rates," according to the group's letter. "There should be no reason for not being able to easily allocate some costs directly between franchise and non-franchise operations."

Burden of Proof Not Met

The Unity Day Group also contends that the PSC approved rates which are discriminatory, unjust and unreasonable. Since the PSC relied on erroneous financial reports in setting new rates, those rates can only be unreasonable, according to the letter.

"The franchisees, therefore, could not have met even minimum requirements for

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It was all smiles — almost — as St. John Montessori students performed for the crowd during the grand opening ceremony at the school.

Parents, Friends, Dignitaries Celebrate Opening of St. John Montessori School

By Tom Oat
St. John Tradewinds

With songs, speeches and smiles — and a few tears — the island's newest school, St. John Montessori School, celebrated its official grand opening on Tuesday, April 14, at the John's Folly Learning Institute.

Parents, friends and dignitaries joined St. John Montessori School Director and Teacher Debra Polucci. The crowd was also treated to a performance by the 16 students of the new school which has taken shape in the one-room classroom which formerly housed the public school for the East End of the island.

Revered St. John educator Guy H. Benjamin, a special guest speaker in the lineup of dignitaries and supporters, regaled the audience with memories of his first teaching position at the Horace Mann School — “where I was the boss,” he said.

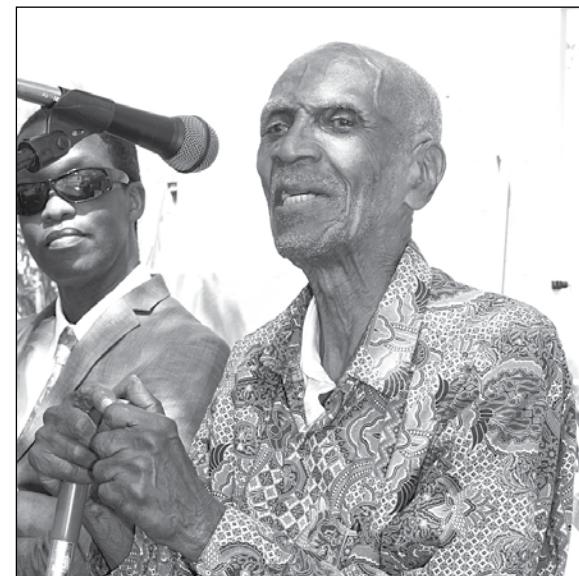
“It’s my pleasure to come home,” said Benjamin, who has become a regular visitor to the Montessori school.

Benjamin recalled living at the school during the week and traveling to his family home on the East End of St. John which is visible across the entrance to Coral Bay from the John’s Folly school.

John’s Folly Learning Institute founder Alvis Christian welcomed the Montessori school as an important aspect of JFLI’s on-going efforts to bring education programs to the remote southeastern end of St. John.

JFLI has focused on after-school and summer programs since Christian formed the non-profit institute and renovated the abandoned school. The learning institute will celebrate its 13th anniversary in May.

V.I. Department of Education Commissioner Dr. LaVerne Terry, who represented First Lady Cecile de Jongh, praised the value of early learning programs.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tom Oat

Guy H. Benjamin, who used to teach at the building, spoke during the event.

Other dignitaries and speakers included Senator Wayne James and Senator at Large Craig Barshinger. St. Thomian Eric Zucker, who attended St. Thomas Montessori as a child and has a child at St. John Montessori, was the opening speaker.

In her remarks, Polucci thanked parents and friends of St. John Montessori, including co-founder Amelia Jones who is no longer affiliated with the for-profit early education program.

The St. John Montessori School teaches students from 2 1/2 to 5 years old and is licensed by the Virgin Islands government to enroll 26 children from ages 2 1/2 to 8 years old.

Ivan "Cookie" Chinnery Sentenced to 15 Years for Sexual Offense of Girl

St. John Tradewinds

V.I. Superior Court Judge Brenda Hollar sentenced a St. John man Tuesday, April 14, to a total of fifteen years behind bars for his conviction on two counts of Unlawful Sexual Contact with a minor.

On February 18, 2009, a jury found 49-year-old Ivan "Cookie" Chinnery guilty of using force or coercion in the unlawful sexual contact with 13-year-old girl, who was on her way to school on St. John on the morning of January 16, 2008.

Chinnery's prior felony conviction of Burglary in the Second Degree in 2003 made him eligible for Habitual Offender treatment, which Judge Hollar applied during sentencing last week.

The Habitual Offender Statute (V.I.C. Title 14 § 61) mandates that whoever has been convicted of a felony offense shall, upon a subsequent conviction of a felony, be incarcerated for a term of imprisonment of not less than 10 years and may be incarcerated for the remainder of his natural life.

Judge Hollar sentenced Chinnery to a term of 15 years for each count of Unlawful Sexual Contact with a minor to run concurrently. Chinnery will be eligible for parole after he serves the first 10 years of his sentence.

Chinnery will be required to register his name on the Virgin Islands Sexual Registry maintained by the V.I. Department of Justice upon his release from prison, pursuant to V.I.C. Title 14 Chapter 86.

St. John Man Arrested for Possession, Intent To Distribute Crack Cocaine

By Jaime Elliott

St. John Tradewinds

Estate Bethany resident Steven Reichel was arrested last week for possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute, trespassing, disturbing the peace and illegal transfer of license plates, but only the possession charge stuck after his probable cause hearing.

Testifying before V.I. Superior Court Judge Ishmael Meyers on Tuesday, April 14, V.I. Police De-

partment officer Dennis Vanterpool said a woman called police claiming her boyfriend was taking items off her porch without permission, according to a published report.

After finding Reichel coming out of the bathroom of an unnamed restaurant, VIPD found "six bags of crack cocaine and one bag of crack cocaine inside a plastic container," Vanterpool was quoted in the *Virgin Islands Daily News*.

After his arrest, Reichel waived his rights and admitted the drugs

were his, according to the report. The Estate Bethany man said he had just moved out of his girlfriend's house where he'd been living for more than a year and was taking his property, according to the *V.I. Daily News* report.

After hearing testimony, Myers dismissed the trespassing charge but upheld the possession with intent to distribute charge. Reichel's bail was set at \$10,000, of which he was able to pay 10 percent. His arraignment is set for April 23.

Film Society Hosting Free Movie Screening April 28

St. John Tradewinds

The St. John Film Society has secured a location on the second floor of The Marketplace for its free monthly film screening series and will host the first one on Tuesday evening, April 28, at 7 p.m.

The group will also continue to host free monthly screenings at Sputnik's in Coral Bay on the first Tuesday of each month.

The April 28 presentation will celebrate Earth Day when "Flow: For Love of Water" will

be screened. The 93-minute documentary by Irena Salina is a careful look at the politics behind the world's diminishing water supply.

The film includes interviews with scientists and activists which outline the seriousness of the growing crises and highlights efforts to develop practical solutions and technologies. "Flow" was screened at the United Nations as part of the 60th Anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights.

V.I. National Park's Chief of Re-

source Management Rafe Boulon will be on hand to make a presentation about the island's fresh water resources. The film and presentation will be in a room between Nest and The Mail Center.

Film Society members will be back out at Sputnik's on Tuesday, May 5, at 7 p.m. when "Golden Venture," a 70-minute documentary examining the struggle of illegal immigrants, will be screened.

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AARP Members Get Tourist-eye View of Love City's Ocean World

By Susan Mann
St. John Tradewinds

There was a jam packed agenda and nearly every seat was filled at the monthly St. John AARP meeting on Thursday evening, April 16, at the Nazareth Lutheran Church hall in Cruz Bay.

Three guest speakers were on hand to address the membership, Representative Gil Hash of the USVI Medical Air Services Association (MASA), and Fern LaBorde, Executive Director of American Cancer Society, USVI Unit, both of St. Thomas, and St. John marine ecologist Dr. Caroline Rogers.

Hash updated the group on the variety of off-island medical transportation services MASA now offers, including an option which allows patients to be flown directly to the mainland for care.

Annual membership costs can be paid on a monthly deduction basis, rather than paid in one payment. The average cost of an air ambulance starts at about \$10,000. Participation in MASA is open to the general public.

LaBorde described the services offered by the USVI Cancer Society to St. John residents who have been diagnosed with cancer, including help with the costs of transportation to treatment centers or assistance with paying for costly medication



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Susan Mann

Dr. Caroline Rogers presents an underwater photography slide show at last Thursday's St. John AARP chapter meeting.

which is not covered by insurance.

LaBorde hopes to organize a "Relay for Life" in Love City. Residents from St. John have been participating in the event on St. Thomas and St. Croix has hosted

its own race as well. The St. Thomas relay has raised about \$200,000, which helps provide extra care for cancer patients in the district.

"Many patients need what the Cancer

Society has to offer, but don't know this type of help is there," said LaBorde. "We want to get the word out."

Rogers delighted everyone with a slide presentation of the under sea world surrounding Love City. After a careful review and explanation of coral growth, Rogers showed the crowd some of the varied creatures of the sea she encounters on an average day of marine research and ocean photography.

"The mangroves are fish nurseries," said Rogers.

One particularly amusing underwater picture Rogers shared was taken as she looked toward the ocean surface, and included two legs of a frantically swimming pelican and the sinking, bottom portion of its beak filled beyond capacity with fish.

Rogers has seen squid swimming in formation, lined up from largest to smallest, she explained.

"I'm not saying they do math, but they did know how to do that somehow," she said.

The marine biologist concluded her presentation with assurances that much of the sea life seen in the pictures could be spotted very close to the beaches.

"You don't have to be a diver to be able to see all of this," said Rogers. "Much of it is within a few feet of shore."

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New Regulations for Hurricane Hole

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

There will be no waiting in a long line for three days or a motorized race into Hurricane Hole this year for a storm berth.

Virgin Islands National Park and Coral Reef National Monument officials are implementing new regulations for the 2009 hurricane season and beyond.

If a vessel owner was issued a permit in 2008 for a storm mooring location in Hurricane Hole and wants to keep the same location for 2009, the vessel owner should notify the park by written response to Rafe Boulon, VINP's Chief of Resource Management via: email to rafe_boulon@nps.gov; letter to 1300 Cruz Bay Creek, St. John 00830; or fax to 693-9500 or 693-9301, prior to May 15, 2009.

Vessel owners may also drop off a written response at the Visitor Center in Cruz Bay. All correspondences should be addressed to Boulon.

All vessel owners who submit written notification will then have until May 29, to renew their permit for that location by going to the VINP offices at Lind Point and filling out an application. This option only exists for those with valid permits issued in 2008.

For those who do not want to retain their location and want to take their chances in a drawing, any spots not reissued by May 29 will be available for the lottery on June 6. The drawing should discourage boaters from lining up outside the VINP office 48 hours ahead of time, as occurred in years past, explained Boulon.

The drawing will include the additional 26 storm mooring berths in Princess Bay and Otter Creek installed in late 2008. The drawing will be at 8 a.m. on June 6 at the VINP ball field in Cruz Bay.

All participants will need to be there by 8 a.m. to fill out a card to be placed in a box from which the cards will be drawn randomly. Storm mooring sites will be assigned based on vessel requirements and available spots.

"This is similar to what we did with the first come, first served in the past," said Boulon. "We had the people in the front of the line come look at the map and then look at their boat size and depth needs, etc. to determine a good spot for them. That's just what we'll be doing this year, but instead of first come, first served, it will be a drawing."

"It's a fairer way of getting people to the table without people being there days in advance," Boulon said.

"We want to impress on people if they are going to leave gear they will lose their spots or be fined."

— Rafe Boulon,
Chief of Resource Management
Virgin Islands National Park

Last year, VINP officials decided to open Hurricane Hole at 9 a.m. on an appointed day and issue storm berth permits on a first come, first served basis on-site. While that plan sounded logical, it resulted in a mad dash as boaters jockeyed for position at the mouth of each Hurricane Hole and raced to their desired storm berth as VINP officials watched.

Although many boaters agreed that last year's plan was not ideal, most vessel owners were pleased with their locations, explained Boulon.

"I never heard any complaints about where people ended up last year," Boulon. "I definitely heard complaints about the process, but not the spots people got. So far, the feedback to the new regulations has been very positive."

After vessel owners notify the park and then stop by the Lind Point Offices to fill out the actual application, Hurricane Hole will still not be opened until later in the season, Boulon explained.

"We'll be marking all spots in Hurricane Hole, just like in the past, by early June," said the VINP chief of resource management. "So people shouldn't just go out to their spot and mark it after they get their permit. We won't have people going out there and putting gear down until we get more into the season."

VINP officials will be cracking down on vessel owners who leave gear behind after hurricane season, Boulon added.

"We had 16 boats that left gear behind last year," said Boulon. "It took seven people and three boats to get everything out. It's just getting worse and worse."

Vessel owners who left gear behind last year will be issued a written warning and all future violations will be subject to penalties, including fines and possible exclusion from Hurricane Hole.

"We want to impress on people if they are going to leave gear they will lose their spots or be fined," said Boulon.

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Steve Simon Returns from the Pyramids

He's back and preparing for his next adventure! The audiences in Egypt demand that he'll play more jazz and blues for them.

This last Sunday's Beach Bar featured outstanding lady-vocalists. Jus'Cynthia Saunders was fabulous, especially when she and Mark Wallace blasted forth with "Wha' He Say?" The fans forgot their worries and cares as they sang at the top of their lungs! Cynthia has been singing in Bangkok for two years and will return in November. Another vocalist, Loulane, with a lovely voice, alternated with her. Cindy Jurgen also wowed the crowd with her vocal skills.

Andrew Cameron, the drummer, has shaved off his beard and moustache and really looks like the mystery man.

J'moi Powell and Jonte Samuel sat in with their tenor saxophones — it's a joy to hear teenagers play with a professional air.

Snowbirds Are on Their Way North

We'll all miss Jay Zawacki who has left for the Cape. The Wednesday night band at Shipwreck Landing gave him a "We'll Miss Our Best Jazz Fan" award. He really knows his jazz! (and political science).

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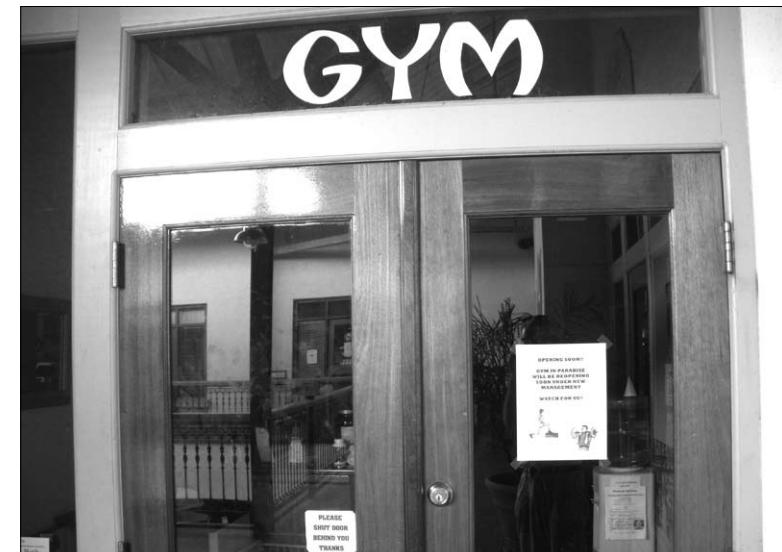
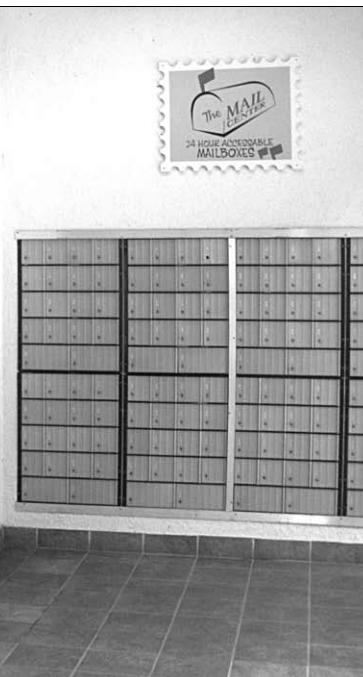
GBS Flotilla Fundraiser Is Fun-filled



The Coral Bay Yacht Club hosted the almost-annual Guy Benjamin School Flotilla on Saturday, April 18 at Miss Vie's Campground. The day provided students and parents with a morning sail from Coral Bay to Hansen Bay.

Koko and the Sunshine Band, left, entertained during the fundraiser.

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St. John Tradewinds News Photos by Tom Oat

ADM Wireless will take over The Mail Center and the empty space next door, at left. The gym is set re-open.

A Little Shuffling and Re-opening at The Marketplace

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Tenants at The Marketplace will be shuffling around next month as new management takes over the Mail Center and Gym in Paradise re-opens under new leadership.

After closing its doors in March, Gym in Paradise has left Love City's fitness savvy out in the cold. The gym will re-open in May under new — or old — management.

Mark Dallas bought the gym in January 2008 and originally intended to move to St. John to

run the operation. Plans changed, however, and Dallas was unable to relocate to Love City. A series of setbacks put the business in the red and left Dallas scrambling for rent.

Dallas hoped to lure new membership to re-open the gym, but plans changed again and now the original managers Kate and Jim Swan and Terry and Tommy Bertolino, owners of St. John Hardware, will be running the gym once again.

With a return to the original management, customers can ex-

pect a return to the service which lagged for several months before the gym closed its doors.

"We're excited to have the gym re-open and it will come back better than it was before," said Debbie Marsh, Marketplace manager. "The new management will ensure the gym is reliable and returns to the great service it provided before. It will no longer be run under Dallas Enterprises."

New Mail Center Owner

On the second floor of The Marketplace, ADM Wireless will be moving across the courtyard to

the former Island Headquarters location — which has sat vacant for more than a year — as it takes over management of The Mail Center.

In addition to keeping the current mail service available, ADM will offer business services as well, explained owner Trevor Adams.

"Our plan is to improve on the services that are already being provided by adding a business center so people will be able to come in and use their lap tops and print or use the computers there," said Adams. "We'll maintain the current

mail service and just try to provide more valuable services that people need."

ADM Wireless will take over the Mail Center in May, and will occupy the empty space next door in June. Adams was looking for another business opportunity when the Mail Center became available, he explained.

"I was interested in opening a mail service in Red Hook but a competitor opened over there and then this opportunity became available and I jumped at it," Adams said.

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Learn Healthy Living at Women With Focus Seminar on April 24

**By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds**

In celebration of its tenth anniversary, a women's health initiative group called Women With Focus is hosting its first Love City seminars on St. John this week.

The group was founded by St. Croix-native Janice Mathurin after a series of health scares made her turn her own life around.

"The program focuses on healthy eating and how women can empower themselves," said Mathurin, a certified nutritionist. "I was a nurse for 21 years and after going through various challenges with my own health, I had a stroke and a massive heart attack. I was only in my 30s when this happened and it was a real wake up call for me."

"I saw that if I didn't make changes, I was going to be in real trouble," Mathurin said. "I have four daughters and a son and how could I be good to them if I wasn't even being good to

myself. So I decided to work on fixing myself and then to make it my business and life's work to help others too."

Mathurin is hosting two workshops on St. John this week. She'll focus on senior health on Thursday, April 24, when she speaks at the Adrian Seniors' Center at 2 p.m. That evening, Mathurin will give her presentation to the general public at 7 p.m. Both sessions will focus on healthy eating and healthy lifestyles.

"My thing is getting people to lose weight without dieting," said Mathurin. "I get people to reprogram their bodies and re-evaluate their relationship with food to help them lose weight. I give people the tools to win their war with obesity once and for all."

For more information on Women With Focus, check out the web site at www.women-with-focus.org or call Mathurin at 340-643-4772.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Gabriel Brezic

Chef Ben Brezic explained the benefits of culinary careers to GHS students last week.

Students Learn Culinary Career Opportunities

**By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds**

A former St. John chef was back on island last week spreading the word about his profession to Giff Hill School students.

Ben Brezic, who manned the kitchen at La Tapa and designed the kitchen at Pastory Gardens, is now a chef instructor at the New England Culinary Institute's Burlington, Vermont campus.

With 12 years of cooking under

his belt, including eight years on St. John and two years on a private yacht, Brezic and his wife were looking for something different.

"I got married last fall and my wife and I decided we wanted something a little more stable," said Brezic. "We were looking for work when the instructor job opened up and I love it."

The New England Culinary Institute offers a two year associate degree and a four year bachelor

program as well. Brezic is the p.m. a la carte chef where he leads students in the school's restaurant.

"We have a live action restaurant where the students work all the stations and I help them refine their techniques," said Brezic. "The students cook for about 200 customers a night. Every three weeks I get a new class and every three nights we change stations."

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CBCC and Chamber Chapter Working To Improve Signage

By Kate Norfleet

St. John Tradewinds

The St. John Chapter of the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce hosted a joint meeting with the Coral Bay Community Council on Tuesday, April 14.

CBCC president Sharon Coldren announced that Joe Mina has been hired as a storm water engineer with funds from a \$300,000 Environmental Protection Agency grant the group received to tackle storm water issues.

Congratulations to CBCC for the progress on this grant and to all of the businesses, restaurants and villas who so graciously contributed to Mina and his family's warm welcome.

A Coral Bay Shoreline Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, May 2, from 9 to 11 am. There will be three focal points for the cleanup, the inner harbor beach area, the mangroves and the debris on the eastern shore of Coral Bay harbor.

Participants should bring gloves and water. No tools are needed as there will be no brush clearing. Anyone interested in volunteering or seeking more information should contact Coldren at 776-

2099.

There is a new property manager for the Moravian Church property in Coral Bay so changes may be in the works. CBCC has organized a committee to liaison with the manager on issues which may affect businesses and groups using the ball field and other sections of the property.

Any Coral Bay businesses interested in getting involved, should contact Chamber of Commerce St. John Board of Director member Kate Norfleet at 693-9099 or CBCC.

One main focus of the group is improved signage, a project already underway for all of St. John with a chapter committee headed by Debbie Hime.

Mark Hardgrove, Superintendent of VI National Park, presented a very informative and positive report on the status of the park and his success at gaining access to grant money and special funds to complete many of the projects.

Additionally, the number of volunteer hours contributed to maintaining trails and sites throughout the park has been growing all the time. Hardgrove's personal ap-

proach and commitment to the park and to the whole community is impressive.

Norfleet announced that the venue for the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce Wilbur "Bill" LaMotta Community Service Awards Dinner Dance will be at St. Peter Great House.

The event will now be on June 13, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited to join the chamber in honoring John Foster, International Capital and Management Company, LLC, Lynette Boschulte, Akoya Hyndman and Love City's own Guy Benjamin and Steve and Helen Simon for all that they have done for their community.

Tickets are \$125 per person and special transportation will be arranged for all St. John attendees. The evening will begin with a cocktail reception followed by dinner, dancing and the program. Entertainment will be provided by the Sound Waves and attire is island elegant. Call Norfleet for more information or to advertise in the awards booklet. The next Chapter Meeting will be on Tuesday, April 28, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Ocean Grill upstairs.

Annual Ruby Rutnik Memorial Softball Tournament



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Whitney Bess and Evanna Chinnery, far left, sing the "National Anthem" and "V.I. March" during the opening ceremony of the 13th annual Ruby Rutnik Memorial Softball Tournament on Friday night, April 17.

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Under Investigation: 0
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Solved: 0

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Grand Larcenies: 68
Under Investigation: 68
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Letters to St. John Tradewinds

Cops Meet Quotas by Issuing Unnecessary Tickets

Editor,

After reading the letter regarding Officer Callwood, I felt compelled to write about my experiences with the V.I. Police Department.

It seems that at the end of every month, they (the VIPD) come to Coral Bay to issue tickets for whatever reason they can find. They hold road blocks and stop everyone just to find any excuse to issue a ticket.

They are by no means friendly, and as Mary wrote in her letter, "they only harass private citizens in the name of public safety."

There are drugs being sold and everyone knows where, but would the cops go check it out? No. Because not having a spare tire on your car is more dangerous to the community than selling drugs.

I drove back and forth through Coral Bay one Sat-

urday afternoon, when I was pulled over by Officer Hodge. He issued me a ticket for not having a spare tire. A week later I went to get my car inspected and passed with no spare tire. Go figure.

They have a certain quota to meet and the easiest way to do it is to come to Coral Bay. Funny how when we called the police to come to Shipwreck Landing the night one of the locals showed up outside the restaurant with a gun pointing at the dinner crowd, the VIPD were too busy to come "all the way out there" because it was carnival and they were short handed.

I would also like to ask who gives these officers guns and badges?

Name Withheld Upon Request
Coral Bay

Residents Still Have a Say in New Plan for Creek

Dear Editor,

St. John residents must realize that there are two off-island forces at work to limit our marine resources, our parking, and therefore our business.

These two forces are US Homeland Security and the St. Thomas/St John Port Authority.

Homeland Security is in the process of closing the entire Creek Harbor to access by our private citizens by land and by sea.

Have you noticed the loss of dozens of our parking spaces there? The entire Creek Harbor is being designated a 105, or secure area, for the use by Commercial Vessels only, like the dock at Cruz Bay.

The Creek Harbor has been under local control for time immemorial for use by our neighbors and our families. Some portion of it must remain so. And the plan is not finished yet. We still have a say.

Local Port Authority officers have bent over backwards in their efforts to provide services like dockage and parking for our needs. Kudos to them! But their

efforts are limited by the fact that the top administrators of the Port Authority are located in St Thomas.

These administrators are not villains, but need input from us concerning St. John marine and land usage needs. We need to contact them and express our wishes for this usage.

Steve Black has promoted simple plans for both the Creek Harbor and Enighed Pond Harbor that would create parking, allow usage by our private boats and ease congestion in Cruz Bay. He may not be a member of the Robert deJongh Architectural Firm, but Bob deJongh is sensitive to local community wishes when they are expressed.

Express your wishes to: Honorable Gov. John deJongh Jr at contact@governordeJongh.com; Port Authority Ex. Dir Kenn Hobson at khobson@viport.com; or Chairman, Port Auth. Gov. Board at bdonastorg@viport.com.

Thank you,
Craig Friedenberg

Pine Peace Mini Mart Added To Food Basket Survey

St. John Tradewinds

The Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs conducted its latest territory-wide food basket survey during the last week of March.

The food basket survey is designed to inform consumers on which stores have the best prices on staple grocery items. The number of items compared on each island varies due to the fact that a comparison can only be valid if each store carries the same items.

St. John

On St. John three stores were surveyed. Typically the survey compares two stores — Dolphin Market and Starfish Market — however Pine Peace Mini Mart was added to the March survey.

The new addition to the survey offered the lowest priced food basket at \$55.13. The results were \$1.76

cheaper than Starfish Market at \$56.91 and \$5.60 cheaper than Dolphin Market at \$60.73. All three stores were compared using a 24 item list

St. Thomas

On St. Thomas four stores were surveyed; Pueblo in Long Bay and Sub Base, Plaza Extra, and Food Center were all compared using a food basket of the same items.

The best deal for all 30 items of the family food basket was found at Pueblo Long Bay with a total of \$88.76. Pueblo's Sub Base store came in at an extremely close second place with a food basket of \$88.84, a difference of .08 cents between the two stores. From the February food basket survey, it was observed that the Pueblo supermarkets on St. Thomas were leading the way in uniform pricing.

St. John Tradewinds' Keeping Track data comes from the V.I. Police Department's Leander Jurgen Command Incident Log, an unofficial record of calls to the station, reports and arrests on St. John.



Historical Bits & Pieces

by Chuck Pishko

The "Subtle Beauty" of the East End

St. John Tradewinds

On a recent walk through the East End, I got to observe the tourists driving out to the end of the road and quickly returning back to "civilization" as they know it. I wonder if they gained an appreciation of the landscape as much as they did the awesome seascapes.

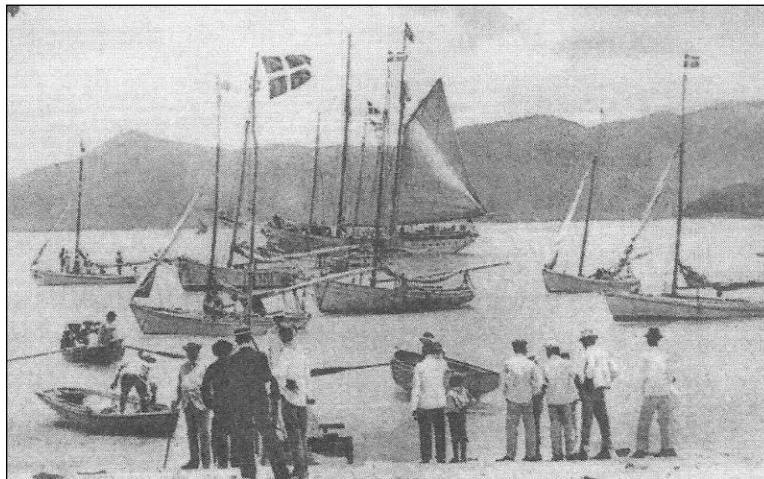
Hopefully they saw the "subtle beauty" that one of our local botanists, Eleanor Gibney, describes in her recent book "Native Trees and Plants of East End, St. John," not just the catch and keep. Too often the shocking colors of bougainvilleas and other imported plants are considered to be the norm.

Gibney continues to inform the public about local landscapes. She is currently consulting with the Estate Fish Bay Owners' Association to establish a native plant demonstration area where people can see trees and plants that naturally populate our environs. The Virgin Islands Department of Agriculture has given the association a grant to help establish this area which will eventually be open to all St. John residents.

Not only does the natural environment of the East End have lessons for us all but also the people who settled and lived there are examples for us to follow on community spirit, an appreciation of the uncomplicated life and a deeper appreciation of what is really important. The natural landscape belies the many industrial and commercial endeavors that were engaged in by the inhabitants of East End to Coral Bay.

A review of deeds in the Cadastral's Office shows that St. Thomas merchants held title to large tracts of land in this area. These lands were used to mine sand and gravel for construction on St. Thomas, to manufacture lime for cement, and to make charcoal (the propane of yesteryear).

It's ironic that "coal" was made here to fuel the cooking stoves of St. Thomas and Puerto Rico. For example, the Lockhart Development Company had extensive



A postcard view of East End picnic — early 1900's on the King's birthday.

holdings on St. John and an agent who would oversee the distribution of sand and gravel orders to East Enders who would gather the materials and transport them to St. Thomas.

It would seem that there was plenty of land on St. Thomas to conduct this business. The road system, however, had not been developed as yet and trucks were not available.

The best way to understand the types of people who lived on the East End is to take an in-depth look at two of its thought leaders. Thought leaders and top of the head awareness are just marketing terms for exploring the heart of a community.

Alice Maude Harley and Captain Moses Harley represented all that was good on the East End. Their innate dignity reflected the peace they shared with themselves and their neighbors. The Harleys were born in the last decade of the 19th century and passed in the late 1970s.

The Captain, born on British Thatch Island, was raised at Mary's Point and educated at Emmaus and on the sea. Moses began working on Lovango clearing pasture. His uncle Joseph introduced him to seafaring where he spent most of his time. He went to the states and worked as a seaman

visiting Florida, New York, Texas, Alabama, Cuba, Jamaica, Mexico and Canada.

Moses returned home in 1939. He grew crops of ground provisions. He fished with his seine net. This was a community effort which involved the people who handled the net and those who drove the fish into the nets. Others helped to salt the excess fish. Even those who were unable to work shared in the catch.

Captain Harley's boat was called the Golden Dawn. This single-masted Tortolan sloop sailed to St. Thomas, St Croix and Tortola.

Alice Maude Harley, nee Chinnery, went to Antigua for teacher training and worked at the East End School for 30 years. The Harleys made it a point to search out newcomers and to make those people feel welcomed.

Maude is quoted as saying "All who come are nice people" to which the Captain added "No Kick" meaning "no complaint." Her hurricane advice was always timely. She said after the house is closed, "Some people sing, some pray. You sit quietly and wait on God's mercy."

I've met stateside East Enders who came to know the Harleys over 40 years ago and still speak of them with reverence and deep respect.

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Georgia Wells Wins Jelly Bean Count Contest

St. John Tradewinds

For their Easter Extravaganza, Starfish Market officials filled a jar with jelly beans and asked customers to guess how many were in it for a chance to win gift certificates to the store. There were 1,610 jelly beans in the jar.

After hundreds of guesses, Georgia Wells was the closest with her guess of 1,602. Evelyn Romulus was second with a guess of 1,600 and Lisa Etre was the third closest with her guess of 1,585.

Unitarian Universalists Meet Each Sunday; Neurologist Dr. David Weisher To Speak

St. John Tradewinds

The Unitarian Universalists of St. John meet each Sunday at 9:45 am in the Great Room located at the Gifft Hill School.

The guest speaker on Sunday, April 26, is Dr. David Weisher, who is a world renown Neurologist who practices on St. Thomas. His presentation topic: "Near Death Experience, Fact or Fiction?" For transportation from Cruz Bay call 776-6332. www.uufstjohn.org

V.I. Media Project Program Available for Students To Produce Media Productions

St. John Tradewinds

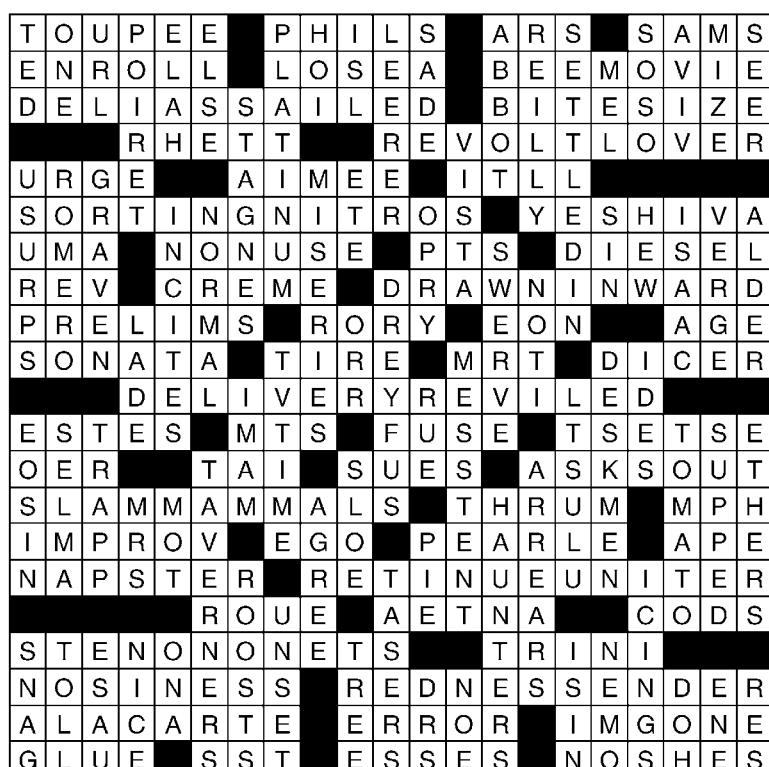
Register children today for an eight-week summer program of everything media related from June 15 to August 14, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The V.I. Media Project summer program gives each child a chance to use their creativity to produce media productions for television, radio, print and the internet. They'll learn how to make TV and radio commercials, create a poster, newsletter, and magazine, layout a web site, go on field trips and more.

Each media component is taught by award winning media professionals. The Summer Program is open for ages 7 to 15. Space is limited. For summer program fee information and registration, contact the Summer Program Director Gloria Gumbs at 776-7635 or email to vimediaproject@live.com.

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Easter Evening Concert



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Susan Mann

Violinist Brett Omara, accompanied by pianist John Cahill, performed at the Cruz Bay Lutheran Church on Easter evening. The two musicians were joined by the talented St. John Singers. Locals and tourists alike expressed their delight with the Negro Spirituals and Classical Music selections with a round of thunderous applause at the conclusion of the event.

Ferry Rate Hike

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establishing a burden of proof justifying that the proposed rate increases were just and reasonable as required under Section 24 of Title 30 of the VI Code and under which the franchisees are solely responsible for establishing that burden of proof," the Unity Day Group wrote.

Rates Discriminate Against Red Hook Riders

The rates are discriminatory against the Red Hook riders be-

cause they are subsidizing the Cruz Bay to Charlotte Amalie run, according to the St. John group.

"Despite the Charlotte Amalie route being more than 30 times the distance of the Red Hook route, adult passengers on the former will only pay 14 percent higher rates," according to the Unity Day Group letter. "Removing the fuel surcharge is resulting in a reduction of rates for the Charlotte Amalie riders, yet a substantial increase in rates for the two largest ridership groups (commuters and adults) on the Red Hook route."

"This is in effect a subsidy provided to the much fewer riders on the Charlotte Amalie route at the expense of the many more riders on the Red Hook route," the group wrote. "The rates for the Charlotte Amalie and Red Hook route are therefore unreasonable, discriminatory and not supported by any route cost analysis presented to or documented by the commission."

The group hopes to hear a response from the commission shortly and retains its right to appeal the PSC's final action in VI District Court.

Culinary Career Opportunity

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of about eight to one, the New England Culinary Institute offers hands-on learning and a commitment to sustainable cuisine, Brezic explained.

"There is a real emphasis on fresh local products and ingredients," he said. "The school is dedicated to reducing the carbon footprint by smart food practices. We have such amazing access to products up there fresh from the farm."

Brezic shared his zeal for the culinary arts with GHS students during a presentation on Friday morning, April 17.

"I gave a presentation to the students to show them an alternative to the conventional college experience," said Brezic. "A lot of kids here live alternative lifestyles on the beach so I thought an alternative school might fit well. It's a great career and the kids really enjoyed the presentation."

The New England Culinary Institute's two year program places students in internships at the end of

their second year. Through his contacts in St. John kitchens, Brezic has positioned three students in internships on Love City, at La Tapa and Waterfront Bistro.

"The food scene down here is great with all the abundance of fresh seafood and tropical fruits," said Brezic. "Working here and being a chef here, the island has always had an issue with a lack of talent to work in all these great restaurants. I thought I could get the school involved with the island and develop a relationship with providing talented labor while providing the kids with outstanding opportunities."

Brezic still loves cooking and recommends the career for anyone looking to put a smile on people's faces.

"I love making people happy and taking care of people," said Brezic. "Seeing that look of bliss on people's faces when they take a bite of some of my food is a memorable experience and is what I still love about cooking."

For more information on the New England Culinary Institute check out the web site www.neci.edu.

Summer Enrichment Applications Available for Parents

St. John Tradewinds

Parents of students attending St. Thomas/St. John District public schools are advised that the deadline to submit applications for the 2009 Learn It! Summer Enrichment Program has passed.

Department of Education Superintendent Jeanette Smith-Barry asks parents whose children have been referred for the program to immediately submit their applications to the respective school or at the Curriculum Center in Tutu to ensure their enrollment.

The program, sponsored by the VI Department of Education, is

geared toward helping students to improve their skills in reading and math.

"The program has been extended and expanded this year beginning on June 22 and ending on July 30," said Smith. "Students will be actively engaged in a series of activities both academic and entertaining from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays."

Enrollment in the program is at no cost and targets students who received basic or below basic scores on last year's VITAL tests. There will be rewards for good attendance and for those students

who successfully complete the six week program, Smith explained.

"There are several schools that have not submitted any applications thus far and we do not want students attending these schools to lose out on this meaningful and fun opportunity to learn," the superintendent said. "This free enrichment program will be supported by the federal Summer Food Service Program, providing breakfast, lunch and a snack for its participants as well as bus transportation will be provided to and from each site."

For more information contact the District Offices at 775-2250.

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.

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.

Thursday, April 21

The Recycling Association of the VI, St. John Chapter, will meet on Thursday, April 21 at 7 p.m. on the third floor of The Marketplace in the St. John Community Foundation offices.

Friday, April 24

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Virgin Islands Port Authority Governing Board will be held on Friday, April 24, 2009 at 10 a.m. in the conference room on the third floor of the Port Authority's administration building on St. Thomas.

Sunday, April 26

The Unitarian Universalists of St. John will host a guest speaker on Sunday, April 26 at 9:45 am in the Great Room located at the Giff Hill School. The guest speaker is Dr. David Weisher, who is a world renown Neurologist who practices on St. Thomas. His presentation topic: "Near Death Experience, Fact or Fiction?"

Tuesday, April 28

The next Chapter Meeting will be on Tuesday, April 28, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Ocean Grill upstairs.

Tuesday, April 28

The St. John Film Society has secured a location on the second floor of The Marketplace for its free monthly film screening series and will host the first one on Tuesday evening, April 28, at 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 2

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

Saturday, May 2

A Coral Bay Shoreline Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, May 2, from 9 to 11 am.

Sunday, May 24

Friends of Virgin Islands National Park is hosting the 6th annual Friends' Beach-to Beach Power Swim on Sunday, May 24, at 8 a.m.

Saturday, June 13

The St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce Wilbur "Bill" LaMotta Community Service Awards Dinner Dance will be St. Peter Great House on Saturday, June 13, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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 Police Report

Land Line Emergency No: 911 Cellular Emergency No: 340-776-9110 St. John Police Department: 340-693-8880

Friday, April 10

7:16 p.m. - A citizen c/requesting police assistance with a male who stated he was going to commit suicide. Police assistance.

Saturday, April 11

8:00 a.m. - An Estate Carolina resident p/r someone stole her mahi mahi out of the cooler in the rear of her pickup truck while it was parked in Cruz Bay. Grand larceny.

9:00 a.m. - An Estate Quacco and Zimmerman resident p/r he lost his wallet. Lost property.

1:20 p.m. - A citizen c/r a disturbance in the area of Estate Carolina. Assault in the third.

2:00 p.m. - A citizen r/ that her boyfriend was at her residence without her permission. Trespassing, DV.

2:30 p.m. - A Cruz Bay resident p/r that she was assaulted by her co-worker. Simple assault.

6:15 p.m. - 403V and 74B p/ with one Steven Reichel placed under arrest and charged with trespassing, DV and possession of a control substance (crack cocaine). Defendant was remanded to the Bureau of Corrections.

Sunday, April 12

1:00 a.m. - A robbery took place in downtown Cruz Bay near FirstBank. Robbery in the first.

2:00 p.m. - A citizen c/r an auto accident in the area of Asolare. Auto accident.

10:00 p.m. - An Estate Zoo-

tenga resident c/r that his tenant is throwing his furniture outside. Destruction of property.

Monday April 13

9:48 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident r/ that her neighbor has been harassing her and her son. Disturbance of the peace.

6:16 p.m. - An Estate Bethany resident p/r that someone stole her wallet out of her vehicle. Grand larceny.

Tuesday, April 14

8:15 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r that someone struck her parked vehicle in the area of Cruz Bay.

11:10 a.m. - A St. Thomas resident r/ that a minor Julius E. Sprauve School student threatened her. Disturbance of the peace.

12:00 p.m. - A citizen r/ that someone placed a dead cat under the hood of her vehicle. Malicious mischief.

1:55 p.m. - A citizen r/ an auto accident in the area of Inspection Lane. Auto accident.

5:30 p.m. - A citizen c/r a vacation house in Virgin Grand Estates was burglarized. Burglary in the second.

Wednesday, April 15

1:15 a.m. - A citizen c/r suspicious behavior from a black male in Coral Bay. Suspicious activity.

3:25 p.m. - A citizen c/r a fight in the area of the Lumbearyard. Vehicle tampering.

3:25 p.m. - An Estate Rendezvous resident r/ that a male assaulted him with his vehicle in the area of the Lumbearyard. Assault in the third.

8:27 p.m. - An Estate Rendezvous resident p/r that a male threatened him with a machete in the area of Nature's Nook. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

9:00 p.m. - A St. Thomas resident p/r that he was assaulted by a male in the area of Nature's Nook. Simple assault and battery.

9:00 p.m. - Two VIPD officers p/r that illegal drugs were recovered in the area of the V.I. National Park ball field. Recovered drugs.

Thursday, April 16

No time given - A citizen p/r that she is having a problem with a school employee at Julius E. Sprauve School. Police assistance.

11:40 a.m. - Management at C&C Car Rental p/r that a rental vehicle was damaged. Damage to a vehicle.

3:00 p.m. - A citizen c/r a female was down on Honeymoon Beach. Police assistance.

7:50 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r requesting police assistance. Police assistance.

Friday, April 17

2:00 a.m. - Badge #90 p/r recovered drug paraphernalia in the area of Penn's Trucking, Cruz Bay.

St. John Church Schedule & Directory

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

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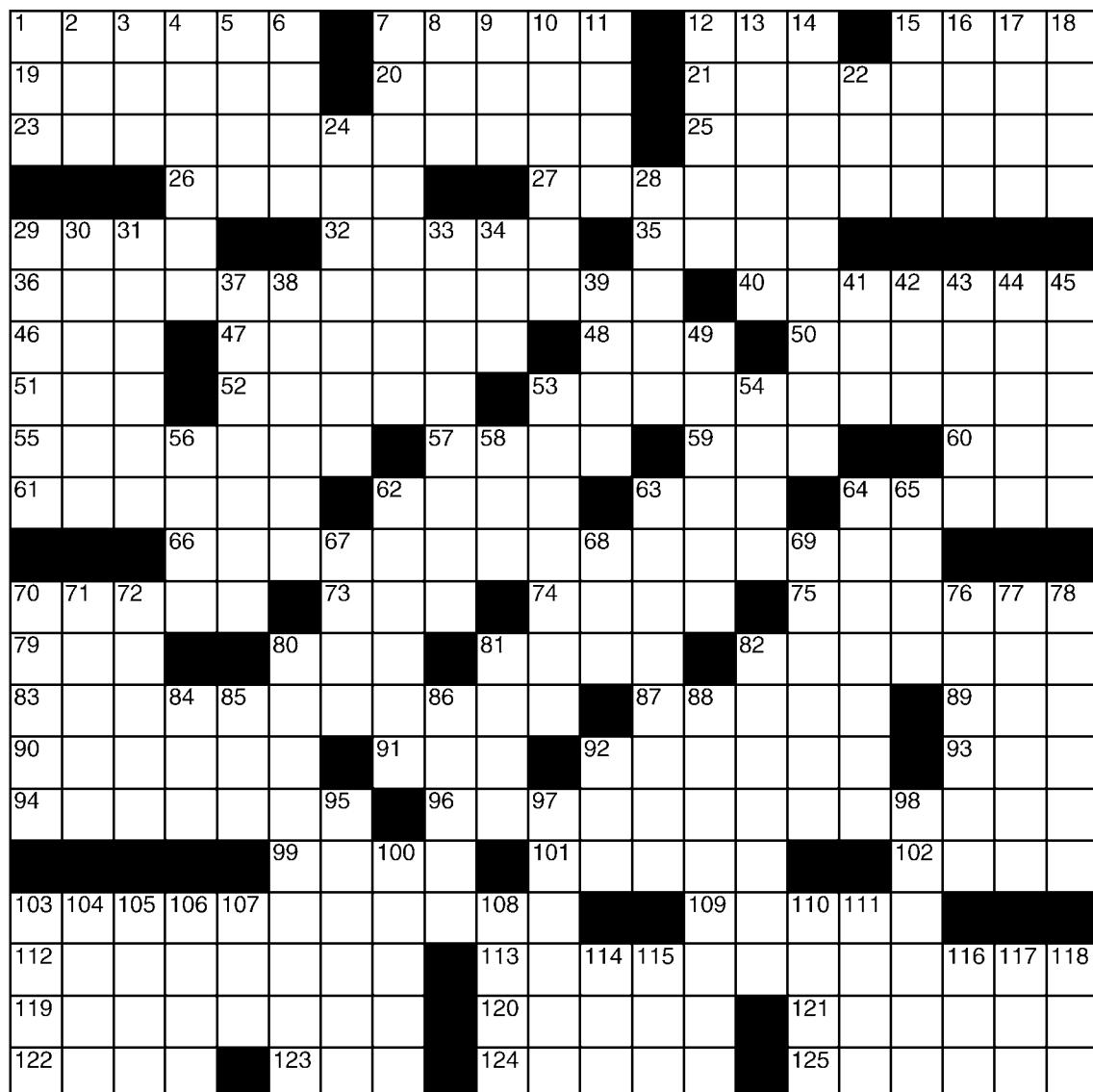
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- 7 Ochs and Collins
- 12 Amatoria or Poetica lead-in
- 15 — Club (place to buy in bulk)
- 19 Join a class
- 20 "— turn" (unlucky board game square)
- 21 2007 animated film featuring the voice of Jerry Seinfeld
- 23 Sub shop attacked?
- 25 Able to be eaten whole
- 26 Scarlett's Butler
- 27 Big fan of uprisings?
- 29 Exhort
- 32 Actress Anouk —
- 35 "— do for now"
- 36 Categorizing high explosives?
- 40 Jewish school
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- 82 Tries to get a date with
- 83 Lambaste warm-blooded critters?
- 87 Pluck guitar strings idly
- 89 Car dash abbr.
- 90 Ad-lib
- 91 Psyche segment
- 92 — Vision (eye care chain)
- 93 Zoo beast
- 94 Music download Web site
- 96 One who brings an entourage together?
- 99 Wanton guy
- 101 Allstate alternative
- 102 Food fishes
- 103 Groups of nine short-hand pros?
- 109 Lopez of pop music
- 112 Snoop's trait
- 113 Visine?
- 119 Alternative to prix fixe
- 120 Misplay, say
- 121 "Later!"
- 122 Epoxy, e.g.
- 123 Old Orly jet
- 124 Mississippi quartet?
- 125 Light snacks
- DOWN
- 1 Actor Lange
- 2 Bill in a till

3 Address on the WWW

- 4 Paul of French fashion
- 5 "In the Valley of —" (2007 film)
- 6 "So what — is new?"
- 7 Gray-white element
- 8 — pollo
- 9 Oahu, e.g.: Abbr.
- 10 Lewd looker
- 11 She sang "Smooth Operator"
- 12 Main monk
- 13 Charles Nelson —
- 14 Got used to a new home
- 15 Middling
- 16 Tel —, Israel
- 17 Baseball Hall-of-Famer Johnny
- 18 Soothsayer
- 22 Singer Tillis
- 24 Canonized Roman Cath. child martyr
- 28 Outlook
- 29 Wrests
- 30 Actor Ned
- 31 — image (idol)
- 33 Sufferings
- 34 Summer, in Sevres
- 37 Eggs on
- 38 Not unusual
- 39 Grand Ole —
- 41 Bible topic
- 42 Chop down
- 43 Sci-fi writer Asimov
- 44 Edge
- 45 Birch relative
- 49 Veer sharply
- 53 Actress Julia Louis —
- 54 Terse denial
- 56 Weigh down
- 58 NHL legend Bobby
- 62 After-homework period,
- perhaps
- 63 Where campers eat
- 64 Newspaper staffers
- 65 — of March
- 67 Mosque VIP
- 68 Regret a lot
- 69 Takei's "Star Trek" role
- 70 Red lab dye
- 71 City west of Montgomery
- 72 "The Sound of Music" family name
- 76 V8 veggie
- 77 Ate dinner
- 78 Early anesthetics
- 80 Pub owners
- 81 Plumlike fruit
- 82 Unpaid debt
- 84 "— Miniver"
- 85 Witty remark
- 86 Think likewise
- 88 Ghosts, e.g.
- 92 Pizza order
- 95 Hen perches
- 97 Stun guns
- 98 Frostings
- 100 Like still-wet cement
- 103 Hiccup
- 104 — free call
- 105 Tricked twin
- 106 Congenital
- 107 Go — spree
- 108 45-Down, for one
- 110 "The check — the mail"
- 111 Lost fish in a 2003 film
- 114 OR workers
- 115 San Francisco's — Valley
- 116 Homer Simpson cry
- 117 Wind dir.
- 118 Dwelling place: Abbr.

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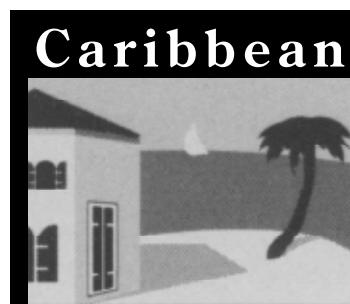
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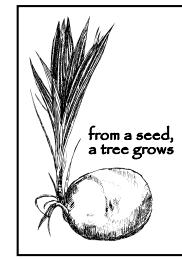
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WATERFRONT ON MONTE BAY - Spectacular 13.44 ac. site, ideal for private estate or subdivision. **\$3,400,000**.

CRUZ BAY TOWN - Walk to Frank Bay, R-4 zoning. **\$275K**.

CHOCOLATE HOLE - Water views, ½ ac. **\$299K & \$379K**.

CONTANT - 3 large parcels w/ views. **\$292,500 to \$315K**.

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POINTRENDEZVOUS - Outstanding views. **\$415K & \$425K**.

LEINSTERS BAY - 2 lots on Johnny Horn Trail. **\$225K & \$329K**.

ZOOTENVAAL - Hurricane Hole views, paved road. **\$400K**.

GREAT CRUZ BAY - 1.05 acre site w/fantastic harbor views & architectural plans. Walk to dingy landing. **\$895,000**.

FLANAGAN'S PASSAGE - 2 beautiful sites. **\$275K - \$350K**.

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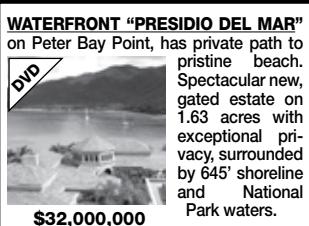
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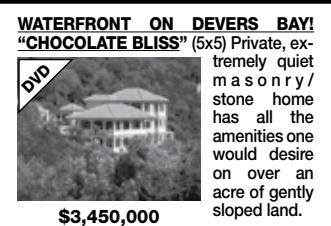
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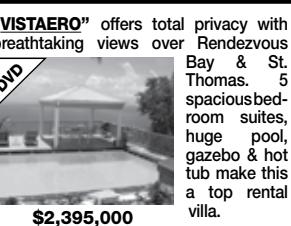
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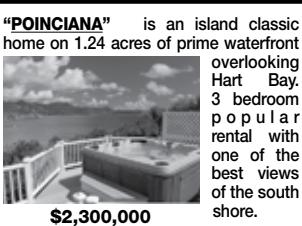
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"VISTAERO" offers total privacy with breathtaking views over Rendezvous Bay & St. Thomas. 5 spacious bedroom suites, huge pool, gazebo & hot tub make this a top rental villa.

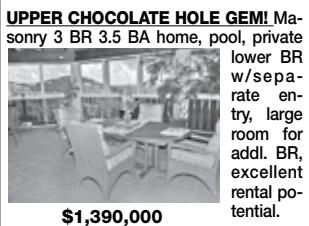
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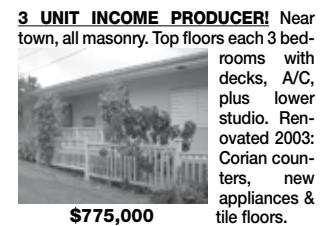
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BAREFOOT New 2 bdrm, 1.5 bath guest cottage in quaint Coral Bay neighborhood, Room for expansion. **REDUCED TO \$749,900**

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