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Love City Pan Dragons and director Samuel Lawrence entertained the crowd at Lionel Roberts Stadium, above.

Love City Pan Dragons Keep the Beat at Carnival 2009 Steelband Jamboree

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

The Love City Pan Dragons wowed the crowd at the Steelband Jamboree at St. Thomas' Lionel Roberts Stadium on Sunday evening, April 26, as part of Carnival 2009 Echoes Through Time.

In addition to the St. John youth steel band, the jamboree showcased the talents of pan orchestras

from E. Benjamin Oliver School, the V.I. Superior Court Rising Stars, Charlotte Amalie High School, Eudora Kean and Antilles School among other.

After impressing the crowd with their pan abilities, Love City Pan Dragons president Ira Wade invited all participants to take part in the St. John July 4th Festival Pan-o-Rama, scheduled for Saturday, May 30.

Crime Stoppers USVI Crimes of the Week Police seeking anyone who may be cultivating or dealing drugs

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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 asking for specific information on anyone who may be illegally cultivating or dealing drugs, involved in gun trafficking, or buying or selling stolen property.

St. Thomas

VIPD officials are asking for information that will identify students who are selling illegal drugs on school campuses. Police are

also seeking information on the person(s) supplying the students with the marijuana or other illegal drugs to sell on school campuses.

St. Croix

Police are seeking additional information on a homicide which occurred on May 21, 2006, where 44-year-old Ray Edwards was found dead on a Frederiksted beach. Anyone who remembers anything at all about the death of Ray Edwards in 2006 is asked to call Crime Stoppers.

Crime Stoppers is pleased to report that tips received have led to an additional five arrests, recovery of three unlicensed firearms, and \$1,600 in illegal drugs. All 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 the 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. Crime Stoppers USVI is run entirely by volunteers, and relies on the community's donations to pay rewards.

St. John Resident Severly Beaten

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Cruz Bay was the scene of another brutal assault last weekend.

Less than three weeks after a tourist from Tennessee was assaulted and robbed in downtown Cruz Bay, resident Matt White was severely beaten around 1 a.m. Saturday morning, May 2.

White, the maintenance manager for the The Marketplace, had reportedly been a party at Paradise Restaurant in Mongoose Junction when he went to the commercial complex's back parking lot and

was attacked.

While details of the attack remained sketchy as of press time, White was reportedly seen at Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center, and then transported to R.L. Schneider Hospital where he was treated for serious head and facial trauma. Reports that White suffered swelling around his brain were not confirmed as of press time.

White was released from the hospital as of Sunday, May 3, but will reportedly need reconstructive surgery.

PSC Hosting St. John Meeting May 5 To Reconsider Ferry Rate Hike

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The V.I. Public Services Commission is hosting a special meeting on Tuesday, May 5, at 5:30 p.m. at the St. John Legislature building in Cruz Bay.

Items on the agenda include a reconsideration of fuel surcharges and a request for reconsideration of the PSC's April 1 decision to increase most passenger ferry rates between St. John and St. Thomas.

JFLI 13th Anniversary Celebration May 9

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John's Folly Learning Institute is celebrating 13 years of after-school and summer programs on Saturday, May 9, starting at noon at the school.

The afternoon festivities will include a keynote address by *St. John Tradewinds* and MaLinda Media publisher MaLinda Nelson and a screening of local filmmaker Andrea Leland's award-winning documentary "Jamesie: King of Scratch."

A "Mighty" Mother's Day Performance

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Love City's eminent Calypsonian Chester "Mighty Groover" Brady is giving Moms on St. John a present for Mother's Day.

As a tribute to all Mothers, Brady will be performing on the first floor of The Marketplace outside Starfish Market on Sunday, May 10, from 3 to 5 p.m. Brady will be performing selections from his new CD "Gospel and Praise: A Moment with Hymn."

"National Parks: America's Best Idea"

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The public is invited to watch a free 40-minute preview of renowned documentarian Ken Burns' latest film "The National Parks: America's Best Idea," on Friday, May 8, at 7 p.m. at the Cinnamon Bay amphitheater and again on Wednesday, May 13, at 6 p.m. at the Westin Resort and Villa's ballroom.

The events are sponsored by Friends of V.I. National Park, WTJZ Channel 12 and the National Parks Conservation Association.

"Anyone who is interested in National Parks and incredible cinematography should definitely come out and view this preview," said Friends of VINP director Joe Kessler.

"National Parks: America's Best Idea" is slated to air on PBS in six two-hour segments starting on September 27.

For more information call Paul Thomas at 776-6201, ext. 252.



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“After we found the pest on a plant in Haulover Bay, we saw this devastation of the population there. Within six months to a year, the weevil, which was discovered in the east, had progressed all the way to the west side of St. John.”

– Gary Ray, botanist

Exotic Super Pests Decimating Native St. John Agave Trees

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

The once common sight of bright yellow blossoms bursting from towering century plants, which used to dot the hillsides of St. John, are quickly becoming a thing of the past.

The population of Love City’s native *Agave missionum*, more commonly called century plants, has been decimated in recent years by an invasive super pest, explained Dr. Gary Ray, a botanist at the University of the Virgin Islands and St. John resident who specializes in native plant species.

The Mexican Agave Weevil was first discovered on St. Croix back in the early 1980s and made its way to St. Thomas by the 1990s, said Ray. The weevil showed up on St. John in 2000 most likely by way of Tortola, he explained.

Carried By the Wind

“Lots of people and plants go back and forth between Tortola and St. Thomas which is how we believe the weevil got to the British Virgin Islands,” Ray said. “The first place on St. John we discovered the weevil was on Haulover Bay which is only about a mile from the shores of Tortola. We think the weevil was probably carried by the wind over here.”

Once the first weevil was found at Haulover Bay, the island’s century plants quickly succumbed to the pest.

“After we found the pest on a plant in Haulover Bay, we saw this devastation of the population there,” said Ray. “Within six months to a year, the weevil, which was discovered in the east, had progressed all the way to the west side of St. John.”

The weevil decimated Love City’s century plants so quickly because it altered its own cycle to adapt to the islands, according to Ray.

From Parasite to Parasitoid

In its natural habitat, the Mexican Agave Weevil was far less harmful than it has proved to be to the *Agave Missionum*. Back in its natural environment, the weevil targeted fruit trees, where it would bore a hole in the fruit and decimate a plant or two, but not the whole crop, Ray explained.

“Because it was a fruit eater, it would get some of the fruit crop but not all of it, in order to ensure its own fecundity,” said the botanist. “Since coming here, it changed its life cycle and is now a parasitoid, which is an insect that, during its immature stage as a larvae, kills its host. Most parasites don’t kill their host, but parasitoids do — they’re known as super pests.”

Importing Plants And Insects Too

The weevil’s change from a parasite to a parasitoid was probably due to the international plant trade where pests evolve to adapt to survive various sprays, Ray added.

“The pests which survive are the ones which adapt to some level of spraying and what you have then are those individuals who have evolved some kind of way to survive the toxicity,” he said. “That genetic information gets passed from generation to generation and before you know it, you have a super pest.”

Super Pest

“Under those conditions an insect population can pretty quickly become a super pest which is what we have on our hands now,” said Ray.

Since evolving into a parasitoid, the Mexican Agave Weevils have made short work of the century plants, which have only one growing point. The only cells involved with the growth of the century plant are located on the top middle of the plant, explained Ray.

“Female weevils bore a hole right in that area and lays their eggs,” he said. “When those eggs hatch they eat out that area. Since that area is the very center of all the growth on the plant, once it’s eaten out by the larvae, the entire plant dies.”

One Blooming Event

The weevil’s attack on the century plant population is made even more lethal when coupled with the natural cycle of the *Agave Missionum*, which bloom and spread its seeds only once in its lifetime.

Living up to 35 years and blooming only once, century plants produce an enormous amount of nectar and pollen, Ray explained.

“Because it flowers and fruits only once at the very end of its life cycle, which is very unusual for plants, that means the energy it gathers for 25 to 35 years is put into the flower event,” he said. “That is the remarkable nature of this plant. If there is such a thing as a keystone plant, this is one.”

Birds and insects gorge on the nectar, which comes in especially handy since century plants usually bloom during the dry season, added Ray.

Dry Season Relief

“Our two species of humming birds and a whole host of native insects gorge on the nectar and pollen which is produced in extremely large quantities,” said the botanist. “Because the species flowers during the dry season, it’s an extremely important a source of sugar for humming birds and insects during a time of scarcity.”

The natural cycles of the host plant and the parasitoid can easily spell disaster for the century plant.

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St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Gary Ray

A rare sight on St. John these days, a blooming *Agave missionum*, above.

2009 RAIN DATA

at Trunk Bay

April Rainfall

1.25 Inches

Average

April Rainfall

2.44 Inches

Total YTD Rainfall

6.92 Inches

Average YTD Rainfall

9.48 Inches

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Artist Annie Hingham Dies In Early Morning Car Accident

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Popular St. John artist, well known for her Love City Festival T-shirts and St. John Telephone Directory covers, Annie "Love" Hingham died in a car accident early Saturday morning, May 2, in Estate Upper Carolina in Coral Bay.

Hingham and her boyfriend Brian Hadley were driving down the lower section of the Upper Carolina access road around 5:45 a.m. on Saturday morning when their red Suzuki Sidekick veered off the roadway and plunged about 70 feet over a steep wooded hillside above Centerline Road.

Hingham, who had celebrated her 39th birthday only days before the accident, was pronounced dead at 7:10 a.m. at Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center. Hadley was reportedly released from MKSCHC after being thoroughly examined for scrapes and bruises.

Upper Carolina neighbors first heard a noise like a landslide early Saturday morning and then Hadley shouting Hingham's name. A resident in the area called 911, who contacted the Coral Bay Fire Station and St. John Rescue as neighbors came out to see what had happened.

"As I came down the hill, other neighbors were also converging and the fire truck was there with us all looking for the exact loca-



Tradewinds News Photo by Susan Mann

Hingham poses in front of her Festival t-shirts designs at her art opening last year.

tion — based on hearing one of the victims yelling for help," said Sharon Coldren who lives in the area. "We located the car, and the point of access. The fire EMTs immediately began the long descent down the slope, while some of us went for long ropes from a nearby house, and other neighbors helped out."

"Within minutes St. John Rescue had arrived," Coldren said. "By the time the ambulance arrived at 6:25am, the rescue sled was ready to be lowered to Centerline Road to the ambulance. Unfortunately, nothing could be done for Annie, she had died in the accident."

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Recycling Takes Off with New Staging Area at Enighed Pond

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Recycling on St. John just got even easier.

Love City's burgeoning recycling association got a big boost from the V.I. Waste Management Authority recently and the private-public collaboration has allowed the group to secure a temporary staging area for the volunteer efforts.

The Recycling Association of the Virgin Islands St. John launched aluminum can collections a few months ago. With an outpouring of public support, the group has placed 21 aluminum can collection bins at dumpsters across the island.

But that was only the beginning. RAVI St. John members just secured a space — thanks to VIWMA officials — at the Enighed Pond Marine Facility, explained the group's project manager Paul Devine.

"We signed a contract with Waste Management to allow RAVI St. John to put recycling bins at every dumpster on St. John," said Devine. "That contract also allowed for a temporary staging area at Enighed Pond for the purpose of allowing the public to drop off aluminum cans at a centrally-located spot."

The arrangement was further helped along by Storage on Site owners, who donated a 20-foot container — worth about \$6,500 — to the group, Devine added.

While RAVI St. John members will still collect cans from the dumpster bins, the public also has the option now of bringing their clean cans to the main Enighed Pond



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Storage on Site donated two containers to RAVI St. John, above, which the group will use as a temporary staging area.

drop-off location.

Before securing the Enighed Pond location, RAVI St. John was able to use a container donated by Caravan Auto Parts. A delivery driver for Caravan would pick up the cans after unloading his truck and deliver the haul to STS on St. Thomas for recycling.

The group will still use the driver to haul cans to St. Thomas weekly, but will no longer

be taking up needed space at the auto parts store, explained Devine.

"We really appreciate the use of the container at Caravan when it was needed," he said.

The group is also looking for help from additional volunteers and more businesses who want to participate in the St. John recycling movement, Devine added.

"Now with our new container donated

by Storage on Site, we can double our recycling efforts on St. John," he said. "We're hoping that more volunteers will join us as we continue to strive for our goal of having 50 recycling bins on St. John by July."

"With our new drop-off site there is no reason why all businesses on St. John can't recycle," said Devine.

The group is also applying for a grant from VIWMA to purchase more recycling bins and launch an educational out-reach program, Devine explained.

"If we get the grant, the intent is to have public education forums and educational classes in the schools," said Devine. "We want to improve upon Waste Management Authority's existing recycling program by spreading it to the public and to provide recycling information regularly to students in the schools."

The recycling group's continued expansion of aluminum can collection is a testament to what can be accomplished when government agencies and non-profit groups work together, explained Devine.

"We started as a grass-roots effort, and now that Waste Management has partnered with us, we're able to expand our recycling and really get the whole island on board," he said.

RAVI St. John meets on the third Tuesday of each month. The group's next meeting is on Tuesday, May 19, on the third floor of The Marketplace at the St. John Community Foundation Office. For more information or to become a member call Devine at 693-9410 or stop by the office.

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V.I. Energy Office St. John Public Hearing on Stimulus Funds Is May 7

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The Virgin Islands Energy Office is hosting three public hearings to inform residents about funds received under American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

The U.S. Department of Energy has made available about \$31 million dollars for formula based grants.

The funds are divided in three categories: State Energy Program, \$20.7 million; Weatherization Assistance Program, \$1.4 million; and Energy Efficiency Conservation Block grants, \$9.6 million.

The hearings will be on each of the main islands in their respective senate buildings from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. St. Croix hearing is May 5, St. Thomas is May 6 and St. John is May 7. A short presentation will be made and then Energy Office staff will be available to answer questions.

The stimulus act which gives preference to activities that can be started and completed expeditiously has several goals: to preserve and create jobs and promote recovery; to assist those most impacted by the recession; and to provide investments needed to increase economic efficiency by spurring technological advances in energy.

The purpose of the Weatherization Assistance Program is to increase the energy efficiency of dwellings owned or occupied by low-income persons, reduce their total residential expendi-

tures, and improve their health and safety.

The priority population for the Weatherization Assistance Program is persons who are particularly vulnerable, like the elderly, persons with disabilities, families with children, high residential energy users, and households with low incomes.

The goals under the State Energy Program are to: increase energy efficiency to reduce energy costs and consumption for consumers, businesses and government; reduce reliance on imported energy; improve the reliability of electricity and fuel supply and the delivery of energy services; and reduce the impacts of energy production and use on the environment.

The Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grants will focus on the development and implementation of energy efficiency practices.

This effort will include building audits, financial incentives, grants to government and non-profit agencies and programs to conserve energy in transportation.

This is the first year the Virgin Islands has been eligible for grant money under the Weatherization program. It is expected that funding will continue on an annual basis. However, the rest of the funds are just a one-time effort.

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R&I PATTON Goldsmithing Hits YouTube with First Commercial

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

A one minute and forty-three second commercial is usually a high-priced and lengthy endeavor.

Not so, however, for Rudy and Irene Patton, owners of R&I Patton Goldsmithing jewelry store in Mongoose Junction. The Pattons, who opened their store in 1978 and craft many of the beautiful pieces in their collection themselves, have enjoyed a loyal customer base for more than three decades.

In an effort to expand their clientele recently, Rudy Patton thought it would be a great idea to shoot a video of the shop. Not looking to break the bank, however, Patton turned top a popular website which only airs videos — YouTube.

Patton approached local filmmaker William Stelzer, who immediately saw the benefits of shooting a commercial for the video website.

“YouTube commercials are an interesting leverage because in terms of TV advertising, it’s pretty expensive and you only get the people who are watching TV,” Stelzer said. “Once you go You-

Tube, you can link it right to your own website and it goes through YouTube servers too. So everyone on YouTube can watch and its also a part of your own website.”

“It’s a way of making a video and distributing it, which wasn’t available a few years ago,” said Stelzer.

Instead of approaching an advertising agency and production company with an idea for a commercial and leaving it in their hands, shooting a YouTube piece allows the business owner dictate the commercial, Stelzer added.

“When you make a commercial you usually go to an ad agency and then the production company just hands the finished product back to you,” said the filmmaker. “With YouTube though you can be completely involved and get exactly what you want because of the smaller scale of it.”

“The quality isn’t going to be as high as if you had a full crew, but you can get away with it to have something that looks pretty good for a relatively small amount of money that is exactly what you want,” said Stelzer.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by William Stelzer

Marlene Tyson, above, poses as a tourist in Mongoose Junction in a still from R&I Patton’s YouTube commercial.

In total, the R&I Patton YouTube commercial took Stelzer about a half day to shoot and another day and a half to edit, he explained.

While shooting and editing a commercial for YouTube is relatively easy, so too is downloading the piece to the website, explained Patton.

“We had great fun doing the video and it took just a few min-

utes to upload the finished video onto YouTube,” Patton said. “Then it took me about five minutes to embed it on our homepage, pat-tongold.com, using the easy tools that YouTube provides.”

Everyone involved with the shoot also had a great time, added Stelzer.

“What is kind of cool about it is that I tend to shoot documentary style and in post production make

it look magical,” said Stelzer. “When we were shooting this I was really relaxed and it was really a fun situation. Being casual, it took the stress out, which helped everyone.”

Stelzer believes more and more YouTube commercials will be popping up on websites, he explained.

“It’s a great way to give someone an overall look at your business as if they were walking around inside the store,” said the filmmaker. “I expect to see more and more YouTube commercials. With the customability of it, it seems like a no-brainer for businesses.”

“Everybody should make one to introduce people to what they do,” said Patton, who planned to create another video showing employees crafting jewelry.

The R&I Patton commercial features a full local cast, so local in fact, that everyone in the shoot works in Mongoose Junction. The video features Marlene Tyson, Brenda Wallace, Ron Keele, Devin Trujillo, Tiffany Trujillo, Larry Probst and the Pattons themselves.

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MaLinda Media Wins Big at Addy Awards

By Jaime Elliott
 St. John Tradewinds

MaLinda Media swept the categories it had entered winning two golds and three silvers in the 28th Annual Virgin Islands Advertising Federation Addy Awards on Saturday, April 25, on St. Thomas.

The company, owned by MaLinda Nelson, publishes *St. John Magazine* and *St. Thomas Magazine*. While the cutoff date for this year's awards made the inaugural issue of *St. Thomas Magazine* ineligible for the competition, MaLinda Media swept three categories with *St. John Magazine's* two 2008 issues alone.

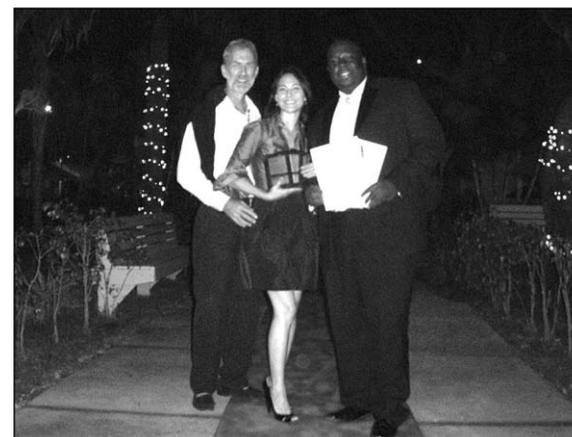
MaLinda Media took gold in the magazine cover category with the *St. John Magazine* Fall/Winter 2008 issue which features a Steve Simonsen photograph of a woman playfully flipping her hair in the water with a golden sunset melting into the background.

Nelson's publishing company also took gold and two silvers in the editorial spread category. The feature on Sheila Liburd's culinary skills, "Sheila's Pot: A Colorful Landmark and Melting Pot of Island Cuisine," in the Spring/Summer 2008 issue of *St. John Magazine* took the gold. The piece was photographed by Ervin Dorsett Jr., and written by Andrea Milam.

The two silver awards were for "Positive Vibrations with Homegrown Reggae Starts Inner Visions" also in the Spring/Summer 2008 issue — written by Jaime Elliott and photographed by Dorsett — and "A Vision for Fish: A Blind Fisherman Provides for A Community," in the magazine's Fall/Winter 2008 issue, written by Elliott and shot by Tristan Ewald.

MaLinda Media also took gold and silver in the publication design/consumer magazine category for the *St. John Magazine* Spring/Summer 2008 and Fall/Winter 2008 issues, respectively.

The awards are really for the local culture which is highlighted in the publications, explained Nelson who is the sole creator and graphic designer of the



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Sol Buxani

MaLinda Nelson, center, with her husband Thomas Oat and photographer Ervin Dorsett, right, on the red carpet.

magazines. "I think it's amazing that the cultural spreads featuring local chefs, musicians and fishermen won the categories," said Nelson. "The features were local subjects, shot by local photographers. It's a testament to the beauty of the local culture and I'm very proud to be able to showcase that in my publications."

With 150 entries in 73 categories, other big winners of the night were Austin Advertising, Cool Signs and the Gumbs Group. MLB Creative won the most awards and Best In Show while Lou Lambert was awarded the Best of TV trophy.

The local winners are automatically entered into the district competition, the winners of which will be then entered in the National Addy Competition.

The next issues of *St. John Magazine* and *St. Thomas Magazine* will hit newstands this fall. For more information check out www.malindamediallc.com



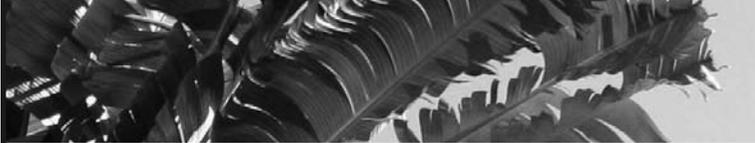
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Vacharat Wins Ultimate Chef Challenge

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

While St. John Catering owner chef Mathayom Vacharat has plenty of experience whipping up delicious, beautiful meals in a variety of settings, last week was the first time he did so in a make-shift kitchen under a tent in front of thousands of spectators.

Not only did the St. John chef create a tantalizing dish during Banco Popular's Ultimate Chef Challenge on Wednesday, April 29, during St. Thomas Carnival's Cultural Fair, he so impressed the judges he walked away the winner.

With two burners and a few pots and pans, Vacharat and six other top chefs from St. Thomas, St. Croix, Water Island and Tortola battled it out before a huge crowd of Cultural Fair-goers.

"There were make-shift kitchens with two burners and a couple of small mixing bowls," said Vacharat. "You pretty much had to bring your own knives and a lot of your own stuff. But we live on an island where you can't always get everything you need, so I know how to make due with what I have."

The competition's theme was "Virgin Fresh," a V.I. Department of Agriculture and Department of Tourism initiative boosting local produce and protein. Just a half hour before the competition started, the judges revealed the two featured mystery ingredients — local honey and papaya.

Each chef had one hour to produce an entree and side dish highlighting the ingredients. Vacharat's five-way papaya chicken dish topped the competition and earned the St. John caterer the title of V.I. Ultimate Chef.

Vacharat's winning dish consisted of pan-seared chicken topped with caramelized honey and fennel seeds atop a green papaya and cucumber slaw in a fresh papaya, lemon grass and habanero sauce. The dish was accompanied by yucca potato pancakes filled with plantains and papaya mash and finished with a savory papaya cannoli.

"I took some of the papaya and shaved it and made a little wrapper out of it and then I stuffed it with plantain and papaya," said Vacharat.

Although last week was the first time Vacharat made the papaya-heavy fowl creation, he's no stranger to improvisation.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Judi Shimel

St. John Catering owner Mathayom Vacharat, above, serves up the winning dish to the judges during the cooking competition.

"I've never made that dish before, but in the catering business we're pretty used to creating new menus all the time," said the chef. "We try to standardize things, but people often have special requests so we're used to making things up on the fly."

While the Ultimate Chef Challenge was Vacharat's first time taking part in a cooking competition, he does have experience being on the other side of the table. The chef was a judge in last month's Taste of St. Croix.

Cooking for his first time under the pressure of competition was a blast, Vacharat explained.

"It was a lot of fun," he said. "I had fun with the other contestants and being in front of all those people."

In addition to bragging rights and the Ultimate Chef title, Vacharat also took home \$1,000 from Banco Popular and a gift basket from NACO Restaurant Supply.

The other competitors in the Ultimate Chef Challenge were: David Benjamin, a sous chef at the

Ritz-Carlton's Bleuwater Seafood Restaurant on St. Thomas; Heidi Erwig, chef and owner of Heidi's Honeymoon Grill on Water Island; Jennifer Litwin, the chef de cuisine at Oceana Restaurant and Wine bar on St. Thomas; Davide Pugliese, the owner and executive chef of Brandywine Bay Restaurant and Capriccio Di Mare of Tortola, BVI; Dennis Vanterpool, assistant specialty chef and assistant sous chef at St. Thomas' Marriott Frenchman's Bay Windows on the Harbor; and Brian Wisbauer, executive chef of Zebo's Wine Bar and Restaurant on St. Croix.

Judging the competition were Carrie Freyn owner of Perky Provisioning, Edward Sternberg of NACO Restaurant Supply, Inc., Antolin Velasco Velez of Banco Popular, and Caneel Bay Resort's Larry Nibbs CEC, ACE.

For more information on the Ultimate Chef Challenge and for recipes from the competition — which will be available May 15 — check out www.viultimatechefchallenge.com.

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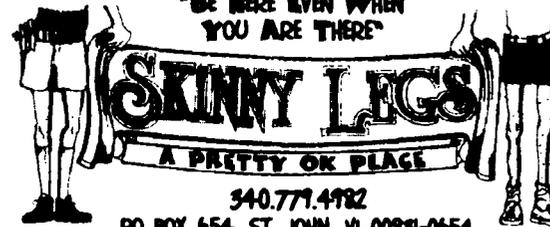
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Cancer Society District Director Looks To Offer Services on St. John

By Susan Mann
St. John Tradewinds

The morning after St. Thomas/St. John Cancer Society Executive Director Fern LaBorde spoke at the St. John AARP meeting last month, the St. Thomas resident was back on the ferry headed for Cruz Bay again, this time to speak at a Rotary luncheon.

LaBorde very reluctantly attended her first Cancer Society meeting 20 years ago, as a favor to a relative who wouldn't stop talking about it.

"This was just not the sort of thing that interested me," said LaBorde. "I thought to myself, well, I'll go just this once."

That outreach event was the start of LaBorde's 18 years of volunteer services with the society and her designation as the St. Thomas/St. John Cancer Society Executive Director two years ago.

While many people are aware that the society raises funds for research and education, a lot of people may not be familiar with its services and advocacy efforts.

St. Thomas physicians and others who provide services to St. Thomas and St. John cancer patients, often refer individuals who may need extra help with travel expenses for cancer treatments or with purchasing hair pieces as a result of treatment.

LaBorde's office, located in the downtown Medical Arts Complex, will then schedule a meeting at the request of the patient as soon as possible.

Wagapalooza, Music in the Moonlight Scheduled

St. John Tradewinds

The 9th annual Wagapalooza is set for Saturday, May 16, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Winston Wells ball field in Cruz Bay.

Wagapalooza raises much needed funds for the St. John Animal Care Center, a non-profit organization responsible for the rescue, care and adoption of the island's abused and homeless pets.

The annual oddball animal event inspires dogs and their owners to show off their talents, tricks and good looks by competing in one or more of 10 different dog show categories, including Best Trick, Best Look-alike, Best Spots and more.

The Dog Show marks the main



Tradewinds News Photo by Susan Mann

Dr. Fern LaBorde

For instance, the ACS may provide a place for patients to stay when treatment facilities are far from their place of residence, if their physician has recommended treatment take place at that facility.

The ACS may also help pay for expensive medication if cancer patients do not have adequate health insurance. These are only a few examples of the service and advocacy programs designed to try to help with the impacts of cancer on individuals and their families.

LaBorde realizes that traveling to St. Thomas for cancer treatments such as radiation and chemotherapy takes its toll on Love City residents. She believes the help her office offers would be easier for cancer patients to take advantage of — if only they and their families could meet with her on St. John.

That is why she is currently seeking a location on St. John where she, and possibly trained ACS volunteers, can be on hand one day per week to save patients from having to make another trip to St. Thomas.

The local ACS budget cannot pay for a second office location in the district, so LaBorde is hoping that a St. John agency will make the meeting space available free of charge. She has already started making contacts to that end.

So far, however, LaBorde has not met with much success. The Executive Director also hopes to organize a "Relay for Life" fund raising event on St. John.

Relays are hosted yearly on St. Thomas, on behalf of the St. Thomas/St. John district, and last year's event raised approximately \$100,000.

"I know we have people on St. John who are competitive runners, some of them have participated in the relay on St. Thomas," said LaBorde.

ACS District Unit Board members from St. John are new Vice Chair Julian Harley and Kim Chism. Sally Brown has also been involved in the Board's ACS events and activities.

Detailed goals and other information about the American Cancer Society are available on the organization's web site at cancer.org. To contact LaBorde about local ACS programs, or with ideas to expand its offerings on St. John, call 775-5373.

attraction of Wagapalooza and contestants in each category are judged by audience vote, measured of course by the world's only Waga-Meter! Excitement builds to the end, when the coveted titles of Waga King and Queen are announced.

Dog owners are encouraged to register their well-behaved dogs in advance of Wagapalooza. Registration is \$20 per category and forms are available at the ACC shelter, the Mail Center, Connections and Wagapalooza.com. With a supervised adult, kids under 16 can register for the Dog Show for free!

In addition to free admission, fun entertainment and great food

and drinks, Paul Jordan will be giving obedience demonstrations and talking about how dogs can earn the prestigious Canine Good Citizen Award from the American Kennel Club.

And after grabbing dinner and a dog show at Waga, pounce on over to Mongoose Junction to catch the start of the 10th annual Music in the Moonlight.

Music in the Moonlight was started 10 years ago as a way for amateur artists of all musical backgrounds and styles to explore their talent even further. There are 15 amazing acts, each 15 minutes in length.

For more information, contact the Gekko Gazebo at 693-8340

Oceana Gallery Continues Etre Show Benefitting LCPD

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Due to popular response Oceana Gallery at Villa Olga, Frenchtown will hold over Lisa Etre's Carnival art show of silk screen prints through May 11.

A portion of the proceeds of art sales will be donated to the Love City Pan Dragons Youth Orchestra.

Archival prints at collectible prices are on sale Monday through Saturday from 5 to 10 p.m. during Oceana dining hours.

Etre was raised on St. Croix, and now lives on St. John and teaches art at Ivanna Eudora Kean High School. The artist's Caribbean life has been the stimulus for colorful graphic prints and giftware items that are well known throughout the region.

Etre has returned to landscape painting, continues corporate designing and was a founding member of the Artists' Association of St. John, Inc.

For more information about artist Etre check out www.lisaetre.com. For gallery details call 774-4262 and look online at www.oceana.vi. To learn more about the Love City Pan Dragons Youth Steel Orchestra contact Lottie O'Neal at 776-6346 or pandragons@unitedstates.vi.

JESS and GBS PTO Meeting Is May 12

St. John Tradewinds

Both the Julius E. Sprauve School and Guy Benjamin School Parent Teacher Student Association will host a joint meeting on Tuesday, May 12, at 5:30 p.m. at the JESS cafeteria.

LaVelle Campbell, school safety monitor for the St. Thomas/St. John School District, will be making an important presentation on the prevalence of gang activity in the territory at the meeting. The general public is invited to attend. Dinner will be served. For more information call Alice Krall at 227-9319.

Health Fair May 17 at The Marketplace

St. John Tradewinds

The Cruz Bay Seventh-day Adventist Church is extending an invitation to the general public to join the 16th annual Health Fair on May 17 from 9 to 3 p.m. at the The Marketplace

The objective of the fair is to educate the St. John community on the importance of a healthy lifestyle. The fair features free health screening, lifestyle counseling and vegetarian food sampling. Information on various health topics will be available.

For more information call 693-7469 or 776-6640.

Javon Jade Alfred Fun Day Is May 23

St. John Tradewinds

Deverall Alfred is hosting the Fourth Annual JJ Fun Day on Saturday, May 23, from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the V.I. National Park ball field.

Anthony has hosted the event each year since her seven-year-old son Javon Jade Alfred was hit by a truck and killed on his way home from school just days before Christmas in 2004.

The afternoon will feature music, food, games and toys for kids and an American Legion Post 131 youth co-ed softball league game. Rotary Club St. John will also announce the winner of the JJ Alfred Scholarship during the Fun Day.

"We're doing this again this year to remind families to take time out for their loved ones and kids because you never get that time back," said Alfred.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

One lucky raffle ticket owner will take home this 10-foot inflatable Carib dinghy, above.

Commodore's Cup Is May 9-10

By Jaime Elliott St. John Tradewinds

Skippers from across St. John and nearby islands are gearing up to set sail in the 10th Annual Commodore's Cup on Saturday and Sunday, May 9 and 10, in Coral Bay.

Sponsored by Budget Marine and Cruzan Rum, the annual regatta is presented by all three of the island's yacht clubs — Coral Bay Yacht Club, St. John Yacht Club and Nauti Yacht Club.

Two days of sailing will determine winners in PHRF, CSA and pursuit classes. The winning captains from each class will then go head to head in small lasers for the chance at the Commodore Cup title.

The skipper's meeting for the race will be Friday evening, May 8, at 6:30 p.m. at Skinny Legs. Racing kicks off at 10 a.m. on Sat-

urday, May 9, and Sunday, May 10. An awards ceremony is slated for Sunday evening, May 10, at Skinny Legs.

The fun has already started, however, as raffle tickets are on sale for a chance to win a 10-foot inflatable Carib dinghy with a 15-horse power Yamaha outboard motor.

All proceeds from the sale of raffle tickets will benefit the volunteer youth sailing program Kids And The Sea, St. John. Over more than 20 years, KATS St. John volunteers have taught countless children marine skills and safety.

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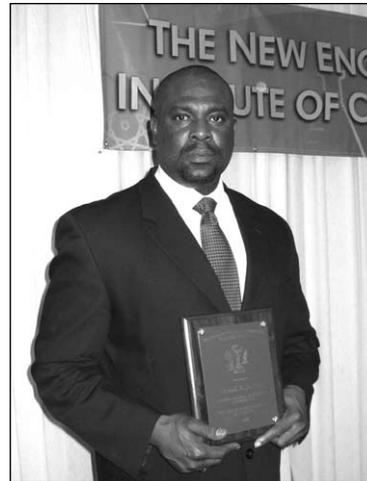
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As part of their annual "Chemist of the Year" and "Chemistry Instructor of the Year" awards, the New England Institute of Chemists selected St. John native Samuel Severin as the recipient for the state of Massachusetts.

Severin is the son of Tony Severin and Joan Prisca Severin and is married to Paula Gibb Severin who is an Assistant Principal at Claremont Academy in Worcester, Massachusetts.

He attended Julius E. Sprauve School and was in the first graduating class of the St. Thomas/St. John Seventh-Day Adventist School. Samuel received Bachelor's degrees in Biology, Chemistry, Medical Technology and Pre-Dentistry from Atlantic Union College in Lancaster, Massachusetts, a M. B. A. in Business from Webster University, a M.Ed in Educational Leadership from Worcester State college and D. M. D. in Dentistry from Tufts University.

Severin worked as a Research Scientist at Gentrak System in Framingham, Massachusetts, making Nuclear Acid Assays for H.I.V. and later as assistant Chemist for Boyd's Coating and Research in



Samuel Severin

Hudson, Massachusetts, experimenting with Teflon coating of rockets and missile parts for the U.S. Military and NASA.

He moved to Bermuda in 1989 where he commenced his education career as a science teacher on the U.S. Naval base and as a chemistry teacher in the Bermuda school system.

In 1995 Severin returned to Worcester, Massachusetts, and was recruited by the Worcester Public School Department to teach Advanced Placement Chemistry

and Honors Chemistry.

Severin was presented with the task of increasing the enrollment of students, especially minority and women, in that field of science. He has been asked to be a member and advisor of the Advanced Placement and Honors Chemistry test writing committee and is presently involved in creating a common Chemistry Curriculum with a common chemistry final exam for all the public high schools in the city of Worcester.

His philosophy is that chemistry is the science that involves all aspects life so everyone could and should learn the basic concepts of Chemistry.

This award is made to teachers who have: encouraged an interest in the field of chemistry through innovative and inspirational teaching; improving the image of chemist and chemistry; promoting extracurricular activities relevant to chemistry; and offering opportunities to students who might otherwise miss the "chemistry" experience.

The New England Institute of Chemists has recognized Severin as the one who exemplifies these abilities.

Volunteers Build Dog Houses for Local Animal Shelter



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Susie O'leary

(L to R) Lyla Uzell, Steve-O Crumerine, Nate Emerick (inside the dog house), Nelson Uzell and Frank Cummings pitched in with Susie O'leary to construct six new dog houses for their furry friends at the St. John Animal Care Center.

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A Different Look at Island Life: “St. John Whackadoos”

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

St. John artist Mike Kolb is channeling his creativity for laughs once again.

While the furniture crafter and former gallery owner has created numerous cartoons in the past, he’s turned his wry sense of humor on St. John this time.

Kolb’s newest project is called “St. John Whackadoos: We’re All Here ‘Cause We Ain’t All There,” a series of original cartoons celebrating the off-beat beauty of Love City.

The playful images capture the laid-back atmosphere of the island, depicted in one piece by two men sitting under a palm tree discussing employment.

“I’d get a job if they didn’t like, you know, make you show up at a certain time and do stuff,” reads the caption.

Another cartoon pokes fun at the difficulty of making plans on the island. Two men lounging under a palm tree are discussing when to meet up again.

“Let’s make a firm appoint-



ment,” reads the caption. “Say Tuesday at Skinny’s if it ain’t raining, the fishing sucks and we ain’t hungover.”

Kolb’s talented pen isn’t just poised on St. John residents. Tourists are featured in Kolb’s work as well.

One cartoon shows a man and a woman sitting on the beach, the woman’s skin a bright shade of

red. “I think you missed a spot,” is the man’s comment.

Kolb’s pieces capture a simplicity and humor which are sure to come in handy when a laugh is just what is needed. The cartoons are \$20 each and come wood-mounted and ready to hang. Check out all of Kolb’s work at Nest on the second floor of The Marketplace.

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Under Investigation: 2
Solved: 1

Arsons: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

1st Degree Burglaries: 1
Under Investigation: 1
Solved: 0

2nd Degree Burglaries: 18
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Under Investigation: 67
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Rapes: 0
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Under Investigation: 25
Solved: 2

Grand Larcenies: 26
Under Investigation: 24
Solved: 1

Rapes: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

Letters to St. John Tradewinds

Financial Crisis Finally Explained

Editor,

Heidi is the proprietor of a bar in Berlin. In order to increase sales, she decides to allow her loyal customers — most of whom are unemployed alcoholics — to drink now but pay later. She keeps track of the drinks consumed on a ledger, thereby granting the customers loans.

Word gets around and as a result increasing numbers of customers flood into Heidi's bar.

Taking advantage of her customers' freedom from immediate payment constraints, Heidi increases her prices for wine and beer, the most-consumed beverages. Her sales volume increases massively.

A young and dynamic customer service consultant at the local bank recognizes these customer debts as valuable future assets and increases Heidi's borrowing limit. He sees no reason for undue concern since he has the debts of the alcoholics as collateral.

At the bank's corporate headquarters, expert bankers transform these customer assets into drinkbonds, alkbonds and pukebonds. These securities are then traded on markets worldwide. No one really understands what these abbreviations mean and how the securities are guaranteed.

Nevertheless, as their prices continuously climb,

the securities become top-selling items.

One day, although the prices are still climbing, a risk manager of the bank — subsequently, of course, fired due his negativity — decides that the time has come to demand payment of the debts incurred by the drinkers at Heidi's bar.

However they cannot pay back the debts.

Heidi cannot fulfill her loan obligations and claims bankruptcy.

Drinkbond and alkbond drop in price by 95 percent. Pukebond performs better, stabilizing in price after dropping by 80 percent.

The suppliers of Heidi's bar, having granted her generous payment due dates and having invested in the securities are faced with a new situation.

Her wine supplier claims bankruptcy, her beer supplier is taken over by a competitor.

The bank is saved by the government following dramatic round-the-clock consultations by leaders from the governing political parties.

The funds required for this purpose are obtained by a tax levied against the non-drinkers.

Finally an explanation I understand.

— Submitted by
Z. Hruza, St. John

Gov. Okays Bill Adjusting Constitution Convention Quorum Requirements

St. John Tradewinds

Prior to departing the territory on Tuesday, April 28, for financial meetings in New York, Governor John deJongh signed a bill into law and acknowledged a resolution passed by the 28th Legislature during a recent session of the body.

In a letter to Senate President Louis Patrick Hill, deJongh said he believes his favorable action on Bill 28-0030 would allow the Constitutional Convention to more efficiently carry out its statutory duties by decreasing the quorum required to conduct its regular business.

"I point out, however, that this measure does not decrease the two-thirds vote required for that body to pass a proposed Constitution for presentation to the federal government and to the people of the Virgin Islands," said the governor.

DeJongh maintains that it is critical that more than a mere majority vote remain in place to pass such an important document.

In other action last week, deJongh acknowl-

"...that this measure does not decrease the two-thirds vote required for that body to pass a proposed Constitution for presentation to the federal government and to the people of the Virgin Islands."

— Governor John P. deJongh

edged Resolution 1732, Bill 28-0031 which reorganized and reestablished the Majority Caucus, the officers, chairpersons, vice-chairpersons and memberships of the standing committees of the 28th Legislature and which amended Rules of the 28th Legislature and repealed Resolution 1731.

DeJongh reiterated his pledge to work with the Legislature to improve the quality of life for the people of the Virgin Islands.

Correction: Shortfin Pilot Whales

Last week, the whales *St. John Tradewinds* classified as melonheads have been re-identified as shortfin pilot whales.

The video shot by fisheries biologist Jeff Miller about 10 miles off the coast of St. Croix when he spotted the pod of about 20 whales, was viewed by cetacean specialist Dr. Antonio A. Mignucci-Gian-

noni of Puerto Rico.

Mignucci-Giannoni made the correction by evaluating the size of base of the dorsal fin, along with the shape of the head. Shortfin pilot whales, along with melonheads and pigmy killer whales are difficult to distinguish in the field, explained Miller.

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Letters to St. John Tradewinds

More Questions About Ferry Rates and Fees

Editor,

A town meeting regarding St. John ferry rates and V.I. Port Authority issues led by Senator Barshinger's office was hosted Thursday night, April 23, at the Westin.

I came out a bit more confused than when I arrived although I did acquire quite a bit of information which makes me see why citizens are left almost completely in the dark.

The PSC granted ferry rate increases to the only franchised and public marine transportation system in the Virgin Islands, a joint venture consisting of Varlack Ventures and Transportation Services, of St. John.

Also addressed at the meeting were Port Authority increases which would charge an additional fee to help cover the costs of building the Red Hook facility. All of these fees would only apply to Red Hook to Cruz Bay passengers and barge users.

The problem is why all these things were not planned for long ago or why now, after almost two years, has the Port Authority decided that it needs more money or why rates have to go up. The primary question and concern for St. John resident is that the Port Authority is attempting to balance their books on the backs of St. John residents and why the franchises are allegedly operating in the red.

The Port Authority stated that it had to pay for a \$15 million facility. Most believe that there was some federal funding for this project. If true, then the Port Authority is asking rate payers to help pay for some figure less than the total cost. What is that figure?

Port Authority instituted a per-vehicle minimum fee of \$3 for barge use. Larger vehicles pay more. How much has that program collected thus far and when will the fee end?

If the fee is to help pay for the facility, then there must be an estimated date where collections equal payback. Apparently, that fee is not enough to cover expenses so another \$.25 per-passenger fee is proposed for ferry users.

People are confused because we have no idea what the Port Authority wants or needs. There must have been a payback plan when the facility was built.

I would like to see several things, all of which would be public information: what was the exact total cost to build the Red Hook facility; how much of that was federally funded; what is the amount of the Port Authority loan or source of financing; who gave that money; what are the estimated years of payback; and the amount per year required to pay it back.

Also, what monthly income does the Port Authority receive from all sources to fund the Red Hook facility?

A simple amortization plan could show citizens what they are paying for and if the fees exacted at Red Hook are truly being used to fund that project alone.

Now the ferry rates.

The same scenario as above would help residents understand what they are paying for. The ferry franchise has a budget. What is that yearly budget and

what is the exact (no estimates please) number of passengers per year?

Add 8 percent of the total expenditures (the maximum profit allowed by law) and simple division would establish the per-passenger ferry rate so that the ferry franchise can make a profit. Assuming the ferry rate is less than the math, the ferry companies would deserve an increase.

The PSC requires reduced rates for school children, seniors, commuters and a bulk rate for government workers. This reduction does not change the fact that the franchise still has to charge a per-passenger rate to make a profit based on annual expenditures. The PSC-required rate reductions have to be made up somehow

According to the lawyer for the franchises, that money should come from federal transportation funds as a required mass transportation subsidy. Also, according to the lawyer, these funds were never received by the franchises at any time in the history of the franchise.

The panel assembled at the meeting showed some confusion as to where that money would come from but in the end agreed that it should come from Public Works. Will that money ever come?

The franchises took it upon themselves to apply a \$2 fee per parcel of luggage to make up what they claim is the shortfall. No prior approval came from PSC for that fee. With the approved PSC rate increases, that fee will also rise to \$3 giving new legitimacy to a fee the franchises originally chose to charge.

During the meeting, the lawyer for the franchise stated that the franchise serves between 1.5 and 2 million passengers a year. What is the exact number? Five hundred thousand passengers is too huge a span to not be exact about.

The new PSC-approved rates vary from \$7 to \$2 but on average are \$4.50. Assuming the passenger numbers, ferry collections would be between \$6.75 and \$9 million. Adding luggage fees to an assumed number of 1 million passengers (the number who visit St. John every year) this would add \$6 million more (to and from St. John) or between \$12.75 and \$15 million.

Is this enough to keep the franchise profitable within the limits provided by law? To be exact, the numbers would have to be broken down. How many children? How many commuters? How many government workers? How many full fare passengers? How many bulk tickets? Are these records even kept?

What citizens need to see are the audited books of the franchises over the past five years showing expenditures and number of passengers. As a public entity, as the franchise lawyer claims, these are public records. I am sure the PSC must have used some sort of calculation to determine the rate increases. Just how did they do it?

There are too many questions left unanswered. Citizens who are paying for public transportation have a right to know exactly what they are paying for.

Paul Devine, St. John

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Super Pests

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“Rather than producing a crop of several hundred seeds with only 10 percent not taken, you have zero seeds, meaning the fecundity is effectively zero,” Ray said. “You have that repeated many, many times across a densely distributed population and you can wipe it out.”

Rapid Attack

In a little more than nine years,

about two-thirds of the island’s century plants have been wiped out from the weevil, explained Ray.

“We had somewhere over 10,000 on the island, and probably even a lot more than that, before the attack,” he said. “I would be surprised if we haven’t lost at least two-thirds of the plants. That is less than a decade it took for the century plant to go from a very common plant of semi-arid conditions to something that is becoming uncommon.”

And the outlook doesn’t look

promising.

Entire Species at Risk

“When you combine the manner of the attack of the agave weevil and the life cycle of the agave, it means death to the whole species,” Ray said.

While century plants are not yet critically endangered, Ray foresees this happening in a very short amount of time. To prevent genetic extinction, he’s been collecting seeds and shipping them to botanical gardens throughout the Caribbean.

“If you were to graph the population decline, you could project that in as little as a decade, agaves will be in a range of critical endangerment,” said Ray. “It’s better now to distribute where we can because you want to maximize the genetic information if you want to save the species.”

Saving Genetic Information

Ray’s seeds will go into botanical gardens’ living collections and be recognized as plants endemic to the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. The botanist is also trying to transplant agave trees to off-shore cays, but is unsure of how effective that plan will be.

“The plants will still be fairly vulnerable since the weevil was transported from St. John to Tortola by the wind so it could really go in any direction,” said Ray.

While it remains to be seen if anything can be done to save the Agave Missionum species, stricter regulations on the importation of

plants, might stave off a future super pest infestation, according to Ray.

“Whenever you bring in plants, there is a chance of bringing in insects,” said Ray. “We have a multi-tiered problem to deal with and I don’t think we’re event at square one yet. Hawai’i has adopted some pretty strong regulations and they are doing much better than we are at stopping the threat.”

More Regulations Needed

“I think we have to start heading in that direction,” Ray said.

As Ray scrambles to do his part to ensure the survival of the island’s native Agave Missionum, he’s also enjoying the plant’s beauty.

“I stood at Ram Head recently and looked across the south side of the island for evidence of the agave and we have precious few in flower this year,” said Ray. “This is one of the most beautiful plants we have anywhere in the Caribbean.”



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Gary Ray

The plant’s sole flowering event produced an enormous amount of nectar and pollen.

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R&I PATTON Goldsmithing Hits YouTube

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Even the employees who weren't filmed in the video, had a part in its success, added Patton

"All of our employees helped out by: helping create the super jewelry featured in the video; helping make the money to pay for the video by working hard at their jobs of goldsmithing and sales; and encouraging us to go for it," said Patton.

Check out the R&I Patton commercial at their website pattongold.com, or stop by the store in Mongoose Junction.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by William Stelzer

A still shot from the Patton's YouTube commercial shows a beautiful R&I Patton-created ring, above.

St. John Police Report

Land Line Emergency No: 911

Cellular Emergency No: 340-776-9110

St. John Police Department: 340-693-8880

St. John Fire Service: 340-776-6333

Friday, April 24

6:13 p.m. - A Coral Bay resident c/r that she was threatened by a male. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

7:40 p.m. - A citizen c/r that her tenant removed her stove from her apartment and moved out without replacing it. Police assistance.

Saturday, April 25

1:01 a.m. - Badge #90 p/r recovered drug paraphernalia in the area of Joe's Diner. Recovered drug paraphernalia.

2:47 a.m. - A citizen c/r a female needed police assistance. Police assistance.

Sunday, April 26

10:40 a.m. - A citizen c/r an accident in Coral Bay. Auto accident.

11:45 a.m. - A citizen p/r that his laptop was removed from his vehicle. Grand larceny.

2:27 p.m. - A citizen p/r that someone stole her purse. Petit larceny.

8:25 p.m. - A citizen p/r that some unknown people are camping on her property in Estate Hansen Bay. Police assistance.

Monday, April 27

11:45 a.m. - An Estate Carolina resident c/r that her neighbor threatened her. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

1:00 p.m. - A citizen p/r that she was threatened. Disturbance of the peace.

10:00 p.m. - An employee of Island Blues c/r that a male was throwing stones at tourists. Disturbance of the peace.

Tuesday, April 28

1:30 p.m. - An Estate Carolina resident p/r that someone removed the stereo from his vehicle.

Grand larceny.

2:35 p.m. - Management of Westin Resort and Villas c/r that a guest lost a ring. Lost ring.

3:30 p.m. - One male was picked up on a warrant by BVI Police by 402C and 402E. Warrant.

8:00 p.m. - A citizen c/r that a man was bleeding in the area of FirstBank. Assault in the third.

Wednesday, April 29

2:00 a.m. - A citizen p/r that he was threatened by a male in the area of Cruz Bay. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

11:10 a.m. - A visitor from New Jersey p/r that someone stole her purse. Grand larceny.

2:00 p.m. - A citizen p/r that her cousin came on her property and knocked over the surveyor's sign. Trespassing.

2:10 p.m. - A citizen r/ that someone was creating a disturbance in the area of Cruz Bay. Disturbance of the peace.

5:26 p.m. - A citizen c/r that someone threatened to kill her son. Disturbance of the peace.

8:20 p.m. - An Estate Hansen Bay resident c/r that someone had destroyed her garden. Destruction of property.

Thursday, April 30

3:30 a.m. - A Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center nurse c/r that a patient had attempted suicide. Attempted suicide.

11:04 a.m. - Badge #90 p/r recovered stolen property and contraband on the Cruz Bay beach. Recovered stolen property and contraband.

3:50 p.m. - A citizen c/r that her house was broken into. Police assistance.

10:30 p.m. - A citizen p/requesting police assistance. Police assistance.

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, May 4

The St. John men's flag football league playoffs will be Monday, May 4, at Winston Wells ball field.

Tuesday, May 5

The V.I. Public Services Commission is hosting a meeting on Tuesday, May 5, at 5:30 p.m. at the St. John Legislature building.

Thursday, May 7

The V.I. Energy Office is hosting a hearing on Thursday, May 7, at the St. John Legislature from 6 to 9 p.m. to inform residents about funds available from ARRA 2009.

Friday, May 8

The second round of the St. John men's flag football league playoffs will be on Friday evening, May 8, at Winston Wells ball field.

Saturday, May 9

John's Folly Learning Institute is celebrating 13 years of after-school and summer programs on Saturday, May 9, starting at noon at the school.

Sunday, May 10

Love City's eminent Calypsonian Chester "Mighty Groover" Brady is giving Moms on St. John a present for Mother's Day.

Tuesday, May 12

Both the Julius E. Sprauve School and Guy Benjamin School Parent Teacher Student Association will host a joint

meeting on Tuesday, May 12, at 5:30 p.m. at the JESS cafeteria.

Sunday, May 17

The Cruz Bay Seventh-day Adventist Church is extending an invitation to the general public to join the 16th annual Health Fair on May 17 from 9 to 3 p.m. at the The Marketplace

Sunday, May 17

Friends of V.I. National Park are hosting a practice swim in preparation for the Beach to Beach Power swim on Sunday morning, May 17, at 8:30 a.m. at Maho Bay beach.

Saturday, May 19

The 9th annual Wagapalooza will be Saturday, May 16, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Winston Wells ball field in Cruz Bay.

Saturday, May 23

Deverall Alfred is hosting the Fourth Annual JJ Fun Day on Saturday, May 23, from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the V.I. National Park ball field.

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 at St. Peter Great House, St. Thomas, 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 Church Schedule & Directory

<p>3 Sail Church 10 Sunday, St. John School of the Arts</p> <p>Baha'i Community of St. John Race Unity Devotions 7:30 p.m. Fridays; Study Circles 9 a.m. Sundays 776-6316, 776-6254</p> <p>Bethany Moravian Church Cruz Bay, St. John 11 a.m., Sunday School 776-6291</p> <p>Calvary Baptist Church 13 ABC Coral Bay, 776-6304 Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday evening 6 p.m., Thursday 7 p.m.</p> <p>Christian Ministry Cinnamon Bay Beach Inter-Denominational Sunday 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>Christian Science Society 10:45 a.m. Sunday- Marketplace Wednesday Testimonials 7:45 p.m. on last Wed. of Month</p> <p>The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Sun. 9 a.m., STT. 776-2379 Sun., 5 p.m., STJ, Lumberyard</p> <p>Cruz Bay Baptist Church Sunday 11 a.m., 6 p.m. 776-6315</p> <p>Emmaus Moravian Church Coral Bay, Sun. 9 a.m. 776-6713</p> <p>Jehovah's Witness 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays; 7 p.m. Saturdays (Español), 10 a.m. Sundays 340-715-0530</p>	<p>Missionary Baptist Church 9:30 a.m. Sunday Services, 10:45 Worship, Tuesday 7 p.m. Bible Study 693-8884</p> <p>Nazareth Lutheran Church Sunday 9 a.m., Sunday School 8 a.m. 776-6731</p> <p>Our Lady of Mount Carmel Sat. 6 p.m., Sun. 7:30 & 9:30 a.m., Spanish Mass 5:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, 7 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. 776-6339</p> <p>St. John Methodist Church Sunday 10 a.m. 693-8830</p> <p>Seventh Day Adventist Saturdays 779-4477</p> <p>St. John Pentecostal Church Sunday 11:05 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays Prayer 7:30 p.m., Thursdays Bible Study 7:30 p.m. 779-1230</p> <p>St. Ursula's Episcopal Church Sundays, 7:15 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Every 3rd Sunday: Service 9:30 a.m. Bible Class, Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. 777-6306</p> <p>Unitarian Universalist Fellowship 9:45 a.m. Sunday 776-6332</p> <p>Word of Faith Church Sunday, March 2, at 1 p.m. at the Giffit Hill School. Call 774-8617</p>
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Ferry Schedules

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RED HOOK TO CRUZ BAY

Every hour on the hour from 6 a.m. to 12 a.m.

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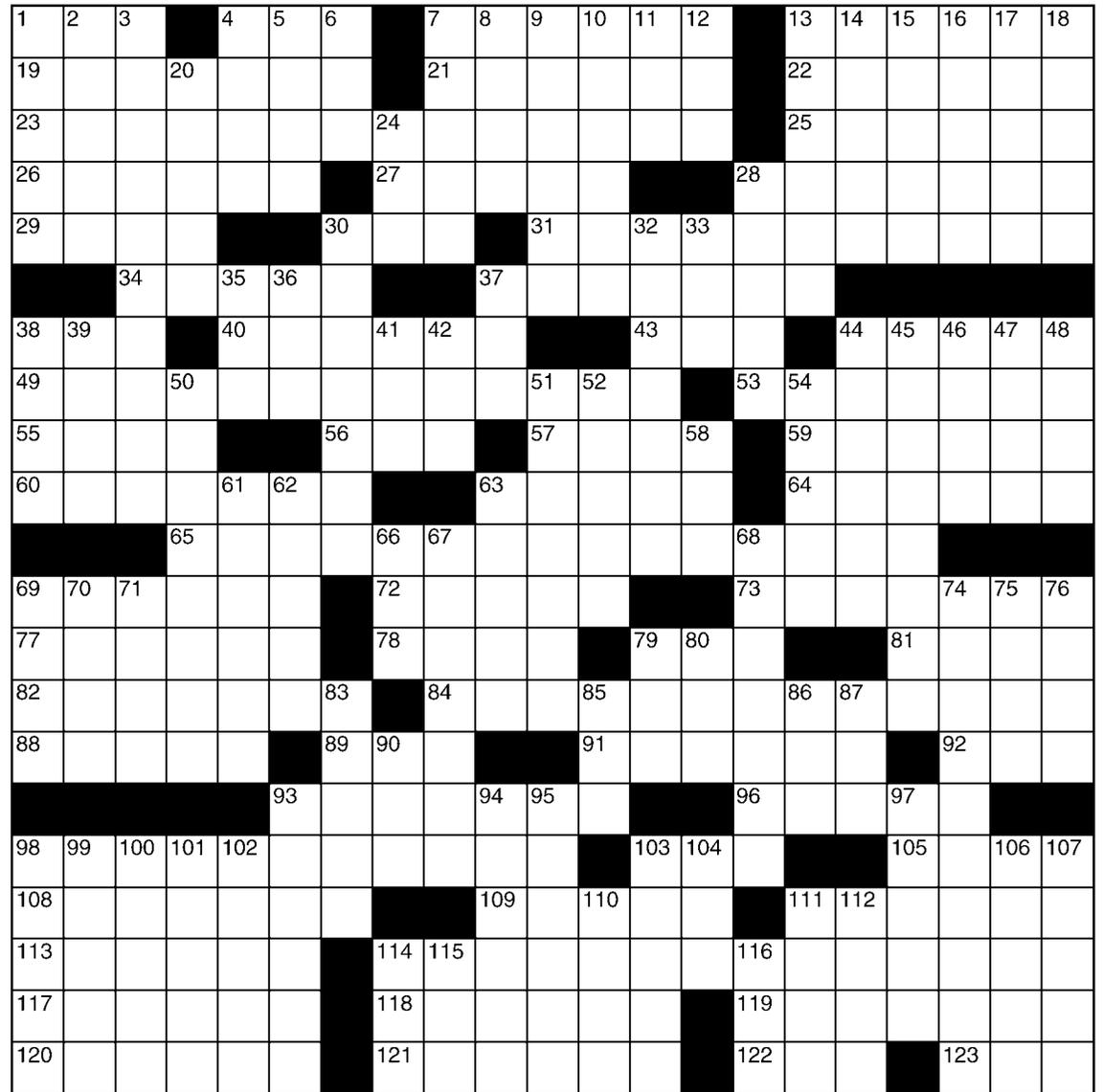
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- 105 Cain's victim
- 108 In a glaringly vivid way
- 109 Fancy hotel lobbies
- 111 Movie theater
- 113 To-do list
- 114 "Annie John" novelist
- 117 Remitted
- 118 Big name in frozen fries
- 119 In an enthusiastic way
- 120 Said grace, e.g.
- 121 Unrepentant individual
- 122 "Don't — step further!"
- 123 The "S" of GPS: Abbr.

DOWN

- 1 — Carta
- 2 "Have I got — for you!"
- 3 Cooked in a sauce of

tomatoes, garlic, and

- olive oil
- 4 "Picnic" dramatist William
- 5 Podium
- 6 — carte
- 7 Posed questions
- 8 Mets' old stadium
- 9 Gore
- 10 Surge, as of new arrivals
- 11 Book like a dict. or ency.
- 12 Ending for Vietnam
- 13 Boy in Booth Tarkington novel titles
- 14 Muse of love poetry
- 15 Celtic priest
- 16 Martini's wine partner
- 17 Fake fat in some chips
- 18 Street lingo
- 20 "Fanny" author Jong
- 24 Not closed, in poetry
- 28 Golden — (retirees)
- 30 Reception amenity
- 32 Offspring producer
- 33 — Lingus
- 35 Juan's gold
- 36 Tillis or Allen
- 37 Cell material
- 38 Pulled tight
- 39 Foot fraction
- 41 Birds — feather
- 42 Dryly funny
- 44 Class cutter
- 45 Villain
- 46 A dozen minus three
- 47 In charge of
- 48 Cardinal and 67-Down
- 50 Roofing material
- 51 Roving
- 52 Ovid's 403
- 54 City-related
- 58 About-face from NNW

- 61 Irks greatly
- 62 Beef bovine
- 63 "— a stinker?!"
- 66 Lyricist Gershwin
- 67 Crimson
- 68 Silent film star Gish
- 69 Arbiters
- 70 Lena of "Chocolat"
- 71 Poi root
- 74 Stuffed toys
- 75 Jai — (cousin of handball)
- 76 Footballer Swann
- 79 McKellen of "Richard III"
- 80 Shepherded
- 83 Comic actor Amsterdam
- 85 That fellow
- 86 Spree
- 87 Beatle bride
- 90 Alternate wd. spelling
- 93 Cable network that reruns old series
- 94 Flower part
- 95 Accomplish
- 97 Veep John — Garner
- 98 Choker part
- 99 More gigantic
- 100 Concert site
- 101 — Moore (stew brand)
- 102 The Munster boy
- 103 Bishop's deputy
- 104 Roadside rescue gp.
- 106 Dickinson or Post
- 107 — -slipper (orchid)
- 110 Make fun of
- 111 "Bye-bye!"
- 112 Actress Swenson
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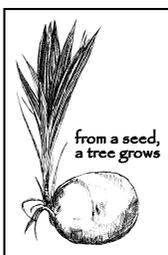
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PT. RENDEZVOUS - New rental villa in upscale neighborhood. Masonry construction with low maintenance features. 3 bedroom/2 baths, large covered veranda, spa, 20' vaulted ceiling in greatroom, ample room for expansion. **\$1,595,000.**

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

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

CAROLINA - Small, poured concrete, home with lovely covered wraparound deck. Flat 1/2 ac. fenced lot. **\$449K.**

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

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

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

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

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CHOCOLATE HOLE - Water views, 1/2 ac. **\$299K & \$379K.**

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HOMES

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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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