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St. John Marina on Coral Bay's South Shore Earns \$1.27 Million Federal Grant "To Improve Boating Market on St. John"

By Tom Oat

St. John Tradewinds

St. John may be getting its first full-fledged marina on the south shore of Coral Bay Harbor some day, but it will not have happened overnight and it will take a lot more planning, according to one of the principals of the group behind the project.

A four-month old, \$1.27 million federal grant for the construction of the first St. John marina was "announced" January 9, but the news of the grant had already been on the island's coconut telegraph since August 2013.

The "St. John Marina; Yacht Club at Summer's End, LLC," has received a \$1,273,689 grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for a marina in Coral Bay, according to an announcement by U.S.V.I. Delegate to Congress Donna M. Christensen January 9.

"The Government of the Virgin Islands' Planning and Natural Resources Division will partner with private investment groups to establish the St. John Marina on the Island of St. John, in the U.S. Territory of the Virgin Islands," FWS actually announced in a press release August 13, 2013.

"This new facility — the first marina on the picturesque Caribbean island of St. John — will



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St. John School of the Arts Alum Take Center Stage

Inner Visions: Phillip "Grasshopper" Pickering on guitar, above left, Akiba "Mr. Snooze" Pickering on keyboards, above center, and Alvin "Jupiter" Pickering on bass. — [See full story and additional photos on pages 9 and 27.](#)

provide 96 slips and a boating activity center for eligible transient boaters. Other essential amenities include power and water for eligible traveling boaters," the FWS announced.

Federal Matching Grant

The federal grant is a match-

ing grant, Cruz Bay resident Rick Barksdale, one member of the development group, was quick to point out.

"It's a matching grant," Barksdale said. "They (FWS) are putting up \$1.27 million and we have to come up with \$1.4 million."

"In Area of" Cocoloba

The proposed marina will be located on the south shore of Coral Bay "in the area of" the Cocoloba commercial complex, Barksdale confirmed to *Tradewinds*.

The principals of the LLC are two long-time St. John residents,

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partners Barksdale and Chaliese Summers, who have been active in community environmental and planning efforts for years while developing the plans for the marina.

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Thieves Steal Spare Tires from Rental Cars in Coral Bay, L'Esperance and Cruz Bay

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From one end of St. John to the other at the start of the New Year a costly mini-crime wave victimized three visitors to St. John — and their rental cars.

At 5:26 p.m. Friday, January 3, the log of calls at the Leander Jurgen Command in Cruz Bay listed a report that one G. Wagner of Connecticut was present at the police station to report “that someone stole a spare tire from their rental jeep in the area of Centerline Road and L'Esperance trail.” The incident was recorded as a Grand Larceny.

At 9:26 a.m. Wednesday, January 8, the log listed that a woman from Oak Bluffs, Massachusetts, was present at the Leander Jurgen Command in Cruz Bay to report that someone stole the spare tire off her rental car while it was parked at Crabby's Shack in Coral Bay. The incident also was recorded as a Grand Larceny.

At 10:23 a.m. the same day, a woman from Merrimack, New Hampshire, present to report that someone stole the spare tire off her rental car while it was parked at Bureau of Motor Vehicle lot. That incident, too, was recorded as a Grand Larceny.

The owner of one Cruz Bay car rental agency victimized confirmed that the cost of a new rim for a Jeep can be more than \$250



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Island rental Jeeps, like the one above, have been targeted by tire thieves lately.

and the cost of a tire more than \$150, “if you can find one on island.”

An employee of another Cruz Bay car rental agency confirmed a tire theft from one of its customer — and the steep charge to the visitor who had rented the vehicle — but declined to comment further.

“It was expensive,” she said of the replacement cost for the tire stolen from her company's vehicle — which was added to the customer's credit card charge.

The owner of a rental car agen-

cy not affected by the recent thefts said his policy when a rental customer has a tire stolen is to charge the customer only his cost of buying a replacement tire.

“I put the customers on the phone with my supplier, so they know exactly how much it costs me,” said one rental agency owner.

Car rental agency owners — and visiting victims — can only hope the thefts will subside — at least once the thieves have a full set of tires.

SJHS to Explore Petrus Family Roots and Early Cruz Bay History This Month

The St. John Historical Society will explore the roots of the local Petrus family at its Tuesday, January 14, meeting at 7 p.m. at the Bethany Moravian Church. Leayle Robinson will discuss his book, “From Mary's Point to John's Folly — The Petrus Family Tree,” and present a slideshow highlighting prominent family members and their connections and contributions to St. John history. Members and guests are warmly welcomed.

On Saturday, January 18, at 9:30 a.m., historian David Knight will lead a walk back in time to envision the landscape of the Little Cruz Bay plantation between the years of 1722 and 1765. David has recently concluded more than two years of intensive research on the history of Cruz Bay, during which time he has uncovered a wealth of little-known facts relating to the early settlement of Cruz Bay and the western section of St. John. No one who loves Virgin Islands history should miss this highly informative event.

Participants are asked to meet at the wall on Cruz Bay beach across from the entrance to Grande Bay at 9:30 a.m. The walk will not be strenuous, but all are advised to bring water and sun protection. Members and their guests are warmly welcomed. The event is free, but donations to the SJHS will be graciously accepted. To sign up, call SJHS President Lonnie Willis at 693-8590.

iPAD and Tablet Training Set Jan. 16

Anyone who has been wondering how to get the most out of your investment in IPADs and other Tablets for you and your children — take advantage of this training on Thursday, January 16, from 12:30 to 3 p.m., at Guy H. Benjamin School.

There will be training on using applications and educational games in IPADs and other tablets to enhance your children's educational progress. All parents of children from pre-school to high school are encouraged to come and bring their tablets with them. Other community members may also participate.

The Training is being conducted by Gail Lovely of the Houghton Mifflin Company and paid for with funds raised by the Coral Bay Yacht Club Flotilla for Guy Benjamin School. Lovely will mainly be training the school's teachers in a separate workshop, and has agreed to provide training and coaching to the community too. This opportunity is great for all of us to get better acquainted with new technology — and use it.

17th Annual JESS Gala Is January 18

The 17th Annual Julius E. Sprauve School Gala will be Saturday, January 18, at 6 p.m. at Caneel Bay's Estate Turtle Bay House. This year's gala theme is ‘As the Colors of the Rainbow Flow Together, Celebrating Diversity and Unity.’ Tickets for the event are \$100, and can be purchased at the Sprauve School main office.

Friends of VINP Annual Meeting Jan. 19

The Friends of VI National Park's 2014 Annual Meeting will be at T'ree Lizards Restaurant at Cinnamon Bay Campground at 2 p.m. on Sunday, January 19. The Honorable Donna M. Christiansen will be the keynote speaker at this informative meeting.

Come hear what Friends of VI National Park has accomplished and plans for the upcoming year to protect, preserve and educate within our park. Light refreshments will be served following the meeting. A shuttle service is available from the National Park Service maintenance lot at 1:30 pm that day, and returning after the meeting.

All Friends members and the public are invited and welcome to attend. For more information call Joe Kessler at 779-4940.

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The idyllic view from the Coccoloba Shops in Coral Bay, above and left, will change with the marina development.

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“What we’ve been doing for the past several years has been working with the V.I. Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR), the Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) and V.I. Coastal Zone Management (CZM) to develop a project that is sustainable in that it also takes into consideration the environment, economy and cul-

ture of the area,” Barksdale told *Tradewinds*.

“We are moving towards permitting. I would have liked to have had all this happen about two years ago,” he added.

“Generational St. Johnians”

Barksdale, who with Summers has been working with community groups including the Coral Bay Community Council for years,

was quick to note that native St. Johnians are an integral part of the project.

“There are generational St. Johnians involved in this project,” said Barksdale, a Louisiana native who settled on St. John with Summers almost seven years ago. “We’re not some big bad developer. We were brought into the project. The idea is the inspiration

of native St. Johnians who are an integral part of the project.”

One of Seven Grants in U.S.

The grant to St. John Marina was one of seven awarded by US-FWS and the Virgin Islands was the only territory to be among the recipients for projects to support recreational boating through the Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) Tier II program, according

to Del. Christensen.

“Public-private collaboration is always the best way to bring sustainable economic development to our community,” Congresswoman Christensen said. “I commend the St. John Marina, Summer’s End and DPNR for their vision for this project.”

Two Illegals Injured in Boating Accident at Newfound Bay

By Tom Oat
St. John Tradewinds

The report of a cigarette boat, or go-fast, grounding in the area of Newfound Bay on the remote northeast shore of St. John on Tuesday, January 7, and injuries to at least two passengers resulted in the detention and deportation of two Dominican Republic nationals.

The two men were treated and released from Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center on St. John before their deportation, according to the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol spokesperson.

As many as three persons were reported injured in what first was reported to V.I. Police Department as a boat accident in Newfound Bay, which is protected by a shallow fringing reef with a narrow entry channel and is outside the Virgin Islands National Park boundary at neighboring Dreketts Bay.

At 7:54 a.m. Tuesday, January 7, “a man

called to report traveling to Cruz Bay with two individuals who were injured in a possible boat accident in the area of Newfound Bay,” according to the police report at the VIPD Leander Jurgen Command. The report was listed as an Accidental Injury.

At 10:57 a.m. on the same day, the police log recorded the “Gov. of V.I. called to report a possible third person involved in a possible boat accident in the area of Newfound Bay.” That report also was listed as an Accidental Injury.

A U.S. Coast Guard spokesperson confirmed they received a report of a grounding from a passing charter sailboat.

“Sea Tow was able to remove the vessel,” said USCG spokesperson Ricardo Castrodad, who added that the boat was towed to St. Thomas. “We didn’t receive any indication of pollution from the grounding.”

V.I. Police Department Leander Jurgen

Commander Sgt. Maria Jones said VIPD assisted in the incident, but the Dominican Republic nationals were taken into custody by U.S. Customs and Border Patrol.

“So far we only had two persons, both nationals of the Dominican Republic, checked for medical needs,” Jeffrey Quinones of the CBP told *Tradewinds*. “They didn’t need any treatment and were expeditiously removed from the U.S.”

The reported Newfound Bay accident came less than one week after several people were seriously injured and rescued when a boat returning from the world-renowned New Year’s Eve celebration on Jost Van Dyke in the British Virgin Islands struck rocks off the north shore of St. Thomas near Coki Point in the early morning of January 1.

There was no further information available from Roy L. Schneider Hospital on St. Thomas on the condition or the victims of that incident.

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By Judi Shimel
St. John Tradewinds

An evening of glamour and fun and diversity is promised as the annual Julius E. Sprauve School Gala on Saturday, January 18, at 6 p.m., at Caneel Bay's Estate Turtle Bay House.

This year's event will celebrate the harmonizing of cultures that can be seen at the island's largest public school, explained JESS Principal Dionne Wells.

"This year's theme is, 'As the Colors of the Rainbow Flow Together, Celebrating Diversity and Unity,'" Wells said.

Rainbow colors will decorate the Estate Turtle Bay House where Lieutenant Governor Gregory Francis and his wife Cheryl Francis, school administrators, parents, students and supporters will gather for dinner, music and a silent auction.

Efforts leading up to the gala get started several weeks in advance, Wells explained. Members of the school's gala committee prepare for their assignments on the night of the event. They also reach out to businesses from St. Thomas and St. John for sensational items to put up for bid.

"It's work," the principal said. "The school plus a few dedicated individuals put together the event."

Wells and former JESS Principal Mario Francis explained that proceeds from the gala help fund programs and services needed on a daily basis.

Furnishing classrooms with technology, increasing safety with security cameras, a longstanding pre-K summer program and curtains for the cafetorium have all



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materialized, thanks to the annual fundraiser.

Many needs have been filled with community support, Francis explained. He credited the Sprauve School principal before him for getting the effort underway.

"I can never talk about the gala without talking about Shirley Joseph and how it began with her," Francis said. "It was right after the hurricane. The community was hurting, the school was hurting."

Joseph approached the general manager at Caneel Bay and asked if they could help stage an event that would lift spirits for the school and the community.

"The first event raised between \$7,000 to \$10,000 and from there it grew and became an institution on St. John," the former principal said.

In fact, the gala enjoyed enough support in 2008 to raise \$115,000.

Since then, according to Wells, the gala has seen its popularity wane a little. The gala, however, is slowly regaining its previous panache and now has a new Latin flair appeal, Wells explained.

More Hispanic students are joining the Sprauve School community, she added. They bring a

Other Prize Packages

- Broadway Theatre Ticket Package with two orchestra tickets for PIPPIN (the 2013 Tony Award Winner), and two orchestra tickets for CHICAGO, (the longest running revival in Broadway history, now in it's 15th year)
- Dining prizes include: (in alphabetical order) Beach Café at the Westin, Da Livio's, La Tapa, The Lime Inn, Ocean Grill, ZoZo's.
- Gift vouchers from Baked In The Sun, St. John Hardware

vibrancy to the school's cultural mix.

This year's rainbow theme recognizes that Latino contribution, according to the JESS principal.

Tickets for the event are \$100, and can be purchased at the Sprauve School main office. Raffle tickets for a myriad of exciting trips and prizes can be purchased at the school or at the gala. The evening will also feature live and silent auctions.

Dinner and beverages and the elegant setting are furnished by Caneel Bay. Music will be provided by the Eric Provost band and the JESS choir.

Proceeds from this year's gala will benefit the school's music department and purchase playground equipment for the primary school. A portion will also be used to provide scholarships for JESS students to attend the St. John School of the Arts.

Wells said she also hopes to fund a psychological counseling service for faculty, students and their families.

BMV Runs Smoothly With Computer System in Operation

By Tradewinds Staff
St. John Tradewinds

"You should have been here yesterday," said a St. John resident.

After a year-end traffic jam at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles Inspection Lane on St. John when BMV computers went down and frustrated residents were unable to re-register vehicles, things ran smoothly on the second day of business in 2014.

Vehicle owners had complained about the BMV's inability to process vehicle registrations since early December.

BMV officials blamed the situation on computers at both the St. John and St. Thomas BMV offices

Staff at the St. John BMV Inspection Lane had tried to circumvent the agency's computer problem with handwritten temporary registrations before clos-

ing for the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays and Three Kings Day, January 6.

The computers were up and running when BMV and the Inspection Lane reopened on Tuesday, January 7, and one BMV employee said things were hectic.

"The place was packed," the BMV employee told Tradewinds. "It was jammed."

By Wednesday afternoon, about a half-dozen residents were waiting for their paperwork to be processed by BMV's now-working computers.

Things were going so smoothly one longtime local even forgot she had left her car parked in the inspection lane to complete her paperwork inside.

"I better go move my car," she said to no one in particular as she rushed out the door with completed registration paperwork in hand.

No Sign of Repairs on Centerline Road; No Word of Repairs on Fish Bay Road

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Despite the latest promise from Department of Public Works to have its contractor begin repair work to severely damaged sections of Centerline Road “immediately after the holiday season,” there was still no sign of work along the lone roadway connecting Cruz Bay and Coral Bay last week.

“Island Roads is expected to mobilize immediately after the holiday season, with work set to begin during the first week in January,” according to a press release issued by Government House in mid-December, 2013, about the latest promised deadline for road work commencing on Centerline Road.

As the holiday season came and passed — and the first two weeks of January — St. John residents were looking for signs of the promised mobilization along Centerline Road, to no avail.

As of press time, residents were waiting to see if rumors that Island Roads Corp. planned to start work on Monday, January 13, were true. At least one resident was not convinced.

“I didn’t really believe them anyway since they’ve lied to us so many times in the past about this,” said one resident who asked to not be identified. “But it’s infuriating none the less. This is ridiculous.”

The process of realizing repairs to several sections of Centerline Road has spanned three years and counting.

Several sections of Centerline Road and at least one section of Fish Bay Road were first damaged in October 2010 during heavy rains during Tropical Storm Otto. In the initial wake of the damage, Department of Public Works crews on St. John placed orange cones near the most heavily damaged sections of both roads but little other work was undertaken to repair either of these heavily-traveled island roads.

Two years of no repairs on either roadway were blamed on the lengthy and painstaking process of applying for Federal Highway Administration funds. FHA finally signed off on the project in January 2012, according to the mid-December 2013, Government House press release.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

There was no sign of road work on Centerline Road, above, last week.

“The efforts to bring significant improvements to Centerline Road date back almost two year to January 2012 when the Federal Highway Administration granted its initial approval for the reconstruction of the damaged sections of the roadway, explained Department of Public Works Commissioner Darryl Smalls,” according to the Government House press release. “Several administrative procedures were required to satisfy the use of federal dollars provided.”

Sometime during those two years, the damaged section of Fish Bay Road seems to have been removed from the overall FHA-funded projects. When questioned about the Fish Bay Road damage last year, DPW Commissioner Smalls asked to be called back when he had the information on hand and subsequently could not be reached for comment. It remains unclear what happened to the plans to fix the crumbling section of Fish Bay Road.

In the meantime, heavy rains in May 2013 sent a section of Centerline Road near the Estate Upper Carolina subdivision tumbling down the Carolina Valley hillside. Since then, the partially blind corner has been passable only in one lane.

The Department of Property and Procurement was finally ready to advertise for bids in June, according to the Government House press release.

“In June, the Department of Property and Procurement advertised for bids, bids were received a month later, evaluated and Island Roads was selected as the contractor in August,” according to the prepared statement.

In July 2013, DPW officials installed signage and speed bumps on either side of the compromised section of roadway and erected a berm around the widening hole on the side of Centerline Road. White DPW Commissioner Smalls promised St. John residents would see signs of work in October, the contract was not released by FHA until November, according to the mid-December Government House press release.

“By November, the Federal Highway Administration had concurred with the contractor selection process and granted its final go ahead for the project,” according to that press release.

Island Roads Corporation was granted a Notice to Proceed in mid-December and was expected to start work last week. Rumors now have the company starting this week. The contractor is expected to construct retaining walls on three of the most damaged locations along Centerline Road and DPW officials previously promised the work would not entail road closures.

Once it actually begins, the road work is scheduled to last nine months, according to the mid-December Government House press release.

“The project is slated to take nine months to complete at a cost of just over \$1 million and it includes rebuilding the edge of the road and reconstructing major sections of the roadway washed out in the tropical storm all along Centerline Road,” according to the prepared statement from Government House.

Funding doesn’t seem to be holding the project up in any way. In addition to the \$1 million from FHA, Governor John deJongh signed a bill late last year appropriating \$500,000 from St. John Capital Improvement Fund to DPW for Centerline Road repairs.

It remained unclear last week both what those St. John Capital Improvement Funds would be used for and when the long-promised repairs to Centerline Road would begin.



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Ethel McCully: Continental Pioneer on St. John

By Don Near

Special to *St. John Tradewinds*

In the summer of 1952, a 67-year-old part-time secretary, mystery writer and grandmother from Manhattan jumped ship off Francis Bay, St. John, and started one of the island's most provocative and enduring legacies.

Ethel Walbridge McCully was on a boat heading east to Tortola when she was smitten by the sight of a small white crescent of beach on the off-the-radar island of St. John between Maho and Francis Bays. She instinctively knew that she had to have it.

Not having the authority to bring her to shore, Ethel convinced the captain to get as close as possible to land whereupon she put her travelling-light possessions in a basket atop her head and swam to the powdery strand to seek its owner and buy it. Well easier said than done, but after chasing down the legal holder of the property, the widow Miss Blyden on St. Thomas, she finally persuaded her (and 13 stateside heirs) to sign over the deed for all or parts of three beaches and four acres of lush hillside rising above them for the incredible sum of \$300!

Pursuing Her Island Dream

But what would her family think? At a time when most women her age were settling in to spend more time with the grandkids, Ethel was determined to pursue her dream of living her later years on an idyllic tropical island and "let her heirs walk." Yet her dream house, already drawn up long before, and complete with the vision of Italianesque terraced hillsides of citrus trees, was always with the enjoyment and eventual ownership of the property by her grandchildren in mind.

A self-professed "strong believer in women's intuition" she threw all caution and family concerns to the wind, and "with a dash of danger," decided to become the general contractor for her new house right there above Little Maho Bay. In her amusing and insightful book on the topic, "Grandma Raised the Roof," she describes the myriad difficulties but also triumphs of attempting such a grand project at a time when St. John



Photo from Peter Buruba's coffee table book "St. John Impressions of a Happy Island"

Ethel McCully at her Island Fancy home in Estate Francis Bay.

had appropriately been called the "quiet place."

The population numbered about 800, most of whom could trace their ancestry back to the colonial plantation days of the 1700s and 1800s, with perhaps a couple dozen non-native "continentals" who began to arrive in the 1930s and 40s thrown in. There was no electricity, most of the roads were still donkey paths, and like often still the case today, nothing was predictable or easy.

"Grandma Did It With Donkeys"

The original though publisher-rejected title of the book was "Grandma Did It With

Donkeys," as indeed these strong, intelligent, mostly gentle, sure-footed animals that were the beast of burden of choice by the former plantation interests were instrumental in the project's success, despite a donkey eating up all the blueprints early on and a group of them (along with neighboring goats and bulls) trampling all of the first terrace plantings.

By all accounts Mrs. McCully enjoyed a good drink and, accordingly, the names she gave to her five donkeys included Daiquiri, Gin and Brandy. She also acquired a cat named Bitters.

Financing the construction in part by

subletting her New York apartment, she persevered for three long grueling years with all the things that make St. John house building so special: flooding rains, droughts, insects, rats, unreliable purveyors, changeable needs and supplies of workers, and all the delays, permits and other red tape that happens everywhere but maybe more frustratingly so in the Virgins.

But along the way were the wonderful simple respites such as trying to ride her donkey to the Trunk Bay guest house for a rejuvenating touch of civilization; the company of world travelers and the renowned cuisine of its proprietress, Mrs. Boulon.

Legendary Hostess

The old fishing club at Caneel Bay was another frequent outlet as were the lunch dates in St. Thomas while doing supply runs, not to mention frequent trips to Puerto Rico, and other Caribbean islands as well as New York for same. And as a host of her own parties she became legendary. One of the first was given as the flag was raised over the roof rafters of the new house.

But this is not the end of the story for Ethel McCully. Not one to sit idle even after her "Island Fancy" was moved into, she continued to travel the world, take on occasional secretarial work back in New York and be active in St. John life, which she described as seeming "to be a combination of paradise and hell" — a common sentiment here even in 2014.

Outspoken, Opinionated and Nervy

To say that she was outspoken, opinionated and nervy would be perhaps an understatement. But in September 1962, her feistiness, if you will, served the island of St. John well.

The island administrator, George Simmons, tuning in to his accustomed morning report of a Puerto Rican radio station, heard the startling news that the U.S. House of Representatives was about to authorize the National Park Service to acquire by condemnation huge tracts of land on St. John that were inside this Park's boundaries as laid down on the map in 1956 but never

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Reggae Legend Headlining Love City Live at Winston Wells Ballfield Jan. 25

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Get ready Love City — the ultimate reggae party is coming to town soon!

Love City Live! and its Irie vibrations will take over St. John from Wednesday, January 22, through Sunday, January 26, including the big “main” concert on Saturday, January 25, at Winston Wells ball field featuring the renowned Beres Hammond.

This is the fourth year in a row for Love City Live! and things are humming along, explained Glen “Wasi” Philbert, principal of Venture Consultants and organizer of the reggae festival.

“Things are going extremely well,” said Philbert, who hails from St. John and launched the reggae fest to bring some good vibes back to his home island. “My team has one more year under its belt so we are that much more prepared.”

The fun kicks off on Wednesday, January 22, when Love City Live! teams up with Motu Bar on the Cruz Bay waterfront for a Reggae Roadblock Happy Hour. Known for throwing some of Cruz Bay’s greatest parties, from its beloved Christmas Eve Snow Storm to its Ball Dropping New Year’s Eve Party, Motu and Love City Live! are a perfect match, explained Philbert.

“We’ve added another day of events this year,” he said. “The Reggae Roadblock Happy Hour at Motu Bar is new this year. It’s a partnership made in heaven.”

“We are two entities known for hosting great parties, who are coming together to produce an island-vibe reggae-themed happy hour experience like no other,” said Philbert.

Don’t miss this kick-off to a week of reggae fun across St. John at Motu Bar on January 22, from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. There is no cover charge for the Reggae Roadblock.

On Thursday, January 23, those in the know will be heading to an exclusive, all-inclusive villa soiree. The Love City Live team will transform one of the island’s luxurious villas into a swanky Caribbean-themed lounge. Guests will enjoy a gourmet Caribbean buffet, top-shelf open bar and a sophisticated cocktail lounge setting. Tickets, \$75, are mandatory for the villa party.

The fun continues on Friday, January 24, when the Rockers Beach Party takes over the Cruz Bay waterfront. And this year, the event has been upgraded a notch, explained Philbert.

“The Rockers Reggae Beach Party has also been upgraded to an ‘all-white’ affair, so get those outfits ready” he said.

With a DJ spinning the best of roots, rock reggae, the Rockers Reggae Beach Party is sure to be a night of high-energy and positive vibes, setting the tone for the Love City Live! weekend. The party will feature complimentary hors d’oeuvres and a cash bar. Capacity is limited and tickets, which are expected to sell out, are \$40.

Saturday, January 25, is the Love City Live! main



concert event at Winston Wells ball field. Gates open at 6 p.m. and in addition to a lineup of talented reggae stars, the event will also feature native arts and crafts vendors, Ital and vegan food as well as fresh coconut and Caribbean favorites. There will also be premium cash bars in the ball field.

While enjoying the festival-like atmosphere at Winston Wells ball field don’t miss the sweet sounds of a talented lineup of performers. The concert will feature D Harmani, Unity Band, Fyah Train Band, Final Faze and The Echo People.

Headlining this year’s concert is legendary Jamaican reggae superstar Beres Hammond. A long-time fan, Philbert had no trouble choosing Hammond as Love City Live! headliner for 2014, he explained.

“Selecting Beres Hammond was quite easy,” said Philbert. “He was on the selection board from year one. However, we felt like going that route too early would have boxed us in too soon.”

“Beres Hammond is one of the premier solo artists in the reggae industry,” said the Love City Live! founder and organizer. “He is the only artist to have hits in every decade of a 40-plus year career. Had we started out with him, we would have had a difficult time sustaining that level.”

With a few years under its belt, and previous headliners including Morgan Heritage Band, Third World, and Steel Pulse, Love City Live! is ready for a talent on the level of Hammond, Philbert added.

“Now we at least have a track record to draw patrons based on production quality as opposed to solely the headline performing artist,” he said.

Tickets for the main concert are \$60 in advance and \$80 at the gate. And the fun doesn’t end when Hammond leaves the stage.

Don’t forget about the Ultimate Power Boat Party on Sunday, January 26, when Love City Live! takes to the seas.

Join the reggae party train on one of several boats leaving Cruz Bay for a wind-down party in the British Virgin Islands. All boats sail to Sandy Spit before anchoring in White Bay on Jost Van Dyke, BVI. Tickets are \$140 and include a reserved space on a power boat, drinks onboard the boat, BVI customs fees, BVI departure tax, fuel charge and the captain’s fee.

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Local Volunteers on St. John Participate In 114th Audubon Christmas Bird Count

Tradewinds Staff St. John Tradewinds

Participants in the St. John rendition of the annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count (CBC) are getting so thorough some annual visitors are losing their distinction as "rare."

This year on December 15, 2013, birders and nature enthusiasts on St. John took part in the annual CBC, many rising before dawn to participate in the longest running wildlife census on the planet.

Each year, the Audubon CBC mobilizes more than 70,000 volunteer bird counters in more than 2,300 locations across the Western Hemisphere. Between December 14, 2013, and January 4, 2014, hawk-eyed volunteers across the country braved various weather conditions to count birds during this tradition.

The Audubon Christmas Bird Count utilizes the power of volunteers to track the health of bird populations at a scale that professional scientists could never accomplish alone. Data compiled on St. John records every individual bird and bird species seen in a specified area, contributing to a vast citizen science network that continues a tradition stretching back more than 100 years.

Counts took place in all 50 states in December, all Canadian provinces, and over 100 count circles in Latin America, the Caribbean and the Pacific Islands. A total of 2,369 counts and 71,531 people tallied over 60 million birds of 2,296 different species.

Bird Count and Counters Down

On St. John, the total number of birds counted this year was 1,709, as compared to 2,335 birds counted in 2012, and 53 total species were counted in 2013, down from the 66 species counted in 2012, according to V.I. Audubon Society, St. John, CBC summary. The number of participants this year was 48, down from 53 participants in 2012.

"As you can see, we have less total birds this year but actually spent more total hours out counting with fewer volunteers," said



Tradewinds News Photo Judy Buchholz

Lesser yellowlegs spotted by Salt Pond Bay.

Ed Wilson, V.I. Audubon Society CBC Compiler. "I suppose the difference can be attributed to the rainy and windy weather we had on our count day this year, and the dense foliage on our trees from continued wet conditions that makes spotting birds much more difficult."

"Our most common bird counted is the Gray Kingbird, followed by the Bananaquit (our territorial bird)," said Wilson. "Other birds we see in abundance are the Brown Pelican, Pearly-eyed Thrasher, Smooth-billed Ani, White-Cheeked Pintail, Magnificent Frigatebird, Lesser Antillean Bullfinch, and Zenaida Dove."

"Each year, we compile the results and post the totals to the National Audubon Society, where we can easily compare results year to year," he added. "This allows us to see and study yearly variations and determine why changes are occurring."

Rare birds sightings this year were American Wigeon, a beautiful duck which breeds in northwestern North America and migrates here in winter; Night Hawk, seen near Caneel Bay; and Ruddy Duck, according to Wilson.

"Two Ruddy Ducks were spotted out near Francis Bay, where were also counted in 2010 and 2011," said Wilson. "They may now lose their distinction of being considered rare here on St. John."

The Audubon Christmas Bird Count began in 1900 when Dr. Frank Chapman, founder of Bird-Lore — which evolved into Audubon magazine — suggested an alternative to the holiday "side hunt," where teams competed to see who could shoot the most birds. While the ultimate goal of participating in

a count is tallying a representative sample of the birds on a given day, the natural competitive spirit of birders is what drives them to do the most thorough job possible.

"This is not just about counting birds," said Gary Langham, Audubon's chief scientist. "Data from the Audubon Christmas Bird Count are at the heart of hundreds of peer-reviewed scientific studies and inform decisions by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Department of the Interior, and the Environmental Protection Agency. Because birds are early indicators of environmental threats to habitats we share, this is a vital survey of North America and, increasingly, the Western Hemisphere."

Treasured Holiday Tradition

CBC has become a treasured holiday tradition, a reunion with birding friends and a way to play a small part in a big conservation picture. The combined pool of contributed sightings helps researchers understand how birds are faring in a way that Frank M. Chapman could never have conceived of back in 1900.

The annual Christmas Bird Count is a Citizen Science project organized by the National Audubon Society. There is no fee to participate and the annual published report, American Birds, is available online. Audubon Christmas Bird Count information is also available online in Spanish. For more information and to find a count near you visit, <http://birds.audubon.org/get-involved-christmas-bird-count-find-count-near-you>.

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ABOVE: right. Lynell Callwood, left, accompanied Phillip Pickering, center, and Tony Callwood right.

TOP RIGHT: SJSA Alum Evanna Chinnery wowed the crowd with her rendition of "Ave Maria."

RIGHT: Savannah Lyons Anthony transfixed the audience with her series of modern folding and unfolding dance moves and gestures.



St. John School of the Arts Alum Take Center Stage

By William Stelzer
St. John Tradewinds

If it felt like homecoming at the St. John School of the Arts Alumni Concert on Saturday, January 4, because in a very real sense, it was. The brainchild and SJSA Executive Director Kim Wild, brought together seven incredible performing artists, representing between them a span of 40 years of the school's history.

With a visible excitement in the air, Wild began the program by thanking the sponsors and volunteers. She then read from a letter she had received from the mother of Page Hughes, who had attended ballet classes at

SJSA as a very small child. It described how Page was now in her second year at the extremely prestigious Kirov Academy of Ballet in Washington DC, and after an audition in Paris was now performing as part of the Conservatoire Superior Junior Company.

It was at the St. John School of the Arts, Wild read, that Page's love of dance was first ignited. Wild also talked about another SJSA alumni who had wished to be there, but couldn't for scheduling reasons.

St. Love City's own Victor Provost. The SJSA executive director told how Provost had just finished performing at the Blue Note in New York City and how his world-wide

roller coaster of a career has only been going in one direction, and that has been up.

She then turned the audiences' attention to a group of photographs lining the wall, capturing decades of children learning all manner of the arts in the very room the audience was now seated; many professional musicians, dancers and artists today, a very visible proof how dreams really can come true.

With that Wild introduced Phillip "Grasshopper" Pickering, who told the story of his first day in Rudy Wells' legendary Steel Unlimited pan class, where he ended up humiliating himself with some over enthu-

siastic triangle playing. As Pickering tried to sneak away, never to touch a musical instrument again, Sis Frank, the original founder of SJSA, caught him and convinced him to come back next week. And with that, Inner Visions, and St. John history, was made.

Then began the music portion of the program, so spontaneous that only biographies were included in the program. First up was the extremely talented, and original Steel Unlimited pan player Lynell Callwood. Accompanied by Grasshopper on drums, she launched into rousing performance that brought back memories of school's early

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Rebuilt after a devastating fire, the bar at Cafe Roma, above, and owner John Hiebert, at left.

Cafe Roma Returns To Fill Its Niche in Cruz Bay's Restaurant Scene

By Tom Oat
St. John Tradewinds

Eight months after watching the smoke from a fire at his restaurant billow over Cruz Bay while he made his way to St. John from his home on St. Thomas on the ferry – with passengers crying at the sight of the fire threatening the center of the small downtown business district – Cafe Roma owner and chef John Hiebert is just happy to have his restaurant re-opened.

So are St. John diners.

“It’s been great,” Hiebert said of his first week back in business eight months after smoke began billowing out of the second story windows of the Cafe Roma restaurant in downtown Cruz Bay on Sunday afternoon, April 21.

“I just want to thank everyone for being so and supportive – and patient,” said Hiebert of Cafe Roma’s longtime island customers and the repeat visitors who made their way to his small trattoria and pizzeria or called in pizza orders when he reopened January 3.

Diners filled the tables of the dining room surrounded by the restaurant’s restored murals as “to go” boxes of pizzas flew out the door of the second-story restaurant and Hiebert worked the kitchen with his staff.

“Life-changing Experience”

After more than 30 years in the restaurant business in Florida and Vermont, Hiebert acknowledged he was humbled by the community support of his struggle to reopen after the fire gutted the doyen of the island’s Italian restaurants and pizzerias.

“It’s been a life-changing experience,” said Hiebert, who acknowledged the financial strain which forced him and his wife Michelle to withdraw the oldest of their two children from college temporarily.

After eight months of recovery and rebuilding, Hiebert was ready to reopen Cafe Roma — even with last-minute finishing construction work still in progress.

The finish work was not quite “finished” on the wall of cabinetry under construction to hold the new wine inventory when the popular downtown Cruz Bay pizza parlor and Italian restaurant reopened.

But, Hiebert had to get his wine inventory out of boxes and off the dining room floor for his somewhat-delayed reopening, so the towering mahogany wine cabinet being crafted by island contractor and furniture maker Maurice Smith – which was steadily being emptied to serve diners on opening night – was put into premature use.

The new mahogany bar and back bar, also handcrafted by Smith, were stocked with liquor, but, midway through Cafe Roma’s first full week of operation, contractor and artisan Smith was proudly showing off his craftsmanship and trying to figure out how to pull the somewhat-bowed wine rack back to square – while it was still half-full of wine.

Hiebert, meanwhile, was too busy in the kitchen to worry about the final details of the reconstruction and his customers were too busy enjoying his fare.

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Matching the renovated Frank Powell Park, Cruz Bay Landing serves up breakfast, lunch and dinner in the heart of Love City.

Enjoy Coffee Bar, Shuffle Board and Great Food at Cruz Bay Landing

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

When the popular JJ's Texas Coast Cafe shuttered its doors near Franklin Powell Park late last summer, long-time fans of the Cruz Bay establishment fretted over what would take its place.

Those fears were laid to rest when word spread that Christy and Todd Beaty had purchased the highly-visible location just off the Cruz Bay park — and those JJ's fans these days are enjoying the beautifully redesigned space now home to Cruz Bay Landing.

"After we sold Woody's, [former JJ's owners] JJ and Larry approached us with the opportunity to take this space," said Christy Beaty, who owns and operates the new restaurant with her husband Todd Beaty.

Running a St. John restaurant and bar is nothing new for Todd Beaty who, with twin brother Chad Beaty, owned the high-volume Woody's bar for almost a decade before selling to new owners last year.

The former JJ's location also held special meaning for the Beaty family, explained Christy Beaty.

"I used to come here when I was pregnant with Bannon and eat hash browns a lot," she said. "As we sat here, Todd and I would sketch out on napkins what we would do if we owned it."

Four years later, with Bannon joined by three-year-old Max, the Beatys have turned those sketches into reality at Cruz Bay Landing. The Beatys opened the restaurant on December 6 following four months of renovations.

The new layout takes full advantage of the restaurant's park-side location by moving the bar, formerly anchoring one of the two inside rooms, outside. The Beatys had a charming native stone and wood oval bar built just outside the building and patrons now enjoy park views and Caribbean breezes with their libations. That old JJ's bar top, however, was saved from the scrap pile and now serves up freshly roasted coffee.

Cruz Bay Landing's self-serve style coffee bar — the new home of that old JJ's wooden bar top — features freshly roasted beans from V.I. Coffee Roasters on St. Thomas, which are ground fresh daily. Fresh brewed coffee and espresso

are on tap and iced coffee fans will appreciate the Toddy cold brewed java available. Enjoy those coffee drinks either with or without alcohol and grab a local newspaper before starting the day.

Or grab a table and enjoy some of chef TJ Hindes' fare for breakfast, lunch and dinner. The interior rooms were given serious make overs as well and now feature a sleek, modern color palette and wainscoting throughout. Guests can relax at inviting booths and tables in one of the cheery inside rooms or settle in at one of the outside tables either in front or on the side of the building.

Hindes' concept for the food was casual, approachable and affordable fare for breakfast, lunch and, since last week, dinner

Cruz Bay Landing is open daily and serves breakfast from 7 to 11 a.m., and until noon on Sunday. Lunch is available from noon to 5 p.m. and dinner is served from 5 to 9 p.m.

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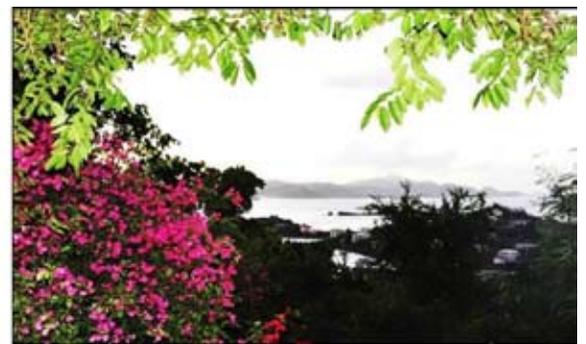
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By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

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This two bedroom, two bath home is for sale for \$649,000, explained Holiday Homes of St. John broker owner Christie O'Neil.

"Innstead has a fabulous location," said O'Neil. "The home is convenient to everything."

Nestled on a quiet cul de sac atop Jacob's Ladder, the restaurants and nightlife of Cruz Bay and the alabaster North Shore beaches are all just a short drive away from Innstead.

Enjoy fantastic water views across Pillsbury Sound from the spacious tiled deck. Soak up the colors of a stunning Caribbean sunset and watch the lights of St. Thomas twinkle to life in the distance.

With the two bedrooms at Innstead located on separate floors, the home offers a variety of living arrangements, explained O'Neil.

"Innstead is ideal as either a two-bedroom, two-bathroom single family home, or it also works as two separate units," said the Holiday Homes of St. John broker owner.

The flexible floor plan features those beautiful water views from both levels. Upstairs find one bedroom and one bathroom, a comfortable living area and a cheerful kitchen. The covered deck expands the living space at Innstead, allowing for al fresco meals while gazing at the stars.

Downstairs find a spacious studio with the second bedroom and bathroom. This unit could be rented separately from the upstairs unit, or use both as a single residence.

The gentle grade of the property offers even more potential, O'Neil added.

"The home is on a very gentle grade, so the entire one-third-acre property parcel is usable," she said. "There is plenty of space to expand with an additional building or add a beautiful, large pool."

The home features native stone details, tiled floors, air condition-

ing in both bedrooms and roll-up hurricane shutters on the oversized covered deck. With mature trees and colorful landscaping, you'll feel a world away from it all at Innstead. But just a few minutes will have you at the nearest grocery store or gourmet restaurant.

A new owner looking for help paying the mortgage will be glad to know that Innstead is already an income producer, O'Neil explained.

"Innstead has a very active short-term rental program with many repeat guests who have fallen in love with the cooling breezes and great views," said the Holiday Homes broker owner.

While priced similar to condo offerings on St. John, Innstead offers a great value for an all masonry home with plenty of potential.

"This all-masonry construction has been well-maintained," said O'Neil. "It is a better opportunity than buying many of the condos in the same price range. I think this home is a gem."

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It's Festival Time



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- Emmaus Moravian Church Marks 230th Anniversary
- Rotary Honors Dalmida and Wells
- Jason Howard Named Island's Top Bartender

JULY 8-14, 2013

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North Shore Construction Threatens Pristine Beaches and Sensitive Land

- Sun Dog Cafe Owners Buy Plancha del Mar

JULY 15-21, 2013

DPW Inches Toward Starting Repairs to Crumbling Centerline Road



Bid packages were due by Tuesday, July 16 for the repair of crumbling sections of Centerline Road damaged by heavy rains from Tropical Storm Otto in the fall of 2010.

- ZoZo's Restaurant Moving to Sugar Mill at Caneel Bay
- DPNR Ready To Issue Violation Notice to Estate Denis Bay Developers

JULY 22-28, 2013

New Pine Peace Basketball Court Nears Completion



With a brand new court, hoops and bleachers, and with playground equipment set to be shipped, renovations of the Pine Peace basketball court are almost complete.

- CBCC Reveives \$272,100 in USDA Grants To Study Solid Waste and Wastewater Treatment
- Longtime Island Attorney Nancy D'Anna Dies

JULY 29-AUGUST 11, 2013

ScotiaBank Wins Third Annual Chaotic Kayak Race



St. John residents and visitors packed Oppenheimer Beach on Sunday, July 28, to support Team River Runners St. John program for wounded veterans.

- DPW Selects Contractor for Centerline Road Repair
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The major refurbishment will include a complete refresh of the 96 beach and poolside hotel rooms.

- Vessel Operator Nabbed for Damaging Resources in Johnson Reef Grounding
- No Relief in Sight for VINP Staffing Woes



Winston Wells Ballfield Gets Facelift

AUGUST 26-SEPTEMBER 8, 2013

Hermit Crabs Take Over Nanny Point



Thousands of hermit crabs descended on the beach at Nanny Point on Thursday morning, August 22, in what scientists believe is a migration of females to lay eggs at the water's edge to be taken out to sea.



Caneel Bay Parts Ways with Rosewood

- Island Residents Question DPW on Centerline Road Delay
- VIWMA Begins Work on Cruz Bay Wastewater Pump Station

SEPTEMBER 9-22, 2013

Coral Bay Celebrates Labor Day



The Labor Day festivities on Monday, September 2, included a parade as well as a family fun day at the Coral Bay field.

- Guy Benjamin School Kindergarten and First Grade Moved to JESS
- Estate Denis Bay Development Violations Are Cited as DPNR Reduces Fine

SEPTEMBER 23-OCTOBER 6, 2013

Samuel Heirs Celebrate Land Donation to UVI

Gloria Samuel and Marva Samuel Applewhite donated land in Estate Zootenvaal to UVI inherited from their father James Alphonso "Harry" Samuel, who owned Estate Zootenvaal.

Former Island Resident Grant Hayes Found Guilty of First Degree Murder



Balloonfish Congregate in Local Waters

- St. John Rescue Celebrates Oxygen Generator

OCTOBER 7-13, 2013

VINP Closure Raises Island Residents' Ire



The V.I. National Park officially reopened Sunday morning, October 6, to the delight of tourists and locals alike after V.I. officials determined that enabling legislation park prevented the park from limiting public access to the water for bathing.

- Former DPNR Enforcement Director Roberto Tapia Pleads Guilty To Drug Trafficking
- Connecticut Investment Fund Acquires Sirensusa

OCTOBER 14-20, 2013

New Owners Gearing Up to Rent, Sell Units at Sirensusa



The new owners of 14 or the 22 units in the controversial Sirensusa condominium development overlooking Cruz Bay will be seeking to rent or sell the units.

- Only VINP Beaches and Trails Leading to Beaches Are Open
- Ingaro Pays \$9,000 in Fines, Work Continues on Denis Bay "Mega House"

OCTOBER 21-27, 2013

Hundreds Enjoy Fifth Annual Just Play Day



Hundreds of St. John students gathered on Winston Wells ball field on Monday October 14, for the Just Play Day sponsored by Using Sport for Social Change.

- Residents File Lawsuit Against WAPA Over Metering for Solar Customers
- Federal Government Is Back to Work
- Hundreds Turn Out for Fourth Annual Breast Cancer Block Party

OCTOBER 28-NOVEMBER 3, 2013

New Passenger Ferries Cruise Through Sea Trials



Department of Public works Commissioner Darryl Smalls traveled to Louisiana to take part in the initial sea trials of the two new St. John passenger ferries. JESS Students Take Home New Backpacks Filled with School Supplies

NOVEMBER 4-10, 2013

Westin Resort Kicks Off \$35 Million Expansion

Starwood Vacation Ownership will convert 79 guestrooms into 54 luxury vacation ownership villas.

2013 YEAR IN REVIEW

- Five Gift Hill School Students Inducted Into National Honor society

NOVEMBER 11-17, 2013

Dignitaries Dedicate New Pine Peace Basketball Court



Governor John deJongh and Lt. Gov. Gregory Francis officially rededicated the renovated Pine Peace Basketball Courts.

- IGBA Looks To Launch Glass Recycling
- Team River Runners Takes Wounded Vets on Kayak Ride

NOVEMBER 18-24, 2013

First Annual Paddle the Park Challenges SUPers



A total of 48 stand-up paddle board paddlers competed in the first annual Paddle in the Park race hosted by Friends of the V.I. National Park.

- Wounded Veterans Enjoy Week of Health and Healing on St. John

NOVEMBER 25-DECEMBER 1, 2013

Happy 100th Birthday Mary Wilshire



Mary Wilshire was surrounded by some of her 13 children and estimated 100 grandchildren on her 100th birthday at John's Folly Bay.

- Gov. DeJongh Transfers Cruz Bay Taxi Stand Ownership to V.I. Port Authority
- Estate Concordia Unveils Four New Eco-Friendly Units

DECEMBER 2-8, 2013

VIPA Sets New Rules for Taxi Operators at Cruz Bay Waterfront



V.I. Port Authority Executive Director Carlton Dowe laid out new rules and regulations for St. John Taxi operators.



Del Olmo Brothers Leading V.I. Tennis Resurgence

- Evening in the Courtyard Kicks Off Holiday Season

DECEMBER 9-15, 2013

Rains Raise Fears of Centerline Road Collapse



As heavy rains lashed St. John many residents feared Centerline Road would be washed out completely.

- Questions Remain About Federal Funds for Centerline Road Repair



Botox Barbie, White Album, Odege, Kalina, Buxom II Win Classes in 32nd Thanksgiving Regatta

DECEMBER 16-22, 2013

Christmas Season Lights Up Mongoose Junction

Mongoose Junction and Michael and Barbie Barry hosted the annual All-Island Party on December 14.

- Friends of V.I. National park Celebrates 25 Years of Conservation
- GHS Senior Jackson Barry Makes Presentation at Iowa State University

DECEMBER 23, 2013 - JANUARY 5, 2014

Trust for Public Land Sells Final 72 Acres of Estate Maho Bay to NPS for \$2.5 Million



The sale is the largest single addition to the V.I. National park since its inception in 1956.

- Island Roads Will Start Repairs to Centerline



Banco Popular Changes Face of Cruz Bay

REGRETS & RESOLUTIONS



Heather Edwards
Kenosha, WI

2013 Regret: the realization that I will never again be able to visit Maho Bay Camps with my mother and the grandson she was never able to meet for breakfast on the Pavilion and a class at the glass studio. I lost my mother, Sue Borger on June 15, 2012 and Maho's closing exactly 11 months later made me miss her even more since it was such a special place to our family.

2014 Resolution: Take more pictures, mail cards and pictures of our son River to friends and family.

St John Connection: I love St. John and first visited with my family in 1991 to camp at Cinnamon Bay. That trip was the most memorable of my life and St. John has been the place I go to feel grounded again. My father Darrell, and late mother Sue were also part of the Friends of VINP group that located the "lost" petroglyph in 2011 on the Petroglyph Hunt with Ken Wild.



Alfonso Fry
St. John, VI

2014 Resolution: I am going to clean up the trash on the beach everyday.



Rosa Garcia
St. John, VI

2014 Resolution: this year for me I think is going to be the best.



Aubrey Bridgewater
St. John, VI

2014 Resolution: to make sure Kenneth Mapp is elected the next Governor of the U.S. Virgin Islands and to make sure St. John has its fair share.



Geoff Leonard
St. John, VI
Connor Leonard
St. John, VI

2014 Resolution: to never worry about myself but always about my friends."
– Geoff Leonard, above left

2014 Resolution: is that anything worth doing is worth overdoing."
– Connor Leonard, above right



Jeff Ellis
Manhattan, NY

2013 Regret: was that I didn't make a resolution (with wife Kathy on telephone).



Meghan Lawson
St. Thomas, VI

2014 Resolution: to be fulfilled everyday.



Rehanna Abbas
San Francisco, CA

2014 Resolution: to come to St. John at least one more time this year (second from right with friends at Woody's).



Sonia and Alan
Argentina

2014 Resolution: much better health and more trips to St. John.
– Alan

2014 Resolution: to love more.
– Sonia



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

"Fire in Babylon" celebrates the domination of the West Indian cricket through the era of apartheid in South Africa, race riots in England and civil unrest in the Caribbean.

St John Film Society Will Screen "Fire In Babylon" on Wednesday, January 22

St. John Tradewinds

"Fire in Babylon" celebrates the emancipation of a people through the sport of cricket and tells the captivating story of the glorious domination of the West Indian cricket team, who, with a combination of phenomenal skill and fearless spirit, became the one of the greatest teams in sports history.

Set in the turbulent era of apartheid in South Africa, race-riots in England, and civil unrest in the Caribbean, told in the words of legendary and revered players of the time, including Sir Viv Richards, Michael Holding, and Sir Clive Lloyd, "Fire in Babylon" illustrates how this exceptional team fundamentally changed the sport forever. With their mastery of 'fast-bowling' with pitches that sometimes reached a deadly 90 miles per hour, they hijacked the genteel game of the privileged elite and played it on their own terms.

With impressive archival footage and a robust soundtrack that includes the likes of Bob Marley and the Wailers, Gregory Issacs, Faithless and Horace Andy, "Fire in Babylon" celebrates the emancipation of a people through sport, whilst painting a fascinating picture of this extraordinary era of sporting dominance and its roots in politics, pride, anti-colonial fury

and music.

Directed by Stevan Riley and produced by award-winning filmmakers Charles Steel and John Battsek, "Fire in Babylon" had its US Premiere at the 2011 Tribeca Film Festival and screened at AFI Silverdocs. The film was nominated for a British Independent Film award for Best Documentary and was the joint-winner (with Reggae Britannia) of the UNESCO Award at the Jamaica Reggae Film Festival 2011.

Riley explains, "the story is told from a West Indian perspective and entirely in their own words. It wears the smile and spontaneity of the West Indian people and has a trademark soundtrack to match. Their message and spirit is I hope something that will inspire, entertain and galvanize people of all backgrounds and ages."

SJFS will screen the film on Wednesday, January 22, 2014 at Pickles in Paradise, Coral Bay at 7:30 p.m. There is a suggested donation of \$5.

SJFS is supported in part by the National Endowment for the Arts, Virgin Island Council on the Arts and St John Community Foundation. For more information contact St John Film Society stjviff@gmail.com or www.stjohnfilm.com

Sisterhood Agenda Is Awarded Grant from VI Department of Health

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Sisterhood Agenda was recently awarded a grant from the Virgin Islands Department of Health as part of its U.S. Virgin Islands Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant. The grant of \$83,334 will help the nonprofit assess substance abuse prevention issues in St. John.

To help coordinate youth efforts on the island, Angela Coleman, the President of Sisterhood Agenda, formed the St. John Youth Coalition. The grant helps all Coalition members.

"This grant is important because its focus is on substance abuse assessment among youth in St. John, specifically and distinctly," said Coleman. "This is a deviation from past efforts to address community issues where St. John was lumped in with St. Thomas as part of the St. Thomas-St. John district. By being able to do assessment for the is-



Celia Kalousek and Angela Coleman

in the community."

Sisterhood Agenda staff have had extensive training for the project, which continues throughout the year. Shelley Williams, the former executive director of COAST, is a project consultant. Coleman believes that the VI Health Department grant is a great beginning where everyone wins.

"We hope that this grant is just one of the many funding opportunities that we can access to maximize our impact for youth in St. John. We are very strong to-

land, we can truly capture the unique issues that exist here, which allows the St. John Youth Coalition to more effectively address them

together as a diverse coalition." Coleman is currently researching funding to support the important work that Coalition members do with young people in St. John. Others are welcome to assist. 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 Community Health Center, Coral Bay Community Council, VI Sports, Parks & Recreation, and Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

The first meeting of the St. John Youth Coalition is Monday, January 13, 2014 at 5:30pm at Julius E. Sprauve School. Activities are just getting started and all agencies and individuals serving youth in St. John are invited to participate.

Call Angela Coleman at 714-7076 for more information.

Starfish Market Launches Gift Card Giveaway



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Leila Christopher is the first winner of Starfish Market's \$500 Gift Card Giveaway. The giveaway will continue throughout the month of January with one lucky person's name being drawn every Saturday. All one has to do is come into the store and fill out a raffle ticket. No purchase is necessary. Congratulations Leila!

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Send your letter to editor@tradewinds.vi

**NEXT DEADLINE:
FRIDAY, JANUARY 16th**

Keeping Track of Crime

2013-TO-DATE

Homicides: 0
 Shootings: 0
 Stabbings: 0
 Armed Robberies: 0
 Arsons: 0
 1st Degree Burglaries: 1
 2nd Degree Burglaries: 2
 3rd Degree Burglaries: 23
 Grand Larcenies: 68
 Rapes: 1

2014-TO-DATE

Homicides: 0
 Shootings: 0
 Stabbings: 0
 Armed Robberies: 0
 Arsons: 0
 1st Degree Burglaries: 0
 2nd Degree Burglaries: 0
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 Grand Larcenies: 4
 Rapes: 2

Crossword Answers — Puzzle on Page 20

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Letters To St. John Tradewinds

Healing: 2014

I'm sure that many of us have made resolutions for this new year. Maybe it's a continual effort to lose weight, eliminate debt and spend more time with family. May I ask that you add "healing" to this year's list.

Recent events have made me examine the choices made in relationships, finances and friends. Many of these decisions were made during times of selfish desires, economic stress and the failure to deal with past hurts.

It's amazing how one bad decision can influence a pattern of similar outcomes in other areas of life. This downward spiral results in confusion, uncertainty and regrets.

I've spent so much time looking back into the past trying to figure out what went wrong, how to fix it and how to move forward without realizing that healing is a big factor in the process. The hurt that I've caused others and others have caused me takes time to heal.

Realizing that I'm wrong, asking for forgiveness and building back the trust is a start to repairing the

damages. Sometimes wounds are so deep that it takes a lifetime of therapy, accountability and patience to aid the process of restoration.

Dealing with the pain means that I can't run away from it and I can't cover it up with more stuff in my life. Having more relationships, money and power won't take away the hurt.

Buried deep inside are emotions that need to come out. Oftentimes it's done thru tears, private conversations and crying out to God. This emotional release is necessary to relieve the burden on my soul.

I have to be careful not to put the blame on God or anyone else. Taking full responsibility will require courage, strength and maturity. It's funny how I think that I have plenty until I'm put to the test and then I find out how little I really have. Sometimes it's easy to put on a smile when you're not happy inside.

God willing, when this journey is over, both sides will be.

**Until We Meet Again,
Emmanuel Prince**

Celebratory Gunfire Is Illegal and Unsafe

On December 30th, I released an "End of the year Message" to all the people of this territory. In my message I asked for the full cooperation of all in not discharging firearms at midnight on New Year's Eve. Even this plea was made to all for the safety of our people, there were still those who discharged their illegal and legal firearms territory-wide with no regard for the safety of themselves, or others.

I further stated to you we would be monitoring "Shot Spotters" closely, and would request that anyone found to be in violation of the law be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. I have submitted a request for a complete report from "Shots Spotters".

Upon receipt of the report, we will analyze the information and determine how the information could be used for investigatory purposes. Based on the information we receive, investigations would be initiated. I want to stress to you, that "Shot Spotters" is a tool for Law Enforcement. The information we receive is used to initiate and further investigations.

For many years, people have been taking part in this illegal activity. Licensed firearms and ille-



Rodney F. Querrard

gal firearms are being used. This is not specific to the Virgin Islands. Last year Los Angeles County reported, "Despite local law enforcement warnings against celebratory New Year's Eve gunfire that can lead to injury and death, 93 incidents of discharging firearms were reported from Dec. 31 at 8 p.m. to Jan. 1 at 4 a.m."

As a result, a 74-year-old woman from Gardena was slightly injured when a bullet broke through her den window and struck her left foot."

A report from Puerto Rico stated they "managed to exit 2013 without a single reported casualty resulting from the New Year's Eve custom of firing guns into the air". The report further stated, "A year ago, on the last night of 2012, three

people were wounded by bullets fired into the air, a practice that is also customary in other parts of the United States, Latin America and the Caribbean."

The Virgin Islands Police Department is working closely with ATF and other Federal Agencies to address the illegal firearms entering this territory. This includes taking some of these cases to the US Attorney's Office to be prosecuted federally.

The input from those of you who constantly have to hear the firearms being discharged in your communities and neighborhoods is a vital part of our goal to eradicate, as much as possible, this ongoing serious problem. I am asking you to pass on what you know about those who are possession of illegal firearms, and those who are constantly terrorizing you and your families with the illegal discharge of firearms in your communities.

Call a Law Enforcement Officer you may know, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (tips), call someone who can pass the information on. Every firearm taken off of our streets is one less firearm we as a community have to face.

**Rodney F. Querrard, Sr.
V.I. Police Commissioner**

IGLA's ReSource Depot To Celebrate 70,000 Thanks at Anniversary Event

St. John Tradewinds

In the two short years it's been open, the Island Green Living Association's ReSource Depot has kept a remarkable 70,000 pounds of waste out of local landfills by selling new and gently used construction materials and housewares donated by St. John residents and businesses.

Help IGLA celebrate the Depot's anniversary and its success on Saturday, February 1, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the ReSource Depot, located at Giff Hill and Centerline roads across from the Susannaberg Transfer Station.

The public is invited to enjoy beer donated by St. John Brewers, along with hot dogs, pulled pork, veggie burgers, cookies, brownies, soda, and water. Live acoustic rock will be performed by the Stangerz. The event will also serve as a membership drive and fundraiser for IGLA, which will need help from the public in the coming year as the non-profit aims to expand its mission.

The most exciting portion of the day will be the raffle, whose star item is a beautiful six-foot-long mahogany table, handcrafted by local woodworker Matt Mueller. The estimated retail value of the table is \$2,500.

Other raffle items will include



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

One lucky raffle winner will take home this six-foot long mahogany table handcrafted by Matt Mueller.

two brand new composters, gift certificates and items from local restaurants and shops, as well as gift certificates to the ReSource Depot. Raffle tickets can be purchased ahead of time at Connections and St. John Hardware.

IGLA first opened four trailers at the Depot in January 2011 as part of its mission to prevent useful building and home materials from being dumped in the landfill. Today, the Depot has grown to seven containers where residents can purchase new and gently used

hardware; electrical supplies; plumbing supplies; house, garden, and pool items; furniture; doors, windows, and glass; and lighting fixtures, fans, and more. IGLA recently hired "Buddha" Gary Emmons as the ReSource Depot manager.

Please come out on February 1 for big discounts, good food, music, fantastic raffle prizes, and more, as IGLA thanks those who have supported the non-profit's recycling efforts at the ReSource Depot.

Special Jewelry Raffle To Benefit Friends of VINP

St. John Tradewinds

Friends of VI National Park is pleased to announce a special limited-ticket jewelry raffle of a unique Spanish silver coin and necklace, valued at approximately \$3,000 and handmade by R&I PATTON, who supports Friends projects annually with a signature jewelry item.

Rudy Patton chose and set this Spanish 2 reales Pillar dollar, dated 1752, in 18k gold. The coin commemorates the claiming of the New World by Spain, showing the king's crest (Fernando VI), the denomination and the Pillars of Hercules that stood at the mouth of the Med.

The coin denomination and weight was the prototype for the



Only 100 \$50 tickets will be sold for this Spanish silver coin.

American half-dollar or 50 cent piece. The coin was struck by an early screw press which made an even, fluted edge that could not be easily clipped, marking an important advancement in technology. The coin comes with a certificate of authenticity.

The piece is available for viewing at R&I PATTON in Mon-goose Junction. Tickets can be purchased for \$50 each next door at the Friends of the Park Store, by phone at 340-779-4940, or at Connections Cruz Bay.

Only 100 tickets will be sold, so odds are at least 1 in 100 or better, if more tickets are purchased. One lucky winner will take this golden piece of history for just \$50. The drawing will be at the "National Treasures" Gala on February 1st, and you need not be present to win.

All proceeds directly support Friends work dedicated to the protection and preservation of the natural and cultural resources of Virgin Islands National Park.

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Animal Care Center of St. John
Coral Bay Community Council
Friends of the Virgin Islands National Park
Giff Hill School
Island Green Building Association
Kids First!
Kids in the Sea (KATS)
Sisterhood Agenda
St. John Audubon Society
St. John Christian Academy
St. John Community Foundation
St. John Film Society
St. John Historical Society
St. John Montessori School
St. John Recycling Association
St. John Relay for Life
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St. John School of the Arts
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Team River Runner
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Baha'i Community of St. John

For Devotions and Study Circles, call 714-1641
7:30 p.m. Fridays; Study Circles 9 a.m. Sundays
776-6316, 776-6254

Bethany Moravian Church

Divine Worship 10 a.m., except second Sundays start at 9 a.m., 776-6291

Calvary Baptist Church

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

Christian Ministry

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

Christian Science Society

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

**Church of Jesus Christ
of Latter-day Saints**

Sun. 9 a.m., on St. Thomas . 776-2379
Sun., 5 p.m., STJ, Lumberyard

Cruz Bay Baptist Church

Sunday 11 a.m., 6 p.m. 776-6315

Emmaus Moravian Church

Coral Bay, Sun. 9 a.m. 776-6713

Freshwater Church

Sunday Service 10 a.m; Monday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
Thursday Women's Bible Study 9 a.m.
Saturday Men's Bible Study 10 a.m.
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Jehovah's Witness

7:30 p.m. Tuesdays; 7 p.m.
Saturdays (Español), 10 a.m. Sundays,
340-715-053

Missionary Baptist Church

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

Nazareth Lutheran Church

Sunday 9 a.m., Sunday School 8 a.m.
776-6731

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Saturdays 6 p.m.; Sundays 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.
Tuesdays and Fridays at 7 p.m.
Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7 a.m.
776-6339

St. John Methodist Church

Sunday 10 a.m, 693-8830

Seventh Day Adventist

Saturdays, 779-4477

St. John Pentecostal Church

Sunday 11:05 a.m., 6:30 p.m.
Tuesdays Prayer 7:30 p.m.,
Thursdays Bible Study 7:30 p.m.
779-1230

St. Ursula's Episcopal Church

Sunday Church Service, 9 a.m.
Bible Class on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. 777-6306

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

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

Sen. Roach Resumes St. John Office Hours at Legislature Annex

St. John Tradewinds

The Office of Senator Tregenza A. Roach (TAR) announced that Senator Roach's office hours on the island of St. John resumed on Friday, January 10. The Senator

will continue to host office hours dedicated specifically for constituents and stakeholders on St. John at the Legislative Complex located in Cruz Bay from 1 to 4 p.m.. To schedule an appointment, please

call 340-693-3686.

Be sure to visit Facebook and like the Senator's page to stay up to date on the latest information, announcements, and pictures. Don't miss a TAR Beat!

Ethel McCully: Continental Pioneer on St. John

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bought, as was the agreement in the enabling legislation for those owners that had not wanted to sell.

With just 18 days before signing, the defiant citizens of St. John rallied by signing over 200 petitions and sending 700 telegrams to Washington in a few days. As bumper stickers declaring "no condemnation without representation" were sprouting up like mushrooms in a fall rain, St. John Senator Theodore "Mooie" Moorehead wrote an impassioned letter to President Kennedy pleading for "understanding [for a] defenseless people."

Former Senator Julius Sprauve, a staunch supporter and enabler of the park's creation likely felt betrayed, especially since Laurance Rockefeller, who purchased and then donated the original acreage for the Park to be established in supposedly the most altruistic of intentions, was said to be matching the Park Service \$1.25 million to secure the in-holdings.

A great adherent of Virgin Islands National Park and Laurance's subsequent Caneel Bay Resort, Ethel gave Rockefeller the benefit of the doubt. It's been said that she thought he was not fully aware of what was transpiring and that it was being handled by people on his staff.

Petitioning Congress

In any event, she and Sen. Moorehead flew to D.C. and she allegedly threatened to ride a donkey up the steps of Capitol Hill to make the St. John cause be known. Wearing a characteristic big hat adorned with flowers, a determined Mrs. McCully managed to secure an audience with Representative John Lindsay and in no uncertain terms pleaded the case for Love City.

In short order Rockefeller's monetary offer was withdrawn, perhaps because of Lindsay's connection to Laurance's brother, Nelson, who had his eye on the upcoming presidential election and for whom by association the St. John actions could be hurtful. In large part due to Ethel's tenacious commitment to protect her new found community, key provisions of the bill were changed.

The condemnation of the in-holdings was removed but part of the original legislation to expand the Park by 5,600 acres of offshore marine habitats

was retained. This seems like a win-win situation, despite any underlying mistrust between the park and the people of St. John that may have resulted.

Meanwhile back on ever-growing and increasingly visited St. John, Ethel continued to gain notoriety for everything from her stand on burgeoning real estate developments to her beautiful gardens, the importing of peacocks (that were both ornamental and a food source), and of course the parties.

Though it has been said that not everyone particularly liked the eccentric Mrs. McCully all that much — some called her crazy — they all still came to her parties.

"Ethel's Dry Run" Wake

One of her most memorable fetes was the one she gave for herself so that she could be there for when she wasn't — after her death. "Ethel's Dry Run" as it became to be famously known was a rehearsal for her own wake. Held at Caneel Bay and well attended by family members and St. Johnians, it preceded the actual event by six years.

McCully died during the Christmas holidays at her beloved Island Fancy in 1980 at the age of 96 (or 94, depending on which accounts you read). Former Park historian, the late great Lito Valls, who knew Mrs. McCully well, said she passed away in her bath tub while preparing to go out to yet another social event.

In the end the grandkids did not get the house after all. It was willed to the National Park Service where it still serves as quite unique housing for park personnel. Ethel McCully was a small woman of only 100 pounds, but she was a giant of a person, a defining presence on St. John who will long live on.

For further reading:

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"Ethel McCully May 1884 - Dec 1980," by Sabra Erickson, 1981

"McCully Vignettes," by Ruth Low, 1981

"Dem Backtime St. John Dazes Aint So Old Me Son," by Cap'n Fatty Goodlander, in ALL AT SEA, 12/1/2011

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CRYPTOQUIP

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Today's Cryptoquip clue: I equals E

Enjoy Coffee Bar, Shuffle Board and Great Food at Cruz Bay Landing

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home-fries and toast, the vegetable-filled California omelette is a popular option but the Philly, with shaved ribeye, grilled peppers and onions and melted swiss, sounds tempting.

The normally fluffy buttermilk pancakes, served with a choice of breakfast meat, are available plain Jane, stuffed full of fresh blueberries and bananas or served with a brown sugar and cinnamon swirl.

Bennie choices, on toasted English muffin with hollandaise sauce and served with home-fries, include smoked ham, crispy crab cakes and wilted spinach and tomato.

Other breakfast favorites include the classic, with eggs, meat, home-fries and toast; the skillet, with eggs served over home-fries loaded with peppers, mushrooms, onions and cheese topped with guacamole; and the bagel and lox, served with cream cheese, capers, cucumbers, red onion and a hard-boiled egg.

Breakfast prices range from \$5 for a scrambled egg sandwich with American cheese and breakfast meat on an English muffin to \$16 for the steak and eggs served with an eight-ounce NY strip, home-fries, toast and house steak sauce.

After noon, dig into Hinder's lunch menu which features a variety of salads, sandwiches, ribs, rotis and more. Lunch appetizers, from \$9 to \$13, include a spinach and artichoke flatbread with grilled peppers and a white Parmesan cheese sauce; crab cake sliders served with a dill pickle, arugula and an Old Bay remoulade sauce; and crispy fried shrimp tossed with a sweet chili garlic sauce.

The loaded waffle fries with cheddar and jack cheeses, bacon bits, scallions and sour cream are difficult to resist as well. A flatbread and veggie dip plate with sweet potato hummus and cucumber tzatziki sauce and soft baked pretzel bites with honey mustard and cheese sauce round out the appetizer options.

Cruz Bay Landing offers three salads, \$10 to \$13, with the option to add grilled or blackened chicken, shrimp or mahi for an additional \$6 to \$7. The garden includes a variety of raw veggies, Goldfish cracker croutons and a

creamy basil peppercorn dressing. The standout summer harvest features a blend of arugula and frisee, watermelon slices and feta cheese with a luscious blueberry balsamic vinaigrette. The chopped salad is a romaine, frisee blend with smoked bacon, apples, blue cheese crumbles and a red wine vinaigrette.

Sandwiches, \$11 to \$14, are served with a pickle and a choice of waffle fries, macaroni and cheese, watermelon slice, Caribbean cole slaw or a quinoa and edamame tabbouleh. Choose from a burger, fish, jerked chicken or classic BLT or go for the decadent pretzel Philly featuring shaved ribeye, cheddar cheese, grilled peppers and onions and served on a toasted pretzel roll.

Rotis are a Caribbean favorite, yet remain difficult to find on St. John menus. Cruz Bay Landing serves them deconstructed with the roti shells on the side and offers a vegetarian — with chickpea and pumpkin — and chicken and sweet potato option. Rotis, \$14 and \$15, are served with greens, the curry spiced chicken or veggies, two roti shells and a side of mango chutney.

Lunch platters, \$14 and \$16, include a Baja fish taco plate available with fried or blackened fish, with shredded cabbage, pineapple salsa and chipotle vinaigrette and served with chips and guacamole. Or try the classic fish or shrimp and chips, featuring Virgin Islands beer battered mahi mahi or shrimp fried crispy and served over a pile of waffle fries with slaw on the side.

Cruz Bay Landing's St. Louis style ribs, rubbed and slow roasted, are already getting rave reviews. The ribs are finished on the grill with house BBQ sauce and served with waffle fries and slaw.

The ribs are also on the restaurant's dinner menu, which also features a pork porterhouse, a jerk roasted half-chicken and coriander crusted mahi mahi.

There are fantastic options at the bar as well. Two highlights on the cocktail menu, created by bartender extraordinaire Boo Bernhard, are the Swango, a frozen strawberry and mango colada concoction and the Summertime with watermelon vodka, ginger beer and fresh lime.

Be sure to stop by and dig into breakfast, lunch or dinner, or just grab a cocktail and play a few games of shuffle board and enjoy the tranquil park view at Cruz Bay Landing. And mark those calendars for Friday, January 17, when the Beatys are hosting the Cruz Bay Landing Grand Opening party. See you there!

Grab a seat at the bar at Cruz Bay Landing, at right, and enjoy breakfast, lunch or dinner.

St. John Tradewinds News
Photo by Jaime Elliott



Native Produce Available from Local Vendors In Town



Wesley Thomas, left, tends Caribbean Health Essentials stand owned by his wife his wife Annie Thomas and Thelma Lewis in front of Fred's in Cruz Bay. The partners offer local produce, far left, and natural foods from coconut oil to breadfruit, while Malta Jones offers an array of produce at her colorful stand in front of Connections, above, nearby.

St. John Tradewinds Business Directory

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Banking

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Located in downtown Cruz Bay
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Skinny Legs
"A Pretty OK Place"
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www.skinnylegs.com

Services

C4th Custom Embroidery
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Located in Coral Bay

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Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

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- Give the go-ahead to
- Occurrence
- Peter of films
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- The bulk of Turkey is in it
- It flows to the Dead Sea
- Form a conjecture
- diet (slimming)
- Thom — footwear
- Countrified
- Nuptial leader?
- Astronaut training complex
- "Feliz —!"
- -tat-tat
- Outer: Prefix
- Shown to be a fact
- Bank account amt.
- Christmas tree, often
- Haiti's Préval
- Lemonlike
- Reagan's attorney general Edwin
- Loy of old Hollywood
- Galilee native
- French suffix with jardin
- Darts skill
- Nozzle connectors
- Part of an Australian territory in the Indian Ocean
- Puccini specialties
- Potter or Klink: Abbr.
- "O" shape
- It's not an instinct
- Unshackles
- Gary's state: Abbr.

- Be overrun (with)
- Ilie of tennis
- Cheap cigar
- Buddhist monks
- In — (as first found)
- Actor Garcia
- Seat of Glades County, Florida
- Suffix with peril or vigor
- Helmsman under Capt. Kirk
- Lennon's widow
- Roof part
- First artificial satellite
- Capital south of the Yazoo
- -Magnon
- "At the — Core" (1976 sci-fi film)
- In — (stuck)
- Opponent
- Extend one's arm behind one
- 1954 Bogart film, with "The"
- Cover, as a nerve fiber
- Parts of 67-Across
- Male royal
- Event marking a turning point
- Secretive U.S. gp.
- Sowed

DOWN

- Spell-casting
- Loads
- Animated "explorer"
- -liver oil
- One way to serve pie
- Tendencies
- "The Ledge" actress Tyler

- Never-ending
- Shove
- "— la vista, baby!"
- Molded jelly
- See 68-Down
- Lobbying gp.
- Kiwi's kin
- 0, in soccer
- Unsuited
- University of — Dame
- Garson of Hollywood
- Finishes first
- Author Ayn
- Garden tool
- Hepcat's talk
- Took to the soapbox
- Cartoon pic
- Midterm, e.g.
- Too curious
- "Tell Me More" ailer
- Plural "is"
- Otto — Bismarck
- Bric-a- —
- Eye, to Henri
- Pre-bought
- Singer Halliwell
- Italy neighbor
- Disengaged, as an engine
- King of ancient Egypt
- Elbow's place
- Dwellers on ancient Crete
- "There — old saying ..."
- Nessie's home, e.g.
- PC undo key
- "Total patient care" practice
- Willing to try
- Jet boat brand
- Guess wrong, say
- Thomas — Edison

- Animation
- Airport monitor abbr.
- With 12-Down, bit of stage scenery
- Crème — crème
- Wally's sitcom bro
- One-named plus-size model
- Specific printings
- Soul singer Redding
- Fink (on)
- Basement flooding preventers
- Totally get, in slang
- Cravings
- Build — egg
- Italian wine town
- Wimpled one
- Livy's 551
- Hearty laugh
- "Yoo- —"
- Egg capsules
- Burst
- Rubbish barrel
- Regal title
- Banana Republic rival
- Sports venue
- Beach site
- O'er opposite
- Papier- —
- Peeved
- Souci or serif lead-in
- Stumble upon
- A single time
- Got a load of
- Fidel's cohort
- That gal
- Common coll. degrees
- "Give — rest"
- Tether

Answer to Jan. 12 Cryptoquip:

IF LAWMAN EARP WERE THE OWNER OF A CERTAIN CHAIN OF HOTELS, PEOPLE MIGHT GET ROOMS AT WYATT'S HYATTS.

N.J. Visitor Trades Her Hotel Room For Jail in Assault on VIPD Officer

St. John Tradewinds

A N.J. woman traded her hotel room for a jail cell after police said she pulled a V.I. Police Department officer's hair and scratched her face shortly after 2 a.m. on Thursday, January 9.

The blotter at the Leander Jurgen Command listed the arrest of Mehta Ritika at 2:15 a.m. on a charge of Aggravated Assault and Battery

V.I. Police Officer Kira Browne wrote in the probable cause fact sheet for the arrest of Ritika that she had responded to another officer's call for assistance with an intoxicated couple who were fighting near a bar in the center of Cruz Bay, according to a published report.

Browne wrote that Ritika had been fighting with her husband when officers arrived on the scene, less than 100 yards from the V.I.P.D. Leander Jurgen Command in Cruz Bay.

The couple began cursing at a taxi driver whom police had called to take the couple back to their hotel and the taxi driver refused to drive the couple, according to the report.

A third officer offered to drive the couple to the hotel, but ended up taking them to the Leander Jurgen Command nearby.

That officer was trying to get the couple out of the police vehicle when Off. Browne tried to assist, she wrote in the fact sheet.

Off. Browne wrote in the court document that Ritika then grabbed the caging inside the police vehicle before she grabbed Officer Browne's hair and shirt and scratched the police officer's face.

Ritika appeared Thursday, January 8, for her advice of rights hearing in V.I. Superior Court. There was no information available on bail or other conditions of Ritika's release.

Crime Stoppers — U.S.V.I.

St. John Tradewinds

Crime Stoppers is asking you to help law enforcement control crime in our community. If you know something, say something.

St. John: Within the past several weeks police on St. John have received reports that several spare tires from Jeeps have been stolen. These thefts occurred in the areas of Maho Bay, Hawknest, and Les Parence Trail on Center Line Road. Please help police identify and arrest the thieves.

St. Thomas: On Friday, December 27th at about 9:25 p.m., 51-year-old Alwyn Cornelius Samuel of Estate Nadir was walking home. As he arrived at his gate a masked, black male was exiting his yard. He rushed Mr. Samuel and a scuffle ensued. During the scuffle the victim was shot twice and died. The suspect then fled. Anyone with information regarding this shooting is asked to contact the Major Crime Unit at 340-642-8449 or, if you need to remain anonymous, Crime Stoppers USVI.

St. Croix: Shortly before midnight on Sunday, December 29th, a man was talking on his cell phone in the vicinity of Scotia Bank on King Street in Christiansted when he was attacked from behind and robbed by four males. Items stolen included his cell phone, keys, iPod and cash. The robbers then ran towards the north. There have been several robberies fitting this profile in the Christiansted area over the past few months. Law enforcement needs your help to identify and arrest these robbers. Let's make 2014 a safer year.

The above crimes could easily have happened to you. Please continue to work for the good of all. Tell us what you know about these, or any other crimes, at www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org or by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). You can also text "USVI" plus your message to CRIMES (274637). If your tip leads to an arrest or the recovery of stolen property, illegal drugs, or weapons, in addition to having made your home a safer place, you will receive a cash reward to be paid according to your instructions.

Police Log

Friday, January 3, 2014

7:11 a.m. – ADT called reporting an activated alarm at Lt. Governor's Office. Activated alarm.

11:31 a.m. – ADT called reporting an activated alarm at St. John Multi-Purpose Center. Activated alarm.

2:00 p.m. – A man called reporting a group of volleyball players creating a disturbance at Cinnamon Bay Campground. Police Assistance.

3:04 p.m. – L&L Jeep called to report damage to a vehicle in the area of Hawknest. Damage to Vehicle.

5:26 p.m. – A resident of Connecticut was present to report "that someone stole a spare tire from their rental jeep in the area of Centerline Road and L'Esperance trail." Grand Larceny.

7:00 p.m. – A citizen was present reporting possibility that a mother was driving intoxicated with her minor son in vehicle. Police Assistance.

7:20 p.m. – A citizen called to report hearing shots fired in the area of Skinny Legs in Coral Bay. Discharge of a Firearm (Unfounded).

10:07 p.m. – ADT called to report an activated alarm at Cinnamon Bay campgrounds. Activated Alarm.

10:34 p.m. – A citizen called to report disturbance in progress at 155 Estate Carolina, Coral Bay. Disturbance of the Peace (Unfounded).

Saturday, January 4

2:12 a.m. – ADT called to report an activated alarm at Cinnamon Bay campgrounds. Activated Alarm.

7:25 a.m. – D. Conrow called to report he fell and injured himself at #61 Chocolate Hole.

4:25 p.m. – Elizbet Holzknecht of Emmaus called to report that a dog bit her while she was walking. Dog Bite.

4:47 p.m. – Olivette Samuel called to report that she was involved in an auto collision in area of Ronnie's Pizza Place. Auto Collision.

4:55 p.m. – Stateside Security Systems called to report an activated alarm at Sapphire Breeze in Estate Bethany. Activated Alarm.

5:39 p.m. – A citizen called to report an auto collision in the area of Maho Bay East, North Shore. Auto Collision.

6:33 p.m. – An Estate Grunwald woman called to report a disturbance. Disturbance of the Peace (DV).

7:35 p.m. – An Estate Enighed man called reporting a disturbance at his residence. Landlord/Tenant.

Sunday, January 5

2:06 a.m. – ADT Security Systems called to report a sounding alarm at Cinnamon Bay Campground. Activated Alarm.

12:41 p.m. – ADT Security Systems called to report a sounding alarm at Estate Rendezvous 15-D-6-A Southside Road. Activated Alarm.

8:35 p.m. – A woman called to report that she was assaulted in the area of Candy's restaurant. Assault 3rd.

Monday, January 6

7:09 a.m. – ADT Security Systems called to report a sounding alarm at the Office of the Lt. Governor. Activated Alarm.

8:30 a.m. – An Estate Grunwald woman present reporting that her minor daughter is staying at her boyfriend's house. Police Assistance.

10:29 a.m. – An Estate Adrian man present reporting that a male threatened to kill him. Disturbance of the Peace (Threat).

11:15 a.m. – A Texas woman present reporting that she was assaulted by her boyfriend. Aggravated Assault. (DV).

5:24 p.m. – An Estate Enighed man called to report that he was involved in an auto collision. Auto Collision.

8:46 p.m. – An officer was present at Jurgen Command with Martin Encarnacion of Estate Enighed who was placed under arrest and charged with instigating or aiding in a fight. Bail was set at \$500 by order of the court. Instigating or Aiding a Fight.

Tuesday, January 7

5:40 a.m. – A woman called requesting police assistance with a male in the area of Calabash Boom. Police Assistance.

7:54 a.m. – A man called to report traveling to Cruz Bay with two individuals who were injured in a possible boat accident in the area of Newfound Bay. Accidental Injury.

10:37 a.m. – A man called to report suspicious activity taking place in the area of Hansen Bay, Coral Bay. Suspicious Activity.

10:57 a.m. – Gov. of V.I. called to report a possible third person involved in a possible boat accident in the area of Newfound Bay. Accidental Injury.

1:53 p.m. – A woman was present reporting she was bitten by a dog in the area of Fish Bay. Dog Bite.

3:43 p.m. – An officer of the VIPD was present with recovered narcotics.

4:15 p.m. – A woman of Power Boyd Plantation called to report that someone placed a trailer on her property. (Unfounded) Police Assistance.

5:47 p.m. – A woman of Estate Adrian present to report that she lost her wallet on Southside Road. Lost Property.

10:50 p.m. – An officer called to report that he came in contact with an

auto collision in area of the roundabout. Auto Collision.

Wednesday, January 8

8:15 a.m. – A woman of VIPD present reporting that she lost her wallet somewhere on St. Thomas. Lost Property.

9:06 a.m. – A man of Great Blue Water, St. John, present reporting that someone damaged his vehicle. Damage to a Vehicle.

9:26 a.m. – A woman of Oak Bluffs, Massachusetts, present to report that someone stole the spare tire off her rental car while it was parked at Crabby's Shack in Coral Bay. Grand Larceny.

10:23 a.m. – A woman of Merrimack, New Hampshire, present to report that someone stole the spare tire off her rental car while it was parked at BMV lot. Grand Larceny.

12:01 p.m. – A man of Dorchester, Massachusetts, present to report that his vehicle was involved in an auto collision. Auto Collision.

3:35 p.m. – A man present to report an auto collision in the area of Northshore Road. Auto Collision.

3:56 p.m. – A woman called to request police assistance with her boyfriend. Police Assistance.

4:00 p.m. – A man present to report an accidental injury in Estate Glucksberg. Accidental Injury.

4:18 p.m. – A woman called to report that a male threatened her in the area of the BMV parking lot. Disturbance of the Peace. Threats.

Thursday, January 9

1:11 a.m. – Employee of Castaway called reporting a disturbance. Police assistance.

1:57 a.m. – Man called reporting needing assistance with disturbance at Quiet Mon. Disturbance of the Peace.

2:15 a.m. – Officer present at Jurgen Command with Mehta Ritika under arrest. Aggravated Assault and Battery.

3:21 p.m. – Innovative employee called to report he got into an auto accident. Auto Collision.

6:26 p.m. – Person called to report that he was involved in an auto collision. Auto Collision.

9:59 p.m. – ADT called to report an activated alarm at Cruz Bay Creek. Activated Alarm.

Friday, January 10

1:10 a.m. – Officer called reporting an activated alarm at Internal Revenue Bureau.

3:41 a.m. – Citizen called to report a male fell down the stairs at Quiet Mon Pub.

7:16 a.m. – ADT security called to report an activated alarm at the Lt. Governor's office.

Classifieds

Employment

EXPERIENCED MAINTENANCE PERSON needed for busy real estate company. Some after-hours work. Car essential, references required. Email resume to info@stjohnproperties.com or call St. John Properties, 304-693-8485 for interview.

Community Calendar

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

Monday, January 13

— The first meeting of the St. John Youth Coalition is Monday, January 13, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. at Julius E. Sprauve School. Activities are just getting started and all agencies and individuals serving youth in St. John are invited to participate. Call Angela Coleman at 714-7076 for more information.

Tuesday, January 14

— The St. John Historical Society will explore the roots of the local Petrus family at its Tuesday, January 14, meeting at 7 p.m. at the Bethany Moravian Church. Leayle Robinson will discuss his book, "From Mary's Point to John's Folly — The Petrus Family Tree," and present a slideshow highlighting prominent family members and their connections and contributions to St. John history. Members and guests are warmly welcomed.

Saturday, January 18

— On Saturday, January 18, at 9:30 a.m., historian David Knight will lead a walk back in time to envision the landscape of the Little Cruz Bay plantation between the years of 1722 and 1765. Participants are asked to meet at the wall on Cruz Bay beach across from the entrance to Grande Bay at 9:30 a.m. The walk will not be strenuous, but all are advised to bring water and sun protection. To sign up, call SJHS President Lonnie Willis at 693-8590.

— 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.

— 17th Annual JESS Gala Set for Saturday, January 18 at Caneel Bay Resort.

Sunday, January 19

— The Friends of VI National Park's 2014 Annual Meeting will be at T'ree Lizards Restaurant at Cinnamon Bay Campground at 2 p.m. on Sunday, January 19. Congresswoman Donna M. Christiansen will be the keynote speaker. For more information call Joe Kessler at 779-4940.

Wednesday, January 22

— St. John Film society will screen "Fire in Babylon" on Wednesday, January 22, 2014 at Pickles in Paradise, Coral Bay at 7:30 p.m. There is a suggested donation of \$5.

Saturday, March 8

— The 28th Annual Giff Hill School Auction will be on Saturday, March 8, at Caneel Bay Resort. Call 776-1735 for more details.

Saturday, March 15

— The American Cancer Society will be hosting its first "Bark for Life" event in the territory at The Emmaus Moravian Church ballfield in Coral Bay, St. John. This event is a fundraiser, and proceeds will be used for cancer advocacy, prevention and education throughout the district. For more information, call 775-5737.

Employment

PROGRAM OFFICER POSITIONS, PART-TIME VIRGIN ISLANDS HUMANITIES COUNCIL TWO POSITIONS AVAILABLE, ONE FOR ST. CROIX AND ONE FOR ST. THOMAS-ST. JOHN APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED THROUGH JANUARY 15, 2014

The Virgin Islands Humanities Council (VIHC) is a private, non-profit organization supported primarily by public funds from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), an independent grant-making agency established by Congress in 1965 to support research, education, and public projects in the humanities.

The VIHC Program Officer is responsible for the administration of the Virgin Islands Humanities Council's grants, programs, events, and online resources that encourage critical thinking and conversation across social, economic, and cultural boundaries.

The Program Officer is responsible for development and implementation of Council- conducted humanities programs and partnerships under the leadership of the Executive Director. Through issuing grant contracts for programs that meet federal funding requirements, the Program Officer ensures that Virgin Islands Humanities Council runs a competitive, fair, and open grants program that is positioned to fulfill outreach objectives and program standards.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Ideal qualifications include a bachelor's, or preferably a master's degree, in a humanities discipline,
- an extensive literary background and excellent communications (both written and verbal) and research skills or a comparable combination of education and experience that meets the minimum requirements.
- Strongly desired: teaching and/or administrative experience in secondary schools; experience in organizing public programming. A thorough appreciation and understanding of the ways that a wide variety of audiences can participate in humanities programs.
- Must have following skills/experience:
 - Strong typing and grammatical skills
 - Microsoft Office including Word and Excel
 - Computer literate
 - Quickbooks

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Program Development
 - Conducting the VIHC's programs specifically, the Heath Award, The Daniel L. Heffel Award and the Humanist Award.
 - Identifying new program opportunities that align with the VIHC's mission and current priorities, making the Executive Director aware of these opportunities, and presenting them to the Program Planning and Evaluation Committee and Full Board as appropriate.
- Working with the Executive Director to identify program resources and sponsors.
- Developing new initiatives that address social challenges (i.e. community building, equality, literacy, education) through humanities-based public programs.
- Recommending program-related initiatives to the Program Planning and Evaluation (PPEC) and the Proposal Review and Assessment Committees (PRAC).
- Presenting and leading workshops to increase awareness about VIHC programs.
- Tracking current trends in humanities scholarship; staying abreast of innovative and effective methods of public programming (including digital initiatives);
- Interfacing with a wide range of individuals, including scholars, community leaders, educators, library and museum professionals, vendors, sponsors and members of the general public, including diverse audiences and underserved groups.

REPORTING:

- Researching, writing and preparing periodic compliance reports for VIHC programs and special projects.
- Developing outcome-based assessment tools, including audience surveys, to effectively evaluate programs and prepare final reports that reflect program outcomes and meet sponsor requirements.
- Tracking programs and grants in Council database.

COLLABORATION/PARTNERSHIP:

- Working collaboratively with VIHC staff.
- Partnering with other VIHC staff on marketing and promotion of programs.
- Coordinating with the Executive Director and Fiscal Officer to develop and manage program and annual budgets.
- Working with the Public Relations Committee to develop and implement effective publicity campaigns to ensure programs reach intended audiences.
- Working with partners to implement existing district and territorial humanities initiatives.
- Creating and maintaining a network of partner organizations, including extensive outreach into library, K-12, higher education, museum, history and cultural communities.
- Working directly with district/territorial public audiences and partner organizations (i.e. libraries, schools, museums, etc.) to reach intended audiences.
- Perform all other duties as assigned by the Executive Director

The Program Officer Positions include an annual salary of \$30,000.00, health and dental insurance, sick leave and paid vacations. Compensation is reviewed annually.

The VIHC provides equal employment opportunity to all applicants and employees without regard to race, color, religion, sex, marital status, national origin, age, handicap, or veteran's status, in accordance with applicable federal and state laws. This policy extends to all terms and conditions of employment, including equality of wages, recruitment, selection, hiring, placement, benefits, promotion, termination, leaves of absence, compensation, and training. Please send your resume and cover letter via email to info@vihumanities.org or via fax to 340- 774-3972 no later than January 31, 2014.

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The Organization

The **Virgin Islands Humanities Council** (VIHC) is a private, non-profit organization, established in 1982 to support humanities programs in the Virgin Islands and funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).

Governed by a thirteen-member volunteer board of trustees representing the islands of St. Croix, St. Thomas, St. John and Water Island, the VIHC makes public and private funds available to support programs in the humanities for the benefit of the diverse population of the Virgin Islands. VIHC operates a competitive community grants program and council-initiated and conducted programs, focusing on works central to an understanding of Virgin Islands history and cultural heritage.

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The VIHC Administrative Assistant will provide administrative and clerical support to the Council's Executive Director and staff to ensure an efficient and effective organization. This position will be based in the new VIHC office on St. Croix handling administrative duties for the territorial organization.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- a) High School Graduate minimum, two-year degree in Business Administration or Secretarial Sciences preferred
- b) Previous work experience as Administrative Assistant, Executive Assistant or Office Manager
- c) Must have following skills/experience;
 - a. Bookkeeping
 - b. Strong typing and grammatical skills
 - c. Microsoft Office including Word and Excel
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- a) Maintain financial records for record keeping and auditing purposes
- b) Maintain office files, both physical and electronic
- c) Schedule meetings
- d) Maintain VIHC calendar
- e) Daily bookkeeping tasks
- f) Accounts payable and receivable
- g) Assist staff with administrative tasks and duties
- h) Maintains supplies inventory
- i) Greet and assist visitors
- j) Answer phones and respond to inquiries
- k) Assist with organizing events
- l) Route and distribute incoming mail and email
- m) Answer routine letters and email

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SJSA Alumni Concert

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steel pan origins.

Next up was Savannah Lyons Anthony, only 19 and the Virgin Islands' 60th Anniversary Carnival Queen, now in her second year studying Literature and Dance at Bard College in New York. She began by describing how she had been studying dance as free form intellectual movement, with each form containing meaning just as do letters in the alphabet. With that, and in complete silence — with only the sound of Cruz Bay's night noises as an accompaniment — Anthony launched into a series of modern folding and unfolding dance moves and gestures that held the audience transfixed.

Evanna Chinnery, accompanied by pianist Luba Dolgopsky, followed with a stirring and powerful vocal performance of Ave Marie. Upon finishing, she told the audience that she picked that song because it was the very first song she had learned at SJSA. Chinnery then invited the audience to clap along with her next song and then concluded

with a heartfelt rendition of Adele's Someone Like You.

Jonte Samuel, an extremely talented saxophonist, then took the stage accompanied by his friend Tabari Lake on bass. After telling the audience it was a pleasure to be back at the school after so many years it was hard to count, he passionately brought to life a series of songs familiar to anyone who has been anywhere near St. John come carnival time.

Demonstrating her love of Broadway Musicals, Sage Buchalter, then poured her heart into two great classics, spanning 60 years, the first from "South Pacific" and the second from the thoroughly modern "In the Heights." Standing only a few feet away from a photograph of her performing in Linda Smith Palmer's classic "Coral Reef Musical" in the late-90s, Buchalter told the audience how she had studied pretty much every art offered in her 10 years at SJSA and described how the school had cultivated in her the dedication and ability to express herself.

Eric Provost, the brother of Victor Provost, and also a former Steel Unlimited II member next brought the spirit of Bob Marley onto the SJSA stage with his stirring vocals of

"Redemption Song." With accompanying guitar by Jaquelle Halle, they then segued into Trains' "Hey Soul Sister."

Finishing the evening was a virtual Inner Visions mini concert led by Grasshopper, starting with the song Mama Africa by special request. Along with Alvin "Jupiter" Pickering on bass and Akiba "Mr. Snooze" Pickering on keyboards, Grasshopper interspersed St. John's own classic version of reggae with storytelling, VH1 style, as he regaled the audience with tales such as how Mr. Snooze got his nickname - and how that allowed the band their almost supernatural touring schedule.

For Savannah Lyons Anthony, the evening was humbling, she explained.

"It was very humbling and centering to perform at the school that helped cultivate my passion in dance," said Anthony. "I felt nothing but love from the audience, and that reminded me of how blessed I am to be a part of the supportive and nurturing community of St. John."

To everyone there, performers and audience alike, it was an absolutely amazing evening, and hopefully just the first of many SJSA Alumni concerts to come in the future.

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