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Asolare Takes Best Entrée at Rotary Club Fundraiser Flavors St. John 2010

Asolare's beef tenderloin with mashed potatoes and asparagus alongside a seared scallop with pumpkin puree and house-cured bacon, at left, took top entrée of the night. A huge crowd, above, packed the Westin Resort for the fundraising event.

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Dengue Risk Warning — Fogging on St. John November 18

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Recent and heavy downpours across the territory have made certain areas near the home a haven for mosquito breeding and residents are reminded to take steps to reduce their risk from Dengue Fever,

Department of Health Commissioner Julia Sheen said Friday, November 12.

“Residents should do basic things such as frequently emptying containers that collect water around their homes and spraying dark areas, such as closets, where

mosquitoes that transmit Dengue tend to hide,” Sheen said.

Residents should contact the Environmental Health Division at 715-5111 in the St. Thomas/St. John/Water Island district to report stagnant pools of water near their

homes and in their communities.

Environmental Health officers will begin fogging outdoors this week in an effort to kill off nuisance mosquitoes which come with increased rains. Fogging will

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CBCC Annual Meeting Set for Nov. 15

The Coral Bay Community Council is hosting its annual meeting on Monday, November 15, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at Miss Lucy's for a "finger foods" potluck.

Everyone should bring a dish to share. Drinks will be on sale. The business meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. All of the neighborhoods participating in the EPA and NOAA sponsored storm water management projects will be acknowledged.

The meeting will be a good time to renew CBCC memberships for 2011 or become a member for the first time. CBCC thanks Miss Lucy's Restaurant for donating the premises for this annual event and the many local businesses for their donations.

For more information call the CBCC office at 776-2099. Membership applications and lots of useful information can be found on the website at www.coralbaycommunitycouncil.org.

STJ Vendor's Plaza Meeting Nov. 16

A recently introduced bill appropriating \$300,000 to the Department of Public Works for construction of a Vendor's Plaza on St. John will be discussed on Tuesday afternoon, November 16, in the St. John Legislature building by the Committee on Appropriations and Budget.

The bill, 28-0252, sponsored by Senator Craig Barshinger, calls for the design and build of a traditional vendor's plaza on St. John for the sale of items made, grown or harvested in the Virgin Islands. The bill also allows for the establishment of an advisory council that will help to establish location, hours of operation, policies, and other guidelines regarding the vendor's plaza.

All St. John residents are invited to attend this November 16 meeting, particularly artists, craftsmen, farmers, beekeepers, basket makers, and any other individuals with an interest in selling their wares and/or commenting on this bill.

For a copy of the bill or for more information call 693-8061 or stop by the St. John Legislature building.

Audubon Society Meeting Is Nov. 16

The V.I. Audubon Society will meet on Tuesday, November 16, at the Giff Hill School at 7 p.m. to hear Rafe Boulon and Karl Pytlik discuss the recent lionfish invasion.

This promises to be a very interesting and timely topic about a new species which have moved into the Virgin Islands, uninvited.

Town Meeting Scheduled for Nov. 18

What are the issues of concern for St. John communities? How can they be addressed? The People's Agenda 2010 is hosting a St. John town meeting on Thursday, November 18, at the Julius E. Sprauve School cafeteria from 6 to 9 p.m. For more information contact C. Browne of Women for Positive Change at 774-6683.

KATS St. John Postpones Fall Session

St. John Kids And The Sea, Inc. officials regret to inform the community that the group has decided to postpone the start of its rowing and seamanship class due to the recent bad weather damage and disruptions. KATS officials are uncertain when the new session will start.

Hour-Long Workouts Start for Runners

Starting Saturday, November 20, St. John runners will meet for one-hour workouts at the V.I. National Park Visitor's Center. Runners will meet on Saturdays at 8 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6 p.m. There is no fee. All running and walking levels are encouraged to participate. For more details call Gerry Londergan at 776-6579.



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An nearly stationary front dumped almost nine inches of rain last week, causing flooding across the island including in front of Guy Benjamin School in Coral Bay, above.

Cold Front Soaks Territory with More Rain — And Mudslides and Erosion Continue

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

And the rains just kept on coming!

While St. John was spared the worst of the rainfall that inundated the territory once again last week, the deluge still impacted roadways, guts, homes and schools.

The rainfall impacted St. Croix most with roads severely flooded, schools canceled and government offices closed on the big island. St. John schools were shuttered early

on Wednesday, November 10, but resumed normal hours on Thursday and Friday.

Still Love City saw almost nine more inches of rain last week during a year that has already set rainfall records. George Cline, an avid weather watcher and longtime pilot who broadcasts weather reports on Caribbean Net twice a day six days a week, recorded 8.9 inches of rain at his East End home over the past two weeks.

Skies darkened on Monday

morning, November 8, and except for intermittent streaks of sunlight, rain fell until Thursday night, November 11. The deluge came before Love City's already drenched hillsides had a chance to dry out in the wake of Tropical Storm Otto's rain event in early October.

The ongoing mudslide on Centerline Road from Carey Mercurio's Upper Carolina home continued to fall in the roadway, at times obliterating one lane of traf-

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Runoff, below, near the Coral Bay dinghy dock, and mudslides, above on Centerline Road near Reef Bay, continued last week after an area of unsettled weather sat over the island for several days.



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Heavy rains which dumped almost nine inches of rain on St. John last week caused floods across the island including above, near Emmaus Moravian Church in Coral Bay.



DPNR Warns Residents To Stay Away from Erosion-Impacted Water

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The Department of Planning and Natural Resources' Division of Environmental Protection advised the public last week to refrain from using the waters of the Virgin Islands due to the severe erosion and flushing action associated with the recent rains and flooding.

Water quality is impaired from heavy sediment loads comprising a multiplicity of pollutants including

sewage leaks, spills or bypasses in the municipal sewage system or conventional home septic systems. As a result of elevated bacteria levels and floating debris, coastal waters are compromised and pose a direct health and safety risk.

DPNR is advising the public to refrain from using coastal waters until further notice, including activities such as fishing and bathing. Three to five rain free days should

see a marked improvement in turbidity and bacteria levels.

Persons should be aware that storm water runoff can contain a variety of contaminants or pollutants harmful to human health and therefore all people should avoid areas of storm water runoff (i.e. guts, puddles and drainage basins).

For additional information call DPNR-DEP at 774-3320.

Cold Front Soaks Territory

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fic. Other rock and mudslides also threatened Centerline Road from Coral Bay to Cruz Bay.

Westin Resort and Villas officials continued battling the effects of rainfall and runoff on the resort's property including water damage to the tennis courts. The property's signature pool, which was expected to open last week was filled with mud and had to be drained once again.

The bridge crossing Guinea Gut in front of Greenleaf Commons was dealt another blow with asphalt giving way to gaping holes.

The steady stream of runoff in front of the entrance to The Marketplace continued to flow and back up the waste water treatment plant at Enighed Pond. The Pine Peace basketball court remained under mud and water and South

Shore Road continued to erode.

Department of Planning and Natural Resources officials warned residents to refrain from using territorial waters impacted by the stormwater runoff and erosion. V.I. Waste Management Authority officials had their hands full trying to keep up with sewage pumping stations across the territory.

Sports events, Veterans Day parades and government meetings across the islands were rescheduled or canceled due to the rainfall.

After so much disruption, residents across the territory welcomed the sight of the sun shining on Friday morning, November 12. With the nearly stagnant cold front finally moved off to the island's south east, residents can expect at least a few more days of sunshine with only scattered clouds and isolated showers, according to Cline.

"There was a cold front that settled right out more or less to the northwest of us," said Cline. "And in front of most cold fronts there is a trough of low pressure, which is basically unsettled weather. As a result of that we ended up with a lot of unsettled weather, showers and thunderstorms."

"That stationary front is now moving off to the southeast and the trough is to the east of it, so that takes it away from us," Cline said. "So now we'll have some fair weather coming in for the next few days with scattered clouds and isolated showers. Comparatively speaking, we're going to have some nice weather."

Last week's weather event was the first cold front of the year for the Virgin Islands, Cline added.

With that cold front now moving away from the islands, cool

northern air is in the forecast.

"There is a low to the northeast of us now," said the St. John weather buff. "This front is moving out to the northeast of the Leeward Islands and that is leaving cool dry air coming in from the northwest."

Winds for the next few days will hover in the 10 to 12 knot range as a big, deep low southeast of New England keeps the breezes light, Cline added.

Looking ahead, another cold front is located near Cuba, but that one should be nothing to worry about, according to Cline.

"There is a cold front now over Cuba, but don't be concerned," he said. "It is a weak one and there is no weather in it. That front should meet up with this stationary one that more or less passed over us and they should dissipate."

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Residents at a Friday evening parking lot meeting listen to Nedal Salem, at right, who plans to construct a 24-hour gas station next to Greenleaf Commons on South Shore Road.

Residents Voice Objection to Proposed 24-Hour Gas Station Near Power Boyd

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Residents who gathered in the Greenleaf Commons parking lot on Friday evening, November 12, to hear about a new planned development on the adjacent lot were mostly against the project.

Following a meeting at the Westin Resort and Villas last month, about 35 residents gathered in the parking lot on South Shore Road to hear Nedal Salem talk about his plans to construct a 24-hour gas station and convenience store.

Salem, principal of #481-1 Estate Chocolate Hole Realty Inc., stood just below his roughly .473-acre site located directly next to the Greenleaf Commons parking lot heading up the hill towards Jacob's Ladder.

The area is zoned B-3, business scattered, which allows for the construction of a gas station among myriad other commercial uses.

The developer explained the need on St. John for a second gas station with expanded hours.

"There is a need for another gas station on St. John," said Salem. "If the present one has mechanical or technical failures, you will have no gas on the island. It would also

be good for competition."

"Right now they have a monopoly," Salem said.

Many residents, however, didn't agree about the project's location. The only gas station on the island, E & C Service Station, is about a half-mile away towards Cruz Bay.

"Logically it doesn't make a lot of sense to put the gas station here," said Philip Pickering. "I think we do need another gas station on the island, but not here."

Pickering's sentiment was echoed by many at the parking lot meeting, which also included Department of Planning and Natural Resources' Kent Bernier Jr., of the Environmental Protection Division's water pollution control program, St. John Planner Stuart Smith and DPNR Attorney Dawn Henry.

The project calls for the construction of contained above ground tanks for gasoline storage, a four-car bay for gas pumping and a three-story building with a convenience store on the first level, two apartments on the second story and four apartments on the third floor.

The developers also plan to have a system designed for vapor recovery, so fumes would not be

emitted into the air, Salem added.

Residents expressed concern over tanker trucks traversing the steep Jacob's Ladder to deliver gas to the station, the steepness of the site itself and the added congestion the development would bring to the area.

Once resident firmly in favor of the project was Winnetta Boyd-Stapelton, who lives next door to the planned development.

"I live right here, this is my home," she said. "We need this gas station. We need progress."

DPNR officials took note of residents' concerns and pledged to keep close eye on the project through its permitting process. The project is located in the island's Tier 2 development site, which means it will not come under the scrutiny of the St. John Coastal Zone Management Commission.

While acknowledging that the area is properly zoned for a gas station, the proposed projects brings up the need for a master plan for the island, according to St. John Planner Smith.

"I think that this situation brings up the need in the future to consider a master plan and think about uses in proximity to residences," said Smith.

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Celebrating Tektite I and II — Looking Back and Forward

By Chuck Pishko
St. John Tradewinds

On Saturday, November 6, V.I. Environmental Resource Station and Clean Islands International joined with the St. John Historical Society in celebrating the 40th anniversary of the conclusion of Tektite I and II.

Important programs were conducted on St. John during Tektite as part of the United States exploration of Sea and Space. An October 18, *St. John Tradewinds* article on Tektite detailed the link between the program's advances and the recent Chilean miners rescue.

Randy Brown, the Executive Director of Clean Islands International, which operates VIERS, highlighted the article's look at the extension of the benefits of Tektite. Brown led off the program by introducing Allan Hunt, the President of the Board of Directors of Clean Islands and Bruce Schoonover of the SJHS, who reviewed and updated his Tektite research.

President Hunt, who lives in Bermuda, welcomed the program participants and audience. Schoonover updated his material on Tektite and supplemented it with new



Allan Hunt, above left, President of the Board of Directors of Clean Islands International addressed the crowd. The event drew Dr. Hal Ross and Doug Briggs, above right, who both worked on Tektite II.

information. Schoonover's insights on the Soviet Union's moves of the 1960s were especially germane in light of the Chinese government's current leadership in the field of undersea submersibles.

In the September 12 *New York Times* it was reported Chinese scientists had descended more

than two miles into the South China Sea to explore and mine the ocean floor, rich in oil and minerals worth trillions of dollars. Soon Chinese submersibles will be able to descend 4.35 miles, according to the *New York Times*.

Much of the technical support and equipment, such as lights,

cameras and mechanical arms came from the United States, according to the *Times*. Also, the crews trained at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution on Cape Cod, Massachusetts, aboard the *Alvin*, the world's oldest and most famous deep-diving craft.

Tektite participants reminded

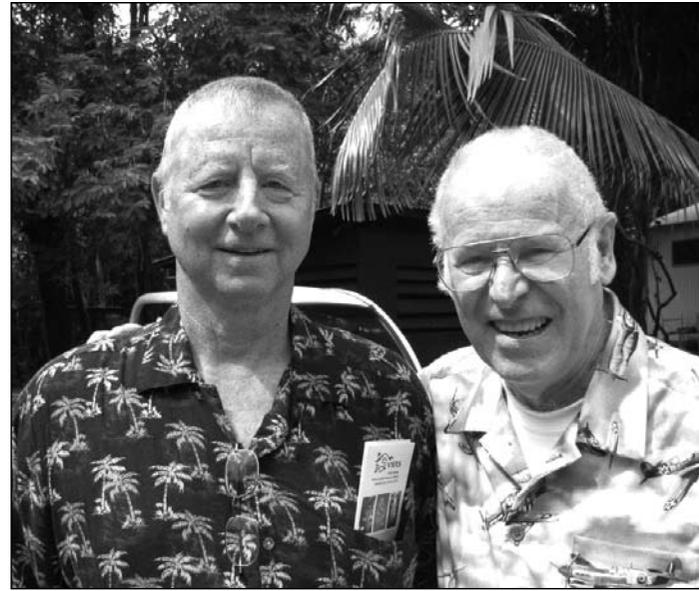
those at the anniversary of the importance of looking forward to challenges as well as backward to history.

In the early days of undersea exploration, the Soviet Union appear to have little regard for the casualties encountered in their explorations while safety was one of the major concerns for the United States, according to Dr. Hal Ross, who worked on Tektite II and attended the reunion with fellow Tektite member Doug Briggs.

Briggs supervised students from Highline Community College, Washington, who served as rescue divers for Tektite II.

Much attention has been paid to the first all-women team of aquanauts in the Tektite program led by Dr. Sylvia Earle. The extra attention highlighted the talents of female scientists, but there were many other women involved.

Dr. Alina Szmant, currently a Professor of Marine Biology at the University of North Carolina, was one of more than 60 scientist-aquanauts who took part in Tektite II. Dr. Szmant studied behavior of reef fishes to determine stimuli needed to trigger escape.



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St. John Invited To Make Thankspiggin' 2010 Largest Island Potluck Dinner Ever

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

While Coral Bay's annual community feast Thankspigging has worn many monikers, this year is the first time the event is angling to get in the pages of the esteemed Guinness Book of World Records.

The brainchild of St. John architect Ken Yolman, the annual Thanksgiving party started in 2001 as way for the once down-on-his-luck Coral Bay resident to give back.

On November 25, he's hoping to attract 500 people to take part in the world's largest potluck dinner ever.

"When I first moved here, there used to be Thanksgiving parties down at Lameshur Bay," said Yolman. "Back then, I was pretty broke and I always went, but I couldn't even bring anything. Then they stopped having them — probably because there were so many freeloaders like me."

A few years later, Yolman, who owns Coral Bay Design Build with his brother Rick, was in a better position and hosted his first Thanksgiving dinner at his Coral Bay home, which he opened to anyone who didn't have a place to go.

"A lot of people are away from their families here," said Yolman. "So I made my house open to anyone who needed a place to go for Thanksgiving dinner."

The first Thanksgiving gathering drew a crowd, which continued to grow over several years until Yolman needed a bigger venue.

"I first approached Dougie [Sica, owner of Skinny Legs, who passed away in 2006] and asked if we could have the party there since Skinny Legs closes on Thanksgiving," said Yolman. "He told me, 'No way! That is one of my only two days off all year and I don't even answer the door that day.'"

So the next year, Yolman asked Sica's business partner Moe Chabuz, who happily offered Skinny Legs' venue for the gathering — and the soiree had a home.

While there are usually turkeys on the menu, a slow-roasted pig has become the centerpiece, and thus, Thankspigging was born.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo Courtesy of Ken Yolman

The annual community feast Thankspigging could make the pages of The Guinness Book of World Records.

Since those first early years, Thankspigging has steadily grown in both menu offerings and diners, who line up a few hundred deep for the buffet. Dinner has included everything from roasted pigs and deep fried turkeys to grilled alligator tail and fresh sushi.

The day also includes live music by just about anyone who brings their instrument along, which many people do.

Putting a distinct Coral Bay twist on the event, Yolman commissions an annual Thankspigging T-shirt from Tall Ship Trading, which he distributes to the core group of helpers who have pitched in year after year. That group includes Megan Elliott, Sandie Stein, Sally Bolhous and Barbara Horan among many others, who take care of everything from decorations to food display.

Last year, Yolman estimated that more than 300 mouths were fed with the extensive Thankspigging spread. That number stuck in the architect's head, and eventually the idea for the Guinness Book of World Records arose.

After contacting Guinness Book of World Records officials, Yolman discovered that there was no category for Thanksgiving dinner specifically. There was, however, a record for largest potluck — and Thankspigging surely fits that description.

The folks at Sideluck Potshow of New York currently hold the

record for the largest potluck ever which they set on May 15, 2010, by feeding 479 people.

Yolman is hoping to attract at least 500 people to this year's Thankspigging and take that record from Fed Ex.

From Hops and Hogs to A Brotherly Feed, the event is also christened with an annual title and this year Yolman promised to be the last in which he will act the host.

Yolman's final Thankspigging, "The Last Feed" will be on Thursday, November 25, and will hopefully be an historic one as well.

Everyone is invited to bring whatever dish they make best, whatever they like to drink, and come out and enjoy an impressive spread of food. Diners will be asked to sign in with official witnesses for inclusion in the Guinness Book of World Records, starting at 2 p.m.

While this might be Yolman's last year hosting the annual community event, he hoped someone else will pick up the torch next year. So for the first time, he is selling T-shirts, the proceeds from which Yolman will donate to help get next year's Thankspigging off the ground.

Stop by Skinny Legs for Thankspigging on November 25 around 2 p.m. and be a part of history. For more information check out www.thankspigging.org, which should be up and running this week.



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AARP members, including state president for the Virgin Islands Denyce Singleton, above at far left, served lunch up to wounded veterans and family members visiting St. John, above center-left and at right.

AARP and American Legion Serve Lunch to Team River Runner

By Jaime Elliott

St. John Tradewinds

American Legion Post #131 Auxiliary hosted a luncheon on Saturday, November 6, for wounded veterans who visited St. John the first week of November.

Twenty-five wounded service members

and their family stayed at Cinnamon Bay Campground for a week of healing and kayak adventures with Team River Runner. The day before they left island, Post #131 Auxiliary hosted a luncheon for the wounded warriors at the Coral Bay Agriculture Station.

St. John AARP Chapter 4777 members

brought some dishes and served the lunch as part of the group's day of service. AARP state president for the Virgin Island Denyce Singleton came over from St. Croix for the event and St. Thomas AARP representative Virginia Dargan joined in the fun as well.

Coral Bay community members also

brought along some food to share and Post #131 Auxiliary member Shirley Sewer even whipped up some local soursop juice.

About 75 people enjoyed lunch under the shade of fruit trees on the Agriculture Department's Coral Bay property, which is also the Post #131's official headquarters.

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Thanksgiving Regatta Is November 26 and 27

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The 29th Annual Coral Bay Yacht Club Thanksgiving Regatta will be November 26 and 27.

Single-handers and gaff-riggers will hit the seas on Friday, November 26, after registration at Skinny Legs at 8:30 a.m. and a 9 a.m. Skipper's Meeting, during which the course will be announced.

On Friday night, November 26, the party is at Skinny Legs with live music and a mandatory meeting for all sailors planning on heading out on Saturday. Any skippers who can't make the Friday night meet-

ing are asked to call Dick Burks at 643-5361 for start times.

All classes, including PHRF, traditional and pursuit racers will head out on Saturday, November 26, after an 8:30 a.m. Skipper's Meeting at Skinny Legs. Live music and awards will start at 5:30 p.m. at Skinny Legs that night.

Don't miss the chance to win a brand new dinghy and motor. Buy a raffle ticket at both Connections locations, St. John Hardware and Paradise Hardware. All proceeds go to support St. John Kids And The Sea's youth sailing program.



2010 Coral Bay, USVI

A Friendly and Helpful Visit From a Government Official

By Chuck Pishko St. John Tradewinds

Often when we hear the phrase "I'm from the government and I'm here to help you," we're told to be extremely leery.

Such is not the case with Daphne Macfarlan, Project Coordinator from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Restoration Center in Florida, who was recently on a field visit to St. Croix and St. John to assess the restoration projects funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

A team that included Dr. Carlos Ramos-Scharron from the University of Texas, who leads the terrestrial monitoring part of that project, and staff and board members from the V.I. Research Conservation



Daphne Macfarlan, at left, with Terry Pishko.

and Development Council which is managing the projects on both St. Croix and St. John, reviewed the project at the East End Bay site on St. Croix.

Team members reviewed the work accomplished to date and developed a work plan for remedial action needed to complete the project and protect the bay from

erosion.

In Fish Bay on St. John, Macfarlan was not deterred by heavy rains plaguing Love City on Wednesday, November 10, but rather relished the idea of being able to see the sites under rainy conditions.

The heavy rains experienced in the territory during the past few months have illustrated that many of the actions taken are working as anticipated and will reduce sediment to the bays. The rainfall also showed that some of the projects need to be adjusted and tweaked to work better.

Macfarlan was unable to visit the Coral Bay sites which are part of the NOAA ARRA grant during this visit. For more information on the specific projects, check out the website www.usvircd.org.



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Saltwater Gypsy Consignment Shop Can Cut Down Trips to St. Thomas

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Looking for a not-brand-new television set? Still need a table for the deck?

Filling those needs won't require a trip to St. Thomas any longer. Owner Laurie Toth hopes to meet everyone's needs and more with her Salt Water Gypsy Consignment Shop on the second floor of The Lumberyard Complex.

After much hard work, Toth opened for business last week and the store was already stocked with furniture, appliances and more.

Originally from Annapolis, Maryland, Toth had been a frequent visitor to Love City before making the big move this year.

"I've been coming down for about 18 years," she said. "I used to spend about six to eight weeks here every winter and then I decided to stay a little longer and then I decided to make the move."

The multi-talented Toth, who counts piano tuning and repair among her varied skills, is also an esthetician. She owned her own business back in Maryland and it was a three month stint on St. John last winter which served as the inspiration for her new venture.

"I came down last winter for three months and worked for Julie at Drift Away Spa," said Toth.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Saltwater Gypsy owner Laurie Toth, above, welcomes shoppers to her new store in the Lumberyard.

"I rented an apartment and there were so many little things that I needed. I didn't want to go all the way over to St. Thomas for an iron or a coffee pot."

Back in Maryland, Toth decided that three months in paradise wasn't enough. She sold her business and made St. John her home in March. While figuring out how to make a living on island, Toth kept thinking of all those items she needed for her apartment, and decided there must be other people in

the same boat.

"So many people come and go here, there is a market of these items that are in good shape, but you just don't need anymore," said Toth. "And this is a great way to recycle. We're salvaging everything, so it's really green."

Her roughly 600-square-foot space was filling up quickly last week with furniture, pots and pans, artwork, glassware and more.

"We're starting to get stuff," said Toth. "I got a bunch of stuff from St. John Kids, like brand new toys and stuffed animals and dolls, which will be great for the holidays. I also have Elaine Estern prints and a lot more."

Salt Water Gypsy is also the perfect venue for people leaving island and looking to unload furniture, electronics, fans and more. The consignment model is the perfect way to make some extra cash while lightening one's load.

"With the consignment model, you bring your item into me and you still own it until I sell it," said Toth. "When I sell the item you get paid and I make a little too. It's perfect for people who are leaving island because I can mail a check."

"Or people who are here can just stop by and pick up their money," she said.

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Second Annual Online Auction Kicks Off Nov. 19 for Friends of VINP

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

What could be a better way to spend the holidays than relaxing at the expansive pool at the *W* in Vieques, while knowing the trip helped Friends of V.I. National Park offer educational opportunities to Virgin Islands children?

If that sounds ideal, then don't miss Friends of V.I. National Park's second annual online auction, set to kick off at 10 a.m. on Friday, November 19, and wrap up on Sunday, December 5.

The group switched its annual auction from a live format to an online event for the first time last year as a way to expand their audience, explained Friends' development director Heather Ruhsam.



News Photo Courtesy of Friends

Friends supporters can bid on a weekend getaway to the *W* Vieques, above.

Traditionally, Friends hosted a live auction at its annual gala, which usually included around 200 guests. By switching to an online forum, the group was able to reach an audience of thousands,

according to Ruhsam.

"Last year we took the auction online and it was a great decision," said Ruhsam. "It took our audience from around 200 people who we had at the gala to about 2,000 individual members and non-members across the country."

The group's first effort netted around \$15,000 and this year officials hope to haul in between \$20,000 and \$25,000 to support Friends of VINP's programs, according to Ruhsam.

In order to raise even more funds through the auction this year, Ruhsam pushed up the date of the auction and added even more exciting packages for bidders.

"We moved the date of the auction up a bit this year because we

wanted to time it over Thanksgiving for a few reasons," said Friends' development director. "We wanted people to be able to plan weekend getaways for the holidays or boat trips for their stay. We also thought people could look at the items all together."

"Also if someone had something in mind to give for a holiday gift, we have time to get it out before the holiday," said Ruhsam. "On December 6, we'll process payments and send things out."

To amp up the proceeds for Friends, the auction will also offer more items for bidders this year, Ruhsam added.

"We've expanded it a bit in terms of the number of items and the quality of items," she said about the auction items and packages. "We have some new items and some really exciting packages."

Friends supporters can bid on everything from commissioned paintings from local artists Livy Hitchcock and Elaine Estern, to accommodations at some of the most luxurious villas, dinners at popular restaurants and stunning jewelry from local gold and silver-smiths R&I Patton.

Also new this year, Friends of VINP has teamed up with Friends of the Smoky, to offer an exciting week in the breathtaking southeast U.S. National Park, Ruhsam explained.

"We did an auction swap with Friends of the Smoky and we have a four-night package for four people in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park," said Ruhsam. "The week includes accommodations, dinners, guided hikes, trail maps, everything. In return, they will be getting a week in St. John which Friends of the Smoky will be auctioning off."

The auction also includes those enticing weekend stays at the *W* in Vieques, and other locations not too far from St. John, ideal for a quick get-away. And Friends is accepting donations of auction items right up through December 5, so bidders are encouraged to check the site often for new items.

In total, Ruhsam hopes to offer 40 items during the auction. After registering, supporters can bid on their favorite items and even sign

up for alerts so they can be informed when they need to up their ante.

Proceeds from the auction will go to supporting Friends many invaluable programs in V.I. National Park. This year, the non-profit has committed to more than \$600,000 in programs and projects, according to Ruhsam.

"The funds go to support natural and cultural resource preservation, protection and education," said the development director. "Some of our big programs this year are the archaeology program and we're working on an accessible trail assessment. The park has requested that we help them to fund a full accessible trail guide so people will know the difficulty of different trails."

Even though Friends' annual gala won't offer a live auction, the night will be full of fine food by St. John Catering, great live music by Paradise People and stunning vistas. This year the gala will be on Saturday night, February 5, 2011, at Cheryl and Dave McDaniels' Butterfly Beach in Estate Fish Bay.

"Cheryl and Dave McDaniels are just wonderful people and they're hosting the gala at their beautiful new home in Fish Bay," said Ruhsam. "They're from New Jersey and will be spending part of the year down here. They're really excited about hosting the event, being a part of the community and inviting people into their home."

The McDaniels are also interested in invigorating the local butterfly population by reintroducing native plants on their Fish Bay property sure to make Butterfly Beach really earn its name, Ruhsam added.

Invitations to the Friends' annual gala should be mailed out in December and raffle tickets, for the chance to win more than 30 great prizes, will be available then as well.

Get a sneak peek of the items in Friends' online gala at www.friendsofvinp.org or www.biddingforgood.com/friendsofvinp, and be sure to register and start bidding on November 19.

For more information or to donate auction items call Ruhsam at 779-4940.

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St. John Landsharks Host Turkey Day 5K

Get your running shoes out! It's time to get this holiday season started right! The St. John Landsharks are hosting a fun filled 5K run on Thanksgiving Day, November 25.

Registration starts at 7:30 a.m. with the race starting at 8 a.m. Donations of non-perishable food items are appreciated. Meet at the Annaberg parking lot for the 5K looping course in the area of Maho/Francis/Leinster Bay areas.

Kids are welcome and they should drag their parents out for an hour in the morning.

The course is part road and part trail running, so runners should expect to get wet or muddy. But, that's part of the fun, a little "XTERRA" for Thanksgiving morning. Fun Thanksgiving themed prizes and awards will handed out.

For more information email Louise at louise@surfbvi.com or call Jude at 779-1416.

DOH Extends Smoke-Free Act Compliance

St. John Tradewinds

Department of Health Commissioner Julia Sheen announced last week that the Virgin Islands Smoke-Free Act, No. 7171, which prohibits smoking in public places was to take effect Wednesday, November 10, 2010.

The Smoke -Free Act was enacted by the Legislature on April 17, 2010 and signed into law by Governor John deJongh on May 10. DOH is granting all businesses in the Virgin Islands an additional three months to come into compliance with the law. Accordingly, the DOH's Environmental Health officers will not be issuing cita-

tions until after that time.

DOH will continue its public education efforts during this period and provide businesses with technical assistance as needed.

The Smoke-Free Act specifically prohibits smoking in the Virgin Islands in enclosed areas of public places which includes all restaurants, bars, casinos and other places of employment; within 20 feet from any point of service or waiting line; and within 20 feet of all outdoor public transportation stations and platform shelters opened to the public.

The Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs is working

in conjunction with DOH to provide all businesses renewing or applying for a new license with literature describing the effects of smoking, tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke, Sheen explained.

The educational materials will also include information on the requirements of the Virgin Islands Smoke-Free Act such as businesses being required to post "No Smoking signs" in their establishments.

Inquiries about the Smoke Free Act should be made to the Tobacco Prevention and Control Program, by calling 773-1311 ext. 3198.

Asolare Raises Funds for ACC at Wine & Whiskers

St. John Tradewinds

Asolare Restaurant overlooking Cruz Bay hosted an impressive "Whiskers and Wine" dinner on November 1 to benefit the St. John Animal Care Center.

Spearheaded by local resident and wine enthusiast Jodi Tanino, the event attracted more than 40 animal lovers who each paid

\$100 for the luxury of experiencing incredible food and wine served by the gracious and volunteer Asolare staff.

Asolare General Manager Jonathan Corey and co-chefs Thom Ghinazzi and Jonathan Balak, produced the event, which included five delicious courses and wine pairings while

customers enjoyed the sunset view over Pillsbury Sound. Both chefs started their positions last December and received rave reviews from attendees.

Several attendees also purchased wine after the event which also went to benefit the ACC. In total, Asolare raised \$4,500 for the island's only animal shelter.

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3rd Degree Burglaries: 70

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Letter to St. John Tradewinds



Wild boar



Domestic pigs

Feral Pigs Considered Most Harmful, Invasive Mammal

This past summer the public was made aware of the arrival of the invasive Asian-Pacific Lionfish. Its arrival was met with much publicity and action, including front-page photographs, group organization and volunteer involvement.

It is encouraging to see that so many people care about our reef environment.

But wait, in the top 100 most invasive species, as registered by The Conservation Science Institute, there are 10 mammals found in our hemisphere and St. John is home to seven of them.

The most destructive mammal on the short list is an animal that has been allowed to thrive on St. John without much notice or seeming concern: The pig.

Pigs are intelligent animals. Pigs have a high reproductive rate. A sow can have two litters a year ranging from 4-14 piglets. Pigs are extremely adaptable making them difficult to control.

Pigs are omnivores. They forage for food on the ground by rooting just beneath the surface. The effects of their foraging, knocking down and trampling large amounts of native vegetation, causes significant damage. Rooting destabilizes the soil surface, uproots or weakens native vegetation and causes erosion. Their fecal matter contaminates fresh water runoff. They may consume the nests and young of many reptiles, ground-nesting birds, mammals and sea turtles. With their fine sense of smell, wild hogs can find and consume young poultry, lambs and goats. They will eat almost anything, including garbage and dead animals.

In addition, wild hogs can also host many diseases and parasites, including hog cholera, psuedorabies, brucellosis, tuberculosis, salmonellosis, anthrax, ticks, fleas, lice and various flukes and worms.

Scientists say feral pigs may be the most harmful invasive mammal in the world.

Looking at the picture of a sow taken while dumping the garbage, with the developed long pointed nose and erect ears, she looks more like a wild boar than domestic pig. If left to breed in the wild, wild boar, as shown in the third picture is what we'll have here on St. John.

What is being done here on St. John about the



St. John pig

growing number of feral pigs? One day I was turning onto 104 from Centerline road and there was a big sow standing in the middle of the road. I had to slam on my brakes to avoid an accident. Pigs come over to where I live and dump the neighbor's trash can to get to the garbage.

Lately, I've seen them wandering farther and farther up and down Centerline Road. Soon they will be in Cruz Bay. It is my understanding that there is a law that provides for citations to be written for incidents of livestock at large that carry a \$100 fine. Why isn't the law being enforced? Are we waiting for someone to get killed trying to avoid hitting a 150-lb hog?

The steep slopes of the island have a very thin layer of soil that is held together by the root systems of the forest understory vegetation. Pig behavior destroys those plants that hold the soil on the hill. Without it, the soil will get washed away, adding more soil erosion to the already existing problem. The cost of allowing these swine to proliferate further may, in the end, be a price we simply can't afford.

Isn't the fragile ecosystem of St. John important enough to prevent its destruction from a known invader? Shouldn't it be protected with as much enthusiasm as our reef environment? Isn't the health and safety of our local citizens and visiting tourists just as important? Isn't it time to get the facts about wild pigs "out there"? Isn't it time to enforce the law?

And if no one claims ownership of the pigs, I suggest an open season for everyone and sharing the unclaimed pork with everyone for some free food!

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Police Log

Friday, November 5

9:29 a.m. - A citizen p/r that her boyfriend assaulted her and threw her belongings out of the house. Aggravated assault and battery, D.V.

11:03 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r that someone broke into her residence and removed her jewelry. Burglary in the third.

Saturday, November 6

4:15 a.m. - An Estate Adrian resident p/r that an unknown male punched him with a closed fist. Simple assault.

4:59 a.m. - A citizen c/r that she woke up and found someone in her bed. Unlawful sexual contact.

4:19 p.m. - A St. Thomas resident p/r that she lost her VIPD pins in an unknown location. Lost VIPD pins.

7:29 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident c/r that someone entered his home and removed bags. Burglary in the second.

Sunday, November 7

11:00 a.m. - A St. Thomas resi-

dent p/r that someone damaged his vehicle while it was parked in Coral Bay. Damage to a vehicle.

Monday, November 8

7:21 a.m. - A citizen p/r that she would like some help to retrieve heavy equipment she loaned to someone. Police assistance.

8:08 a.m. - An Estate Grunwald resident c/r that his place of employment was broken into. Burglary in the third.

11:31 p.m. - An Estate Bethany resident p/requesting assistance to obtain money. Police assistance.

Tuesday, November 9

3:43 p.m. - A citizen c/r a school bus ran off the road in the area of Estate Giffit Hill.

6:05 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r that someone hit her vehicle in the Lumberyard complex. Hit and run.

Wednesday, November 10

11:23 a.m. - A citizen c/requesting police assistance to take his mental patient son to Myrah Keat-

ing Smith Community Health Center. Police assistance.

12:00 p.m. - A citizen c/r being involved in an auto accident in the area of Centerline Road. Auto accident.

Thursday, November 11

1:58 a.m. - A citizen r/ a disturbance between her stepbrother and another male in Estate Adrian. Destruction of property.

11:22 a.m. - A citizen c/r an auto accident in the area of Centerline Road near the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Auto accident.

5:37 p.m. - Badge #41 present with one Robert Kassner of Estate Nazareth, St. Thomas, under arrest and charged with driving under the influence. Bail was set at \$500 by order of the court. He was remanded to the Bureau of Corrections on St. Thomas.

8:21 p.m. - A citizen c/r there might be a possible house fire in the area of Estate Adrian. Police assistance.

Letter to St. John Tradewinds

Has Multiculturalism Failed?

Has multiculturalism failed?

That idea is going around, even among leaders of other countries and our own. It is not new.

Although some would agree, most would reply that our U.S. Virgin Islands are a fine example of how multiculturalism works. Despite "9/11", most of New York City would claim it too is an outstanding example. Admittedly, we have had our own bad moments there and here too.

A major concern without going into details is the question of integrating cultures, (Muslim, Latino, Native American, Roma, Turk, Palestinian, Sunni, Shia, Kurd, Tribal African and a host of others around the world) into a nation's culture and rule when some have immigrated primarily for economic reasons, or when some have been grouped with others by force.

Questions arise around integration vs. separatism, cultural survival, equitable treatment and distribution of national resources, also national security and border

control.

While there are hard details to resolve, good will will help resolve them. There are failures in communication, in understanding others, in generous reaching out and reassurance, and in dealing maturely with our own grievances and fears.

Knowledge of self is called for, which involves peeling away layer after layer of assumptions, like an onion, only maybe infinite. Highly recommended by Socrates, Buddha and myriad moral philosophers.

Military might, brute force, walls, fences and selfishness often succeed, but there really is a better way as Jesus foremost, and others, have taught.

That way can be difficult. Cultural identities hold on to their specialness or even exclusiveness. Part of how a cultural identity is maintained (even for centuries and millennia) in a host culture, is by being an irritant to the host which stimulates defensive loyalty among the faithful.

Nevertheless, most of us do learn to get along, to make space and allowances for one another's needs — while at the same time striving for justice and fairness to all. That we will have always with us.

The larger society develops its own irritants and poisons too, definitely worth maintaining one's distance from.

The pitfalls are many. I have been failing at multiculturalism myself for 50-odd years, if I may be allowed to discount errors of childhood and adolescence.

But I'm not sorry I didn't listen to them.

Which may show how it is better to fail in certain efforts than to succeed in the opposite endeavor.

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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, November 15

— CBCC is hosting its annual meeting from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at Miss Lucy's for a "finger foods" potluck.

— The third annual Wine to the Third Power — A Celebration of Fine Wines will be from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Marriott Frenchman's Reef and Morning Star Beach Resort Ballroom on St. Thomas. To purchase a ticket to the event or a raffle ticket, visit www.antilles.vi or call 776-1600 x 243.

Tuesday, November 16

— A recently introduced bill appropriating \$300,000 to the Department of Public Works for construction of a Vendor's Plaza on St. John will be discussed on Tuesday afternoon, in the St. John Legislature building by the Committee on Appropriations and Budget.

— CBCC's first Planning Series will be at the Guy Benjamin School Room 6, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The first topic will be an overview of planning issues and setting priority topics for future sessions. For more details, call 776-2099.

— The V.I. Audubon Society will meet at the Giff Hill School at 7 p.m. to hear Rafe Boulon and Karl Pytlík discuss the recent lionfish invasion.

Thursday, November 18

The People's Agenda 2010 is hosting a St. John town meeting at the Julius E. Sprauve School cafeteria from 6 to 9 p.m.

Tuesday, November 23

The St. John Chapter of the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce will meet from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at a location, which will be announced later.

Thursday, November 25

Get your running shoes out! It's time to get this holiday season started right! The St. John Landsharks are hosting a fun filled 5K run. Registration starts at 7:30 a.m. with the race starting at 8 a.m. Meet at the Annaberg parking.

November 26-27

The 29th Annual Coral Bay Yacht Club Thanksgiving Regatta will be November 26-27.

Saturday, December 11

Mongoose Junction will host the 15th annual All Island Holiday Party starting at 8 p.m.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

AL-ANON MEETINGS

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 St. Ursula's Multi-purpose center.

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.

PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

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SIMIAN ENSEMBLE

ACROSS

- 1 Got beaten by
- 7 Coca-Cola sports drink
- 15 Yard sale caveat
- 19 "Top Hat" dancer Fred
- 21 Mass departures
- 22 Gossip maven Barrett
- 23 Start of a riddle
- 25 Ivory tooth
- 26 Atop, in poems
- 27 Composer Edvard
- 28 Prefix with dermal
- 29 Bakers' gloves
- 30 Fortunes
- 33 Way out
- 36 Valium drugmaker
- 37 Riddle, part 2
- 43 Deceive
- 45 Began a golf game
- 46 Mined materials
- 47 Peruvian singer Sumac
- 48 1980s-90s computer
- 53 Baptism or bar mitzvah
- 54 Shoelace problem
- 55 Riddle, part 3
- 61 Tranquil
- 62 Spiritually revived
- 63 Co. shares
- 64 Co. honcho
- 67 Steered, as a ship
- 69 Changing the style of
- 72 Cowell and Legree
- 74 Suffix with cook or rook
- 75 British poet Hughes
- 77 Coveted

DOWN

- 12 Immediately
- 13 Actress Moore
- 14 Suffix with Milan
- 15 Its heart is eaten as a vegetable
- 16 From Dixie
- 17 Having two-channel sound
- 18 Fifth Avenue store
- 20 Wetland bird
- 24 With 102-Down, bright headlights
- 29 Cut, as a lawn
- 31 Prefix with freak or friendly
- 32 — -mo replay
- 34 LAPD rank
- 35 Chicago-to-Atlanta dir.
- 36 Reiterates
- 38 "The Good Earth" heroine
- 39 Amer. Samoa, to the U.S.
- 40 Of lyric poems
- 41 Buzzi and Gordon
- 42 VT hours
- 43 Poet Percy — Shelley
- 44 Gushing actor
- 49 Gallic sea
- 50 Pastry bag user
- 51 Sitcom actor Kaplan
- 52 Battery ends
- 56 "A Nightmare on — Street"
- 57 Soul singer Adams
- 58 Fork feature
- 59 Historic 1951 computer
- 60 Kilt or tutu
- 64 Starbucks cup slip-on
- 65 Envelop
- 66 Ancient Egyptian god

- 79 "Baby Beluga" singer
- 80 Riddle, part 4
- 84 Parisian cleric
- 87 The "V" of RSVP
- 88 — Rica (Central American country)
- 89 Student of Yale
- 90 Zoo noise
- 91 Many map closeups
- 94 Suit jacket materials
- 97 End of the riddle
- 103 Pledge to marry
- 104 Gratify
- 105 Actress Raquel
- 108 Italian city
- 109 Drunkard
- 112 Last king of Troy
- 114 In advance of
- 115 Power unit
- 116 Riddle's answer
- 121 Opera part, in Orly
- 122 "Jurassic Park" novelist Michael
- 123 Bookstore units
- 124 Merlin, e.g.
- 125 In agreement
- 126 Joker player Cesar

- 68 Whirling Muslim, maybe
- 70 Actor Robert De —
- 71 Rubies, e.g.
- 73 Pas' other halves
- 76 A moon of Saturn
- 78 LAPD rank
- 80 Montpelier resident
- 81 Evict
- 82 Exercises
- 83 Mil. alliance
- 84 Ulna setting
- 85 Regatta
- 86 Hair clasp
- 92 Spying gizmo
- 93 Fall '75 TV debut
- 95 "Man alive!"
- 96 Suffix with butyl
- 98 Baseball's Mel
- 99 Position, as troops
- 100 Raymond that "everybody loves"
- 101 "In your dreams!"
- 102 See 24-Down
- 106 "Two and a Half Men"
- co-star Jon
- 107 The Chiffons' "— Fine"
- 108 "— the night before ..."
- 109 Full of pep
- 110 Sheriff Andy Taylor's boy
- 111 Delicacy
- 113 Jay of "Jerry Maguire"
- 116 Primo pitcher
- 117 It follows pi
- 118 Summer, in Rouen
- 119 Orthodox leader?
- 120 N preceders

Crime Stoppers USVI Seeks Information on Crimes

St. John Tradewinds

Crime Stoppers is asking the community's help to solve the following crimes. If anyone knows something, they should say something.

St. John

Sometime overnight on Wednesday, November 3, the Banana Deck Restaurant in Cruz Bay was burglarized. The burglar entered and exited through the western window with an 85-pound safe containing approximately \$2,000 in cash.

The minimum reward for the arrest of this burglar is \$714 plus 10 percent of the cash recovered.

Community members can submit tips on these or any other crimes at www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org or by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

Tips are completely anonymous, and the stateside operators are bilingual. If a tip leads to an arrest or the recovery of stolen property, illegal drugs, or weapons, the tipster receives a cash reward to be paid according to their instructions.

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN! Residential Electronic Waste Recycling Drive

RECYCLING SCHEDULE

ST. CROIX

November 18 - 20, 2010
9:00 am to 1:00 pm
941-946 Williams Delight
(East of Sunshine Mall)

ST. THOMAS

November 18 - 20, 2010
9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Community Motors Warehouse
(East of Frenchtown Texaco)

ST. JOHN

November 15 - 16, 2010
9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Winston Wells Ball Park

Items That Will Be Accepted For Recycling:

- CPU's
- Disk Drives
- Keyboards
- Lap Tops
- Monitors
- Mouse
- Projectors
- Scanners
- Speaker Sets
- Surge Protectors
- Two-way Radios
- Video Cameras
- Walkie-Talkies
- Copiers
- Printers
- Fax Machines
- Televisions
- PDA/Handheld Systems

Residential Drop-off Requirements

- Bring your electronic waste boxed
- No more than 3 of the same items per household will be accepted
- Provide manpower to unload and load items

**VIWMA is temporarily NOT accepting E-waste from
Businesses or Government Agencies**

**For further information on the proper disposal of E-waste
for businesses and government agencies, please contact:
Dr. Clenecia Pelle**

**Department of Planning and Natural Resources
773-3450**

For More Information Contact:

St. Croix
Paulina Hobson
712-4963



St. Thomas/St. John
Cordell Jacobs
777-3073

St. John Church Schedule & Directory

Baha'i Community of St. John
For information on Devotions and Study
Circles, please call 714-1641
7:30 p.m. Fridays;
Study Circles 9 a.m. Sundays
- 776-6316, 776-6254

Bethany Moravian Church
Cruz Bay, St. John
11 a.m., Sunday School 776-6291

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

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

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

**The Church of Jesus Christ
of Latter-day Saints**
Sun. 9 a.m., STT. 776-2379
Sun., 5 p.m., STJ, Lumberyard

Cruz Bay Baptist Church
Sunday 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
776-6315

Emmaus Moravian Church
Coral Bay, Sun. 9 a.m. 776-6713

Jehovah's Witness
7:30 p.m. Tuesdays; 7 p.m.
Saturdays (Español), 10 a.m. Sundays
340-715-0530

Missionary Baptist Church
9:30 a.m. Sunday Services, 10:45 Worship,
Tuesday 7 p.m.
Bible Study 693-8884

Nazareth Lutheran Church
Sunday 9 a.m., Sunday School 8 a.m.
776-6731

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

St. John Methodist Church
Sunday 10 a.m.
693-8830

Seventh Day Adventist
Saturdays
779-4477

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

St. Ursula's Episcopal Church
Sunday 9 a.m.
Bible Class, Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.
777-6306

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
9:45 a.m. Sunday
776-6332

Word of Faith Church
Word of Faith International
Christian Center, Sundays 7:30 a.m.
Giffit Hill School Call 774-8617

Ferry Schedules

CRUZ BAY TO RED HOOK
Every hour on the hour from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.

RED HOOK TO CRUZ BAY
Every hour on the hour from 6 a.m. to 12 a.m.

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11:15 a.m.
3:45 p.m.

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Charlotte Amalie**
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5:30 p.m.

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Requests for Proposals

VIRGIN ISLANDS WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

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RFP-WMA-001-C-11 Conduct an audit of the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority's Basic Financial Statements.

Documents pertaining to this Request for Proposal (RFP) may be obtained from the VIWMA's Division of Procurement and Property, St. Thomas-St. John District Office at 9500 Wheatley Center II, Suite 2 or from the St. Croix District Officer at #1 La Grande Princesse, Suite BL1, Christiansted between the hours of 8:00am and 4:30pm, Monday through Friday, or by contacting the Director, Mrs. Cecile Lynch, directly via phone or email.

PROPOSAL DUE DATE and TIME: Monday, November 29, 2010 at 4:00pm Atlantic Standard Time

PROPOSAL DUE PLACE: Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority
9500 Wheatley Center II, Suite 2, St. Thomas, VI 00802
P. O. Box 303669, St. Thomas, VI 00803
#1 La Grande Princesse, Suite BL 1, Christiansted, VI 00820
P. O. Box 1689, Kingshill, VI 00851-1689
(Six (6) Sealed Proposal Packages Marked Proposal for RFP
No. RFP-WMA-001-C-11, DO NOT OPEN)

NOTE: The proposal number must be placed on the outside of all Bid Packages. Proposals may not be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days from the date of the submission deadline.

DIRECT INQUIRIES: Mrs. Cecile Phillip-Lynch, Director, Procurement and Property Division
Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority
#1 La Grande Princesse, Suite BL1, Christiansted, VI 00820 OR
Email: clynch@viwma.org Phone: 340-718-4489

All questions pertaining to the submission of proposals, scope of services and the award process should be directed in writing either in hard copy or by email to Mrs. Cecile Phillip-Lynch, Director of Procurement and Property, at clynch@viwma.org.

The Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority reserves the right to waive any non-substantive informalities, technicalities, or irregularities; or reject any or all qualifications and proposals; or to re-advertise for proposals, and to award or refrain from awarding the contract for the work. The Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority also reserved the right to accept or reject any Proposal or any item listed therein. VIWMA further reserves the right to waive any informality in Proposals received.

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VIVA! Villas Collecting Essential Items for St. Lucia Victims of Hurricane Tomas

St. John Tradewinds

VIVA! Villas is collecting non-perishable food items and clothing, linens, etc. for the victims of St. Lucia who were devastated by Hurricane Tomas.

The group will be collecting items through, Monday, November 22 in honor of the many St. Lucians who work for the VIVA! Villas team and provide exceptional service to vacation rentals on St. John.

Many of their family members have been effected by the storm, have lost everything and need help.

The VIVA! Villas team will pull together to help the people of St. Lucia and collect donations at the company's office on the top floor of the Boulon Center by Dolphin Market from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Saturday.

For more information, call 779-4250.

Taxi Medallion Auction for Veterans December 15-17

St. John Tradewinds

Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission Executive Director Judith Wheatley announced that pursuant to Title 20, Section 407 (c) of the VI Code, the commission will host its annual veteran medallion auction on December 15, 16 and 17, 2010.

This auction is open to Virgin Islands veterans of the Armed Forces only.

Applications can be picked up at the Taxicab Division's Offices during regular working hours (Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bid forms must be deposited in bid box no later than 10 a.m. the day of the auction.

Applications must be taken to the office of Veterans Affairs for verification of eligibility as a U.S. Virgin Island Veterans and for the island in which the bid schedule. Bid applicants must be present at the time of the auction. Bid envelopes will be publicly opened on dates and times announced.

Any persons who purchase a medallion at auction pursuant to this subsection are prohibited from transferring said medallion by sale, lease or otherwise, within three years

of purchase. Thereafter such transfer, lease or sale must be to another eligible veteran.

Only approved buyers may purchase a medallion. Two medallions for each island will be auctioned to approved U.S. Virgin Islands Veterans on all three islands. On St. John the auction will be on Thursday, December 16, at 11 a.m. at the Boulon Center.

The minimum acceptable bids are set at \$20,000 for St. Thomas and \$20,000 for St. John and \$8,000 for St. Croix.

A 10 percent down payment of the bid amount (nonrefundable deposit if the sale is not consummated) is required at the time of the bid or by 3 p.m. on the same day. This down payment must be paid in cash, money order, certified check, payable, to the Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission.

The remaining balance of 90 percent must be paid in a like manner within 10 days after the date of the auction sale at which time a certificate of entitlement and the medallion will be issued. If the sale is not consummated within the allotted 10 days, the second highest bidder will automatically be awarded the bid.

Dengue Risk Warning; STJ Fogging November 18

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be conducted between the hours of 6 to 9 p.m. and DOH officials cautioned those with compromised immune systems to stay indoors and close windows at the times when the fogging is being conducted. Residents will be alerted to any changes in the schedule.

The Dengue Fever virus is transmitted by the female Aedes Aegypti mosquito

which breeds in man-made containers and residents put themselves at risk if old tires, plant containers, empty drums and even food containers for animals are around the homes where water can collect and provide a breeding ground for the mosquitoes, Sheen explained.

Fogging Schedule on St. John

6 - 9 p.m.- Thursday, November 18 - Cruz Bay and Coral Bay

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CONDOMINIUMS

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● **WHY RENT!** New 1BR 1BA with fantastic views and breezes. Priced to sell! Solid masonry construction! A/C in BR. Just **\$289,000.**



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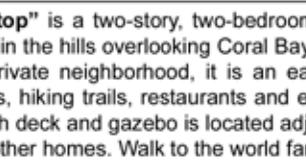
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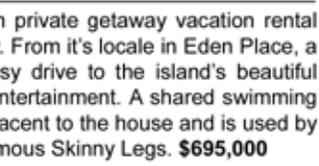
"Adrian Villas" - New & affordable. Beautifully appointed 2 bedroom townhouses were completed in 2009 & are centrally located mid-island. Features include granite counters, solid wood cabinets, stainless appliances, tile floors, front loading washer & dryer & spacious rooms with two exterior decks. Furnished - **\$590,000** Unfurnished **\$495,000**



"Ridgetop" is a two-story, two-bedroom private getaway vacation rental nestled in the hills overlooking Coral Bay. From it's locale in Eden Place, a small private neighborhood, it is an easy drive to the island's beautiful beaches, hiking trails, restaurants and entertainment. A shared swimming pool with deck and gazebo is located adjacent to the house and is used by only 4 other homes. Walk to the world famous Skinny Legs. **\$695,000**



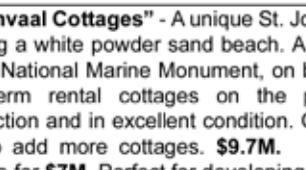
"Calypso by The Sea" - is a charming Caribbean style beachfront villa with an impressive rental history located in tranquil Johnson's Bay Estates - a truly picturesque & idyllic tropical site. Two master suites separated by a central great room which includes kitchen, dining and living areas, all opening up to an oversize deck with covered outdoor dining and a sunken spa. Located right on a sandy beach with good snorkeling. **\$1.295M.**



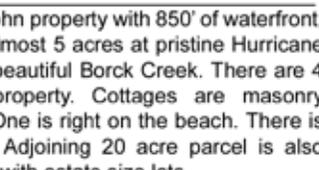
"Zootenvaal Cottages" - A unique St. John property with 850' of waterfront, including a white powder sand beach. Almost 5 acres at pristine Hurricane Hole, a National Marine Monument, on beautiful Borck Creek. There are 4 short term rental cottages on the property. Cottages are masonry construction and in excellent condition. One is right on the beach. There is room to add more cottages. **\$9.7M.** Adjoining 20 acre parcel is also available for **\$7M.** Perfect for developing with estate size lots.



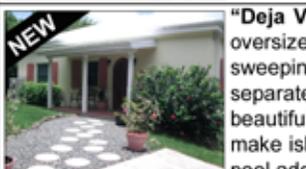
"Casa Del Palmas" - Rebuilt, large, comfortable West Indian style home with pool and spa, nice water and sunset views, easy access on quiet dead end road, paved circular driveway, established landscaping with many palm trees and colorful hibiscus and good breezes. The spacious lower level has three bedrooms, a private entrance, complete kitchen, and adjoins deck with pool. Live in one level and rent the other for income. **\$650,000.**



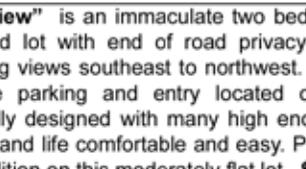
"Deja View" is an immaculate two bedroom one bath masonry home on oversized lot with end of road privacy situated high atop Gift Hill with sweeping views southeast to northwest. Income producing studio unit with separate parking and entry located on lower level. Thoughtfully and beautifully designed with many high end, unique and practical touches to make island life comfortable and easy. Plenty of room for expansion and/or pool addition on this moderately flat lot. **\$875,000**



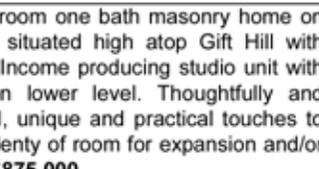
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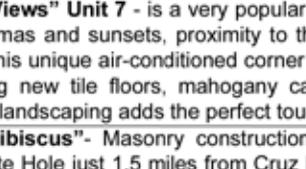
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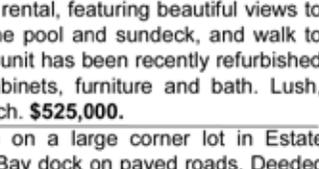
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Westin Resort and Villas won top dessert of the night, above, with a selection of lemongrass creme brulee and chocolate truffles.

Asolare Takes Top Entree at Flavors — Happy Fish, East West Catering, Westin and Tap Room Also Win

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Hundreds of residents packed two ballrooms at the Westin Resort and Villas on Saturday night, November 13, for an exciting night of fine food, wine and cocktails for Flavors St. John.

The annual St. John Rotary Club fundraiser brings together the island's top chefs and mixologists to show off their skills to support the club's scholarship fund. Judges from some of the area's top restaurants selected the best appetizer, entrée, bar food and dessert of the night, while the crowd got in on the fun by choosing the best overall presenter and best mixologist.

The judges for this year's Flavors were Paloma Helm and Scott Hart from Dove Restaurant on Tortola, Tavia Babb from Salud Bistro on St. Croix, Brandon Buschart of Blue Shore Grill on St. Thomas and Ched Sharpless from Modern Sauté and The Balley at St. Thomas Yacht Club.

After tasting treats from truffled egg salad and three different banh mi selections, to glazed shrimp and eggplant tapenade, the judges and the crowd had their work cut out for them.

Flavors attendees also enjoyed sampling enticing cocktails and tasting fine wines from Bellows, West Indies Corp., Prestige Wine Group and Dionysus before final decisions were made.

In the end, East West Catering's lobster and shrimp potsticker won best appetizer. The night's best entrée went to Asolare, which served up beef tenderloin with mashed potatoes and asparagus alongside a seared scallop with local pumpkin purée and house cured bacon.

The Tap Room won for best bar food for its pulled pork sliders with savory bacon succotash and parsnip creme. The Westin took home the night's top dessert with their large selection of treats including chocolate truffles with a variety of toppings and lemon

grass creme brulée.

Best mixologist of the night went to Happy Fish. Mixologist Kevin Baker created a tasty spiced concoction of Kettle One vodka with fresh local tamarind, lemon, chai with a Kettle One Citroën agave nectar reduction.

Best overall presenter was a close call between Asolare, which lost by one point, and the Westin, which also served up seared scallops with creamy risotto.

Flavors co-chairs Katherine Steinborn of Weddings by KatiL-ady and Paul Kessock of West Indies Corp. worked hard to make the night a smash, and the results were obvious.

Before the ballroom turned into a disco for residents to dance the night away, St. John Rotary Club President Bruce Munro announced that Kessock is this year's Paul Harris Fellow recipient, for his tireless work on behalf of the group.



With so many great selections, judges from Tortola, St. Croix and St. Thomas, above, had their work cut out for them.



East West Catering owner Julie Van Pelt celebrates after learning she won best appetizer for her shrimp and lobster potstickers.



Kevin Baker's spiced Ketel One vodka drink with fresh local tamarind, lemon and chai won best mixologist for Happy Fish.



Some of the night's fine wine samples included offerings from Bellows, Prestige Wine Group, West Indies Corp., Dionysus and Premier Wines and Spirits.