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Donna Is Running – For Something

St. John Tradewinds

There is something missing from Delegate to Congress Donna Christensen's early-season campaign signs which began sprouting up around St. Thomas in mid-February.

The signs don't mention what office the nine-term Delegate will be seeking.

While political circles are buzzing with speculation Del. Christensen will run for Governor to succeed two-term Gov. John P. deJongh, the Delegate was busy traveling the territory during a Congressional break.

After a meeting with supporters in Cruz Bay, St. John on Friday, February 7, Del. Christensen said pending congressional matters precluded her making an announcement on her next political campaign until March.

But that doesn't mean the Delegate is undecided. "I have made my decision," Del. Christensen told Tradewinds emphatically. "I will announce my decision in March."

Nevertheless, no matter which office Christensen chooses to seek, the signs will still be good.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Dr. Donna Christensen

Bus Service Not Running Monday

The Department of Public Works Commissioner Darryl A. Smalls informs the general public that VITRAN Fixed Route Bus Service will be suspended on all three islands on Monday, February 17, 2014 in observance of President's Day.

VITRAN will reopen on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 with the regular hours of operation.

The ADA Paratransit Service will operate as normal on all three islands. Contact the VITRAN Bus Terminal at (340) 774-5678 with any questions or concerns.

Next Audubon Meeting Set for Feb. 18

Frank Cummings of CORE will talk about "Mitigating the Invasive Lionfish" at the V.I. Audubon Society's next meeting on Tuesday, February 18, at 7 p.m., 2nd floor, Marketplace.

Public Meeting To Discuss Sustainable Design Report for Coral Bay Feb. 19

The Coral Bay Community Council (CBCC) will have a public meeting on Wednesday, February 19, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Sustainable Design Report for Coral Bay, St. John, and next steps for Coral Bay's future. The meeting will be at the Guy H. Benjamin School, Room 6, in Coral Bay.

This report is the product of the AIA Planning Workshop in May 2013, which brought together more than 140 residents, public officials and community leaders to create a vision for Coral Bay's future. The report can be downloaded at the AIA website <http://www.aia.org/about/initiatives/AIAS075425> or at www.CoralBay-CommunityCouncil.org.

Printed copies of the 58 page report are available at the CBCC office, Connections East and Keep Me Posted. To cover printing costs, leave a deposit of \$5. If you return the copy, you will get the deposit back.

For more details contact the Coral Bay Community Council office at 776-2099 or coralbaycommunitycouncil@hotmail.com.

Civil Rights Night at GHS on Feb. 26

The The National Honor Society will sponsor a Fight for Civil Rights Night on Wednesday, February 26, from 5:30 to 6 p.m. at Giff Hill School's Upper Campus atrium.

Patés, johnny cakes, drinks and cookies will be for sale. Performances by Giff Hill School students will be begin at 6 p.m. All proceeds to benefit GHS's sister school in Uganda, Namasagali Primary School.

Ten tickets (\$10 adults) or 5 tickets (\$5 students) to vote for the top 3 performances. Additional voting tickets will be available.

General Meeting for Veterans Feb. 26

There will be a general meeting for all veterans of the armed forces living on the island of St. John on Wednesday, February 26, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the office of the St. John Administrator located at the Battery in Cruz Bay. Veterans should bring documents and other veteran issues and concerns.

28th Annual GHS Auction March 8

Giff Hill School is pleased to announce the 28th Annual Giff Hill School Auction to be on Saturday, March 8, at Caneel Bay Resort. Please call 776-1735 for more information.



Couples Say "I Do" Again on Trunk Bay

Reverend Anne Marie Porter hosted the annual Vow Renewal Ceremony on Valentine's Day on Trunk Bay Beach last week, where couples took the time to express their love to each other all over again.

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Fourth graders from all three island schools wowed the crowd at SJSA's Hooray for Hollywood fundraiser event at Westin Resort and Villas. More photos on back cover and Red carpet photos on page 27.



Fourth Graders Dazzle at Hooray for Hollywood Event

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

An impressive roster of stars walked the red carpet at the St. John School of the Arts' major annual fundraiser, Broadway Comes to St. John, on Saturday evening, February 15, at the Westin Resort and Villas. Everyone from Charlie Chaplin to Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers came out to see the culmination of weeks of hard work by Love City fourth graders and the "Broadway Five," as they've become affectionately known on the island.

More than 100 residents, who dressed to the nines or donned costumes evocative of their favorite stars, came out to support the show.

"We support children everywhere on this island all the time," said Lonnie Willis as she and her husband Albert arrived at the red carpet. "The people from Broadway give their all, and we want to support them."

The fundraiser typically has brought in upwards of \$45,000 during each of the past four years for the arts school's scholarship fund, program expansion, and general operations, and SJSA Executive Director Kim Wild was hoping

this year would be the biggest yet. A final tally of how much was raised at the show was not available at press time.

"I'm feeling wonderful," said Wild prior to the show. "Everyone's excited."

SJSA board member Ronnie Lee, who conceived of the idea for the Broadway Comes to St. John fundraiser and who hosts the five Broadway stars in his home during their three weeks on island, was looking dapper dressed as Fred Astaire.

"We're excited to see all the stars here, but the real stars are the fourth grade students of St. John," said Lee. "Tonight is the culmination of months of hard work by the faculty and board, and three fantastic weeks that the children and their teachers have put in. Their focus and dedication have been amazing."

The students' three weeks of hard work paid off, as they dazzled a packed house with their show, "Hooray for Hollywood," in which fourth graders from each island school performed numbers from Hollywood classics.

Julius E. Sprauve School students sang Judy Garland's hit "Get Happy" from the 1950

film Summer Stock, while soloists from all three schools sang a sweet rendition of "Over the Rainbow" from 1939's Wizard of Oz. Gift Hill School students sang "Follow the Yellow Brick Road" as the beloved munchkins from the movie.

Dramatic performances captivated the audience, including an epic battle from the movie Star Wars, where JESS students emerged victorious over Darth Vader, and a passionate re-enactment of scenes from the movie Rocky by Guy Benjamin School fourth graders.

The island's students didn't miss a beat during their 22 numbers, evoking laughter, applause, and cheers from the audience.

"It takes all of us to do what we do," Wild said to the audience. "These children have been given a huge gift — the arts."

After three weeks of pouring their hearts and souls, time, energy, and effort into the SJSA fundraiser — for which they were not paid — the five Broadway stars pooled their funds and awarded an arts school scholarship to JESS student Sanijah Gris at the culmination of the evening's show.

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NJ Senator Strongly Criticizes VIPD on Malfetti Murder, Asks FBI To Assist

By Tom Oat
St. John Tradewinds

U.S. Sen. Robert Menendez, D-N.J., has strongly criticized the U.S. Virgin Islands Police Department and asked Federal Bureau of Investigation Director James B. Comey to provide assistance to the parents of James Malfetti III, a Scotch Plains, NJ, native who was found stabbed to death on St. John on January 19.

The man's parents claim U.S. Virgin Islands law enforcement failed to perform a meaningful investigation into the death of their son, according to a letter from Sen. Menendez to the FBI's Comey.

"In investigating the murder, Jim's parents state that the police discarded forensic evidence, failed to collect potentially crucial evidence, incorrectly stated the date of death on the death certificate, misstated facts to the parents, and failed to check for fingerprints," Sen. Menendez wrote the FBI. "Even after over two weeks, the police have told the parents that they have not begun to trace the stolen cell phone."

VIPD Response "Completely Unacceptable"

"This police response seems completely unacceptable," Sen. Menendez wrote. "If my constituents' reports are true, the investigation raises serious professionalism concerns for the police force, and it raises serious safety concerns related to the USVI."

After Sen. Menendez's letter was released on Tuesday, February 12, VIPD Commissioner Rodney Querrard said

"My constituents...repeatedly called... police for updates...but were rebuffed and told that if they continue to call their case will be moved to the 'bottom of the pile.'"

that local FBI agents are assisting with the VIPD investigation.

"We will continue to work all angles of this case until we identify the perpetrator(s) who fatally stabbed Mr. Malfetti on St. John," Comm. Querrard said in his press statement.

Malfetti had been living in the Virgin Islands for about a year and was staying in a small guest house on the property for the past two months, according to the letter Menendez sent to FBI Director Comey. On January 18, thieves allegedly broke into the main house and the guest house Malfetti was renting, according to the press release from Menendez.

Malfetti was stabbed in the neck and robbed of his money, cellphone, flat-screen television and car, according to the letter.

Menendez's letter to the FBI states that the robbery of the main estate was reported Jan. 18, but police failed to check the entire property and missed the second break-in, even though the guest house is nearby and both homes share a driveway. Malfetti's body was discovered a day later by his landlord, according to Tradewinds sources.

James and Rosemary Malfetti, the parents of James Mal-

fetti III, said they found out about their son's death from a third party, not police or the landlord, according to the letter from Sen. Menendez.

"My constituents also repeatedly called the local police for updates into the investigation, but were rebuffed and told that if they continue to call their case will be moved to the 'bottom of the pile,'" the senator wrote.

"Hostile, Uninterested Law Enforcement"

"After the unthinkable death of their son, the last thing any parent needs is a hostile and uninterested law-enforcement response," the senator wrote. "I am deeply troubled by reports that the police treated a grieving mother and father as a nuisance to be ignored."

"Law-enforcement officers cannot promise a successful investigation, but the family deserves a competent investigation" Sen. Menendez continued. "That is why I asked that federal resources be used to supplement this investigation, so these parents can get the justice they deserve."

Malfetti graduated from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School in 1991 and Clemson University in 1995. In 2004, he founded Brandywine Data Management, a company specializing in SAP archiving consulting work, according to his obituary.

St. John friends of Malfetti attended a memorial service at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church in Cruz Bay on Friday, January 24, before Malfetti's parents returned to New Jersey with his body. Funeral services for Malfetti were Saturday, February 8, in Fanwood, NJ.

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Private Investigator Examines Possible Mistaken Identity in Malfetti Murder

By Tom Oat
St. John Tradewinds

The private investigator working for the parent's of a New Jersey man who was found stabbed to death in his apartment on the grounds of a south shore luxury home on January 19 has tracked down the former tenant of the apartment who claims he may have been the intended target of the fatal attack.

But the investigator, (William) Todd Phoenix, of St. Petersburg, Florida, isn't sure the V.I. Police Department know about the possible case of mistaken identity which could have led to Malfetti's murder or that the young man who was the intended target of the fatal attack was still on island — or if the police want to know.

"We attempted to meet with VIPD and the Commissioner," Phoenix told *Tradewinds*. "We were told that they would not share any information on an open investigation."

"We have since had telephone conversations with Sgt. (Diana) Martinez (the lead detective in the VIPD's Malfetti investigation) and had the same response," the private investigator said. "Based on that information, I do not know their level of awareness of the situation."

Similarities to Cockayne Murder

The "situation" involves a young man working at an island resort who says he was the intended target of the attack for pressing the prosecution of a man for assaulting him in Cruz Bay, according to Phoenix.

The private investigator named the former tenant without hesitation, although he did not say whether he had talked with the young stateside man who was still working at one of the island's resorts three weeks after the murder.

A *Tradewinds* source said the VIPD investigators have not been able to locate the man who was charged in that criminal case.

"As far as his testimony, it was related to a battery that occurred in town (Cruz Bay) in which he was the victim," said Phoenix, who also worked for the family of Jamie Cockayne, a young Pennsylvania man who was stabbed to death in Cruz Bay in June 2007.

The Cockayne murder attracted international media attention for the way the V.I. Police Department responded to the Cockayne family and was reported on by Anderson Cooper of CNN.

Cockayne, a short term visitor to the island, died in Cruz Bay when he bled to death from a knife wound suffered in an assault by several young island men in the continuation of a bar argument.

Phoenix spent almost a week on St. John investigating the Malfetti case and confirmed much of the information which had already been provided to *Tradewinds* by sources and added a few more details to the police report filed by the owners of the residence on the morning of January 18.

"The burglary (to the main residence) occurred between the hours of 11:00 p.m. Friday night (January 17) and the time they awoke and reported it Saturday morning (at 8:15 a.m. January 18)," Phoenix told *Tradewinds*. "(The owner) reported the burglary to their residence. They were home at the time the burglary occurred."

"His car and Jimmy were discovered on the 19th," Phoenix said of Malfetti. "Their caretaker discovered Jimmy Sunday morning."

"There is no evidence to support that the homicide did not occur during the same time frame as the burglary to the home," Phoenix continued.

"Jimmy Malfetti's car was located on Rendezvous the same day his body was found, January 19," the private investigator confirmed.

"No Comment" on Victim's Wounds

Phoenix would not comment on a report to *Tradewinds* that Malfetti's throat had been slit. Police reports have said the man suffered "puncture wounds" to his neck.

"I can't comment on," Phoenix told *Tradewinds*.

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Police Commissioner Responds to Criticism of VIPD's Investigation of Malfetti Murder

By Tom Oat
St. John Tradewinds

An active police investigation continues into the stabbing death of James Malfetti III, 41, on St. John sometime before his body was discovered on January 19 as well as other homicides in the Territory, but no "sensitive" information would be released while the investigation was underway, according to V.I. Police Commissioner Rodney F. Querrard.

"We will continue to work all angles of this case until we identify the perpetrator(s) who fatally stabbed Mr. Malfetti on St. John," Comm. Querrard said in a press statement February 12 in response to criticism of the VIPD investigation into the death of Malfetti.

"This case is an active investigation and we will continue the process of investigating the unfortunate death of James Malfetti until we can file a criminal complaint and effectuate an arrest in the case," the Commissioner said in a prepared statement. "A criminal investigation is a process and in some instances the process takes time to yield results."

"The VIPD team has taken all necessary steps from the day the victim was found to process the evidence at the crime scene, determine that the case was a homicidal death and begin the process of securing statements from poten-

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Lawyers in Class Action Wood Lawsuit Focusing on Major Manufacturer

By Tom Oat
St. John Tradewinds

A team of U.S. Virgin Islands and stateside lawyers are chasing a major U.S. lumber company in a class action U.S. District Court lawsuit over the sale of “inadequately treated” lumber in the U.S. Virgin Islands which has left scores of homes and structures susceptible to wood fungi, termites or other organisms.

Great Southern Lumber of Atlanta, Georgia, is the only defendant in the second amended com-

plaint in the lawsuit, according to Atty. Lee Rohn of the Rohn Law Firm on St. Croix and St. Thomas.

Local counsel has managed to mediate local clients out of the lawsuit, but that doesn’t mean the class action lawsuit – complete with stateside counsel specializing in class action lawsuits – is any easier to explain to potential plaintiffs.

“Lumber inadequately treated to resist insects, moisture and fungi was sold by Paradise Lumber on St. John and MSI and pos-

sible other retailers on St. Thomas in the years following January 1, 2004, according to a lawsuit,” the ad in the February 2, 2014, edition of *Tradewinds* read.

“This lawsuit, filed by local counsel Lee Rohn of St. Croix, who is working with the Washington, D.C., based national consumer law firm of Cuneo, Gilbert & LaDuca, LLP, claims that Great Southern knew the wood was substandard and dumped it in Caribbean markets to escape stateside accountability,” the ad continued.

“Paradise and MSI Not Defendants”

“Paradise and MSI are not defendants,” Atty. Rohn told *Tradewinds* on Thursday, February 6. “In this class action they are not defendants; Great Southern is the only defendant. We haven’t dropped any defendants. We never sued Paradise Lumber.”

“The actual party responsible for the substandard wood is Great Southern Wood Preserving Inc., based in Atlanta,” the ad in *Tradewinds* continued.

“Our case is primarily against Great Southern because they are the one’s that failed to properly treat the wood and they knew they were sending out defective wood,” Atty. Rohn subsequently reiterated in an interview with *Tradewinds*.

The Rohn Firm moved to file a class action lawsuit “to protect anyone” who may have been affected by the inadequately treated lumber, the attorney explained.

“All the plaintiffs wanted to do was protect their neighbors,” Atty. Rohn said.

“The defendant, Great Southern, have said they would fight a class action, which could stall the case,” Atty. Rohn acknowledged. “We are going to try to find every single person affected and give them the opportunity to join the lawsuit – a mass tort suit.”

“We have been contacted by about 30 people,” Atty. Rohn said of her firm’s efforts to enlist more plaintiffs – even if they had previously signed a release of their claim.

“A release is not enforceable if it is obtained under fraud,” Atty. Rohn explained. “They (Great Southern) knew the wood was defective.”

(The firm’s ad in *Tradewinds* read: “Thus far about 40 St. John residents have joined a suit seeking damages in federal court against Great Southern.”)

Closed Mediation Session in January

Lawyers representing the multiple potential parties and island residents already involved in the legal action met in a closed mediation session at the Westin Resort over several days in January – before the Rohn firm’s advertisement was published seeking other po-

tential clients who could join the class action.

“Victims (known as ‘plaintiffs’) are entitled to recover damages beyond the cost of replacement lumber,” the Rohn ad continued. “Among those damages are labor costs to remove, replace and dispose of the defective wood, replacement and installation of any other materials damaged by the wood, and compensation for diminished property values and suffering and mental anguish.”

“A forensic wood technologist identified several problems with the defective wood including inadequate penetration depth and incorrect ratios of chemicals used to treat the wood,” the Rohn ad explained. “The wood does not meet the standards of the American Wood Protection Association (AWPA) or the International Code Council Evaluation Service (ICC-ES).”

Island Expert Shut Out of Mediation

Ironically, the only AWPA member in the Caribbean, long-time St. John resident Todd Roskin of St. John Solutions pest control, wasn’t allowed to attend the closed mediation session in January.

Roskin said flyers he left outside the meeting room appeared to have been removed during the mediation, so he also paid to insert the flyer in the on-island and off-island circulation of *St. John Tradewinds* to reach island property owners with the professional information about treatment for wood used in construction in the Caribbean environment.

“The expected life of properly treated wood should be 30 years or more, with numerous companies offering lifetime warranties,” according to the Rohn Law Firm ad in *Tradewinds*.

“The substandard wood sold in our islands, however, can fail as early as two-to-three years because it cannot resist wood fungi, termites or other organisms,” the ad continued. “Degradation of inadequately treated wood can spread to adjacent wood products and threaten the entire structure and electrical, plumbing and gutter systems.”

Roskin agreed, but the wood
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Chess In the Park Hoping To Spark Love of the Game

By Judi Shimel
St. John Tradewinds

A few years ago the pocket park across the street from the Loredon Boynes Ferry Dock in Cruz Bay took on a new appearance. Last week the park, with its parquet brickwork, brick bordered trees and low stone walls got another taseful touch.

Two chekered gameboards with bench style tables were added to the park, courtesy of VI First Lady Cecile de Jongh and a non-profit group that helps the youth.

Mrs. deJongh came to admire the new installation Wednesday, February 12, accompanied by St. John Adminitrator Leona Smith and students from Gifft Hill School and the Julius E. Sprauve School Interact Club.

The first lady called the initiative Chess in the Park. It's designed to encourage students to learn more about the centuries old Persian strategy game.

The idea came to her during a visit to New York, the V.I. First Lady explained.

"I was in Central Park and I was walking through, I saw the chess tables, people playing chess and having a good time," she said.

Upon her return to the territory, the first lady began thinking Virgin Islands parks would also be a good setting for chess enthusiasts.

With help from donors, who



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Judi Shimel

Gifft Hill School students Maysonne Attika, 16, and Kayden Richards, 15, enjoy an afternoon chess game and mild weather in Franklin Powell Sr. Park on Wednesday, February 12.

raised \$5,000 and helping hands from My Brother's Workshop, the tables were made.

Led by Scott Bradley, My Brother's Workshop is well regarded among some disenfranchised young men and boys. Bradley gives them a chance to learn

building trades and carpentry and along the way, self-worth.

VI parks already set the scene for domino table games, something that can be seen almost daily in Franklin Powell park. Several members of the Interact Club said they played dominoes but were

just being introduced to chess.

Classmate Lion'Ess Bruce, 13, showed them how. She said she learned by playing with her brother at home. Although he is a better player, she explained, occasionally she beats him.

"I like chess very much be-

cause its a nice challenge, and its interesting to see who's going to win," Bruce said.

Chess is part of the school curriculum in several nations worldwide, including China, Brazil, Venezuela, Russia and Greece. According to a website promoting the benefits of teaching chess to children, the game shows children how to use planning, patience, discipline and confidence.

Sixteen-year-old Maysonne Attika, a tenth grader at GHS, said he used to play in the territory's World Chess Federation. Taking a seat at the board in the park with a friend, Kayden Richards, Attika said he was glad for a chance to play.

"I haven't been playing for a while but it's still fun," he said.

Chess benches are also being set up in Roosevelt Park on St. Thomas, across the street from the Department of Education; in Emancipation Garden and on St. Croix at Limpricht Park in Christainsted.

Mrs. deJongh said she's hopeful students on St. John and St. Thomas will use the new facilities to grow a passion for the game.

Resident Ronnie Jones said he used to teach students in Cruz Bay when his son attended JESS. He encouraged residents with an interest in the game to make time for students willing to learn.



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ABOVE LEFT: This early 1900 photo shows traditional architecture on St. Croix at the time, including the arched cistern at right, and gingerbread detail on the home. **ABOVE CENTER:** Children at the John Lindquist-owned home at America Hill. **ABOVE RIGHT:** The view of undeveloped Peter Bay from America Hill (what is now the Cinnamon Bay archaeology building is visible).

Early 1900s Photographs Provide Window Into Life in V.I. Under Danish Rule

By **Andrea Milam**
St. John Tradewinds

A nearly full house was treated to rare images of life in the Virgin Islands in approximately 1910 at the St. John Historical Society's Tuesday, February 11, meeting at the Bethany Moravian Church.

The photos were presented by SJHS board member Eleanor Gibney, who recently acquired the two leather-bound volumes of approximately 100 photographs.

"All my life I've loved looking at old photos of the Virgin Islands to see what things have changed and what things haven't changed," said Gibney.

Although not much is known about the collection, Gibney surmised that the images were all taken by the same photographer with the intent of documenting the economic conditions of the islands. In 1910, an attempted sale of the Danish West Indies to the U.S. had just fallen through, and Denmark was exploring the idea of putting in more infrastructure in an effort to turn things

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— Eleanor Gibney

around in the islands.

Gibney's presentation began with photos taken aboard the 310-foot-long SS *St. Croix*, the steamship that brought the photographer and several others to the Virgin Islands on this particular journey. Each of the three islands was documented, with the majority of the photos representing St. Croix.

In addition to photos of St. Croix's rolling landscape and vistas that are still recognizable today, the images depict the essence of life in the V.I. in the early 1900s. Gibney

shared photographs of men working in a yard in Frederiksted, a large group of people walking to church, and an inkberry tree — the traditional Christmas tree of the Virgin Islands — decorated for the holidays inside a private residence.

Several photos of cotton plantations were presented, including plantation owners checking out their crops and women in long sleeves, long skirts, and head scarves working with harvested cotton inside a plantation building.

"Cotton was in heavy production when these photos were taken," said Gibney. "On St. Croix, cotton was as economically important as sugarcane."

In one of the images, a gentleman sits on a rocking chair — "ubiquitous during that time," explained Gibney — on a balcony lined with potted plants, while photos of residences capture traditional architecture of the time including arched cisterns and gingerbread detail.

"St. Croix had wealth, unlike St. John,"

said Gibney.

The few photos of St. John depicted the home at America Hill — "one of the few places you could stay overnight," said Gibney — along with views from America Hill of Maho Bay to the east and an undeveloped Peter Bay to the west. An image of Hurricane Hole showed extensive pasture where cows had grazed, and the 1910 photographer captured a breathtaking view looking from Bordeaux Mountain toward the island's East End.

Photos of St. Thomas depicted a working coaling station at Hassel Island, warehouses — each with their own wharf — lining the waterfront at Charlotte Amalie, and aspects of everyday life including men making a fish trap from vine and a woman washing laundry at the shore.

"It's a really, really valuable collection," Gibney said of the photos, which she plans to donate to the SJHS archive once the society constructs its planned permanent home at Giff Hill.

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Boyd-Richards Wants Support for Meeting with DPNR Commissioner on Land Dispute

By Tom Oat
St. John Tradewinds

Dr. Monica Boyd Richards has been called to a meeting on Tuesday, February 18, with Commissioner Alicia Barnes of the V.I. Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR) to discuss her stand-off with the developers of the South Shore Road gas station over encroachment on her family land handed down from her late father Edward "Power" Boyd.

Dr. Richards, an attorney and retired U.S. Army officer, was told she could bring whomever she wants to the meeting and she wants to bring her minister and Tradewinds.

An attorney and retired U.S. Army officer, Dr. Richards is a daughter of the late Edward "Power" Boyd, who left his heirs major land holdings in the valley overlooking Great Cruz Bay and what is now the Westin Resort.

Years-long Battle Over Family Property

Throughout its extended construction, Dr. Richards has complained to government officials that the gas station and adjacent commercial development on the north side of South shore Road on the steep hill from the Westin Resort to the top of Jacob's Ladder are on her family's land and the project should never have been approved by officials of the DPNR.

While Dr. Richards said the developer of the gas station complex offered compensation for encroaching on Boyd family property, Dr. Richards has consistently said the entire project is on her family's property and the property is not for sale at any price.

Judge Validates Claim in Recusal

In a story in the February 10 issue of Tradewinds, Dr. Richards cited an order of recusal by Judge Kathleen Mackay. Judge Mackay recused herself from hearing Dr. Richard's case and asked that the court clerk assign the legal action Richards has filed against the developer of the gas station to another judge.

The legal action, Monica Boyd-Richard vs. No.

481-1 Chocolate Hole Realty LLC and Nadal Salem Race Track Gas is now awaiting reassignment to another judge.

Judge Mackay, who had probated the estate of Richard's late father, wrote in the order removing herself from Dr. Richard's case and asking the court to assign the case to another judge that her previous involvement in probating the Estate of Edward Boyd necessitated the reassignment.

Judge Mackay, however, did provide Atty. Richards with some additional legal validation of her claim of ownership of the parcel involved in her legal action against the development which abuts her family property, an Action for a Temporary Restraining Order, Injunctive Relief, Declaratory Judgment and Damages, Reversion Trespass and Damages, Civil No. ST-13-INJ-0000001.

"...the undersigned hereby RECUSES herself from the... matter to avoid the appearance of impropriety as while in private practice she probated the Estates of Edward Power Boyd and Sara Boyd from which remainder Parcel No. 1 (a/k/a Parcel No. 1-W) Estate Bethany, St. John, Virgin Islands, was distributed to Monica Boyd Richards and others..." Judge Mackay wrote in her recusal order.

Judge Identifies Property as Probated

"... the aforesaid parcel appears to be the precise parcel that Monica Boyd-Richards asserts is being damaged by the Defendants," Judge Mackay wrote in the order recusing herself.

"Therefore, (the undersigned) returns same to the Clerk of the Court for re-assignment," Judge Mackay wrote in her November 22, 2013, Order. The case has yet to be reassigned to another judge.

DPNR officials apparently will try to address their role in the situation before getting further involved in Dr. Richards' legal action.

Tradewinds has told Dr. Richards a reporter will attend the meeting — if allowed by DPNR officials.

Eos Dwarfs Silver Cloud in Round Bay



One of the largest sailing vessels in the world, the 300-foot "Eos," left, was spotted moored in the Round Bay area of Coral Bay last week. The three-masted Bermuda rigged schooner dwarfed Coral Bay's tall ship "Silver Cloud," seen at left sailing past the Barry Diller-owned "Eos."

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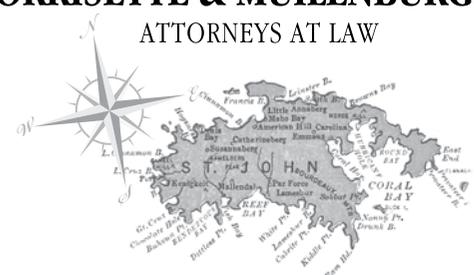
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Members Andi Vachart, Lloyd Prince, and Preston Pollock at the Coral Bay Open.



To The Rescue

by Bob Malacarne, NR-EMT, ASHI, NAEMT

Elections Set for March 6 Meeting

St. John Tradewinds

Greetings to all our friends and neighbors. St. John Rescue held nominations for elective office at our February 6 meeting.

The elections will be held at our March 6 meeting. Officers will be elected to the following positions: president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, chief, training officer, member at large. We hope to engage our younger members in the administrative activities of ST. John Rescue.

We are still searching for members of the community who can assist us with the day to day operations of St. John Rescue. Building and vehicle maintenance, radio dispatching and services, and administrative work. You would not be required to answer emergency calls and you could set your own hours. Please consider helping out your volunteer emergency medical agency so the responding members can spend more time training.

The Coral Bay Open golf tournament was a super success. The support we received from our friends and neighbors exceeded all expectations. We had a great time and the funds we received from the benefit are sorely needed for us to maintain our building, equipment, and to support our training schedule.

We have several more advanced training sessions set for April and May. These training sessions are invaluable but costly. Every donation we receive goes

JANUARY

During the month of January we responded to the following calls for assistance:

- **Jan 9:** motor vehicle crash Adrian no injuries
- **Jan 13:** Patient Transport Coral Bay
- **Jan 14:** DOA service Catherineberg
- **Jan 26:** Marine Rescue no injuries
- **Jan 31:** Patient Transport from Myrah Keating Smith Center

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We now have agreements with Myrah Keating Smith Center and National Park Service for filling their oxygen tanks for free. This service saves the taxpayer money. Previously agencies had to send tanks to St. Thomas or St. Croix for filling. The cost was high because of the transport costs.

However, VI EMS has yet to sign the agreement. It seems that the administrators at VIEMS would rather use taxpayer dollars for filling their oxygen tanks rather than having St. John Rescue fill them for free. In addition, St. John Rescue has been trying to get a signed agreement with the Department of Justice for responding to DOA calls on St. John.

After eight years of trying to get someone in the DOJ to prepare and sign an agreement we still have no such agreement. Another example of government at work.

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Giff Hill School's 28th Annual Auction Set for March 8 at Caneel Bay Resort

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

One of the island's most hotly-anticipated fundraising events of the year is drawing near, and promises to be a night to remember.

The 28th Annual Giff Hill School Auction is Saturday, March 8, at 5:30 p.m. and while this year's event is in a new venue, residents can expect the same exciting opportunities to support the St. John private school's scholarship fund.

"This is the first time in many, many years that we're having the auction at Caneel Bay Resort," said Molly Murrill, GHS' assistant to the development director.

With renovations planned for the school's usual auction home at the Westin Resort and Villas conference rooms, Caneel Bay officials stepped in to offer their facilities, explained Murrill.

"Everyone at Caneel has been great and everyone at the Westin is being just as helpful as always to help us make the event a success," she said.

While GHS looks forward to returning the auction to the Westin next year, the event's new site offers long-time organizers an exciting change.

"We're excited for the new venue," said Murrill. "We'll be down at the beach terrace and we'll definitely use the pretty breeze-way area as well."

Back for the fifth year in row is professional auctioneer husband and wife team Darron and Hope Meares of Bowtie Benefit Auction who will lead the entertaining live auction portion of the night.

"Our auctioneer team is returning again this year from South Carolina and volunteering their services," Murrill said. "They love doing this event and they love coming to St. John. They really believe in what we're doing and we're so excited to have them back."

Guests will enjoy a cocktail reception and silent auction kicking off at 5:30 p.m. with the chance to bid on a variety of items and peruse work by this year's featured artists. Don't miss the chance to bid on artwork by painter Lucy Portluck, sculptor, jeweler and automata creator Kim Nogueira, ceramicist

Kaye Thomas, geo-kinetic sculptor Larry Lipsky and print-maker Carson Tredgett.

Silent auction items available for bid range from gift certificates to local restaurants and shops to jewelry, boat trips and more.

Before dinner and the live auction get under way, at 7:30 and 8 p.m. respectively, guests will have the opportunity to support the school in several fun games.

The GHS Auction will feature the popular "Golden Ticket" raffle again this year, Murrill explained.

"We will again be offering our \$100 Golden Tickets and we will release the list of prizes this week," she said. "This is the first thing that happens during the live auction and the winner gets to choose from any of the prizes on our list, which includes most of the live auction items. And you don't have to be present to win."

There will only be 200 Golden Tickets sold and the prize list promises to include luxurious vacation packages. Keep an eye out in the coming weeks for GHS students and faculty selling Golden Tickets at The Marketplace, Murrill added.

There will also be a special jewelry raffle at the event, Murrill explained.

"We're going to do the jewelry raffle again this year with a beautiful sapphire bracelet from R&I Patton," she said. "The tickets for that are \$25 each and you get a glass of fine wine, champagne or a speciality cocktail made by one of our fabulous teacher/bartenders. That happens during the live auction and you do have to be present to win."

The Wall of Wine game will be featured at the auction again this year as well. In order to get in the game, guests must first buy a \$50 blinkie light. Then later in the evening Darron Meares leads the Heads and Tails game, where players must make the call by placing their hands on their heads or their bums.

Players who guess wrong must sit down until eventually only one person is left standing, and taking home a wine collection to be envied by any oenophile.

Sure be a new hit this year is a photo booth courtesy of photographer Savannah Loftus where guests can mug for the camera with a variety of props.

Renowned local videographer Steve Simonsen is busy wrapping up his always poignant GHS video presentation, Murrill added.

And of course the live auction itself will feature exciting travel packages ranging from an African Safari to a week in idyllic Maine. GHS supporters who can't make it to the event can get online and bid on the live auction items and even outright purchase a few, Murrill explained.

"We have a lot of trips lined up already for the live auction from a cruise to the African trip, several Westin and Sheraton stays and boat trips," said the GHS assistant to the development director.

Some of the exciting sports packages and special event trips often featured in the live auction are lined up as well, Murrill added.

"We have a trip to the World Cup in Brazil and a trip to the practice round of The Masters," she said. "We also have a trip to the Telluride Film Festival and a weekend in New York City with Broadway show tickets and tickets to a Yankees game."

And the fun won't end when the last bid package is won. Motu will host the GHS Auction After Party which will feature DJ Top Notch, plenty of dancing and fabulous drinks.

While there are many exciting happenings planned for the 28th Annual GHS Auction, it's important to remember how vital the funds are to the school, Murrill explained.

"We have a wonderful group of 170 students in pre-K through 12th grade and all the proceeds we raise at the auction support the scholarship fund which benefits the entire student body" said Murrill.

Tickets to the auction are \$150 each or buy a 10 seat table for \$1,250. Tickets are available online at www.giffthillschool.org/ auction, or call the school at (340) 776-1735. Also online, check out the packages already available for bid and to purchase.

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Jim and Sarah Swan's new IC-24 "Kate," chases the 82-foot "Aiyana," above. Spinnakers deployed three IC-24s, "MT," "All In," and "BoatDrinks," vie for an edge as they pass Mingo Cay, right.



Flying Circus and Desperado Win Island Hopper Regatta

St. John Tradewinds

The St. John Yacht Club's Island Hopper regatta last week featured an 82-foot entry, a demasting, a protest (upheld) and strong competition among the nine entrants.

Starting from Two Brothers off Cruz Bay in 10 to 15 knot East winds, the spinnaker and non-spinnaker the racers encountered shifting winds as they raced toward Henley Cay causing the field to spread out as skippers sought advantage. The spinnaker boats were closely matched on the downwind spinnaker leg. As the wind shifted to southeast and dropped off to 8 to 10 knots, the race committee shortened the course from the original 17.5 miles to 13.5 miles.

The tacking duels as the boats sailed from Coki Point up past Grass, Mingo and Lovango Cays were impressive. At

one point the 82-foot *Aiyana* with Pete Core at the helm had to give way to Chuck Pessler's IC-24, *Desperado* only to see *Desperado* give way to *Aiyana* moments later. All of the racers were challenged by continuously changing winds.

As the committee boat was monitoring the finish off Gallows Point a distress call came in from Sarah and Jim Swan's *Kate* which had just suffered a demasting. The committee boat assisted lifting the mast out of the water and towed *Kate* back to Cruz Bay.

Aiyana was the first to finish in a time of 3 hours 22 minutes. The non-spinnaker class was however won by Neil Newhart's *Flying Circus* on the basis of adjusted time. The spinnaker class first place was decided when *Desperado*'s protest was upheld. The top finisher's by class were:

SPINNAKER (TIMES ARE ADJUSTED)

1. *Desperado* - 3:13
2. *All In* - 3:22
3. *MT* -3:25

NON-SPINNAKER

1. *Flying Circus* - 3:54
2. *Aiyana* - 4:04

The after race awards ceremony was hosted at the Banana Deck where tales of the days racing were recounted by the boisterous participants.

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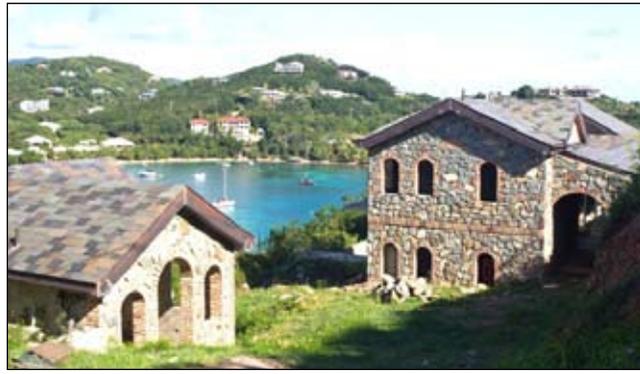
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By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Looking for a charming, move-in ready villa which boasts breath-taking views as well as a not-yet-completed, but already stunning dream home to finish yourself?

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Both houses are being sold for \$3.5 million, explained Islandia Real Estate broker/owner Merry Nash.

"These two houses are on one lot and are being offered at one price," Nash said.

The homes are located on a 0.68-acre parcel in Estate Chocolate Hole, featuring tropical flora like brightly colored bougainvillea and more on the lush property. Southern Cross and Dolce Vita are just a five minute drive from the shopping and nightlife of Cruz Bay, while the alabaster beaches on the island's North Shore are only a short drive away as well.

Southern Cross is the move-in ready villa on the land. The home has four bedrooms and four bathrooms and features mahogany and native stone details throughout. The impressive great room boasts cathedral ceilings and offers sweeping views of that stunning water just outside.

The great room at Southern Cross leads right into the open-plan kitchen, which features beautiful cabinetry and stonework created by local craftsmen. Each of the four air conditioned bedrooms boasts an

en-suite bath, offering guests total comfort and privacy.

Outside find spacious decks offering both cooling shade and plenty of sunshine. A covered outdoor dining area is nestled just off the great room; making it a perfect place for romantic al fresco evening meals. Or watch the sun peek over the horizon as you sip your morning coffee on the oversized deck to start a perfect Caribbean day.

A few steps down from the main deck, leads to the refreshing pool. Stretch out on a lounge chair while soaking up those beautiful water views and enjoy the sound of the waves crashing onto the rocks below.

Included in the price of the meticulously maintained and beautifully constructed Southern Breeze is Dolce Vita, an impressive stone house that is 80 percent complete, Nash explained.

"The all-stone 'Dolce Vita' is a perfect project for someone to finish, but who does not want to start a project from scratch," said Nash.

Dolce Vita is actually two structures; a main house and a guest house. While the home is not a completed project, what is there is stunning.

From the conch shells nestled into the stone over the arched brick windows and the towering great room to the pillar-lined walkways, slate roof and copper gutters, Dolce Vita is a masterpiece just waiting for its finishing touches.

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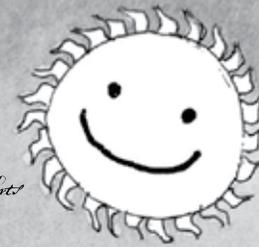
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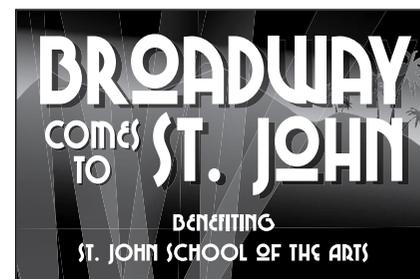
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**By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds**

Die-hard St. John lovers are known for infusing a bit of Love City into their everyday stateside lives however they can, from visiting island news blogs to drinking island-inspired concoctions like painkillers even as the snow falls down around them. Now there’s another way that visitors can stay connected to the island in between their St. John vacations: Love City Radio.

The brainchild of St. John residents Kevin Burgess and Jamie Gladman, Love City Radio plays everything from reggae to country to pop in an effort to bring the warmth and spirit of the island to listeners around the world. The internet radio station launched quietly in December 2013, and Burgess and Gladman expect to be up and running at full capacity within the next month or so.

Gladman, who currently does marketing and design for local restaurants and other businesses, and Burgess, who runs an audio/visual business and owns Wet Woody’s Boat Charters, became friends during Gladman’s stint at the Barefoot Cowboy Lounge. With 15 years of experience in radio in Kansas City under his belt, Gladman approached Burgess with the idea to start an island-themed radio station.

“I was looking for something new or different to do,” said Gladman. “I was originally thinking of doing a small broadcast covering the town of Cruz Bay, but Kevin convinced me that internet was probably the best solution. We know the passion that comes with the people who visit here, as well as the people who live here, so the overall concept is to let them stay connected to where they are when they go home.”

Listeners who visit www.lovecityradio.com are treated to

an island-inspired, eclectic mix of music meant to evoke memories of St. John. Love City Radio also recently aired their first recorded live performance of South Carolina-based Sol Driven Train, who played on catamaran charter boat *Kekoa*.

“We’ve slowly been tweaking the programming,” said Gladman. “We’re trying to figure out how to do live events and local programming.”

The station is hosted on a server in the states and streamed from St. John, which, as anyone who’s experienced the typical blips and outages of local internet providers and WAPA can imagine, presents its own set of difficulties.

“It’s been a challenge with the internet infrastructure we have here,” said Burgess.

“It’s an ever-evolving process,” added Gladman. “The technology piece is so critical, and it’s taken some time to get the right bandwidth. Kevin is wonderful at making it streamline and sound the way it does.”

During its first few months of operation, Love City Radio has already streamed music to listeners across the U.S., and even has a like on their Facebook page from a person in Bangladesh. Listeners have been offering feedback on everything from what kind of music they’d like to hear to how well the music is streaming, all of which is welcomed by Burgess and Gladman.

“The whole idea is we want to be able to broadcast the things our listeners are interested in, so they can hear what they want to hear while they’re sitting in their office cubicle in Boston, or wherever they may be,” said Burgess.

To learn more about Love City Radio, visit www.lovecityradio.com, or visit the station’s Facebook page.



Love City Radio owners Kevin Burgess, left, and Jamie Gladman.

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Friday Night Fêtes Begin February 21

St. John Tradewinds

The Best of Both Worlds Fine Art and Craft Gallery is pleased to invite the public to a series of Friday Night Fêtes beginning Friday, February 21.

The first Fêtes will feature the artwork and music of T. Breeze Verdant on February 21 and February 28, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Mongoose Junction. Paul Tsakeres of Island Cork will be offering a wine tasting of his favorites from around the world and other shops and restaurants will be open.

Claiming "Geographical Addiction" as an ailment that forces "Breeze" to seek "the cure", he returns yearly to revel in St. John's healing environment. An inlay artist who creates jewelry from exquisite woods, shells and metal, "Breeze" aims to display "maximum beauty with minimum consumption." He uses unusual woods that have already lived a previous life, such as ebony from piano keys that get intercepted on the way to the dump.

In this lucky case, Verdant has made some beautiful earrings and pendants from a stump of the gorgeous dalbergia genus species, Tulipwood, which he was given during a previous visit to St. John. This rare wood is a true rosewood with its famous cousins

being Brazilian Rosewood, Kingwood, Indian Rosewood and Blackwood to name a few. Bright scarlet streaks blend with cream-colored sapwood on these pieces that Breeze dowsed with alcohol and peroxide to create unusual and captivating effects.

"What is hope without birds in your trees?" is a line from the song "Love Song For The Earth" written By T. Breeze Verdant.

"I know trees," said Verdant. "I've been climbing in them since I was young, and... don't let my age fool you, because I still climb them. When I'm not writing or performing environmental tunes, I can be found working with trees in the form of marquetry and inlay.

"My aim is to display the maximal beauty of wood while consuming the minimal amount of it," Verdant said. "My work began by building my own log cabin and home out of my own trees and recycled wood. I now work in finer detail integrating as many scraps as possible. Mystery wood shows up outside my door because the word is out! I use green finishes from boiled twigs (shellac) and dairy protein."

For more information, contact Best of Both Worlds at 340-693-7005 or e-mail thebestof@optimum.net.



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Beth Knight, above left, with Kids First! President Bruce Clafin.

Kids First! Awards \$36,000 Grant to GHS Financial Aid for Needs- Based Families To Attend Early Learning Program

St. John Tradewinds

Kids First!, a VI based non-profit corporation, announced last week that it has awarded a \$36,000 grant to Giff Hill School which will be used to provide financial aid so that needs based children can attend their early learning program and Camp Barracuda.

"Early childhood is the most important period in a person's life for the development of intelligence, personality and social behavior," said GHS Interim Head of School Beth Knight about the grant. "The foundation established between birth and age five is crucial, and quality early education improves children's cognitive abilities and shapes important behavioral traits such as sociability, motivation and self-esteem. An investment in early education pays tremendous dividends down the road for individuals and their communities. Kids First's support of our ELC enables Giff Hill School to provide more children access to our wonderful school community and resources."

"Giff Hill School and its Camp Barracuda offer a high quality early learning experience and is open to children from across St. John," said Bruce Clafin, president of Kids First! "We are pleased that the grant from Kids First! will help make it more affordable for all our island families."

Kids First! is a VI based non-profit 501c(3) corporation that supports education on St. John. With a focus on early learning, Kids First! has provided over \$250,000 of grants to island schools, parents and children over the past six years. These grants have allowed countless St. John children to have positive learning experiences during their earliest years, preparing them for success in formal school and life beyond. To learn more about Kids First! go to www.kidsfirststj.org



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by Jack Brown



Buying a Used Car on Island

St. John Tradewinds

Q: I'm considering buying a used car here on St. John and want your advise on what would be the best way to go about this. A friend of mine bought what he thought was a great deal and it ended up being a total nightmare with major repairs right after he bought it.

A: BUYER BEWARE. Never has this old phrase been more appropriate than when purchasing a used car or truck. I'm glad you asked this question because too many people find themselves in this exact same position. You need to have the car checked out by a reputable PROFESSIONAL mechanic. It's called a Pre-Purchase Inspection and anyone considering buying a used vehicle needs to make this minor investment to help prevent them from a major repair cost after the purchase is complete.

Before taking the car for it's Pre-Purchase Inspection, ask the seller if you can take the car for an extended test drive across the island, not just a quick 5 minute drive. I always suggest that you take this test drive with a friend, with the windows down, the radio OFF and no talking so there's no distractions and you can both listen very carefully for any noises coming from the engine or suspension. This test drive is a most critical time, so you both really do need to pay close attention to any problems or concerns you have about the car. You'll be surprised at what you will find during a 30 minute test drive as opposed to a quick spin around the block. Make notes so you can explain any noises or concerns you have to the mechanic that checks the car out for you. He won't be able to take it for as long a test drive as you.

ALWAYS, ALWAYS, did I say ALWAYS, have any car or truck checked out by a reputable, PROFESSIONAL mechanic BEFORE you put down your hard earned money.

Don't check the car out yourself or ask your friend or neighbor who knows a little about cars to check out the used car or truck you're interested in buying. This situation seems to be most prevalent with guys. My experience is that most guys that have ever had their head under a hood, changed oil, replaced spark plugs or put on a new fan belt feel that they are an expert mechanic and capable of knowing if a used car is a good buy or not. Fortunately, most women have enough smarts to realize that they don't have the expertise in that field and seek out a good professional mechanic to render a realistic assessment of the car's

condition. Sorry guys, the ladies win out on this one.

It's called a Pre-Purchase Inspection, and is the best money you could ever spend before buying a used car. Some shops will only charge you a few dollars to walk around the car, kick the tires and stick their head under the hood to listen to the engine run. This is not the PPI you're looking for. You want to find a shop that is going to spend at least an hour, raise the car up and inspect the entire underside, remove all the wheels to check the condition of the brakes and hydraulics as well as do a complete inspection of the suspension, especially the front end. A thorough PPI should include performing a computer diagnostic scan to check for any trouble codes that have been logged into the computer's memory. NEVER listen to a seller that tells you not to worry about the check engine light because it's always been on. It can be a minor problem or a major expense to repair what is acutlly causing the check engine light to come on and you'll want to know this before you buy. For a complete and comprehensive PPI you will end up spending \$75-\$100 and should get a full written report that lists any problems found and an estimated cost to do those repairs. This is invaluable information so you can make an informed decision whether to buy the car and spend the money for the needed repairs or pass and keep looking for another car. Most times if you confront the seller with the written report and estimate of what it will cost to perform all the needed repairs you can get the seller to negotiate and lower the price the amount of the repairs needed, or at least a portion of the needed repairs. Keep in mind when negotiating the price, that you're buying a USED car, not a perfect car so you can't really expect the seller to restore the car to perfect condition. So try to be reasonable, and try to come to a compromise on the price.

Anyone selling a vehicle should be happy to allow you to take a vehicle they're selling to your mechanic for this inspection prior to purchasing. Any seller that won't allow you to take the car to YOUR mechanic usually has something to hide. If any seller is reluctant or refuses to let you have their vehicle checked out by YOUR mechanic that should be a huge RED flag and you need to walk, no RUN away from that vehicle. Especially if it seems too good to be true for the price then it probably is too good to be true and keep looking. I suggest you NEVER take the car to the seller's mechanic for the Pre-Purchase Inspection. Whenever



The annual sale will include a variety of colorful colius, above, as well as native plants.

Annual Audubon Plant Sale Is March 1

St. John Tradewinds

If you're looking for a great variety of plants and tress at reasonable prices come see us at the The Marketplace (2nd level parking lot) from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 1. Once again the VI Audubon Society will offer a wide variety of plants and trees; most obtained from various VIAS members and from local growers/landscapers, who generously donate plants for the groups annual fundraiser.

If you're looking to add palms, bay trees, mahogany trees, some natives, desert rose, agaves, ornamentals such as Joseph's Coat, lantana, ruellia, plumeria, periwinkle and other garden favorites to your landscape make sure to stop by. Vegetable plants will also be available including: tomatoes, lettuce greens, eggplant, sweet and hot peppers, kale, collards, edaname and banana root stock. Many diverse herbs will be for sale including: cilantro, parsley, dill, basil, mint and garlic chives. This list is only a portion of what will be available. The organization will have orchids for sale, too.

This event is the major fundraiser for VIAS. Money raised is used to sponsor programs for school children and to continue efforts to, preserve, restore and enhance the wildlife sanctuary at the Small Pond at Frank Bay, a Virgin Islands designated Wildlife & Marine Sanctuary. For further information contact co-chairs Dave Spoth at (716) 472-6888 or Mary Moroney at 779-8091.

a buyer calls me and wants me to perform a Pre-Purchase Inspection on one of my customer's cars I always insist that they have a different shop do the inspection so they will get a completely independent, third party, and unbiased opinion with no possible conflict of interest. If you don't have a mechanic that you've been dealing with, then ask your friends or neighbor if they can recommend a reliable mechanic to check out the car before you buy it.

Always ask the seller if they know of any problems the car has been having that may need to be fixed, but NEVER EVER take their word about the condition of the car being sold, even if it's a good friend or someone you've known for a long time. You'd be surprised and amazed at just how dishonest some people can be when it comes to selling a car. I recently purchased a Suzuki XL7 myself to fix up and re-sell and it turns out that I got burned by people I knew and thought were honest,

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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Send your letter to editor@tradewinds.vi

**NEXT DEADLINE:
THURSDAY, FEB. 20th**

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: 1
 Shootings: 0
 Stabbings: 0
 Armed Robberies: 0
 Arsons: 0
 1st Degree Burglaries: 0
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 Grand Larcenies: 10
 Rapes: 2

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Letters To St. John Tradewinds

It's Time To Be Counted for GBS

In response to the article written last week in the Tradewinds, and Senator Barshingers report. I would like to clear up a few things I feel are being misunderstood. First, I feel we were, as a parent body, taken aback by the forum of the meeting. I for one, thought it was going to be an open forum. Like the meeting we had back in October, where almost every parent that was there got up and spoke. I guess, I just wish we had known they were going to be calling people to testify, that way we could have been just as prepared as the Senate Committee were.

To clear up what Senator Barshinger is doing; he is taking a tally, NOT registering children for school. He would like to have at least 100 children on that list so he can then take it to the Department of Education to show that we have enough students for next year to a) keep the school open, b)keep all grades that are there currently, and c)bring back Kindergarten and first grades. I just got off the phone with Ms. Catherine Stephen, whom we are to ask for, and she informed

me that parents are confused. Rightly so, my goodness, registering your child for public school here is no easy task. There are a number of things (such as a Blue Slip) you have to have even before you make that trip to St. Thomas. If you are lucky you will have been told that you can register here on St. John, but only on certain dates. This year, Monday March 24, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. is the first day you can register your Kindergarten only for school. Then Thursday, May, 29, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. is the first day you can register your 1st-12th grader. Doesn't make it easy for parents that work through the week.

If parents have any questions, they can contact me at my office, Keep Me Posted, in Coral Bay 775-1727. This, I believe is a critical time for the Guy Benjamin School, please take the time to be counted, or when you finally do decide you may not have a choice any more.

**Anna Adams
A Coral Bay Mom**

Cockayne Parents Pray for Malfetti Family

The current investigation into the stabbing murder of James Malfetti and the frustration his parents are experiencing is all too similar to the situation we faced for years and continue with since our son Jamie Cockayne was stabbed to death on ST. John June 19, 2007.

Everything his parents have said about the lack of compassion and communication is a repeat of our

experience.

Our prayers are many and our hope for their son's killer to be arrested, tried and convicted is steadfast.

Someone knows what happened please be brave and come forward.

**Sincerely,
Jeanie and Bill Cockayne**

In Memoriam

Nancy Hayes: February 13, 2011



Nancy was a sister to all. She is still dearly missed every day.

Gennaro Francis Mancuso Truly One of a Kind



In Loving Memory of
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Letters To *St. John Tradewinds*

Who Am I?

This might seem like a confusing question, however, many people seem to be caught in a paradox of emotions and goals. This would signify a possible mid-life crisis if it was only confined to the middle-aged, but these days, young teens without proper guidance and older folks who haven't resolved their issues are acting out in ways contrary to normal societal standards.

We know that teenagers will take some time to figure out their purpose in life, so that is acceptable in many cases.

In the case of adults, trial and error should have worked out the kinks in their personal and professional lives.

When we look at the numerous accounts of people getting into trouble because of deficiencies in their thinking, you begin to wonder what's going on?

Attitudes and actions that are normally associated with adolescents are being played out in the lives of seemingly grown people. Are the adults who should be setting an example for teens to follow becoming rebellious.

In a biblical sense, we can point to sin as the root cause. So how do we deal with a spiritual battle in this physical reality? How do you and I find ourselves in these mixed-up times?

Sometimes it feels like we are children trapped in adult bodies. Unable to cope with the difficulties of life, we bottle things up and push them down deep inside. And then, to deal with the pain we figure that

we deserve this fix. So we turn to stealing, cheating, lying, gambling etc.

I wish that there was more talk between parents and children growing up. I'm only beginning to understand that most parents themselves didn't get much interaction. So we therefore have a lack of understanding being passed down between generations. We are at a loss concerning the importance of money, politics and God. Our maturity has been cut short because folks are afraid to open up, to admit that they don't know everything and that they too are hurting.

The blind leading the blind is an appropriate phrase because our existence hinges on us knowing ourselves and having the confidence to make right decisions. We must use 2014 to find ourselves, to put things in order and to align our lives with God's principles. It is sad to witness grown folks act like children and even more depressing to see their behavior played out in their old age.

Honestly speaking, at 40 I'm still finding myself. Some things about myself I don't like so therefore I have to work harder on it. And some things I do like about myself, so positive reinforcement will build on it. I hope that our journey together will yield fruits of compassion and peace. It's going to take lots of love and honest reflection in order to piece together our fractured lives.

**Best wishes,
Emmanuel Prince**

Festival Committee Thanks Stillmans

The St. John Festival Committee will like to thank V.I. Lottery and Andrew and Joy Stillman for partnering to distribute Christmas gifts to 200 students from 4th through 6th grades on St. John.

Also, for distributing about a 30 varieties of turkey, ham and salmon to our seniors. Without the above donors it would not be possible.

Special thanks goes out to St. John Administrator's staff for wrapping and helping deliver.

St. John Festival and Cultural Organization

Correction:

A cutline in the February 10-16, 2014, issue of *St. John Tradewinds* about the Friends of the V.I. National Park Gala at Presidio del Mar, the Peter Bay home of Steve and Pamela Deckoff, on February 1, erroneously stated the location of next year's fundraising event. Organizers of the annual gala have not chosen a location for the 2015 event. *St. John Tradewinds* regrets the error.

ISLAND NOTES from the publisher

Congratulations to St. John School of the Arts students and staff, SJSA Board of Directors, the Broadway actors, and the island fourth graders for a fantastic "Hooray for Hollywood" show. Bravo!

—MN

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Community Calendar

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

Tuesday, February 18

— Frank Cummings of CORE will talk about “Mitigating the Invasive Lionfish” at the V.I. Audubon Society’s next meeting on Tuesday, February 18, at 7 p.m., 2nd floor, Marketplace.

Wednesday, February 19

— The Coral Bay Community Council (CBCC) will have a public meeting on Wednesday, February 19, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Sustainable Design Report for Coral Bay, St. John, and next steps for Coral Bay’s future. The meeting will be at the Guy H. Benjamin School, Room 6, in Coral Bay.

Wednesday, February 26

— There will be a general meeting for all veterans of the armed forces living on the island of St. John on Wednesday, February 26, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the office of the St. John Administrator located at the Battery in Cruz Bay. Veterans should bring documents.

— The National Honor Society will sponsor a Fight for Civil Rights Night on Wednesday, February 26, from 5:30 to 6 p.m. at Giff Hill School’s Upper Campus atrium.

Saturday, March 1

— If your looking for a

great variety of plants and trees at reasonable prices come see us at the The Marketplace (2nd level parking lot) from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 1. Once again the VI Audubon Society will offer a wide variety of plants and trees; most obtained from various VIAS members and from local growers/landscapers who generously donate plants for the groups annual fundraiser.

Saturday, March 8

— The 28th Annual Giff Hill School Auction will be on Saturday, March 8, at Caneel Bay Resort.

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.

Tuesday, March 18

— The St. John Community Foundation’s 25th Anniversary Community Impact Work Session and dinner meeting will be Tuesday, March 18, at the Bethany Moravian Church from 6 to 8 p.m.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

AL-ANON MEETINGS

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

Obituary

Victor Leopold Ebbesen, Sr.

St. John Tradewinds

A celebration of life and public service for Victor L. Ebbesen, Sr., a native son who touched the lives of many, will be held on February 18, 2014. Victor “Skep”, went to be with God on February 6, 2014. In honor of all Veterans, the American Legion Hall in Subbase will be the site of the celebration starting at 10:30a.m.

Born on March 15, 1925, in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, Skep was one of five children born to Leona Adelina Vago and George Leopold Ebbesen who lived on Garden Street. He was a member of the All Saints Episcopal Church, also known as English Church, where he served as an acolyte for more than a decade.

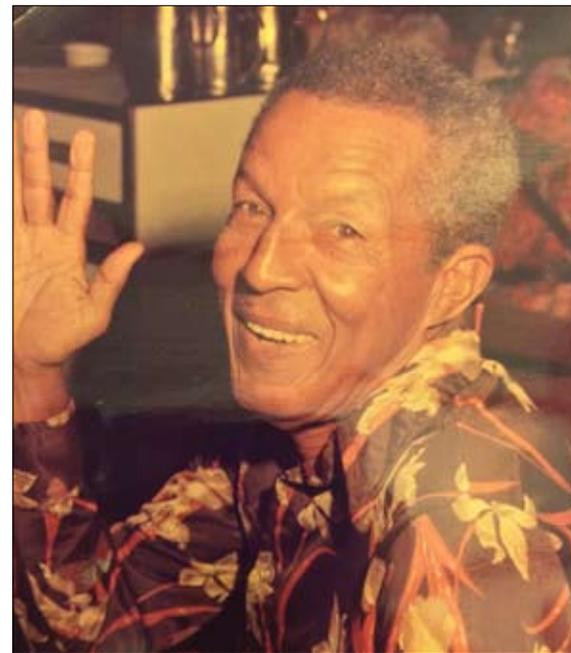
Victor, Sr. was an active member of the Charlotte Amalie High School Class of 1944. While at CAHS, Skep was really involved in Volleyball and Basketball with many of his lifelong friends including Mr. Winthrop Elskoe and Mr. Liston George. He enjoyed the company of his friends at the Tau Beta Alpha Social Club. At CAHS, he also met his future wife Thelma Leona Ebbesen. Around the same time, Victor received the Forsythe Scholarship to attend college at Syracuse University in New York. After attending the university for one year, Victor, Sr. was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1950 and served until 1952. Prior to his deployment to Puerto Rico, Victor and Thelma were married September 6, 1950 in the Episcopal Church. Successfully obtaining his Bachelor’s Degree, The Ebbesens returned home to raise their family—Patrice, Jeannette and Victor, Jr.

After working his way up in the Virgin Islands Government, he became the Director of Personnel. While in this position he assisted the V.I. Government in creating the Government Employees Retirement System. Victor contributed immensely to the formation of the Merit System and the policies guiding the GERS.

Around 1963, Vic, Sr. was handpicked by the newly independent island of Trinidad, to assist them in developing their personnel division. This honor required him to relocate himself and his family to Trinidad for one year. After returning home, he completed his stint as Director of Personnel and move on to be the Director of Maternal and Child Health, from which he subsequently retired. Having more time to indulge in his love for tennis, Vic, Sr. became ranked #1 in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands in both singles and doubles with his longtime friend and partner Mr. Leo Barbel. They became the first Virgin Islanders to compete in the U.S. Open. Another major accomplishment included the founding of the Virgin Island Tennis Association. We salute this fine Virgin Islands native son.

Victor was preceded in death by his loving wife of 61 years, Thelma Leona Oliver Ebbesen.

He is survived by his daughters, Patrice Ebbesen-Harley and Jeannette Ebbesen-Johnson; son, Staff Sergeant Victor L. Ebbesen, Jr.; daughter-in-law, Yvonne



Victor “Skep” Ebbesen

Heaggans; sons-in-law, Julien Harley and Leif Johnson, Sr.; grandchildren, Julice Harley, Jaurel Harley, Jamien Harley, Jennelle Johnson, Monai Johnson and Leif Johnson, Jr.; great grandchild, Jordyn Powell; sisters, Leona Ebbesen-Bryant, Angel Ebbesen-Wheatley, Grace Ebbesen-Haagenson; brother, Jean Ebbesen; sister-in-law, Elsa Oliver-O’ Bryan; brother-in-law, Ken Haagenson; nieces, Angel Bryant-Boschulte, Christine Bryant, Roxanne Wheatley-Wright, Luana Wheatley, Dr. Clayton Wheatley, Maurice Wheatley, Erica Haagenson-Rinaldi, Julie Haagenson, Dr. LaVerne Ragster, Eva Ragster-Lans, Clarissa Ragster-Wilson, Albert Ragster, Fitzgerald Ragster, Sheryl O’ Bryan-Johnson, Carol O’ Bryan-Henneman, James O’ Bryan, Jr., Meade Gordon, Oliver Gordon, Lt. Col Battalion Commander Janice Ross-Grant, Jewel Ross-Brathwaite, Rupert Ross, Raymond Ross, Judge Edgar Ross, James Ross, Edgar Oliver, Carl Oliver; and many other relatives included in the following families: Vagos, Ebbesens from St. Croix, Lans’, Gardners, Wheatleys, Barbels, Chardons, Cabalos, Johansens, Encarnacions, Hennemans, Boschultes, Aubains, Walkers, Fabayans.

He was also preceded in death by sisters and brothers-in-law, Clarissa Oliver-Wiggins, Octavia Oliver-Ross, Agatha Oliver-Ragster, Doris Oliver, Christine Ebbesen, Lincoln Oliver, Albert Ragster, Sr., L. Denise Bryant-Moolenaar, Stuart Wheatley, and Brent Wheatley.

In lieu of flowers, consider donations to the St. Thomas Racquet Club. The donations will be evenly distributed to all Virgin Islands tennis clubs as well as VITA, who all continue to foster the passion of Vic L. Ebbesen, Sr., teaching tennis to the people of the Virgin Islands, especially the youth.

Obituary submitted by the family.

Friends of the VINP Scholarships Available for Marine Biology, Natural Resource Management and Protection Studies

St. John Tradewinds

The Friends' annual Scholarship Program is offered to Virgin Islanders at the university level studying in fields related to marine biology or natural resource management and protection. Eligible students must have Virgin Island residence, have completed high school in the Virgin Islands (or are currently in their last semester of high school senior year), and have attained a "B" (3.0) average during their previous three semesters of high school or university.

In addition, Friends is offering a scholarship for children of VINP staff at the university level. Eligibility requirements are the same as those listed above. Both scholarships will be in the amount of \$1,000 per academic year.

Applications for Friends of VI National Park Scholarships can be obtained in person from the Friends of Virgin Islands National Park office in Mongoose Junction, St. John, or by email.

The deadline for applications is May 2, 2014.

Contact Karen Jarvis at the Friends for more information, (340)779-4940 or kjarvis@friendsvinp.org.

Valentine's Day Give Away



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

After Dolphin Market and St. John Market's successful \$500 Lucky Winner sweepstake, the grocers decided to help Cupid spread the Valentine's Love with a Valentine's Day giveaway. On Saturday, February 8, Tom Cronan and Kelly Morris' names were pulled from the boxes at Dolphin Market and St. John Market, respectfully. Each winner received at gift basket that contained two bottles of wines and assorted chocolates, along with an assorted deli platter. Kelly Morris, above left, with friend Lee Eng Khau, picks up her winning basket.

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BUILD GREEN • Jan. 11, Sat. • 10:00am – noon <i>Meet:</i> Skinny Legs Restaurant to carpool; <i>Bring:</i> Notebook, building plans, & ideas; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$35 Mem / \$45 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 20
CRUZ BAY HISTORY – JULIUS VON ROHR • Jan. 12, Sun. • 12:30pm – 2:30pm <i>Meet:</i> Friends of the Park Store; <i>Bring:</i> Notebook & water; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$35 Mem / \$45 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 20
NATIVE ARTS & CRAFTS • Jan. 15, Wed. • 12:30pm – 2:30pm <i>Meet:</i> St. John School of the Arts; <i>Bring:</i> Notebook; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$35 Mem / \$45 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 25
KAYAK MANGROVES OF HURRICANE HOLE • Jan. 19, Sun. • 10:00am – 3:00pm; <i>Meet:</i> Skinny Legs Restaurant to carpool; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, snorkel gear, water, towel, sunscreen; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$65 Mem / \$75 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 12
MEDICINAL HERBS • Jan. 22, Wed. • 12:30am – 2:30pm <i>Meet:</i> St. John School of the Arts; <i>Bring:</i> Notebook; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$35 Mem / \$45 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 25
HASSEL ISLAND KAYAK & HIKE • Jan. 24, Fri. • 2:00pm – 5:00pm <i>Meet:</i> Dock at Hook, Line & Sinker, Frenchtown, St. Thomas; <i>Bring:</i> Towel, sunscreen, plenty of water, snack, dry bag, hiking shoes; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$69 Mem / \$79 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 8
NATIVE PLANTS OF ST. JOHN HIKE • Jan. 25, Sat. • 9:00am – noon <i>Meet:</i> Friends of the Park Store to carpool; <i>Bring:</i> Water, lunch, notebook, & binoculars; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$45 Mem / \$55 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 25
FEBRUARY
BIRDS OF THE PARK • Feb. 3, Mon. • 9:00am – 1:00pm <i>Meet:</i> National Park Visitor Center; <i>Bring:</i> Snack, binoculars, notebook, & water; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$55 Mem / \$65 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 20
EXPLORE THE SHORE • Feb. 5, Wed. • 9:30am – 1:30pm <i>Meet:</i> Annaberg Parking Lot; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, snorkel gear (optional), binoculars, water; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$55 Mem / \$65 Non Mem
LOVANGO SUSTAINABLE DESIGN TOUR • Feb. 8, Sat. • 9:30am – 1:30pm <i>Meet:</i> Friends of the Park Store; <i>Bring:</i> Sunscreen, hat, lunch, water, & hiking shoes; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$55 Mem / \$65 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 20
HIKE WITH THE "SUPER" • Feb. 12, Wed. • 10:30am – 1:30pm <i>Meet:</i> National Park Visitor Center; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, hat, water, & sunscreen; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$45 Mem / \$55 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 20
FULL MOON DRUM CIRCLE • Feb. 14, Fri. • 6:30pm – 8:00pm <i>Meet:</i> Annaberg Ruins; <i>Bring:</i> A drum, if you have one; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$25 Mem / \$35 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 20
PEPPER SAUCE MAKING • Feb. 19, Wed. • 12:30pm – 2:30pm <i>Meet:</i> St. John School of the Arts; <i>Bring:</i> Notebook; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$35 Mem / \$45 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 20
ARCHAEOLOGY BY SEA BOAT TRIP • Feb. 26, Wed. • 10:00am – 3:00pm <i>Meet:</i> National Park Visitor Center; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, hat, water, & sunscreen; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$65 Mem / \$75 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 28
SEA TURTLE SAIL • Feb. 27, Thurs. • 1:00pm – 5:00pm <i>Meet:</i> Charlotte Amalie waterfront, St. Thomas; <i>Bring:</i> Sunscreen, hat, snack, snorkel gear, & swimsuit; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$65 Mem / \$75 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 30
BOTANY HIKE • Feb. 28, Fri. • 9:00am – 1:00pm <i>Meet:</i> Friends of the Park Store; <i>Bring:</i> Sunscreen, hat, lunch, water, & hiking shoes; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$45 Mem / \$55 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 25
MARCH
TROPICAL GARDEN TOUR I • Mar. 1, Sat. • 10:00am – 3:00pm <i>Meet:</i> Friends of the Park Store to carpool; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, water, & sunscreen; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$55 Mem / \$65 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 20

ETHNIC DRUMMING • Mar. 5, Wed. • 1:00pm – 3:00pm <i>Meet:</i> St. John School of the Arts; <i>Bring:</i> A drum, if you have one; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$25 Mem / \$35 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 20
KAYAK, HIKE, & SNORKEL • Mar. 7, Fri. • 9:00am – noon <i>Meet:</i> National Park Visitor Center; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch/snacks, water, towel, & sun protection; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$60 Mem / \$70 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 10
LOVANGO SUSTAINABLE DESIGN TOUR • Mar. 8, Sat. • 9:30am – 1:30pm <i>Meet:</i> Friends of the Park Store; <i>Bring:</i> Sunscreen, hat, lunch, water, & hiking shoes; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$55 Mem / \$65 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 20
ST. THOMAS HISTORICAL WALKING TOUR • Mar. 9, Sun. • 9:00am – 11:00am <i>Meet:</i> Blackbeards Castle, St. Thomas; <i>Bring:</i> Notebook & water; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$35 Mem / \$45 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 25
PEPPER SAUCE MAKING • Mar. 12, Wed. • 12:30pm – 2:30pm <i>Meet:</i> St. John School of the Arts; <i>Bring:</i> Notebook; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$35 Mem / \$45 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 20
COASTAL ECOLOGY • Mar. 15, Sat. • 9:00am – 3:00pm <i>Meet:</i> National Park Visitor Center; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, water, sunscreen, & snorkel gear; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$75 Mem / \$85 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 18
FULL MOON HIKE • Mar. 16, Sun. • 5:30pm – 8:30pm <i>Meet:</i> Salt Pond parking lot; <i>Bring:</i> Hiking shoes, flashlight, snack, & water; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$25 Mem / \$35 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 20
LAMESHUR BAY/VIERS TOUR • Mar. 19, Wed. • 10:00am – 2:00pm <i>Meet:</i> Lameshur Bay parking lot; <i>Bring:</i> Notebook & water; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$45 Mem / \$55 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 20
MARINE BIOLOGY SAIL • Mar. 23, Sun. • 9:00am – 3:00pm <i>Meet:</i> National Park Visitor Center dock; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, snorkel gear, water bottle, towel, & sunscreen; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$85 Mem / \$95 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 30
TROPICAL LIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY • Mar. 24, Mon. • 8:00am – noon <i>Meet:</i> Friends of the Park Store; <i>Bring:</i> Camera & manual, batteries, memory cards, water, & notebook; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$45 Mem / \$55 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 15
LIONFISH BOAT ADVENTURE • Mar. 26, Wed. • 9:30am – 3:00pm <i>Meet:</i> Friends of the Park Store; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, water, sunscreen, & snorkel gear; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$85 Mem / \$95 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 30
MANGROVE SNORKELING BOAT TRIP • Mar. 29, Sat. • 9:30am – 3:00pm <i>Meet:</i> National Park Visitor Center; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, snorkel gear, towel, sunscreen, & snack; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$85 Mem / \$95 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 18
APRIL
HIKE WITH THE "SUPER" • Apr. 2, Wed. • 10:30am – 1:30pm <i>Meet:</i> National Park Visitor Center; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, hat, water, sunscreen; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$45 Mem / \$55 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 20
EXPLORE & PHOTOGRAPH LEINSTER BAY • Apr. 5, Sat. • 9:00am – 3:00pm <i>Meet:</i> Annaberg parking lot; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, water, sunscreen, & snorkel gear; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$35 Mem / \$45 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 15
ECO SPA MUD BATH • Apr. 9, Wed. • 2:00pm – 4:00pm <i>Meet:</i> Salt Pond parking lot; <i>Bring:</i> Old swimsuit, towel, water, & snack; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$35 Mem / \$45 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 15
TROPICAL GARDEN TOUR II • Apr. 12, Sat. • 9:00am – 3:00pm <i>Meet:</i> Friends of the Park Store to carpool; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, water, & sunscreen; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$55 Mem / \$65 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 20
FULL MOON HIKE • Apr. 15, Tues. • 5:30pm – 8:30pm <i>Meet:</i> Salt Pond parking lot; <i>Bring:</i> Hiking shoes, flashlight, snack, & water; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$25 Mem / \$35 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 20

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Church Directory

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

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Sunday Service 10 a.m.; Monday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
Thursday Women's Bible Study 9 a.m.
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Saturdays (Español), 10 a.m. Sundays,
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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 Catholic Church

The schedule is as follows: Saturdays at 6 p.m.
Sundays at 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7 a.m.
Fridays at 7 p.m. Call 776-6339 for more information.

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

P.I. Examines Possible Mistaken Identity in Malfetti Murder

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"I will never release anything that I feel would be detrimental to advancing the investigation."

"I am in daily contact with the Malfettis," he added. "They have had very limited contact with VIPD."

No Information Released by VIPD

The V.I. Police Department is not releasing any information in the Malfetti case.

"If the investigating officers have any information they deem will assist the case by releasing it to

the media they will inform me of that and I will release it with their permission and approval," a VIPD spokesperson said. "This case remains under active investigation."

"The VIPD does not release regular updates to the media on active cases," said a VIPD spokesperson. "To do so may jeopardize the investigation."

The Malfetti case is already attracting stateside attention with the call by a New Jersey U.S. Senator for the Federal Bureau of Investigation to get involved. **(See related story on Page 4)**

Criticism of VIPD's Investigation of Malfetti Murder

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tial witnesses to include following all leads that have been provided," according to Comm. Querrard's written response to criticism of the VIPD investigation into Malfetti's death in an apartment in a luxury home on the south shore of the island outside Cruz Bay.

"There are sensitive issues regarding this investigation that should not be included in any public statement," Commissioner Querrard said. "However we will update the victim's parents and address their issues to the best of our ability without compromising the case."

No Response to Criticism

Commissioner Querrard did not respond to criticism from the victim's family that police failed to properly investigate their son's murder including: not checking Malfetti's apartment after the main residence had been the target of a burglary reported to police on the morning of January 18, the day before Malfetti's body was discovered and subsequently misstating the date of his death; not collecting fingerprints at the scene; not informing the Malfettis of their son's death; and not keeping the family informed on the investigation. **(See related story on Page 5.)**

Sen. Robert Menendez, D-New Jersey, wrote Federal Bureau of Investigation Director James Comey asking for the FBI to become involved in the investigation of Malfetti's murder. **(See related story on Page 4.)**

Querrard said local FBI agents were assisting with the VIPD investigation.

Commissioner Querrard expressed his condolenc-

es to the family of Malfetti and announced that St. Thomas/St. John Chief of Police Darren Foy, along with Victims Advocate Desiree Lambertis will be the liaisons between the Major Crime detectives and the family on this matter.

The day after Querrard's public statement, Malfetti's parents, James and Rosemary Malfetti, told the V.I. Daily News that they had not been contacted by the V.I. Police Department.

VIPD Leadership Monitors Cases

Querrard and his VIPD leadership team routinely receive updates on open murder cases with the aim of bringing these cases to court by the arrest of suspect(s). Some recent murder cases in the Territory have been cleared by arrest and others are active and ongoing probes, he explained.

"Within the last two days I have met with all aspects of police operations involved in this ongoing investigation including the Forensics and Major Crime Unit as well as the prosecutors office of Department of Justice to update the case and layout the leads we are following," Querrard said of the Malfetti case.

Crime Stoppers at 800-222-8477 (TIPS)

The top law enforcement officer of the Virgin Islands encouraged anyone with information on the circumstances that led to Malfetti's death to call his office at 340-715-5506, Major Crimes at 340-642-8449, or Crime Stoppers USVI at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS).

"The slightest bit of information we can gather from potential witnesses, family or friends of the victim could be what is needed to get us closer to clearing this case with an arrest," the Commissioner said.

Lawyers in Bad Wood Case Focus on Manufacturer

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treatment expert said the wood treatment problem in the U.S. Virgin Islands and the Caribbean has not been corrected.

"Rampant Sale" of Improper

"In 2014 we are still being sold lumber that will quickly fail in our environment," Roskin told *Tradewinds* in January.

"The rampant sale UC4A lumber in our UC4C environment has people sustaining severe damage to their lumber and personal injuries related to lumber failure after a 3-5 year service life," Roskin said. "Pressure treated lumber is now designed for a specific environment."

"The American Wood Protection Association sets

standards for the treating processes," Roskin continued. "It also defines appropriate treatment and end use of that treated lumber. The Use Category System lays all this out."

"We are being sold Use Category 4A Lumber for ground contact," Roskin continued. "This is the lumber made for use in areas of low potential for wood decay and insect attack."

"The Virgin Islands is an area of extremely high potential for wood decay," Roskin said. "The Use Category System tells us to use UC4C lumber."

"I advise anyone building to check your end tags and talk to your lumber dealer about what they have for sale," added Raskin. "If it says UC4A it's not made to be used in the Virgin Islands and it will not last."

Buying a Used Car on Island

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only to find out the next day that they knew that the transmission had a problem and went out of their way to hide the problem. The couple that burned me had already warmed the car up for a while before I came by to take it for a test drive. When I took it for my test drive it ran and shifted great so I believed them when they didn't tell me about the transmission problem and bought the car. The next morning when I went to move it there was no reverse when I first started it up. It had to warm up for at least 5 minutes before the transmission finally just barely shifted into reverse. What I thought was a good deal turned out costing me just over \$2500.00 to have the transmission rebuilt. So the lesson is to NEVER trust anyone you're buying a car from and ALWAYS insist on test driving it after it's been sitting overnight and not been started up yet. You can tell if someone's started and warmed up the car before you arrive for the test drive by simply opening up the hood and putting your hand on the engine. It should feel cold, and not even the slightest bit warm. Again, BUYER BEWARE.

Transmissions take a serious beating here in the islands, especially reverse gear so pay particular attention to see if it engages into reverse as soon as you shift it to reverse when the engine is cold. As dishonest as it is, a lot of times transmission problems are why people try to sell their cars, so they can pass the problem on to someone else before they have to spend several hundreds or thousands of dollars to have the transmission removed and rebuilt. Here's what to watch out for regarding automatic transmissions and this test that can only be done by you, not your mechanic. If a transmission is beginning to have a problem it will almost always take a few seconds when shifted into either reverse or drive to engage into forward and especially reverse when it is completely cold and first started up. Once a problem transmission warms up it is much less likely to show this problem and will engage right away like it should.

You'd be amazed at how many horror stories I could tell you about people that call me up just after they've bought a used car and want me to "just have a quick look and check it out". I explain that what they really need is a Pre Purchase Inspection even though they've already bought the car. All too many times it's too late and this can turn out to be a post mortem examination. In too many cases what looked like a good deal turned into costing the new owner hundreds and sometime thousands of dollars to fix major problems that could have been easily identified during a thorough pre-purchase inspection.

I can't tell you how many times I've performed this Pre-Purchase Inspection and found a vehicle that looks perfect from the outside but under close inspection revealed that it had been in a major accident and pieced back together, or that it was a recovery vehicle from a flood up in the States or worse, that there were major engine or transmission problems lurking just around the corner. I had one customer that brought three vehicles to me for inspections that I advised her to walk away from until she finally found the perfect car in great condition, complete with maintenance records from the owner and I advised her to buy it. She ended up spending a total of \$280.00 for the 4 Pre-Purchase Inspections but at the end of it all she ended up with a great car and saving thousands of dollars in major repairs. So you can see that it's money well spent to have any used car you're interested in purchasing checked out by a qualified shop or mechanic. And when I say checked out I don't mean having your friend open the hood and listen to the engine.

Jack Brown has lived on St. John since 1999 and is a technically trained professional mechanic with over 35 years experience, including having owned the largest independent Porsche repair shop in Monterey, California for 14 years. For the last 13 years he has specialized in Jeep and Suzuki repair here on St. John. By popular demand, he will, once again, contribute to the *St. John Tradewinds* to help with your car questions and problems here on St. John. You can submit your questions to Jack by e mail at asktheautodoctor@hotmail.com. By submitting your question to the Auto Doctor, you authorize the *St. John Tradewinds* to publish your question.

Police Log

Friday, February 7

10:58 a.m. – Virginia man present reporting a hit and run in there area of St. John Market and Starfish. Auto Accident. Hit and Run.

12:03 p.m. – Woman of Estate Hansen Bay called to report that someone was harassing her at her residence. Disturbance of the Peace.

1:19 p.m. – Man of Honeymoon Beach called reporting a 70 year old woman fell and broke her arm. Accidental Injury.

1:54 p.m. – Man called to report assault. Simple assault.

1:59 p.m. – Man called to report disturbance at E.C. Gas. Disturbance of the Peace.

2:20 p.m. – Enighed man present reporting that a man rented his vehicle and returned it with damages. Damage to Vehicle.

7:13 p.m. – Woman of Estate Enighed called requesting police assistance at her residence. Police Assistance.

9:27 p.m. – Citizen of Coral Bay called reporting loud music at Island Blues. Disturbance of the Peace.

9:50 p.m. – Citizen called present and turned in a lost wallet. Lost Wallet.

10:55 p.m. – Auto Accident. Auto Collision. Hit and Run.

10:51 p.m. – ADT called reporting an alarm sounding at 16c Mandahl.

Saturday, February 8

3:22 a.m. – Citizen called reporting a disturbance at Quiet Mon Pub. Disturbance of the Peace.

4:06 a.m. – Woman called reporting someone stole her cell phone. Grand Larceny.

12:09 p.m. – Manager of Woody's reported a disturbance. Disturbance of the Peace.

4:58 p.m. – Man reported a distur-

bance with a male in area of Kongen's Gade downtown. Disturbance of the Peace.

5:38 p.m. – Estate Gifft Hill man present reporting a former tenant removed items from a rental apartment. Grand Larceny.

11:56 p.m. – Man called to report an expected death in the area of Mamey Peak. DOA.

Sunday, February 9

7:25 a.m. – Bellevue man called to report a disturbance with stepson. Disturbance of the Peace.

8:44 a.m. – Estate Susannaberg man present to report being harassed by a man. Disturbance of the Peace.

10:54 a.m. – Woman of Lower Estate Peter Bay called to report a collision in the area of Maho Bay. Auto Collision.

4:30 p.m. – Estate Bellevue man called to report an auto collision in the area of Virgin Grand Estates. Auto Collision.

Monday, February 10

9:30 a.m. – Massachusetts man present reporting he was involved in an auto accident on North Shore Road. Auto Collision.

2:16 p.m. – Alarm company called to report an activated alarm at Peter Bay.

Tuesday, February 11

10:44 a.m. – Bethany man called to report his apartment was broken into and items were removed. Burglary 3.

No Time Posted – Citizen called requesting police assistance with a male he wanted removed from his business. Police assistance.

5:37 p.m. – Woman of Grunwald called reporting she was assaulted by her daughter. Simple Assault (DV).

6:08 p.m. – Restaurant manager called requesting police assistance

with male he wanted removed from his business. Police Assistance.

6:25 p.m. – Officer present with Karen Laura Jarvis of Grunwald. Under arrest and charged with Simple Assault. No bail by order of the court. Defendant transferred to Bureau of Corrections on St. Thomas. Simple Assault (DV).

7:34 p.m. – Alarm company called reporting an activated alarm at Peter Bay 13-B. Activated Alarm.

10:14 p.m. – Citizen called to report loud music in the area of Motu Bar. Disturbance of the Peace.

Wednesday, February 12

11:00 a.m. – Florida man present reporting (electrical equipment) stolen from vehicle parked at Pearl Landing, Grand Larceny.

2:03 p.m. – Man of no known address called to report that he was involved in an auto accident on Centerline Road. Auto collision.

2:33 p.m. – Estate Carolina woman called to report being involved in an auto collision in the area of Canines, Cats and Critters. Auto Collision.

6:09 p.m. – Westin Resort called to report an auto collision in the parking lot at the resort. Auto Collision.

11:30 p.m. – Man present reporting someone stole his backpack from a bar. Grand Larceny.

7:02 p.m. – Citizen called reporting loud music in the area of Coral Bay. Unfounded Disturbance of the Peace.

8:45 p.m. – Officer present with Todd V. Barnes under arrest and charged with Grand Larceny. Bail set at \$35,000.

10:38 p.m. – Man called to report that his wife's \$4,000 watch was removed from hotel room. Grand Larceny (Unfounded).

Crime Stoppers U.S. Virgin Islands

Crime Stoppers empowers you to make your neighborhoods safer by reporting information while remaining anonymous. Let's work together to safeguard ourselves. If you know something, say something as law enforcement needs to know what you know.

St. John: On Monday, January 20, police responded to a break in at Love City Mini Mart in Coral Bay. The thieves broke in to the business and stole several phone cards, and a large amount of money. Based on information gathered, it was two males that committed this crime. Please help police identify these thieves.

St. Thomas: On Tuesday, February 4, at 7:55 p.m., a man walking towards the area of Ivan Bar in Estate Smith Bay was approached by two black

males. One pointed a gun at him and told him to turn over everything he had. The victim tried to grab the handgun; during the struggle the victim was shot once in his upper chest. The gunman then fired eight to 10 additional shots, but missed. Both suspects then fled the area on foot. Help police identify these dangerous men before someone gets killed.

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SCRAMBLING SPORTS TEAMS

ACROSS

- 1 Mascara messes
- 7 Cover girl Cheryl
- 12 100%
- 20 React to with loud laughter
- 21 Exasperate
- 22 Stirring to action
- 23 Northern Spanish city
- 24 Puerto — (San Juan native)
- 25 Omaha locale
- 26 Football team whose members wear stiff bracelets?
- 29 Graceful shade tree
- 30 Saloon cask
- 31 Biz bigwigs
- 32 "Fraid not"
- 33 A triad
- 35 "M*A*S*H" actor Jamie
- 36 Baseball team whose members love barbecues?
- 40 Authorized
- 43 Spill-fighting gp.
- 45 Tryouts
- 46 Lab medium
- 47 Nonessential — acids
- 49 Bond novelist Fleming
- 50 Eggs in a lab
- 53 Basketball team whose members have pet macaws?
- 58 Country music's Tritt
- 61 British music co.

- 62 Rani's dress
- 63 Yearn (for)
- 64 Loan sharks
- 65 Loathsome
- 67 Long ribbons
- 70 Strong suit fabric
- 71 Augment
- 73 Kind of sax
- 74 Affirmative votes
- 76 "— boom bah!"
- 77 Stuff in sand or quartz
- 78 Football team whose members collect perfume bottles?
- 81 Verbalize
- 82 La —, Bolivia
- 84 Oft-dunked treat
- 85 Hodgepodge
- 86 Suspenseful sleuth story
- 91 Popular fashion inits.
- 92 Storm-finding system
- 93 Basketball team whose members are always summarizing things?
- 97 "Jurassic Park" dino
- 99 Healer
- 100 Tony winner Neuwirth
- 101 Fit to be —
- 102 Mani-pedi offerer
- 105 Long, long —
- 106 Baseball team whose members attend lots of bashes?
- 112 2010 World Series MVP Edgar
- 114 Milk spokescow
- 115 Des — (Iowa's capital)
- 116 Infallible
- 117 Train base
- 118 Free oneself
- 119 Italicizes, e.g.
- 120 A-, C+, or F

121 Cease and —

DOWN

- 1 Jarring blow
- 2 Film
- 3 Hoops great Patrick
- 4 Baldwin with two Emmys
- 5 Extreme
- 6 Fruit-pitting device
- 7 "— Theme" ("Gone With the Wind" tune)
- 8 — for the long run
- 9 Los Angeles district
- 10 Be busy with
- 11 Neural gap
- 12 Orange drink
- 13 City SSW of Moscow
- 14 Not meant —
- 15 Writer Zora Neale —
- 16 Spanish "that"
- 17 Stingy ones
- 18 Short sock
- 19 Annual event run by ESPN
- 27 An absence of regret
- 28 Keeps after taxes
- 34 Is sick with
- 35 Casino game
- 36 Mandlikova of tennis
- 37 Elevator name
- 38 Gun owners' org.
- 39 Shrimps
- 40 Unpunctuality
- 41 Narcissism
- 42 In a gaudy manner
- 44 Larklike bird
- 47 "It comes — price"
- 48 Creator of Big Brother
- 50 Spoke too highly of
- 51 Richmond locale
- 52 Property appraisal pro
- 54 Lance Bass' boy band
- 55 Rodeo lasso
- 56 Donny or Marie
- 57 Part of BTW
- 59 Baseball's Tony La —
- 60 "People — talking"
- 64 Valuable hint
- 66 Mai —
- 68 Slum rodent
- 69 "— Hope" (bygone soap opera)
- 72 Dinner fowl
- 75 Flight stat
- 78 Côte d'—
- 79 — -R-Us
- 80 Soft-soap
- 83 Toothpaste box inits.
- 86 Golfer Michelle
- 87 — Bazaar (magazine)
- 88 Birds' bills
- 89 Arctic chunk
- 90 Set up in rows and columns
- 92 Suitor's flower
- 93 Flying son of Daedalus
- 94 Ted of rock
- 95 One buzzing
- 96 Old Iran
- 98 Juiced
- 101 "— things happen"
- 102 Peninsula of the Mideast
- 103 Little chirps
- 104 Advantage
- 107 Spring bloom
- 108 Fork feature
- 109 Makes "it"
- 110 Adorn richly
- 111 Quirky habits
- 113 Uno, due, —

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