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Crusher Cubes Cars at Susanaberg Transfer Station

The V.I. Waste Management Authority sent a car crusher to the Department of Public Works' Susanaberg Transfer Station last week to help dispose of the estimated 2,000 vehicles at the St. John dump. The crusher takes one full-sized vehicle or two smaller vehicles and compacts it into a cube. Officials expected to have use of the crusher for about two weeks to deal with all vehicles at Susanaberg. When complete, the cubes will be hauled off St. John and shipped stateside for disposal, according to DPW officials.

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As new ferry fares went into effect last week, so did new accounting measures for ticket sales. Varlack Ventures and Transportation Services were mandated to implement the new ticketing method as part of the Public Service Commission's recent rate investigation which hiked the price of an adult one-way ticket to Red Hook to \$6, up from \$5.

Slodden Takes the Cake in Pie Eating Contest at Starfish Halloween Party

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Witches, ghosts, princesses and even a few fairies enjoyed Halloween at The Marketplace.

Starfish Market showed its Halloween spirit on Saturday, October 31, by hosting a children's pumpkin carving contest, a dangling apple eat-off and both an adult's and children's pie eating contest.

About 50 people young and old gathered outside the supermarket on the first floor of The Marketplace to try taking a bite out of an apple hanging from the ceiling and have their fill of pie.

After the close competition, Ezius Ashly won the apple contest, Kaitlyn Cummings had the best carved pumpkin, Xavia Bruce-Thomas ate the most pie in the children's group and Julie Slodden put away the most pie in the adult category.

"It was a lot of fun," said Starfish's Edwin Hill. "The kids and some adults were in costumes. Everyone had a good time."



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Julie Slodden, center, got a little messy while winning the pie eating contest during Starfish Market's Halloween festivities.



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CBCC Annual Meeting, Potluck Nov. 9

The Coral Bay Community Council will host its Annual Meeting and Potluck on Monday, November 9, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at Miss Lucy's Restaurant in Coral Bay.

Everyone is invited to come and bring a dish to share. Drinks will be sold. A special invitation is being extended to all the new residents of the Calabash Boom Apartments to join. There will be a brief presentation and discussion of CBCC objectives for the coming year. For more information, contact the CBCC office at 776-2099 or visit www.coralbaycommunitycouncil.org

Women's Storytelling November 10 at STJ Historical Society Meeting

The St. John Historical Society will host its first meeting of the new season at the Bethany Moravian Church Hall on Tuesday, November 10, beginning at 7 p.m. and the program is sure to please.

Aside from a short business meeting, the evening will feature Women's Storytelling, moderated by a founding member of the society, Andro Childs.

The society has hosted a number of story-telling sessions over the past 10 years. But, it has been quite a while since ladies, who either grew up on St. John or who have spent much of their lives here, have shared their unique perspective of the island with the society.

This will be an interesting, educational and fun evening. Bring a friend or neighbor and join. All are welcome.

Dept. of Agriculture Hosting Open House at Coral Bay Station on Nov. 11

Department of Agriculture Commissioner Louis Petersen and his staff invites the public to a St. John Coral Bay Station Open House on Wednesday, November 11, from 10 a.m. to 1p.m.

Tour the facility, visit the nursery, and get information on programs and services rendered. There will also be a beekeeping and fruit tree grafting demonstrations and much more. For more information call 776-6274 or 778-0997 ext. 228. Light refreshments will be served.

Zemi Caribbean Workshop Nov. 10

The community is invited to a free workshop for anyone interested in experiencing "Inner Creative Journeys," facilitated by Viki Brown on November 10, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Brown uses drumming and flute along with visualizations to guide participants to find answers to specific intimate questions. She believes that by practicing these methods, originally developed by indigenous Indians, that people can find what is true to their hearts.

See www.zemicaribbeanworkshops.com for details about the workshops or call Brown at 693-5308 for more information.

CAHS Class of 2010 Is Hosting Introductory Night Program Nov. 14

The Charlotte Amalie High School Class of 2010 will make its formal debut to the community on Saturday evening, November 14, at the annual Introductory Night Program.

Approximately 250 members of the class will be introduced in a program based on the theme "A Showcase of Stars in a Musical Blend."

The event begins at 7 p.m. in the Ruth E. Thomas Auditorium. Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased at the school.

Wounded Warriors Take to Love City's Waters

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

After laying their lives on the line, 13 wounded veterans enjoyed a much-deserved week of fun in the sun on Love City last week.

But this group of men and women — many of whom lost limbs during their tours of duty — didn't just lounge on the beach every day.

After learning the basics of kayaking stateside, the group of veterans came to St. John with Team River Runner, a non-profit organization dedicated to healing vets through paddle sports.

Launched by Joe Mornini in 2004 at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington D.C., Team River Runner has grown into a national presence with volunteers training veterans at 21 military hospitals across the country.

"It's all about health and healing through kayaking and for people with mobility issues, there is adaptive equipment so they can get out there and do this," said Mornini. "We heal a wounded warrior one at a time and try to reach an individual. Then we get them involved with the leadership of the group by being on our volunteer leadership staff"

"From education, outreach, media — they do it all," said Mornini. "It makes much more sense if they're doing it because it gives a sense of ownership."

Team River Runner first visited Love City two years ago but had to cancel last year's trip. This time around, however, the 13 veterans along with family members, friends and volunteers, enjoyed a full week of activities and events.

"The philosophy is that when you wound a warrior you wound a family," said Gary Clarke, a volunteer with Team River Runner and V.I. Adaptive Kayaking and Camping Experience. "So when we bring veterans down on trips, we encourage them to bring their families or friends. It makes the experience just that much more special."

From the minute the group landed on Sunday, November 1, until their departure on Sunday, November 8, they enjoyed the sea, the beaches and each other's com-



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Army veteran Sean Lewis stands in the surf at Cinnamon Bay after a kayak adventure off Peter Bay Point.

pany.

"We got in on Sunday and we came out here to Cinnamon Bay Campground and immediately got everyone in the water," said Clarke. "There were no complaints though."

"A lot of the guys are just meeting, and they've been having a lot of fun getting to know each other," said Dana Alexander, administrative coordinator for Team River Runner.

Cinnamon Bay Campground was the perfect base for these active visitors who took full advantage of the use of kayaks from Crabby's Watersports and Cinnamon Bay Watersports.

"On our first day we kayaked over to Mary's Point and just kind

of got everyone used to things," said Mornini. "Then on the second day, we went back out there and this time we snorkeled. It was incredible."

The group was treated to a sail aboard the catamaran Calypso and a pig roast at Cinnamon Bay Campground hosted by American Legion Post #131 on Wednesday, November 4.

"We sailed over to Lovango and then went snorkeled right off Calypso," said Dana. "We saw turtles and eels and tons of fish — it was amazing. Everyone had a great time."

During their trip, the group also enjoyed dinner at Skinny Legs, Maho Bay and Cinnamon Bay Campground, lunch at Woody's

and a Veterans' Ball at Caneel Bay Resort.

While Team River Runner is resolute about the mental and physical benefits of kayaking and watersports, group members also had some serious fun during their St. John trip.

"My favorite part was learning how to snorkel," said Tara Hutchinson, an Army veteran who lost her leg in Iraq in 2006. "I thought I was going to be scared to death. The first day I tried, my snorkel gear didn't fit right and it wasn't so much fun, but then I got different equipment and it was like heaven"

"I saw two rays and a barracuda," said Hutchinson. "This is probably the best time I've ever had in my life."

Paddling out to Mary's Point last week was William Santos' first taste of ocean kayaking.

"I wasn't sure how it was going to go, but I was able to use my prosthetic arm to kayak and it was great," said Santos, who lost his arm serving with the First Calvary Division in Iraq. "The weather, the snorkeling, the kayaking, everything has been great. And I've really been getting some work outs."

Like many other visitors, John Gierke relished the time to "unplug" from his hectic life back in Indiana.

"This is my first time here and it's just been awesome," said Gierke. "I love being away from everything — no cell phones, no email — just the blue water. It's great"

Sean Lewis had as much fun getting to know the other veterans on the trip as he did spending time on the water.

"I am having a great time," said Lewis, who lost his leg during a tour of duty with the Army in Iraq. "I love everything — snorkeling and kayaking. But it's been really fun getting to hang with everyone else."

For Pete Rooney and his wife Susan, this marked their second trip to St. John with Team River Runners and the couple was having a great time.

"We were here two years ago and when Joe called to see if we

wanted to come back, I said, 'tell me the time, I'll be there,'" said Pete Rooney. "The weather, the snorkeling, the beaches — there is nothing like it."

The kayaking also keeps Rooney in shape for his other passion — hand cycling. Rooney, who lost both legs during tours of duty in Iraq with the Army, recently completed a hand cycle marathon in New York City.

"Kayaking is great cross training for hand cycling," he said.

Surrounded by beaming faces, it's not difficult to imagine what keeps Mornini dedicated to expanding Team River Runners.

"When you see the potential in these guys and girls and then when you see the healing, it makes me misty just talking about it," said Mornini. "It's life-changing for people. I know wounded veterans who went through the program who are now enrolled in college to become physical therapists for other vets."

For more information about Team River Runner, or to make a donation to ensure the group's continued success, check out the website www.teamriverrunner.org.

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St. John Montessori School Hosting Parent Night on November 10

The St. John Montessori School will host a Parent Education Night on Tuesday, November 10, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the school located at the John's Folly Learning Institute.

Parents and community members are invited to attend to learn about the benefits of a Montessori education and how it can be implemented in the home.

Enrollment is ongoing for children ages 2.5 to 5. SJM is licensed for children up to age 8. The school day is from 8:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. After-school care and car pooling from all locations on island are available for interested families.

Tuition is \$575 per month. Scholarships are currently available from the SJM and JFLI for children who are fourth generation Virgin Islanders. Additional funding for scholarships is also being pursued.

Anyone interested in learning about the Montessori Method is encouraged to attend. For more information about the school, call Director Debra Polucci at 775-9594 to arrange a time to tour the school.

AARP Chapter Meeting Is Nov. 19

The next St. John AARP Chapter 4777 meeting will be on Thursday, November 19, at 5 p.m. at the Nazareth Lutheran Church meeting hall in Cruz Bay.

Earlier this year, Paul Simmonds, Ph.D., accepted the position of AARP Virgin Islands State President and he will be the guest speaker during the meeting. He will share his views and goals for AARP in the Virgin Islands.

All members and guests are invited. Light refreshments will be served. Contact Martha Bruce at 776-6832 for more information.

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Tennis Tournament Brings Out Our Young Beginners

Thanks to Patrice Harley and her helpers, youngsters from St. Thomas and St. John will compete in their first tournament this weekend.

It reminds me of a young George Lewis in the days when he perfected his game. Come out and support these bright beginners! Once you learn the game, you'll play for the rest of your life — just ask Gilbert Sprauve!

Jazz VI All-Stars Entertain Returning Guests

Joan Bennett-Williams, of St. Thomas, promises to return to share her beautiful voice with us!

Madeline Meehan was sitting in her usual seat with her sketch pad in hand. Welcome back, dear Madeline, we missed you!

Join the crowd on Sundays, 4 to 7:30 p.m., at The Beach Bar!

Miss Lucy's Reopens, La Tapa Too — Stone Terrace is Becoming Mexican

It's great to see guests dining in their old favorite restaurants!

Big Announcement

Sally Varlack is opening — guess what we have all cried for — a flower shop!! "Bou-quet" — across from Sally's lovely clothing shop! Faye Frederick, now a retired educator, will be cutting, pruning, wrapping and arranging gorgeous flowers!

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Nickbarg Nabs National Single-handed Laser Championship — a V.I. First

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

For the first time ever, the national laser single-handed championship medal is in the Virgin Islands — and it's on St. John.

Love City's own Max Nickbarg demolished the field last week at the 2010 Interscholastic Sailing Association (ISSA) High School Single-handed Championship to claim the title of best high school laser single-handed sailor in the country.

After two days of sailing in Corpus Christi, Texas, Nickbarg took home the Cressy Trophy on Sunday, November 1, posting 85 points — a decisive 46 points better than the second place finisher.

The Cressy Trophy, named in honor of Morton Starr Cressy, Jr., a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and an avid sailor, has been recognized since 1990 as the ISSA National High School Single-handed Championship — the highest award in high school single-handed laser sailing in the United States.

Nickbarg's high school championship win is a first for the Virgin Islands and a first for Antilles School, where the St. John teen is a senior.

After dominating his field in laser radials, Nickbarg, 17, moved up to laser fulls just this fall. In his first regatta sailing the full rigs, Nickbarg won the ISSA's 2010 South Atlantic District Single-handed Championship in Florida in September. That win qualified the St. John skipper for the national championship, where he cruised past the competition.

The regatta at Corpus Christi Yacht Club was Nickbarg's first



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After thumping the competition, St. John sailor Max Nickbarg received the national high school laser sailing top award.

time sailing in Texas waters, and the St. John teen struggled early. After the first three races, Nickbarg hadn't finished among the top 10 boats.

"I had a rough start," said Nickbarg. "The first few races I sort of digressed. I didn't really know what was going on, but it wasn't going good, but then I started getting the hang of it."

Nickbarg quickly found his pace and over the 18 races, he took first five times and placed in the top three in another six races.

"I felt confident the whole time, but I tried not to jinx myself," Nickbarg said. "I didn't want to be in the mind-set that I was going to win. I like being the challenger, so I kept that in my head."

The Love City teen was so far ahead by the end, with two races still left, Nickbarg already had the championship sewn up tight.

"The last two races my coach pretty much told me that I had it in the bag," said Nickbarg. "I didn't really have to sail the last two races, but my coach wanted me to get a huge lead."

With no chance of losing the trophy, Nickbarg went out and sailed to first, third and second place in the last three races and officially took honors as the best laser single-handed sailor in the country.

"It's pretty sweet," said Nickbarg. "I'm stoked about it. It was really exciting."

With the Cressy Trophy in hand, Nickbarg is eyeing college next year when he is sure to shine on an elite team — as soon as he chooses a school.

Closer to home, fans can watch Nickbarg's sailing skills in December when he plans to compete in the Carlos Aguilar Match Race Championship off St. Thomas.

Landsharks Host Turkey Day 5K Run Nov. 26

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Dust off those running shoes, it's time to get the holiday season started right.

The St. John Landsharks are hosting a fun-filled 5K run on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26.

Registration will be at 7:30 a.m.

and the race starts promptly at 8 a.m. Donations of \$5 for adults and \$2 for children are appreciated.

Runners should meet at the Anaberg parking lot to start a 5K course that will loop through the area of Maho Bay, Francis Bay and Leinster Bay. Kids are welcome.

The course is partly on a road

and partly on a trail, so runners should expect to get wet or muddy. There will be fun Thanksgiving-themed prizes and awards courtesy of Baked In The Sun.

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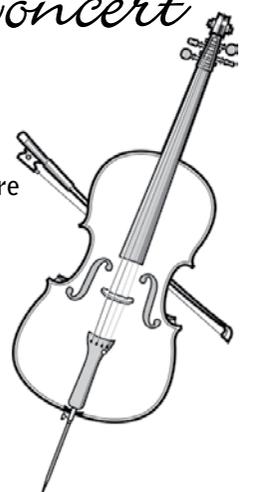
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Junior Tennis Players Swing Away at Ruth "Sis" Frank Tournament

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Tennis anyone?

More than 30 junior tennis players said "yes" to that question and took part in the first annual Ruth "Sis" Frank tournament over the weekend.

Hosted by the St. John Junior Tennis Association led by Patrice Harley, the Sis Frank Tennis Tournament started on Friday, November 6, and ran through Sunday afternoon, November 8, at the Cruz Bay courts.

About 36 juniors from throughout the Virgin Islands took part in the three-day double elimination round robin tournament.

While Harley, a retired teacher, has long been a fixture on the local tennis circuit, this was the first time she hosted a tournament in years.

"This is the first tournament we're hosting in a while," said Harley. "We had one back in 2000 and over the years we've had clinics also. My dad used to come over from St. Croix every summer and lead the clinics."

"Then we got involved with Parks and Rec. and they would send someone over to lead the clinics every summer," Harley said. "Then I started doing classes on my own as I got more confident. And now we're hosting our first tournament in years."

The tournament was named in Frank's honor as a way to thank the long-time resident for years of supporting tennis on St. John, explained Harley.

"Throughout the years, Sis has always supported tennis and the players," Harley said. "Even when George Lewis was a junior player, she would always make sure that he and the other players had enough money to travel and get to the tournaments they needed to go to."

"Sis always supported the players both verbally and monetarily," said Harley. "She doesn't coach, but she's a good mentor and is always encouraging the kids."

A former player herself, Frank was delighted to hear of the tennis tournament in her honor.



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Governor John deJong, center, was spotted in the stands at the Cruz Bay tennis courts on Sunday afternoon, November 8, as Junior tennis players squared up across the net during the Ruth "Sis" Frank tournament.

"I used to play tennis with Dr. Applegate back when there was one court at Caneel," said Frank. "I'm very complimented to have the tournament in my name."

Frank, who founded the St. John School of the Arts and led the esteemed pan bands Steel Unlimited and Steel Unlimited II, has long been involved with youth development.

"I think the tournament means a great deal to the children," said Frank. "Taking part in these types of things builds confidence and teaches kids how to get along with each other."

Frank fondly remembered watching George Lewis, a St. John tennis star, when he was a junior player.

"My main star was George Lewis," said Frank. "When he was a junior tennis player, his mother and I used to go to every single match that he had. Then he was sent to Hawaii and all over the universe to play tennis."

"He's still playing and teaching tennis today," Frank said.

Tennis is great for a child's mind and body, Frank added.

"It's a wonderful all-around sport," she said. "It gets the kids outside and teaches them to compete nicely. Patrice Harley has done a marvelous job with the program and the kids."

While competition is important, Harley was more concerned that all the competitors had fun.

"By taking part in the tournament, I hope kids walk away with a love of the game," said Harley. "Winning and losing is secondary. I just want the kids to come out and enjoy playing and meet kids from other schools."

With students from St. Thomas, St. Croix and St. John facing off across the net, Harley planned to make sure all of the students met each other, she explained.

"Before each match, we'll have an introduction and the kids will say their names and what schools they attend," Harley said. "I think it will be a great way for the kids to get to know each other — they already have tennis in common."

Check next week's *St. John Tradewinds* for results of the Ruth "Sis" Frank Tennis Tournament.

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Restaurant Roundup: Island Eateries Cautiously Optimistic for Season

By Mauri Elbel
St. John Tradewinds

With peak season just weeks away, St. John restaurant owners have their plates full preparing, renovating and adding new dynamics to their staple Cruz Bay eateries in hopes of a more successful year.

"I am being optimistic and looking forward to a stronger season this year," said Walter Hinds, owner of Hinds Restaurant, which opened its doors in August 2008.

Hinds admitted his restaurant was affected by the economy last year but acknowledged that it could have been a lot worse. In an effort to cater to the another season entering a slower-than-average economy, Hinds has lowered some of his menu prices and established a prix fix menu that will be offered daily from 5:30 to 7 p.m. featuring a three course meal for \$38.

"My whole concept for this season is, 'Wow,'" Hinds said. "We are also introducing our bar menu in two weeks and will have some fun prices so people can come in, have a salad or oysters on the half shell and a glass of wine in a much more fun and casual atmosphere."

Hinds said he wants to cater to the lo-



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The Lime Inn will offer an expanded happy hour menu when it reopens this month.

cal and create a fun, kinetic energy at the property where people will want to come and relax — perhaps during half-priced martini Wednesdays or champagne cocktail Fridays.

"I do understand the economy is very

poor right now, but I want to dilute the illusion that we are only a high-end restaurant for special occasions," Hinds said. "I want to create a cool little spot and bring some energy to the bar — there will be much lower prices than in the restaurant for sure."

While the welfare of three island restaurants — Asolare, Paradiso and Chloe and Bernard's — remain in question, others remained focused on improving their own establishments and are working hard to prepare for season.

Chris Meyer, owner of The Lime Inn, said there is no arguing that when a restaurant closes or opens on this island, it affects the entire community. But she said in the past few years, she has noticed that business always evens out, and when one restaurant goes, another usually comes.

"I think the key is not to count on anything to change the course of what will happen," Meyer said. "We are just going to work really hard to be as busy as we can."

The Lime Inn, celebrating its 25th anniversary this month, is adding a few exciting twists to its landmark establishment in preparation of its reopening November 16.

New renovations like the front courtyard's columns and the arbor above the entrance — all built by Meyer's handy hubby — set the scene for what promises to be an even more charming dining ambiance.

Although business was slightly down last

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VIUDG Giving St. John Voice — To Carry Across the Sound

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

With issues facing St. John residents continuing to mount, from the fate of property taxes to rising ferry fares, one island organization is dedicated to finding solutions.

The V.I. Unity Day Group formed more than three years ago when tensions were high on Love City and has been working since to solve problems plaguing the island.

"We were formed when there was a lot of tension on the island in relation to an alleged rape," said VIUDG president Lorelei Monsanto. "We filed our by-laws on December 12 but we were meeting long before then too."

The group's first success was V.I. Unity Day in 2006 which brought residents from across the territory together to dialogue and spread understanding. Since then, VIUDG has tackled a number of issues head on, and they're not about to slow down.

Since the group is a 501c(4), it is a lobbying body that seeks to effect real change, Monsanto explained.

"Our first goal was to reduce the tension that was rising and to take that energy and turn it into a positive solution to our problems," Monsanto said. "Our focus was always positive change. From there we came up with a list of St. John needs and issues that were affecting us."

"We're here to make positive change," said Monsanto.

With about 35 committee mem-

bers, the group has lobbied for St. John high school and been vocal detractors of unplanned and unchecked development, among other issues.

Since a territory-wide property tax revaluation was completed last year — which would have sent many home owners' bills skyrocketing — the group has been on the forefront of the fight to have fair market assessments for Love City.

And no one has been in the property tax trenches more than Myrtle Barry, chairperson of VIUDG's Real Property Tax Committee. The committee has garnered the support of more than 400 residents who contribute to an on-going legal battle against the V.I. government.

"We have strict accounting for all the funds that come through for the legal case," said Barry. "Everyone who contributes, we send copies of all of our invoices. They know where their money is going."

The funds are going to demand new and correct property revaluations, explained Barry.

"We want the reevaluations that were done by BearingPoint to be tossed — they were wrong," Barry said. "All the revaluations, including on St. John, need to be redone. The same formula needs to be used throughout the Virgin Islands."

Since taking about \$6 million from the V.I. government, Georgia-based mass appraisal company BearingPoint has declared bankruptcy, squelching any course for

local leaders to recoup their costs, Barry explained.

"There should have been something in the government contract that gave the government footing in case the data was flawed," said Barry. "But it doesn't matter now that the company is bankrupt."

Before taking the fight to court, VIUDG members tried to reason with top government officials, but their pleas fell on deaf ears, Barry added.

"We went through every door and tried to talk to every senator and government agency saying 'stop, these values are wrong,'" she said. "When we went through everyone and got no where, we had to go to court."

The case is in the discovery phase and is expected to be scheduled for trial within the next few months. In the meantime, Barry urged residents to come out for all status hearings and court motions.

"When people physically see you, they know you really care and they act differently," she said. "It really makes a difference."

With many decisions that affect St. John made across Pillsbury Sound on St. Thomas, VIUDG is dedicated to making sure Love City's voice is heard on Rock City, explained Monsanto.

"St. John has been a sleeping giant," Monsanto said. "Our quality of life has changed now and we need to speak up."

For more information on VIUDG or to support the group visit www.viunitydaygroup.org.

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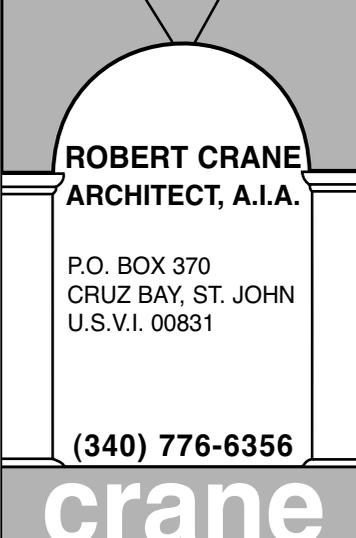
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Deblyn Van Gelder and GHS seventh grade pirates get ready to set sail aboard *Breath*.

Land Ahoy: A Pirate's Tale

from Giff Hill School's Seventh Grade

By Deblyn Van Gelder,
Giff Hill School Teacher
Special to St. John Tradewinds

Is it because we live in the Caribbean, or is it that there is simply a bit of the buccaneer in all of us?

The Giff Hill School seventh graders hoisted their Jolly Rogers to resounding haies of "Yo ho ho" on a recent field trip to Norman Island aboard the charter boat *Breath* owned by Peter and Dorothy Muilenburg and captained by Jared with his crew Josh.

"I've got dibs on the doubloons," boasted Jackson Barry who showed his commitment to the pirate profession by amputating his leg for the occasion (replacing the missing limb with a toilet plunger).

"There's always a chance we'll find treasure," explained the captain. "Supposedly only one-seventh of the buried booty has been uncovered."

Culminating a literature unit on the novel "Treasure Island," the 10 students voyaged back in time to 1750 in search of an answer to the question, "was Norman Island the inspiration that Robert Louis Stevenson used to write his classic tale of buried pirate treasure and Caribbean mutiny?"

To research the answer, the junior privateers explored Norman Island and snorkeled the nearby caves.

"Every time I jumped off the rat lines, I thought I saw a sea chest in the sand," exclaimed Luca del Olmo.

"What's that creepy smell in the caves?" John Spinale wanted to know.

"It's bat guano," said the captain. "In fact, gather round, I have a good story about that bat guano."

The fortune hunters circled their captain to learn more about Caribbean lore. The questions continued

as the students sought information about the rumored Norman Island treasure, hidden by British Captains Lloyd, Blackstone and Norman on (then) Liberty Island.

Peter and Dorothy Muilenburg (a founder of Pine Peace School, now the Giff Hill School) have coordinated this particular adventure since 2000.

"The community has given so much to us," said Peter Muilenburg. "I want to give back whenever possible."

After the class at sea, the swashbuckling students created large posters, graphically organizing the information they had compiled over the two-month long unit.

And what was the final tally? Did Robert Louis Stevenson use Norman Island as his model for Treasure Island?

"If you tilt Stevenson's map in such a way, it could be St. John," said Malik Richards.

Jaqualyn Clark agreed.

"Look at all of the geographical similarities: Skelton Island, Spyglass Hill, and the swamp with all of the mosquitoes," said Clark. "Plus, many treasures have been found on Norman Island and everyone knows there's more."

Austin Edwards was certain Norman Island had nothing to do with the famous novel.

"Robert Louis Stevenson never even set foot in the Caribbean," Edwards said.

Makeda Dawson echoed everyone's thoughts.

"Sailing on *Breath* and snorkeling the caves takes your breath away," said Dawson.

And what did Captain Jared have to say?

"Any island in the Caribbean could be dubbed Treasure Island," said the captain.

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Senator-at-Large Reports

By Senator Craig Barshinger

Benji Makes 96

St. John Tradewinds

On October 18 a party was hosted at Fred's for Mr. Guy Benjamin, who is celebrating 96 years on this Earth. I dropped by to wish him well. He continues to inspire me because he comes from a time when people were focused on helping each other and living in an interdependent community.

Back then, friendship and family were more important than money. The work that he has done to document life on East End St. John before the "money revolution" of the 1960s is a treasure. Mr. Benjamin continues to live a life of grace, service, and success, and he is a role model to us all.

Health Care on St. John

The Legislative Committee on Health, Hospitals, and Human Services met October 29 on St. John and took testimony from Myrah Keating Smith (MKS) Community Health Center Administrator Harold Wallace, as well as other officials from our Clinics and Hospitals.

When is a St. Johnian not a St. Johnian?

I raised the issue of birthing on St. John. I explained to Dr. Watson, medical director for the RLS Hospital, that for many St. John residents, it is important from a spiritual and convenience viewpoint for our children to be born on St. John.

Dr. Watson said that the standard for care cannot be met on St. John, which is why most St. John babies are born on St. Thomas. She did agree that we can perform most perinatal care on St. John, and will

work to expand these services.

At present, the only way to have a baby on St. John at the MKS Clinic is when the baby comes fast and it's too late to go to St. Thomas. This may be fine if it is routine delivery, but if there are complications, RLS Hospital is the place to be.

More and more babies are being born at home, with the help of a trained nurse-midwife. If you do have baby at home, completing paperwork to record the birth is necessary. If you encounter problems with recording a birth, please contact our office and we will guide you. We have heard reports of undue red tape.

New Medical Equipment in the Works

Administrator Wallace testified that significant pieces of medical equipment at MKS are worn out. Some of it dates from before hurricane Marilyn.

Therefore I am sponsoring an appropriation bill for \$1 million to upgrade this equipment. Mr. Wallace is preparing an itemized list. Senator Sprauve, chairman of the committee, is co-sponsoring the measure. We want St. John to have modern, fully-functional equipment.

Long-Awaited Ambulance Boat

The ambulance boat is still not purchased, and the members of the Department of Health (DoH) who are responsible for this did not attend the hearing. Your legislature funded the purchase of a new ambulance boat. The DoH must get the job done.

Melee is afoot about the DoH going on a multi-

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St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Beth Jones

Evan Jones continues to run ahead of the pack.

Evan Jones Dominating Field in Elementary Cross Country

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

No one can catch Evan Jones — at least they haven't yet.

The 10-year-old has led the pack at every single elementary cross country meet this year.

Jones, a Giffit Hill School fifth grader, won his fifth straight elementary cross country meet last week on St. Thomas, completing the mile in 6 minutes and eight seconds.

The young runner, who won his age group in the 2009 and 2008 8 Tuff Miles Road Races, travels with GHS' cross country team each Tuesday to the

University of the Virgin Islands' St. Thomas campus golf course for meets — where he has consistently dominated the competition.

Under cross country coach Peter Alter, Jones has held his own for five straight weeks now against about 85 other boys at each meet.

With 50 points under his belt — out of a total of 60 possible points for the season — Jones secured a spot in the territorial elementary cross country championships on St. Croix, where he'll represent the St. Thomas/St. John district.

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Gayle "Sally" Varlack Filling Island Niche with Flowers

By Mauri Elbel
St. John Tradewinds

It wasn't long after Today's Flowers shut its Cruz Bay doors when a dream began to blossom for Gayle Varlack.

"I just saw the need for a good flower shop on St. John and I jumped at the opportunity," said Varlack, known to many by her nickname, Sally. "I thought to myself, 'Okay, I can do that... in the little time that I have.'"

The talented designer will celebrate the fifth anniversary of her fine clothing and accessories store, Sally's Couture, on November 15 — and plans to open her new flower shop, Bou-Quet, the very same day.

"I am trying to open Bou-Quet on November 15 so it can be a kind of grand opening/anniversary event," Varlack said. "With God's help, it will be ready by the 15."

Varlack, who was born and raised on St. John, said flowers have always been a passion of hers.

"Arranging flowers has always been a hobby for me, even before I did the clothing thing, I was into flowers," she said. "If you notice all the displays in Sally's Couture, there are always lots of flower arrangements throughout the store."

Although Varlack admits she has not been dreaming of owning a flower shop for long, it is obvi-

ous she is no novice when it comes to blooms and stems.

"I love orchids and Gerber daisies, tulips, gladiolas, roses," she rattled off. "I love them all — anything that is bright and colorful."

This may be the inspiration behind the slogan Varlack created for her new shop, "Fresh flowers to color your dreams."

With a little encouragement from friends and family, Varlack has high hopes for Bou-Quet, which will fill the island's flower void from its convenient location across the way from Sally's Couture and next to Pink Papaya.

"We will have the freshest, most creative designs on the island," she said. "I have lots and lots of ideas."

Bou-Quet, which will be open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sundays by appointment, will offer a flower delivery service to every one on the island — locals and visitors alike, Varlack said.

As the only flower shop operating on the island, Varlack said Bou-Quet will be able to accommodate just about every event, from weddings and banquets to dinners and "just because" arrangements.

"You need a flower, you just let me know," she said.

Varlack will create all the designs herself with flowers shipped over from Roses Too and Roses



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

St. John retail entrepreneur Gayle Varlack expects her flower shop, Bou-Quet, to open its doors by mid-November.

Too East on St. Thomas.

"I also have to mention that I have a great inspiration, Felipe Ayala, Jr., who owns and manages

Roses Too East," Varlack said of her long-time friend. "He is one of my greatest inspirations and I also think he is the best floral de-

"Right now, I am too anxious to have any fears. It is a slow economy, but flowers are something people will still buy ... Flowers can say a lot."

— Gayle Varlack, owner
Bou-Quet

signer."

Even in the midst of a slow economy, Varlack remains fearless about starting her new business.

"Right now, I am too anxious to have any fears," she said. "It is a slow economy, but flowers are something people will still buy — to say I love you, just because, to say congratulations or for sympathetic reasons. Flowers can say a lot."

Varlack will be keeping herself busy between the two shops, but promises she will remain just as available to her loyal customers as her new ones.

"I don't want my Sally's Couture customers to think I am deserting them," she said. "I'll always be right here."

Bou-Quet's website is currently under construction but if you need to talk arrangements, you can reach Varlack at 774-7600.




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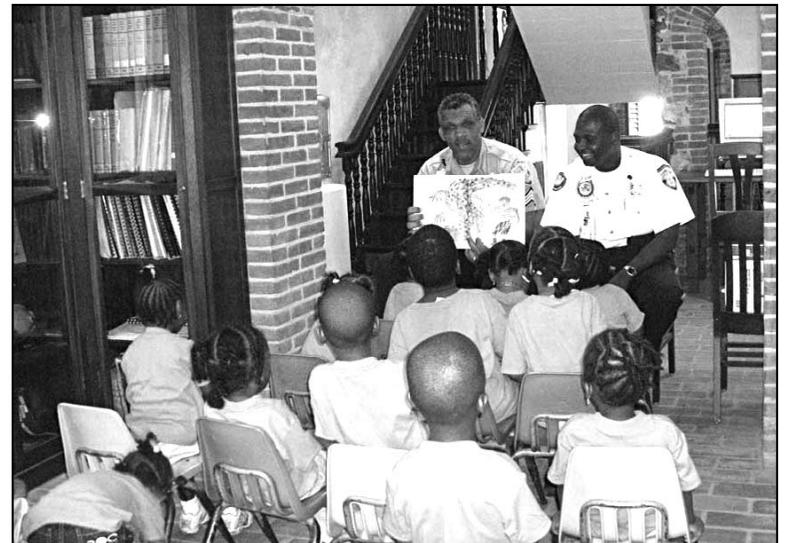
The guest speaker on Sunday, November 15, is visiting minister Gabriella Brand. Her service is titled "Wabi Sabi: Imperfection in Art And Life."

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Lynch, Pierce Performing at St. Ursula's Benefit Concert on November 22

St. Ursula's Episcopal Church presents renowned organist Albert Lynch and cellist Kenneth Pierce and friends in a benefit concert on Sunday, November 22, at 4 p.m., at the Cruz Bay church.

The concert will also feature "The New School of Music Inc," St. Ursula's youth steel orchestra, and more. A donation of \$10 will be accepted at the door and all proceeds will go to St. Ursula's church.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo Courtesy of Carol McGuinness

Virgin Islands Police Department officers read to students at Elaine I. Sprauve Library during story hour.

Students Hear from Firefighters And Police Officers During Story Hour at Elaine I. Sprauve Library

St. John Tradewinds

On Wednesday, November 4, V.I. Police Department St. John Deputy Chief Darren Foy and VIPD Sergeant Kerry Harrigan read to St. John Methodist School pre-schoolers during one story

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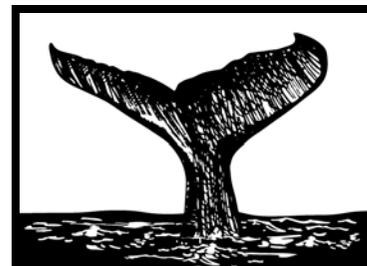
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Artificial turf was laid on the Giff Hill School field last week.

GHS Goes Green with New Athletic Field

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

After years of planning and months of work, Giff Hill School was looking conspicuously greener last week.

Field Turf personnel were at the St. John private school on Thursday, November 5, laying artificial sod on the playing field. The regulation flag football sized field will be used by GHS teams and will also be available for public use.

“It will be the primary athletic field for the school and will be available for community use any time people want to use it,” said Beth Jones, development director for GHS.

Fred Trayser worked with Field Turf officials to build the field to exact specifications for the high-tech surface. Once completed, the field will be soft and absorbent and won’t even get muddy after a rain storm, according to Jones.

“There was a huge amount of engineering that went into this,” Jones said. “Everything had to be done exactly to the specifications so it would drain properly. You can play on the field right after it rains — there is no mud.”

The field, the cost of which was covered by an anonymous GHS benefactor, will be officially opened for use on November 16, and school officials are planning something special for the big unveiling.



The Department of Human Services invites proprietors of nonprofit organizations to an informational meeting about funding opportunities from federal and local sources. The meetings will take place from 9am to 3pm on:

- Tuesday, November 17th at the STX Cardiac Center
- Thursday, November 19th at the STT Head Start Center in Sugar Estate
- Friday, November 20th at the Cruz Bay Battery Office

Information about benefit programs to assist clients with access to TANF, SNAP (aka Food Stamp), Medicaid, WIC, Unemployment and other cash or health assistance programs will be provided.

Registration forms are available at the Department of Human Services main office on St. Thomas at the Knud Hansen Complex, and on St. Croix in the Commissioner’s office at the Vit-raco Building in Golden Rock.

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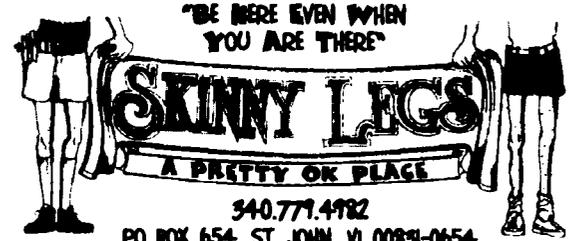
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Letters to St. John Tradewinds

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Craig Barshinger,**

I recently had a rather minor but complicated issue with the Department of Motor Vehicles. I turned to your office and had the good fortune to get the patience, understanding and help of two very kind ladies on your staff.

Ms. Callwood in your St. Thomas office was the first person I encountered when I called your office. After explaining the nature of my problem, she calmed my concerns and referred me to Mrs. Stephen in your St. John office.

Both ladies worked with tremendous efficiency in contacting the appropriate people in DMV to bring a positive conclusion to my improbable dilemma.

My thanks to them both, they reflect all the good you are doing for the community. Best of luck with your bills: #28-0078 (property tax) and #28-0101 (ferry bill).

Keep up the good work!

Marty Freeman, 20-year resident

This Is Paradise

This community is suffering.

I was sitting on the beach last night, looking at the moon and the other islands, this truly is paradise. I think all of us in this community can see it, going along North Shore Road, South Shore Road, Centerline Road, over town. Everywhere that you look you know it's paradise, but a lot of us are suffering and don't always see it.

We really all need to get together to start taking care of our young kids so that they can all grow up and see it all the time.

Greg Miller

Chinnery Is Excelling at Berklee College of Music

Hey St. John! It's the little Island Girl from the big city of Boston. It has been almost two months and more since I left you and that in itself to me was a big step.

It is still hard to believe that I am on my own and am living in an actual city, but then again I am loving my chance to be independent and attending my Berklee College of Music! And yes, I do mean my!

Every minute I spend here as a musician at Berklee helps me develop my own unique sound and style. This school is so filled with gifted musicians from all over the world and I love it!

I know I am in the right place in God's right time for training to become a sound in music. Right now my major is performance. But as I become more enlightened about the majors here at Berklee, I am currently thinking about switching my major, while I still have time, to professional music which is a made-up major at Berklee.

This major will enable me to take any classes I want. This means I will be allowed to study not only performance, but also other majors I am interested in such as: composing; song writing; music business; and production. I am also hoping that I will be switched to the degree program as of being a current diploma program student.

My current classes are Ear Training 1 with Tom Applemen, Harmony with William Silvio, Intro to Music Tech. with Chris Noyes, R&B Lab and Performance Skills/ Background Singing with Raymond Reeder, Private Instruction Voice-1 with Darcel Williams, Writing Skills with Steve Kirby, and Rhythm

Section and Grooves for Voice with Stan Strickland.

As I know Winston Maccow, a professor here at Berklee that I knew from the five-week programs, he asked me to join his Caribbean Ensemble Class which at the time I didn't know was a level five class.

It is also one of Berklee's highest ensembles classes. In addition to taking my classes I have also joined several groups including the Caribbean Beat Club, the Song Writing Club, the BSU (Black Student Union), the Women's Group, Berklee Cares Group, and the Student Government Association.

I am truly in the place I need to make it to where I hope to be. A for being in the Caribbean Ensemble, I am getting ready for a concert, which will be in December and I can't wait!

Being from an island like St. John there are a lot of pros and cons. In addition to this, at first harmony and ear training was my hardest classes, but after putting in the work and applying myself I am doing great!

Harmony sometimes gives me trouble but, like always, the teachers here are so dedicated to my education that they always make time to meet with me individually so I can understand better.

Other than that Boston I must say is a very beautiful city in the fall. Even though it is getting colder, the views from my window and by the Charles River are very beautiful. Seeing the leaves of the trees change color and fall to the ground, and the ducks and geese swimming in the river is every refreshing.

Whenever I think of home it is always when I sit on the river dock. Sometimes I wish I owned a Nikon

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Something on a Youth's Mind About Her Home

Out of curiosity: Many of you know, that I do a lot of work with the St. John Youth Committee. Therefore, I try to keep up with current events in the US Virgin Islands and its government.

I am currently listening to the Roger W. Morgan Show (93.5 FM in St. Croix) and there is this debate as to whether or not our government should institute a part time legislature! Now, of course this discussion turned into a debate. Some Virgin Islanders feel as though our government is dysfunctional while others feel as though it is not.

I personally believe that the truth lies in the middle ground. The more research that I do, the more that I realize that our government is a bit, dysfunctional but it's not as bad as we think it is.

We say that our politicians do nothing and only blow out hot air but the last time I checked we are allowing them to do so!

We claim they aren't being held accountable for their actions but are we not the ones who are supposed to be holding these people accountable? Why is it that so many of us are apathetic yet so willing to have a lot of "nars" to say!

Yes, I totally do agree that our government isn't doing enough, they waste resources, so on and so forth, but what are we doing to stop this! Complaining to

one another isn't enough.

Furthermore, if our government is really so flippin' dysfunctional why is it that we as a people insist upon re-electing these senators so often? Many of these senators have been in office for a minute!

We have a culture of poverty, apathy, cynicism, and a mistrust of social institutions. Honestly, we might want to correct this because if I remember correctly, we kind of are the government. I say this not only because we live in a so-called "democracy," but I say this because the Virgin Islands is a small place.

We all know that the people in office are connected to us in some way (my friend's father, my cousin, my auntie, my mother's sister's friend).

So tell me when are we going to stop frontin' and actually stand up, unite and make demands so that we can get what we need. Solely blaming the government was cute once upon a time but, honestly, our complaints are getting old.

It's starting to sound like we just like to hear ourselves talk because I don't see most of us doing anything about it! By the way, your apathy is thwarting the efforts of those who are actually making an effort to catalyze change.

Tell me, what is the problem?

Hadiya Sewer

Letters to St. John Tradewinds

A St. John Miracle

My husband and I recently visited your lovely island, and during the course of our visit I left my handbag at one of the bay view turnoffs. When I realized this — perhaps a half hour later — we immediately retraced our steps, but to no avail.

We revisited Mongoose Junction, where we had been prior to our journey up the coast, and I prevailed on Tom at Bajo el Sol for the use of his cell to cancel our credit cards. My husband had remained in the car outside, as he was done climbing stairs for the day.

While still on the phone, I heard Tom draw in his breath, and I turned to find my husband, handbag in hand, grinning from ear to ear.

As it happened, a taxi driver by the name of Thomas had been behind us on the way up the coast, and picked up the bag when he noticed it at the turnoff. His intention was to take it to the Police Department, but as he came down the terribly congested street in front of Mongoose, he thought just maybe the car my husband was in might be the car he had seen earlier.

So, with nowhere to park, he left his taxi in the middle of the road and brought the bag to the side of the car to see if my husband recognized it.

I consider this to be an incredible miracle. We were driving a rental car, in no way unusual, a Toyota Corolla, the same red as 25 percent of the cars around us. But Thomas took a chance.

That, to me, was the miracle. He went that extra distance on a hunch, saving us no end of time and trouble.

Your island is indeed lovely, but it cannot compare to the kindness, concern and genuine humanity of the people who inhabit it. I not only thank Thomas, but also Tom at Bajo el Sol, and the sweet woman who approached me as I was running about to see if I needed any money. Where in the world do you find people like that? Thank you all for being on the planet — you have renewed my faith.

Joan Martinez

An End to Racism Forever

Racism n. {Disapproving}

1. Prejudice or animosity against people who belong to other races.
2. The belief that people of different races have different qualities and abilities, and that some races are inherently superior or inferior.

In the world we live today, the overall lack of love and compassion I believe leads to most of the prejudice and animosity that exists. Along with the fear that seems to rule our everyday lives.

The ego and its belief that we need money and all it can buy to be better than the next, with fancy cars and the big house with two cars in the garage. How long can the list go on of our lack in faith and understanding of our connection to source or the energy that is behind all of creation?

Our lack of understanding of just what a small part this human experience is of who or what we really are. Our existence in this form is but a mere fraction of a second in eternity. The oneness to this source which we all are will end the world as we know it.

Once we understand our connection to this source we will realize we are all equal and perfect in every way — no one is better or less than the next. Love will take the place of hatred. An understanding that giving and receiving are in fact one in the same — to give is to receive.

A world where there is no war. Pollution will end and respect for the planet we live on along with all that lives here with us will be way. New energy sources will take the place of those we now use. We have been promised a garden and the time is soon here. Let us all see a positive light shining on our future and it will come to be!

The news and headlines now seem to project a dif-

ferent light — one of shortcomings, one of mass confusion and war, terrorists around every corner, hunger and disease, hatred and the lack of love. There is a lack of understanding that our purpose is to love and have compassion in this world we live in.

It's our choice in how we choose to see the world we live in. Shall it be a world filled with love and the joy and light that would follow it? Or one filled with dark and ugly days and more of what the past has brought us?

We can create for our children and ourselves a better world. Let's all bring these thoughts into play and let your light shine through — let love be the way.

We all who live on St. John know we have a special place here on this planet. I believe we all know we have problems here also. Let's all work together to make Love City live up to its nickname.

Help when you see a need. Give a hug and a smile each and every day as these are free gifts we can give. Honor the spirit within each and all.

We are at a crossroads in the history of mankind in which we can, through our thoughts and actions, make our world a place in which we all have what we need and the ways of the past are part of history.

Choosing to be a part of this change brings us all one step closer to it becoming a reality. How much of what we have been taught in the world as it is do we find to be untrue? Part of a plan of control through the use of lies and fear.

Have faith and believe in the power we have in being part of the energy that has created all. Within this faith we will find the power to change our future and the future of our children. Within this oneness there can be no prejudice or animosity — and racism will be gone forever.

Robert Sells

St. John Tradewinds Keeping Track

2008 FINAL COUNT

Homicide: 0
Solved: 0

Shootings: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

Stabbings: 1
Under Investigation: 1
Solved: 0

Armed Robberies: 2
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
Under Investigation: 18
Solved: 0

3rd Degree Burglaries: 67
Under Investigation: 67
Solved: 0

Grand Larcenies: 68
Under Investigation: 68
Solved: 0

Rapes: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

2009 TO-DATE

Homicide: 1
Solved: 0

Shootings: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

Stabbings: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

Armed Robberies: 3
Under Investigation: 3
Solved: 0

Arsons: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

1st Degree Burglaries: 5
Under Investigation: 5
Solved: 0

2nd Degree Burglaries: 16
Under Investigation: 15
Solved: 1

3rd Degree Burglaries: 57
Under Investigation: 55
Solved: 4

Grand Larcenies: 55
Under Investigation: 52
Solved: 3

Rapes: 1
Under Investigation: 1
Solved: 0

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

Alcoholics Anonymous 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 Moravian Church, Coral Bay.

Narcotics Anonymous Meetings

Narcotics Anonymous has open meeting 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.

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Buchalter Weds Levine at Trunk Bay Ceremony

Suki Dickson Buchalter and Bucky Buchalter of Coral Bay are pleased to announce the wedding of their daughter Jessa to Brian Levine of New Jersey.

Jessa and Brian celebrated with family and friends on October 4, 2009 at an afternoon wedding which was held at Trunk Bay with Craig Barshinger of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of St. John officiating.

Brian sang an engagement song that he wrote for Jessa. Jessa's sister Sage shared a beautiful song that she wrote especially for the couple. Finally Jessa read a heartfelt poem that she wrote for Brian.

The wedding service was full of love and great joy. The full moon reception was at Estate Concordia pavilion. The wedding ring and pearl jewelry worn by the bride was designed and created by Suki, the bride's mother. All in all it was a fabulous affair.

The couples 8-month-old daughter Coral Jean was the special guest of honor. Suki and Buck would like to thank all of our island friends who made this event so special.

Heartfelt thanks go out to Noel Grammar of East End flowers for the lovely bouquets, Alfredo's Landscaping, KatiLady Catering, Westin St. John, Maho



Photo Courtesy of the Buchalter Family

Jessa and Brian Levin at Trunk Bay.

Bay Camps, Stanley Selengut of Concordia, T Bird and her special band, Kent of Concordia, Nat Ford, Teneisha, Megan and Nat Kolchak, Sarah, Debbie, Ulle, Viki Brown, Karen of Windspre, Andrea Leland, Ken Yolman, Peter Muilenberg

and all of the villa owners who shared their homes with us. Special thanks to the "Powers that Be" for gorgeous weather and a bug free time.

Brian and Jessa Buchalter can be reached at P.O. Box 2094, Eagle, CO, 81631.

Chinnery Is Excelling at Berklee College of Music

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camera so that I could take some pictures. As usual the city is busy night and day and people are always beeping their horn.

Oh! I so learned that here everything is on time! So usually I have to get things done way in advance including getting up in the morning. I am still adjusting but at the same time treasuring each moment of it all.

St. John, I love you and miss you but it is my time to leave you and make my dream come true. To those who always believed in me, helped me, watched me

and are still watching me blossom, I want to say thank you and may God bless every single one of you and you know who you are.

Please keep me in you precious prayers and may God do the rest. It would also be really nice to keep in contact with you.

Email me at evanna.chinnery@gmail.com or call me at 340-626-3179. You can also write me at Evanna Chinnery, Berklee College of Music, 140 Boylston St., Boston, MA. 02215, SB-2718.

Evanna Chinnery

Corrections

— Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center Administrator Harold Wallace's name was incorrect in Sis Frank's Wha's Happ'nin' column in the November 2-8, 2009 issue of *St. John Tradewinds*. Harold Wallace was instrumental in the implementation of telemedicine at the health center.

— The "Football Game: JESS vs. GHS" in the November 2 edition of *St. John Tradewinds* did not include the score of the game. Julius E. Sprauve School's flag football team beat Giff Hill School by a score of 12 to 8.

Senator at Large Reports

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state tour with several DoH officials to find, commission and purchase an ambulance boat. I hope this is just melee, as that would cost a lot of money, and our local experts and stakeholders have already selected the boat and the equipment that would do the job.

The Committee on Health Hospitals and Human Services may have to subpoena the DoH officials on this issue, to determine what is being done with the money appropriated for the ambulance boat.

Is There a Helicopter in Our Future?

I asked Administrator Wallace to develop a proposal for helicopter transportation between St. John, St. Thomas, St. Croix, and Puerto Rico. It only takes five minutes to fly from our clinic to the RLS hospital, and twenty minutes to fly to the cardiac center on St. Croix.

Officials from the hospitals on all three islands have been contacted and have agreed to work on this with Mr. Wallace. It will require some out-of-the-box thinking, but it is technically possible. If our hospital team can come up with a plan that makes economic sense, I will champion the funding by

the legislature in 2010.

Is the Ferry Fare Fair?

On the evening of October 28, the Committee on Appropriations and Budget met on St. John to hear testimony on bill 28-0101. This bill will set the adult ferry fare between Red Hook and Cruz Bay at \$2 (\$1 for children and seniors), and provide a subsidy sufficient to guarantee that the ferry companies cover their expenses and make a fair profit.

It will require that the ferry companies produce audited financial statements, from which the PSC will be able to determine the amount of the subsidy. The legislature is willing to appropriate the required subsidy, and I thank all of my colleagues for understanding the importance of low cost, reliable inter-island transportation.

Note: the PSC met on a long-standing fare increase request and boosted the fare to \$6. This \$12 round trip is too high and impedes the ability to travel for many. Please call my office at 693-8061 or email to senator@barshinger.net to voice your support for a \$2 fare.

Property Tax

I was honored to be the guest speaker at the Annual Meeting of the St. John Board of Realtors on October 23. Property tax was an area of concern, and we had a dialog on ways to solve it. I learned some things that will help fine tune my

bill 28-0078 in order to resolve the property tax crisis.

Senator Attacked But Keeps Focused on Issues

The president of the Unity Day group attacked me in the October 26 issue of *Tradewinds*. There was nothing of substance in it. If I did respond point by point, it would shift the focus away from the solution we seek. Clearly she is positioning herself to run for senator at large in 2010.

I will remain focused on solving the problems. I cannot and will not attack in return for the simple reason that the Unity Day group's lawsuit is a vital part of the solution. I have steered many people to the UDG.

At the time I did not foresee that it might be commandeered for a political purpose. I must reiterate the cautions from my last Senator at Large Report — support the UDG with your efforts and money, but assure yourself that it is properly managed and directed toward a resolution.

During campaign season, let the candidates compete for the favor of your vote. In the meantime, let us work together toward our common goal of resolving the property tax crisis.

Thank you for the honor of serving as your Senator at Large, and the opportunity to report to you. Please call our St. John Office at 693-8061 or email at senator@barshinger.net if we may be of service.

American Legion Post #131 CO-ED FLAG FOOTBALL SCORES AND STANDINGS

Patriots 32 Raiders 30

This was a high-scoring beauty of a game but it looked like the Raiders might be taken out early. The duo of Anthony Angol and Kwazi Brown for the Patriots accounted for all the first half scoring. Angol was on his game with four first-half scoring passes. At the half it was 26-0 Patriots

The second half showed an entirely different Raiders team as they roared back with 30 unanswered points and a very determined defense to take the lead 30-26 with six minutes left to play. Shakeem Meade was brilliant at quarterback in the comeback as he tossed four TDs, three to Mishawn Wilkinson.

The Patriots came back with another late scoring drive as Angol pitched another TD to De'Quan Cline to go ahead at the six minute mark. With time running out, the Raiders made one last desperate scoring drive which was cut short deep in Patriots territory as time ran out.

Broncos 34 Packers 0

It was not the Packers' night as the Broncos put together a scoring machine and was stingy on defense. Tommy Gibney tried to put together some plays for the Packers but the Broncos wouldn't allow him to get untracked.

Broncos quarterback Jay Williams was right on target as he kept drives alive with accurate passes and played well on defense. Williams threw five TD passes to Addison Rogers, Colin Brago and RJ Mathurin.

Standings As of October 30

Team	W	L	PF	PA
Broncos (Red)	5	1	140	39
Raiders (Black)	4	2	168	89
Patriots (Blue)	2	4	123	153
Packers (Green)	2	4	67	217

Next games: November 6 Patriots vs. Packers at 6 p.m.; Raiders vs. Broncos at 7 p.m.

St. John Police Report

Friday, October 30

2:35 p.m. - A citizen c/requesting police assistance with a vehicle. Police assistance.

3:48 p.m. - An Estate Contant resident c/r an auto accident in Estate Bethany. Auto accident.

3:53 p.m. - An Estate Zootenvaal resident c/r a larceny. Grand larceny.

5:14 p.m. - An Estate Susanaberg resident c/r that someone damaged his vehicle. Damage to a vehicle.

Saturday, October 31

No time given - A citizen c/r that a vehicle went over the embankment in the area of Estate Pastory. Auto accident.

8:32 p.m. - Central Dispatch c/r a disturbance of the peace in Estate Adrian.

9: p.m. - ADT c/r an alarm sounding at Domino Gas Station in Coral Bay. Activated alarm.

Sunday, November 1

4:02 a.m. - Central Dispatch c/requesting police assistance at the Westin Resort and Villas. Police assistance.

8:03 a.m. - Badge #130 p/at Jurgen Command with one Lincoln Jarris of Estate Enighed under arrest and charged with aggravated assault and battery, D.V. Bail was set at \$1,000 and he was transported to the Bureau of Corrections on St. Thomas. Aggravated assault and battery.

2:26 p.m. - Central Dispatch

c/r that someone r/ a damaged vehicle. Vehicle tampering.

2:35 p.m. - A St. Thomas resident c/r that someone planted some marijuana trees on her property in the area of Estate Pastory. Confiscated marijuana.

4:18 p.m. - An Estate Power Boyd resident c/ via Central Dispatch to r/ that someone threw rocks at her. Loud noise.

No time given - An Estate Concordia employee c/r that a guest was robbed. Burglary in the third.

Tuesday, November 3

7:20 a.m. - A Gift Hill resident p/r that he was struck by another male. Simple assault.

11:30 a.m. - A St. Thomas resident p/r that someone removed items from his vehicle. Grand larceny.

12:05 p.m. - A visitor p/r that his rental vehicle was parked in the area of Anaberg and items were removed and the back glass was broken. Grand larceny.

12:30 p.m. - A St. Thomas resident p/r that she is being harassed by her ex-boyfriend.

5:25 p.m. - The owner of Love City Mini Mart p/r a break-in. Burglary in the third.

7:40 p.m. - An Estate Chocolate Hole resident r/ being threatened with bodily harm. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

9:00 p.m. - An Estate Contant resident r/ a disturbance. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

11:10 p.m. - An employee at the Westin Resort and Villas r/ a possible attempted suicide at the resort. Possible attempted suicide.

Wednesday, November 4

12:51 p.m. - Central Dispatch c/r an auto accident in the area of Pine Peace. Auto accident.

Thursday, November 5

11:05 a.m. - A Superior Court employee p/r that someone caused damage to his vehicle. Accidental damage.

11:15 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r he lost his personal documents. Lost documents.

6:37 p.m. - An Estate Hard Labor resident r/ he was physically assaulted in the area of Calabash Boom. Assault in the third.

7:00 p.m. - A citizen r/ that two males held him up in the Cruz Bay public bathroom and took his wallet. Robbery in the third.

8:33 p.m. - A citizen r/ a disturbance in the area of Pine Peace. Police assistance.

9:35 p.m. - An Estate Power Boyd resident r/ that her neighbors are smoking and making noise. Police assistance.

11:06 p.m. - A citizen r/ a fire in the area of Pine Peace. House fire.

Friday, November 6

1:08 a.m. - A citizen r/ having a disturbance with his brother in the area of Estate Contant. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

Community Calendar

Monday, November 9

The Coral Bay Community Council will host its Annual Meeting and Potluck on Monday, November 9, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at Miss Lucy's Restaurant in Coral Bay.

Tuesday, November 10

The St. John Montessori School will host a Parent Education Night on Tuesday, November 10, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the school located at the John's Folly Learning Institute.

Tuesday, November 10

The community is invited to a free workshop for anyone interested in experiencing "Inner Creative Journeys," facilitated by Viki Brown on November 10, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Tuesday, November 10

The St. John Historical Society will host its first meeting of the new season at the Bethany Moravian Church Hall on Tuesday, November 10, beginning at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, November 11

V.I. National Park, in recognition of Veterans Day, Wednesday, November 11, 2009, has been declared a Fee Free Day for veterans and their families

Wednesday, November 11

In celebration of the 90th Anniversary of Veteran's Day, American Legion Post 131 is hosting a ceremony and BBQ/pig roast in Coral Bay on November 11.

Wednesday, November 11

Department of Agriculture Commissioner Louis Petersen and his staff invites the public to a St. John Coral Bay Station Open House on Wednesday, November 11, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday, November 14

The Charlotte Amalie High School Class of 2010 will make its formal debut on Saturday evening, November 14, at the annual Introductory Night Program. The event begins at 7 p.m. in the Ruth E. Thomas Auditorium. Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased at the school.

Sunday, November 15

The Unitarian Universalists of St. John meet each Sunday at 10 a.m. in the Great Room located at the Giff Hill School. The guest speaker on Sunday, November 15, is visiting minister Gabriella Brand. Her service is titled "Wabi Sabi: Imperfection in Art And Life."

Tuesday, November 17

The Virgin Islands Audubon Society will kick off its season with a meeting at the Giff Hill School featuring guest speaker V.I. National Park Ranger Deanna Somerville on November 17, at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 19

The next St. John AARP Chapter 4777 meeting will be on Thursday, November 19, at 5 p.m. at the Nazareth Lutheran Church meeting hall in Cruz Bay.

Saturday, November 21

The Rotary Club of St. John will host the annual Flavors fundraising event will be on Saturday, November 21, from 6:30 to 11 p.m. at the Westin Resort.

Friday, November 20

The Department of Human Services invites proprietors of nonprofit organizations to an informational meeting about funding opportunities from federal and local sources on St. John on Friday, November 20, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Cruz Bay Battery.

Sunday, November 22

St. Ursula's Episcopal Church presents renowned organist Albert Lynch and cellist Kenneth Pierce and friends in a benefit concert on Sunday, November 22, at 4 p.m., at the Cruz Bay church.

Thursday, November 26

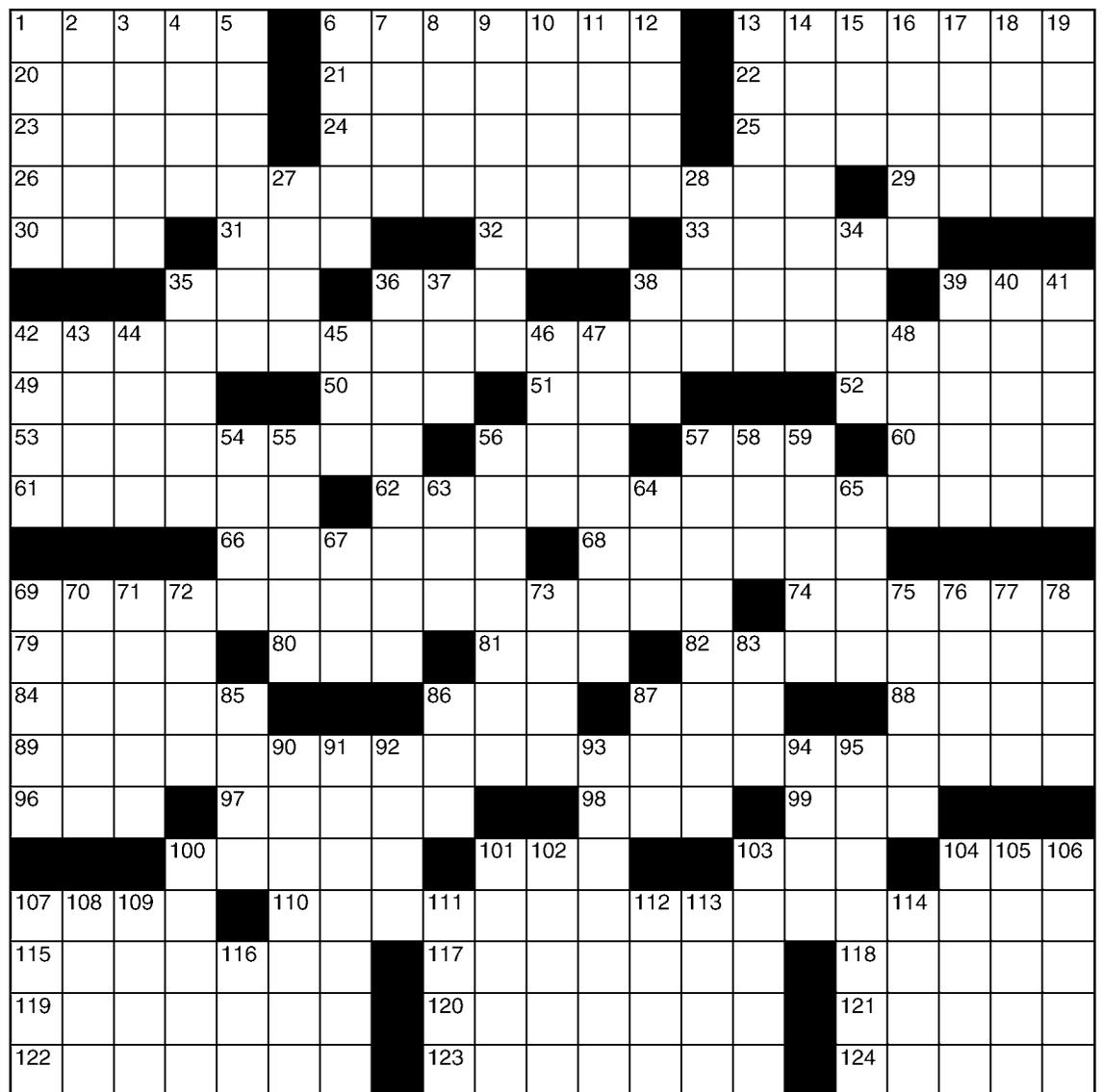
The St. John Landsharks are hosting a fun-filled 5K run on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26. Registration will be at 7:30 a.m. and the race starts at 8 a.m. Donations of \$5/adults; \$2/children appreciated. Meet at Annaberg parking lot.

Thursday, November 26

Tradewinds will be closed for Thanksgiving Day holiday.

PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo



SILLY STATESMAN

ACROSS

- 1 Force along
6 Most scanty
13 Takeoffs
20 Nick of film
21 Arranged in rows and columns
22 Flow out (from)
23 Irked a lot
24 Like an itchy spot
25 Continental or Delta
26 Start of a riddle
29 Take — (doze off briefly)
30 N.J. clock setting
31 "— the season!"
32 Historical period
33 "Ode to Billy Joe" star Benson
35 — Khan (Shiite leader)
36 Turn into gel
38 La — (opera house)
39 Lofty rails
42 Riddle, part 2
49 Manipulator
50 Not survive
51 Singer Acuff or Orbison
52 Banded gem
53 Lacking in
56 Impede
57 "Who am — say?"
60 Villa d'—, Italy
61 Security system part
62 Riddle, part 3
66 Birds laying blue eggs
68 More likely to gross out
69 Riddle, part 4

74 Vance of "I Love Lucy"

- 79 Part to play
80 Firewood bit
81 Feel ill
82 Linked with
84 Monogram parts: Abbr.
86 Demolition compound
87 Forbid
88 Self-images
89 End of the riddle
96 Aussie critter
97 Battery pole
98 "Raggedy" playmate
99 Doubtfire's title
100 Mindful (of)
101 Livy's lang.
103 Motorists' gp.
104 Nile snake
107 True-to-life
110 Riddle's answer
115 Large retail outlets
117 Loving lots
118 Previous
119 Tony winner — Carroll
120 — and goings
121 Run away to get married
122 DNA units
123 Israeli parliament
124 Amounts of medicine

DOWN

- 1 Blown away
2 Closet pests
3 Skirt fold
4 French political unit
5 "Time to move on already!"
6 Data
7 Route
8 Old Broadway's "—'s Irish Rose"
9 "My cup — over"

- 10 British composer Edward
11 Hollywood's Hayek
12 Willow, e.g.
13 Froth seen at the beach
14 Friendly
15 Paver's goo
16 Cavity filler
17 Precipitation
18 Sicilian peak
19 Flow slowly
27 "Anna and the King of —"
28 Whale type
34 Silents actress Theda
35 43,560-square-foot units
36 Smelling
37 She-sheep
38 Retiring
39 Virtual currency
40 Cappuccino relative
41 Scornful look
42 Poor boys
43 "Aha!"
44 Arctic bird
45 Bride's vow
46 Persian Gulf nation
47 Friendly
48 "— the idea"
54 Knife go-with
55 Bridge dwarf
56 Restricted part of a street
57 Blotch caused by a leaky pen
58 — Friday's (restaurant chain)
59 "The Three Faces —" (1957 film)
63 Bump — log
64 Frost-filled
65 Sahara-like

- 67 H.S. lab class
69 Man in a monastery
70 Big name in infomercial gadgets
71 Supreme Court member Samuel
72 Fishing aids
73 Mental faculties
75 Competitors
76 Swenson of the screen
77 The gamut
78 Overcurious
83 Savings acct. buildup
85 Side at KFC
86 Beat — rap
87 Burger part
90 Trapped
91 Seoul residents
92 Garden in Genesis
93 Persian Gulf residents in Doha
94 Online pub.
95 Having very limited space
100 Oahu adieu
101 Lured
102 "Oh, give me — where ..."
103 Dreadful feeling
104 "Later!"
105 Skiing site
106 Funeral heaps
107 Cincinnati ball team
108 Release
109 On — with (comparable to)
111 Spine locale
112 French for "wines"
113 "Picnic" Pulitzer winner William
114 Guthrie of folk singing
116 Jogged

Classifieds

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Island Eateries Cautiously Optimistic

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year, Meyer said she is trying her best to be optimistic about the upcoming season and making a few changes that will give the restaurant a new dynamic.

"We are going to serve food all day instead of stopping between lunch and dinner, and we will really promote our happy hour between 3 and 5 p.m.," said Meyer, adding that she will be back in the kitchen.

With selected drinks half-price and a bar menu featuring five to six daily specials including Meyer's delicious homemade pizzas, the owner said she is hoping to fill a void at the restaurant, giving it another perspective besides lunch and dinner.

Despite widespread economic woes, some island restaurants were able to dodge them altogether last year and are expecting another profitable season this time around.

"If October is any indication, we are going to do great this season," said John Ferrigno, proprietor of ZoZo's Ristorante perched above Gallows Bay Resort.

Unlike many of the island's restaurants which felt the recession's crunch, Ferrigno said last season was ZoZo's most profitable yet.

With the same team in place this year and a new menu coming out November 4, Ferrigno is bringing in another element guaranteed to garner rave reviews this season.

"This year, we are making all of our pastas in house," he said. "All of our pastas will be homemade — linguini, gnocchi, ravioli, parpadelle — and they are out

of this world!"

La Tapa also remained profitable last year despite the economy. For the 13-year-old Spanish-inspired Cruz Bay hot spot, everything seems to get better with age — a fact owner Alex Ewald attributes to living, learning and continuously improving.

"Last year our business was actually up by 10 percent," Ewald said. "But it just shows that we put effort into every aspect of the business."

One of Ewald's main focuses is retraining her old staff — she says it's a continual learning experience and in order to get better, one needs to set higher goals.

"If you were good, that is not good enough — you have to be better," she said. "I think especially right now, with the whole world in an economic crisis, there is no room for mediocrity."

"Now is the time, under these circumstances, to try to push even harder because if you don't, you are going to fall on your face," said Ewald.

Although tourist season is not yet underway, La Tapa's warm eatery, which has become a local's haven for coming together for good times and even better food, has been packed with diners nightly.

"Thanks to the local support, we have remained busy," Ewald said. "The locals are your bread and butter and if they come on a regular basis, that means you are doing something right."

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"Surfside" - Rare chance to own a home in the exclusive Reef Bay enclave. Surfside is a beautifully appointed Mediterranean style three bedroom, three bath pool villa situated on the edge of undeveloped park land with fabulous ocean views and breezes. Stroll via pathway to secluded white sand beach from this oversized lot. Very successful rental home with plans for another 2x2 villa with separate entrance. Price reduced by **\$900,000 to \$1,650,000!**



"Amorita" - Beautiful, masonry home in upscale Chocolate Hole North has large pool deck with spa & faces southeast to catch the tradewind breezes. Water views of Hart Bay & the South Shore, just minutes from Cruz Bay & a short walk to the Westin Resort. Features include stone arches and vaulted cypress ceilings, screened gallery, arched courtyard entrance, fruit trees, and deeded access to two beaches. Seller is motivated **\$999,000**



"Harbor View" New 3 bedroom, 3 bathroom villa under construction & nearing completion. Enjoy views of Coral Bay harbor and constant cooling breezes. Fine finishes including: mahogany doors, windows & vanities, stone showers, Saltilo Mexican tile & more. Great room & bedrooms open to a large tiled deck. Pool has been poured. Lower level 3rd bedroom could be apt. Price based on present condition. **\$1.65M**



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



"Battery Hill Condos" - Two lovely ground floor 2-bedroom units with spacious, private sun decks and delightful water views. Tastefully furnished and completely air-conditioned, these units are walking distance to town and Frank Bay Beach. Just steps away from both the spacious pool deck amid tropical landscaping and the ample parking area. Small complex with only 10 units. Excellent short term rentals. **\$550,000 & \$795,000**



"Palm Terrace Villas" - Four of the newest and most spacious condos on St. John. New construction finished in 2005, beautiful views, sun deck & pool area, walk to town & Frank Bay Beach. The 2 bedroom is over 1700 sq. ft. & the 3 bedroom penthouse units are over 2100 sq.ft. All feature large kitchens, granite countertops, stainless appliances, large closets, private washer and dryer and ample storage. These condos have it all. **\$975,000 to \$1,399,000**



"VOYAGES BUILDING" - Rare opportunity to own a commercial/residential property in Coral Bay, between the Cocoloba Shopping Center & a proposed 116 slip marina, this is an ideal spot for a restaurant, retail shops or offices. There are two beautiful 2 bedroom apartments on the 2nd floor & a pool on site. This well constructed building is just across the road from the waterfront, with views of anchored boats, cool breezes & parking. **\$2.6M**

Best Deals: Seagrape Hill - \$95,000 & \$99,000, Calabash Boom lot with fantastic water views for just \$199,000, Mango Terrace Condos are new and a great deal. Make an offer! Bordeaux Mt. - 1 acre with terrific BVI views listed at \$725,000 but owner will consider all offers - try him!!

"The Point At Privateer" - The eastern most point of St. John is the location of St. John's newest upscale subdivision with minimum lot sizes of 1 acre. All building sites have great breezes and unlimited views to the British Virgins from Tortola to Virgin Gorda, Peter & Norman Islands -many are waterfront. This is a sub-division for the more discerning buyer. Prices range from \$950,000 & up.

"Estate Peter Bay" Gorgeous home site situated in prestigious Estate Peter Bay with great views over north shore to Jost Van Dyke. Not part of Peter Bay subdivision therefore no membership dues, assessments, covenants or restrictions. Owner retains right to use entrance to Peter Bay subdivision (upper Peter Bay road) to access this parcel. **Reduced to \$1.2M**

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CBR HOME LISTINGS

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POINT RENDEZVOUS - New rental villa in upscale neighborhood. Masonry construction w/low maintenance features. 3 bdrm/2 baths, large covered veranda, spa, 20' vaulted ceiling in greatroom, ample room for expansion. \$1,595,000.

PERELANDRA - Excellent 2 bd/2 bath rental villa high above Cruz Bay. Stunning water views, privacy, lovely pool set in lush gardens. A good buy at \$1,050,000.

WATERFRONT WITH DOCK - Concrete 3 bd/2 bath home, on large, flat 1 ac.flat lot, with direct access the bay at your door step. Now only \$1,250,000.

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CALYPSO del SOL - Very successful rental villa w/excellent views of Chocolate Hole Bay & St. James islands. Newer masonry home with 3 bdrms/3 baths, large screened porch, A/C, beautiful pool & hot tub. \$2,445,000.

TESSERACTION - Popular 3 bdrm/3 bath rental home w/fantastic lap pool & panoramic views from Hart Bay to St. Thomas. Comfortable layout, large rooms, multiple decks, privacy & extensive landscaping. \$1,200,000.

CHOCOLATE HOLE - Unique ruins of 1700's Great House, along with a 1960's island home on a beautiful 1.42 acre lot. \$899,000.

STONE HOUSE - Unique native stone 3 bd/3 bath villa w/covered rotunda, freeform pool, and spectacular Coral Bay views. \$1,800,000. With adjacent parcel \$2,100,000.

PLUMB GUT - 1 bd/1 bath home w/adjacent 1X1 cottage. Lush setting on eastern side of Bordeaux. \$574,000.

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 & North shore, + Coral Bay & BVI's. \$1,695,000.

CAROLINA - Small, poured concrete, home with lovely covered wraparound deck. Flat 1/2 ac. fenced lot. \$399K.

LUMINARIA - Luxurious ridgetop villa w/incredible views of North shore and down island. Large pool w/waterfall, 3 bd/2 bath suites, 4 car garage, gated entry, beautiful furnishings and landscaping, vacation rental history. \$2,495,000

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NAUTILUS - Dramatic setting on Maria Bluff. 3 bd/2 bath masonry with large wraparound veranda, spa, sunrise to sunset views, 1.25 ac. lot, tile roof, circular drive. \$1,599,000.

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POINT RENDEZVOUS - Outstanding views. \$415K & \$425K.

LEINSTERBAY - 2 lots on JohnnyHorn Trail. \$225K & \$329K.

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

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Adults Come Out to Play

Halloween revelers swarmed the island in costume from Cruz Bay to Coral Bay on Saturday night, October 31. Festive parties were in full swing at Morgan's Mango, The Parrot Club, The Beach Bar, Skinny Legs and everywhere in between.

