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## Evening in the Courtyard Kicks off Holiday Season on St. John

St. John Photographer and Videographer Steve Simonsen, second from right, signs copies of his St. John 2014 Calendar at Bajo el Sol as part of the annual Black Friday festivities at Mongoose Junction on Friday evening, November 29.

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Number one ranked local tennis player in the Under 14 Age Group, Tomas del Olmo, center, shows off the trophy he won last month in Puerto Rico.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

## Del Olmo Boys Lead V.I. Tennis Resurgence

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

St. John brothers Tomas del Olmo and Luca del Olmo are leading a group of about 14 Virgin Islands tennis players who are making their presence known on the local circuit.

Tomas del Olmo, just shy of his 14th birthday, won the USTA Junior 14 and Under Tournament in Puerto Rico last month. The Giff Hill School eighth grader beat a total of 31 opponents on his way to taking home the first place trophy and now is the number one ranked tennis player at his age group in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

In this recent win, Tomas del

Olmo was able to figure out how to overcome his opponent, he explained.

"I had lost to him several times and this time I figured out how to play him," he said. "I had to keep the ball in and keep getting it back to him. I couldn't overpower him."

The strategy worked as Tomas del Olmo won in the USTA Junior Under 14 Tournament in Puerto Rico by a score of 6-1 and 6-2.

His older brother Luca del Olmo, 16, has consistently been ranked among the top players in his age group in the Virgin Islands as well. Both brothers are often found with their father Alfredo del Olmo at the Cruz Bay tennis

courts practicing hard every day after school.

That practice obviously is paying off. Only three years since they started training the del Olmo boys are making a name for themselves.

"Tomas always says that his brother helps him to play better," said Alfredo del Olmo. "They are both ranked in the top of the Virgin Islands, but more importantly they are ranked in the top in Puerto Rico where there are more players."

The family travels to Puerto Rico for tournaments about twice a month where the brothers play doubles and also push each other to play better, their father explained.

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## Election System Office Closed Dec. 2-6

The St. Thomas and St. John offices will close to the public December 2 to 6, for administrative purposes.

"Diane Magras and team who were granted a court order to review the 2012 General Election results will be allowed access," said Caroline Fawkes, Supervisor of Elections.

## Brand Speaking at UU Meeting Dec. 8

Gabriella Brand will speak at the Unitarian Universalist of St. John Fellowship Service on Sunday, December 8, at 10 a.m. at Gift Hill School, Lower Campus Great Room.

Brand is a writer, educator, and counselor. A former school head, Brand now directs Synapse Education International. She lives part of the year abroad and part of the year in Connecticut. Her passions include foreign languages, hiking and pilgrimaging and writing fiction. She has spoken at hundreds of Unitarian-Universalist services.

Child care is provided during service. For directions and more information go to [www.uufstjohn.com](http://www.uufstjohn.com).

## Bethany Moravian Church Hosting Pre-Christmas Dinner on December 14

The community is invited to join the Bethany Moravian Church at its annual Pre-Christmas dinner and fashion show on Saturday, December 14, from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$12 for children and are available at the door. For more information call (340) 776-6291 or email [Opti93@yahoo.com](mailto:Opti93@yahoo.com).

## St. John Singers Holiday Concerts Scheduled for December 13 and 15

Mark those calendars; the St. John Singers will present two holiday concerts this Christmas season.

The choir will perform at the Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cruz Bay on Friday, December 13, and at the Emmaus Moravian Church in Coral Bay on Sunday, December 15. Both concerts will be at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for students, and will be available at the door.

## ACC Christmas Open House Is Dec. 18

Don't miss the St. John Animal Care Center's Christmas Open House on December 18 at the group's animal shelter on Library Road in Cruz Bay.

The event will feature yummy food and beverages and lots and lots of adorable kitties and dogs.

## ACC Winter Gala Set for January 18

Mark those calendars for January 18 from 6 to 9 p.m. when the St. John Animal Care Center will host its annual Winter Gala at the Hall House in Estate Chocolate Hole.

This year's theme is "Party Like a Rock Star" and guests are encouraged to embrace their inner rocker. Hosts are Joann and Glenn Hall and Adonis Morton will lead the night's Karaoke.

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# VIPA Sets New Rules for Taxi Operators at Cruz Bay Waterfront

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

Although V.I. Port Authority officials did not ask to run taxi operations at the Cruz Bay waterfront, the authority was recently ordered to do so after a court ruled to evict the St. John Taxi Association from the area, according to VIPA Executive Director Carlton Dowe.

Dowe laid out new rules for St. John taxi operators at an emergency meeting in the conference room of the St. John Legislature Building on Friday evening, November 29, which drew about 100 taxi drivers and residents.

St. John Administrator Leona Smith, St. Thomas/St. John Senator Myron Jackson, V.I. Police Department St. Thomas/St. John Chief Foy, VIPA staff and V.I. Taxi Commission officials also attended the meeting.

"We are not here because VIPA wanted something else to do," said Dowe. "Whether we like it or not, we have to work with this. This came directly from the court which decided that the St. John Taxi Association can no longer continue what is happening at the dock."

"What ever transpired there before, as of Sunday, that will no longer be the case," he said.

The St. John Taxi Association was evicted from the Cruz Bay dock as of Sunday, December 1. Governor John deJongh informed VIPA officials last week that the property would be transferred to the authority from Department of Property and Procurement to run taxi operations, Dowe explained.

VIPA and St. John taxi medallion owners must all work together now, Dowe added.

"We must all understand that we have one thing in common now, to make sure residents and visitors alike have an experience at the dock that makes them want to continue to come here and do business here," said the VIPA Executive Director. "You must understand how your bread is buttered."

Starting Sunday, December 1, all 162 St. John taxi medallion owners legally operating on the island will have the opportunity to operate from the Cruz Bay waterfront, explained Dowe, who laid out VIPA's plan to have 40 taxis per day operating from the area.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

*A St. John taxi driver questions VIPA Executive Carlton Dowe at last week's meeting about new regulations at the Cruz Bay taxi stand.*

VIPA's initial plan was to call 20 taxis to work the waterfront each day, a number which was far too low, according to many taxi drivers at the meeting.

"Not all taxi medallions are in operation," said one taxi driver. "Some of the medallions work out of the Westin, some work out of Caneel Bay. If you want to start somewhere you should just cut it in half and have half the drivers one day and the other half the next day."

While Dowe wouldn't go so far as to have more than 80 taxi medallions on call for a single day, he agreed to increase the proposed number from 20 to 40. Operations at the Cruz Bay waterfront dock will begin at 6 a.m. when the first driver in that day's medallions on call will sign in and be first to load.

About 20 taxis will be on call at the dock with an additional 20 taxis staged in an area near the Enighed Pond Marine Facility, Dowe explained.

The two areas will be in contact via telephone and two-way radio. Double parking will no longer be allowed along the waterfront.

Each taxi driver will pay \$10 per day to operate from the Cruz Bay waterfront. Villa management companies and hotel taxis will be

expected to pay the \$10 daily fee as well, Dowe explained.

"That \$10 allows you to come that day as much as you can or as much as you want," said the VIPA Executive Director. "Villas and hotels will pay that \$10 too to operate from our property every day."

The fees collected will be used to pay staff, including a dispatcher which will operate in the area, and allow VIPA to build a boardwalk along the waterfront, according to Dowe.

"We are in the business of making money," said Dowe. "We are not going to run our operation at a deficit. We have to make sure that the property is properly insured and we have to have employees and we want to build a boardwalk for people to safely traverse and line up for taxis."

"There ain't no free ride," he said. "There ain't no free lunch. Everyone has to participate."

VIPA officials should have met with taxi drivers before creating a plan, according to several drivers at last week's meeting.

"You are doing this backwards," said one St. John taxi driver. "Why didn't you meet with us before you tried to put something together? Why put something together that isn't going to work?"

"Why didn't you get input first,"

asked the driver.

Dowe pointed to the short time frame VIPA had to create a plan for the reason he was not able to meet with taxi drivers ahead of last Friday's meeting.

"We appreciate your concern but we didn't have a month or six months to come up with this," said the VIPA Executive Director. "We are talking now and listening to you. Based on your feedback we will make adjustments."

VIPA is in the undesirable position of creating some semblance of order at the Cruz Bay waterfront in short order, Dowe explained.

"Overnight we are trying to bring some semblance of order to something that could have been chaotic," he said. "Keep in mind that as of December 1 there is no organization to operate from Cruz Bay. We are creating a new system here."

VIPA officials will be flexible and will adjust the system if needed, Dowe added.

"What we are saying here tonight is not written in stone," he said. "We just got this order last week and come Sunday we have to have some sort of structure. We are hearing already that having 20 taxis down there might be problematic so I'm willing to make it 40."

Taxi drivers must understand that VIPA is trying to create a system that works for everyone, Dowe explained.

"We are in the business of making money and we could put this out to bid tomorrow," he said. "Let me make this abundantly clear, the taxi industry is one of the few remaining industries that is still run by local people. Help us make this work."

"Believe me, the last thing you want us to do is put this out to public bid," said Dowe. "I've already gotten phone calls. Listen to me, be careful what you wish for."

Taxi operators will be expected to follow all VIPA rules and regulations, which officials handed out at last week's meeting. Anyone who does not follow the regulations, including proper dress, will be kicked off the property, Dowe explained.

"You do not have a right or authorization to be on our property,"

he said. "It is a privilege to operate on VIPA property. Anyone who does not follow the rules will not be allowed to operate from our property."

VIPA officials recently removed a taxi driver from Cyril E. King Airport operations for three weeks for violating VIPA regulations, Dowe added.

"We don't want to do that," he said. "But we're not afraid. If we have to, we will."

It is in everyone's benefit to work together to ensure that taxi operations at the Cruz Bay waterfront run smoothly, according to Dowe.

"If we work cooperatively and fairly and respect each other this will work," said the VIPA Executive Director.

VIPA cannot fix all the taxi issues on St. John, but officials will ensure that operations at the Cruz Bay waterfront run smoothly, Dowe explained.

"Sometimes you have to save people from themselves and no place in the territory have I seen that more than on St. John," he said.

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## 'Tis the Season for Galas and Parties

### *Special to St. John Tradewinds*

The Rotary Club of St. John's major fundraiser, Flavors, kicked off the holiday season recently and, as always, the Westin Resort and Villas was the perfect venue and all the chefs' creations were wonderful.

The next major fundraiser will be the St. John Animal Care Center's Winter Gala at Hall House on Saturday, January 18. Planning for the event is now well underway with new arrangements being announced weekly.

The event planner is Weddings by Katilady with Kati Steinborn working closely with both Jo Ann Hall, the gala hostess, and gala "Caterer-in-Chief" Laura Samms of Passion Fruit Chefs.

Professional "mixologist" Hanna Prior of Ocean Grill will be creating and mixing the event's specialty drink, announced ACC President Lucy Banks.

Love City's well-know photographer Yelena Rogers will be on hand throughout the gala to record the evening's special moments and to film guests attend-

ing "Party Like a Rock Star." Rock star costumes, Island Fancy, and guests' favorite party outfits are all suggested attire.

As announced earlier, Adonis Morton is donating his services as the party's DJ and as the Master of Karaoke.

Arrangements are being made for transportation from the Westin to the gala to minimize parking problems at the party site.

All the proceeds from "Party Like a Rock Star" go to caring for the island's homeless and abused companion animals. Cats and dogs brought to the shelter for housing, medical care, and feeding are the gala's beneficiaries. In addition, food for homeless cats and kittens fed at the ACC's many feeding stations throughout the island is paid for from donations, membership dues, and monies collected at the Winter Gala and other ACC fundraisers.

Advance tickets will be \$100. Closer to the date of the event *St. John Tradewinds* will announce where they can be purchased.

## Bulls Win Pine Peace Basketball 9-12 Championship

### *St. John Tradewinds*

The 9-12 Bulls won the Pine Peace Basketball Championship title after defeating the Lakers by 4.

Jenekia Magras was named MVP for the Bulls, who were coached by Jefferson Fessale. In the 13-16 bracket, the Heat won the championship after beating the Spurs. Shukiou Sprauve was named MVP and the Heat were coached by Malcolm Sprauve who is also the father of Shukiou.

Special thanks to everyone who supported the kids.

## Mongoose Hosting Decoration Contest

### *St. John Tradewinds*

Mongoose Junction is having a contest to will elevate the season's spirits.

All participating stores are decorating their doors for the holiday and the competition is fierce! Everyone is invited to come to Mongoose Junction and look at the decorations and vote for the most festive decorations. Ballots are available in all participating stores.

While touring the shops, be sure to bring a shopping list and take time for some holiday cheer at the restaurants and bars.

Come and have fun at Mongoose Junction! The contest officially begins Monday, December 2, and the winner will be announced Monday, December 23.

For more information contact Linda Gabriel at (340) 693-7005.

## Fifth Annual Reindeer Run Dec. 22

### *St. John Tradewinds*

The St. John Landsharks present the Fifth Annual Reindeer Ramble Christmas Run on Sunday, December 22, at Annaberg parking lot. This fun 5K run will give all the reindeer, elves, and of course Santa, a much needed warm-up for the big day!

Registration begins at 7:30 and the race starts at 8 a.m. For more information email Louise Wearmouth at [louise@surfbvi.com](mailto:louise@surfbvi.com)

## Annual New Year's Eve Youth Extravaganza Set for Dec. 31

### *St. John Tradewinds*

Sisterhood Agenda is hosting its 4th Annual Sisterhood/Brotherhood New Year's Eve Youth Extravaganza at Cruz Bay's Franklin Powell Park on Tuesday, December 31, from 8 p.m. to midnight.

The New Year's Eve Youth Extravaganza is a unique youth event that promotes positive, drug- and alcohol-free fun on New Year's Eve and during the New Year. With giveaways and refreshments, parent registration and pick-up are required right after midnight.

The Youth Extravaganza is free and coordinat-

ed with the V.I. Police Department, V.I. National Park, Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation and St. John Community Foundation.

Sisterhood Agenda thanked community partners for making this activity possible for all youth in St. John: Scotiabank; Drift Away Spa; St. John Hardware; St. John Insurance Agency; St. John Properties; Boyson Transportation; The Marketplace; St. John Dental; Bayside Market; PostNet; and St. John Ice Company.

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The ZoZo's crew, (L to R) owner John Ferrigno, chef Michael Fortino and sous chef Andrew Clifford, celebrate their appetizer victory at Flavors of St. John.

## Zozo's, Creative Catering, Fatty Crab and Matahyom Take Top Honors at Flavors

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

A well-heeled crowd of St. John residents sipped and noshed their way through a delectable selection of food and drinks at the Rotary Club of St. John annual fundraiser Flavors, on Saturday night, November 23, at the Westin Resort and Villas.

A total of 22 of the island's top restaurant chefs, caterers and bartenders participated in the event, vying for the title of best mixology, best appetizer, best entree, best dessert and crowd favorite. The night also featured wines from around the world courtesy of Bellows International, West Indies Company, Dionysis and Prestige Wine Group.

The entrants were judged by a group of culinary professionals led by Jan Robinson and included Chris Mitchell, Eileen Mills, Kim McCall, James Crowther and Richard Wiggins.

After sipping the imaginative concoctions available, Fatty Crab's Chupacabra, a chili spiced watermelon tequila, took top honors in the mixology category. Aso-

### FLAVORS 2013

#### MIXOLOGY

- 1st – Fatty Crab (Chupacabra)
- 2nd – Asolare
- 3rd – Motu

#### APPETIZER

- 1st – ZoZo's at the Sugarmill (Imported Camazola wrapped in smoked prosciutto)
- 2nd – Queen of Tarts
- 3rd – Bowman Cuisine at Tamarind Court

#### ENTRÉE

- 1st – St John Catering/Mathayom (Java Seared Lamb, Rosemary Grits and more)
- 2nd – Fatty Crab
- 3rd – Caneel Sushi

#### DESSERT

- 1st – Creative Catering (Whiskey Caramel Cheesecake, hazelnut crust and smoked sea salt)
- 2nd – Queen of Tarts
- 3rd – Café Livin

#### CROWD FAVORITE

- La Tapa and Caneel Sushi

lar took second place while Motu took third.

Best appetizer went to ZoZo's at the Sugarmill's imported Ca-

mazola cheese wrapped and pan fried in smoked prosciutto with blackberries and greens. Queen of Tarts' goat cheese and caramelized onion tartlet took second place in the appetizer category while Bowman Cuisine at Tamarind Court's seared tuna wonton with baby greens, mango and avocado was named third place.

First place in the entree category this year went to St. John Catering/Mathayom Private Chefs for their delicious java seared lamb chop with rosemary grits and roasted brussel sprouts. Fatty Crab's seared steak with mint chimichuri was awarded second place in the entree category and Caneel Bay Resort's impressive and rotating selection of sushi dishes took third place in the entree division.

Lori Dudkin of Creative Catering's whiskey caramel cheesecake with hazelnut crust and smoked sea salt took first place in the dessert category. Queen of Tart's took second place with her tirami-sushi, with lady fingers, and Café Livin took third place in the dessert category.

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## GHS Rotary Interact Club Collects Cans for Needy



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The Giffit Hill School's Rotary Interact Club collected 302 cans of food for residents in need on St. John recently.

Several members and mentor Meghan Duffy delivered the cans to the Seventh Day Adventist Church last week. The cans were donated by students and families in Preschool through 12th grade.

## GHS Sports Teams Put Up Impressive Seasons

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

From the grid iron to the volleyball court, Giffit Hill School sports teams posted impressive wins this season.

Under the direction of GHS Athletic Director Barbie Barry and numerous coaches, the GHS Barracudas posted a second place finish in Girls Junior Varsity Volleyball, a third place in JV Flag Football and a first place in Elementary Girls Team Cross Country.

The school's JV Volleyball team, coached by Meghan Duffy, made it all the way to the Championship Playoff round. The Lady Cudas played in a best of three series, eventually falling to the JV Girls team from Charlotte Amalie High School. That finish is even more impressive considering this season marked only the third time GHS has had a volleyball team.

The GHS JV Flag Football team wrapped up a great season last week, losing in a nail-biter. The Barracudas were winning at half-time, but lost in overtime to the Julius E. Sprauve School JV Flag Football team. The Barracudas placed third overall in the JV standings and nine members were selected to the invitational Turkey Bowl on Wednesday, November 27, at Lionel Roberts Stadium on St. Thomas.

GHS runners posted impressive victories in Cross Country this year. Under the direction of Coaches Arthur Jones and Trish Stalter, the Elementary Girls Cross Country team took First place. Kayleigh Eman-



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Only three years after starting a team at GHS, the Girls JV Volleyball Team took second place.

uelson and Skyler Bell also brought home personal trophies for the Elementary Girls team.

GHS runner Evan Jones had another dominating season this year as well. Jones never lost a single race and finished in First place in JV Boys Cross Country. Congratulations to the all GHS athletes!

# First Annual Coral Bay Bizarre Bazaar Set for Dec. 7 at Pickles in Paradise

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

Pickles in Paradise in Coral Bay will be the place to be on Saturday, December 7, for the chance to buy great holiday gifts from local vendors, judge the best home brews around, get a photo taken with Santa, listen to live music and enjoy delicious local food; all while helping to support an important community organization.

The Coral Bay Community Council is hosting the first annual Coral Bay Bizarre Bazaar from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. with fun activities planned for the whole family.

"We have been looking for an idea to host a fundraiser and our top priority was to include as many members of the community as possible," said Sarah Groves, a CBCC board member and a member of the group's fundraising committee.

Instead of a high-priced gala,

CBCC volunteers decided to host a Bizarre Bazaar where the community could come together and support local artists and vendors, learn about CBCC's work and kick off the holiday season.

"We really wanted to showcase what Coral Bay is all about," said Sarah Groves. "We have a lot of musicians and artists and vendors. And with a lot of people returning this time of year, this is a really great excuse to come out and catch up with your neighbors who you might not have seen in the past few months."

The day is shaping up to be a great afternoon. There will be live music all day, raffle prizes and a silent auction for the chance to bid on villa stays, boat charters and more. One need not be present to win the raffles either.

The bazaar will be the perfect place to pick up holiday gifts as

more than 25 vendors and artists have registered to sell their wares. There will be everything from local jewelry to original paintings available to buy directly from the artists themselves.

And those gifts won't be forgotten about on the top of a closet. The folks from Keep Me Posted will be on hand to box, gift wrap, package and ship those presents to stateside family members and friends.

There will also be plenty of great bargains. CBCC's Bizarre Bazaar will feature a yard sale, a plant sale, a bake sale and a marine goods sale. In addition to the great food available at Pickles, there will be food and drinks for sale by CBCC members at the bazaar as well as local West Indian treats like johnny cakes and pates.

Beer lovers will not want to miss the home brew competition. Seven home brewers have signed up al-

ready for the competition, which will be judged by the public. Just buy a ticket to sample the beers and rank them in order of favorite. Although not eligible to win the competition, St. John Brewers will be pouring samples of their new Double IPA release as well.

A children's tent will have plenty of activities to keep the little ones busy while Santa himself will be on hand from noon to 2 p.m. to pose for pictures and listen to gift requests. The afternoon will also feature donkey and pony rides for kids.

CBCC officials will be in attendance to sign up new members and share information about the group's ongoing community projects, some of which will be funded with revenue from the bazaar. Members of the Island Green Building Association will also be sharing information about their or-

ganization.

And it's not too late to be a part of the bazaar. CBCC is looking for volunteers to help set up, run tables and clean up after the event. There is also still space to register as a vendor and items are still being accepted for raffle prizes and silent auctions. Stop by Dr. Bob Debonis' Chiropractic Office at the Cocoloba Complex on Thursday afternoon, December 5, to make a donation to the bazaar.

Email [corabaybazaar@gmail.com](mailto:corabaybazaar@gmail.com) or call CBCC volunteer Nancy Stomp at (340) 775-0533 for more information on how to get involved.

Be sure to come out to Pickles in Paradise on Saturday, December 7, to support CBCC and take part in what is sure to be one of the biggest events of the holiday season. A big crowd is expected, so attendees are asked to carpool.

## St. John Annex Administrator at Legislature Completes ASL Program at UVI

St. John Tradewinds

Senate President Shawn-Michael Malone congratulated Loren Abramson, ADA Coordinator and St. John Annex Administrator at the Legislature of the Virgin Islands for completing the ASL program at the University of the Virgin Islands' Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (VIUCEDD).

"I implemented ASL training

this year as it helps to make the institution more responsive to all our constituents," Malone said.

The class was a 10 week program teaching the basics of sign language including the alphabet, numbers, finger spelling, basic phrases and conversational sentences.

"Sign language was something that I have always wanted to do," said Abramson. "At the moment I

can definitely spell out words, sign some words, and put short sentences together."

"Loren really stepped up to the challenge and I must congratulate and thank her for her hard work," said Malone. "We have more to do in order to fully accommodate the needs of all Virgin Islanders, however we are continuing to move in the right direction."

Though the experience was

rewarding, it was not without its challenges, explained Abramson.

"Sign language is a very expressive and visual language where you must use the proper positioning of hands while using facial gestures," she said. "So it makes it easy to become confused."

Since completing Level I of the course, Abramson looks forward to the possibility of participating again, this time for the interme-

diated portion of the class, she explained.

"The second part of the course is tentatively scheduled to begin in February of next year and I am certainly hoping to be afforded the opportunity once more," she said.

For more information, or to participate in this course, visit <http://www.uvi.edu/calendar/2013/09/american-sign-language-classes-begins.aspx>.

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The GHS student body gathers on the school campus, above left, before heading out to clean dog kennels, left, clean the shoreline, bottom left, spruce up the library, bottom right, and wash VIPD cars, above right.



## Students Paint, Clean and More During Fourth Annual GHS Gives Back Day

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

Giffit Hill School students were spotted across the island on Friday, November 22, washing V.I. Police Department cars, dusting book shelves at Elaine I. Sprauve Library, painting walls at the Coral Bay Fire Station and more.

Students took part in community service projects as part of the school's Fourth Annual GHS Gives Back Day.

Students cleaned up the St. John Animal Care Center and Elaine I. Sprauve Library, painted the Fire Station in Coral Bay, sold lemonade to raise funds for the St. John Cancer Fund and Epilepsy Foundation, washed police cars at Cruz Bay's Leander Jurgen Command and hosted a bake sale at The Marketplace for the ACC.

Some students paddled from Cruz Bay beach to Henley and Stevens Cay on kayaks thanks to Arawak Expeditions to clean up the shorelines while other students delivered

prepared meals to feed the homeless at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church.

Other GHS Gives Back projects included V.I. National Park trail maintenance, a beach cleanup at Johnson's Beach and lionfish extraction with CORE.

Still other GHS students visited with senior citizens, created tote bags out of plastic grocery bags and made potato boxes for Julius E. Sprauve School and Guy Benjamin School for potato cultivation.

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# ISLAND GREEN LIVING

by Lovango Cay resident Dan Boyd

## Storm Water Runoff

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With all the rain we have had lately, it's a good time to discuss stormwater runoff and the problems it poses to our fragile ecosystems.

The rolling stones have been appearing along our roadways almost daily lately due to the heavy rains we have been having!

Living on an island like St. John poses many problems when a large rain occurs. Our hilly terrain and lack of much topsoil sends most of the rainwater cascading down hill at a very fast rate. What happens next is where the problem lies.

Because we have developed our hillsides with homes, roads, and driveways, water is diverted from its original pathways — the natural water guts — to areas with loose soil and not much vegetation to help shore up the earth.

That soil and water mixes together and is now called erosion! Where does it end up? In our beautiful bays, suffocating our fragile reefs. You can see its effect when you look out into Cruz Bay or Coral Bay after a big rain and see brown water instead of nice clear blue water.

Years ago, before we started developing all over the land willy-nilly, St. John had lots of salt ponds that would catch much of this runoff. A lot of the land along the waterfront in both Cruz Bay and Coral Bay was once salt ponds, but they were filled in because this land was flat and easy to build on.

We also started paving all over the place so we

wouldn't have muddy roads when it rained. Then we installed concrete storm drains to divert the rainwater into the bays.

Over years, the problem has increased and keeps increasing. If we keep on at the rate we are going, our gorgeous coral reefs and beautiful beaches will be destroyed within decades. Then what do we do? Don't forget, our economy depends on tourists coming to appreciate the natural beauty of St. John.

You can help remedy this problem by landscaping effectively, building terraces and slowing down your rain runoff. Plant native vegetation ground cover to help keep the soil in its place.

Homeowners and businesses can install aerobic septic systems so that sewage effluence is minimized. Divert cistern overflow lines to splash blocks to help stop erosion next to your foundation.

When building or doing any soil work, install silt fencing properly. When cutting a new driveway, think about the water runoff and how you can curb that runoff by installing a grey water system to capture it. Plus, you will be happy you did when the next drought hits!

We all love and care for St. John. Let's give our island the attention it deserves!

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## GHS Strut Their Stuff on the Dancefloor



The fifth grade at Gifft Hill School showed off their dance steps before family and friends recently. As part of the Dancing Classrooms Program, students hosted their culminating event at the school. The program-wide competition is scheduled for April on St. Thomas.

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## Turkey Trot 5K Draws Record Number of Runners

### *St. John Tradewinds*

Despite early morning showers and threatening skies, the Annual Turkey Day 5K was an enormous success attracting its biggest turnout ever!

The run drew a total of 100 participants, of which 23 were kids, which was also a record high.

"It's great to see so many families participating together," said Louise Wearmouth of the St. John Landsharks, which hosted the run.

The recent rains left the course — from the Anaberg parking lot to the Francis Bay walking trail and through the Anaberg ruins — a bit muddy, but that only added to the fun as people made their way around the challenging five kilometers.

Generous donations of canned and non-perishable food items were collected and will be forwarded to the Catholic Charities of the Virgin Islands. The top finishers were rewarded for their efforts with tasty Thanksgiving treats for the dinner table, although some of them never even made it out of the parking lot. For full results, please visit [www.stjohnlandsharks.com](http://www.stjohnlandsharks.com).

St. John Landsharks thanked all the participants and volunteers who helped make this year's event such a big success.

"To the several visitors who offered to help when they arrived at the start, 'Thank you,' your help was very much appreciated," said Wearmouth. "And of course, a big thank you as well to St. John Rescue for coming out and looking after everyone."

### 2013 TURKEY TROT RESULTS

#### Female

Kathy Provencher 21:14  
Erin Nighswanger 21:36  
Stacy Paxton 22:54  
Sarah Swan 23:58  
Natalie Aguiillard 24:02

#### Male

Sam Edmondson 18:26  
Thomas Hanna 18:43  
Jake Edmondson 18:53  
Evan Jones 19:18  
Mark Crawford 19:55

#### Girls

Kayleigh Emanuelson 9:38  
Adelaide Jones 0:04  
Skyler Bell 10:08  
Jamie Paxton 11:19  
Zoe Bell 11:53

#### Boys

Adam Emanuelson 9:59  
Drew Paxton 10:02  
Lyric Vacharat 12:22  
Ben Thill 13:12  
Cooper Provencher 16:23

"We hope to see many of you next month for the Fifth Annual Reindeer Ramble, and to those of you who may have returned home, we'll see you next year," she said.

## It's Christmas Tree Martha Time at the Marketplace



*St. John Tradewinds News Photos by Jaime Elliott*

Stop by the second floor of The Marketplace and join Martha Toomey in celebrating the season. Pick up a specially made decoration or make a unique one by hand. All proceeds from Christmas Tree Martha goes to support Mary's Family, a non-profit disability advocacy group.

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Drinking vessels perfect for the holiday time treat Guavaberry, above left, and plates for Christmas treats, above right, made by Kaye Thomas Eichner will be on display at the December 6 show.

## Caribbean2 Will Showcase Work by Boulon, Hollander, Giakas, Eichner and Van de Bogurt on December 6

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

An exciting night of oil paintings, sculptural lighting and ceramic work will be featured at Caribbean2 at Kimberly Boulon Fine Art Gallery on the second floor of The Marketplace on Friday, December 6, from 5 to 8 p.m.

On the heels of her successful series of openings last year, Boulon is exploring the Caribbean-Japanese correlations in art and beauty through three planned shows for a second season starting in December.

The first of the shows will focus on "Miniature Musings are Magical" and will showcase new oil paintings by Boulon as well as modern sculptural lighting by George Hollander and ceramic work by Gail Van de Bogurt, Casey Giakas and Kaye Thomas Eichner.

Hollander will showcase a piece called "Madagascar" made of found materials used in construction, the artist explained.

"Shadows, color, reflection, absorption, artificial, daylight; all these words describe modern lighting," Hollander said. "This sculptural, functional art piece, is made of found materials used in construction. Whether it's finished cabinetry or 'rough' carpentry, these 'cut-offs' are usually discarded and find their way into a landfill."

"The base is made of 'sonotube,' which is used as a form to pour concrete columns," said Hollander. "The circular top, fitted to the 'tube' is made of mahogany rafter cut-offs. The upper ribbed portion is made of sawed off ends, of tongue and grooved cypress and tied together with copper wire and the wooden balls at the base were purchased and enameled."

The piece Madagascar invites the viewer to dream

and wish, Hollander added.

"Within the upper ribbed area is a crystal ball, suspended," he said. "Find it and your dreams may come true. Lighting is the functional, modern art form."

For his work, Hollander draws upon his years of experience as an interior designer as well as his unparalleled eye for shape and form.

"My work is inspired by my past, which includes many years as an interior designer and as a small contractor in the New York market," he said. "It's influenced by modern architecture and the 'timeless' east."

Giakas' ceramic work combines form and function. She concentrates on creating beautiful and innovative wares for everyday use and likes to focus on pushing the envelope on everyday tableware and other items for the home.

"Pottery is a nurturing and humble medium to work with," she said. "It allows us to push the limits and reminds you every time you take it too far. I want to make the cup you use every morning to start your day, or the bowl that you chose to put your comfort food in, the small tumbler that toasts your new favorite experience or achievement."

"I think it's important to be surrounded by unique and beautiful things," said Giakas. "It reminds us how sweet life can be in a world of chaos."

Eichner is focusing on marrying traditional Japanese ceramic forms with Caribbean culture and ideas for this show, she explained.

"For Miniature Musings, I wanted to focus on both Christmas (it's just around the corner) and what makes our Caribbean Christmas so special in the islands," said Eichner. "In the Caribbean it is tradition to sing

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Vicky Ann Pedersen of Frederiksted, St. Croix passed away peacefully in her brother and sister-in-law's Dupuyer, Montana home on November 1, 2013. She was 49. Vicky was born in Chicago, Illinois on April 7, 1964 to Robert and June Pedersen. She graduated from Glenbard West High School in Glen Ellyn IL in 1982, 20th in her class and already an accomplished cross country runner. She graduated from Northwestern University in Evanston, IL with a BA in anthropology in 1986.

Vicky moved to St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands in the fall of 1986. On St. John, she became an esteemed yoga instructor, massage therapist, realtor and owner/operator of her own vacation rentals. In 2004, Vicky moved to Frederiksted St. Croix and purchased a Danish Parsonage

built in the 1800s. She worked tirelessly to renovate the property and developed a successful vacation rental business featuring yoga, massage and the well-attended Jasmine Manor Concert Series. Vicky ran the Chicago Marathon in 2008 and the Boston Marathon in 2009.

Vicky is predeceased by her mother, June Pedersen. She is survived by her father, Robert Pedersen; her brother and sister-in-law, Virgil Pedersen and Laura Miller; her sister, Susan Pedersen-Wilson; niece and nephew, Melissa and R.J. Wilson and so many friends and extended family members too numerous to mention.

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*Relax on your private deck and enjoy views of Cruz Bay harbor, above, at this pool level corner unit at Lavender Hill.*



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### Enjoy the Best of Cruz Bay from Lavender Hill

**By Jaime Elliott**  
*St. John Tradewinds*

After enjoying a gourmet dinner at one of Cruz Bay's fine restaurants, imagine home being just a short stroll up the hill where you can relax on your deck while soaking up views of the harbor below.

The one bedroom, one bathroom pool level Unit 10E at Lavender Hill Condos, for sale for \$450,000, can make that a reality, explained Islandia Real Estate owner/broker Merry Nash.

"One of the nicest things about this unit is its really nice views of the boats in the harbor and how short of a walk it is to dining and shopping," said Nash.

The unit is located on the pool level, yet is located just far enough away to afford plenty of privacy, Nash added.

"Another nice thing is how this unit is on the pool level, but not right next to the pool," she said.

The first floor corner unit, 10E

is fully air conditioned and, in addition to be close to the shared swimming pool, also affords easy access to the outdoor BBQ grills and on-site laundry facility.

Enjoy beautiful views of the boats swaying on their moorings in Cruz Bay harbor from the unit's sheltered deck area. Cook up some dinner on one of the BBQ grills and enjoy dinner al fresco while gazing at the stars above.

Unit 10E at Lavender Hill includes a spacious living room with a sleep sofa to accommodate guests. The unit also boasts a flat screen TV, stereo and DVD player. Find a king size bed and a recently upgraded bath in the unit as well.

The bright and cheery kitchen is located just off the dining and living room areas. With ebony GE appliances, full-size electric range and Kraft Made cabinets, the kitchen at Unit 10E Lavender Hill has recently undergone an upgrade of its own.

Lavender Hill features mature landscaping with beautiful tropical flowers. Stretch out by the pool and soak up the gentle trade winds blowing off the harbor. The condo complex is located walking distance from the alabaster shoreline of Honeymoon Beach, so just grab a backpack and head out the door. Or put on those hiking shoes and enjoy the views from atop the nearby Lind Point Trail.

The condo unit is located just a few minutes walk to Cruz Bay's shops, bars and restaurants. Taxis can take you further along North Shore to any of the beaches, making renting a vehicle not necessary.

Lavender Hill Condo Unit 10E offers the convenience of in-town living and easy access to nearby beaches and hiking trails.

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St. John Brewers' new release is a Double IPA, just in time for the holidays.

## St. John Brewers Releases New Double India Pale Ale

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St. John Brewers has been pleasing the palates of beer lovers with their island-inspired flagship beer, Tropical Mango Pale Ale, and their additional brews including Island Summer Ale and Island Hoppin' IPA.

Now, the brewing duo of Chirag Vyas and Kevin Chipman are ready to showcase the depth of their brewing abilities with the release of the V.I. Massive series; one-off limited releases of various ales in 22-ounce bottles.

The first installment of the series, St. John Brewers' Double IPA, will be available in the Virgin Islands in early December.

"We've been brewing different versions of this style at our on-site brewery in Mongoose Junction for a couple of years, and we've chosen this recipe that we really like," said Vyas.

The Double IPA, or India Pale Ale, is a stronger, hoppier brew with a fuller flavor than the Island Hoppin' IPA. The alcohol content of the double IPA is 8.8 percent, versus the 6.2 percent in Island Hoppin' IPA, and the 4.5 percent found in many types of beer.

St. John Brewers' Double IPA will be sold as part of the V.I. Massive series for a limited time, and will only be found in the Virgin Islands at various bars, restaurants, and stores.

Vyas and Chipman expect to continue the V.I. Massive series for several years, releasing somewhere between three and six different beers total.

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3rd Degree Burglaries: 23

Grand Larcenies: 64

Rapes: 1

## Letters To St. John Tradewinds

### Thankspigging Organizers Thanks Participants, Cooks, Musicians and Artists

It was another grateful Thankspigging in Coral Bay. We fed around 225 participants with an exceptional assortment of comfort food cooked with a lot of love. Thanks to Boozie for cooking the pig and turkeys with help from Derek. Thanks to Sandy, Megan, Pat, Bill and Barbara for serving. Thanks to Brian for this year's art work and all those who brought their varied instruments that entertained everyone.

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See ya' next year.

**With Positive Thoughts,  
Ken**

**PS.** Personal thanks to all of those who expressed their thoughts, love and prayers for me this past year, they worked!

### Covering a Trap Helps Cats Relax

Sometimes you have to use a live-trap to catch and move a cat; even a tame house-cat can totally resist being put into a carrier. And in an emergency, you do what you need to do. Once caught in the trap, a fearful cat can escalate into a totally ballistic, wild thing.

She yowls and thrashes, banging her head on the wire sides trying to force her way out. She can cause severe facial injuries which will be even more serious if she's captive a long time or her surroundings are unfamiliar and noisy.

There's no reason to make an animal suffer panic and pain when there's a simple solution.

Just cover the trap with a towel or light cloth when setting it, leaving only the entry open. Once the cat has entered and the door snaps shut, cover trap completely.

Even a terrified homeless cat will become calmly submissive once the trap is covered and placed in a cool quiet place.

**Name withheld upon request**

### Crossword Answers — Puzzle on Page 20

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### Exploiting Dolphins Is Not Solution to Economic Woes

**Dear Governor John deJongh, Senators Donald Cole, Nereida O' Reilly, Craig Barshinger, Janette Millin Young, Judi Buckley, Kenneth Gittens, Diane Capehart, Alicia Hansen, Myron Jackson, Shaun Michael Malone, Terrence Nelson, Tregenza Roach, and Samuel Sanes:**

Many of you had forefathers who were highly intelligent beings who were captured from their natural environment, violently ripped away from their families and held in captivity to work for the financial gain of their owners. Your recent vote in favor of the Coral World Dolphinarium on St. Thomas condones and encourages that highly intelligent beings will be captured from their natural environment, violently ripped away from their families, and held in captivity to work for the financial gain of their owners.

Though Coral World owners, Trudie and Neil Prior will not say from whom they are purchasing their aquatic slaves, Ms. Prior easily assured all of you they will be purchasing them from other marine institutions that have bred the dolphins in captivity.

Senators, some of your ancestors were born in captivity, but that in no way lessened their lifetime of suffering or justifies the slave industry's continuance. Coral World has also included a maternity ward

in their prison, "where pregnant and nursing dolphins will be enclosed." They are already planning for their slave's children to be born with no hope of freedom. Regardless of the source of their six captives, their transport to St. Thomas will be a torturous one. Like human slaves who were contained and delivered in the barbaric cargo holds of barges, dolphins are stuffed into metal or plastic boxes.

Dolphins are aquatic creatures who are weightless in water. Once they are on land they cannot support their own body weight. When hoisted out of the water, the sudden pressure of their own body weight over their internal organs causes great suffering. According to the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society, "Dolphins are in a continuous state of anxiety and pain when they are out of the water." The stress of transport is so great, there are many reported cases of dolphins dying during aerial and terrestrial transport.

When arriving at their final destination, they suffer painful and permanent cramps all over their body. Whether coming from the wild or a commercial breeder, they cry out in agony as they are hoisted by crane and then transferred onto a truck which delivers them to an airport or a barge.

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Eventually, they are transported again by truck hauling them to their final prison cell. The boxes these terrified marine mammals make their long journey in are called, "flying coffins." Are these the same torture chambers that Coral World curator, Lee Keller, explained to you their dolphins will be stored in every time there is a hurricane warning for St. Thomas?

You did not ask any questions about the "boxes" Mr. Keller referred to. You did not ask any of the hundred questions that should have been asked before giving your approval for this form of institutionalized animal abuse. You were too excited by the promise from Trudie Prior that her Coral World exhibit would attract an additional 25,000 to 35,000 visitors to the U.S. Virgin Islands annually. You sat there approvingly with the same cold hearted greed that allowed your forbears to be brutalized for generations.

Dr. Naomi A. Rose of Humane Society International and the Animal Welfare Institute wrote, "St. Thomas should promote sustainable eco-tourism ventures, which can include responsible marine life viewing, snorkeling, diving and other activities where free roaming wildlife can be enjoyed. While the economic well being of St. Thomas and its' citizens is a worthy concern, exploiting captive dolphins cannot and should not be the solution. The ocean is where these animals belong."

It is in the vast ocean where dolphins roam with their families and swim up to 40 miles a day reaching speeds of 30 kilometers an hour. At Coral World, these magnificent marine mammals will be confined to a space of 75,000 square feet, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for the rest of their lives.

Atlantic Bottlenose dolphins weigh from 300 to 600 pounds and range in length from 6.6 to 10 feet. Keeping these free ranging wild animals in the enclosed wire mesh cage of Coral World is analogous to keeping a human in a bathtub, in solitary confinement, for the rest of their lives.

Scientific evidence overwhelmingly proves how dolphins, like humans, are highly intelligent, self aware, and evolved beings with complex emotions and personalities. Emory University Neuroscientist, Lori Morino's MRI scans of dolphin brains concludes that dolphin brains are big relative to their body size with a neocortex more highly complex than that of the human brain and is structured to allow for self awareness along with the ability to process complex emotions. Because dolphins are very cognitively complex and capable of abstract thinking with decision making abilities and memory, they are now believed to be the world's second most intelligent animals, with only humans displaying greater brain power.

According to The International Marine Mammal Project, "Dolphins have been shown by scientific research to be highly sensitive with a culture that is handed down thru generations, and even have personal names."

Dolphins identify themselves with a signature

whistle. The whistle is so distinct that scientists can identify individual dolphins by viewing their whistle shapes on a sonogram. A mother dolphin may whistle to her calf continuously for several days after giving birth. A dolphin develops its signature whistle as young as one month old. Will the dolphins in Coral World's aquatic cage be with their mothers? In their natural environment, a dolphin calf will travel with its mother for life.

Dolphins live and travel in extremely stable social groups, the basis of which is the matriline, consisting of a mother and her offspring. Males have a particularly strong bond with their mothers and travel with them for their entire lives, (approximately 20 years). In bottlenose dolphin studies by Wells in Sarasota, Florida and Smolker in Shark Bay, Australia, females of a community are linked either directly or thru mutual association in an overall social structure known as fission-fusion. Their composition remains stable over many years. These powerful bonds are cruelly broken when members of the group are sold to marine facilities. It is a fact that dolphins mourn the loss of offspring and family members.

The anguish of captivity for Coral World's hostages will not only be a result of separation from their families and social units but from their natural environment, the vast ocean.

It is what the World Society for the Protection of Animals calls, sensory deprivation: "Dolphins are a unique species that can only be properly sustained by their natural habitat. Captive enclosures cannot simulate the complexity of the oceans."

Depriving marine mammals of the freedom of the open ocean and the natural rhythms of the sea, the tides, the sounds and the marine life, is extremely stressful as they are sonic creatures. Their primary sense is sound. Coral World's captive dolphins (eventually, 15 is the goal) will be severely restricted in using their highly developed sonar.

Dolphins have evolved over millions of years to live in the wild, to be free in the ocean, not be confined to a man-made cage on St. Thomas. It is truly unconscionable to tear them away from their family pods and condemn them to a life amid their own diluted waste in an enclosed space.

It is here where they will be forced to swim in endless circles in addition to being deprived of everything they enjoy and all that is vital to them, such as echolocation. Not only is Coral World's small, sterile environment extremely cruel to these free ranging wild animals, but forcing dolphins to swim with people and perform stunts for food is completely unnatural to them. Because of their exuberance and continuous smile, it is possible to conclude they are happy doing these things.

Not realizing how the dolphin's smile is simply the shape of their mouth and their enthusiastic response to the trainer is a result of hunger, one of you senators has written, "I think exploiting their desire to be

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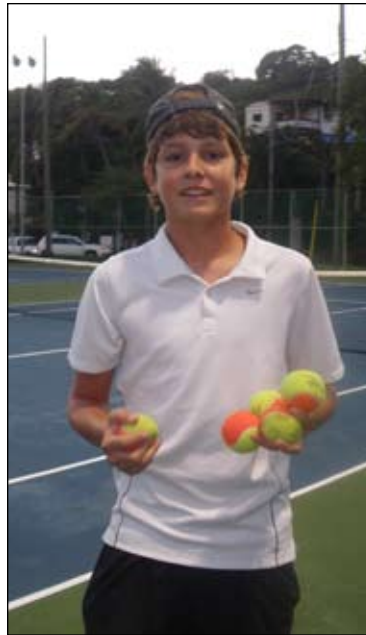
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Tomas del Olmo, top left, and celebrating with his father Alfredo after Tomas' recent win, bottom left. Above (L to R) Tomas and Luca del Olmo, Patrice Harley and Alfredo del Olmo at the Cruz Bay tennis courts.

## Del Olmo Boys Lead V.I. Tennis Resurgence

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"When we started playing three years ago, we were getting eliminated in the first round or the second round," said Alfredo del Olmo. "Then they started to win and get into the later rounds. Now we are in the championship match playing last in the weekend."

The brothers practice for two to three hours every day after school and also assist Patrice Harley in leading a Friday clinic for young tennis players. Among those younger players is Malena del Olmo, who at 8 years old might be the best tennis player in the family, according to Dad.

"She's going to be the best," he said. "She's really talented."

Athletics is in the del Olmo's bloodline as their mother is a former Olympic swimmer and their father has always been an avid athlete.

"We have always liked sports and have always

thought it is important," said Alfredo del Olmo. "Since they've started playing tennis they want to train every day and want to come out here all the time."

The trio often have talented players who stop by the court while on their vacations and join in the practice games, Alfredo del Olmo added.

"Just being on the court here every day, a lot of people stop by and help coach," he said. "Sometimes really good players stop by who are on vacation and just want to play."

While he enjoys the physical aspects of tennis, the best part of the sport is meeting the other players and coaches, explained Tomas del Olmo.

"I like the people I meet at the tournaments when we travel," he said. "It's fun and you see a lot of the same people so you become good friends."

The del Olmo brothers are two of a rising group of young tennis players from the territory.

Congratulations Tomas and Luca del Olmo!

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Today's Cryptoquip clue: O equals C



# Zozo's, Creative Catering, Fatty Crab and Matahyom Take Top Honors at Flavors

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In addition to the judges panel, Flavors attendees had the chance to vote for their favorite offerings of the night. After tallying more than 100 votes, La Tapa's sauteed mussels with a touch of cream, fresh squeezed lemon juice and fresh herbs, and Caneel Bay's sushi selections tied for crowd favorite.

The crowd also had the chance to bid on a selection of silent auction items, from several nights stays at local hotels to boat charters and more. After enjoying all those dishes and drinks, Flavors attend-

ees burned off those calories dancing to Cool Session Brass Band.

All that fun was also for a good cause. Funds from the night will go to support the Rotary Club's scholarship as well as fund other community projects. Rotary members were thrilled with the turnout.

"St. John Rotary Club congratulates the 'winners' and thanks all the participants and our guests for making Flavors 2013 — our 11th Flavors — the best ever," said Rotary Club of St. John past president John Fuller. "Also, thanks to the many volunteers who helped us do

it, and to The Westin St John Resort and Villas for their incredible support and a great venue."

Participants in Flavors 2013 were Asolar, Bowman Cuisine at Tamarind Court, Cafe Livin, Canella, Creative Catering, Fatty Crab, High Tide, La Tapa, Motu Bar, Ocean Grill, Queen of Tarts, Spyglass, Starfish and Starfish Gourmet and Wines, Caneel Bay's Sushi Bar, the Fish Trap, Lime Inn, St. John Brewers, Zozo's at the Sugarmill, Giff Hill School Farm to Table and St. John Catering/Mathayom Private Chefs.



*Slicing lamb chops for the winner appetizer at St. John Catering's booth.*



*St. John Tradewinds News Photos by Yelena Rogers*

*Lori Dudkin, above, of Creative Catering celebrates her best dessert win. Cool Session Brass, below, kept the crowd on its feet, bottom left. Sushi at Caneel Bay, bottom right.*



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### Exploiting Dolphins Is Not Solution to Economic Woes

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with people is a good idea. Overexploiting them is not acceptable."

Senator, what would "over-exploiting" a dolphin be? You have already voted an enthusiastic YES to removing them from their natural environment, separating them from their families, confining them to a wire mesh cage and starving them to the point where they are forced to perform tricks for food for the entertainment of cruise ship passengers. What, in your arrogant, supremacist male primate mind would "over-exploiting" these precious, non-human, sentient beings look like, Senator?

Captive dolphins must swim in endless circles, in artificial habitats, interact with unfamiliar dolphins and perform in ways that are unnatural in order to be fed. Because they are there to entertain, they must spend 80 percent of their time at the surface of the water begging for food and attention. In the wild, they would spend this time below the surface of the water, playing, hunting and exploring.

In reference to dolphins in captivity, swimming with people and performing stupid pet tricks, Ric O'Barry of [dolphinproject.org](http://dolphinproject.org) says, "It is imprisonment and forced labor, clear and simple. Any intelligent person who sees a trained dolphin show would have to conclude, if they were honest, that what they just witnessed was a spectacle of dominance. That's what's wrong with it. It teaches that dominance is good, dominance is right, dominance works, and that's the problem."

For the same reasons, it is deplorable to justify dolphin aquariums as being educational. The only education provided by Coral World or any dolphin detention facility, is bad education. What is being learned is how it is acceptable to abuse nature. By taking the ocean's most intelligent creatures from their families within their natural environment and putting them on display to perform tricks and swim with people, only teaches domination and cruelty.

Legendary marine explorer, Jacques Cousteau wrote, "There is about as much educational benefit to be gained by studying dolphins in captivity as there would be studying mankind by only observing prisoners held in solitary."

Dolphins have been on this planet for 60 million years and there is no report of them ever harming a human in the ocean. In fact, there are numerous accounts of them helping people at sea. Their kindness could possibly be explained by the extensive research done by Neuroscientist, John Lilly. After a lifetime of studying dolphins, Dr. Lilly concluded that, "Dolphins not only have symbolic language, but the capacity to gauge one another's internal physical and emotional states using sonar."

In an interview in OMNI Magazine in 1983, Dr. Lilly stated, "Every dolphin is aware of where every other dolphin is just in case he is needed. Do Unto Others is one of their rules and they, unlike us, follow it 24 hours a day."

All, but one, of our elected leaders chose to ignore the Do Unto Others guideline when approving Coral World's dolphinarium. Putting dolphins in captivity is unethical and cruel according to the Humane Society of the United States, World Society for the Protection of Animals, Earth Island Institute, Humane Society International, Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society, Helsinki Group, Sea Shepherd Conservation Society, The World Animal Foundation, American Society for The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, Jacques Cousteau, Jean-Michel Cousteau, Dr. Jane Goodall, Dr. Sylvia Earl, Ric O'Barry and many more.

The Federation of Indian Animal Protection Organisations has called dolphinariums, "a barbaric practice that is being phased out internationally." When India's Ministry of Environment and Forests banned dolphinariums in May of this year, the statement issued by B.S. Bonal was, "Confinement in captivity can seriously compromise the welfare and survival of all types of cetaceans by altering their behavior and causing extreme distress." Puja Metra of FIAPO wrote, "These facilities are nothing but commercial exploitive ventures."

This is exactly why Diane Capehart, Donald Cole, Nellie O'Reilly, Craig Barshinger, Chucky Hansen, Janette Millin Young, Myron Jackson, Shaun Michael Malone, Kenneth Gittens, Terrence Nelson, Tregenza Roach, Judi Buckley, Samuel Sanes and John de Jongh voted in favor of Coral World's dolphin prison.

Once again, you have been seduced by profiteers to support their commercial ventures. You were all easily convinced by super rich, EDC benefitted developers that dolphin exhibits are large tourist draws and big money generators, and that the territory is currently seeing tourists leave to visit a dolphin facility in the British Virgin Islands. What a shame that none of you, our elected leaders, can find ways to improve the V.I. tourist economy that doesn't involve destruction of our precious environment and animal abuse.

Olasee Davis wisely wrote, "We should be creative enough and find creative ways to keep visitors at Coral World, as well as other parts of St. Thomas and St. John, without creating an environment that could be detrimental to an animal such as a dolphin."

Only one senator voted against the grim reality of forcing highly intelligent, beautifully evolved sentient beings into forced servitude for money. Only one person in a position of power in our government said no to robbing dolphins of their freedom and perpetuating a pattern of historic and cruel abuse in these islands.

That senator is Clarence Payne III. In voting against Coral World's dolphinarium, Senator Clarence Payne said, "Economic development is extremely important but an evolving society has to move beyond mistreating animals or the environment."

**Rev. Anne Marie Porter**

### Answer to Dec. 1 Cryptoquip:

INSTEAD OF EVERYBODY DRIVING TO THE EVENT IN INDIVIDUAL HONDA CARS, I VOTE FOR US ALL BEING IN ONE ACCORD.

## Red Hind Spawning Aggregation Area Is Closed Dec. 1 to Feb. 28

*St. John Tradewinds*

The Department of Planning and Natural Resources last week announced the seasonal closure of the red hind spawning aggregation area.

In order to prevent overfishing, this species is protected during its peak reproductive months. As such, no harvest of any species is permitted within the Red Hind Spawning Area from December 1 to February 28 each year. Fishing with pots, traps, bottom long-lines and nets is prohibited year-round in this area.

DPNR asks for everyone's cooperation in order to protect Virgin Islands' resources for the present and future benefit of the people of the Virgin Islands.

For more information on red hind or other fisheries regulations, contact the Division of Fish and Wildlife at 775-6762 in St. Thomas.

## Sisterhood Agenda Launches St. John Youth Coalition

*St. John Tradewinds*

Sisterhood Agenda, recently awarded the 2013 Partnership for Hope Award from local philanthropists in St. John, formed the St. John Youth Coalition to coordinate efforts that target youth on the island.

Founding members of the St. John Youth Coalition are: Sisterhood Agenda; St. John Community Foundation; Julius E. Sprauve School; Giff Hill School; Guy Benjamin School; Love City Pan Dragons; Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center; Coral Bay Community Council; the Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation; and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church.

Coalition activities are just getting started and all agencies serving youth on St. John are invited to join the St. John Youth Coalition. For more information call Angela Coleman, Founding President of Sisterhood Agenda, at 714-7076.

## Police Log

### EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

**LAND LINE: 911 CELLULAR: 340-776-9110**

**POLICE DEPT: 340-693-8880 / FIRE: 340-776-6333**

#### Saturday, November 23

12:08 a.m. - A citizen c/r loud music in the area of Coral Bay. Disturbance of the peace.

1:55 p.m. - A citizen c/r a possible drowning at Trunk Bay beach. D.O.A.

6:46 p.m. - A Battery Hill resident r/ that he was assaulted in Cruz Bay. Assault and battery.

7:21 p.m. - A Wharfside Village business c/requesting police assistance. Police assistance.

#### Sunday, November 24

2:35 p.m. - A citizen c/r an auto accident in the area of Estate Carolina. Auto collision.

11:45 p.m. - A citizen c/r a disturbance at his residence with his wife. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

#### Monday, November 25

11:40 a.m. - A citizen p/r that her car was struck was parked at The Marketplace. Hit and run.

11:50 a.m. - An Estate Chocolate Hole resident p/r a hit and run. Hit and run.

2:17 p.m. - A citizen p/r that someone removed her cell phone from her bag. Grand larceny.

9:56 p.m. - An Estate Pine Peace resident c/r having a dispute with his girlfriend's daughter. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

11:04 p.m. - A citizen c/r that he lost his cell phone in the area of Cruz Bay. Lost cell phone.

No time given - A citizen c/r loud music in Coral Bay. Disturbance of the peace.

#### Tuesday, November 26

2:44 p.m. - An Estate Chocolate Hole resident c/r that his wallet was stolen from out of his vehicle. Burglary in the second.

4:00 p.m. - A Coral Bay resident c/r an auto accident in the area of Maho Bay beach. Auto collision.

5:27 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r a disturbance in the area of Wharfside Village. Police assistance.

7:14 p.m. - An Estate Glucksberg resident c/requesting police assistance at her residence. Police assistance.

#### Wednesday, November 27

4:22 p.m. - A Westin Resort

security official c/r accidental damage to a vehicle in the resort parking lot. Damage to a vehicle.

#### Thursday, November 28

11:25 p.m. - A VIPD Officer c/r a disturbance in the area of the Cruz Bay dock. Disturbance of the peace.

11:29 p.m. - A citizen c/r hearing shots fired in the area of Coral Bay. Illegal discharge of firearm.

#### Friday November 29

1:30 p.m. - Badge #1242 p/ at Leander Jurgen Command with one Trevor Warner of Estate Enighed under arrest and charged with Assault in the Third and Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of an Assault. His bail was set at \$50,500 by order of the court. He was detained at Leander Jurgen Command and later transported to the Bureau of Corrections to be Remanded.

3:20 p.m. - An Estate Pine Peace resident c/r that someone hit her vehicle at The Marketplace. Auto collision.

## VIPD Safety TIPS

### VEHICLE SAFETY TIPS

Common sense tips to use everywhere — at home and on vacation

Never leave your keys in your vehicle or step away from your vehicle when it is running

If possible, avoid driving in areas known for criminal behavior

Be alert to any activity near your car and pay attention to your surroundings

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**St. John**

On Wednesday, November 6, police received a report that parts had been removed from a 2000 white GMC truck. This theft occurred in the area of Susannaberg. The entire dashboard was removed and several parts of the engine. The owner last saw his vehicle intact on September 27. Please tell us what you know about this theft.

**St. Thomas**

On Saturday, November 16, at 1 a.m., two Spanish speaking men left a bar and walked in the area of Garden Street when two armed, masked men approached them. They pointed guns at the men

and said something in English, which they were unable to understand. The robbers tried to grab one of the victim's bags, but couldn't because the two men took off running. The robbers then shot at them, injuring both. Help police identify and arrest these criminals before they kill someone.

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## 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](mailto:editor@tradewinds.vi) or fax 693-8885.

### Tuesday, December 3

— St. John Film Society will screen "Searching for Sugar Man" on Tuesday evening, December 3, at 7:30 p.m. at St. John School of the Arts in Cruz Bay.

### Saturday, December 7

— The CBCC is 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.

### Sunday, December 8

— Gabriella Brand will speak at the Unitarian Universalist of St. John Fellowship Service on Sunday, December 8, at 10 a.m. at Gift Hill School, Lower Campus Great Room.

### December 13 and 15

— Mark those calendars; the St. John Singers will present two holiday concerts this Christmas season. The choir will perform at the Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cruz Bay on Friday, December 13, and at the Emmaus Moravian Church in Coral Bay on Sunday, December 15. Both concerts will be at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for students, and will be available at the door.

### Saturday, December 14

— The community is invited to join the Bethany Moravian Church at its annual Pre-Christmas dinner and fashion show on Saturday, December 14, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$12 for children and are available at the door.

### Sunday, December 22

— The St. John Landsharks present the Fifth Annual Reindeer Ramble Christmas Run on Sunday, December 22, at Annaberg parking lot. This fun 5K run will give all the reindeer, elves, and of course Santa, a much needed warm-up for the big day! Registration begins at 7:30 and the race starts at 8 a.m. For more information email Louise Wearmouth at [louise@surfbvi.com](mailto:louise@surfbvi.com)

### Wednesday, December 18

— The St. John Animal Care Center's Christmas Open House is on December 18 at the group's animal shelter on Library Road in Cruz Bay.

### Saturday, January 18

Mark those calendars for January 18 from 6 to 9 p.m. when the St. John Animal Care Center will host its annual Winter Gala at the Hall House in Estate Chocolate Hole.

### 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

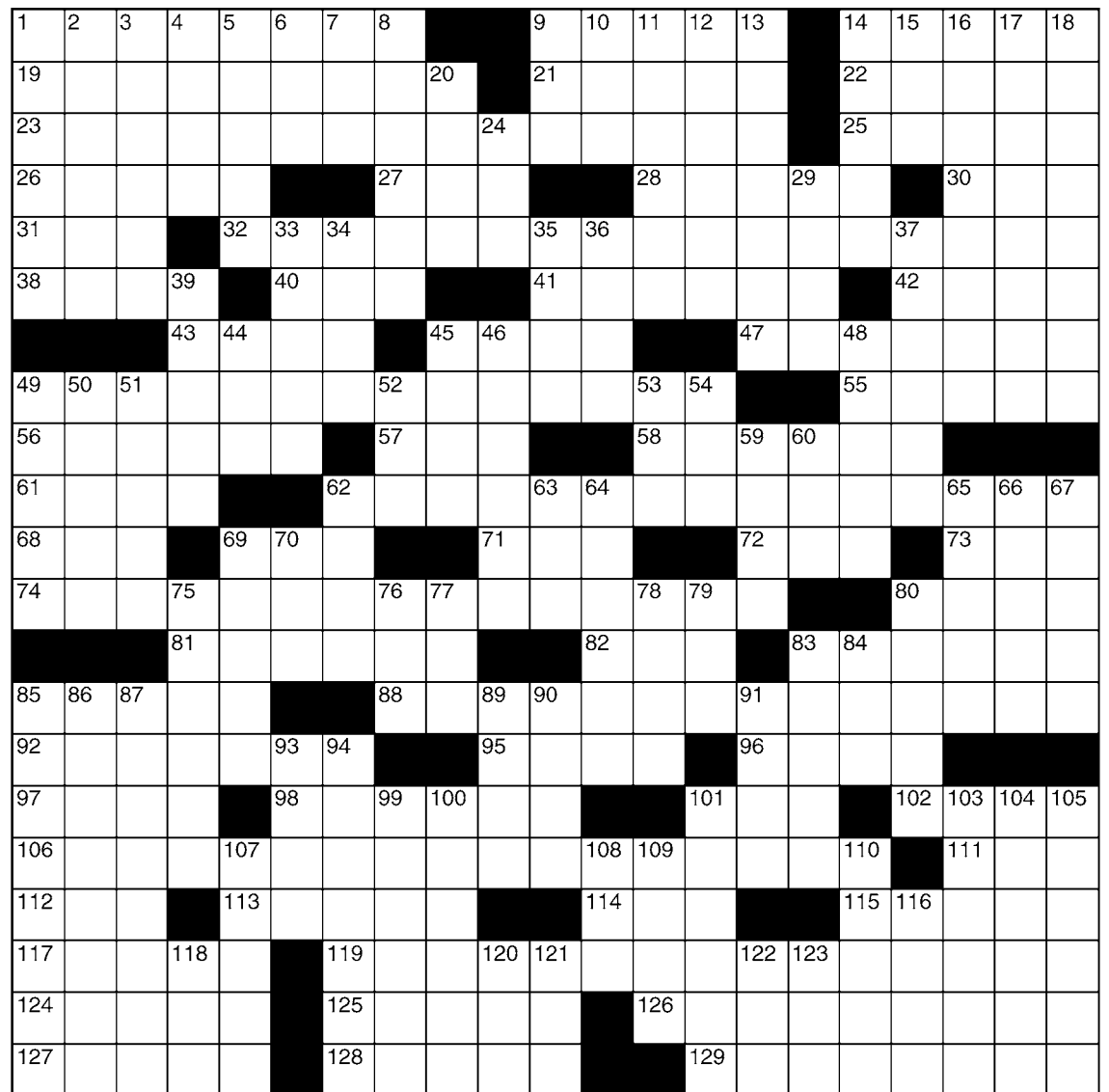
Narcotics Anonymous has open meetings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. every Saturday at St. Ursula's Church.

### AL-ANON MEETINGS

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

## Crossword

By Frank A. Longo



### OPENING NOTES

#### ACROSS

- 1 Person bearing witness
- 9 Hip-hop buddies
- 14 De-chalk
- 19 Basic notion
- 21 Arctic, e.g.
- 22 Attach, as a corsage
- 23 King's goal for his realm?
- 25 "That's impossible for me"
- 26 Piano technique improver
- 27 Dodge truck
- 28 Smells awful
- 30 Ontario's capital, on sports tickers
- 31 Not a thing
- 32 Recall the contents of an address book?
- 38 Head, in Caen
- 40 Upper limit
- 41 — Tunes (old cartoon series)
- 42 Kingly Norse name
- 43 Butcher's cut
- 45 Make — stop
- 47 High-speed Net provider
- 49 Competitive greyhound trainer who's been duped?
- 55 "— which will live in infamy"
- 56 Garments
- 57 Prefix with colonialism
- 58 Major crime
- 61 God of war
- 62 Going without food as drones do?

68 Cooked in the style of

69 Pal of René

71 Pericles' "H"

72 Cousin of -ette

73 X- —

74 Pattern in which seeds

are planted?

80 Pen at a zoo

81 Sea nymph

82 Hyperlinked address

83 Supermarket chain

85 Make dim, as

overstrained eyes

88 Toiled so much that you

cried?

92 Go back to square one

95 Past spouses

96 Took way too many

meds

97 Opposing

98 Delphic diviner

101 Student-focused gp.

102 Some jazz improv

106 Two things seen in the

toros' tavern after a

grueling corrida?

111 Sign of a fire

112 Orange pekoe, e.g.

113 Part of many a

concerto

114 Clever sort

115 Actress Gibbs

117 "— We Trust"

119 Gift from mosque

clerics?

124 Rub to clean

125 "Hasta —!"

126 Piece of magnetite

127 Skating great Sonja

128 Attempt

129 Go Daddy and Network

Solutions, e.g.

#### DOWN

- 1 Impassioned
- 2 One of the girls on "The Facts of Life"
- 3 Uproar
- 4 "Dear me!"
- 5 More coy
- 6 Element #50
- 7 Old name for Tokyo
- 8 Made to produce more offspring
- 9 Bashful's pal
- 10 Not stay idle
- 11 Odd duck
- 12 Relented
- 13 Smiled devilishly
- 14 Christian denom.
- 15 Ocasek of the Cars
- 16 Asian part of Turkey
- 17 Like L or R, in phonetics
- 18 Charge for admission
- 20 In — (stuck)
- 24 Diplomats' hdqrs.
- 29 Piano's 88
- 33 Skip over, as a vowel
- 34 Look after
- 35 Filmmaker Kazan
- 36 Campus military gp.
- 37 "Shoulda listened to me!"
- 39 Novelist Bret Easton —
- 44 Not 'neath
- 45 A long time
- 46 President — (acting head)
- 48 Highway divisions
- 49 Papas' partners
- 50 Fascist aviator Balbo
- 51 Soda insert
- 52 Put — show
- 53 D-H link
- 54 Family fig.
- 59 Legal claim
- 60 Says yes to
- 62 Little flute
- 63 "Give — try"
- 64 Essence
- 65 "Elysium" actress Alice
- 66 Like beavers
- 67 Ogling ones
- 69 The end of —
- 70 Co. VIP
- 75 How some games end
- 76 OPEC stuff
- 77 Nutrition fig.
- 78 Angers
- 79 Obsolete
- 80 College girls, quaintly
- 83 Film maker
- 84 Bus driver's path: Abbr.
- 85 Like badly behaved kids
- 86 Clemency
- 87 He waited for Godot
- 89 Lugosi of "Dracula"
- 90 Yak pack
- 91 Two- — sloth
- 93 Cop or call preceder
- 94 Roll along on wheels
- 99 Novelist Huxley
- 100 Lookalikes
- 101 "Maybe later"
- 103 Musician Santana
- 104 Tilting
- 105 British river
- 107 Discoverer of Eminem
- 108 Hwy. offense
- 109 Cello's kin
- 110 Some of the Plain People
- 116 In re
- 118 Yes, to Gigi
- 120 — Khan
- 121 Tot's diverter
- 122 Lyric poem
- 123 Jan.-Mar. link

**Classifieds**

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**"Brisas del Mar"** has beautiful panoramic views from every room looking over Coral Bay & Hurricane Hole to the British Virgins. There is an open floor plan with custom kitchen, 2 bedrooms on the main floor and a spiral stair case to the third bedroom suite, which has its own balcony. The pool & spa decks face the cooling easterly trade winds and rising sun and moon. This home is great for a family or for short term rental. **\$1.35M**

**"Lavender Hill, Unit 10E"** - This first floor one BR unit is a tastefully-furnished, fully air-conditioned corner unit located at pool level, convenient to the BBQ grills and laundry facilities. Features include a desk area, sleep sofa, flat screen TV, stereo, DVD player and a king bed. Recently upgraded bath and kitchen with GE appliances & Kraft Maid cabinets. The sheltered deck offers stunning views over Cruz Bay harbor. This is a successful short term rental. **\$450,000**

**"Beach Cottage"** - Nestled into the wooded hillside overlooking Great Cruz Bay, this cozy and handsome two bedroom cottage features a flexible layout with separate one bedroom apartment on lower level. Stroll across the grassy landscaped lawn to the beach access directly below. Swim and boat from your own front yard. Additional water access is deeded at the community beach and dinghy landing a short walk down the road. **\$945,000**

**"The Dome House"** - Interesting cottage on a stunning waterfront peninsula property. One of the last remaining properties of its kind available on St. John, this dramatic and private 2.5 acre estate has panoramic views of the Caribbean Sea, St. John's South Shore, and the National Park. Breathtaking sunrises & breezy trade winds await the right buyer at this end-of-the-road property. The income producing cottage pays expenses until you can build a dream house **\$1.925M**

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*George Hollander's Madagascar, left, and ceramic work by Casey Giakas, below, will be featured at Boulon's December 6 show at The Marketplace.*

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## Caribbeanese2 Will Showcase Work by Boulon, Hollander, Van de Bogurt Eichner and Giakas on December 6

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'The Guavaberry Song,' on Christmas morning with family and friends. Guavaberry rum is a delight and was originally put in demijohns, large glass green bottles.'

"I have created Guavaberry rum demijohns for your Christmas," she said. "Share it with friends and family this holiday. I have, of course, created your Guavaberry cups as Guavaberry is perfect for sipping."

Eichner is excited to celebrate traditions large and small this holiday, she added.

"This little things, little ideas, little traditions become something so dear and worthy of celebration," she said. "Celebrate your love of art, love of family, love of friends and most of all; love of the little things."

The December 6 opening at Boulon Fine Art Gallery will also feature a performance by St. John School of the Arts students with narration by Kelley Hunter. Boulon will be raffling off an original oil painting during the show, with proceeds supporting the art school.

The evening will also feature appetizers by Chef Andy Marcellin of Starfish Market and confections created by Chef Gail Anderson.



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