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VINP Closure Raises Island Residents' Ire

Park reopens before planned Sunday protest at Maho Bay

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

After five full days, the V.I. National Park officially re-opened at 7 a.m. on Sunday morning, October 6, to the delight of tourists and locals alike.

While Love City is far removed from Washington, D.C., when the federal government failed to pass a budget on Tuesday morning, October 1, the Department of Interior was one of the casualties, forcing the closure of VINP.

"The park is in the process of effecting an orderly shutdown," said VINP Superintendent Brion Fitzgerald, the morning of October 1, before he was furloughed. "That means the closure of all park facilities, lands and waters. People in the park will be asked to leave."



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Maho Bay, above, was just one of the beaches closed last week as the VINP shutdown along with the Federal Government.

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Former DPNR Enforcement Director Roberto Tapia Pleads Guilty To Drug Trafficking

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Roberto Tapia, former director of the Environmental Enforcement Division of the Virgin Islands Department of Planning and Natural Resources, pleaded guilty Tuesday, September 24, in federal district court to using DPNR as a criminal enterprise to engage in illegal drug trafficking activities.

In entering his plea of guilty to racketeering before District Court Chief Judge Curtis Gomez, Tapia admitted to extensive cocaine trafficking activities over a substantial period of time and utilizing his position and assets of DPNR to facilitate those activities.

Tapia, 55, was arrested on May 17, and charged with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine and possession of a firearm in furtherance of drug trafficking.

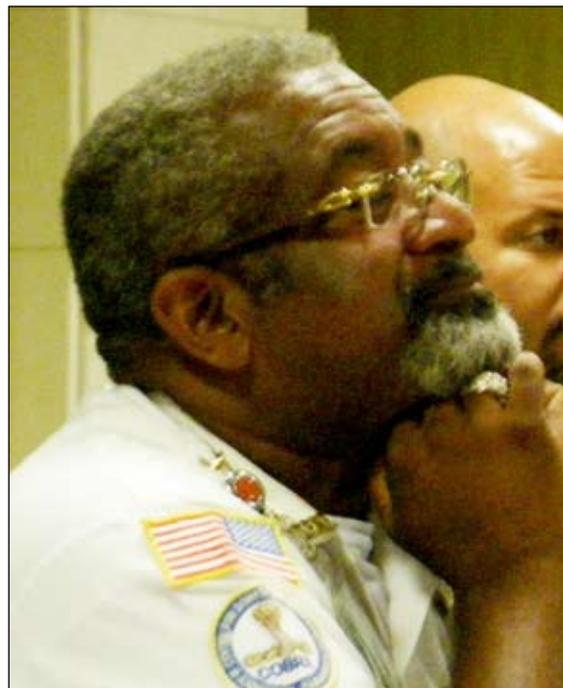
On September 12, Tapia was charged in a 34-count second superseding indictment, along with six other defendants, including Virgin Islands Police Officer Angelo Hill, Raymond Brown, Hector Alcenio, Edwin Monsanto, Stephen Torres and Eddie Lopez-Lopez.

The indictment and plea followed an extensive investigation conducted by the Federal Public Corruption Task Force, which culminated with the arrest of Tapia while he was in possession of seven kilograms of cocaine.

“Public corruption victimizes every law-abiding resident of the Virgin Islands,” U.S. Attorney Ronald Sharpe said. “This individual chose to abuse his position of trust as a law enforcement officer for selfish gain at the expense of the safety and welfare of the community. The USAO is committed to fighting public corruption and will continue to target individuals who undermine the public trust.”

Tapia faces a maximum penalty of life in prison and up to \$250,000 in fines, in addition to forfeiture penalties and restitution. Sentencing has been scheduled for January 9, 2014, before Judge Gomez.

United States Attorney Sharpe commended the work of the Public Corruption Task Force and Assis-



Roberto Tapia

tant U.S. Attorneys Kim Lindquist and Kelly Lake, who are prosecuting this case.

The announcement was issued by United States Attorney Sharpe; Federal Bureau of Investigation Special Agent in Charge Carlos Cases; U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration Special Agent in Charge Vito Guarino; Virgin Islands Police Commissioner Rodney Querrard; United States Marshal for the District of the Virgin Islands Cheryl Jacobs; Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation Division Acting Special Agent in Charge Michael DePalma; U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Homeland Security Investigations Special Agent in Charge Angel Melendez; U.S. Customs and Border Protection Special Agent in Charge Marcelino Borges; and United States Coast Guard Captain Drew Pearson.

International Day of the Girl October 11

The public is invited to join the Giff Hill School family at the Upper Campus on Friday, October 11, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. to celebrate International Day of the Girl.

GHS is bringing a global movement to educate girls and change the world to St. John with an International Day of the Girl screening of “Girl Rising,” a groundbreaking feature film that spotlights the stories of nine unforgettable girls born into unforgiving circumstances. The film captures their dreams, their voices and their remarkable lives.

It is also a movement dedicated to empowering and achieving educational equity for girls around the world. This International Day of the Girl celebration will bring female students, faculty, and the women of St. John together to raise global visibility about the importance of educating girls. It will be registered on the “Girl Rising” campaign map with the goal of capturing the attention of global policy leaders and inspiring them to include girls’ education on the post2015 United Nations agenda, an important step for achieving educational equality for girls.

Call (340) 776-1730 or email info@giffthillschool.org for more information.

Annual Save Second Base Party Oct. 18

Woody’s Seafood Saloon will be hosting the 4th Annual “Help Save Second Base” Block Party on Friday, October 18, from 6 to 11 p.m.

All proceeds from the party will go to the St. John Cancer Fund. Love City’s own Reggae superstars Inner Visions will be performing. The night will also feature a live DJ, raffle prizes and the return of the popular wing eating contest.

Don’t miss this kick off to season event!

ACC’s Flea Market Set for October 19th

ACC’s annual fall fundraiser, the “No Fleas, Please” flea market, will be on Saturday, October 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Giff Hill School’s Upper Campus.

Instead of being at the Winston Wells ball field in Cruz Bay, this year the market will be at GHS. Call 774-1625 for more details.

Racquet Club Hosting Tennis Tourney

St. John Racquet Club will sponsor a V.I. Tennis Association Junior Tennis Tournament in honor of Dr. Gilbert Sprauve the weekend of October 25.

Dr. Sprauve has been an avid tennis player and advocate for the game of tennis for years. He would always assist the juniors whenever possible with line-calling, scoring, providing transportation to tournaments or just watching them play and encouraging their efforts. Thank you Dr. Sprauve.

The tournament will take place in two parts. Players 8 years old and under, as well as those who are 10 years old and under, will play on the weekend of October 25, 26, and 27 using the Quick Start format. The 8 and unders will use mini-nets, shortened courts, red low pressure balls and first to seven points scoring. The 10 and under players will use the regular net, shortened court, orange low pressure balls and two out of three sets to four game scoring.

The weekend of November 1, 2, and 3, will see the juniors 12 and under to 18 and under in action. The entry fee for each of the tournament-weekends is \$20 and all entry forms should be received by October 20.

For more information or to call in or fax entries, contact Patrice Harley at 776-6643.

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Residents and visitors looking to hike and swim in the VINP last week were met with yellow tape, barriers and signs announcing the park closure.

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Park reopens before planned protest at Maho Bay

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A total of 46 of the VINP's 50 employees were put on furlough, the Visitor's Center in Cruz Bay was shuttered, the hiking paths and beaches were off-limits, bathrooms were locked, yellow caution tape was strung up to block access to parking lots and wooden barriers were placed to keep people off the beaches.

VINP was just one of the 401 National Park Service areas that were affected by the federal government shutdown. But on an island where the park spans almost 60 percent of the land and is central to many people's livelihoods, the closure sparked fierce debate and outrage.

Using social media, and quoting the Virgin Islands Coastal Zone Management Act, a group of like-minded citizens first questioned whether the closure was legal. Since the CZM Act pertains only to territorial land, VINP Deputy Superintendent Mike Anderson said last week's park closure was indeed a legal move.

Undeterred, the group had organized a "sit-in" beach party at Maho Bay set for Sunday, October 6. When the park opened several hours before the planned demon-



A barrier near the Annaberg Sugar Plantation and Francis Bay.

stration, the "sit-in" part of the beach party was no longer needed.

Also reeling from the affects of the federal government closure were residents who rely on the territory's Women's Infants and Children Program. The program was defunded on October 1, but received contingency funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition program on Thursday October 3.

Business owners who operate in VINP were also told to pack it up last week.

"Virgin Islands Ecotours had suspended five daily Guided Eco

adventures," said VI Ecotours owner Sybille Sorrentino. "Our Honeymoon Beach Watersports Center that provides snorkel gear, kayak, raft, lounge chair and SUP rentals is closed because it is located within Caneel Bay Resort inside the VI National Park. Several employees will not be working until the shutdown ends."

Couples expecting to exchange vows in paradise, some with family members in tow, were forced to make other plans.

While many people seemed to defy the VINP closure — warning tape and barricades were routinely torn down and moved — enforcement rangers asked people to leave and no one was issued a citation as of press time.

The hope that the shutdown would not last long was shared by many people on St. John last week.

"This has happened a few different times in my career and it's different every time," said Fitzgerald. "Our concerns are for our employees on furlough and also the local businesses that are affected by the closure. Fortunately for us we are still in a slower season, but we're concerned about this."

Of the 50 VINP employees,

only two enforcement rangers, a wastewater treatment employee and Deputy Superintendent Anderson who served as a point of contact remained on duty. Except for the lifeguards at Trunk Bay beach,

VINP employees were expected to remain furloughed this week.

The VINP Visitors Center, Annaberg Plantation and hiking trails that do not lead to beaches remained closed last week.

**2013
RAIN DATA
at Trunk Bay**
(Courtesy of Rafe Boulon)

**MONTH:
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7.90 inches

**AVERAGE
SEPTEMBER**
6.05 Inches

TOTAL Y-T-D
33.87 Inches

Y-T-D AVERAGE
31.55 Inches

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Giffit Hill School Turns 35:

Janet Cook-Rutnik Reflects on “A Lot of Chicken Legs and Love”

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Giffit Hill School turns 35 this year and school officials are celebrating with events all year long.

To kick off the festivities, one of the founding parents of the school, Janet Cook-Rutnik, recently spoke to students at the school’s Upper Campus about the early days of GHS, which was first known as Pine Peace School.

“I am here today to talk to you about the origins of Giffit Hill School, now in its 35th year, as one who was there; and I must say with all honesty that founding and building a school back in 1978 involved a lot of chicken legs and love,” Cook-Rutnik told the students. “I say that with a smile but it is the truth.”

“On St. John in those days that is how things were done. In a friendly, social, open way with good food, good music and a lot of care for each other. Happily that remains the same today and that is why St. John is called Love City.”

“But let me tell you a little about the island in the 70s. There were more donkeys, goats, pig and



St. John Tradewinds News Photo File

GHS students gather on Trayser Field to mark the beginning of the school’s 35th year.

sheep than deer. There were way more mongoose and no iguana. There were also lots more whelks, lobster and land crabs.”

“There was no hotel where the Westin is, Maho Bay campground did not exist; there was Cinnamon Bay and Caneel Bay and only a handful of vacation villas.”

“The population was much smaller, there were fewer cars,

shops, grocery stores. No Marketplace, Wharfside, or Mongoose Junction. Fruits and vegetables were purchased on the street or fresh off the boat from Tortola. Meat choices were frozen chicken, rock hard frozen ground meat, and Louie’s frozen trapezoidal pork chops that looked as if they had been cut on a table saw.”

“Shopping on St. John was ex-

pensive and limited, so most people did their shopping in St. Thomas at Pueblo, no Cost u less or K Mart. No car barges back then, but ferry boats and taxis carried you to the Pueblo in St. Thomas.”

“There were about three restaurants on island and usually only two of them were open on the same night and generally they only had two of the three things on the menu that night.”

“The mainstays in the grocery stores on St. John were saltfish — with its unique aroma that greeted you as you entered the door — and Pigtail. These were major food staples as they did not require refrigeration which had formerly been scarce. Pigtail in white plastic buckets floated in a thick brine, looking more like a body part than something you would want to eat.”

“These foods, while unappetizing in the stores, were transformed into some of the finest Caribbean dishes, like spicy saltfish cakes and Pelau, brought here by renowned Trinidadian cooks and others.”

“Another thing brought here

from down island was Cricket. The English sport that was played passionately in the British islands and established here by the Nevitians and Kittitians, as people from the sister islands, Nevis and St. Kitts, are called. There were also players from Antigua, St. Lucia, Dominica, Trinidad, and Guyana.”

“The games and the cricketers club, the Pioneer Club, were supported by a dear, flamboyant and generous St. John businessman, the late Albert Sewer, who was fondly called “Pappy” by all. He owned and operated Sewer’s Cut Rate which was where Fred’s is now. If you look through the yard by Mooie’s you will see the sign (Sewers Cut Rate) on the back of the store.”

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The new majority owners of Sirenusa, above, plan to sell and rent the luxury condominium units.

Connecticut Investment Fund Acquires Sirenusa

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Catalus Capital announced on Thursday, September 26, its acquisition of the majority of the Sirenusa Residences in St. John, US Virgin Islands.

Catalus Capital Management is an investment firm that partners with U.S., Canadian, Caribbean and European middle-market companies and private equity funds by providing capital and operational expertise, according to the group's website www.cataluscapital.com.

Sirenusa is a premier luxury property featuring expansive views and top-of-the-line finishes and amenities. St. John was recently ranked the number one Caribbean destination by TripAdvisor and the property is located near the island's finest dining, shopping and beaches.

Catalus will be offering the units as vacation rentals and will consider individual condominium sales.

"We're excited about Sirenusa and about St. John," said Marek Olszewski, Catalus Capital Managing Partner. "We believe that buyers can find deep value

in the US Virgin Islands for world class properties."

The company facilitates expansion opportunities and strategic initiatives, and also considers asset-backed deals, according to the website.

Catalus is a joint venture between Marek Olszewski and Michael Freeburg, owner of Greenwich Wealth Management, a firm with over \$1 billion in client assets. Catalus's target investment size is between \$5 and \$35 million in companies generating \$2 to \$30 million of EBITDA or in projects with sufficient collateral.

The company makes structured equity and debt investments backed by cash flow and/or hard assets. Catalus invests \$5 to \$35 million to support acquisitions, growth, recapitalizations, and special situations located in the US, Canada, the Caribbean, and Europe. Catalus Capital is industry agnostic and has flexibility in the types of structures and deals it considers, according to the website www.cataluscapital.com.

For more information on the company go to www.cataluscapital.com.

New Restaurant Coming to Cruz Bay



JJ's Texas Coast Cafe shut its door recently after serving up popular Tex-Mex fare for years. The new owners of the establishment have been hard at work renovating what will be called Cruz Bay Landing, which should be opening soon.

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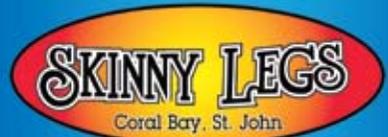
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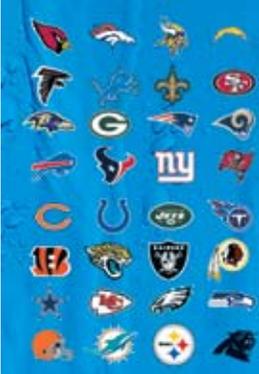
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Friends of VINP Celebrating 28th Annual Coastweeks

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Friends of V.I. National Park, with the generous support of V.I. Waste Management Authority, is sponsoring the Ocean Conservancy's Coastweeks international coastal cleanup.

Coastweeks kicked off on Saturday September 21, and continues through the month of October.

Since 1986, millions of people around the world have joined the Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup, the world's largest volunteer effort to clean up the marine environment.

Anyone interested in joining the cleanup on is encouraged to contact local coordinator Karen Jarvis at Friends of VINP at 779-4940.



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Roy Phillips of WTJX Channel 12, left, and Government House representative Alice Krall, center, chat with Chuck Pishko, right.

WTJX Distributes Free Books in Cruz Bay

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WTJX Channel 12 Assistant Chief Engineer Roy Phillips II and Government House special projects coordinator Alice Krall recently celebrated International Literacy Day.

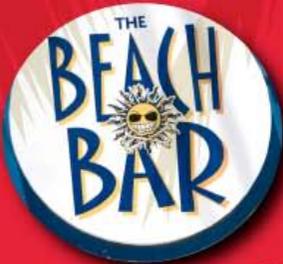
The two set up a table outside of the U.S. Post Office in Cruz Bay and handed out children's books. Literacy Day is celebrated on September 8 around the world to highlight the importance of a literate society.

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The Opening Reception for Miniature Musings Are Magical will be on Friday, December 6. The reception for Interiors: The Easel and Beyond will be on Friday, January 31 and the opening reception for Exteriors: On The Edge Of perfection will be on Friday, February 28

The artists collaborating on the show are Kimberly Boulon, paintings, with ceramic work by Kaye Thomas, Gail Van de Bogurt, Casey Giakas and Catherine Perry and light features by George Hollander.

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Ocean 362 Opening in Old ZoZo's Location at Gallows Point Resort

By Jaime Elliott
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This coming high season will bring several new restaurants to the Love City dining scene, including a venture by Chef Ramesh Pillai at the former ZoZo's Ristorante location at Gallows Point resort.

Pillai will wear the hats of both chef and owner-partner of Ocean 362, set to open in mid-October following a complete kitchen overhaul.

"We're pushing to open by the middle of the month," said Pillai. "We have completely gutted the kitchen out and it will be brand new, with state-of-the-art equipment and LED lights, when we open."

Named after the stunning water views and the resort's address, Ocean 362 will feature dishes inspired by both the land and the sea, Pillai explained.

A native of southern India, Pillai has been in the restaurant business for almost 30 years. He has helmed kitchens from Switzerland to Puerto Rico, picking up a Silver Fork Award, Chef's Hat Award and Chef of the Year title from Wyndham Hotels along the way.

Pillai has been a guest on Discovery Channel's "Great Chefs of the World" program and featured in a *Gourmet Magazine* story.

Pillai's latest venture was an Indian fusion concept in Old San Juan Puerto Rico called Tantra.



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Chef Ramesh Pillai, will be bringing his culinary talents to the new restaurant at Gallows Point Resort, above.



Ramesh Pillai

While that will not be the concept at Ocean 362, according to the chef, diners should not be surprised to find bold flavors and exciting spices on the menu.

"You may see some elements from my travels, but the menu will be contemporary Caribbean American cuisine," he said. "It will feature both meat and seafood."

The new restaurant at Gallows Point Resort compliments the resort's recent renovations, explained the resort's general manager.

"Chef Pillai has created superb cuisine and masterpiece menus for some of the great hotel chains of the world," said Gallows Point Resort General Manager Akhil Deshwal. "We are thrilled that he will be practicing his extraordinary talent at our new oceanfront restaurant — Ocean 362. We believe Chef Pillai, his menu and our new restaurant will offer a popular and high-quality amenity for our guests and for St. John visitors and residents."

Ocean 362's menu will feature some gourmet-style health-oriented dishes as well as Pillai's favorites, such as grilled local mahi mahi served with cashew tamarind pilaf, spice crusted seared sashimi tuna, double cut lamb chops with mint chutney, duck confit with mushroom risotto and grilled asparagus, tournadoes of aged beef tenderloin with Asiago chicken sausage and vegetables, Malabar shrimp curry with cumin pilaf, and lobster risotto, according to Deshwal.

An array of new appetizers, soups, salads and desserts will also be featured on the Ocean 362 menu, the Gallows Point General Manager added.

Ocean 362 is taking over the space formerly occupied by ZoZo's Ristorante, which is moving to Caneel Bay Resort. ZoZo's is expected to open at the former Sugar Mill Restaurant, which is being completely renovated, in November.

In Cruz Bay, the former JJ's Texas Coast Cafe location in Frank Powell Park is also under extensive renovation. The restaurant, under new ownership, will be called Cruz Bay Landing when it opens sometime early next month.

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New Season of Kids and The Sea (KATS) Kicking Off Soon

By Jaime Elliott
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With the end of hurricane season in sight and the calendar flipped to October, it's almost time for the island's youth sailing program to kick off another season.

Racing sailors in the St. John Kids and the Sea program dusted off their hulls last week as they began preparations for the upcoming Columbus Day Regatta the weekend of October 12 at the St. Thomas Yacht Club.

All returning sailors — intro sailors, racing sailors and advanced sailors — will meet on Saturday morning, October 20, at Johnson Bay beach at 9 a.m. for the first KATS session of the season.

All students joining KATS for the first time must complete a swim test before starting the rowing and seamanship program. The swim test will be on Saturday morning, November 3. Children must be eight years old by December 1 to be eligible.

For the swim test, meet at Skinny Legs at 9 a.m. and children should be prepared to swim. The test will be administered at Maho Bay beach. Children should bring a towel, water and sunscreen. Parents wishing to join are invited to accompany the group from Skinny Legs to Maho Bay.

The cost for the season is \$150 per child for sailors and \$50 per child for the rowing and seamanship program, but tuition sponsorships are available.

KATS is also looking for volunteers to join the Saturday morning youth sailing program. Anyone who likes to sail and enjoys teaching will love to help out in the all-volunteer program.

But even for people who don't know how to sail, KATS presents a rewarding opportunity to give back to the community, explained Vicki Rogers, KATS president.

"The commitment is from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday mornings," said Rogers. "It's not a lot of time and it's really valuable and really fun. If you are interested in helping out and you're not a great sailor, you can volunteer for the rowing program and you'll learn a lot as you go."

For more information about registering or volunteering for KATS St. John, call Connections East at 779-4994 and leave a message for Rogers or email katsstjohn2001@yahoo.com.

Happy sailing!



Residents were greeted with messages of peace and love on Saturday, September 21, at Frank Powell Park.

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Residents Celebrate World Peace Day in Franklin Powell Sr. Park

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

On Saturday, September 21, communities across the globe, including right here on St. John, celebrated International Day of Peace.

From concerts and festivals, to a peace wave and even a moment of silence observed in each time zone, the International Day of Peace has been celebrated annually since 1982.

Despite a late call to action locally this year, four residents dec-

orated part of the Franklin Powell Park and invited passersby to add their own messages of peace to be displayed for all to read.

Organized by Crime Stoppers USVI Chairperson Bonny Corbeil, the event also included Uli Powell, Gail George and Jennifer Dale, who enjoyed a low-key afternoon celebrating peaceful initiatives around the world.

"We all felt a great need to have Love City remember to bring peace and non-violent interactions to each other," said Corbeil.

Despite the slow September foot traffic, Corbeil deemed the day a success, she added.

"We considered the event a great success even though it was a quiet September Saturday in the park," Corbeil said. "However, numerous locals and tourists wrote up their 'peace messages' which we hung for all to read."

The group plans to host another event next September 21 and promised it would be bigger and planned more in advance than this year.

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Rhythm & Views

An outlook on young adult and student interests and concerns
by Raven Phillips-Love

The plight of an IEKHS student from Coral Bay

St. John Tradewinds

My average school day begins at 5 a.m. At this time the sun is not up, and most of my neighbors are asleep except for those getting ready or helping others get ready for school.

The only sound you hear at 5 a.m. is the croaking of frogs and the whistling of the wind. I take this time to quickly take my dog out and enjoy the sounds of the early morning. Once she's finished, we head back inside; I feed her and head into the bathroom to bathe.

By the time I'm finished, it's 5:20 a.m. and my brother is awake and knocking on the door to get into the bathroom. Within 10 minutes, I'm dressed in my Ivanna Eudora Kean High School uniform; I've fixed my hair, and have started to eat breakfast. Thankfully, I don't have to go and wait for the bus just yet. The bus driver is courteous enough to pick up the students who live in Salt Pond first and honks the horn as he passes Calabash Boom.

By 6:05 a.m. I am walking out towards the bus stop because by then the bus driver has passed Calabash Boom, picked up the students from Salt Pond and is now en route back to Calabash Boom again. A handful of other students and I board the bus and begin our long journey to the 7 a.m. ferry.

Along the way, we pick up kids waiting by the Coral Bay Triangle, near Giff Hill, at Bellevue and more. By the time we make it to Cruz Bay the bus is packed and everyone is anxious to get out. We pull up to the ferry and, after a short wait, we get to board. Our wait time varies from day to day; it depends on how late or early the bus gets us there.

The ferry in the morning is very crowded. Unfortunately, the

amount of St. John seniors who graduated last year nowhere near equaled the amount of new 9th graders, so the ferry is packed. My friends and I hope that it won't be as congested next year since there are many more seniors on the boat than last year, but I don't think we'll be able to keep up. I try not to complain though, because it could be worse. We could be sharing a boat with the people who are going to work!

The majority of the people on the 7 a.m. ferry are students of Ivanna Eudora Kean High School, but also there are 7th Day Adventist students, Montessori School students, Antilles School students, and even the occasional Charlotte Amalie High School student. Students usually use this time to talk with friends and study for tests they have later in the day. We usually make it to St. Thomas by 7:25 a.m. and school doesn't start till 7:50 a.m. so you have time to stop somewhere to get some breakfast or coffee.

The school day of a 10th to 12th grader at IEKHS is pretty standard. You get four classes a day and they are 90 minutes each with a 50 minute lunch break after your first two classes.

The 9th graders, on the other hand, have six classes a day which are 70 minutes long, except for the last two which are 45 minutes long each. Their lunch period is 45 minutes and is after their first three classes.

I am in 10th grade and our lunch period starts at 10:50 a.m., but theirs is at 11:20 a.m., so my friends and I have a limited amount of time to hang out with our friends in 9th grade.

Another difference (which can sometimes be annoying) is that our lunch ends at 11:40 a.m., but theirs ends at 12:05 p.m. This

means that during the first 25 minutes of the 10 to 12th graders' third period class, the 9th graders are still outside.

Many of them are rambunctious and loud (or at least the ones that hang out near the Spanish room, my third period class). I don't criticize all of them for it though. I'm sure that my friends and I were just as loud last year! For their sake, I just hope that they learn to keep it down later in the year. It's like the saying "A few bad apples can spoil the barrel!"

School ends at 2:50 p.m., which gives you 10 minutes to quickly get to the ferry. Thankfully the school supplies us with student boat tickets so that we don't have to pay \$12 every day to go to school.

Some students have extracurricular activities that they do after school. There are the different sport teams (basketball, football, volleyball, etc.), the different bands (marching band, dancers, concert band, jazz band, and jazz combo), choir, JROTC, and more.

Since these activities meet after school, those who partake in them get back to St. John much later, some as early as 4 p.m., others as late as 8 p.m. On some days I stay after school for quiz bowl practice, but usually I ride home on the 3 p.m. ferry.

The ferry ride in the afternoon is identical to the one in the morning, and upon arriving on St. John, many of the students have to wait in Cruz Bay for the school bus. It arrives around 3:50 p.m., so you have time to grab an afternoon snack.

After another painstakingly long bus ride, I and all the other Coral Bay students arrive home at 4:30 p.m. If you think that's a long day, just you wait! In November I start working again...

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Family Photographer Launches Fundraiser for GHS

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Lifestyle family photographer Savannah Loftus will donate 20 percent of proceeds for all photography sessions booked in October to benefit the Giffit Hill School tuition assistance program.

GHS plays a critical role in the community as the only seamless preschool through 12th grade education on the island. GHS is committed to an ambitious goal of teaching a diverse student body and offer tuition assistance to over 70 percent of their students.

GHS believes every child is entitled to quality education in a nurturing environment and financial constraints should never be a barrier to the opportunities education creates, explained Loftus, who has pledged 20 percent of all October revenue to GHS.

“I hope to have a positive impact on St. John families that reaches beyond those I have the opportunity to photograph,” she said.

State-side, Loftus had been an interior designer, marketing specialist, freelance photographer, and early-childhood educator in Los Angeles, Maine and Oregon. After a season getting to know St. John and its strong and vibrant community, she is excited to launch Savannah Loftus Photography as a full-time, year-round endeavor with a focus on families, local and visiting alike.

Portrait sessions are captured in the location of client’s choice anywhere on St. John; a favorite beach or trail, a boat or from the comfort of home.

To book an October session, contact Loftus at (310) 954-7223 or email info@savanahloftus.com.



ISLAND GREEN LIVING

by Lovango Cay resident Dan Boyd

Sustainable Building Products

St. John Tradewinds

In the last article, we talked about aquaculture as a sustainable fishery. This week, let’s discuss sustainable building products.

Our world is way overpopulated for what it can produce for every living being on this planet. This is not a crock of baloney but a true fact. We can change it, though, by changing our lifestyles to incorporate recycling and sustainable living methods as a way of life.

Building products are a major area where change can make a difference, simply because they demand so much from our precious forests, earth, water, and the air we breathe.

Sustainable forest management (SFM) is one key element, and it’s just what it sounds like — managing how trees are harvested from the land, so as to minimize negative environmental effects and sustain the forest.

“A range of forestry institutions now practice various forms of SFM, and a broad range of methods and tools are available that have been tested over time,” according to Wikipedia.

Back in 1992, the “Forest Principles” adopted at the UN Conference on Environment and Development laid the foundation for an international understanding of SFM. Since then, a number of sets of criteria and indicators have been developed to evaluate SFM at both the country level and the company level.

It’s important to have these independent assessments of the degree to which SFM objectives are actually being achieved. Third-party forest certification standards, like the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) in the U.S. and Canada, offer proof that the land where the lumber is grown has been managed for multiple environmental, social, and economic values.

Wood from responsibly managed forests is an excellent choice for a new construction or renovation project. Architects and builders choose wood because it looks great, is easy to work with, and is a renewable resource. But for the long term, that all depends on how the forest is managed.

Trees absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere as they grow, sequestering and storing carbon while producing oxygen. It’s this process that reduces greenhouse gases and improves air quality, so when forests are cut down too quickly, our planet is affected on multiple levels. And anyone who’s ever walked a trail on St. John can see that forests provide many other benefits, including clean air and water, as well as habitat for wildlife.

Of course, sustainable forestry is just one aspect of sustainable building. Using recycled materials is another huge part of the equation. If we reuse what we already have, then we win two ways. The Earth does not have to produce the same building materials time and time again, and it also keeps materials out of our landfills (hello, Resource Depot!)

Reused bricks, reclaimed lumber, reused doors, and windows — the list goes on and on. “One man’s trash is another man’s treasure!”

It’s not so long ago that obtaining building materials (or anything else) on St. John was a very lengthy, cumbersome, and expensive process, much more so than today. If it wasn’t already on island, you might not be able to get it for a long time. There was, and still is, a lot of value reusing the resources already available.

If we all work together and use our heads when we build a new home or an addition, we can have as little environmental impact as possible and prevent waste and damage.

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Local Red Hat Ladies Raising Money for Breast Cancer Patient

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Four colorfully adorned ladies took over the bar at High Tide last week, but not to disrupt service; the ladies are raising money for a local cancer patient.

Carol Tuohy, Billye Mayo, Joan Sereika and Marla Cooke are members of the St. Thomas chapter of the Red Hat Ladies, an international organization of women over 50 who like to dress up and have fun. Calling themselves the Caribbean Palm Bonnets, the women have lately been combining their love of fun and their desire to help the community, which is what brought them to High Tide Restaurant on Wednesday morning, October 2.

"Usually the Red Hat Ladies and our Caribbean Palm Bonnet group is just for fun," said Tuohy, who calls herself the Queen Mother of the Caribbean Palm Bonnets. "But for the past three years we've been running a project in October we call Bling Bling Bras for Breast Cancer. We decorate bras and hang them up in local places and get people to vote for their favorite."

Each vote cost at least \$1, but residents are encouraged to donate more than that, Tuohy added.

"We hope people vote early and often," she said.

All of the money collected



(L to R) Billye Mayo, Carol Tuohy, Joan Sereika and Marla Cooke, show off a few of the beautiful bras they decorated to raise funds for a breast cancer patient in the territory.

through the Bling Bling Bras for Breast Cancer will go directly to someone suffering from the disease, Tuohy explained.

"All of the money that we collect we give to an uninsured breast

cancer patient in the Virgin Islands," she said.

The beautifully decorated bras will hang at High Tide for two weeks when they will be moved over to Connections and displayed

there for the rest of October. The group will also display several blinged out bras on St. Thomas where they will split time between three establishments; Red Hook Mail Services, Betsey's Bar

in Frenchtown and finally Island Time Pub at American Yacht Harbor.

Don't forget to stop by and cast that vote and help a local uninsured breast cancer patient.



"All of the money that we collect we give to an uninsured breast cancer patient in the Virgin Islands."

— Carol Tuohy, member
Red Hat Ladies

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Chef's Corner

by Mares Crane

Seasonal Fall Fare

When the squash is cool enough to handle, scoop out the flesh and add to the apple mixture. Add broth, water and measured salt and pepper. Stir to combine and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 15 minutes, breaking up some of the large pieces of squash. Remove from heat and stir in the cream. Puree the soup in batches in a blender. Season to taste and serve, garnished with toasted seeds, a swirl of cream and chopped parsley.

APPLE CHUTNEY

This is great with a cheese board or pork dishes. Makes 3 to 4 jam jars.

- 2 1/2 Cup malt vinegar
- 1 lb soft brown sugar
- 1 1/3 Cup raisins
- 4 lb 4 oz ripe tomatoes, cut into 6 to 8 pieces
- 1 lb 2 oz green apples, peeled and chopped
- 1 3/4 Cup shallots, peeled and chopped
- 4 red chillies, chopped
- 1 Tbsp root ginger, finely chopped
- Salt and pepper to taste

Place vinegar and sugar in a large saucepan and bring to a boil. Cook for 3 to 4 minutes, until sugar has dissolved. Add raisins and cook until just reduced. Add all other ingredients and bring to boil. Cook for 20 to 30 minutes, stirring frequently but leaving it with a chunky texture, not a puree. Cool the chutney and place into sterilized jars. Can store for 2 to 3 weeks in fridge.

PORK TENDERLOIN WITH THYME AND CELERIAC DAUPHINOISE, WITH APPLE AND TOMATO CHUTNEY

Celeriac, also called celery root, has a subtle nutty flavor and can be mashed, roasted, added to casseroles or, famously in France, shredded raw and marinated in lemon juice with a mustard mayonnaise, celeriac remoulade.

DAUPHINOISE

- 1 head celery root, peeled and thinly sliced
- Handful of fresh thyme,
- 3 1/2 oz mature cheddar cheese, grated
- 1/2 Cup heavy cream
- 1/4 Cup whole milk
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- Salt and pepper to taste

Pork

- 1/3 Cup butter
- 2 1/4 lb pork tenderloins
- Salt and pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 350 F. For the dauphinoise, grease an ovenproof dish with butter and place a layer of celery root slices on the bottom. Season

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There are so many delicious foods in season this time of year including squash, broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, celeriac (celery root), plums and nectarines. My particular favorites are blackberries and apples.

We have some apple trees at home in England and there is nothing like picking one straight from the tree. As a family we would also go blackberry picking in the hedgerows. I think I had the classic case of eating a lot more than I was putting into a container.

Here are some recipes to highlight these wonderful ingredients.

THE BRAMBLE

Let's start off with this blackberry cocktail which was invented by Dick Bradsell of Fred's Club in London in 1984. If you can't find blackberry liqueur, use creme de cassis instead.

- 2 oz Gin
- 1 oz freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1/2 oz simple syrup
- 1/2 oz blackberry liqueur
- Fresh blackberries for garnish.

Mix first three ingredients in large pitcher with crushed ice. Pour into high ball glasses and slowly pour liqueur over top. Garnish with fresh blackberries and serve.

ROASTED BUTTERNUT SQUASH AND APPLE SOUP

Serves six to eight.
 2 medium butter squash, halved lengthwise and seeds removed.

- 2 Tbsp unsalted butter
- 1 medium Granny Smith apple
- 1/2 medium yellow onion
- 8 fresh sage leaves
- 2 1/2 Cup low sodium chicken broth
- 2 1/2 Cup water
- 1 1/2 tsp sale
- 1/4 tsp black pepper
- 1/3 Cup heavy cream
- 1/2 Cup tasted pumpkin seeds for garnish (optional)

handful of fresh parsley

Heat oven to 425 F. Line a baking sheet with foil and place squash, cut side up, on it. Melt 1 tsp butter and brush over top and insides of squash. Season with salt and pepper. Roast until knife tender, about 50 minutes to one hour.

Peel, core and cut the apple and onion into medium dice. Melt the remaining butter and add apple, onion, sage leaves, salt and pepper and cook, stirring occasionally until softened, about six or eight minutes. Remove from heat.



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Enjoy Sunset Views from Your Own View of the Heavens

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

From your own personal view of the heavens, watch the Caribbean sky streak with light as the sun dips below the horizon and the lights of St. Thomas twinkle to life in the distance.

Located safely on terra firma, this view of the heavens is found at Vista Cielo, Spanish for "View of the Heavens." The home is a three bedroom, three bathroom villa for sale for \$2.95 million, explained Islandia Real Estate sales associate Jane Kelly.

Vista Cielo is conveniently located mid-island in the Virgin Grand Estates neighborhood, just a short drive to the dining and nightlife of Cruz Bay and the beautiful North Shore beaches, yet far enough away to feel nestled in your own personal Shangri-la.

"Vista Cielo is conveniently close to shopping, restaurants, beaches, diving, hiking trails and

British Virgin Islands adventures," said Kelly. "Yet the home is secluded in the quiet embrace of a gated community complete with gentle tropical breezes and a million dollar sunset view."

The home is a beautiful combination of classic Caribbean architecture with a modern edge, which creates an atmosphere of relaxed refinement, Kelly explained.

"Vista Cielo represents a sophisticated blending of exciting Caribbean architecture and functional modern comforts all perfectly encased in a stylish setting of casual elegance," said the Islandia Real Estate sales associate.

The home is fully air conditioned and boasts three beautifully appointed bedrooms, each with en suite bath. Enjoy water views and watch the sailboats in Great Cruz Bay below gently bobbing on their moorings.

In the main living spaces of Vista Cielo enjoy a spacious and airy

great room boasting lots of light and beautiful water views, just a few steps from the refreshing pool.

Chefs will delight in the gourmet kitchen. Enjoy meals al fresco at the outdoor dining patio just outside the beautiful hardwood double doors.

"Vista Cielo is a professionally decorated, fully air conditioned, three bedroom villa with magnificent views from every room," said Kelly. "The home was thoughtfully designed and constructed, Vista Cielo is complete with functional ecological features, a gourmet kitchen and an architecturally magnificent pool."

With a sundowner in hand and your toes in that pool as the tropical sun slowly descends, you'll surely feel like you've found that perfect view of the heavens right on St. John.

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Letters To St. John Tradewinds

Reader Loves Fagan’s “The Man Who Swam To St. John”

Thank you to Scott Fagan for “The Man Who Swam to St. John,” and thanks to the editor at St. John Tradewinds for choosing to publish this excellent piece of writing!

The story was historical, contemporary, suspenseful, funny, and commented on very important topics to our territory. Thank you for your talented gift, Scott! Keep up the excellent work, all!

Name withheld upon request

Senators Should Have One Year Terms

I am a little surprised not only to read about the blame game that is going on, but on the Senators’ creative response to fixing the budget problems.

On Wednesday, Senate President Shawn-Michael Malone told The Daily News that the plan at that point was to offer budget bills at the Senate session without considering the estimated \$35 million shortfall to the General Fund from the reduced cover-over advance, because the money might be forthcoming at any point during the fiscal year.

I have been critical of the Governor in a lot of areas, but he has changed the direction that was set by the last two governors. They set us on a path to destruction. Now the Police Department is doing a lot better, the schools are doing a lot better and Public Works has begun to build new roads. Many of the government departments are getting better.

It appears that the Senate is still doing some very questionable activities. A year ago we found out that they had stolen almost as much as we paid them and no one was held accountable. Some leaders of the community, including Senators, borrowed a lot of money from the taxpayers through the PFA and did not paid it back — and they will not tell us who did it.

A couple of years ago they gave the finger to DPNR and made everyone who had more than the legal amount of apartments in their buildings legal. No need for building permits or inspections, no need to make sure they comply with life safety codes or zoning codes. Does that make us liable if a building catches on fire due to faulty wiring and the fact that the bedrooms do not have the required windows, so people can escape?

Now the senators want to change their term from two years to four years, so they can eliminate all that wasted time campaigning and really get some work done.

A couple of years ago the governor wanted to reduce the budget by allowing department commissioners to eliminate people that were not needed or not doing their job. The senators decided it would be better to keep the dead wood and lower everyone’s pay. I know, I keep saying this but I cannot imagine that this encouraged the employees that were doing their job to work a little harder.

A few months ago they killed the agreement with HOVENSA. It was by no means perfect, but it would have gotten that problem behind us and we could have started working on the future. Now we are exposed to millions of dollars of legal fees.

Yes, a response by the Senate was made. But it appeared to be just a different solution; not a better solution. HOVENSA is a dead cow. Venezuela and Hess can fight this out until the VI is bankrupt and we will be stuck with a rusted out monument to the good old days.

Yes, we can continue to have fish fry’s to elect Senators and have them bless our illegal apartments and not worry about the fact that our future and our kids’ future is being negativity impacted by the way our leaders operate. Or we can hold them accountable to working for the community.

In the end it is up to us. Boys and girls, I suggest that you consider one year terms until we get this problem fixed.

Greg Miller

St. Thomas/St. John Delinquent Property Auction Set for November 6 & 7

St. John Tradewinds

The Division of Real Property Tax, Office of the Lieutenant Governor, will auction delinquent properties located on St. Croix on Wednesday, October 30, at the Virgin Islands Cardiac Center at the Juan F. Luis Hospital and Medical Center. The auction will continue on October 31, if necessary.

Property auctions in the St. Thomas/St. John District will take place on November 6 and 7. The auctions are scheduled to begin at 9 a.m.

A list of the properties scheduled for auction

and the terms of sale can be viewed on the Lt. Governor’s website at www.ltg.gov.vi. The public is advised that this list may change as property owners either pay their delinquent taxes in full or enter into payment plans.

Property owners interested in making payment arrangements are advised to contact the Office of the Tax Collector at (340) 776-6737 on St. John. Property owners whose properties are in probate are reminded to file their cases with the Recorder of Deeds Office in their district.

Banco Popular Coming Soon to Cruz Bay



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

A work crew continues to retrofit a part of the Mooie's building in the heart of Cruz Bay, the future home of a Banco Popular branch offering limited services.

Wine Talk



by Paul Tsakares

The excitement of harvest in Napa Valley

St. John Tradewinds

Fall is a beautiful time in the vineyards as the Veraison — the term used to describe the turning of color and the ripening of the grape — occurs this time of year.

Although Veraison takes place very gradually, it appears to happen quickly, as the grapes reveal more of their identities, some turning from green to purple as they reach the perfect ripeness.

The 2013 harvest has begun two weeks early. First crews will pick for the sparkling wines, then aromatic whites, moving on to lighter reds and Pinot Noir, and finally culminating with the mountain fruit Cabernet Sauvignon as late as November.

Many of the unique and varied challenges associated with grape growing are coming to a critical point right now; when to pick your grapes for optimal quality. By mid-September the winemakers, grape

growers and farmers will have closely observed their well-tended fields of grapes as they get ever closer to harvest.

At this point, the work in the vineyard is nearly complete. Great attention was put on the management of the canopy, cropping and being sure the vine got just the right amount of water. Art and science, tradition and terroir will begin to factor into the decisions winemakers will need to make.

In the vineyards, the dual aspects of heat and light are what deliver flavor. Although they work independently of each other, these two forces together are what start the magic. Heat drives tiny molecules — the flavor compounds of the vine — and elevates them to another state of energy.

If the vineyard is planted with Cabernet or Zinfandel grapes, pulling leaves to let light in through the

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Tuesday 7 p.m. Bible Study 693-8884

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Sunday 9 a.m., Sunday School 8 a.m.
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Saturdays 6 p.m.; Sundays 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.
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Bible Class on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. 777-6306

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

9:45 a.m. Sunday, 776-6332

The excitement of harvest in Napa Valley

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canopy will result in deep rich blackberry aromas and flavors. It is a mindful process that is linked to the terroir and the style of wine being made.

Larry Turley, the undisputed master of Zinfandel, pulls leaves from the east side of the vine. This allows for more ventilation while maintaining protection by leaving the leaves on the west side of the vine to shield the grapes from the high sun.

One of the keys to the picking decision is based on tannins, which protect the grape until it is ready (ripe enough). There are tannins in the stalk, the skin of the grape as well as the seeds. Management of tannins could be the focus of another article, look for it on the Wine 101 tab on the Island Cork website.

They are also measuring levels of sugar concentration (Brix) as well as acid; tasting and testing for optimal qualities.

Winemakers' dilemma is unfolding and compromises are sure to become the order of the day. Does one pick according to appearance, taste or the numbers? Let's look at some of these parameters as there are pro's and con's to each criteria.

When picking according to appearance, people can tell when a grape is ripe just by looking at it and touching it. There is a full and distinctive color, the grapes are soft, and the stem is brown. In fact, the best picking practices depend on this ability to recognize ripeness.

If pickers can make these distinctions — of which clusters to leave behind — an experienced viticulturist and winemaker, who can also examine seeds, should be able to determine optimum ripeness quite well just by appearance.

On the down side, a vineyard, for economic reasons, has to be picked all at once and a vineyard does not ripen all at the same time. You need to measure the average sugar and acid levels. Also, flavors can continue to develop after the physical maturity of the grapes so letting the least ripe grapes catch up to the riper ones, can be particularly important.

When winemakers pick by the numbers, they are focusing on the values of sugar and acid. As grapes ripen, the sugar levels rise and acid levels fall. Both sugar and acid are important.

When the grape is ripened to maturity, it will have a high (fermentable) sugar level and a higher level of alcohol as is found in superior vintages. However, higher acid levels provide better wine-making conditions. So, the trick becomes getting the right threshold

where sugars are high enough and acid numbers still allow for good wine-making.

Picking on taste is far more risky. Taste and its development in grapes is still not well understood scientifically, but we do know a few things. We've discussed here at *Wine Talk with Paul* that hundreds of different molecules contribute to the flavor and aroma of wine. Add to that, the fact that flavors develop over the course of grape ripening.

If you wait just a bit longer to pick a grape, you may increase the flavor profile significantly. Still, tastes change as the wine develops and many of the flavors are locked up with glucose in complex molecules known as flavor precursors that emerge with aging.

While there is no science of taste, experience with winemaking, particular varieties and specific terroirs, can provide valuable information about when to pick grapes at their optimum.

If you wait too long for flavors that aren't there, you risk overripe grapes and a poor, short-lived product. Tastes are elusive and only emerge later, after aging.

The best of these winemakers (even the term itself is up for discussion) know how to utilize the different AVA's artistically and poetically. For example Chris Carpenter, the winemaker for Lakoya, has a symphonic way of orchestrating the wines he makes. He pulls juice from one area to match up, overlay and complement another, as though adding tracks to a musical score. He gets to choose the fruit profiles of some very sought after micro-environments and puts together a world-class wine.

There is a mystical element to this in a way. The Life Sciences have shown us how to swing the door wide open. It is neither reductionism nor holism but rather both in the same moment; parts and wholes both together in the same instant.

As we are independent, we are still part of something bigger. So, we can attend to individual elements of the wine, pick out "notes" and nuances and we can attend to the experience as a whole. These wines allow us take in that moment as if the life of the vine, the wine, has joined us and we in turn with it, to make a connection to its story. A bit existential perhaps and those experiences may be few and far between, but those wines are out there.

In fact some of them are right in the store, Island Cork!

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Today's Cryptoquip clue: P equals F



VIPA Enforcement Action at Enighed Pond Gravel Lot

At least 15 vehicles were towed from the Enighed Pond gravel lot last week as V.I. Port Authority officials began enforcement of a 72-hour parking regulation. New signs were also posted which prohibit heavy equipment and boat trailers from the lot as well.

St. John Tradewinds News Photo



GHS Turns 35: Janet Cook-Rutnik Reflects on “A Lot of Chicken Legs and Love”

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“He made all the school uniforms for St. Thomas and St. John. He was one of Pine Peace School’s first Board members and a great friend and supporter to the school and all good causes. He did more things in one day than most people do in a week and he had an expression for anyone who might slow him down. He’d say, ‘I ain’t got your kinda time.’”

“In those days almost everyone spent half their time hitching rides because it took so long to get a part for your car when it broke down. So it was a very friendly place with many opportunities to meet people and chat. When you were driving on the North Shore, or almost anywhere, you always waved at the other driver, as if to say, ‘Hi, you are here too...’”

“Newcomers were instantly noted and were a great curiosity until they settled in and found their niche. There were few jobs and rubber sandals, Flip Flops, only cost a dollar, so money wasn’t important.”

“The ferry boats only ran a few times a day, maybe four or five times, with the last one around 5 or 6 p.m. There was no schedule and boats would race each other to get to the dock first, scooping up the few passengers, and leaving quickly with passengers sometimes forced to leap on the boat as it left the dock.”

“It was around 5:30 p.m. that the little luncheonette, the Beanery closed for the day. It was our only fast food, and compared to today’s service at Mc Donalds in St. Thomas, it was “very fast” serving up egg and cheese sandwiches and other inexpensive fare.”

“The Apothecary next door was St. John’s drug store and the place where one bought the Daily News and got a good dose of the local news from “Miss Annabelle” who dished out opinions on everything from the

hot politics of the day to how you should raise your child. Her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren still live on island. Both businesses were located where Woody’s Across the Street Bar now is.”

“The primary form of entertainment was Stories or talk; sharing my story, your story, their story, and music. There was live music at least twice a week. On the weekend a local band played at Eric’s Hilltop (which was next to the St. John School of the Arts). Everyone that went out that night was there dancing away under the stars to the latest or sometimes, the oldest, calypsos made famous by Mighty Sparrow, Lord Kitchener, Lord Obstinat and others. Classics like “Sly Mongoose,” “Dawg Watching You,” and “Bang, Bang Lulu,” and many more.”

“On a weeknight Fred’s would have steel pan music which was popular with the few tourists that ventured in from Cinnamon Bay in Herman Sprauve or Wesley Samuel’s taxi for a little island culture and relief from the mosquitoes and sand flies at the campground.”

“It wasn’t long before things changed and the music became dominated by electric instruments and amplification. A new band, started on St. John at Toni Oppenheimer’s house at Hawksnest, called Eddie and the Movements, came on the scene and evolved into today’s Jam Band.”

“There were ballgames in the ball field pretty regularly and lots of fish fry’s on the weekends. Chicken legs and fried fish were cooked over open fires at Pond Mouth before the WAPA plant was built there. Friends could gather casually while children ran around having a ball under swaying palms while the sea breeze carried the sounds of the band and the school/church or other non-profit benefited from the sale of food and drinks; delicious food prepared

lovingly and sold cheap.”

“These were the times when the Pine Peace School was founded. A small group of parents, ourselves included, who were very idealistic, believed children learned best in a nurturing and supportive environment where individual success was encouraged within a well structured but creative setting. This was particularly important to us as parents of three-year-olds. We wanted a loving, home-like setting for our preschoolers’ first educational experience.”

“We, founding parents and teachers, Dorothy Muilenburg and Joanne Pach, had a dream to build a school and we did it island style. Builder and founding parent, Victor Johansson, once summed up our fundraising efforts by saying, ‘First, we buy the chicken, then we cook the chicken, then we buy the chicken, then we eat the chicken.’”

“It was a funny thing to say, but it was true and the truth is we had a lot of fun doing it. Pine Peace School started out in a small building owned by the Daniels family, located in Pine Peace, near the basketball court and thereby got its’ name. We were not sure how to spell peace at first. We couldn’t find Pine Peace on a map and weren’t sure if it meant ‘piece of pineapple’ or peace as in world peace. Since we were idealists, peace and love people, we chose to spell it p-e-a-c-e.”

“In September of 1978, finally after all those chicken legs and fundraisers, Pine Peace School opened its doors to four students. Of these four students 50 percent were Swedish, 25 percent African American and 25 percent born St. Johnian. It was not long before the enrollment and support increased and the school grew.”

“Between 1978 and 1982, while construction was planned and started, the school moved four times; from the Daniels build-

ing to Oppenheimer’s at Hawksnest and then back to Pine Peace in the Pickerings’ warehouse across from the basketball court. It then moved to the Schnell’s guesthouse, near Gallows Point, and then to the meeting hall in the Catholic Church.”

“Through the generosity of Shailer Bass, land was acquired in the Giffit Hill area of St. John. Our dream became a reality and with enthusiasm, community support, and a whole lot of volunteers, construction began.”

“Finally in 1982 the school’s doors opened at Giffit Hill in the first structure, the wooden building that now houses the pre-school and kindergarten classes. By then the numbers and grades had increased and with lots of community support, and more chicken legs, the school was expanded to third grade by adding classrooms to the downstairs.”

“As the community grew with more parents and children from around the world, so did Pine Peace School. In 1984 more land was donated by the Bass family and plans were made for the second building, a concrete building to house a great room and more classrooms. The thought of how many chicken legs it would take to do that forced us to put our heads together and come up with a bigger plan.”

“In 1987 the Dinner Auction was established and continues to this day as the main fundraiser for the school. It was a huge success and completely sold out; people were willing to stand just to be there. It was held in St. John’s first new “fancy” restaurant, The Fern House at Boulon Center, which actually had more than three things on the menu. Aside from raising money the event was the social highlight of the year with ladies dressed to kill, men wearing collared shirts and hard shoes, as Mr. Sewer would say.”

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WAPA Continues Street Light Repairs

St. John Tradewinds
V.I. Water and Power Authority crews continue to repair street lights on all three islands with work expected to continue through December.

With the updated schedule, repairs on each island will continue to be completed in sectors. No power interruptions are anticipated as a result of these street light repairs. While every effort will be made to maintain these schedules, it should be noted that weather events or other unanticipated circumstances may necessitate schedule revisions.

Repairs are scheduled on St. John from September 23 to No-

vember 1 from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily

· Sector 3 – Sept. 23 to Oct. 11: Cruz Bay, Chocolate Hole, Pastory, Lindpoint, Contant, Great Cruz Bay, Bethany, Caneel Bay and Guinea Gut.

· Sector 5 – Sept. 23 to Oct. 11: Public Works, Gift Hill, Reef Bay Trail, Bordeaux and Centerline Road.

· Sector 4 – Oct. 4 to 18: Coral Bay Ball Park, Penn's Point, Saunders Gut, Salt Pond, Johns Folly, Lameshur and Concordia.

· Sector 1 – Oct. 21 to 25: Cinamon Bay, Maho Bay and Carolina.

· Sector 2 - Oct. 28 to Nov. 1:

Fortsberg, Palestina, Hansen Bay, Long Bay and Round Bay

Customers are asked to notify WAPA of any street lights near their home or business which are in need of repair by calling (340) 774-1424. If possible, please include the pole number which is located on the silver plate on the pole. Customers can also send the information by email to communications@viwapa.vi. If the street-light repair request has already been made, it will not be necessary to make another request.

Motorists are asked to drive cautiously where street light repairs are in progress. WAPA thanks the community for their cooperation.

CBCC Hosting Bizarre Baazar on December 7

St. John Tradewinds

Coral Bay Community Council officials are now planning a "Coral Bay Bizarre Bazaar," a large community outreach program and fundraising event on Saturday, December 7, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Pickles in Paradise.

The group is looking for help and involvement from the community.

Imagine the area around Pickles in Paradise buzzing with shoppers browsing vendor tables from local artists, craftsmen, and others; the sound of music, laughter of children as they see Santa and the aromas of various cuisines.

CBCC's fundraising committee, chaired by Sarah Groves and Jason Hayman, are planning the Coral Bay Bizarre Bazaar to get all members of the commu-

nity together for a pre-holiday festival that will raise money for the various CBCC projects.

Residents can help now by: reserving a table for \$25 to sell products or artwork; spreading the word; or emailing CoralBayBazaar@gmail.com or calling the Haymans at (340) 775-0533 for more information or to get involved.

The Bizarre Bazaar will include all sorts of activities. The group will be sponsoring a Stand Up Paddleboard Competition, as well as a home beer brewing competition with five confirmed brewers so far.

There will be tables for local artists, craftsmen and local businesses. There will be tables for community members to sell new or used items. There will also be tables for food and beverages, a plant sale, a bake sale, a yard sale and a marine items sale.

Chef's Corner: Season Fall Fare

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with salt and pepper and scatter over a little cheese and thyme. Repeat the layers, holding back a third of the cheese.

Combine cream, milk and garlic and pour over celery root. Top with remaining cheese and let sit for 30 minutes. Bake for an hour, until tender. If it browns too much, cover with foil.

For the pork, heat butter in a pan. Season meat and slice into 1-inch slices. Fry for 3 to 4 minutes and keep warm until ready to serve.

Savory Blackberry Sauce

This easy sauce go very well with duck breasts and venison.

- 1/2 Cup blackberries
- 1 Tbsp red wine vinegar
- 2 fl. oz red wine
- 1 Tbsp brown sugar
- Salt and pepper

Put all ingredients in a heavy bottomed pan. Simmer for 5 to 6 minutes. Reduce and allow to thicken.

BLACKBERRY APPLE CRUMBLE

This is my absolute favorite. It's a very tradi-

tional English dessert which my mother has always made for us. It is best served with either vanilla ice cream, heavy cream or custard. I can't give her secret recipe away, but here is another version. Serves 6 to 8 people.

- 2 lb Granny Smith apple
- 1 lb blackberries
- 3/4 Cup light brown sugar
- 2 lemons
- 1 Cup all purpose flour
- 3/4 Cup butter
- 1/4 Cup light brown sugar
- 1/2 Cup muesli or granola

Preheat oven to 400 F. Peel, core and chop apples into smallish chunks. Cut lemons in half and squeeze over apples. Layer apples, blackberries and sugar into a large pie dish. Place flour in a bowl and rub in butter, cut into pieces, until it resembles bread crumbs. Leave a few lumps of butter so the topping isn't too fine. Add muesli and sugar and mix through. Use a spoon to sprinkle over the apple and blackberry mixture evenly. Bake for 45 minutes, until bubbling. Serve in bowls with your choice of side. So yummy!

Answer to Oct. 6 Cryptoquip:

AT THE INFORMAL EVENING PARTY HELD FOR HOSPITAL TRAINEES, EVERYONE DID A LOT OF INTERN-MINGLING.

Crime Stoppers — U.S.V.I.

St. John Tradewinds

All crime has a cost and that cost is ultimately paid by the law abiding citizens of the community through higher prices and higher taxes. Reducing that cost puts money back in your pockets. If you know something, say something, as law enforcement cannot control crime without your help.

St. John

On September 4, an employee of Cimmaron Condos made a routine inspection of a property located at 3AB Cruz Bay Battery Hill condos and discovered the residence had been burglarized. A television, stereo, DVD player, coffee maker, and all the silverware had been stolen. Tell us what you know about this burglary thereby helping police solve this crime.

On Friday, September 20, at about 11:10 p.m., police responded to a report of several shots fired in the area of the Valley in Estate Enighed. Assist police in identifying the shooters by telling us what you know such as the names of the person(s) involved, or a make, model, or color of any vehicle that was seen leaving the scene at a high rate of speed.

St. Thomas

On Monday, September 16, at 9:40 a.m., an unknown black male, who was wearing all black, entered Gems and Gold Corner Store and pointed a gun at the owner. He then broke the glass showcase, and took an undetermined amount of jewelry. Help identify this armed robber by telling us what you know.

On Tuesday, September 24, at about 6:40 p.m., officers were dispatched to Hospital Ground, near the Tickle Nickel Bar, for reports of shots fired and a man down. Upon arrival the officers found an unresponsive black male lying face up in the roadway bleeding from the upper body. The man, identified as 27-year-old Avery Martin, was shot multiple times and died at the scene. Help police identify and arrest the killer(s).

Let's continue to help make our community a safer place to live by submitting information on these or any other crimes at www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org, or by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), or by texting "USVI" plus your message to CRIMES (274637).

Your tips are completely anonymous, and the stateside operators speak several languages.

Police Log

Friday, September 20

7:34 p.m. - A minor c/r an assault. Simple assault.

11:12 p.m. - A VIPD Officer p/r hearing shots fired in the area of The Valley, Estate Enighed. Illegal discharge of firearm.

Saturday, September 21

1:10 a.m. - A citizen c/r an incident at her business. Suspicious activity.

8:19 p.m. - A Calabash Boom resident c/r an assault with her boyfriend. Disturbance of the peace.

Sunday, September 22

4:25 p.m. - A citizen c/r a disturbance with a male in the area of Estate Pastory. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

Monday, September 23

12:09 p.m. - A citizen c/r a fraud. Fraud.

5:38 p.m. - A citizen c/r a that a pedestrian was struck by a vehicle on Centerline Road in the area of Estate Grunwald. Auto collision.

Tuesday, September 24

10:10 a.m. - A citizen c/r that he is in possession of stolen property. Possession of stolen property.

12:15 p.m. - A citizen p/r that she lost her government-issued hand held radio. Lost radio.

1:34 p.m. - A citizen c/r a male needing assistance in the area of Cruz Bay. Police assistance.

8:33 p.m. - An Estate Contant resident p/r that his vehicle was struck while parked in the area of Estate Pine Peace. Auto collision.

Wednesday, September 25

10:30 a.m. - A citizen p/r that she lost her checkbooks. Lost checks.

4:20 p.m. - A visitor p/r that

his rental vehicle was damaged while parked in Cruz Bay. Auto collision.

11:39 p.m. - A citizen c/requesting police assistance with a drunk male in the area of Cruz Bay. Police assistance.

Thursday, September 26

10:33 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident c/r damage to his property. Destruction of property.

11:30 a.m. - An Estate Carolina resident p/r that her sister is refusing to leave her home. Police assistance.

Friday, September 27

11:40 a.m. - A citizen p/r that her minor son was assaulted. Assault.

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12:30 p.m. - A citizen p/r that his iPhone was stolen in the area of Cruz Bay. Grand larceny.

12:39 p.m. - A citizen c/requesting police assistance in the area of National Park Service dock. Police assistance.

2:23 p.m. - A citizen p/r that his neighbor's dog came onto his property and attacked him. Allowing vicious animals to stray.

5:07 p.m. - An Estate Contant resident c/r that a truck hit the VITELCO wires, causing damage. Damage to property.

5:45 p.m. - A doctor from Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center c/requesting police assistance with a mental patient. Police assistance.

10:00 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident c/r a fight in progress at her family's residence. Simple assault.

Saturday, September 28

8:40 a.m. - A citizen c/re-

questing police assistance in Coral Bay. Police assistance.

8:55 a.m. - A citizen p/r that a male assaulted her minor son. Aggravated assault and battery, minor.

10:57 p.m. - Government of the Virgin Island Officer observed an intoxicated minor in a Cruz Bay bar. Police assistance.

11:29 p.m. - A citizen c/r loud music in the area of Coral Bay. Loud music.

Sunday, September 29

7:01 a.m. - A citizen c/r that someone removed her rooster. Wrongful taking of animals.

1:37 p.m. - An Estate Carolina resident c/r damage to his property. Damage to property.

4:56 p.m. - A citizen c/r that he lost his camera. Lost property.

11:09 p.m. - A citizen c/r that there was an intoxicated female in the area of Wharfside Village. Police assistance.

Monday, September 30

1:00 p.m. - A citizen p/r that she was assaulted by a male. Aggravated assault and battery.

Tuesday, October 1

11:05 a.m. - An Estate Hard Labor resident p/requesting police assistance to remove several cat feeding stations on her property. Police assistance.

3:30 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r that someone entered his house and removed his mail. Unlawful entry.

8:19 p.m. - An Estate Quaco and Zimmerman resident c/r a disturbance outside his residence. Disturbance of the peace.

Wednesday, October 2

10:15 a.m. - A citizen c/r a disturbance in the area of Cruz Bay. Police assistance

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Community Calendar

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Friday, October 11

— The public is invited to join the Giffit Hill School family at the Upper Campus on Friday, October 11, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. to celebrate International Day of the Girl.

Saturday, October 12

— Don't miss the chance to support the non-profit Using Sport for Social Change and enjoy a night of amazing reggae music and fire dancing on Saturday, October 12, at the Beach Bar.

Monday, October 14

— The non-profit organization Using Sport For Social Change, in conjunction with the St. John Community Foundation and the Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation, will host the fifth annual free Just Play Day in Winston Wells ball in Cruz Bay on Monday, October 14, starting at 12 p.m.

Friday, October 18

— Woody's Seafood Saloon will be hosting the 4th Annual "Help Save Second Base" Block Party on Friday, October 18, from 6 to 11 p.m.

Saturday, October 19

— ACC's annual fall fundraiser, the "No Fleas, Please" flea market, will be on Saturday, October 19, from 10 a.m.

to 2 p.m. at Giffit Hill School's Upper Campus. Donated wares are now being accepted. Call the shelter at 774-1625 for information about pickup of furniture and volunteering to help with setting up the fair.

October 25

— St. John Racquet Club will sponsor a V.I. Tennis Association Junior Tennis Tournament in honor of Dr. Gilbert Sprauve the weekend of October 25.

Sunday, November 3

— Registration is now open for Friends of VI National Park's Paddle the Park. The standup paddleboard race is set for Sunday November 3 and registration closes November 1. For more information go to Friends of VINP's website at www.friendsvinp.org/paddle.

Sunday, November 3

— All parents are invited to the St. John baby boom photo and beach picnic at Hawksnest Beach on Sunday, November 3, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturday, December 7

— Coral Bay Community Council officials are planning a "Coral Bay Bizarre Bazaar," a large community outreach program and fundraising event on Saturday, December 7.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

All meetings are now open. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 6 p.m. Nazareth Lutheran Church, Cruz Bay; Thursday 7 a.m. Nazareth Lutheran Church, Cruz Bay; Sunday 9:45 a.m., Hawksnest Bay Beach; Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 6 p.m. at Moravian Church, Coral Bay

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

AL-ANON MEETINGS

For Al-Anon meeting location and times, please call (340) 642-3263

Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

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"HOW ABOUT HAT!"

ACROSS

- 1 Big appliance brand
- 6 Bursting, as a balloon
- 13 Houdini feat
- 19 Only
- 21 New York senator Chuck
- 22 Sudden floods
- 23 Device used in saltwater aquariums
- 25 Spanish conquistador Hernando
- 26 Filter slowly
- 27 Cagney or Lacey: Abbr.
- 28 Seed case
- 29 Tennis' Navratilova
- 30 Took a 46-Across, e.g.
- 32 "For Me and My Gal" director
- 35 Marine ink squirters
- 38 Welsh dog
- 39 Tic-tac-toe row
- 40 Some Web site banners
- 41 Person paid for getting strikes
- 46 Airport idler
- 47 Apian abode
- 48 Try to get
- 49 Online party summonses
- 53 Madonna musical
- 55 The Once- — ("The Lorax" character)
- 56 Gradually slowing, in music: Abbr.
- 58 Legislate
- 59 Cozy room
- 60 Florida school near Daytona Beach
- 66 Dimple locale

- 67 Like Capp's Abner
- 68 Parable, e.g.
- 69 1977 pact signed by Carter and Torrijos
- 76 Son of George Bush
- 79 Painstaking, for short
- 80 Academic e-mail suffix
- 81 Tirana's nation: Abbr.
- 82 Brain holder
- 84 Hedy of film
- 86 Just — on the map
- 89 Diminutive suffix for "part"
- 91 Mrs. Victor Laszlo, in film
- 92 Collectible Happy Meal miniatures
- 96 Nine-digit ID issuer
- 99 Vienna's land: Abbr.
- 100 Made a boat move
- 101 Most twisted, as humor
- 102 Annual May race
- 106 Stimulate
- 107 Artist Renoir
- 108 Gold, in Italy
- 109 With 50-Down, rum cocktail
- 110 Hits with high voltage
- 114 Small cavern
- 115 Exceeds limits (or what each of this puzzle's theme items does?)
- 119 Word before snake or belt
- 120 Like the jack of hearts
- 121 In a creepy way
- 122 Wood dyes
- 123 Sheets and pillowcases sold as units
- 124 Rob of "90210"

DOWN

- 1 Some snakes
- 2 Further

- 3 Healing plant
- 4 Bottom line
- 5 Bristol brew
- 6 Furtive "Looky here"
- 7 Suffix with bull or hill
- 8 Frat letter
- 9 Fills up the tank, maybe
- 10 Not budging
- 11 In poverty
- 12 Fido's threat
- 13 Endive type
- 14 Hybrid utensil
- 15 A la —
- 16 Hun name
- 17 Flattened by hammering
- 18 Thoreau writings
- 20 Like "kvetch" or "schmear"
- 24 Once called
- 29 Fluffy's cry
- 31 Not closed, in verse
- 32 Many miffed fans, vocally
- 33 Catering hall vessel
- 34 "Oh, God! —" (1980 film sequel)
- 35 Made a pick
- 36 Want badly
- 37 Venom, e.g.
- 38 Spotted, musky cat
- 42 Hush
- 43 Swiss capital
- 44 Brothers Phil and Don of pop/rock
- 45 Wash cycle
- 50 See 109-Across
- 51 Outer: Prefix
- 52 Hogs' place
- 54 Actor Shawn of "X-Men" films
- 57 Stand for an idiot box
- 61 Hollywood's Carrere
- 62 Ending for pay or Motor
- 63 Not any

- 64 Last: Abbr.
- 65 Have brunch
- 66 Gem weight
- 69 Jim Bakker's old ministry, familiarly
- 70 Finder's cry
- 71 — de plume
- 72 Fresh as —
- 73 Naked
- 74 Early blues singer Ma —
- 75 Spanish national hero
- 76 Singer Andrews
- 77 "That's someone — problem!"
- 78 Explosion
- 83 Unwelcome advice givers
- 85 Atomic piles
- 87 Certain wind insert
- 88 Flowers named for their scent
- 90 "Charlotte's Web" author
- 93 H-bomb, e.g.
- 94 Wall St. manipulator
- 95 Add up to
- 96 Singer Ricky
- 97 Painter Georges
- 98 Mohair goat
- 103 — -frutti
- 104 St. Paul-to-Fargo hwy.
- 105 Lorna — cookies
- 106 Huge battle
- 109 What docs prescribe
- 111 Quarreling
- 112 Magnet end
- 113 1974 CIA spoof movie
- 115 Hunk
- 116 "— of little faith!"
- 117 Critter doc
- 118 "— -haw!"

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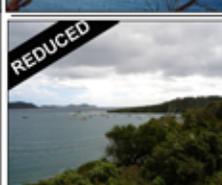
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"Rhapsody" - Perhaps the most impressive short term rental on St John. Features include waterfront location, 16' x 32' spectacular infinity pool at great room level, stone & masonry construction, granite & stainless kitchen, 2 full laundries, garage, spa, 5 lg. bedrooms (2 with sitting rooms), spectacular sunsets and end of road privacy. Close to Cruz Bay **\$5.95M**



"Palm Terrace Villas" - Some of the most spacious condos to be found on St. John with beautiful views, generous balconies, common sun deck and pool area, tropical landscaping, walk to town & Frank Bay Beach. Granite countertops, stainless appliances, private washer and dryer, ample storage, and cool breezes. These condos have it all. **\$525,000 to \$799,000.**

"SPECTACULAR WATERFRONT" parcel with access to a sandy beach at Friis Bay and amazing views of the British Virgins. Enjoy the cool breezes & sounds of surf on the beach below. Easy access and downhill build. A protecting barrier reef provides calm waters with gorgeous turquoise & blue water colors over the lagoon. You might even catch your own lobster for dinner. **\$725,000**

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VIDEO
MLS 12-424
\$7,485,000

"WINDCHIME" is a very private 1.4 ac. estate set high atop Giffit Hill. Dramatic views to the east w/ spectacular breezes and sunrises. This 3 bdrm villa has room to expand with an oversized pool facing the terrific view.

MLS 12-381
\$1,295,000

"LOVE VIEW TOO" 2 br/3bth w/ sweeping views to East End & BVI. Concordia home near Salt Pond Bay and US National Park is all-masonry construction w/ pool. Villa w/ pod living is ideal for rental or family retreat.

MLS 12-139
\$850,000

"CINNAMON BAY ESTATE" borders Ntnl Park in Catherineberg, private, gated setting, 3 bdrms, 23 ft wall of glass & outstanding views. Spacious living areas, wrap around decks, expansive sundeck, large pool, elevated spa & covered dining.

MLS 11-186
\$3,599,000

SAVE WAPA COSTS! "SEA TURTLE VILLA" is a "green" SOLAR NET-METERED contemporary home that cash flows! Amazing water views, sleeps 8, tropical landscaping, pool, & open architecture set amidst secluded privacy.

VIDEO
MLS 12-301
\$1,295,000

"COMPLETE THIS DREAM" The ground work has been laid for a new owner to step in and complete this house! Completed is a masonry 2x1 apartment and a detached 1x1 wood cottage.

MLS 13-129
\$745,000

"PETER BAY GATEHOUSE", an exquisite 2 bedroom villa on large lot in Peter Bay Estates has great views and breezes. Michael Oxman plans available for expansion. Incredible Value!

VIDEO
MLS 12-334
\$2,495,000

"WHALE WATCH" - Enjoy pristine East End in this lovely, 2 bedroom villa with big water views. Downstairs apartment offers additional living & income space. Hear the sound of the waves lapping below.

MLS 13-204
\$1,225,000

"YOU CAN SEE FOREVER" Exceptional BVI views from nearly 1/2 acre, 2 home property on lower Bordeaux. Large cottage with kitchen & living room area, bdrm, bth, sleep loft & wrap-around porch. Second cottage is roomy efficiency with full kitchen, bath & lovely front view porch. Live in one & rent the other!

NEW LISTING
MLS 13-346
\$615,000

"VILLA MARBELLA" Own this stunning 3 bedroom and 3.5 bath custom Virgin Grand Estates villa. View pool and large veranda. Great rentals and sunsets over St. Thomas and Pillsbury Sound. One level living with fabulous Great Room!

PRICE REDUCED
MLS 10-381
\$1,999,000

"SONNENBERG" AMAZING VIEWS Perched above Coral Harbor and Hurricane Hole with large pool, 4+ bedrooms and private apartment. Close to town in gated community.

NEW LISTING
MLS 13-392
\$1,200,000

"FISH BAY" 4X2 INCREDIBLE VALUE! Huge panoramic views and a quiet, private, breezy location that borders Nature Conservancy property make this home a must see!

MLS 13-267
\$475,000

"STONE POST COTTAGE" Caribbean charm on a 1.5 ac. lot of lush tropical gardens in Chocolate Hole. 3bdrm/3bth main house, stone guest-house, & a small island cottage. Spacious deck wraps around 55'x15' lap pool, spa and gazebo.

VIDEO
MLS 13-7
\$1,950,000

"PARADISE ON THE ROCKS" Tropical living, big views & masonry home-centrally-located on Ajax Peak. Two units: - 2 bedrooms, 2 baths and great room upstairs; private entry 1 bedroom apartment downstairs. Rent one, live in the other!

MLS 10-351
\$1,150,000

"VERY MOTIVATED SELLER!" SABA COTTAGE offers an open floor plan & valley views of historic sugar mill. Room to expand this small but well constructed home. Two parcels-keep one and sell the other.

MLS 13-199
\$215,000

"MARIA BREEZE" one of the original estate homes in Great Cruz Bay perched hillside with a 230° view. This masonry 5 bdrm villa with generous wrap-around decks has plenty of room for a family to spread out and enjoy the breezes!

MLS 12-416
\$1,595,000

"WILD ORCHID VILLA" in Skytop features privacy and amazing 270° panoramic views! Flexible floorplan 4 bdrm, 2 level villa is custom crafted in exotic hardwoods & stonework. Awesome sunrises! Beautiful sunsets! Cool breezes!

VIDEO
MLS 12-391
\$980,000

"PASTORY CONDO" PALMY DAZE breezy, vaulted-ceiling, 2 bdrm/2 bth condo overlooks outer cays & sunsets. Well-maintained, comfortably furnished w/ attractive fully-equipped kitchen! Great condo community offers lush landscaping, view, pool and convenient parking.

NEW LISTING
MLS 13-381
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