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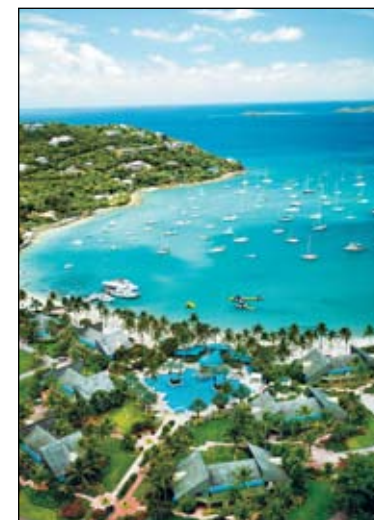


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The tilling, planting of new grass, and removal of trash from the Winston Wells ball field will make the field a safer place to play.

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Vessel Operator Nabbed for Damaging Resources in Johnson Reef Grounding

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

The operator of a vessel which destroyed endangered elk horn coral colonies and other sensitive natural resources off the north shore of St. John almost got away.

A vessel, a 43-foot power boat called *Heartbeat*, grounded on the well-marked Johnson Reef on Thursday evening, July 25, yet was on its way to St. Thomas before V.I. National Park officials caught up with it.

“The incident was reported to us by a concerned citizen who saw it from shore on Thursday evening, July 25,” said VINP Superintendent Brion FitzGerald. “The vessel was trying to get off the reef and someone saw it and called a VINP protection officer.”

VINP officials launched a park boat and caught up with the operator of the vessel which had managed to get off Johnson Reef by that time, FitzGerald explained.

“We were able to get out there as he was heading to St. Thomas,” said the VINP Superintendent. “We stopped him, made contact and brought the boat back here. We had him leave it here tied up to the park dock to do an underwater survey to match any damage to the reef to damage on the vessel.”

While VINP’s investigation into the grounding is ongoing, officials have determined some of the damage caused by the late July grounding, according to FitzGerald.

“Basically the vessel ran about 400 feet across the reef damaging underlying reef structures, and eight elk horn coral colonies — which are listed as threatened on the endangered species list — were broken or pulverized and a number of other species of corals were damaged, broken or torn from the bottom,” he said.

VINP officials have not yet decided whether to charge the vessel operator with criminal or civil charges, FitzGerald added.

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— Brion FitzGerald, VINP Superintendent

criminally or civilly yet,” he said. “We are still conducting the investigation but we’ll certainly go after the cost for resource mitigation.”

While it is impossible to repair the reef, VINP officials will try to recoup the cost they will spend on assessing the reef damage, explained FitzGerald.

“You obviously can’t put this reef back together but we’ve had other groundings before where we used the process which allowed us to have the owners pay for the damages and pay for measuring those damages and pay for monitoring and recovery efforts,” he said.

It will be at least a few weeks to a month before VINP officials determine the exact extent of the damage to Johnson Reef from the grounding, FitzGerald added.

Johnson Reef is located off-shore of the Peter Bay point area on the island’s north shore and is marked with at least four bright yellow buoys that display yellow lights at night.

FitzGerald likened the grounding on Johnson Reef to the collapse of a gabion basket and other damages caused to VINP resources from a construction site in Estate Denis Bay, which is accessed via a road in Estate Susannaberg.

“It’s the same thing that we’re doing at Susannaberg,” he said. “That’s just something that happened on land and this happened on the water.”

Villa Owners and Managers Invited to Green Villa Program Meeting Aug. 15

The Island Green Building Association will host a meeting on Thursday, August 15, at 5:30 p.m. at the Giff Hill School Upper Campus atrium, to gather opinions as the organization prepares to roll out its new Green Villa Program.

The goal of the program is to offer villa owners and managers practical and attainable steps to minimize the footprint of their villas’ operation and their guests’ stay. Potential incentives for joining the program include IGBA consulting advice on green rental villa management, listing in IGBA’s annual Green Villa Guide, use of conservation signage, and free advertising in numerous local publications.

Please join IGBA at the August 15 meeting to offer ideas and suggestions on the new Green Villa Program. All are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Sarah Haynes at 643-2273 or Barry Devine at 514-3532.

Ferry Rate Increase To Be Considered

The Public Services Commission will host a special meeting on Thursday, August 15, at 5 p.m. at the PSC Conference Room in Barbel Plaza, St. Thomas.

The petition for a ferry boat rate increase by Transportation Services and Varlack Ventures will be heard, with the hearing examiner presenting a final report and recommendations.

The matter of the Waste Management Authority’s application for environmental user fees and wastewater user fees will also be heard.

CBCC Meeting with DPW August 20

The Coral Bay Community Council will host a community meeting with Department of Public Works Commissioner Darryl Smalls on Tuesday, August 20, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Guy Benjamin School’s room six in Coral Bay.

Smalls will give an overview of current and potential Public Works projects in Coral Bay. There will be time for discussion.

For more information, please call the CBCC office at 776-2099.

Celebrate NPS’s 97th Anniversary

On Sunday, August 25, the National Park Service turns 97 years old. To celebrate, admission to all national parks will be free so that everyone can join in the festivities taking place coast-to-coast.

“National parks belong to all Americans, and we invite everyone to join us and celebrate this special day,” said National Park Service Director Jonathan B. Jarvis.

With partners at the National Park Foundation, the official charity of America’s national parks, the NPS has created an online hub to help visitors plan their personal National Park Service birthday trip at www.npsbirthday.org. Visitors to the site can share birthday wishes or stories, along with pictures or video from their favorite national park adventure.

“Each and every day of the year, the National Park Service protects our country’s treasures, our national parks,” said Neil Mulholland, National Park Foundation president and CEO. “This month we are excited to celebrate the 97th birthday and extend our thanks to the National Park Service for their vital role in preserving America’s awe-inspiring landscapes and rich history.”

Visit www.nps.gov/communities/states.htm to see how the National Park Service helps local communities.

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“We’ll be doing work on stormwater management, upgrading sanitary lines, and other needed work like that. The stormwater management is to help prevent issues in the future.”

– Mike Ryan, general manager, Westin St. John

Westin Kicking Off \$12M Renovation

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

The Westin Resort and Villas St. John is getting a \$12 million facelift starting this week.

The “major refurbishment of existing hotel space,” according to a Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide, Inc. press release, will include a “complete refresh of the 96 beach and poolside hotel rooms.”

Renovations will focus on both the exterior and interior of hotel room buildings, explained Westin General Manager Mike Ryan.

“What we are doing is a total exterior renovation, including new roofs, siding, windows, and doors,” he said. “We are doing upgrades to the interiors with new carpeting, paint, and soft goods. So it’s a pretty good renovation for those buildings.”

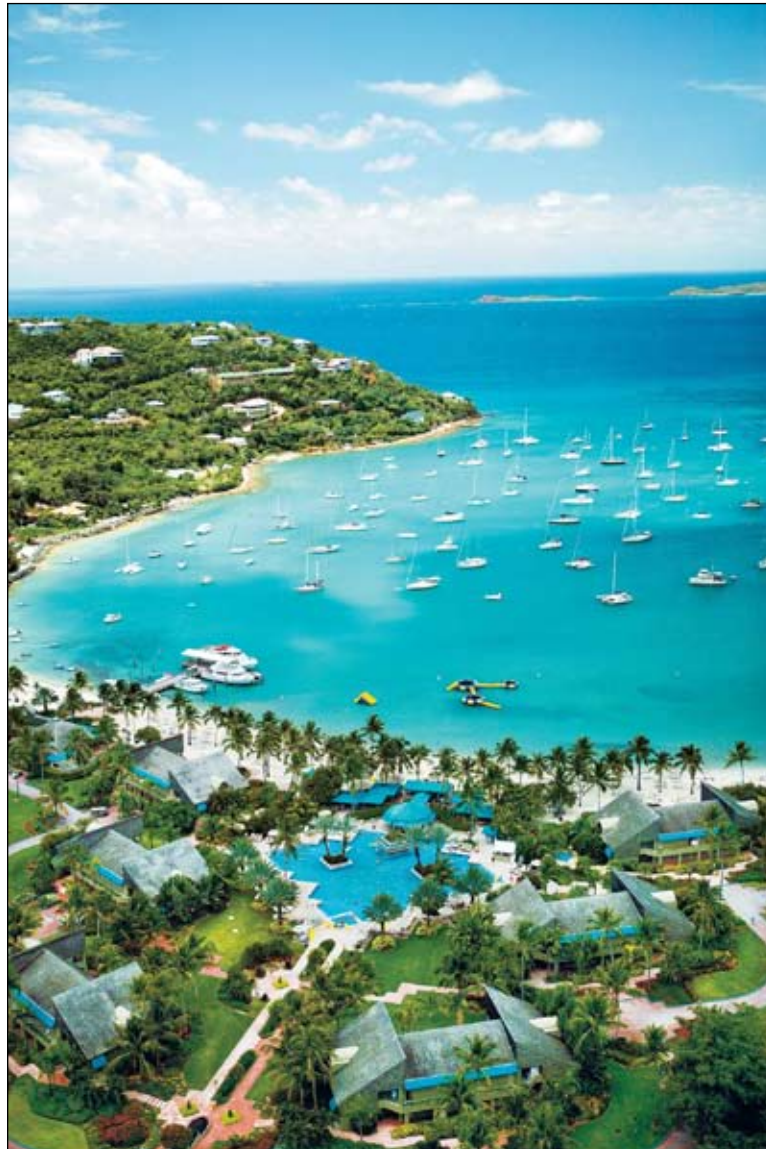
Work is expected to continue through the second week of March 2014, and care will be taken to ensure the impact on guests is minimal.

“We’ll take a building out of service, start working on it, then take a second building out, and by the time we’re ready to take a third building out, the first building should be completed, so we’ve always got inventory,” said Ryan.

Entire buildings will be shut down and refurbished, so guests will not be staying in buildings where work is underway.

In addition to the hotel buildings’ facelift, the Westin will also undergo renovations to its infrastructure in an effort to prevent flooding, which caused damage to the resort during Tropical Storm Otto.

“We’ll be doing work on storm-



St. John Tradewinds News Photo File

The Westin’s hotel rooms and infrastructure will undergo a multi-million dollar renovation beginning this week.

water management, upgrading sanitary lines, and other needed work like that,” said Ryan. “The stormwater management is to help prevent issues in the future.”

“Not only does this refurbish-

ment ensure an even higher quality of accommodations and services for our guests, but we are also pleased to continue our commitment to the island,” Ryan said in the Starwood release.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo File

Banco Popular officials expect their new electronic service center, to be located inside Mooie’s, to open in October.

Banco Popular to Open Electronic Service Center Inside Mooie’s

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

Banco Popular will soon expand to St. John with an electronic services center inside the iconic island bar Mooie’s.

Cost assessments are still underway for the necessary renovations, explained Banco Popular’s Senior Vice President and Region Manager for Operations and Administration Oran Bowry.

“We’ll have a night depository, payment station and an ATM terminal,” said Bowry.

Teller service will not be available; however, there will be a meeting facility where commercial, mortgage, and other clients can meet with Banco Popular staff.

Bowry anticipated the electronic service center will open in October.

2013 RAIN DATA at Trunk Bay

(Courtesy of Rafe Boulon)

MONTH:
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3.06 inches

AVERAGE
JULY

3.49 Inches

TOTAL Y-T-D

21.81 Inches

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21.11 Inches

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Winston Wells ball field was tilled and seeded in an effort to make the field safer for the athletes who use it. The field should be ready to reopen in October.

Winston Wells Ball Field on Its Way to Getting Green

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Thanks to about 15 volunteers who showed up for a work day in mid-July, grass has already started to grow on Winston Wells ball field.

“We got a whole bunch of big machines and about 15 people came out,” said Charlie Palminteri, the 10-year-old mastermind behind the plan to transform the Cruz Bay playing field. “We turned over the whole field and put down a whole bunch of compost and sand and then we spread seeds and fertilizer to start the grass growing.”

Palminteri, who will enter the sixth grade at Giffit Hill School in the fall, came up with a plan to seed the field for a science fair

project two years ago when he was in the fourth grade.

He was inspired to devise a way to improve the condition of the hard-packed field after his older brother was injured playing flag football on Winston Wells ball field.

“I knew some people who had gotten injured playing on the field,” said Palminteri. “My bother got a fractured heel playing flag football and then we saw someone break his femur bone during an adult’s flag football game. The ground was really hard and there were cement slabs in the field too.”

Palminteri knew just where to look for guidance too. GHS has had a partnership with Iowa State University for several years as the

two institutions collaborate on the Education and Resiliency Through Horticulture program. It just so happens that Dr. David Minner, an Iowa State turf field expert, resurfaced Yankee Stadium.

After consulting with Minner and doing “lots of research,” Palminteri developed a plan to till the field, and use compost and sand donated from Caneel Bay Resort, Carolina Corral and Giffit Hill School mixed with soil and seed the area. The field would be watered, mowed and maintained by volunteers who already stepped forward.

Palminteri’s project made so much sense, and identified sources for materials and volunteers for manpower, his science teacher en-

couraged him to pursue renovating the field.

“Everyone has said, ‘yeah that’s a really good idea,’” said Palminteri. “We had a meeting with the Department of Sports and Recreation and they approved.”

Palminteri obtained government approval for the plan during the school year and waited until after St. John Festival events wrapped up to launch the seeding project.

Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation officials issued a press release last month announcing that Winston Wells ball field was closed until October 1 to allow for renovation and landscaping.

“We planned to do this during the summer when no one was going to use it for a month or so,”

said Palminteri.

After tilling and seeding the field last month, Palminteri got some help from volunteers who installed a timed water sprinkler system, he explained.

“We put the sprinklers in place and turned them all on and now they’re on timers,” said Palminteri. “You’ll see them on the field if you go by.”

Palminteri and his family keep tabs on the field’s progress, he added.

“We drive by every day and look at it,” he said. “Grass is starting to grow already.”

Although not ready yet, new grass should welcome flag football players who show up to play this season at Winston Wells ball field.

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The Pine Peace basketball court no longer sufferings from flooding thanks to recent renovations.

After Renovations, No More Flooding at Pine Peace Basketball Court

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

The days when any amount of rainfall would swamp the Pine Peace basketball court are over, according to Gary Swanny.

Swanny is the owner of Stone Masonry who recently wrapped up renovations to the island's sole basketball court.

"We raised the whole site up two feet; and did a lot of drainage," he said.

With the drainage issues under control, Pine Peace basketball court renovations also included pouring a new court, fixing walls in the area, refurbishing the restrooms and installing new fencing in the area.

While not included in the government contract, Swanny made sure grass would grow next to the court as well.

"We did put in an irrigation system so the grass would grow," he said. "We didn't get paid for that. We had to grow grass and it's hard to grow grass without regular water so we did that."

The project took 120 days, starting on March 18 and wrapping up in mid-July.

The final pieces of project — playground equipment, covered bleachers and a scoreboard — were purchased with community and private sector donations. That equipment was scheduled for shipment from Miami in early August and expected to arrive this week.

"We're just waiting for the rest of the equipment,"

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— Gary Swanny of Stone Masonry

said Swanny. "It's supposed to be here the second week of August and then we're going to install all of it."

Although the project is not officially completed, the new court has already been attracting a steady stream of grateful basketball players.

"There are kids out there every day," said Swanny. "All of the kids thanked me the first day we opened it up. They all knew my name and thanked me."

"I couldn't be happier," he said.

Once the playground equipment and bleachers are in place, government officials plan to host an official grand opening at Pine Peace basketball court which is expected to feature a tournament and shoot around.



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SJSA Kick It! summer program students wow an audience of more than 100 people with a performance based on the theme, "The Life and Times of a Coral Polyp."

SJSA Kick It! Program Culminates in Live Performance, Music Video

By Andrea Milam
 St. John Tradewinds

The St. John School of the Arts' Kick It! summer program really put its students to the test — in just three weeks, 16 children ages 8-13 put together both a live performance and a music video. The theme of the performances was "The Life and Times of a Coral Polyp," based on a dance drama written in 2006 by SJSA instructor Jude Woodcock to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Virgin Islands National Park.

Throughout their three weeks in Kick It! — Kids Impacting and Connecting with Kids through Informative Technology — students from St. Thomas and St. John learned about production, steel pan, drums, acting, singing, songwriting, dance, storyboard writing, and much more.

While learning about the arts, Kick It! students simultaneously learned about coral reefs and how to protect them.

The live performance at the Giff Hill School's Upper Campus attracted more than 100 audience members.

"They did some acting and some movement; we had narrators, and some really cute props that the kids and Jude worked on," said SJSA Director Kim Wild. "One part which was really lively was a fashion show. Most of the kids



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Bill Stelzer

The live performance included movement, singing, and even a fashion show.

dressed up as a different coral."

At the end, a big bad lionfish made an appearance, only to be captured by the performers.

While the music video was based on the same theme, it gave the kids the opportunity to learn very different skills, Wild explained.

"The kids learned what a storyboard is and what the different camera angles are," she said. "I don't want to give too much away."

The music video's song was based on a traditional Caribbean steel pan folk song whose lyrics were changed by the students to suit the coral polyp theme.

With the help of local organizations like Arawak Expeditions,

Kekoa, and the V.I. National Park, scenes were shot out on the water and at Cinnamon Bay.

Two days of shooting are currently being edited by local videographer Bill Stelzer. Wild anticipates the video will be ready for its public debut in about a month.

"The kids did great," said Wild. "We got a lot done in three weeks. It was fun."

Kick It! would not have been possible without funding by the Puffin Foundation, V.I. Lottery, and Virgin Islands Council on the Arts.

An announcement for the screening of the music video will be forthcoming. For more information on the SJSA, visit www.stjohnschoolofhearts.org.

No Relief in Sight for VINP Staffing Woes

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Even before the national budget sequestration went into effect earlier this year, the V.I. National Park was understaffed and underfunded.

Then the sequester went into effect on March 1 and VINP officials were forced to trim an additional five percent from the park budget.

While up to now there have been no obvious disruptions to VINP programs and services, the park faces additional cuts in the coming year.

As VINP officials prepare for Fiscal Year 2014, there is little relief in sight to ease staffing and funding issues, explained VINP Superintendent Brion FitzGerald.

"We're trying to prepare for FY 2014 budget and we're still down five positions," said FitzGerald. "We didn't have the money to fill those positions in FY 2013 and we still don't have the money."

VINP has been missing five staff positions — a Chief of Resource Management, two Protection Rangers, one Interpretive Ranger and an Information Technology Specialist — for more than a year.

"There is no end in sight to the funding decrease," said FitzGerald. "We don't know what Congress is going to do in FY 2014. So far people have only complained about how long it takes to get on a plane and they've addressed that."

While national parks across the country are facing similar budget cuts, the problem is even more amplified at VINP, FitzGerald added.

"We're really still going through the



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

The VINP Visitors' Center may be open fewer hours next year due to a loss of funding from national budget sequestration.

throes of it," he said. "The park was so poor to begin with and we were so short staffed to begin with, it's tough to sort out the effects from the lack of a base funding increase in years and the sequestration."

Blame on the lack of VINP leadership to secure routine base funding increases over the past several years or U.S. Congress' Budget Control Act, but St. John residents and visitors alike might begin to see some

effects of the park's money problems soon.

"I can't tell you at this point in time when people will start to complain about the bathrooms and garbage and see that we haven't been able to mow the brush on the roads as often as we'd like," said FitzGerald. "There are some impacts that are visible if people are paying attention. People like to complain about the park, but it is in fact a result of being understaffed and way underfunded."

Don't be surprised to see the VINP Visitors' Center in Cruz Bay shuttered more often next year.

"Most likely we'll wind up with some closure of the Visitors' Center next year," said the VINP Superintendent. "I don't want to close just because we can. We want to take the measure that we have to."

"It might be a matter of do we close the Visitors' Center, or not do programs for school groups and visitors," FitzGerald said. "I'm still trying to get a good feel here from my staff about which makes the most sense. We're not at that level of planning yet."

A recent arson at VINP's maintenance area which destroyed three vehicles only added to the park's mounting financial woes.

"We've asked for funding to replace the vehicles which amounts to about \$90,000," said FitzGerald. "We have not heard back yet from the regional office about if any of those will be replaced. The incident certainly hurt our fleet."

As the VINP scrambles to keep up with maintenance and interpretative needs, the loss of the park's transportation van spelled the end to one volunteer group's needed trail help, FitzGerald added.

"One of those vehicles was our van which was transporting the Youth Conservation Corps who were helping with trail maintenance," he said. "We had to stop that work and find the group something else to do because we didn't have another van for transportation."

Anyone with information about the arson is asked to contact VINP's Chief Ranger at (340) 776-6201 ext. 228 or 254, or call Crime Stoppers V.I. at 1-800-222-8477.

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Third Annual Chaotic Kayak Race Raises \$30,000 for Team River Runner

Team Scotiabank Takes Home Golden Paddle

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Love City showed up in force late last month to support Team River Runner's adaptive kayak program for wounded veterans.

More than 100 people packed Oppenheimer Beach on Sunday afternoon, July 28, for the third annual St. John Chaotic Kayak Race, raising \$30,000 for TRR's St. John program.

A total of 32 teams went head to head in six separate heats over three rounds of competition. While Arawak Adventures entered the water as the two-time winner of the event, a new team took home the coveted golden paddle this year.

Scotiabank's three person team, which was anchored by the bank's regional vice president Laurence AQUI, won the third annual St. John Chaotic Kayak Race.

"People were pretty serious about the race this year," said John Schuld, TRR's St. John program coordinator who organized the event with help from numerous volunteers. "Some of the teams really wanted to win and take that paddle home. I remember when I bought the paddle on eBay, I had no idea anyone would want to win it."

"Now I hear that Scotiabank is getting



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Yelena Rogers

Team Scotiabank celebrates their win over two-time winner Arawak Adventures at the third annual Chaotic Kayak Race. The three-person team beat out 32 other teams to claim the title.

someone to build a case so they can display the paddle in the bank," said Schuld.

For the first time this year, the event also featured a Stand Up Paddle race. A total of

13 men and women showed up with their paddles and completed the short course from the beach around the motor vessel Sadie Sea, moored off shore.

Nat Ford of St. John, who has had impressive SUP races this year, continued to show his is a force to be reckoned with on the SUP board, cruising to victory ahead of the rest of the pack.

"The Stand Up Paddle race was fantastic," said Schuld. "We're definitely going to have it next year and we're going to definitely have separate men's and women's categories. It was our first time doing the SUP race and I think it went really well."

The St. John Chaotic Kayak Race is such a successful event because it taps into residents' competitive spirits while raising funds for a worthy cause.

TRR was founded by Washington D.C. area kayak enthusiast Joe Mornini who began teaching adaptive kayak skills in the pool at Walter Reed Army Medical Center back in 2002. Today there are TRR chapters at Veterans Affairs centers across the country.

Once wounded veterans master their skills, TRR leads trips across the country from white water adventures to ocean kayak programs. Schuld lived on St. John for several years when he met the first group of wounded veterans to visit the island with TRR back in 2009.

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Tipping Floor Coming to Susannaberg Transfer Station

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

The V.I. Waste Management Authority will soon be saving hundreds of thousands of dollars on the cost of transporting waste from the Susannaberg Transfer Station to St. Thomas' Bovoni Landfill thanks to the construction of a tipping floor.

WMA's Board of Directors, at its July 30 meeting, unanimously approved a measure authorizing a contract with Rumina Construction LLC to construct the tipping floor.

The tipping floor will consist of a concrete slab where garbage trucks can dump their loads, which will then be sorted and pushed off the tipping floor into various containers.

Metals and various other bulk waste items will be sorted and transported to St. Thomas' Bovoni Landfill as usual. Remaining garbage will be compacted before being transported.

"...The savings will be in the transportation of the trash. We'll reduce transportation costs by about 75 percent..."

— WMA's Chief Engineer Jim Grum

"What we're looking to do is turn about four normal garbage bins into a single load by using the compactor," explained WMA's Chief Engineer Jim Grum. "The savings will be in the transportation of the trash. We'll reduce transportation costs by about 75 percent, because the trash is being sorted and compacted prior to transportation."

The tipping floor contract has been awarded to Rumina Construction LLC. Costs will not exceed \$271,128 and will be paid from revenues awarded in a fiscal year 2010 U.S. Department of Interior grant, according to a WMA press release.

Grum expects construction to

begin sometime in the next two months, and the tipping floor should take about five months to complete.

"We'll keep doing business as usual, which is basically transporting a lot of bins of uncompact material, until the facility is built," said Grum.

Currently, VIWMA spends about \$94,000 per month for the collection and transportation of solid waste from the island of St. John to the Bovoni Landfill on St. Thomas.

Grum estimates the tipping floor will save Waste Management about a quarter million dollars each year in transportation costs.



ISLAND GREEN LIVING

by Lovango Cay resident Dan Boyd

Got Wood?

St. John Tradewinds

Believe it or not, scientists have been working on a battery made up of tin, wood, and sodium as a new type of battery. It works, too! No harmful or dangerous chemicals, either!

Scientists are speculating that sodium ion batteries, currently in an early stage of development, could suit large-scale energy storage much better than the current lithium ion batteries, partially because sodium is cheap and plentiful and because sodium is environmentally benign.

But sodium ion batteries still face many obstacles to become a viable option, the greatest of which is a phenomenon called "sodiation." With each charge/discharge cycle, the sodium ions swell up the battery's anode by as much as 420 percent and then return to normal.

Sodiation can literally pulverize an anode after only 20 cycles,

which obviously kills battery life. So two University of Maryland researchers started experimenting to find a way around this problem.

The stiff bases currently used in most batteries are too brittle to withstand the swelling and shrinking caused by sodiation, so the researchers turned to wood. It turns out that wood fibers have evolved to withstand these forces extremely well, because trees use capillary forces to transfer the sodium ions from the soil around them up to their leaves. The researchers' wood-based sodium ion battery is 20 times more durable than the original design.

Wood fibers once held mineral-rich water when they were part of a living tree, so they are ideal for storing liquid electrolytes. So the wood becomes not only a base but an active part of the battery. Cool!

Unfortunately, sodium doesn't store energy quite as efficiently as

lithium, so you probably won't be using a wood battery in your cell phone anytime soon. But they will be great for storing large amounts of energy for renewable power sources like wind and solar, because of their low cost and use of common, environmentally benign materials.

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Historical Bits & Pieces

by Chuck Pishko

Rocks of Ages

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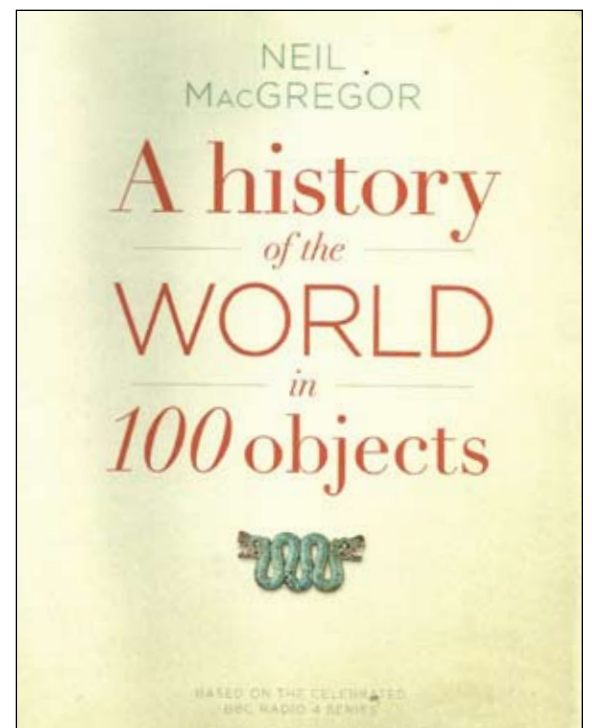
The *New York Times Magazine* for June 9, 2013 was dedicated to short accounts of innovations and the history thereof. The articles covered air bags to zip lines. The editor referred to the book "A History of the World in 100 Objects" written by MacGregor of the British Museum and based on a BBC Radio 4 series. The articles are presented in a format that is enjoyable to all.

For example, the book and the *Times* article lead off with the stone handax. The major article written by Hugo Lingren began with, "If you were trying to name the greatest invention in human history it would be hard to beat the stone chopping tool and the hand ax."

They weren't very impressive to look at, just roughly shaped chunks of rock, but they opened new vistas for mankind by showing the world as malleable to our needs. Lingren goes on to say, "The handax was a dominant technology for over a million years."

The tools were made in several areas of the world. It's worth noting that both tools were found in the Olduvai Gorge in Tanzania.

Some of the other articles related to island experiences. *A History of the World in 100 Objects* includes items relating to the West Indies, like ceremonial ballgame belts and pieces of eight. The book is a must read for anyone interested in history.



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New School Lunch Items Get High Ratings at Taste Testing

St. John Tradewinds

A large sampling of school lunch menu items, from tropical fruit sides to a Creole chicken entrée, got high marks from the hundreds of students, parents and government officials that tested them out recently at a tasting at Addelita Cancryn Junior High School.

Hosted by School Food Authority Director Esther Lynch-Izaak, the testing was meant to give Department of Education's leadership and State Special Nutrition Office a first-hand look at what exactly would be hitting the cafeterias once school starts in September.

Getting more involved in the school lunch process, from testing to ordering, helps keep DOE officials more aware of what the students' issues and concerns are when it comes to what is being served, explained DOE Acting Commissioner Donna Frett-Gregory, who also participated in the testing.

Frett-Gregory has also continued to push for more accountability within the program, and has tasked the territory's School Food Authority and Nutrition Program officials with turning around the public's perception of the taste and quality of specific commodity items, including a sweet potato puree, a Creole chicken (or boil-in-the-bag) entrée and other dishes that were surveyed during the testing.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Tropical fruit sides and sweet potato stuffing are among the Department of Education's new school lunch offerings.

Proper training for the schools' kitchen staffs, particularly in the area of food preparation, is also a top priority, according to Frett-Gregory.

Responding to the concerns, chefs from Chartwell's Dining Services, contracted by DOE to streamline the schools' kitchens, were also on hand during last week's testing to prepare some of the dishes, which all received high marks from the participants surveyed.

The Creole chicken — which was prepared by the chef by removing the contents and putting it in the oven — was a clear favorite, along with a local stuffing dish made from the potato puree, and a new peanut butter and banana wrap.

"What we really wanted to do is show the public that we are bringing in good, nutritional products," Special Nutrition Programs Director Angela Frett said after the event. "This testing allowed us to get the feedback we needed from our clients — the students — and now we really have to be responsible for training our staff in following the recipes and preparing the dishes so that they not only taste and look good, but meet our federal nutritional guidelines."

While the adults — including parents, DOE officials and representatives from the offices of Senators Janette Millin-Young and Tregenza Roach — participated in the survey, more than 200 students from local summer camps were also served at the event, with their feedback recorded by School Food Authority director Esther Lynch-Izaak.

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Villa Lumineria features a breezy, expansive great room and 270 degree views from the pool deck.



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Enjoy 270 Degree Views from Villa Lumineria

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Stretch out on a comfortable chaise lounge chair among the lush tropical poolside landscaping and feel all your worries melt away while soaking in seemingly endless water views at Villa Lumineria.

Nestled on a hillside in Upper Carolina with commanding views, the three bedroom, three and a half bath Villa Lumineria is for sale for \$2.195 million, explained Islandia Real Estate broker owner Merry Nash.

“Villa Lumineria is located high on a ridge with views to Virgin Gorda and Tortola as well as over Coral Bay,” said Nash.

Lounge by the pool and gaze out to the north to enjoy 270 degree water views over Sir Francis Drake Channel and the

gems of the British Virgin Islands in the distance. Or take in the sailboats bobbing on their moorings off to the south side of the home. Either way, it will be difficult to tear yourself away from the stunning scenery enjoyed from Villa Lumineria.

Step inside the home’s elegant main entrance to Villa Lumineria’s expansive great room. Encompassing an indoor dining, living and sitting areas, the tiled great room is airy and breezy with exposed beams and lots of windows.

The open plan kitchen at Villa Lumineria boasts stainless steel appliances and hardwood cabinets. A spacious deck with an outdoor dining table found just off the kitchen will make casual entertaining a breeze. With a stunning view of Coral Bay harbor below, your guests won’t want to leave.

The master bedroom is located on the main level and features a private deck with sweeping water views. The master en suite bath includes a beautiful oversized, curved native stone shower.

Go down the interior flight of stairs to find two additional guest bedrooms, each with en suite baths and private sitting areas.

With so many pod style homes on St. John, Villa Lumineria’s access to all bedrooms in one building is sure to appeal to families, explained Nash.

“The home is great for children as the bedrooms are all under one roof,” she said.

Villa Lumineria also boasts another rare feature on St. John; an oversized garage.

“One of the interesting features of Villa

Lumineria is its very large garage,” said Nash. “The garage offers lots of storage for cars, boats, sails and more.”

Another great feature about Villa Lumineria is its location. The home is perched high in the well-established Upper Carolina neighborhood, only a short drive to the fun restaurants and funky shops of Coral Bay and a few minutes from the island’s famed North Shore beaches.

The home also offers plenty of privacy. Villa Lumineria is located on a ridge top which bounds the V.I. National Park on the north side and an adjoining parcel is also available for purchase.

For more information about Villa Lumineria call Nash at Islandia Real Estate at (340) 776-6666 or on her cell at (340) 642-2246.

14th Annual Love City Triathlon and Aquathon Is September 1

St. John Tradewinds

It's time to get ready for the 14th Annual Love City Triathlon and Aquathon, which will be Sunday, September 1, at 7 a.m. starting at Maho Bay.

It's difficult to believe that this race is 14 years old now, but it's only getting better with age. The aquathon continues to attract newcomers while the triathlon has its loyal following of repeaters.

Dust off that bike, get out the WD40, and start getting ready for the triathlon. Don't have a bike? Sign up for the aquathon, since there is no bike required. Can't swim, but want to race? Form a team. Relays are allowed in the triathlon only.

The Love City Triathlon and Aquathon is only taking 100 par-

ticipants in total, so please don't wait until the last minute to sign up.

The registration fee for the triathlon and aquathon is \$40, the fee for the relay is \$35. The registration fee includes a race T-shirt, finisher's award, support on the course and a beach picnic after the event.

Register online at www.stjohnlandsharks.com and click on the link. Registration forms can be picked up at on St. John at The Tap Room.

All participants are required to check-in at the race briefing to receive their race numbers, T-shirts and to receive course instructions. Race check-in will be at The Tap Room at Mongoose Junction from 4 to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, August

31. At 5:30 p.m., the race briefing will begin. This is also the last opportunity to sign up for the race, if

space is still available.

For more information about the course and the race in gen-

eral, check out the organization's web site at www.stjohnlandsharks.com.

CAHS Announces 2013-2014 Orientation, Photo ID Schedule

The schedule for Charlotte Amalie High School students to come in and take ID photos, pay fees, and present immunization information will begin on Tuesday, August 20, and will run through Thursday, August 22.

Orientation and class schedule distribution will take place at Charlotte Amalie High School on August 28, 29, 30 and September 3 in the school's Ruth E. Thomas auditorium. Attendance is mandatory.

For orientation and class schedule distribution, students must report in proper school uniform accompanied by their parents according to the schedule given below. Students must present a photocopy of their updated immunization record and be able to pay the following fees: \$15 for ID, \$17 for school accident insurance, and \$10 for PTSA dues. Students who do not wish to purchase accident insurance must present a photocopy of an insurance card (front and back) under which they are covered.

The schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, Aug. 28: 8 a.m. — All ninth graders with last names A-L and their parents

Wednesday, Aug. 28: 12 noon — All ninth graders with last names M-Z and their parents

Thursday, Aug. 29: 4 p.m. — All 10th graders and parents

Friday, Aug. 30: 4 p.m. — All 11th graders and parents

Tuesday, Sept 3: 8 a.m. — All 12th graders and parents

Returning students must take care of all outstanding obligations before receiving a schedule. All students must have attended orientation and received their schedules in order to attend classes on the first day of school.

The ID schedule will be as follows:

All new ninth graders will report to CAHS to take photographs for their school identification cards according to the first letter of the last name. Students must wear the uniform shirt.

Tuesday, August 20: 8 a.m. — Last names A-F

Tuesday, August 20: 12 noon — Last names G-M

Wednesday, August 21: 8 a.m. — Last names N-S

Wednesday, August 21: 12 noon — Last names T-Z

Thursday, August 22: 8 a.m. — All new students who need to purchase a permanent school ID.

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Arsons: 0

1st Degree Burglaries: 3

2nd Degree Burglaries: 3

3rd Degree Burglaries: 40

Grand Larcenies: 72

Rapes: 1

2013-TO-DATE

Homicides: 0

Shootings: 0

Stabbings: 0

Armed Robberies: 0

Arsons: 0

1st Degree Burglaries: 1

2nd Degree Burglaries: 1

3rd Degree Burglaries: 14

Grand Larcenies: 48

Rapes: 1

Letters To St. John Tradewinds

A Beautiful Thing on Love City

Congratulations to the Love City community for finally coming together on a plan to improve the surface for the school kids, as well as for those who use it for sport.

I slid once into home plate head first and embedded a metric hex nut into my hip pointer. I knew right then that something needed to happen. Way to go!

It's a beautiful thing when the children benefit from

a community effort. It builds pride and character.

I am looking forward to seeing the park bloom into what it should be; an emerald green gem you can all be proud of!

Way to go Charlie!

Best successes to you all.

**Mark Campion
Aspen, CO**

SJSA Thanks Supporters of KICK IT! Camp

St. John School of the Arts had a fabulous three week summer camp KICK IT!

I would like to thank our faculty for putting our 16 participants up for success: Jude Woodcock, Eddie Bruce, Mike Sorzano, Luba Dolgopolsky, Alesia Georgious, Jeune Provost and Bill Stelzer.

We started the camp off with an interesting and educational video from Jeff Miller, Fisheries Biologist for the U.S. Geology Survey. It gave our kids an overview of what our theme was all about: "The Life and Times of a Coral Polyp."

A huge thank you to Arawak Expeditions and Arthur Jones for allowing us to film the kids at the shop; we are also looking forward to Jones' debut in the video!

I would like to thank the V.I. National Park and Superintendent Brion FitzGerald for letting us film at Cinnamon Bay for the music video. Also, many thanks to Kekoa; they took our kids from Cruz Bay to Cinnamon and will be featured in the music video, too.

A special thanks to John Hoerner who came out and volunteered during the filming for the last two days of camp; we are thankful for his efforts, expertise and time! Thanks to Giff Hill School for donating the space for the live performance as well as GHS students John Spinale and Gemmal Ashly for their help with lights and sound. And thanks to Ms. Rosemary who helped in many ways!

A very special thanks to the Puffin Foundation and VI Lottery for their direct sponsorship and partial funding for this program as well as Virgin Islands Council on the Arts who has supported the arts school annually for many years! A special thanks to Joe Kessler with Friends of the Park and Pretlow Majette with Waterbase who initially endorsed and supported our program.

The music video will be premiered soon once the editing is complete, which will also be launched on YouTube and Facebook and put on our website at www.stjohnschoolofhtearts.org.

Kim Wild, SJSA Executive Director

Crossword Answers — Puzzle on Page 20

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White House Down

Borrowing the title of a recent movie, let's examine the home in which the President of the United States lives.

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I can hear you saying that the President isn't renting the White House and that is true. However, the rules still apply to the behavior of its occupants. On a recent political show, a question was posed as to the difference between a former President's conduct

in the Oval Office and a mayoral candidate's forays. The answer given was the President's matter was private and the mayoral candidate was public.

Hmm, let's pause for a moment. What?!!

If the President of the United States cheats on his wife in a government building on government time with a government employee, how is that private?

We don't need to go into the whole lying cover-up issue. Let's just stick to this point; he made poor judgement. We know this, but why after all these years are people still covering for this guy?

If he had smoked pot, brought in strippers, guzzled down a 40, would that be okay?

There is no way we can have an honest discussion about race, politics or money unless people think objectively. It doesn't matter what political party we belong to. We should all agree that conduct within the White House should follow strict principles.

It has been said that America cared more about the economy than the President's personal life. That's truly sad because now we have a long list of officials who think so too.

Free your mind from political slavery before it's too late.

Emmanuel Prince

Letters To St. John Tradewinds

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Thank you to the moon and back for giving of yourselves: your time, your energy, your hard-earned money, your love. Thank you for taking ownership of this event and the program that it supports. Thank you for loving and accepting our wounded veterans. Thank you for showing them that there is a special place, in the middle of the sea, that honors them, respects them, and is thankful for their sacrifices. Most of all, thank you for being our chosen family: a family with hundreds of siblings, our brothers and sisters with whom all things are possible.

“One person can make a difference and everyone should try.” - JFK

The following people not only tried, they succeeded...in a big way:

Extra special super-duper thanks to the following: Suzanne Crosby (our raffle queen), Laura and Lily at Glazer’s Premier Distributors and Miller High Life for their tremendous support of this event; Bill and Olivia Etter at Café Livin’ for filling our tummies and our hearts with love on a bun with a side of baked beans; Kevin, Cheech and Tim of St. John Brewer’s, who have come through for us three years running; Steph, Holly, and Laurie for the time and effort it took to make a gazillion Jell-O shots; Scott Johnson our tent master (and three time event team member); Craig Crandall and all the guys who pitched in to get the job done; Yelena Rogers for yet another set of beautiful photos; Lauren Jones Magnie for performing our National Anthem; Adonis Morton for sharing his DJ talents, Johnny B, Tyler Perrino and Jared Warren for bringing their instruments; Ms. Laurely Anthony at the National Park Service; Shikima at Housing and Rec; Dean and Celia at the St. John Community Foundation for shuttle service; Doug Benton at Crabby’s Watersports; and Eddie Pool at V.I. Ecotours for the use of their kayaks and paddle boards.

“The hotter the battle, the sweeter the victory.” - Bob Marley

Huge thanks to our record 32 Chaotic Kayak teams

and to all who participated in the first ever stand up paddleboard competition! Thank you for your enthusiasm, your participation, and sportsmanship. This year’s race was by far the most exciting yet! Congratulations to Nat Ford who took home the title of 2013 SUP Champion and to ScotiaBank, the 2013 St. John Chaotic Kayak Champions! This year it was anyone’s race and ScotiaBank stepped up and claimed it as their own. We are looking forward to seeing the Golden Paddle displayed at ScotiaBank!

“We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” - Winston Churchill

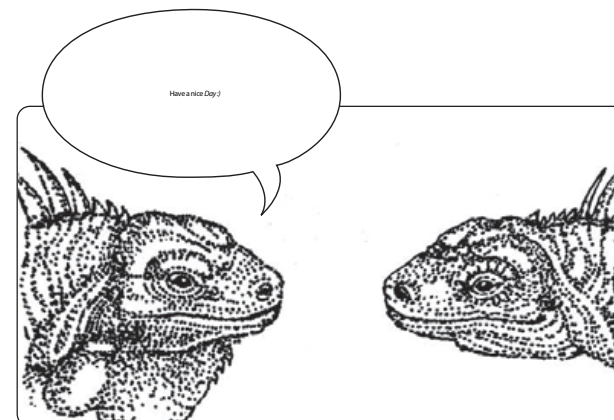
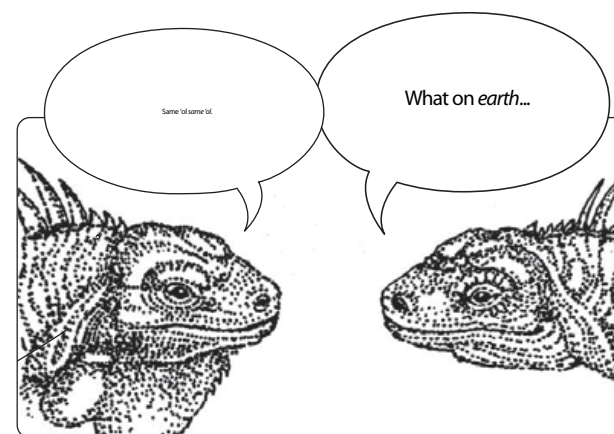
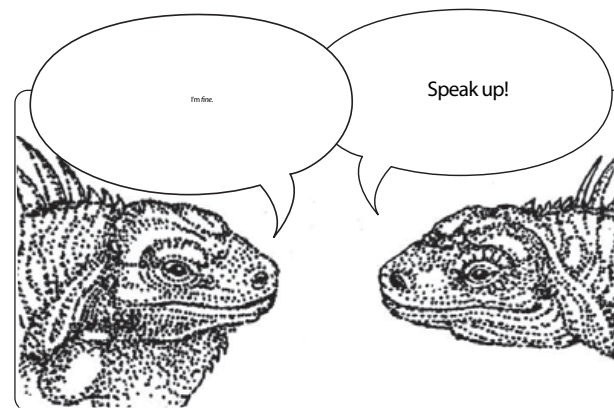
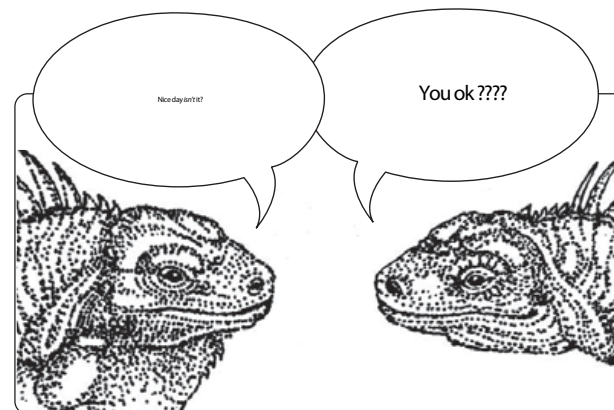
There were some Chaotic teams that really embraced the spirit of giving this year and took fundraising to a whole new level. They opened their hearts and put out their hands, collecting donations from folks on island and back in the states. Friends, family, tourists and locals alike, no one was out of the reach of these fundraising monsters. The top three fundraising teams this year were the Westin St. John with over \$4,000 in their donation bucket, Matt Mikrut and his Shipwreck Landing Crew netting over \$2,300 in fundraising dollars, and Team Beach Bar raised an amazing \$1,700 in tips that they donated to buy a head start in the race. An honorable mention goes out to Veteran Eddie Pool from Team V.I. Ecotours who raised \$1,156. Huge thanks to all of our teams who got into the spirit and held their own fundraisers to make significant donations.

“I get by with a little help from my friends.” - The Beatles

In addition to hosting the Chaotic Kayak, we also had the great honor of hosting our visiting veterans, Ryan Major, Nathan Rimpf, and Taylor Morris. Thank you to Grande Bay for our amazing accommodations, to Clay and Mike at Across the Street for the tasty dinner, and to Nikki and the Beach Bar staff for your generosity and hospitality.

To list everyone who lent a hand would take more pages than the Tradewinds has to offer. If you can’t find your name written here, rest assured that it is most definitely written in our hearts. We have thoroughly enjoyed every minute spent on this event and look forward to bringing a new team of veterans to St. John this November. You should be proud of yourselves, Love City, your accomplishment as a community is overwhelming!

**One Love,
John and Brandi Schuld,
Tom and Amy Larson,
and all the TRR Wounded Veterans**



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Wine Talk



by Paul Tsakares

Wine Pairings for a Hot Afternoon

St. John Tradewinds

While living in a tropical environment, you get pretty good at pairing wines for spicy dishes, grilled fish and all sorts of great summer salads.

I get a personal kick each year, when the food magazines publish their best selections for the summer. We get to make those selections all the time since here on St. John it seems it's always Saturday and it's always summer.

"Let the games begin," is often the cry. With that in mind I thought we'd benefit from reminding people about some mouth-watering pairings we can enjoy year round.

First of all, remember that sparkling wines are the only wines appropriate before, during and after a meal. One of my favorite best buys is the Gloria Ferrer Brut. There is an appealing toasty richness to it and it is made almost entirely of Pinot Noir.

A Spanish Cava is bone dry with aromas of white fruit and white pepper and an overall freshness on the nose. It has a foamy palate which brings apple, lime, peach and spice flavors. Try it with a shrimp salad or an olive and tomato bruschetta.

Interestingly, sparkling wine is good with fried food too. Or imagine a homemade mac'n cheese with just the right ingredients and toppings; a cava is acidic enough to cut through the cheese. Paired with fish tacos, your pool side guests would be enthralled.

A very unique wine and another of "Paul's Picks" is the Pine Ridge Winery Chenin Blanc & Viognier. With its balanced acidity, this versatile wine pairs with a number of dishes. Snow crab claws with their succulent white meat would be an elegant choice. Its subtle sweetness provides a balance alongside a touch of heat, so try it next to a spicy Thai curry or spicy sushi roll. For me to suggest a seared halibut is just teasing!

Muscadet is another wine that reflects the "sense of place" which I described last month. It is a fresh and captivating wine with subtle apple and citrus flavors. It enjoys a salinity from the soil which is loaded with seashells. The whole area — between the Sevre and Maine Rivers in France — was once underwater! No wonder it is perfect with oysters, but try it with any fish.

There are a lot of reasons to include Rose on this list. It's a fun, festive and beautiful wine. It's Mediterranean and its dry acidity strikes a perfect balance with the well-loved Mediterranean flavors of olive oil, seafood and vegetables. Hosts will love its versatility. The offering from Jean Luc Colombo has a soft, delicate pink color with subtle aromas of peach, rose petal and pepper.

From a cheese board or a Spanish Paella a dry Rose is a real quaffer, especially if you love anchovies with your charcuterie board. A cold poached salmon with a sauce verte is impressive and grilled shrimp would be easy to picture too.

Finally, to get a red wine into the mix, remember to pick up a bottle or two of Beaujolais. Seemingly a definitive description of a summer wine, it is fun, delicious, light, simple and juicy. It's as versatile as Rose and has a spiciness to the finish that accents many dishes. A Gruyere cheese would work well or a roasted chicken for the comfort of a peasant feast.

The Beaujolais by Louis Jadot has a strong red and purple color. It is slightly spicy with a touch of grey pepper. Appropriately paired with a terrine, charcuterie or grilled red meats, it is also terrific with a variety of cheeses. I love slices of grilled flank steak with a salad of wild greens, fresh tomatoes and cheese.

I wish I was in the kitchen instead of at my desk! Bon appetite. All the wines mentioned in this article are under \$20 at Island Cork. See you soon!!

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Today's Cryptoquip clue: J equals T

The Man Who Swam to St. John - Part I

Special to St. John Tradewinds

In 1985 Shaky Acres (the recovery program that Tuts and I had started in 1981) was going along fairly well, but was in need of a fund-raiser or two. Tuts heard (along with everyone else) of a proposed St. John swim (everybody heard of it because it was considered impossible by most folks, and suicidally dangerous by local folks who knew that there were sharks, starvin' hungry sharks, out there the size of the battleship "Bismarck").

The UDT (The Frogmen, The Navy Seals, The toughest hombres on or under the sea) while training for many years in St. Thomas, had given up on swimming to St. John because it was simply too crazy and dangerous a deed.

The well-intentioned local lady legislator who had proposed "the swim" was unaware of the deep and dark difficulties inherent in the "big fun fundraiser"

When Tutsie was a young boy, riding back across Sir Francis Drake's Passage coming home with his Mother from a harvest festival in Cane Garden bay in Tortola, he looked out from the deck of "The Joan Of Arc" or "The Bomba Charger" at Pillsbury Sound (the five-mile stretch of wild water that separates St. Thomas and St. John) he said to her "I cou' swim 'crass dat yu kno."

His usually gentle and loving mother, scared to death by what she was hearing, tried to discourage this crazy idea once and for all by replying, "Man hush up yu schupid mout, why yu like tu talk such schupid craziness?"

Tuts didn't see any reason to discuss it any further, but, he says, the conviction that he could do it, was locked in his mind for ever after.

It was July the third, 1985, Emancipation Day in the Virgin Islands. (Emancipation Day is the day in 1849, on which it became official that the slaves in the Danish West Indies had won their freedom and were now and forever more free.) Freedom was a long time coming for the children of Africa in the DWI, and very hard-won, as was Tut's own personal freedom from drugs and alcohol.

There were forty eight entrants all together, most of them young white kids from the hot-shot St. Croix "Dolphins Swim Team," they came prepared and ready to succeed, with sleek buoyant body suits, well fitted goggles and the best fins that money could buy.

A number of the St. Thomas swimmers, were runners down from the states, budding tri-athletes, an elderly white gent determined to show his wife he still "had it" and half a hand full of locals with a mismatched assortment of masks and fins.

Tuts on the other hand was wearing one pair of big and baggy boxer trunks, y nada mas...

As the other swimmers did warm ups and calisthenics on the sand at Vessup Bay, Red Hook, a tough old Tortola sailor, pulled Tuts aside and said, "Buaayyy yu, yu crazy buaay? Yuh following de damn schupid white people dem? Yuh don kno de real name fo red hook is shak waff? Buaayyy!! Shak ow de biggah den uh submarine! Yu is a black man gon follow dem schupid white people? Buaayyy wha rang wid yuh, yuh crazy o something?"

Tuts concedes that the strongly delivered warning did cause him much concern, but that he had already

told everybody over and over again that he was going to do it, told them in the strongest terms, in the face of the harshest ridicule. It was common knowledge that no (sane) black person from the Islands could ever, should ever and would ever attempt to make that swim. Therefore, as his sanity was in question, it was also a crucial moment for recovery in the Islands.

At this moment he was demonstrating clearly (to local folks) that local people who went to fellowship meetings "wid de crazy white people dem" were demonstrably nuts (just like they thought) and for him to chicken out before he even hit the water would have sealed it once and for all. Tuts has since confessed that on that particular morning he had decided that he would rather be eaten alive, than quit.

Once the old Tortola man realized that he was not talking to a sensible gentleman of color, he began to encourage him with information about what to expect in terms of currents and where to find what he called "soft spots" in the sea. He stated flatly that, "yuh can't swim directly East ta St. John, yuh have tu swim for Loango (Loango Key, a small Island East North East of St. John) and as yuh hold Loango as your goal, the current will be sweepin' yuh south, look sharp! Buaay, dat is de onliest way to get dare."

As the swim began, the fast and the fancy took off due East for Cruz bay and before you knew it half of them had been swept away and were heading backwards around Cabrita Point towards Big and Little St. James, then out over the Anegada Trench, (on the bottom of which the scariest bug eyed things on earth, with jumping, wiggling electro "bait worms" dangling in front of foot long razor teeth, swim around four miles down, snapping steel trap jaws, and saying fish prayers, to get their dribbly lips around something, anything, slathered in coconut oil, or greasy mango scented sun tan lotion) and then south and west for St. Croix, Puerto Rico, Santo Domingo, Haiti, The Caymans, The Isle of Pines Cuba, and New Orleans. (Of course by the time they got to New Orleans there would be nothing left of them but a Speedo tag and whatever plastics they'd swallowed along the way)

Needless to say, an armada of rescue boats started pulling people in over the gunnels, like langustas on parade, on a fish pot Saturday night.

Tuts was heading for Loango.

Shortly after the fast and the fancy fiasco, the old white gent's wife, standing in his rescue boat started screaming hysterically, "A Shark! A Shark! Oh my God, I see a Shark! Pull my husband out, pull my husband out, pull him out right now!! Oh my GOD! Pull my husband out right now!"

Tuts says the poor old gent was utterly dejected as they pulled him up, his bathing suit drooping below his pale old, pink old, shiny old hiney.

Next went the dapper sharply outfitted attorney from the states, who had looked most disdainfully upon our man's baggy boxers and boney bare feet but was now being dragged, thoroughly defeated, flat on his back from the sea to flat on his back on the bottom of the heaving boat.

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Editor's Note: See the next issue of *St. John Tradewinds* for the final installment of "The Man Who Swam to St. John"

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Thirty-two teams competed at this year's Chaotic Kayak Race, which raised \$30,000 for Team River Runner.



Chaotic Kayak Race Raises \$30,000 for Team River Runner

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In 2010, TRR was forced to cancel its planned trip to St. John due to lack of funds.

"I wanted to help make sure that never happened again," said Schuld, who began as a volunteer and now coordinates the St. John and Florida Keys trips for TRR from his Gulf Coast home.

Thanks to others who felt just as Schuld did, TRR has been able to afford to bring a group of wounded veterans and their partner or caregiver to Cinnamon Bay Campground each November for a week of health, healing and adaptive ocean kayak adventure each year since 2010.

And thanks in large part to the St. John Chaotic Kayak Race, TRR's St. John program is now self-sufficient.

"The trip is definitely on this year," said Schuld. "We'll be down in November with a group of wounded veterans."

Attendees of this year's Chaotic Kayak race never forgot the reason for the event.

Among the 32 three-person teams, representing most island restaurants and businesses, a few of the wounded veterans who benefitted themselves from the St. John program were at Oppenheimer Beach for the Chaotic Kayak Race on July 28.

Nathan Rimpf, a double amputee who lost his legs in July 2012, raced with team Skinny Legs while Ryan Major, also a double amputee who lost his legs seven years ago, paddled with team Shipwreck Landing. Quadruple amputee Taylor Morris was also on hand cheer-

ing on the kayak teams. "I think it's really powerful for these guys to feel the love and support of the St. John community," said Schuld.

In addition to the kayak and SUP action, the day featured food donated by Cafe Livin, beers by Miller High Life and St. John Brewers and music by DJ Adonis.

From the perfect weather to the camaraderie to the amount of money raised, the Third Annual St. John Chaotic Kayak race was a true success, explained Schuld.

"We really lucked out on the weather and the event was amazing," said Schuld. "It exceeded my expectations."

For more information about TRR or to donate to the group, check out www.teamriverrunner.org.

Answer to Aug. 11 Cryptoquip:
I THINK I PROBABLY KNOW EVERYTHING
UNDER THE SUN ABOUT TIN ALLOYS.
I HAVE A DEGREE IN PEWTER SCIENCE.

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St. John

Sometime between Monday, July 15, and Thursday, July 18, at the dock in Coral Bay, someone stole a Yamaha boat engine from a dingy. The model number of the dingy is E15CMHS. Tell us what you know so police can identify the thief and recover the engine.

On Friday, July 26, at about 2:50 a.m., police responded to a fight in progress in the area of the Lumberyard, Cruz Bay. When they arrived they found a male with a large laceration to his head. If you know something about this matter, say something.

St. Thomas

Police need your help to identify and arrest the person(s) involved in a rash of vehicle break-ins that resulted in a substantial loss of personal items by the victims. The break-ins occurred from April 20 through April 29, mostly between midnight and 2 a.m. from Norre Gade to Market Square, including near Seven Wonders, the Lutheran Church, Nye Gade, Kronprindsens Gade, Wimmelskafts Gade, and Veterans Drive near the Windward Passage Hotel.

St. Croix

During the past two weeks, robberies have occurred throughout St. Croix by masked men dressed in black carrying various types of guns. In most instances, the robbers were described as being black or Hispanic and 5'4" to 6 feet in height. The robberies occurred primarily in Estate Glynn, Williams Delight, and Christiansted town. Help police identify and arrest these robbers before someone is seriously hurt or killed.

Let's continue to work for the good of all by telling us what you know about these, or any other crimes, at www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org or by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). You can also text "USVI" plus your message to CRIMES (274637). If your tip leads to an arrest or the recovery of stolen property, illegal drugs, or weapons, you will receive a cash reward to be paid according to your instructions.

Police Log

Friday, July 26

4:00 p.m. - A citizen p/r that someone was trespassing on her property. Trespassing.

Saturday, July 27

2:43 a.m. - A citizen c/r an auto accident in the area of Estate Pastory. Auto accident.

4:01 a.m. - A citizen c/r someone playing loud music in the area of the Lumberyard. Loud music.

Sunday, July 28

5:31 a.m. - A citizen c/r that his girlfriend destroyed several items in his home. Assault in the third.

8:27 a.m. - Badge #1200 p/ at Leander Jurgen Command with one Samantha Denny of Estate Carolina under arrest and charged with destruction of property, D.V. No bail was set by order of the court. She was transported to the Richard Callwood Command to be processed and then remanded to the Bureau of Corrections.

8:29 a.m. - Badge 1236 p/ at Leander Jurgen Command with one Buster Brady Jr. of Estate Little Plantation under arrest and charged with assault in the third, D.V. No bail was set by order of the court. He was transported to the Richard Callwood Command to be processed and then remanded to the Bureau of Corrections.

5:04 p.m. - A Westin Resort and Villas employee c/requesting police assistance. Police assistance.

Monday, July 29

12:34 p.m. - An Estate Contant resident p/r that his wallet was stolen from his vehicle. Grand larceny.

Tuesday, July 30

10:00 a.m. - A citizen c/r that someone left several cupboards outside of her business. Littering.

3:39 p.m. - A citizen c/r a vehicle on fire in the area of Estate Susannaberg. Vehicle fire.

Wednesday, July 31

5:00 p.m. - A citizen p/r that he lost his wallet. Lost wallet.

7:20 p.m. - A citizen c/requesting police assistance in the area of Cruz Bay. Police assistance.

8:51 p.m. - A citizen c/r loud music in the area of Estate Enighed. Loud music.

10:24 p.m. - An Estate Pastory resident c/r that his son is creating a disturbance. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

Thursday, August 1

4:12 a.m. - An Estate Enighed

resident c/r a suspicious person in her yard. Suspicious activity.

7:20 a.m. - A citizen p/r that someone stole landscaping equipment from his vehicle. Grand larceny.

2:26 p.m. - A Cruz Bay resident c/r a disturbance with a male. Disturbance of the peace.

4:28 p.m. - An Estate Contant resident c/requesting police assistance with her daughter. Police assistance.

4:57 p.m. - An Estate Pastory resident r/ a disturbance with a customer. Disturbance of the peace.

9:43 p.m. - A citizen c/r a bush fire in the area of Cruz Bay. Fire.

10:20 p.m. - A citizen c/requesting police assistance. Police assistance.

Friday, August 2

10:30 a.m. - A citizen p/ at Jurgen Command and r/ an auto collision that occurred in the area of Jacob's Ladder. Auto collision.

Saturday, August 3

8:52 a.m. - A citizen c/ requesting police assistance at her residence in Estate Adrian. Police assistance.

6:53 p.m. - A citizen c/ via control to r/ loud music at the Beach Bar, Wharfside Village. Disturbance of the peace.

Sunday, August 4

5:12 p.m. - A citizen p/r a boat trailer struck her rental vehicle. Auto collision.

Monday, August 5

11:36 a.m. - A citizen c/r she was involved in an auto collision in the area of EC Gas Station. Auto collision.

12:00 p.m. - A resident of Coral Bay p/r he was involved in an auto collision on 7-20-13 in the area of Shipwreck. Auto collision.

12:23 p.m. - A resident of Estate Carolina c/r her house was broken into. Burglary.

3:27 p.m. - A resident of Bellevue c/r a female threw a water bottle inside her house. Disturbance of the peace.

9:00 p.m. - A resident of Estate Enighed p/r her tenant changed the lock on the door and turned off the water pump. Landlord/tenant dispute.

Tuesday, August 6

2:50 a.m. - A citizen p/r someone stole her vehicle out of the Enighed barge ramp parking lot. Unauthorized use of a vehicle.

9:30 a.m. - A citizen p/r a male threatened her. Disturbance of the peace (threats).

10:55 a.m. - A resident of Estate Adrian c/ requesting police assistance in removing her boyfriend from her residence. Police assistance.

1:16 p.m. - A resident of Cruz Bay p/r he was being threatened at Joe's Rum Hut. Disturbance of the peace.

4:22 p.m. - A resident of St. Thomas p/r someone stole the keys out of the ignition of his delivery truck in the area of Pine Peace Mini-Mart. Petit larceny.

6:21 p.m. - A resident of Estate Susannaberg c/r the church bus that usually parks on his property's windshield and windows were broken. Damage to a vehicle.

8:35 p.m. - A resident of Bellevue c/r a female is constantly driving in front of her residence. Suspicious activity.

8:40 p.m. - A citizen p/r she needs an escort to her home because her husband was going there. Police assistance.

Wednesday, August 7

9:55 a.m. - A concerned citizen c/ request a wellness check on a resident. Police assistance.

11:11 a.m. - A resident of Estate Grunwald p/ at Jurgen Command and r/ he was threatened by a prior foe. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

12:00 p.m. - A resident of Italy p/r he lost his camera bag while on the public bus service. Lost property.

3:20 p.m. - A resident of Abraham's Fancy p/r someone picked up his iPhone in the area of the ferry dock, Cruz Bay. Grand larceny.

6:09 p.m. - A resident of Chocolate Hole r/ an assault at home. Aggravated assault and battery (DV).

6:51 p.m. - Badge #1177 p/ with Maxentius Griffith of Chocolate Hole under arrest and charged with aggravated assault and battery, DV. No bail was set by Order of the Court. Griffith was transported to Richard Callwood Command to be processed and turned over to the Bureau of Corrections.

Friday, August 9

11:15 a.m. - A resident of Estate Enighed p/r that a man threatened to kill him and pushed him. Simple assault.

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.

Thursday, August 15

— The Island Green Building Association will host a meeting on Thursday, August 15, at 5:30 p.m. at the Giffit Hill School Upper Campus atrium, to gather opinions as the organization prepares to roll out its new Green Villa Program.

— The Public Services Commission will host a special meeting on Thursday, August 15, at 5 p.m. at the PSC Conference Room in Barbel Plaza, St. Thomas.

Tuesday, August 20

— The Coral Bay Community Council will host a community meeting with Department of Public Works Commissioner Darryl Smalls on Tuesday, August 20, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Guy Benjamin School's room six in Coral Bay.

— The schedule for Charlotte Amalie High School students to come in and take ID photos, pay fees, and present immunization information will begin on Tuesday, August 20, and will run through Thursday, August 22. *See page 13 for full details and additional information.*

Sunday, August 25

— On Sunday, August 25, the National Park Service turns 97 years old. To celebrate, admission to all national parks will be free so that everyone can join in the festivities taking place coast-to-coast.

Sunday, September 1

— It's time to get ready for the 14th Annual Love City Triathlon and Aquathon, which will be Sunday, September 1, at 7 a.m. starting at Maho Bay.

Saturday, September 7

— The H.E.A.L.T.H and Wellness Expo will be on Saturday, September 7, in the St. Thomas/St John District at the University of the Virgin Islands from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday, October 19

— "No Fleas, Please," the St. John Animal Care Center's annual flea market, will be Saturday, October 19, at the Winston Wells ball field from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Donated wares are now being accepted. Call the shelter at 774-1625 for information about pick-up of furniture and volunteering to help with setting up the fair.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

AL-ANON MEETINGS

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

Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

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TAKING OUT THE MIDDLE

ACROSS

- 1 Musical pace
- 6 — you note
- 11 Looker's leg
- 14 LaBelle with a Grammy
- 19 Oak seed
- 20 Perfume queen Lauder
- 21 Pal, to Gigi
- 22 One of the Three Musketeers
- 23 LOUIS
- 26 Painter Dufy
- 27 Co. heads
- 28 Zero in (on)
- 29 What a white flag signifies
- 30 Speed
- 35 LLOYD
- 37 Make — out of (toughen up)
- 38 Jogger's gait
- 39 Pre- — (bump, so to speak)
- 40 Candle blowers' secrets
- 41 CAROL
- 44 Caesar of old comedy
- 45 Severe
- 46 Hides from view
- 51 Swan's kin
- 56 Copy a bunny
- 57 "Nuts" director Martin
- 61 CHRISTIAN
- 63 Pep rally cry
- 65 Tarot card reader, e.g.
- 66 Singer Donny
- 67 Folk knowledge
- 70 JESSICA
- 73 In the matter of

- 74 Assembly with all members present
- 76 Language of Bangkok
- 77 Pastor's talk
- 79 WASHINGTON
- 82 Wren's home
- 83 "Mike & Molly" aier
- 86 Adams of photography
- 87 Small carpet
- 89 "Ulysses" star Milo
- 91 Cumulative pay abbr.
- 93 JEAN
- 97 Cuba's Fidel
- 101 Some jeans, familiarly
- 105 "No, mein Herr"
- 106 Peruvian of long ago
- 107 CONAN
- 109 Tropical grassy plains
- 111 Kettle output
- 112 Brand of fat replacer
- 113 University in North Carolina
- 114 1836 siege setting
- 115 CARLOS
- 122 Justice Ruth — Ginsburg
- 123 Highway with a no.
- 124 Leek relative
- 125 With 59-Down, crude oil, in slang
- 126 Deep pit
- 127 Sun — -sen
- 128 "— Hope" (old ABC soap)
- 129 Build, as a building

DOWN

- 1 Paving gunk
- 2 Prefix with car or warrior
- 3 Unruly throng
- 4 District police station

- 5 How right turns are often allowed
- 6 Mosaic tile
- 7 DDE's forerunner
- 8 Lunched, e.g.
- 9 It's east of Calif.
- 10 Painter Georgia O'—
- 11 It's removed for a fill-up
- 12 Total number
- 13 Capital of Belarus
- 14 Pheasants' cousins
- 15 1980s video game consoles
- 16 Despite the fact that
- 17 "Clever comeback!"
- 18 Florida keys, e.g.
- 24 The Lone Ranger's companion
- 25 Par for the course
- 30 Hindu prince
- 31 Mobil rival
- 32 Settle the tab
- 33 Boozing sort
- 34 Fr. ladies with haloes
- 36 Early 20th-cen. conflict
- 42 Architect Saarinen
- 43 "Stop talking!"
- 44 IRS ID
- 47 More like a hoarse voice
- 48 High on the draft list
- 49 Online folks
- 50 Grow dim
- 52 Financial tipster Suze
- 53 Bears, in Buenos Aires
- 54 Faxed, say
- 55 Prefix with spore
- 58 Response to "Who's there?"
- 59 See 125-Across
- 60 Dentists scrape it off
- 62 Houses for students
- 63 Music style

- 64 Skier Phil
- 67 Women's links org.
- 68 Steinhauer who wrote the 2009 bestseller "The Tourist"
- 69 Antique cars
- 71 "— Nagila"
- 72 Sooner than
- 75 Nasty bits of dirt
- 78 Nebraska Sioux
- 80 Ill-bred guy
- 81 Barbecue spice mix
- 83 Beijing's land
- 84 Judge's seat
- 85 Epic tales
- 88 Cotton deseeders
- 90 Less chubby
- 92 Ontario's capital, on scoreboards
- 94 Grassland
- 95 Resident maids
- 96 Wholly
- 97 Melon type
- 98 Place to sculpt in school, say
- 99 Dependable
- 100 English river
- 101 "Blaze" actress Davidovich
- 102 Tennis shoe hole
- 103 Israel's flag carrier
- 104 12th grader
- 108 Bride's property
- 110 Nick of "Cape Fear"
- 116 — old way
- 117 Actress Wasikowska
- 118 Gained
- 119 Firefighter's tool
- 120 Freddie —
- 121 Onetime jet-set jet

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- Two bedrooms, one bath, washer, Wifi, \$1700
- Two bedrooms, two bath, w/d A/C \$1800
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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND NATURAL RESOURCES

INFORMATIONAL MEETING ON TEMPORARY WIRELESS FACILITY ST. JOHN, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

DPNR St. John Office, Cruz Bay
(In front of the Elaine Sprauve Library)
Tuesday, August 20, 2013
6 pm

The Department of Planning and Natural Resources will be holding an informational meeting regarding the Temporary Wireless Facility recently relocated to Lot 1B, #6 Cruz Bay Quarter, St. John. The meeting will be held in the Departments St. John office on August 20th at 6:00 p.m. All persons are invited to attend the informational hearing were the applicant will give a presentation and answer questions related to the temporary facility and any proposed future improvements.

Files can be reviewed at DPNR's St. John Office, Cruz Bay, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday except holidays.

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"Villa Lantano" - Magnificent North Shore views over Peter Bay to Jost Van Dyke from this spacious home in Upper Peter Bay. Features include custom kitchen, granite counters, stainless appliances, travertine marble floors throughout, including decks, lg pool deck with spa, water views from every room and lush professional landscaping. A beautiful new arched, stone gazebo makes a comfortable, shady outdoor seating area. **Reduced by \$1M to \$6.9M**

"Cruz Views Condos" - feature beautiful water views to St. Thomas, gorgeous sunsets, and a short walk ferry and restaurants. Units 7 and 10 are located near the pool & sundeck and are air-conditioned. Both are corner units for privacy. These condos are popular short term rentals. Features include new flat screen TVs & Internet access. Cruz Views has undergone many improvements including new stairs, decks, parking and landscaping. **\$445,000 and \$510,000**

"Unicorn by the Sea"- high on the hillside in Fish Bay with fabulous views from every room. Remodeled in 2010, the upper level has an elegant open-air gourmet kitchen open to a covered dining area. The living area can be opened to catch cooling trade breezes or closed for full air conditioning. There are 2 air conditioned master suites that open onto a central pool and entertainment patio. Beyond the pool is a private, stand-alone one bedroom guest cottage. **\$1.595M**

"La Sirena" is a beautifully crafted Mediterranean style pool villa overlooking the sparkling waters of Kiddel Bay in a secluded neighborhood surrounded by National Park lands within walking distance to beaches and hiking trails. 2 master suites have en-suite baths & access the pool deck with a great wet bar & grill area. The well-equipped kitchen opens into the great room with high cathedral ceilings where you can enjoy indoor dining or outdoor dining on the covered verandah. There is an additional loft bedroom. **\$979,000**

"Squire's Cottage" is a delightful and whimsical stone cottage with separate guest quarters in Chocolate Hole West, a short drive from Cruz Bay. Features include fine local stone and brick work, Turkish travertine floors, flag stone courtyard, custom light fixtures, large closets, custom hard wood doors & windows, stainless appliances, cathedral ceilings, slate roof and deeded rights to two beaches. The one level main house is handicapped friendly. **\$1.1M**

DEVELOPMENT/COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES: Hansen Bay 7A is an 18 acre parcel with studies done and a 15 lot sub division permit. All lots have water views and breezes and 4 lots are on the flat top of a ridge with almost 360 degree views. Parcel has access to a cobble beach. Reduced from **\$3.18M to \$2.49M**; Estate Zootenvaal 20 acres over looking the marine preserve at Bork Creek just east of Coral Bay and bounded by National Park on two sides **\$7M**; Group Dwelling permit for 6 apartments and a driveway permit have been issued for this 0.9 acre lot in Estate Rendezvous & Ditleff. With sunset and water views to St Thomas from this gently sloping lot, this is a perfect parcel for development or for a single family home with lots of privacy. **\$499,000**

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Cats and Birds



Getting Fluffy a companion (another cat or even a dog) is a good way to provide an outlet for play. Likewise, interactive toys, scratching posts, cat perches and other amenities — check with any well-stocked local pet store — can make the indoor environment a stimulating yet safe one for housebound cats and should serve to prevent stir-crazy behavior.

Meanwhile, another non-profit, the American Bird Conservancy, added another reason why cat owners might want to think about restricting their pet's territory to inside: Research shows that indoor cats live significantly longer lives than their free-roaming counterparts.

"Life for outdoor cats is risky," reported the group. "They can get hit by cars; attacked by dogs, other cats, coyotes or wildlife; contract fatal diseases, such as rabies, feline distemper, or feline immunodeficiency virus; get lost, stolen, or poisoned; or suffer during severe weather conditions."

But the fact that feral cat populations have gotten so large in recent years makes the problem that much more vexing. Researchers concede that efforts to catch and either neuter or euthanize feral cats have proven ineffective given their booming populations, leaving cat owners wondering whether jeopardizing Fluffy's mental health for the sake of saving a few birds is really even worthwhile.

Dear EarthTalk:

I understand that pet cats prey on lots of birds and other "neighborhood" wildlife, but isn't it cruel to force felines to live indoors only? And isn't human encroachment the real issue for bird populations, not a few opportunistic cats?

**Jason Braunstein
Laos, NM**

While it is true that habitat loss as a result of human encroachment is a primary threat to birds and wildlife of all kinds, outdoor cats are no doubt exacerbating the loss of biodiversity as their numbers swell and they carry on their instinctual business of hunting.

The Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute's Peter Marra estimates that outdoor cats in the United States, counting both pets and feral animals, kill up to 3.7 billion birds each year — along with up to 20 billion other small mammals.

Researchers estimate that roughly 114 million cats live in the contiguous U.S., 84 million of them pets and the rest feral — and that as many as 70 percent of pet cats spend some time roaming outside and hunting.

"Cats are a nonnative species," said Marra, adding that they often target native species and can transform places that would normally harbor many young birds into "sinks that drain birds from neighboring populations."

As a result of this ongoing predation, many environmentalists and animal lovers think cats should stay inside.

"The big message is responsible pet ownership," Marra said.

He acknowledged that feral cats may be the bigger problem, but pet cats still catch as many as two billion wild animals a year.

The non-profit American Humane Association reports that there are several ways to keep indoor cats happy even though they are

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<p>"WINDCHIME" is a very private 1.4 ac. estate set high atop Giffit Hill. Dramatic views to the east w/ spectacular breezes and sunrises. This 3 bdrm villa has room to expand with an oversized pool facing the terrific view.</p> <p>MLS 12-381 \$1,295,000</p>	<p>SAVE WAPA COSTS! "SEA TURTLE VILLA" is a "green" SOLAR NET-METERED contemporary home that cash flows! Amazing water views, sleeps 8, tropical landscaping, pool, & open architecture set amidst secluded privacy.</p> <p>MLS 12-301 \$1,250,000</p>	<p>"WHALE WATCH" - Enjoy pristine East End in this lovely, 2 bedroom villa with big water views. Downstairs apartment offers additional living & income space. Hear the sound of the waves lapping below.</p> <p>MLS 13-204 \$1,225,000</p>	<p>"PARADISE ON THE ROCKS" Tropical living, big views & masonry home—centrally-located on Ajax Peak. Two units: - 2 bedrooms, 2 baths and great room upstairs; private entry 1 bedroom apartment downstairs. Rent one, live in the other!</p> <p>MLS 10-351 \$1,150,000</p>	<p>"WILD ORCHID VILLA" in Skytop features privacy and amazing 270° panoramic views! Flexible floorplan 4 bdrm, 2 level villa is custom crafted in exotic hardwoods & stonework. Awesome sunrises! Beautiful sunsets! Cool breezes! the package!</p> <p>MLS 12-391 \$980,000</p>	<p>"LOVE VIEW TOO" 2 br/3bth w/ sweeping views to East End & BVI. Concordia home near Salt Pond Bay and US National Park is all-masonry construction w/ pool. Villa w/ pod living is ideal for rental or family retreat.</p> <p>MLS 12-139 \$850,000</p>
<p>"COMPLETE THIS DREAM" The ground work has been laid for a new owner to step in and complete this house! Completed is a masonry 2x1 apartment and a detached 1x1 wood cottage.</p> <p>MLS 13-129 \$745,000</p>	<p>"FISH BAY" 4X2 INCREDIBLE VALUE! Huge panoramic views and a quiet, private, breezy location that borders Nature Conservancy property make this home a must see!</p> <p>MLS 13-267 \$475,000</p>	<p>"VERY MOTIVATED SELLER!" SABA COTTAGE offers an open floor plan & valley views of historic sugar mill. Room to expand this small but well constructed home. Two parcels—keep one and sell the other.</p> <p>MLS 13-199 \$215,000</p>	<p>"GALLOWS POINT" Unit 9C—one bedroom, 1.5 bath loft with private deck/patio, common beach, pool and spa. Restaurant and concierge services on property. Walk to town!</p> <p>MLS 11-187 \$1,100,000</p>	<p>"LAVENDER HILL" Luxurious 1 bedroom unit adjacent to pool with 2 decks. Walk to beach and town. Handsomely furnished, immaculately maintained, excellent rental management.</p> <p>MLS 12-249 \$499,000</p>	<p>"PETIT TRE'SOR" (a small treasure) at Cruz Bay Villas is a charming one-bdrm condo w/ a romantic view over the pool & across Pillsbury Sound to St. Thomas. Pool with wrap around deck and great sunset views!</p> <p>MLS 13-86 \$349,000</p>

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Chaotic Kayak Race a Huge Success

The third annual Chaotic Kayak Race raised \$30,000, which will go toward bringing wounded veterans to St. John in November for a healing and adaptive ocean kayak adventure with Team River Runner. Thirty-two teams competed in the race, with Team Scotiabank emerging victorious.

See pages 8 and 18 for full story and more photos.



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