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ST. JOHN STUDENTS CELEBRATE EARTH DAY AT FRIENDS OF VINP FAIR

Delory "Ital" Anthony shows off his collection of hand-crafted art works, jewelry and sculptures made from local materials to students during the Friends of V.I. National Park's Earth Day Fair on Friday, Aprl 23.

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WISHING EVERYONE A HAPPY & FESTIVE ST. THOMAS CARNIVAL
– Julie Woods Dukes

GBS students look on as a WAPA official demonstrates the danger of live electrical wires at the Friends of VINP Earth Day fair.

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St. John Students Celebrate Earth Day

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

The V.I. National Park ball field was full of students taking part in Friends of VINP's Earth Day Fair on Friday, April 23, while conspicuously absent from this year's annual fair were plastic water bottles.

Thanks to an anonymous donor, Friends of VINP distributed BPA-free reusable water bottles to students from all St. John schools. Sporting the logo "Plastic is Drastic," created by Friends of VINP program coordinator Audrey Penn, the bottles were a huge hit with the young crowd.

Several face painters had their hands full all afternoon as students patiently waited in line to get images fish, planets and turtles painted to their cheeks.

Members of the Recycling Association of the Virgin Islands, St. John chapter were on hand demonstrating aluminum can crushing and recycling techniques. Gifft Hill School high school students created a simulated REEF fish count, helping the youngsters identify different species of fish.

Children in every grade were delighted to shake hands with Seamore the sea turtle, FirstBank's Kid Club mascot. Students also made recycled art with members of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of St. John, watched Maho Bay Campground officials bake cookies in a solar oven and got to play on Solar Supply's car.

Ital Anthony demonstrated how to craft beautiful pieces of art and functional jewelry from locally found materials.

With questionnaires to fill out, students had to go to each of the more than 20 booths to find the answers to the trivia questions.

"I learned that when you take care of the environment, you make the world better for everyone," said Davon Alfred, a fifth grader at Guy Benjamin School.

Officials from the St. John Film Society, V.I. Environmental Station, Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Planning and Natural Resources, Water And Power Authority and the University of the Virgin Islands were also on hand to share information.

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IGBA Meeting Scheduled for Apr. 27

The Island Green Building Association will have its monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 27, on the third floor of The Marketplace, starting with a social at 5 p.m. followed by the meeting from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Dr. Gary Ray of the University of the Virgin Islands and Virgin Forest Nursery, will discuss serious threats to local natural communities via importation of plant pests from the international nursery trade.

Ray will discuss his ideas on closing the energy loop with plant propagation by combining solar power, air and surface water collection, and composting to provide both plant media and nutrients.

The public is invited to learn about protecting the indigenous natural heritage of Virgin Islands plants. Call 227-1110 for more information or visit www.igba-stjohn.org.

UUF of STJ Plant, Bake, Art Sale May 1

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of St. John is sponsoring a plant sale, bake sale and arts and crafts sale in the Cruz Bay park on Saturday, May 1, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

The second edition of "Island Housekeeping, Living Green in the Islands," produced by the fellowship, will be also be available at the event.

Beach-to-Beach Practice Swims May 2

Join Friends of V.I. National Park on Sunday, May 2, and Sunday, May 16, both at 8:30 a.m. for practice swims before the big Beach-to-Beach Power Swim race, which is on Sunday, May 30.

Meet at Maho Bay beach at 8:30 a.m. and swim the short course portion of the race to Cinnamon (approximately 1 mile). Swim assisted — with fins, mask, snorkel — or swim unassisted, just come swim. Safety boats will be in the water for support.

To register for the swim visit www.friendsvinp.org/swim or call 779-4940 for more details and to register.

St. John Montessori Open House May 8

The St. John Montessori School is hosting an open house on Saturday, May 8, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The school's director Debra Polucci and current parents will be available for questions and the classroom will be open for informal tours. Come learn what a Montessori school can offer children.

The school is now enrolling children ages two-and-a-half through six. St. John Montessori is fully accredited by the Association Montessori International.

Bring the children to make a free gift for Mother's Day. Refreshments will be provided. The school is located at the John's Folly Learning Institute, just before Estate Concordia.

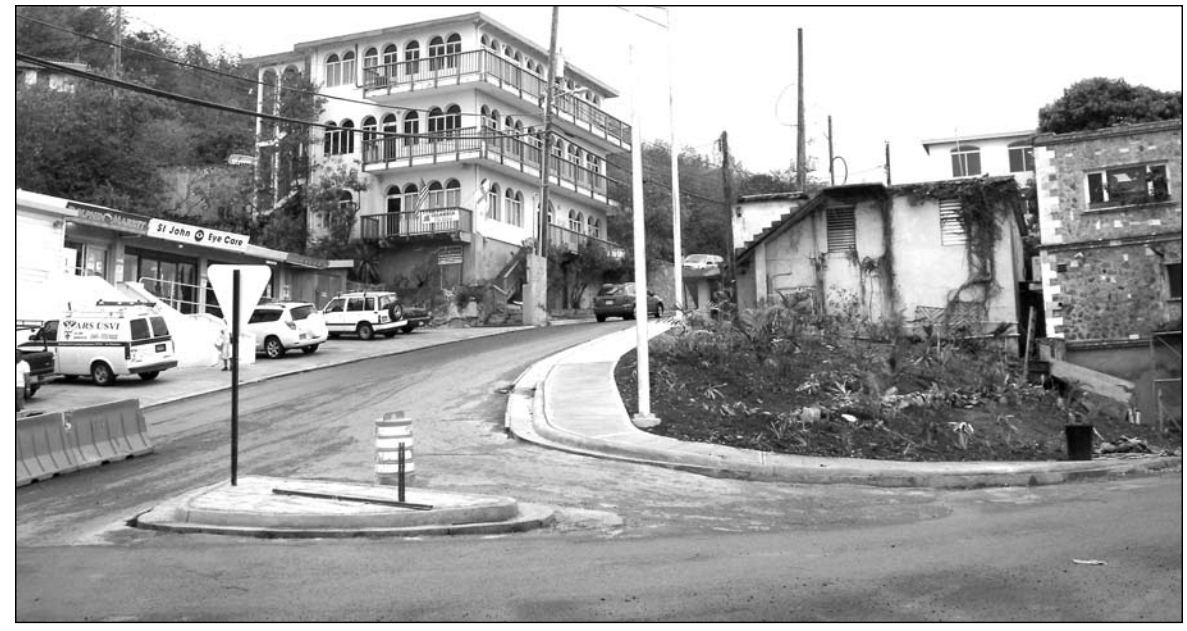
St. John Montessori is currently enrolling students for the fall, but space is limited. Call 775-9594 for more information.

Summer Food Service Jobs Available

Ester Lynch Izaak acting director for the St. Thomas-St. John school district lunch program, announced last week that the Summer Food Service Program will operate from June 28 through August 6, 2010.

Persons interested in employment can obtain applications at the school lunch office located in Sub-base. The deadline to submit an application is Friday, May 7.

Groups, organizations or individuals who will operate sites for summer 2010 and wish to participate in the program can also obtain applications from the school lunch office. For more information call 774-8070.



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As the Cruz Bay roundabout nears completion, terracing has replaced the old Texaco station, above, and lane markers have been erected, at left.

Despite Delays, Roundabout Completion Still On Time

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

Local contractor Island Roads is still expected to finish the Cruz Bay roundabout project ahead of schedule, despite facing delays of several months while waiting for utilities in the area to be buried.

The latest delay encountered during the nearly two year-long construction process occurred when Island Roads had to wait for Innovative to pull its cables, moving telephone and cable television wires underground.

"The V.I. Water and Power Authority is finished pulling their wires and cables, and we're just waiting on Innovative to do the same," said Department of Public Works Materials Program Manager Thomas Jones. "Once they get that done, we can move the overhead utilities underground."

DPW elected to bury all utilities in the area during construction of the roundabout.

Once the utilities are buried, workers are prepared to put down the wearing course, which is the final paving. Island Roads originally considered shutting down the entire intersection and doing the wearing course overnight, as it's ideal to put down the last coat of pavement all at once; however, it will likely be done in several phases over the course of a few days, explained Jones.

"Although it would be the ideal thing to do, there's no way we could shut down the whole roundabout," he said. "We'll probably do a revolving road closure, and it will be stretched out over a two- to three-day period."

Aside from the final coat of asphalt, workers only have to put on the roundabout's finishing touches, including signage instructing motorists how to traverse through the circle.

The old Texaco gas station was removed, and the area has been planted; however, after some input from the community, shade trees and a park bench may be implemented in that area.

Plans for a sidewalk to be constructed along Centerline Road from the Islandia building heading eastward are still in the works, but the sidewalk will likely not be done as part of the roundabout project as previously expected.

"We thought we had more money than we do," said Jones. "We're hoping to get the sidewalk in on the safety program project on Route 10, where we're going to replace signage and repair a lot of the guard rail. The sidewalk project will go forward, it's just a matter of which project it will be a part of."

Looking back on the nearly two-year conversion of the confusing five-pronged Cruz Bay intersection to a functional roundabout, Jones said he is pleased with the entire process. DPW encountered minimal complaining and no significant setbacks during construction.

"I am very proud to know that the community was really behind it," said Jones. "Everybody seemed to have the foresight to put up with the construction because they knew it would be something good in the end. We'll be glad to be able to turn it back to the public."

Jones estimated the project would be completed in the next few weeks, likely ahead of the July closure of the contract.

Rash of Burglaries Reported in Upper Carolina and Hansen Bay

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

After enjoying a relatively crime free few months, a rash of burglaries were reported in the Coral Bay area last week.

A total of nine burglaries in Estates Upper Carolina and Hansen Bay on the island's East End were reported to V.I. Police Department officials on the same day, Wednesday, April 21, between 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Based on information gathered at the crime scenes, VIPD St. John Deputy Chief Darren Foy believed that one person was responsible for all of the burglaries.

"This suspect is sending some type of message either against the police department or residents in the area," Foy said on Friday, April 23.

The suspect entered all of the homes through unlocked doors, by prying open a window or by removing louvers and then unlocking doors, according to information from the VIPD.

Most of the homes were ransacked and food was taken and eaten. Before leaving several of the homes, the suspect turned on the water and plugged the drain in sinks, flooding the homes, according to VIPD spokesperson Melody Rames.

"Some homeowners reported that nothing was stolen from them while others reported that passports, birth certificates, jewelry and electronics were stolen from the homes," said Rames.

Forensic evidence has been collected from the crime scenes and sent for comparison, VIPD Chief Foy added.

Patrols have been increased in the area and the community is urged to be watchful and report all suspicious individuals.

Anyone having information on these burglaries is urged to call the VIPD's Leander Jurgen Command at 693-8880, the Criminal Investigation Bureau at 715-5522, 715- 5516 or 714-9834. Residents are also urged to call Crime Stoppers USVI at 1-800-222-TIPS.

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Nils Erickson and crew aboard *Soma*, above, circumnavigated St. John in just over two hours.

Soma Breaks Around St. John Record

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

St. John Yacht Club hosted the annual Around St. John Race on Sunday, April 11, under sunny skies and heavy winds.

With a steady 20 to 25 knots of breeze, captains of boats in both the non-spinnaker and multi hull classes had their hands full.

"The start was very exciting with six non-spinnaker boats flying to the mark and heading east up the north side of the island," said SJYC's Frank Addison. "They were sailing directly into the wind, requiring many fast and difficult tacks to make headway up the north coast to the east end of the island."

The two boats in the multi hull class started 10 minutes behind the non-spinnaker class, but caught up with them quickly. Nils Erickson's Formula 40 *Soma* crossed the finish line first after two hours, 14 minutes and 20 seconds — a new record in the Around St. John Race.

The record breaking sail would be the first of two for Erickson, who cruised to Nanny Cay the following week and broke the Around Tortola record (see related story on page 11.)

Stinger won the non-spinnaker class, circumnavi-

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"The other idea is to open 107 right through to L'Esperance to Route 10 [Centerline Road] which is six miles. It can be made a major road from the start, it's not that steep the grade is easier.

– Norm Gledhill, Chairperson, St. John Roadway Advisory Committee

Roadway Advisory Committee Sets Ambitious Agenda for Its Second Year

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Since forming a little more than a year ago, the St. John Roadway Advisory Committee has set a far-reaching agenda and members hope to realize some of their goals in the coming months.

"The main goal when we started this was to make the roadways on St. John safer," said committee chairperson Norman Gledhill. "We want to make some of those sharp corners safer and widen the road to Coral Bay by 10 feet."

After meeting with Department of Public Works Commissioner Darryl Smalls, Gledhill got the green light to from a committee and brought on board Austin Dalmida, Edmund Roberts, Rudolph Thomas, Jerry Runyon, Paul Devine and Ira Wade.

While maintaining its dedication to improving roadway safety on St. John, the advisory committee also has an ambitious goal.

"We're trying to keep the Department of Public Works to their word," said Gledhill. "They promised that they would stripe the roads in November 2009.That was not done and then they promised it again in March 2010 with the head saying he would even drive the machine if he had to."

"Now here we are in April and we have no stripes," Gledhill said.

Even with the lack of a centerline stripe, the roadway committee recommended that DPW erect more signs on Centerline Road to warn of blind corners and other dangers, Gledhill added.

"There is insufficient signage on Centerline Road to let tourists and everyone know about sharp turns, blind corners and upcoming pullout areas," he said.

The group also turned its attention to making the streets of Cruz Bay safer. One of the Roadway Advisory Committee's first goals was realizing additional sidewalks in town, explained Gledhill.

"According to DPW, $100,000 has been set aside for constructing a sidewalk from the Islandia Building up the hill out of Cruz Bay," he said. "The area was surveyed and this should be ready to go. But from what I hear they are waiting until after the roundabout is complete and then that same contractor will install the sidewalk."

The roadway committee is also pushing to have all crosswalks repainted, according to the group's chairperson.

"DPW officials said all the crosswalks were painted recently," said Gledhill. "But you can just look around and see that isn't so."

In the year ahead, the group has set an even more ambitious agenda which includes opening another route from Coral Bay to Cruz Bay.

While the issue of opening roads through the V.I. National Park has long been discussed — either via L'Esperance from Lameshur Bay or by completing the road from Lameshur up to Bordeaux Mountain Road — the Roadway Advisory Committee is forging ahead and hoping to gain the attention of the Department of the Interior.

"The island has developed in the past years since we've had the donkey days and Coral Bay is developing faster than anywhere," Gledhill said. "There has to be another access to Coral Bay in case of disaster. Right now there is only one road out of Coral Bay."

"If there is a storm or another natural disaster and Centerline Road is closed, there is no other way to get people out of Coral Bay or help people in Coral Bay," said Gledhill.

Of the two main suggestions for road openings, connecting Estate Mandhal to Estate L'Esperance which connects to Centerline Road near Estate Catherineberg is the better option, according to Gledhill.

"One idea is to open 107 [South Shore Road near Lameshur] to 108 [Bordeaux Mountain Road]," he said. "It's not very far of a distance, but it's very steep and there are some serious switchbacks which would not be conducive to heavy traffic or safety vehicles on the road."

"The other idea is to open 107 right through to L'Esperance to Route 10 [Centerline Road] which is six miles," said Gledhill. "It can be made a major road from the start, it's not that steep and the grade is easier."

The St. John Roadway Advisory Committee has met with VINP Superintendent Mark Hardgrove and Department of the Interior desk manager Basil Ottley, Gledhill added.

"We have opened dialogue with the Department of the Interior and we hope to be able to continue that conversation," he said. "The roads we are talking about are owned by the local government."

Throughout its first year and as the group looks ahead, the St. John Roadway Advisory Committee remains committed to its original goal.

"Most of all, our objective is to try to improve safety on the roads throughout the island," said Gledhill.

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University of Copenhagen students Stig Rasmussen, left, and Signe Flygare, center, have been on island for the past month helping V.I. National Park Archaeologist Ken Wild, right, study the ruins of a plantation at Haulover on the island's East End. The two returned to Denmark on Sunday, April 18, to further delve into the estate's history by examining documents and records in the Danish State Archives.

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Photo by Adnrea Milam

Interns Uncover Mysteries at Haulover Plantation

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

The University of Copenhagen students who come annually to St. John to work with V.I. National Park Archaeologist Ken Wild often help piece together stories of those who lived at the island's historic estates.

This year's intern duo, however, seems to have raised more questions than answers in their study of Estate Haulover.

Interns Stig Rasmussen and Signe Flygare, who are both studying for masters degrees in history, spent the time leading up to their trip to St. John studying records and other documents in the Danish State Archives.

What they have found on the ground in Haulover, however, does not match what they expected to find based on the information they'd gathered, explained Rasmussen.

"It doesn't fit what we have in the archives," he said. "In 1815, Haulover was recorded to have 40 slaves and was one of the biggest plantations on the East End."

The artifacts the team found provide conflicting information: it seems the estate was abandoned in the 18th century, according to VINP Archaeologist Wild.

Flygare, who focused her studies on Haulover in the 18th century, found that the estate was actually made up of many smaller estates, which were conglomerated in 1773. Artifacts found by Wild and the interns, including the remains of small shellfish which those living at the plantation ate, suggest the plantation was incredibly poor.

"These guys were hungry," said Wild. "They were desperate."

"If the plantation owners were so poor, what was life like for those who were enslaved there?" added Flygare. "We want to get their personal stories."

Rasmussem and Flygare returned to Denmark on Sunday, April 18, and will now delve back into the Danish State Archives to try to piece together those stories.

"We'll look at auction protocols to find descriptions of the estate, including things like how many buildings it had and whether the owner had a boat," said Flygare.

Despite the mystery of why Haulover's ruins don't match what was found in the archives, Flygare said she enjoyed coming to St. John to investigate Denmark's history in the Caribbean firsthand.

"It's an adventure," she said. "You get to find things that nobody's found before. I liked getting my hands dirty."

Rasmussen, who hopes to eventually work as a professor, or in some other capacity sharing knowledge with others, jumped at the chance to get out of the classroom and come to St. John.

"It's a wonderful opportunity to try something different," he said.

"Aside from the mosquitoes, no-see-ums, bees, catch 'n keep and the humidity, I've just really enjoyed it," added Flygare with a smile. "I've learned so much."

The relationship between the University of Copenhagen and the VINP is mutually beneficial, explained Wild. The VINP archaeologist can now use information gathered by the interns to determine the time periods that other island plantations were active.

The investigation of Haulover was seen as somewhat of an emergency, as a hiking trail recently opened up that goes right through the plantation ruins, explained Wild.

"If we lost these artifacts, they'd be gone forever," he said. "It's been a real eye opener to find these plantations."

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VINP To Increase Protection of Honeymoon Bay with Four New Moorings

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V.I. National Park is set to begin installing four new moorings in Honeymoon Bay for commercial use as a new method to install embedment anchors in mixed sea floor became available.

VINP management was unable to install moorings in the large open area currently existing between the present moorings and the swim area markers along the shoreline, because of the mixed sand and limestone substrate.

Honeymoon Bay is the first relatively large beach with a sandy shore, for mariners arriving to Virgin Islands National Park from Red Hook or the Cruz Bay areas.

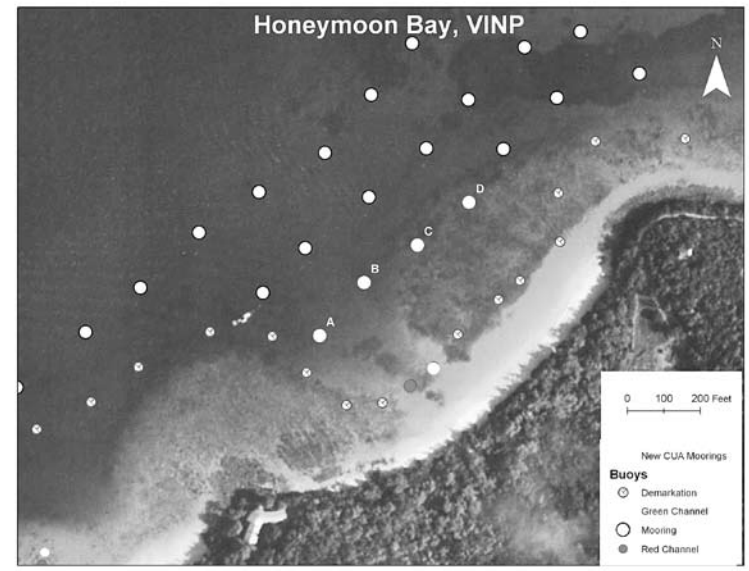
The beach boasts fringing coral reefs accessible at each end, and sea-grass beds (the main food source for internationally protected green sea turtles) seaward of the swim area.

To ensure protection of the sea-grass beds and allow continued use of this popular beach, VINP management will install two blue commercial use moorings in mid-April.

Later in the year, two additional commercial moorings eastward of these first two will be installed. Meanwhile, two nearby moorings with white balls will be changed to blue in order to accommodate four commercial vessels. Said moorings may be considered for overnight use after being load–tested.

Anchoring and mooring regulations at Honeymoon Bay will be the same as it is throughout VINP. If a vessel not holding a current Commercial Use Authorization permit is using a blue mooring between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., a CUA permittee may ask them to forfeit use of said mooring.

If moving the vessel does not produce a health or safety concern for the person's on the vessel, they must comply with the request. Vessels are prohibited from anchoring within 100 feet of any demarcation (or channel marker) buoy, and 200 feet from any mooring buoy.



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Four new commercial use moorings will be installed at Honeymoon Bay, above, a popular destination for boaters and swimmers.

Vessels 60 feet (LOA) or less must use a mooring when available (day or night), and if anchoring, must do so seaward of the mooring field and in sand only.

VINP management would like to remind boaters that Commercial vessels above 125 feet (LOA) are prohibited from anchoring or mooring in park waters.

Private or commercial vessels between 61 and 125 feet "length overall" (LOD) wishing to anchor seaward of the mooring field at Caneel Bay (any location south or west of Turtle Point and the Durloe Cays), are restricted to the anchoring zone, or rectangle box, designated by the following GPS coordinates: 18-20-34 & 64-48-08; 18-20-23 & 64-48-08; 18-20-34 & 64-47-48; 18-20-23 & 64-47-48.

VINP management would like to thank those mariners who use moorings where available, and those who check the seafloor to ensure they are anchoring in sand only before deploying their anchor.

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11th Annual Commodore's Cup To Saili Out of Coral Bay May 8 and 9

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All three of the island's yacht clubs are gearing up for the 11th Annual Commodore's Cup, sponsored by Budget Marine and Cruzan Rum, set to sail out of Coral Bay harbor on Saturday, May 8, and Sunday, May 9.

The race is presented by the St. John Yacht Club, Coral Bay Yacht Club and Nauti Yacht Club and includes classes in Pursuit, CSA and PHRF. The skipper's meeting and registration will be on Friday, May 7, at 6:30 p.m. at Skinny Legs. Racing starts at 10 a.m. on May 8 and May 9 in Coral Bay.

The race is a fundraiser for the non-profit sea safety and sailing program Kids And The Sea, St. John. Buy raffle tickets — with all proceeds going to KATS — for a chance to win a 10-foot, six-inch Caribe inflatable dinghy and a 15 horsepower Yamaha outboard motor from Off Shore Marine.

Raffle tickets are available at St. John Hardware, *St. John Tradewinds* and from KATS St. John students. Race entry forms are available at Connections East and West and St. John Hardware. For more information call Scott Barnett 693-8577 or Jim Swan at 693-8780.

Both Jones Siblings Win in VITA Junior Tennis Tournament at Westin

St. John Tradewinds

The Virgin Islands Tennis Association (VITA) Junior Tennis Tournament which was hosted April 16 through 18, at the Westin Resort and Villas was nothing short of spectacular.

All of the players competed well, displaying great athleticism and amazing sportsmanship. Everyone has heard the expression "keeping up with the Joneses," but this weekend, no one in the boys 16 to 18 division could keep up with Nkosi Jones who captured the championship trophy in his division.

Not to be outdone by her older brother, Ngozi Jones took home the girls 14 and under championship trophy. Their parents Ronnie and Janice Jones were in the stands cheering them on all the way to victory.

Thanks to all the players, coaches, parent, volunteers and spectators who came out and supported the event.

VITA Junior Tennis Tournament April 16-18 Results

Boys 16 –18
Champion - Nkosi Jones
Finalist - Zavin Tatem

Girls 16–18
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Finalist - Shanell Thomas

Boys 14 and under
Champion - Wilbur Williams
Finalist - DeVontee Anthony

Girls 14 and under
Champion - Ngozi Jones
Finalist - Dannyqua S Ali

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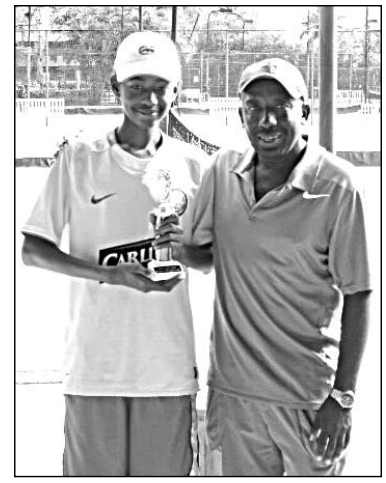

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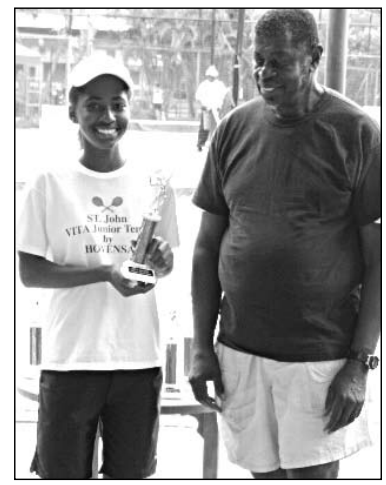
Winning siblings Nkosi Jones with Balyce Anthony, above, and Ngozi Jones with Gilbert Sprauve, below.



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The Guy Benjamin School championship-winning baksetball team poses with coach Clarence Stephenson.

St. John Tradewinds News Photo Courtesy of Clarence Stephenson

GBS Basketball Team Wins League Championship

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

In only its second season in the Elementary Basketball East League, Guy Benjamin School ballers owned the court, taking the championship game in style.

The GBS team won the league's championship on Thursday, April 15, beating St. Thomas' Yvonne Milliner Bowksy Elementary School team by a commanding 30 to 15.

Conrad Matthias, Courtney Matthias, Jovanie Stephenson, Keiano Penn, K'Lan Thomas, JahHaile Bruce, Jalen Frazer, K'Jori Christopher, Nekhori Sprauve and Kobe Valmond — GBS students in fourth, fifth and sixth grades — obviously worked well under their new coach Clarence Stephenson.

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Gifft Hill School students love their new CedarWorks playsets, above, donated to the school through its "Seeds for Success" program.

GHS Students Delight in New Playground Equipment

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

After entertaining students for more than a decade, the playground at GHS was replaced with brand new equipment recently.

School administration were equally thrilled with the new playground's price tag — which was nothing, thanks to anonymous donors and the school's matching donation campaign.

GHS officials launched a program last year with donations from students, parents, teachers and grandparents being matched at various ratios by an anonymous benefactor.

Through the "Seeds for Success" campaign, one donation made to the St. John private elementary and high school was set aside especially for new playground equipment, explained Molly Murrill, GHS development office assistant.

"Our playground was almost 15 years old and it needed to be replaced," said Murrill. "One of our donors in the Seed for Success program restricted their donation for a new playground."

When students left school for spring break on Friday, March 26, GHS father and board member Andrew Barlas of ABC Construction, along with other volunteer GHS dads, got to work installing

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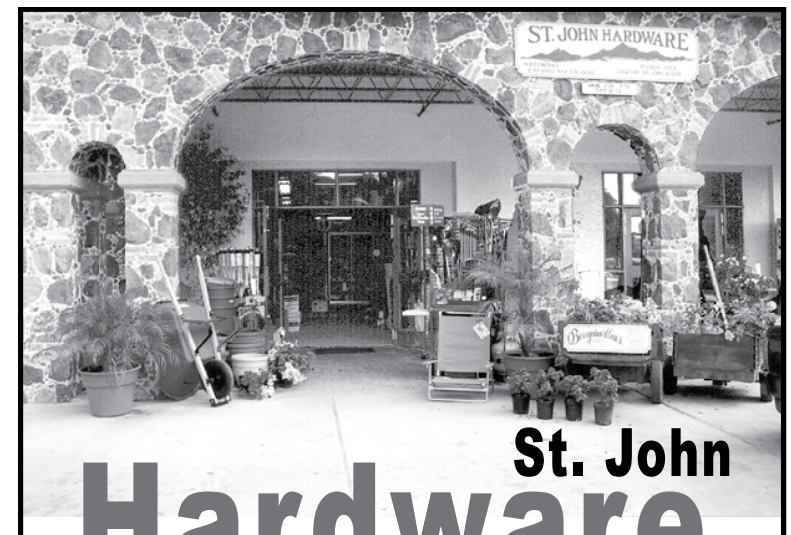

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After Winning Around St. John Race, Soma Shatters Around Tortola Record

St. John Tradewinds

Soma, a St John-based Formula 40 catamaran moored in Cruz Bay, smashed the Around Tortola Record on Sunday, April 18, in the first attempt on the Nanny Cay Challenge announced in February.

Soma circumnavigated Tortola and outer islands in two hours, 50 minutes and 15 seconds smashing *Triple Jack's* record of three hours, 33 minutes and 27 seconds set in the PegLegs Round Tortola Race last November.

Owners and crew Nils Erickson and Meredith Pridgen sailed with a crew of six friends including Nanny Cay general manager Miles Sutherland-Pilch.

"I've been wanting to do this record attempt since it was announced," said Erickson. "I looked at the forecast and when you dream up a forecast, today was the perfect forecast for doing the race. A lot of north in the breeze and yesterday there was no breeze, so it was totally glassed over with no swell left."

Starting off Nanny Cay just before 10 a.m., *Soma* sailed counterclockwise leaving Beef, Scrub Island, Great Camanoe and Guana Island to port before heading down the north side of Tortola and through Soper's Hole back up to Nanny Cay.

The breeze was lighter than the forecast but after a two-tack beat up the Sir Francis Drake Channel to Beef Island and then one more to Scrub "it was rootin'" by the time Soma reached the north side of Tortola with 20 knots of solid breeze.

"There was as much breeze as we can sail the boat comfortably with full sail," said Erickson.

A power reach with screecher up saw them "pegging the speedo" at 25 knots on the way to Soper's Hole. Soper's Hole back to Nanny Cay was tough with "huge rumbly puffs rolling down the hillside" interspersed with no breeze at all.

Total distance point to point is 31 miles and *Soma* sailed 45 miles to complete the circumnavigation averaging 15 knots with a highest speed of 25.4 knots.

Despite this new record, Erickson believes that in the right conditions — a good solid north wind

The *Soma* crew celebrates by soaking captain Nils Erickson.

at three knots less — and sailing less conservatively he could shave another 15 to 20 minutes off his time.

However, he also believes his record is easily beatable by such ocean greyhound's as Tom Hill's 75-footer *Titan*.

"At 31 miles, you only have to average 10 knots to beat us," said Erickson. "Most well-sailed maxis could do that."

Soma has also been the fastest around St. Maarten five times, and broke the Around St. John record on Sunday, April 11.

As he enjoyed his record-breaker's meal and Moet & Chandon champagne courtesy of TICO, Erickson reflected on his week.

"That's a good week," he said. "Two records in a week. Little records but records nevertheless."

The entry fee of $250 was donated to VISAR.

The Nanny Cay Challenge is an all-comers event for multihulls and monohulls. The monohull time to beat of four hours, 15 minutes and five seconds, was set by Dave West's *Jurakan*, a Melges 32.

Competitors must attempt the record anti-clockwise and round Beef, Scrub, Great Camanoe and Guana Island to port. An entry fee of a $250 donation to a BVI charity of the challenger's choice, includes two night's dockage (before and after attempt) at Nanny Cay.

As with most sailing events, the reward is in the taking part and bragging rights but record breakers are able to celebrate their feat with a free dinner at PegLegs for up to 15 crewmembers and a jeroboam of champagne compliments of Nanny Cay Marina. They'll also get their name on the trophy which will be on display year-round in PegLegs.

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The Court will hold a hearing in the case, known as *In Re: Countrywide Financial Corp. Customer Data Security Breach Litigation*, No 3:08-MD-01998-TBR, MDL 1998, on **July 19, 2010**, to consider whether to approve the settlement, and a request by Class Counsel for attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses of up to $3.625 million. Class Counsel will also request payments of incentive awards up to $500 for the Representative Plaintiffs and of up to $250 for the Named Plaintiffs for their services on behalf of the whole Class. These payments will be paid separately by Countrywide and will not reduce the benefits available to Class Members. You or your own lawyer, if you have one, may ask to appear and speak at the hearing at your own cost, but you do not have to. For more information, call or go to the website shown below.

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New Owners Amy and Tom Larson Bring Experience, Laughs to *Sadie Sea*

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Tom and Amy Larson are the new owners of *Sadie Sea*.

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

While Amy and Tom Larson have only been plying local waters aboard their charter boat *Sadie Sea* for less than a year, the two have logged enough nautical miles to fill a lifetime of mariner's dreams.

Today the Larsons take groups of up to 37 on snorkel adventures, sunset cruises and more aboard the 37-foot Lindsey trawler moored in Cruz Bay. It was just about this time last year when the two stopped in the harbor for what they thought would be a short visit on their way north.

"We stopped here to get groceries and maybe a job and then we bought *Sadie Sea*," said Amy Larson.

"We had a friend who used to work on the boat, so we thought we'd say hi to the owner and see if he needed any help," said Tom Larson. "He wasn't interested in that, but he was interested in selling the boat."

Not able to secure funding, the Larsons were set to leave for South Carolina but decided to meet with the boat owner one last time.

"We had made reservations at a marina in Charleston and were all packed up," said Amy Larson. "The night before we were going to leave, we were having a drink with the owner and made one last offer and he said okay."

Living in the moment has proven more than successful for the Larsons — it is what brought them around the world and to the shores of St. John.

The couple first met in California shortly before Tom retired from the U.S. Coast Guard. Not long after getting married by Elvis in Las Vegas, the couple set sail on a four-year, almost-around-the-world adventure.

Heading out from San Francisco Bay, the pair sailed their 35-foot Yorktown sloop *Sandpiper* down the California coast to Half Moon Bay, which was Amy's first taste of sea life, and sea legs.

"The day we left on our big cruise was the first time I sailed on the ocean," said Amy Larson. "I had already sailed in San Fran-

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Waste and Energy: Green Technology for the Virgin Islands

Contemplating this article, this Earth Day, I am sadly and soberly reminded of the Authority's waste water public education campaign where the young child is heard earnestly inquiring of her grandma, "Where does it go?" referring to the disappearing liquid waste contents of a recently flushed toilet. Her grandma replies to the Wastewater Treatment Plant where it is properly treated and discharged to the ocean. Unfortunately, when solid waste "disappears" from the curbside or the bin site, she must reply to the question "where does it go?" by saying "to the Bovoni (or Anguilla) Landfill where they are constructing a new mountain and covering it with dirt to camouflage the environmental disaster brewing underground in hopes that one day we will figure out what to do about it."

Waste diversion can claim an appreciable amount of the waste stream for recycling or reuse. Recycling of diverted waste gives new life to worn and used materials and reduces the energy and associated pollutants required to manufacture the same product again. Diverted waste materials can also be remanufactured into a different new product. In essence recycling recaptures energy "stored" (used) during the manufacturing of the product. Recycling is a green technology.

Reuse of diverted waste, on the other hand, extends the product's useful life in an alternate function and merely postpones disposal. Ideally, if recycling and reusing products continued in perpetuity, we could conceivably approach zero waste. Yet, zero waste has not even been achieved in the nations with the most advanced and aggressive recycling programs. Thus, ultimately, we still MUST treat or dispose of solid waste which cannot be or is not recycled or reused in some manner.

The energy "stored" in solid waste disposed in landfills in the form of methane gas can be recovered through landfill gas to energy systems. To meet the Clean Air Act requirements, landfill gas is collected and controlled by flaring to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. At more than 22%, methane gas from landfills is the largest contributor to greenhouse gas emissions. Landfill gas to energy is a green technology. Are new landfills the way to go, then? NOT in America's Paradise! Our insular nature, limited land space, and treasured environmental resources require a much more sustainable and thoughtful solution that ensures and maintains our healthy quality of life.

Based on input from members of both Citizen Advisory Committees (CAC) in St. Thomas and St. Croix, in 2006, our sustainable Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan would combine waste-to-energy technology with a 20% waste diversion target. Data and evidence show that nations globally enjoy greater recycling rates when teamed with complementary WTE plants. Denmark boasts a recycling rate greater than 25% and as much as 50% with 29 WTEs serving 98 municipalities and 10 more plants in the planning and/or construction phase. Denmark, Germany, and the Netherlands lead the pack in expanding and building new WTE plants in Europe while the United States lags behind.

The Alpine waste-to-energy projects are among the first in the second wave of WTE projects to sweep the Unites States since the 1980s. These projects will achieve both diversion and conversion goals. President Obama, the federal government, and 24 states classify municipal solid waste as a renewable energy resource making these projects eligible for very attractive investment tax credits (ITCs). ITCs that could be obtained for these projects could bring in tens of millions of dollars in cash assets that would significantly offset the capital or operating costs for these projects. The Alpine projects represent the intersection where green waste management and green energy meet. Waste-to-energy is a green technology.

On April 13, 2010, the NY Times reported that in Horsholm, where they have the highest per-capita income in Denmark, that WTE plants are "both the mainstay of garbage disposal and a crucial fuel source across Denmark, from wealthy exurbs like Horsholm to Copenhagen's downtown area. Not only have energy costs and reliance on oil and gas been reduced but landfill and carbon dioxide emissions have also been reduced. And, further, many times more dioxin is now released from home fireplaces and backyard barbeques than from incineration." In Europe, municipal solid waste has become a clean alternative fuel rather than a smelly and unsightly problem.

Public and political resistance to WTE plants is expected as evidenced 15 years ago when most of the 87 plants currently operating in the US were proposed and approved for construction and operation. While the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) and other powerful environmental groups may argue that WTE technology is not complementary to recycling, it would be irrational to expect the Virgin Islands to achieve zero waste without combustion of solid waste materials that are not recycled or reused to "recycle" (recover) energy. Indeed, with both of the territory's landfills closing due to noncompliance with regulatory requirements and the limited remaining capacity AND no new landfill projects on the drawing board, what would the environmentalists have us do with waste that is not recycled or reused?

Quoted in the NY Times article, Nickolas Themelis, a professor of engineering and respected expert and proponent of waste-to-energy technologies at Colombia University stated that "America's (the Virgin Islands') resistance to constructing …new plants was economically and environmentally "irresponsible".

Air pollution from harmful emissions has been a popular factor used to condemn the only viable solution for the territory of the Virgin Islands. Volumes of emissions data for existing waste to-energy plants that demonstrate beyond a doubt that smaller amounts of harmful pollutants are formed due to better combustion technologies and that substantially all of those pollutants formed are removed by the best available control technologies approved by EPA and local regulatory agencies. Successful waste diversion of special wastes and recyclables also produces cleaner emissions and ash residue for beneficially reuse. Beneficial reuse of ash is a green technology.

With large upfront capital expenditures and credit availability in the present financial market, these privately financed projects may just be our only affordable and achievable sustainable solution. It is inconceivable that we would consider barging waste to facilities outside the territory as a primary treatment and disposal strategy. Secondary treatment and disposal out of the territory could prove to be cost prohibitive and should only be used as emergency back stop. Annual costs for out of state disposal not only ran New York up a tab of $307 million but also pumped large amounts of heavy greenhouse gas emissions into the atmosphere during long transportation hauls to out of state landfills.

Environmental laws similar to those in Europe and Asia should be drafted and passed to facilitate the development of WTE facilities and provide incentives that ensure that materials are diverted for recycling where and when economically feasible. Paying for waste disposal through solid waste advance disposal fees and providing no cost recycling and potentially redemption centers would increase the front end diversion of recyclables. Enforcement of the laws by the all law enforcement agencies, the collective public participation and judicial support to uphold fines and penalties would greatly support this transition from a "free" service to user service - use the service …pay for the service.

The Virgin Islands Recycling Partnership is an initiative co-sponsored by the VI Waste Management Authority and the USEPA. One mutual objective is to address market barriers to successful recycling programs for small island communities such as ours. This partnership will seek to identify means to connect with and expand recycling markets by teaming with our sister Puerto Rico Recycling Partnership and exploring opportunities with the wider Caribbean through our continued affiliations with and by memberships in several Caribbean organizations including the VI Government's planned, historic membership in the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS).

Nonetheless, we cannot always count on transporting recyclables to off shore market as there may be times when it is neither economically feasible nor environmentally sound. This activity could prove to be a drain on the local economy with very little local jobs created or related businesses stimulated. On island economic business development programs and incentives are necessary to maximize the economic benefits of waste created from millions of tons of imported goods. Product stewardship programs by manufacturers should assume transportation cost on the back haul of imported goods – legislation should be drafted. EPA's own Jobs Through Recycling (JTR) program should seek to maximize these benefits in the communities where the waste is generated to make recycling truly sustainable.

Waste and Energy are a formidable team in the Go Green campaign embraced globally and implemented locally. If one thing is clear: recycling, landfill gas, waste-to-energy and beneficial reuse of ash are all green technologies.

Go Earth Day – Go Green!

May Adams Cornwall, Executive Director

Letters to St. John Tradewinds

VIPD Officers Come To the Rescue

Dear Chief Foy,

I'm writing to you today to commend two VIPD officers, and I hope this letter will serve to thank them yet again, and to let you know how much help they were to us.

On February 22, 2010, my husband and I were returning home after having dinner at Caneel Bay Resort, proceeding along the North Shore Road toward Cruz Bay, when the car's fan belt broke.

We were creeping forward, looking for a safe place to pull over, when a VIPD vehicle came by and offered assistance. We accepted gratefully, and the officers followed us, making sure we got the car safely to a turnout, up by the National Park sign.

The officers reported the incident, assisted my husband in examining the car, asked us if we had someone to call, made sure that we removed anything we wanted from the car, made sure we had parked safely and locked the car and, finally, offered to give us a lift home!

Again, we accepted gratefully, and were taken to our family's property where we were met by our daughter who, along with us, thanked the officers repeatedly.

This was a small incident, to be sure, but these officers were so courteous, so thorough and so helpful that I didn't want it to go unnoticed. They were Officer Venzen and Officer Tatum, (I hope I'm spelling these correctly, it was pretty dark that night) and really, they could not have done a better job.

I would have had this letter to you sooner, but business demands have been pressing since our return to Los Angeles. Please, pass along our best wishes to these officers.

Sincerely,
Sheila Rollins

A Medical License for Life?

We understand that Dr. Schneider made a lot of wonderful things for our island. He certainly deserves our gratitude and admiration. He should be honored by a special award, a diploma, or monetary prize for his accomplishments.

However, giving somebody medical license for life is a total nonsense. People change with time, get unpredictable diseases like Alzheimer disease of the brain, a brain tumor and anything else.

You cannot give anybody even a driver's license forever because of possible bad vision, possible changes caused by aging and diseases, addiction to alcohol or drugs and anything else.

Periodic checking that the physician is perfectly capable to treat patients is a necessity and the hospital would not be accredited without periodic checking of the doctors and other employees. We owe to the patients that the capacity of our doctors and other key employees is always satisfactory.

The prepared senate law of individual medical license for life is against common sense and illegal. I for myself would not like to be treated in a hospital that has not be accredited by the Joint Commission, or by an MD whose last license had been issued more than two years earlier.

It is like drinking outdated milk.

Z. Hruza MD,
St. John

Financial Planning for the Territory

Dear Senate President Louis Hill,

I have been fascinated this week in watching your senate hearings on television discussing the financial condition of our islands. I highly respect your leadership and handling of such an important issue.

It is therefore with great respect that I wish to mention some ideas and concerns which I have concerning our financial planning.

It is my hope that the senate may consider the following:

Until there is a better financial picture for our islands, I urge that all government employees who make more than $45,000 per year have their pay be reduced by 20 percent.

All government offices go on a four day week, except for the schools and teachers.

All assigned vehicles to department heads and staff, which are used as regular transportation, have the user pays for gas and maintenance.

Investigate the Education Department personnel hiring. There are too many political hires in the Education Department. At present, there are 2.3 administrative hires for every teacher that is hired. Those figures are just opposite of what a normal school system should have.

And finally, I urge that the senate consider a unique method for weaning many of our government employees over to the private sector.

Please consider a program whereby every government employee hired by the private sector, that the company should not have to pay any employment taxes on that employee for a period of two years. This will help companies to hire government employees and to hire locally. I believe that this program is every bit as important as the IDC Benefit program.

Senator Hill, I hope that these suggestions may help in solving our financial dilemma.

Best regards,
Norm Gledhill

Let's Make Gambling Illegal Instead of Drugs

The National Council on Problem Gambling estimates about 1 percent or 2.5 million Americans meet the criteria for pathological gambling (are addicted to gambling), another 2 to 3 percent, are or 5 to 7 million Americans, are problem gamblers.

In the late 1990s the people of the Virgin Islands voted to allow gambling only in resort casinos under strict supervision of the government and only on the island of St. Croix.

Somehow against the wishes of the people, someone got a license to run a video gambling operation on St. Thomas and St. John. And…..there is a great built in penalty if the people decide to stop it.

Some senators have decided that this is a good way to make money. So they intend to install betting machines at the race tracks on St. Thomas and St. Croix, strategically placed to encourage local people to pour more money into them. What are the leaders of this community thinking?

I have a better idea, why not stop the machine gambling and legalize drugs. The government could add a 50 percent tax and the drugs could be sold in "drug stores" since prescription drugs are already abused much more than "illegal" drugs.

We could add laws against driving under the influence of drugs and police accordingly. All the young guys would have to stay in school so they could get a real job instead of shooting each other over drug sales. Police officers would not be tempted to go bad to make side money and the jails would become less crowded.

Estimates of the total overall costs of substance abuse in the United States — including health and crime-related costs as well as losses in productivity — is approximately $168 billion for tobacco, $185 billion for alcohol and $181 billion for illicit drugs.

If we remove the cost of crime and punishment, illicit drugs would be the cheaper by far. Best of all the tourists would be the biggest customers.

We could tell the gambling machine owners that their license is revoked and they have six months to earn enough to pay off the penalty then the machines have to go, while we phase in drugs.

Greg Miller

ISLAND NOTES

from the publisher

A very, very, fabulous Happy Birthday to my mentor SF.

— MN

Keeping Track of Crime

2009	2010 TO-DATE
Homicides: 1	Homicides: 0
Shootings: 0	Shootings: 0
Stabbings: 0	Stabbings: 0
Armed Robberies: 5	Armed Robberies: 1
Arsons: 0	Arsons: 0
1st Degree Burglaries: 6	1st Degree Burglaries: 0
2nd Degree Burglaries: 17	2nd Degree Burglaries: 8
3rd Degree Burglaries: 70	3rd Degree Burglaries: 31
Grand Larcenies: 67	Grand Larcenies: 17
Rapes: 1	Rapes: 0

Letter to St. John Tradewinds

How Will We Survive?

How will the Virgin Islands survive the economic downturn? This is the question that the senate will be wrestling with during the next few weeks.

The governor has sent us a bill that would increase our bonded debt to $500 million. That would put us in debt by roughly twice as much per person as the average state. The benefit is that the borrowing would keep our government running despite the shortfall in tax collections that is affecting us now and is expected to hit even harder this summer.

We may be able to borrow our way out of this economic downturn, unlike many states. We have the ability to pay off hefty new debts with the revenues from the Diageo and VIRIL rum deals that are expected to begin producing revenues shortly.

There is a cost, of course. I look to the rum revenues to fund capital improvements such as new schools for Central, Adelita Cancryn, and Julius Sprauve schools. If we pledge the rum revenues to repay bonds, the rum money is not available to build schools.

The Organic Act specifies that the senate has the power of the purse-string. That is to say, that the senate determines how to spend the money. The executive branch is assigned the duty of carrying it out.

The senate in turn looks to the people to determine the spending priorities for the Virgin Islands. Today we are faced with some tough decisions.

Last Wednesday the governor's financial team spent an entire day at the senate explaining the need for borrowing. After hours of questioning them, I am not convinced that the amount of additional borrowing, $250 million, is the amount we need.

Are we tightening our belts and running the government efficiently? Can we do more with less? I am not convinced that the executive branch has examined its practices.

For example, when I probed the issue of the September 2009 appropriation of $1 million in order to resolve the issue of the erroneous St. John property revaluations, I learned that $750,000 of this amount will be used to "reprogram computers" to send out the 2006 land tax bills at the 1998 assessments.

There is a huge question mark here. Inasmuch as the law now states that the 2006 land tax bill shall use the same assessment and rate as in 1998, the bills will be identical in almost all cases. Is it thrifty to spend $750,000 to perform this task? People who listened to the hearing have offered to send out the bills on contract for much, much less!

Is this example an isolated instance of inefficiency, or are there more? Can we ask the governor to find them and thereby rein in spending?

Senate President Hill suggested a summit, an informal working session where the financial team and the members of the senate roll up their sleeves and look long and hard at this issue. I think this is a good idea.

When we issue bonds it is expensive. When we borrowed $87 million for roads and capital improvements in mid-2009, I very soberly evaluated the anticipated benefits against the fact that the cost of issuing the bonds was $3.7 million, and the annual debt service on the bonds was $9 million. Borrowing money is very expensive and we should therefore only borrow what we need, after being as thrifty as possible.

Unlike Puerto Rico and the mainland, we have been able to avoid layoffs in the VI, and I intend to keep it that way. But something has got to give. If we are in a financial crisis, we must take this time to change the way we do things in government, so that we can borrow just what we need and no more.

Lastly, I ask, "Has the rank and file Virgin Islander seen indications that we are truly in a financial crisis?"

Union members are asked to stop negotiating for wage increases, but how do they know there's really no money?

One way that top-level managers and government officials could communicate the seriousness of the crisis would be to take a pay cut for the next 12 months, or until we have emerged beyond the crisis.

Of course we would all rather make more money than less money, but if there's really a crisis, leaders must lead by example, lest the ship of state founder on the shoals of the financial downturn.

Incidentally, I believe there is a crisis because I've examined the financial reports. But when I put myself in the shoes of the rank and file Virgin Islander, I can see why some people don't know. They see government officials behaving pretty much like they always do.

I and my senate colleagues must roll up our sleeves and look very carefully at how much the government needs in order to run, and how much we should borrow. Some new bonds may be necessary, but without thrift and austerity measures as well, we will be awash in a sea of debt.

I encourage all Virgin Islanders to educate yourselves on the issues, and contact your elected representatives with how you think we should handle the present financial downturn.

Craig Barshinger
Senator-at-large
28th Legislature

An Earth Day Thought

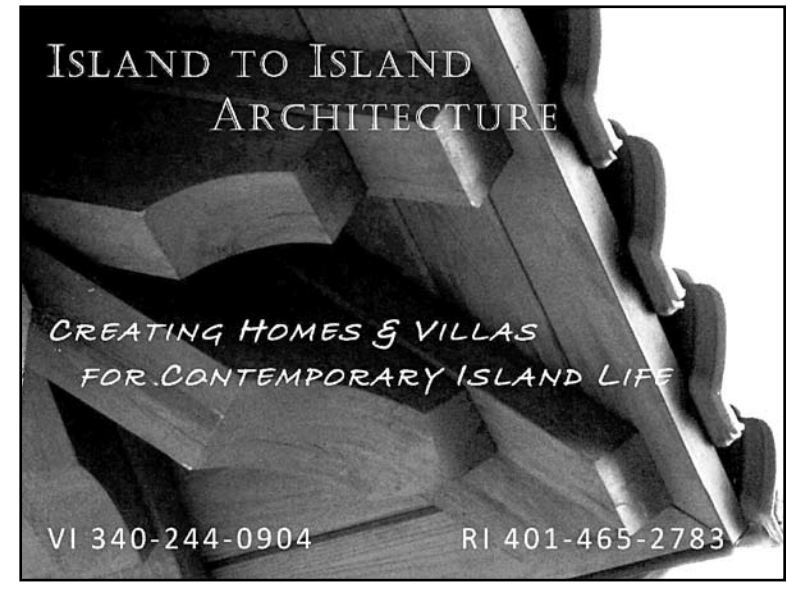
I wonder how much energy it takes to use hot water for all those quick rinses at the sink, or why we even need hot water to rinse most things in this warm climate.

I wonder how much energy we'd save just by reaching for the right-hand faucet instead of the left.

Most of us are right-handed, and so we carry a bar of soap or a glass in that hand — and then, because it's "handiest" — we reach for the left-hand faucet for water when we don't need hot water at all.

So here's an idea: save energy — reach for the right-hand faucet!

Paula Myles



LET'S HELP DAN!

BENEFIT AT HIGH TIDE

MAY 8TH , 9-12 PM

LIVE MUSIC!

St. John resident, Dan Feltman, was injured while playing flag football for the Boondocks. His injuries essentially destroyed his knee. He is going to be out of work for at least 6 months and has a lengthy recovery in front of him.

Dan's family have been influential members of our community for the last 30 years and are now faced with an incredible financial burden. Medical expenses have exceeded $120,000 and the insurance coverage by Parks & Recreation only covers $1,000!

This is why we come to you. We are asking for donations of goods and/or services to help cover the difference. The St. John Revolving Fund is assisting Dan with your tax deductible donations.

For more details involving Dan's well being or donations, please contact Lucas Schnell (340) 344-2700 or Jen Merriett (281) 796-0338. Donations may also be dropped off at Connections, provided they are labeled. Thank you for your support.

Help Crime Stoppers USVI

St. John Tradewinds

Crime Stoppers is asking the community's help to solve the following crimes. If anyone knows something, they should say something. Even information that seems insignificant may be just what law enforcement needs to solve these cases.

St. John

A burglary occurred on April 13 or April 14, at a construction site in the area of #30 Susannaberg. A locked and secured container was broken into, and several large items were removed, such as stair case handrails and hardwood. Police believe that some type of truck was used to transport these items. The reward for an arrest and recovery of the items stolen is $2,500.

St. Thomas

On April 14 at about 3:10 a.m., an assault occurred in the area of Kronprindsens Gade near the Department of Labor. A female came to assist her boyfriend who was being assaulted by a group of males. One of the males then got into a car and attempted to run her over. The female's leg was broken, and the male victim was bruised and cut during the assault.

St. Croix

On April 6 at about 8:30 p.m., 31-year-old Duane "Bobo" Bruce of Lorraine Village Housing Community was found shot to death in the Estate Constitution Hill area. Police believe the shooter, described as a black male, may have been in the area before the incident and carjacked a white Ford Bronco at gunpoint afterwards. Anyone who saw any black males in the area acting suspiciously between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., please provide the details.

Please help law enforcement identify and arrest these or any other criminals by submitting information at www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org or by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). All 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.

Crime Stoppers is pleased to announce that, for the first time ever, six of the territory's last ten tips have come from St. Thomas. Congratulations.

Crossword Answers — Puzzle on Page 18

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Obituaries

Erva Claire Boulon Denham: May 12 1917-April 15, 2010

St. John Tradewinds

Erva Claire Boulon Denham, known as E.C. to those who loved her, passed away quietly in her own bed, at home and with a smile on her face on April 15. She was 92 years old.

E.C. was born in Old San Juan, Puerto Rico, on May 12, 1917. She was the oldest of four children born to Erva Hartwell Boulon and Paul Alfred Boulon. As a child she spent many summers on St. John, at Trunk Bay, which her parents owned.

In 1943 E.C. met and married John Stanford Denham in Puerto Rico while he was working as a civilian for the Signal Corps building RADAR stations all through the Caribbean. John preceded his much loved wife in death as did her younger brothers, Paul Alfred Boulon, Jr.; Ralf Hartwell Boulon; and John Frank Boulon; as well as her niece; Elizabeth Lee Stephenson.

E.C. was a highly intelligent and multi-talented woman. Besides having very good business sense, she was an artist, fashion designer and seamstress. She was almost always doing something with her hands, whether it was

Erva Boulon Denham

cooking another excellent meal, making porcelain dolls, sewing clothes, or silk-screening designs onto fabric.

She was an amateur horticulturalist and knew a great deal about the flora of the Virgin Islands. She was a Girl Scout leader, and in the late 1950s, started the first Learn To Swim program for girls on St. John.

E.C.'s sense of humor and love of life knew no bounds. She was fearless, honest, and rarely complained. But more than all of these things, her greatest joy came in being a wife to her husband and a mother to her daughters. There was hardly a day when she didn't comment about how much she enjoyed her family.

E.C. is survived by her daughters; Erva August Denham of St. Thomas, and Bish Denham Curtin of Texas; nieces, Frances Diaz of Puerto Rico, Eve Maskell of Massachusetts, and Ann Marie Sharp of St. Thomas; nephews, Rafe Boulon of St. John, and John Boulon of Florida; as well as great-nieces and nephews, and great-grand nieces and nephews.

She was dearly loved and will be sorely missed. She leaves behind a legacy that will not soon fade away, as she passed on a great deal of wisdom to those of us who are left behind.

As she wished, her ashes, arranged by Davis Funeral Home, will be placed at sea by Carvel Rock near her husband and her mother.

A special memorial service is planned for a later date and will be announced.

Contributions may be made in her name to the Girl Scouts or the Elaine Ione Sprauve Library.

Helen (Diddie) Michael: February 2, 1920-April 14, 2010

St. John Tradewinds

Helen (Diddie) Michael had no regrets because she kissed life and her maker deeply and passionately throughout her life.

Arriving on St. Croix by freighter in 1959 with her husband, Robert, and two young children, Richard and Sharon, she proceeded to live the adventurous and pioneering life that the Virgin Island afforded at that time.

Diddie and her husband built a home, restaurant, and guest house, Diamond Fancy, on the north shore of St. Croix complete with monkeys, talking mina birds, horses, dogs and cats.

Ever the hard-working island woman, she raised her family, cooked and baked pies on the gallery by the sea for that nights' restaurant menu at her beloved Diamond Fancy, picked up visi-

Helen Michael

tors from the airport, children from school and acted as the general North Shore taxi for island friends needing transportation in her old blue Ford Econoline van.

These early years were a real labor of love, steeped in her appreciation of the island culture and her many devoted friends.

Diddie will always be remembered for the flower in her hair, the brilliant smile that carried right out through her eyes straight into your heart, the fun parties that she loved to host in Francis Bay for her St. John friends, her fiery opinions and her indomitable spirit. Every life touched was kissed with her joyous apirit.

She is suvived by her children, Richard Michael, and Sharon Michael McKee; and her grandchildren, Jenny Michael and Jessie Michael; and her many, many friends throughout the Caribbean and in the United States.

There are no words to express how much she is missed by us all or how grateful that we are to have known her.

The family and friends of Helen (Diddie) Michael

Soma Crew Breaks Around St. John Race Record

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gating the island in three hours, 50 minutes and 19 seconds, by which time Erickson and the *Soma* crew had been enjoying cocktails for almost an hour and a half.

After using the corrected time method, *Stinger*'s race was clocked at three hours, 28 minutes and 30 seconds. SJYC also honored *Top Gun* with the Cees DeGraff award for being the first mono hull to cross the finish line. *Top Gun*'s elapsed time was three hours, 27 minutes and 44 seconds.

Just as the starting line scene was a nail-biter, the finish line was packed with excitement too, according to Addison.

"The finish line for non spinnaker was extremely exciting," Addison said. "Two boats battled around the last mark and finished very close to each other as they fought to eke out every speck of speed to the finish line while blanketing the competitor's wind wherever possible."

The conditions proved too difficult for several boats, which dropped out of the race.

Up next for the SJYC and all three of the island's yacht clubs is the 11th Annual Commodore's Cup set for Saturday and Sunday, May 8 and 9. SJYC, Coral Bay Yacht Club and the Nauti Yacht Club will join forces to host a weekend of sailing in Coral Bay.

The event is a fund raiser for the non-profit sailing education program Kids And The Sea, St. John. Raffle tickets are available for purchase for a chance to win a 10-foot inflatable Caribe dinghy and 15 horsepower Yamaha outboard motor.

Raffle tickets are available at St. John Hardware and from KATS St. John students.

One of the highlights of the annual race is the sail-off which pits the winning captain of each class in a small laser boat. The laser sail off winner gets their name etched onto the Commodore's Cup.

New Owners Bring Experience, Laughs to *Sadie Sea*

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cisco Bay and if you can sail there, you can sail anywhere. Our first leg was to Half Moon Bay and I puked the entire time."

"When we got there, I jumped off the boat, washed myself off and said, 'Let's go,'" she said.

From Half Moon Bay, the two headed for Mexico where they celebrated New Year's of 2006 and decided whether to head west or east, explained Amy Larson.

"We hadn't made the decision which way we wanted to go at that point," she said. "We decided that night to cross the Pacific and head to French Polynesia."

Sandpiper did a 28-day crossing to the South Pacific, the longest trip of the Larsons' four-year odyssey, which included calling on ports from Tonga to Morocco. For their Atlantic Ocean crossing, the Larsons set out from the Cape Verde Islands and reached Barbados 19 days later.

"There were 20-foot seas and 40 knots of wind for seven days," said Amy Larson about the ocean crossing.

After battling nature for a week, the Larsons then had to contend with equipment malfunctions in the form of a loosened mast.

"Four days out from Barbados, the mast almost went down," said Tom Larson. "The lower shrouds busted off and the mast came loose. There were four knots of wind and we managed to rig things so we still made it."

"We were so happy to reach Barbados we stayed for four weeks," said Amy.

After making repairs to *Sandpiper*, the Larsons cruised the Greater Antilles and eventually met the crew of the St. John-based *Buxom II* in Antigua. Stopping by Love City to say hello to friends and top up their bank account, the Larsons weren't planning on buying an established charter boat business and making the island home.

But then again, things seem to work out for the Larsons as if every event had been carefully orchestrated. Their cruising days, however, are over for now. Since buying *Sadie Sea*, the Larsons have sold *Sandpiper* and moved ashore.

"I've been loving the land life with the hot showers and all the ice we can use," said Amy Larson.

Guests aboard *Sadie Sea* can rest easy knowing the Larsons have logged so many nautical miles, handling everything from 20-foot seas to a proposed trade of Amy for 1,000 camels.

One of only two local motor boats capable of taking large groups, *Sadie Sea* is the ideal vessel for wedding showers, camping trips and birthday parties. The boat is also available for full day, half day, or sunset cruises and trips to the British Virgin Islands.

With brand new snorkel equipment, *Sadie Sea*'s $60 rate for a half-day snorkel cruise is among the best deals in town. The vessel also boasts a new paint job and sink with running water.

"We've been putting the Tom and Amy touches on her," said Amy Larson. "We're pimping her out."

Since calling St. John home, the Larsons have gotten fully immersed in the community, working with V.I. National Park, Friends of VINP and the V.I. Environmental Resource Station. The couple hosted VIPs for the International Rolex Regatta and are partners with Arawak Expeditions, for whom they drop off kayak groups and gear on Peter Island.

They are also members of the Recycling Association of the Virgin Islands' St. John chapter for which they tend to recycling bins at the Caneel Bay dock and Lumberyard.

"We also serve all cans and recycle on the *Sadie Sea*," said Amy.

Perhaps the most memorable facets of any trip aboard *Sadie Sea*, however, are the captain and first mate. The Larsons' zest for life and adventure is contagious and every trip aboard *Sadie Sea* includes fascinating conversation and intriguing stories from these two entertaining boaters.

"I love it when I get to go snorkeling with folks and they get so excited," said Amy Larson. "I love it when they're having so much fun. That is really fun for me."

To book a charter on *Sadie Sea* call 514-0778 or for more information check out the website www.sadiesea.com.

St. John Police Report

Emergency Land Line: 911
Emergency Cellular: 340-776-9110

Friday, April 16

1:40 p.m. - An Estate Spring Garden resident c/requesting police assistance.

4:34 p.m. - A St. Thomas resident r/ an assault. Simple assault.

Saturday, April 17

8:48 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident r/ an unknown person on her property. Police assistance.

2:10 p.m. - Badge #90 p/ with one Jah-Wada Jones under arrest for violating a court order.

3:15 p.m. - A Great Cruz Bay resident c/r someone unknown was in his home. Burglary in the second.

10:40 p.m. - An Estate Concordia resident p/r that his vehicle was stolen from Cinnamon Bay parking lot. Auto theft.

Sunday, April 18

3:10 p.m. - A citizen r/ that her dinghy was missing from Great Cruz Bay beach. Unauthorized use of motor vessel.

3:35 p.m. - A citizen p/r that he lost his wallet. Lost property.

Monday, April 19

7:00 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident r/ a disturbance with his girlfriend. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

8:41 a.m. - An Estate Chocolate Hole resident r/ his residence was broken into. Burglary in the second.

3:50 p.m. - A citizen r/ a disturbance on Hill Street in Cruz Bay. Disturbance of the peace.

Tuesday, April 20

2:18 p.m. - A St. Thomas resident r/ that his license plates were stolen off his vehicle. Petit larceny.

7:00 a.m. - A Bellevue Village resident p/r being verbally abused by an adult male. Disturbance of the peace.

Wednesday, April 21

12:05 p.m. - A citizen c/r a naked female in the area of Enighed Lane. Police assistance.

12:30 p.m. - One minor male p/ at Jurgen Command, charged with burglary in the second and released to his parent.

2:15 p.m. - One minor male p/ at Jurgen Command, charged with burglary in the second and released to his parent.

3:02 p.m. - An Estate Upper Carolina resident c/r his house was burglarized. Burglary in the third.

3:27 p.m. - An Estate Hansen Bay resident r/ her house was broken into. Burglary in the third.

3:44 p.m. - An Estate Upper Carolina resident c/r his house was burglarized. Burglary in the third.

4:26 p.m. - An Estate Upper Carolina resident c/r her house was burglarized. Burglary in the third.

4:32 p.m. - An East End resident r/ that his home was burglarized. Burglary in the third.

4:45 p.m. - One minor male p/ at Jurgen Command, charged with burglary in the second and released to his parents.

5:04 p.m. - An Estate Hansen Bay resident c/r her house was burglarized. Burglary in the third.

5:24 p.m. - An Estate Upper Carolina resident c/r that his home was burglarized. Burglary in the third.

5:50 p.m. - An Estate Hansen Bay resident c/r that his house was burglarized. Burglary in the third.

6:05 p.m. - One minor male p/ at Jurgen Command, charged with burglary in the second and released to his parents.

6:45 p.m. - An Estate Upper Carolina resident c/r her home was burglarized. Burglary in the third.

Thursday, April 22

8:32 a.m. - An Estate Carolina resident p/r that someone refused to pay him his money.

9:04 a.m. - An Estate Upper Carolina resident c/r her house was burglarized. Burglary in the third.

Community Calendar

St. John Tradewinds welcomes notices of community-oriented, not-for-profit events for inclusion in this weekly listing. Call 776-6496, e-mail editor@tradewinds.vi or fax 693-8885.

Tuesday, April 27

The Island Green Building Association's monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, April 27, on the third floor of The Marketplace, starting with a social at 5 p.m. followed by the meeting from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 1

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of St. John is sponsoring a plant sale, bake sale and arts and crafts sale in the Cruz Bay park on Saturday, May 1, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sunday, May 2

Join Friends of V.I. National Park on Sunday, May 2, at 8:30 a.m. at Maho Bay beach for a practice swim for the Beach-to-Beach Power Swim, which is on Sunday, May 30.

May 6-7

The 10th Virgin Islands Nonpoint Source Pollution Conference will be May 6 and 7 at the Wyndam Sugar Bay Resort and Spa on St. Thomas.

Saturday, May 8

The St. John Montessori School is hosting an Open House on Saturday, May 8, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

May 8 and 9

The 11th Annual Commodore's Cup, sponsored by Budget Marine and Cruzan Rum, is set to sail out of Coral Bay harbor on Saturday, May 8, and Sunday, May 9.

Saturday, May 22

Wagapalooza 2010 will be from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Winston Wells ball field in Cruz Bay on Saturday, May 22.

May 28-29

The 45th Annual Women's Convention will be on Friday, May 28, with a march from the Cruz Bay park to the church starting at 6:15 p.m. A service at St. Ursula's Church will follow the march at 7 p.m. On Saturday, May 29, the group will host its conference at the Westin Resort and Villas starting at 7 a.m.

Sunday, May 30

The Friends of the VINP's 7th Annual Beach-to-Beach Power Swim is Sunday, May 30.

Monday, May 31

The Fifth Annual Javon J. Alfred Fun Day will be on Monday, May 31, at the Winston Wells ball field from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Alcholics 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

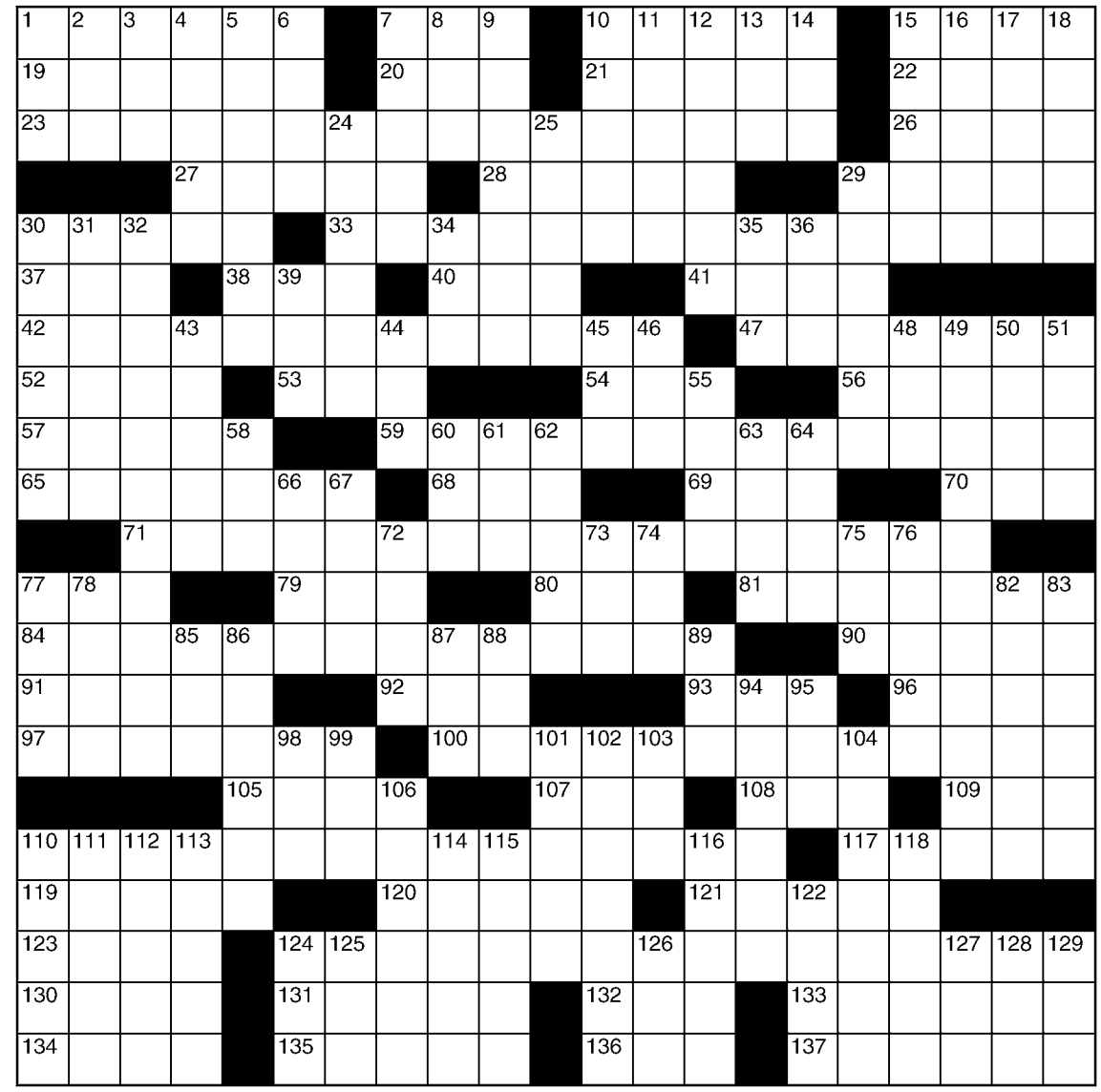
Al-Anon meets on St. John every Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the picnic table at the VINP ball field, and every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at St. Ursula's Multi-purpose center.

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.

PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo



HOPING FOR THE BETS

ACROSS

1 Katmandu resident
7 Country in S. America
10 Confuse
15 Grate upon
19 Trample
20 French for "salt"
21 Expected to arrive
22 Cost to play
23 Regal exploits?
26 Roaring one
27 Africa's Sierra —
28 Songs
29 Sinclair with a Pulitzer
30 Thanksgiving Day parade sponsor
33 Unfit dweebs?
37 "... or so — been told"
38 In addition
40 North — Vegas
41 Visit various Web sites
42 World filled with parking places?
47 Former Purina partner
52 "Suffice — say ..."
53 Friend's opposite
54 Nintendo system
56 Big artery
57 Works to make
59 Tabbies holding things up?
65 Radioactive element
68 Nero's language: Abbr.
69 Nero's 401
70 — a whit
71 Algonquian speakers' midback muscles?
77 Justices' gp.
79 Gear part
80 Jay-Z's music
81 Humiliates
84 Being a commanding dental surgeon?
90 Toastmaster
91 From — bottom
92 Blarney stone loc.
93 Fire waste
96 Feminizing ending
97 Boot parts
100 Too haughty to stand in long lines?
105 Greeting to 'Enry 'Iggins
107 Bank acct. amount
108 — good way
109 Pay add-on?
110 Breakfast delivery to a Southern steelworks?
117 Muscle
119 Buenos —
120 Comeback to "Am not!"
121 Des Moines resident
123 Spun fiber
124 Pulsations' quality?
130 Goat cheese
131 Solitary
132 Be litigious
133 Moral strength
134 Shangri-la
135 Cheers (up)
136 Make a goof
137 Lord's home

DOWN

1 Abbr. for a bounced check
2 Summer, in Lille
3 Pod item
4 In a suitable way
5 Is bested by
6 Data
7 In — (fretting)
8 Ump
9 Like some stops, linguistically
10 "A Bell for —" (1944 novel)
11 Sch. in Durham, NC
12 Believers in natural religion
13 Memorial designer Maya
14 Norfolk loc.
15 Designer Lauren
16 Hill of rights
17 Bend over
18 Pasta type
24 As a whole
25 Rene of film
29 Old Glory
30 Environs
31 2009 James Cameron blockbuster
32 Peaks north of Lombardy
34 Spot in la mer
35 Your and my
36 Title for an Italian monk
39 — the cuff
43 Singer Summer
44 "— So Fine"
45 Duet number
46 Brit's title
48 League: Abbr.
49 Business agreement
50 Lyricist Harbach
51 Condé —
55 Yearning
58 Roost
60 Final: Abbr.
61 Oom- — band
62 Prefix with dactyl
63 "— not know that!"
64 Courteous
66 Govt. maritime gp.
67 Debatable
72 E followers
73 — Zedong
74 Choose (to)
75 Rosemary Clooney's "Botch- —"
76 Where Hercules killed a 26-Across
77 Intro drawing class
78 "— giorno!"
82 Annoy
83 Teeterboard
85 "Am — believe ...?"
86 To boot
87 Historian's unit
88 Yank's rival
89 High-school sr.'s exam
94 Civil War battle setting
95 Egg source
98 North Pole pixie
99 — -Blo (fuse type)
101 Past pudgy
102 Skedaddle
103 Footballer Manning
104 Sushi bar condiments
106 Speechifier
110 Faux pas
111 Irritated
112 Very angry
113 Austin native
114 Elephant feature
115 "— looking at you, kid"
116 Soda bottle size
118 Nonreactive
122 "— all been there"
124 Forty winks
125 Hoppy drink
126 Mink's coat
127 One — time
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GHS Students Delight in New Playground

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two major pieces of playground equipment.

After a week of work, the playground was all set for students to enjoy by the time they got back from spring break on Tuesday, April 6.

"I love everything about the new playground," said GHS student Christian Rutnik.

"I like the big slide," said Tierney Murrill.

"I like the climbing wall and the big slide," said Luca Costello.

GHS' new playground is made by CedarWorks, an environmentally friendly playset manufacturer based in Maine. The playsets are made of northern white cedar and are naturally rot and mildew resistant, Murrill explained.

"There is very little maintenance that we'll have to do," she said. "The wood is not stained so we don't have to deal with that and it is naturally resistant to mildew. And it comes with a 10 year warranty."

In addition to the two main pieces of playground equipment which include two slides, a telescope, a climbing wall and a rope ladder, the school also installed lounge chairs and picnic tables.

Six tons of recycled rubber mulch — the same material used at the White House playground — form a bouncy cushion on the ground of the area.

St. John Tradewinds News Photo Courtesy of GHS

The old GHS playground lasted more than a decade.

The picket fence surrounding the playground was freshly painted and now features brightly colored oversized pencils at several intervals. The school's art teacher is also planning to add painted student outlines to the fence, according to GHS lower school head Beth Knight.

"What was great was that we got to work with the company and we talked to teachers to find out what they wanted," said Knight. "From there the company designed a playset with exactly what we wanted."

Children's squeals of delight as they play on the new equipment is the most certain seal of approval, and is just what can be heard during each recess.

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"Coral Bay Casa" - Masonry two bedroomhome in beautiful Upper Carolina with unimpeded views of Coral Bay Harbor & Bordeaux Mountain. The master suite is on the main level along with the kitchen, dining, living areas and deck. Spacious lower level bedroom has separate entrance and is plumbed for an additional kitchen. Deeded beach rights at Johnson's Bay included. **$875,000**

"Estate Peter Bay" Gorgeous home site situated in prestigious Estate Peter Bay with great views over north shore to Jost Van Dyke. No association dues, assessments, covenants or restrictions can be levied. However, owner retains right to use entrance to Peter Bay subdivision (upper Peter Bay road) to access this parcel. **$1.5M**

Best Deals: Seagrape Hill - **$95,000 & $99,000**, Estate Bethany - building lot with views over the Westin just reduced to **$99,000, One acre on Bordeaux** with terriffic down island views - motivated seller - **make an offer,** Beautiful lot at Calabash Boom with an easy build and views up the Sir Francis Drake Channel now just **$179,000**. Three new land listings at Estate Pastory with nice sunset views starting at **$200,000**, Affordable home in Estate Glucksberg just **$375,000.**

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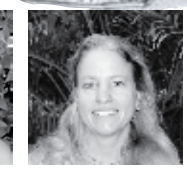
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CHOCOLATE HOLE –Masonry 2 bd/2 bath home with carport/workshop, on an absolutely gorgeous 0.86 acre lot with panoramic views. End of the road privacy. $975,00.

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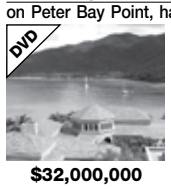

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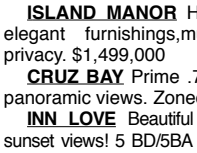

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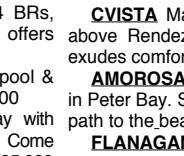

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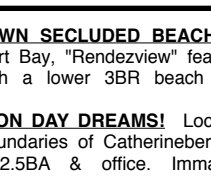

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