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A Steve Simonsen photograph graces the cover the next issue of *St. John Magazine* again — with a warm sunset captured from Gibney Beach. The Fall/Winter 2008 edition will be on newsstands on Thursday, November 20.



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PSC Hearing on Ferry Rates Nov. 17

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The Virgin Islands Public Services Commission is conducting a hearing on the rate investigation of the St. Thomas/St. John ferries on Monday, November 17, at the St. John Legislature building at 6:30 p.m.

The PSC is the government agency mandated to ensure that the rates of public utilities are fair, just, reasonable and non-discriminatory.

Next Recycling Meeting Is Nov. 20

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St. John Recycling Committee will have a meeting on Thursday, November 20, at 7 p.m. in the St. John Community Foundation office on the third floor of The Marketplace.

Focus of the meeting will be on continuing efforts to maintain and expand the aluminum beverage can recycling program on St. John, as well as a discussion of beginning the collection of other recyclables such as plastic and glass.

Aluminum is a great success! Let's keep the momentum going. Everyone is welcome to attend.

EDA Workshop at Legislature

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The Virgin Islands Economic Development Authority will host a second series of Public Workshops on economic development in the V.I. on November 20, at the St. John Legislature Conference Room, at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 714-1700, ext. 258.

Flavors of St. John Set for Nov. 22

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The Rotary Club of St. John announces that the annual "Flavors of St. John" will be at the Westin Resort on Saturday, November 22. All proceeds from the event will go to charity. Cocktail hour starts at 6:30 p.m. with Flavors kicking off at 7:30 p.m.

Dress is island fancy and Paradise People will be performing. Donations are \$100 per person and tickets are limited. Call Bill Willigerod at 776-0883 for more information or to reserve tickets. Don't miss this exciting event!

VINP Prepares To Open Archives and Research Center at Lind Point

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Virgin Islands National Park Archives Collection located at 129-A, Lind Point, St. John will soon open for research, serving park employees and eventually opening to the general public.

It will house the VINP's archives collection of historic documents, photographs, maps and plans, publications and manuscripts relating to the establishment, history and operations of VINP sites both on St. John and St. Thomas, with some cross reference information to these Islands' history and major events.

The archives collection will ensure VINP's historic archival resources are cataloged and preserved for future generations of National Park Service users, park partners and island residents.

VINP Superintendent Hardgrove expressed his gratitude to all co-workers that assisted in making this challenging project become a reality.

Special thanks go out to the park management team for their support, to the maintenance division for their hard work, and to the Southeast Regional Office which granted the funding.

Also, thanks to VINP's Caribbean neighbor park, San Juan National Historic Site for their support with a team of employees who assisted on the project.

For more information, contact Milagros Flores, National Park Service Caribbean Historian, at (340) 774-2585.



St. John Tradewinds News Photos by Tom Oat

JROTC members stand in formation on the V.I. National Park ball field.



American Legion Post #131 members salute servicemen missing in action, above left. Post #131 Chaplain Andrew Yellen reads a closing prayer, above right.



AARP members, followed by American Legion flag football players, marched through Cruz Bay in the Veteran's Day parade.



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JROTC members lead the Veteran's Day parade, above. Post #85 member Lt. Governor Gregory Francis, far right, joined Post #131 in the parade, right.



Residents Gather To Remember Veterans with Parade and Ceremony

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

St. John residents and visitors took a couple moments out of their day on Tuesday morning, November 11, to line the streets of Cruz Bay and show their support to participants in the St. John Veteran's Day Parade.

American Legion Post #131 members, American Legion Post #131 Auxiliary members, AARP members, Ivanna Eudora Kean High School Junior ROTC, Love City Pan Dragons and participants in the American Legion's Youth Co-Ed Flag Football league marched through Cruz Bay from the tennis courts to the V.I. National Park ball field to commemorate all active and past military personnel.

A member of American Legion Post #85 in St. Croix even made it over to St. John for the festivities. Lieutenant Governor Gregory Francis fulfilled a promise made last year to join in the parade, he explained.

"I lived up to a promise that I made almost a year ago that I would be here," said Francis. "Veteran's Day means a lot to me as I am a veteran myself. It's a day for celebration as opposed to Memorial Day, when we remember the fallen veterans."

A Day of Celebration

"Today is our day," Francis continued. "As proud veterans of the United States, this is our day to celebrate. I'm proud to have served and I will continue to serve."

Post #131 member Elmo Rabatt led the parade route driving a

"This day gives us all the opportunity to thank our veterans and remind us of the tremendous sacrifice veterans made to maintain our strength, freedom and independence."

— Jerry Runyon, American Legion Post #131 Commander

dump truck festooned with military supporting flags and speakers broadcasting patriotic tunes.

Karin Schlesinger took a break from running operations at VIVA Villas to cheer on the parade participants.

"I came out here because I think these fine ladies and gentlemen deserve our respect and support every single day," said Schlesinger. "It's really important to show our veterans our respect when we can. Veteran's Day reminds me of all the things I'm grateful for being an American."

"I've traveled the world and we're really blessed," Schlesinger added.

Bringing Veteran Health Care to St. John

As Delegate to Congress Donna Christiansen's St. John representative, Lorelei Monsanto is working on the front lines to ensure veterans receive the care they deserve.

"The delegate is working feverishly to bring medical care here to St. John for our veterans," said Monsanto, who marched in the parade. "I'm here to support the vets and the services we're trying to make sure they get."

With America in the middle of two wars, Veteran's Day is more

meaningful than ever this year, explained St. John Administrator Leona Smith.

A Time to Give Thanks

"Veteran's Day means so much," said Smith. "We all have to give thanks for all those who have fallen and fought in wars past and present and continue to fight to protect us against terrorism."

Once at the VINP field, parade participants and about 50 residents gathered for a ceremony. After JROTC members posted the colors and the Love City Pan Dragons played the "V.I. March" and the "National Anthem," Post #131 Past Chaplain Ray Joseph shared an opening prayer.

"We pray for those who gave their lives, those who have served and those who are serving now," said Joseph. "We pray that their lives may be preserved and especially for V.I. soldiers. We ask that you bring them home safely."

Lt. Gov. Francis read Governor John deJongh's Veteran's Day proclamation and offered a few words of his own.

"Let's make some noise for our veterans," said Francis. "Today we salute all veterans and their dependents. We think of the sacrifices made by veterans' spouses and

children."

"Today is a celebration," Francis continued. "After this ceremony, go to the beach and break out the BBQ. Invite a veteran and give him a big plate of food."

With the joking aside, Veteran's Day is the time to honor those who serve to protect their fellow citizens, Post #131 commander Jerry Runyon explained.

"This day gives us all the opportunity to thank our veterans and remind us of the tremendous sacrifice veterans made to maintain our strength, freedom and independence," said Runyon. "Since the founding of our country, 50 million men and women have served in the military and less than half are living today. About 10 percent of our population is the subject of today's commemoration."

As citizens enjoy the freedoms ensured by the American flag, it is important to remember that those freedoms do have a price tag, Runyon explained.

Freedom Is Not Free

"Freedom of the press, freedom of religion and the right to vote are freedoms protected every day by men and women who courageously serve in our armed forces," said the American Legion Post #131 Commander. "But freedom does not come free — there is a price to pay for our freedom. We owe our veterans more than we can ever give them for their sacrifice."

"As long as there are men and women who are willing to stand up and serve, we must always be willing to stand up and honor their service," said Runyon.

American Legion Post #131 Auxiliary president Maria Lett and Administrator Smith also offered remarks to the crowd. Post #131 members and the crowd joined together in singing "God Bless America."

Despite suffering from declining health, Post #131 Chaplain Andrew Yellen stood at the microphone and read a closing prayer.

With the formalities over, hot dogs and hamburgers were thrown on the grill and flag football team members got ready for an exciting game on the field.

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Judge Hollar Postpones Sentencing in Cockayne Murder Case

Jahlil Ward's Murder Conviction Contested; Assault Convictions of Thomas and Boston Reduced

By Joseph Tsidulko
St. John Tradewinds

ST. THOMAS — Judge Brenda Hollar postponed sentencing Friday for the three St. John men convicted in connection with Jamie Cockayne's slaying in Cruz Bay and instead heard arguments from defense attorneys seeking to mitigate a V.I. Superior Court jury's verdict in the high-profile murder case.

Hollar withheld ruling on a bevy of post-trial motions, but did make the decision to reduce a single felony assault count against Kamal Thomas, 19, and another against Anselmo Boston, 32, to the misdemeanor crime of simple assault. The judge dismissed corresponding charges of using wooden two-by-fours as deadly weapons during those assaults.

The judge did not make any immediate rulings in regard to 20-year-old Jahlil Ward, the only defendant convicted of the most serious crime of first-degree murder who now faces life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Prosecutors argued at last month's trial that Ward fatally stabbed Cockayne eight times just after midnight on June 19, 2007, about a half-hour after the Pennsylvania man got into an altercation with Boston and Thomas inside Cruz Bay's Front Yard bar.

Largely due to a media campaign waged by Cockayne's family, who became frustrated with the pace, competence and transparency of the police investigation, the brutal attack generated unfavorable national headlines regarding the safety of tourists visiting the Virgin Islands and a significant amount of negative publicity for St. John.

On October 10, six men and six women convicted Ward of assault and murder. But the jurors were not swayed by prosecutors' arguments that the multiple attacks on Cockayne that night were all part of an orchestrated series of events, with the three defendants acting in concert and all equally culpable in the murder.

They acquitted Boston and Thomas of murder but found

each man guilty of two counts of third-degree assault and two counts of using dangerous weapons, corresponding to attacks on Cockayne at Front Yard, then near Dolphin Market after he was followed out of the bar.

Friday was scheduled as a sentencing date, but because of the serious crimes and nuanced legal issues involved in the case, Hollar told the court she believed it prudent to entertain briefs from all attorneys before rendering decisions on the multiple motions before her. The judge said she will set a new sentencing date once she receives written arguments by a December 5 deadline.

Ward's attorney, Michael Quinn, argued Friday that no evidence was presented at trial that proved the stabbing was premeditated, a necessary condition for first-degree murder.

He also argued that prosecution witnesses who incriminated his client — witnesses discovered by an investigator working for the other defendants — directly contradicted the testimony of an eyewitness at the crime scene.

Quinn continued by telling Hollar he believed testimony was improperly introduced at trial about a previous crime committed by his client.

All those legal errors amounted to a miscarriage of justice, according to Quinn, who requested a new trial.

Hollar said Quinn opened the door for testimony about Ward's previous crime when he pointed out while cross-examining a witness that his client was seriously wounded in a shotgun attack in 2006. Prosecutors countered by telling the jury that shooting was in retaliation for one committed by Ward the previous night in which a teenager was wounded in the hand.

Michael Joseph and Ben Currence, representing Thomas and Boston respectively, both succeeded in reducing one of the two third-degree assault convictions to simple assault.

Hollar agreed the attack on Cockayne after he left the bar did not meet the felony criteria of an assault with a

deadly weapon. While witnesses testified they saw the defendants surround Cockayne while brandishing wooden sticks, there was insufficient evidence that they struck the young man with the makeshift weapons.

A stick is only deadly when it is used in a fashion that threatens the victim's life, Hollar said.

Assistant Attorney General Renee Gumbs-Carty argued that a two-by-four raised to strike someone was inherently life-threatening. Bruises on Cockayne's head and back showed he suffered a serious beating, she said.

Joseph and Currence also argued Hollar should reduce the remaining third-degree assault charges in the same manner.

Those charges correspond to Boston striking Cockayne with a pool cue at Front Yard, and a second attack with the wooden plank committed by Thomas. Currence maintained Boston shattered the pool cue on a window sill and not over Cockayne's shoulder.

But testimony from witnesses at the bar made clear Cockayne was not hurt. According to a bartender, Cockayne sat at the bar after the fight and drank a beer until he was asked to leave because he was bothering other customers. If Cockayne was struck with the cue, then it was too flimsy to be considered a deadly weapon, Currence said.

Joseph said the only serious attack on Cockayne was the stabbing. The "circus" that took place in Cruz Bay earlier that night was nothing more than a chase. The subsequent murder should not elevate the severity of the assaults, he argued.

But Gumbs-Carty argued Cockayne was seriously injured when he reached his car, and the jury correctly inferred Boston and Thomas were responsible. Near the spot where Cockayne's car was parked, the knife-wielding attacker pounced on the Pennsylvania man.

The 21-year-old, inebriated and beat up, could not defend himself, and ultimately bled to death from a wound to his femoral artery.

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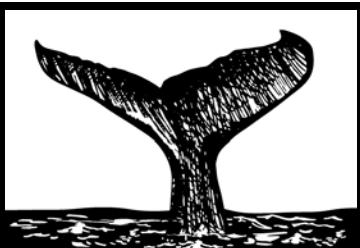
An applicant briefing for government agencies and certain non-profit that incurred damage from Hurricane Omar on St. John, is scheduled for Monday, November 17, at 10 a.m. at the St. John Administrator's office at the Battery.

At the request of the Gov. John deJongh, President Bush signed a major disaster declaration for the U.S. Virgin Islands on October 29, triggering public assistance funding for St. Thomas, St. Croix and Water Island. On November 11, St. John was added to the major disaster declaration for public assistance.

Under the FEMA Public Assistance Program, applicants are eligible for funding to pay for emergency work, such as debris removal and overtime, and the repair or replacement of facilities damaged by Hurricane Omar.

All government entities and non-profit organizations, such as schools and libraries, to attend the applicant briefing to begin the reimbursement process.

Those government agencies and qualified non-profits which are unable to attend the applicant briefing may call the V.I. Office of Management and Budget to file a request for public assistant. For more information, call 778-8925.



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Presidential Inaugural Tickets Are Limited, Warns Delegate To Congress

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Delegate to Congress Donna Christensen's office is no longer taking names for tickets for the upcoming inauguration of President-elect Barack Obama.

"I know that everyone is excited about this historic event, but there will be very few tick-

ets available," Christensen said. "Last week we received more than 300 requests, which will be impossible to fill. We do not expect to receive enough tickets for all those requests and we will not receive them until a week before the inauguration."

Persons wishing to attend the

inauguration should be realistic, because even if they manage to get a ticket, in the enormous crowds expected for the event, it will be difficult to view the event and they will most likely be standing for many hours in winter weather, Christensen explained.

Further, the public should be

advised that no website or ticket outlets have tickets to the swearing in, no matter what they claim. All tickets will require in-person pick-up from congressional offices.

The Delegate's office will have an open house on January 20 for visitors from the territory.



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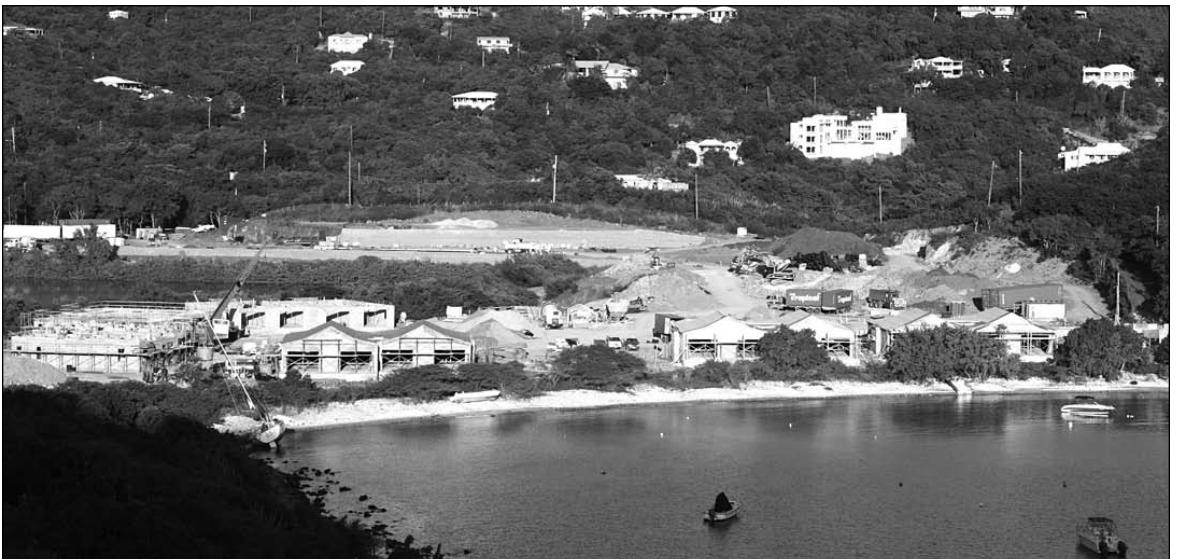
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Tickets can be purchased at Connections (Coral Bay & Cruz Bay),
Chelsea Drug Store (Red Hook & The Marketplace),
and from Rotary members



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Work continues on the Beach Cottages, above, and the Chocolate Hole site, at right.



Pond Bay Club Construction Progress on Schedule

By Jaime Elliott

St. John Tradewinds

Imagine enjoying a luxurious spa treatment in a private villa while watching the last of the afternoon's rays sweep across the sky and melt into the Caribbean Sea right out the window.

Soon visitors will not have to just imagine that scenario, the first completed villas at the luxury fractional ownership property Pond Bay Club should be available for occupancy by next winter.

Two of the 17 buildings on the almost

15-acre site on Chocolate Hole Bay on the southwest coast of Love City will be expansive two-story 4,200-square foot spa villas, which will feature private treatment rooms.

The spa villas — located on the beach-front portion of the Pond Bay Club property — include three bedrooms, three full baths, a library, formal dining room, and terraces leading right to the shoreline.

Also lining the shore are six beachfront cottage units in three one-story buildings and a two-story beach villa which consists of four units. The three-bedroom beach

cottages are comprised of 2,275-square feet plus a 725-square foot covered terrace which includes a private jetted hot tub just steps away from the sand.

The three-bedroom beach villa units afford unobstructed views of the Caribbean Sea and include front and back terraces on both levels.

Destination Spa

A club house, restaurant and large, extravagant infinity edged pool will overlook the beach as well. Five two-story clubhouse villas will be comprised of 18 — 2,100-square

foot three-bedroom — units surrounding the Pond Bay House area. A fitness center, retail shops and top-of-the-line spa will be located nearby.

A destination in itself, the 16,000-square-foot ESPA will include relaxation rooms, coral steam rooms and a full compliment of holistic and therapeutic services.

Four two-story hillside villas are similar in layout to the club house villas but located on the eastern portion of the Pond Bay Club property. Two one-story pond cottages,

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Thanksgiving Regatta To Set Sail Nov. 28 and 29

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The Coral Bay Yacht Club on the east end of St. John is hosting the 27th Annual Coral Bay Thanksgiving Regatta.

Two days of great racing and two nights of parties with live music at Skinny Legs will combine for another memorable event for serious PHRF racers, plus Gaff Riggers, Cruisers, Multi-Hulls, Single Handers and traditional boats.

The Friday after Thanksgiving is when all the fun starts and it continues through Saturday night in Coral Bay. This year, the Race Committee is changing things up a bit.

On Saturday, as usual, the PHRF class will start together. All other classes will have staggered starts in a Pursuit Race. Boats' handicap ratings will determine their start time with the goal of most boats finishing together.

Skinny Legs Restaurant is the home of the Coral Bay Yacht Club, and the place to meet for Skipper's Meetings, music, food, drink and the awards ceremony.

Schedule of Events

Friday, morning November 28: Gaffers; Single Handed 30 ft. and under; Single Handed over 30 ft. but under 40ft.; Single Handed 40 ft. and over; and Multi-Hulls Race.

Registration at 8:30 a.m. at Skinny Legs. Skipper's Meeting at 9:30 a.m. at Skinny Legs.

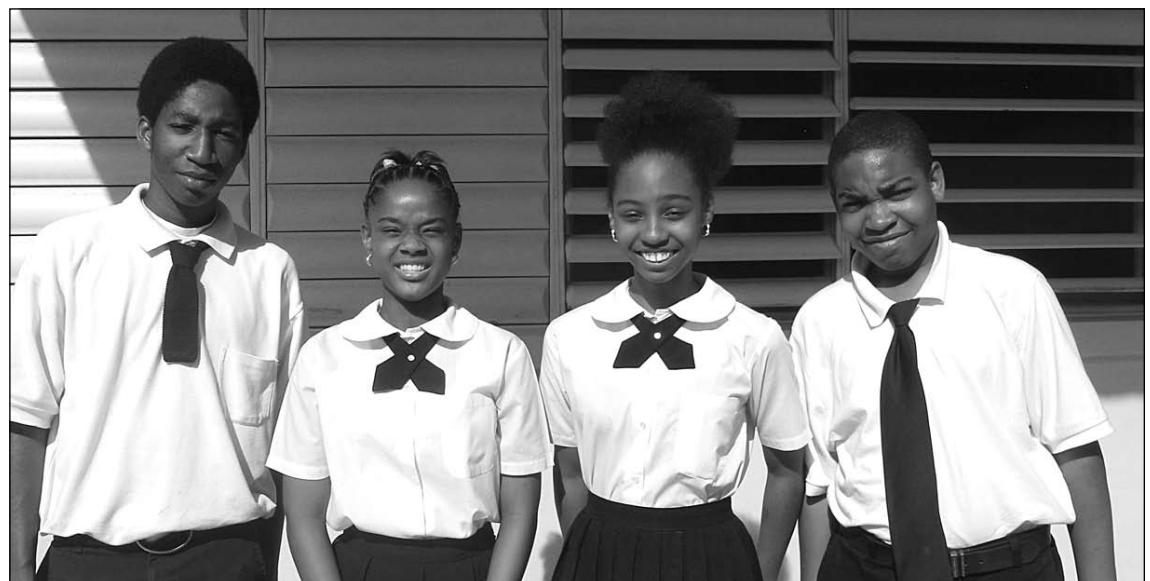
Friday evening 5 – 7 p.m.: Mandatory registration for all Saturday Pursuit racers. This is all boats other than PHRF. If a skipper is unable to attend, call Dick Burks at 340-643-5261 or Bill Wilson at 340-642-2728 to obtain a start time for Saturday morning.

Saturday, November 29: PHRF I; PHRF II; and Pursuit Class Race. Skipper's Meeting at 8:30 a.m. at Skinny Legs. Pursuit Racers' start times announced.

Saturday evening, November 29: awards ceremony at Skinny Legs starting at 5:30 p.m.

Please note that traditional boat class shall have a gaff or low aspect ratio sail. Consult the Race Committee for luff-foot ratio. The Race Committee reserves the right to disallow non-traditional vessels. Pursuit Class will have open sail choice.

The entry fee is \$40. All proceeds go to the St. John Kids and The Sea program. Raffle tickets — for a chance to win a dinghy and motor — are for sale at Connections East and West; St. John Hardware and Paradise Hardware. For more information call Denise Wright at 340-513-4022.



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Travis Dalmida, Clarissa Doyling, Savannah Lyons Anthony and Javon Venzen.

Students Taking Part in Obama's Historical Inauguration

By Jaime Elliott

St. John Tradewinds

Love City students will witness history in January. Among the one million people expected to turn out for President-elect Barack Obama's inauguration on January 20, 2009 in Washington D.C. will be four Julius E. Spruave School students — who will have a bird's eye view of proceedings.

Flautists Savannah Lyons Anthony and Clarissa Doyling, alto sax player Javon Venzen and tenor sax player Travis Dalmida — all ninth graders at JESS — will participate in the inaugural parade as part of the Virgin Islands All-Star marching band.

Each of the students is hoping to raise between \$1,200 and \$1,500 for the trip through selling pledges, food sales and dress up days. One generous donor, Sis Frank, already stepped up to the plate by do-

nating more than \$1,000 which will be split between all four students.

The students are practicing "Happy Birthday" by Stevie Wonder, "Mainstreet America" by Gary Gilroy and "St. Thomas" by Sonny Rollins, to play in the parade.

The opportunity to participate in the historic inauguration is richly deserved by the four JESS students, according to the school's principal Mario Francis.

"In addition to being among the top musicians in the school, these students have the highest grade point averages as well," said Francis. "They are well-rounded students. Not only are they musicians, but great academians."

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Wha's Happ'nin'

by Sis Frank

Veteran's Day Activities

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There was a deep feeling of sincerity in all of the speeches honoring those who served. A large contingent of young people brightened the atmosphere, but, unfortunately, there were few adults attending who didn't belong to the various agencies that participated. I have a feeling that more advertising would have helped those of us who had trouble finding the location.

Lt. Governor Gregory R. Francis delivered the Governor's Proclamation with charm and good humor. He and I later reminisced about his days when he joined our Boy Scout troop as they camped out below my house.

Andrew Yellen, Post #131 Chaplain, gave the closing prayer with the professionalism of a stage performer. Many thanks to Paul Devine, Adjutant, Post #131, for organizing the program.

Lindy Frazer Passes

You had to have known Lindy, over the years to see that he was always an obvious part of our community. Music was very important to him — he could play the piano and sat most Sundays behind the Jazz Islanders at the Beach Bar. I shall remember him as the little boy who rode through town sitting behind Jimbo Frazer. I often wondered what he thought of the changes in island-living over the

years. My condolences to Ruth and Selwyn.

Basketball Court A Disgrace

I pass it every day and marvel at the deep water covering the playground that has never been removed since Omar's downpours. Someone has put a garden hose there, trying to drain off the water, but where are Public Works and DPNR? I did hear that there are plans for eliminating the flood waters that remain for months on end — but when — the young people have no place to safely play games and use the equipment. I think of the private citizens who have given over the years in hopes of improving the area — what a waste of well-intentioned donations.

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Lindy Emanuel Frazer Laid To Rest



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Pall bearers carry the casket out of Bethany Moravian Church after Lindy Emanuel Frazer's funeral on Friday morning, November 14. Hundreds of friends and relatives attended a "Going Home Service" for Lindy who was a familiar figure walking the streets of Cruz Bay. In the eulogy, Lindy's sister Linda A. (Torres) Chiverton recalled the family's struggle with Lindy's choice to live in Cruz Bay even though he had a home on Gift Hill near his mother, Ruth E. (Thomas) Powell, and stepfather Selwyn L. Powell whom he often visited. Lindy was buried in the Bethany Moravian Church Cemetery overlooking the south shore and Caribbean Sea.

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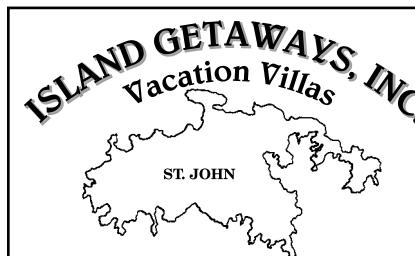


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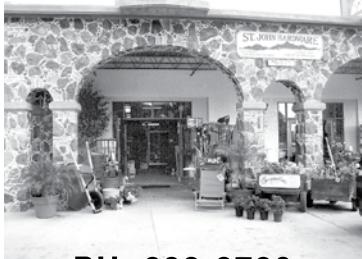
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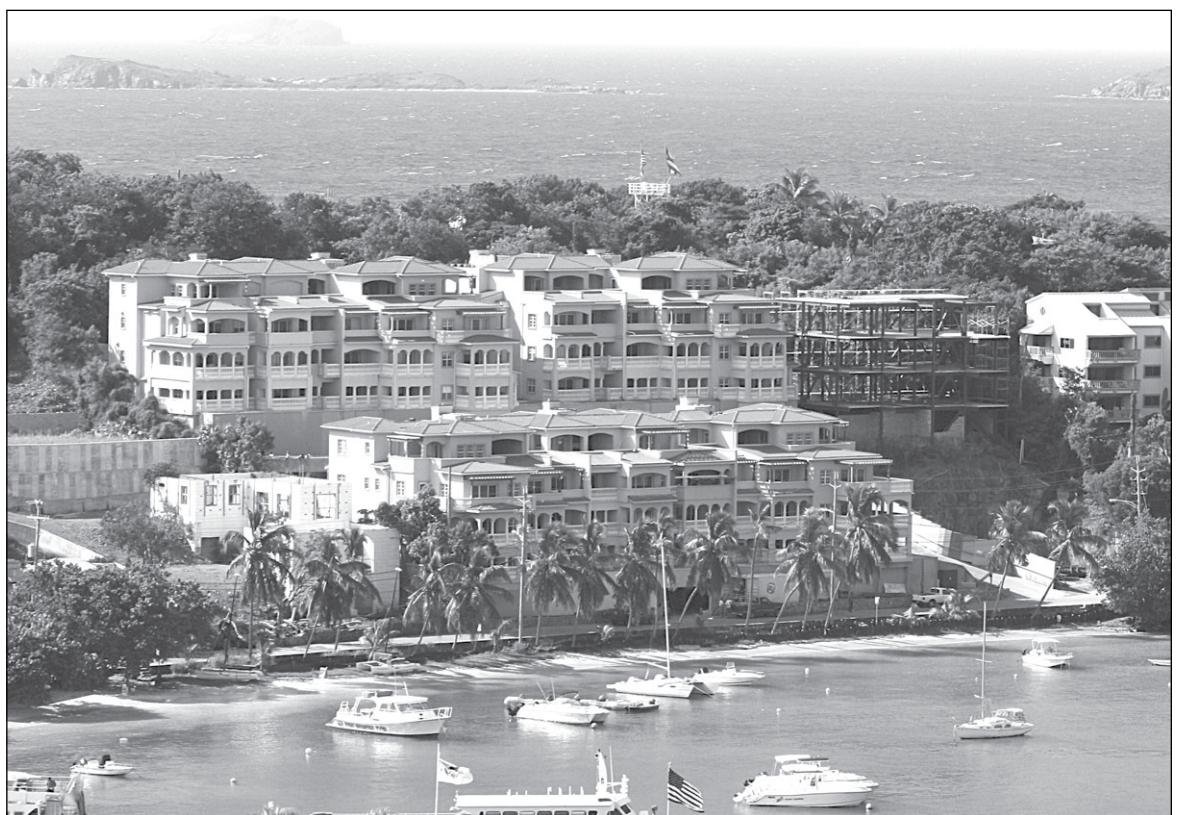
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Jadan and Trey family members are suing over the height of Grande Bay, above.

Plaintiffs Move To Add Grande Bay Resort Condo Owners as Defendants in Lawsuit

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

Luxury condominium owners at Bay Isle Associates' Grande Bay Resort could be in for a rude awakening if the plaintiffs in a lawsuit originally filed in November 2005 get their way.

A motion was filed last week to amend the complaint, filed by owners of neighboring property Paradise Found, to include as defendants everyone who has purchased units in the top two stories of Grande Bay's buildings C and D, which block the cottage's views of Cruz Bay.

Purchasers of units at the Cruz Bay luxury condominium resort could end up owing damages to the plaintiffs — Alexander Jadan, Natalie Jadan, Anastasia Trey and Liza Trey — or their units could be removed from the development if the plaintiffs succeed in court.

"It's the same claim we've put against Bay Isle," said the plaintiffs' attorney, Lorren Caffee. "As purchasers, they take their properties subject to any and all claims they have notice of."

Although the plaintiffs' motion for a *lis pendens*, which would have required Bay Isle to inform potential purchasers of the ongoing litigation, was withdrawn by order of the court earlier this year, purchasers are generally aware of the lawsuit, explained Caffee.

"The court, in fact, made the comment that purchasers have an actual knowledge of the litigation," he said. "If our claim is found by a jury to be proper, the condo owners certainly have an interest in those units that are a nuisance to the plaintiffs, and by maintaining those units, they are continuing and maintaining the nuisance."

Should the defendants be ruled against and condo

"It's the same claim we've put against Bay Isle. As purchasers, they take their properties subject to any and all claims they have notice of."

— Lorren Caffee, plaintiffs' attorney

owners forced to pay damages, owners of units in the top two stories of buildings C and D would have claims against Bay Isle, Caffee added.

"We wouldn't have effective claims against the owners if we didn't have effective claims against Bay Isle," said the attorney.

The Trey and Jadan families, whose property is situated just 35 feet behind Grande Bay, allege in their complaint that Bay Isle has committed three zoning violations at the development — height, density and lack of lateral support. The plaintiffs have had a difficult time renting the property, whose views and breezes have been obstructed by Grande Bay.

"The top two stories, which are in violation of zoning code, have taken away the views of the plaintiffs, which was a substantial aspect of the value, enjoyment and worth related to their property," said Caffee. "We're claiming when they did this wrongful act, they took the view for themselves."

Bay Isle has 10 days from the date of filing, which was Monday, November 10, to object to the motion. The V.I. Superior Court has final say regarding whether the complaint can be amended to add the 10 defendants to the complaint. Caffee said he is confident the complaint will be amended.

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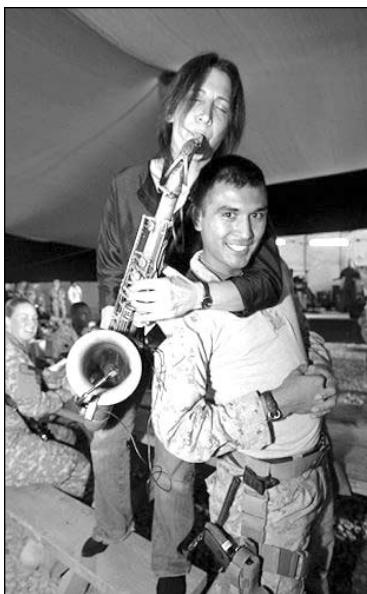
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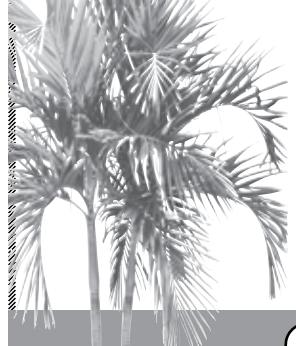
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Departs West End, Tortola

By Mauri Elbel
St. John Tradewinds

Blues musicians from around the country have banded together for the second time to bring a little heart and soul to the dedicated men and women serving in the military overseas.

The second Bluzapalooza tour, an all-star troupe of American blues headliners produced by Love City's own blues legend Steve Simon along with John Hahn, traveled to various military bases in Kuwait and Iraq to entertain the troops.

"To talk with them, to play for them, to share a little bit of home with them for a few hours each day — it was nothing short of wonderful," Simon said.

Bluzapalooza, which toured two different bases in Kuwait and eight bases in Iraq from October 26 to November 6, brought blues music to the stage each night and left 20,000 troops smiling in its wake.

Simon, who is deeply involved in the blues world, wanted to create a blues scene for American soldiers as a way to uplift the low morale of troops stationed overseas.

"I wanted to do this for a number of reasons, none of which had to do with politics," Simon said. "I was reading that there weren't a lot of musicians and entertainers there for our troops — that wasn't happening with our wars in Iraq

"There was an amazing amount of jubilation among the troops. I am sure some of that was predicated on the fact that many of the troops recognized the historic event of electing an African American into office, and it is a huge relief to some that they may be coming home soon."

— Steve Simon,
musician and music producer

and Afghanistan like it had in the past."

Inspired by the many men and women stationed overseas who are serving back-to-back tours away from home in an area of the world where there is war going on 24-7, Simon decided to take his natural talents to the troops. And he called up 50 or 60 major blues artists throughout the country and invited them to do the same.

"The initial responses were very positive," Simon said. "And after the first Bluzapalooza festival, which took place this past April, I have been inundated with hundreds of blues artists that want to be a part of Bluzapalooza."

For the last tour, Simon created a celebrity blues group called the Bluzapalooza All-Star Band, made up of blues headliners which put on three-hour long blues festivals night after night. Headlin-

ers Shemekia Copeland, Michael Burks, Zac Harmon, Deanna Bogart, Terry Wilson, Tony Braunagel, Dustin Arbuckle and Aaron Moreland went along for the second Bluzapalooza tour.

"We visited two different bases in Kuwait and eight all over Iraq with very little sleep," Simon said. "After the show, we'd sign autographs, visit with the troops, get a bite to eat, pack up all our gear and ship out in the middle of the night to the next base."

Simon recalled how one of the soldiers approached the band as they were signing autographs one night and told them that they were his heroes.

"We all just looked at him, and in unison, said 'Are you kidding? You are our heroes,'" Simon said. "These guys are doing everything they are asked to with grace and

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Residents Get Glimpse Back In Time

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

It was standing room only at Bethany Moravian Church on Tuesday evening, November 11, as residents packed the historic structure to get a glimpse back in time at the St. John Historical Society's first meeting of the season.

Local photographer Steve Simonsen presented four short films and dozens of still slides culled from a stockpile of historical footage collected by Bruce Schoonover during the creation of the documentary "The Establishment of Virgin Islands National Park."

Schooner, Simonsen and editor William Stelzer put the documentary film together two years ago in commemoration of the VINP's 50 anniversary.

During his research, Schoonover was granted free access to the archives of Laurance Rockefeller — who officially transferred the land to the federal government — and Frank Stick — who played a key role in acquiring land on Rockefeller's behalf.

The historic films and images of St. John in the 1940s and 50s help paint a clearer picture of the history of the island and the VINP, explained Simonsen.

"Editorially what happened in creating the park has been condensed to one sentence, 'Laurance Rockefeller donated land to create the VINP,'" Simonsen said. "There is so much more to it than that. Bruce started asking more and more questions — 'who owned the land, who sold the land.'"

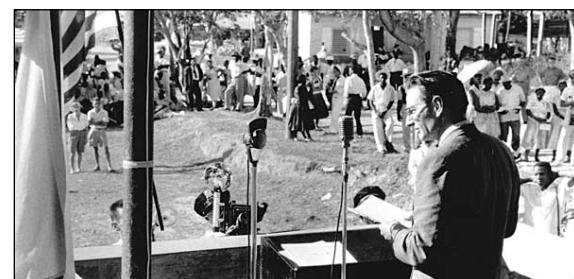
"Bruce finding answers to those questions is what started the project which grew into the documentary," said Simonsen.

Through his research, Schoonover collected so much footage, it was impossible to include everything in the documentary, Simonsen added.

"We couldn't include it all," he said. "The things that didn't make it into the documentary — which are invaluable treasures — I'm here to share with the community."

The first film was a color flick from the Rockefeller archives made sometime in the early 1950s. Filled with images of Caneel Bay and unspoiled nature all along the North Shore, the film was a crowd pleaser.

The second film, the longest of the evening, was from the Stick archives and showed pristine Lame-



Laurance Rockefeller address the crowd in Cruz Bay in December 1956.

shure Bay as well as the surrounding hillsides and cays.

Even Hollywood in the 1950s didn't overlook St. John, evidenced in the stylish third film of the evening. "Gem of the Caribbean," a Hollywood-produced short black and white film, showed a family vacationing on St. John.

Scenes showed the family sailing and horseback riding along several trails. One scene depicted what was described as a popular sport on the island, night time lobster hunting by hand with the help of flaming torches. Racist attitudes of the time made their way into the film as well with the narrator lamenting the passing of the heyday of the island's colonial era plantations.

The Rockefeller archives also produced the fourth film, which depicted the day the VINP was officially established in December 1956. Images of Cruz Bay and the bandstand showed Rockefeller, Secretary of the Interior Fred Seaton and V.I. Governor Walter Gordon.

A slide show set to 50s do-wop music followed the short films. Simonsen finished the presentation by running the credits from "The Establishment of Virgin Islands National Park," which included intimate interviews with some of the many players in VINP's early years.

The group's next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 2, at Bethany Moravian Church at 7 p.m., when Anna Dohm Nose is expected to share a portion of her personal collection of historic photographs of St. John.



Villa Tango Mare will host this year's Christmas for the Animals fundraising event.

ACC's Christmas for the Animals Is December 5 at Villa Tango Mare

St. John Tradewinds

The St. John Animal Care Center is gearing up for the year's most festive fundraising event on Friday, December 5, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

This year the highly anticipated "Christmas for the Animals" party has a Roaring 1920s theme and will be at the beautiful and spacious villa Tango Mare, which affords 180-degree ocean views over Hart Bay.

The best — and most generous — chefs across the island, as well as guest bartenders at the "Bullets & Bubbles" bar will delight taste buds, while music from the 1920s will get feet tapping.

Great food and drinks, fun music, "cigar girls," valuable raffles and costume contests are all planned. Guests are encouraged to dress in the spirit of the Roaring 20s or island fancy and join the party.

The annual event raises much needed funds for the St. John ACC, a non-profit organization which cares for the island's homeless animals and educates the community about proper pet care. Tickets are available for a \$100 donation to the ACC and can soon be purchased at Chelsea Drugstore, St. John Hardware, Connections and the ACC. For more information call the ACC at 774-1625.

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Little People on Verge of Greatness; Local Day Care Center Struggling

By Katie Tarta
St. John Tradewinds

Here to Grow is the perfect solution for the busy mom looking for a little time for herself.

The child care program has a flexible schedule, focuses on the kids and prides itself on the safety and development of children.

Karen Jarvis and Joanna Werman opened Here to Grow group daycare home in September 2002. Jarvis has a BA in Psychology and a passion for working with children and different learning styles.

Werman has a BS in Speech Pathology and Audiology and a MA in Deaf education. Before moving to St. John, she ran her own family day care in Massachusetts for nearly a decade.

Here to Grow can accommodate up to 12 children between the ages of eight months and 12 years old. Jarvis and Werman are also interested in offering an after-school program.

Currently Here to Grow is open weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., although they are looking for growth opportunities and say they would be happy to stay open longer if enough children required it.

What has not been reliable, however, is their client base and right now the amazing nature of two women is that they are not willing to change their educational value system to help keep their doors open.

"We are a worry-free daycare," said Werman. "Once you drop off your child you don't need to be

concerned with the care they are receiving at all."

Here to Grow's commitment to their kids is more than keeping them safe and entertained, Werman added.

"We are a developmental and educational program and are not just a drop off baby-sitting service," she said. "We would be doing ourselves a disservice to not serve the educational needs of the children and just seek the money."

Clearly Jarvis and Werman are motivated by more than financial considerations. They are seeking to improve the education and care of children on island, though being able to pay the bills and draw a salary is a prerequisite.

That is exactly where the trouble lies. In the seven years Here to Grow has been in operation this is the first time the owners have had to put their own money back into the business.

With the Virgin Islands Water And Power Authority rates being what they have been, operating expenses have dug into their profits and kept them guessing about their ability to afford to stay open.

Here to Grow has been offering affordable services for years and they do not want to raise those rates, but at present, their current status is precarious, Werman acknowledged.

Over the years, Werman and Jarvis have received numerous gifts for their operation from people in the community and mostly from graduates of the program.

They always appreciate gently used toys and could benefit from some other services like web-design, she said.

The two have climbing toys, pack n' plays, children books galore and a full kitchen. They are not a non-profit, however, so when times are good they can invest in the companies' assets, like exersaucers and children's swings. At present, however, they are more concerned with paying the bills.

Werman encourages parents to stop by and visit their operation, call or email and start a dialogue about education opportunities. The Here to Grow owners are reaching out to all parents of children between the ages of two and four years, inviting parents to bring children in and look around.

Parents are urged to see if their child's learning style will benefit from Here to Grow's commitment to "little people on the verge of greatness," according to Werman.

The program is somewhat flexible and allows for parents to utilize the service 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. in blocks of three hours every day they are open, or just once a week.

Here to Grow is located on Centerline Road and just a quick stroll from where the kids get dropped off on the bus from The Gifft Hill School. This makes the possibility of starting an after-school program even greater. Anyone interested in such a program is should call 715-1977 or email H2grow@vipower.net.net.

Free Tax Consulting Available on St. John This Tax Season

By Susan Mann
St. John Tradewinds

After visiting St. John five times for vacation, CPA John Finke of Texas, decided he and his wife couldn't get enough of the island's friendly people and natural beauty and wanted to find a way to spend more time on their favorite island.

That was when he hit on the idea of bringing his tax consultant skills to Love City. Between December 10 and January 15, Finke — who obtained his accounting degree from Villanova University — will offer one free, initial tax consultation to any interested resident.

Finke is especially interested in helping small business owners utilize the most optimal tax breaks available, he explained.

The accountant hopes to help business owners in "evaluating business goals to assure optimum structure," such as "C" Corp, "S" Corp, LLC, Partnership, etc, Finke explained.

He advised residents to check the web site of Lt. Gov. Gregory Francis which includes a question and answer page regarding the various corporation structures in the USVI. The tax expert also hopes St. John residents are taking full advantage of all possible deductions with regard to their property taxes.

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John Finke, CPA

in his native Texas, Finke has a strong financial background.

Over the last 20 years, Finke has raised approximately \$70 million for various churches across Texas.

The CPA stressed the importance of having a valid property appraisal prior to paying property taxes as required by law in the USVI.

"I really love the people I have met on St. John, and can't wait to get my accounting business going there," Finke said.

Finke has already started scheduling appointments on St. John via e-mail at srdfinke@earthlink.net. Anyone with questions about additional services, including QuickBooks method bookkeeping and training, tax planning, and personal financial planning should also contact the CPA.

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Moe Chabuz Growing His “Stache” To Raise Prostate Cancer Awareness

By Mauri Elbel
St. John Tradewinds

Prostate cancer isn't usually a hot topic when you are enjoying a juicy burger or cold beer among the laid back atmosphere at Skinny Legs.

But Moe Chabuz, owner of Skinny Legs, feels it is a subject of which men should be aware.

“Women talk about breast cancer and are very aware of it, but guys don't talk about their prostate much,” Chabuz said. “But as we get older, prostate cancer is something to watch out for too.”

Prostate cancer usually occurs in older men and forms in tissues of the prostate, a gland in the male reproductive system found below the bladder and in front of the rectum, according to the National Cancer Institute. Prostate cancer is the second most common cancer among American men — it is estimated that 186,320 men in the U.S. will be diagnosed with and 28,660 will die of prostate cancer in 2008 alone.

Which is exactly why Chabuz wants to raise awareness about prostate cancer.

“We worry about our wives and our mothers and our girlfriends when it comes to breast cancer,” Chabuz said. “So it is time to start worrying about ourselves.”

Chabuz, 59, said he has been getting his prostate checked since he was 45. Yet he still does not know much about the cancer itself.

“I am just trying to come up with something to do here, that if nothing else, makes people more aware of it,” Chabuz said. “Because if you catch it early, maybe it can save your life.”

Although Chabuz has just started pondering ways to increase awareness about prostate cancer, he has already ordered signs, posters and informational pamphlets to display at his Coral Bay restaurant.

“Prostate cancer is not one of those things guys talk about — it is a risk we face but don't discuss,” said Chabuz. “It is just something guys don't think about, but if you find out about it early, you could maybe prevent it.”

Skinny Legs is also implementing its own take on Movember, the Australian-based, international campaign which raises awareness

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— Moe Chabuz

about men's health.

Movember, which takes place around the world in November, is a charity event which encourages participants to begin the month with a clean shaven face and grown a “mo” — Aussie slang for moustache — throughout the month to raise money and awareness about prostate cancer.

Moustache and Beard

“I am growing a moustache,” Chabuz said. “And Doug Bean is growing a whole beard to make up for what he doesn't have on his head.”

Raising awareness about cancer is an issue that hits close to home, Chabuz explained. Bean, Skinny Legs' manager, underwent six months of chemotherapy this year and is a two-time cancer survivor.

“Right now, there are just two of us growing our ‘mo's’ and it is just something we are talking about,” Chabuz said. “And we are going to encourage some of the guys out here to grow their moustaches to help raise awareness.”

“Hopefully within the next several days, we can get some flyers up and get guys thinking about it,” Chabuz added.

The Coral Bay restaurant owner is still brainstorming different ways to increase awareness about prostate cancer and is open to new ideas that may help publicize the important issue.

Chabuz hopes to be able to showcase his new “mo” at the 27th Annual Thanksgiving Regatta on November 28 and 29.

“There will be a lot of jokes about it, which is great, because joking gets people talking about it and makes them more aware,” Chabuz said.

Contractor Misspells Name of Elaine I. Sprauve Library



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tom Oat

Workers renovating the historic public library in Cruz Bay mounted beautiful gold lettering on the side of the building in honor of Elaine lone Sprauve — the library's namesake.

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Equator Restaurant: The Equator Restaurant will be open for dinner service from 6:15 pm until 9:00 pm with a limited a la carte menu and a 3 course prix fix Thanksgiving menu for \$69.



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Caneel Bay tennis fans gather around the resort's tennis director Patrick Alle, kneeling, and celebrity guests Thomas Blake and David Graham.

David Graham and Thomas Blake Show Off Tennis Skills at Caneel Bay

By Jaime Elliott

St. John Tradewinds

Caneel Bay Resort tennis director Patrick Alle hosted two celebrity professional players last week as the resort's renowned exhibition series got underway for the season.

Resort guests and local tennis

aficionados squared off across the net from David Graham — formerly ranked among the top 10 doubles players in the world — and Thomas Blake — who played with his famous brother James at Harvard and on the pro tour — during a clinic on Friday morning.

The two also took part in a dou-

bles exhibition game against Antilles School student Brian Oldfield, a top ranked college prospect, and Caneel's tennis director Patrick Alle.

The resort's exciting tennis program continues in early December, when Alle will host two top female professional tennis players.

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Call Paul Devine at 514-6615 for more information.

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Exhale Boot Camp and the Sigma Theta Omega Chapter Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. are sponsoring a Cardio Blast to support the fight against obesity on Thanksgiving morning, Thursday, November 27, at the V.I. National Park ball field from 6 to 8 a.m. On site registration is \$10 and participants should bring water and a mat. For more information call 690-1622.

Book Signing at Baa Library Nov. 22

St. John Tradewinds

Ophelia Powell Torres, the author of "War on Breast Cancer," "Caribbean Poetry, Folktales and Short Stories Volumes one and two" will host a book signing at the Enid Baa Library on St. Thomas on Saturday, November 22, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

At the book signing, Torres will present her books with comments, readings and a review of the important points of her books. For more information call Annice Canton at 774-0630.

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JESS Spanish Club Celebrates Hispanic Artists



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Julius E. Sprauve School second grade Spanish Club members learned about Diego Rivera and Pablo Picasso from teacher Jaime Lembach last week as part of their lessons on hispanic artists.



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Raiders (Black) 19 Patriots (Blue) 12

Defense was key in this hard-fought game between the undefeated Patriots and the always tough Raiders. Throughout the first half both teams shut down the usually high scoring offenses. The second half had the Raiders striking first on a nifty pass play led by quarterback Aspen Moore. The Pats came right back on the very next play to tie the score 6-6. The Raiders struck again soon after but the Patriots were able to counter again on the very next play to even the score 12-12. With time running out it seemed that the game would go into overtime but the Raiders were able to score again to go ahead for good. Moore passed for 3 TDs to Able Phillips, Tracy Dalmida and Tomas del Olmo while Pat's QB Nick Lopes managed 2 TD tosses, in this very close game.

Rams 41 (Yellow) Packers (Green) 18

The game went to the Rams but the star of the game honors went to Anthony Angol who caught 3 TD passes and played terrific defense throughout the game. Rams QB Justin Doran tossed 6 TDs in the game, with four going to his favorite receiver Miquan Wilkinson. The Packers tried 3 different QBs, moved the ball well and toughened up on defense while trading TDs in the second half against the more experienced Rams.

Packers (Green) 25 Patriots (Blue) 19

In what could be the best game ever played at the VINP field, the Packers came back from a 13-point deficit to defeat the first place patriots 25-19 in a wild Veteran's Day contest. It looked like the Patriots would run away with the game as they led by 19-6 at the end of the first half. Nick Lopes and Weston Patrie combined for all the Patriots scores in the first half.

In the second half it was a different story as the fired-up Packers refused to give up and came roaring back led by Careem Albert who tossed 3 nifty TDs while under intense Patriots pressure. Two TDs went to Johnny Odenbach and another to Travis Dalmida which proved to be the game winner. The Packers defense tightened up and allowed no second-half scoring from the usually high-scoring Pat's.

At the 2:34 left, the game was tied 19-19 with the Patriots in possession of the ball. The Packers intercepted and used that advantage to take it in for the winning score with just 47 seconds left on the clock. The win was the first for the Packers this season who enter the playoffs with a renewed spirit!

Standings as of November 11, 2008

Team	W-L	PF	PA
Patriots	4-2	128	103
Raiders	3-2	130	75
Rams	3-2	130	77
Packers	1-5	58	191

Remaining games: November 15 at 2 p.m. Rams vs. Raiders. November 22 is League Playoffs starting at 12 p.m.

Calling All World War II Vets

St. John Tradewinds

The American Legion and a group of dedicated community volunteers is currently videotaping interviews with veterans of World War II as part of the Library of Congress Veterans History Project. Thirty-four veterans have been interviewed thus far. Anyonw who has not yet been interviewed or who knows a World War II veteran who has not been interviewed, please contact Joan Keenan, Project Director, at 772-1711 or 514-0643 or janjay@vipowernet.net.



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The Buck Stops Here



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A buck in the herd of deer that visits Caneel Bay Resort is vigilant around the half-dozen does and younger deer. The growing herd can be seen on the grounds inside the entrance to the resort in the late afternoon.

Landsharks Hosting Turkey Day 5K

St. John Tradewinds

Dust off your running shoes, it's time to get this holiday season started right. The St. John Landsharks are hosting a fun filled 5K run on Thanksgiving Day.

Registration is at 7:30 a.m., at the Annaberg parking lot and the race starts at 8:00 a.m. Donations are appreciated and registration fees are \$5 for adults \$2 for kids. The course is a 5K loop in the area of Maho, Francis and Leinster Bays. Kids are welcome.

The course includes part road and part trail running. Participants should expect to possibly get wet or muddy. There will be fun Thanksgiving-themed prizes and awards.

For more information email Louise Wearmouth at louise@surf-bvi.com or call Jude Woodcock at 779-1416.

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Letters to St. John Tradewinds



A Plea Against Using Poison As Rodent Control

To those who care for animals,

In the past three months, two of our animals have died of rat poison. One was a mastiff-mix dog so badly injured and abused when he first arrived at our gate that he needed months of love and care to recover.

The other was a young healthy cat whose wild mother brought her and a twin brother as kittens to this yard. The brother died last year. She died of poison this past week. Happily, the now neutered mother is still alive and well.

In 16 years, every year dogs and cats who've lived in this yard, all neutered, affectionate, and healthy, have suddenly died, most likely by second-hand poisoning.

The dogs leave the fenced yard only on a leash. The cats seldom leave the area where they're fed each day and where they have shelters and a shaded pool of fresh water.

The problem is that neighbors put out poison-baits to kill rodents which then seek out water and a sheltered place to die. The poison causes them to bleed internally, a long agonizing way to die and then it passes on to kill other animals in nature's food chain.

If your pet shows signs of having been poisoned, don't hesitate. Take him immediately to a vet to be treated. I ask you please to avoid using poison baits. Spring traps may not be pretty, but they're kinder to the rest of the world.

Name Withheld by Request

A Nonpartisan Joke That Can Be Enjoyed by Both Parties

Editor,

While walking down the street one day a US senator is tragically hit by a truck and dies. His soul arrives in heaven and is met by St. Peter at the entrance.

"Welcome to heaven," says St. Peter. "Before you settle in, it seems there is a problem. We seldom see a high official around these parts, you see, so we're not sure what to do with you."

"No problem, just let me in," says the man.

"Well, I'd like to, but I have orders from higher up. What we'll do is have you spend one day in hell and one in heaven. Then you can choose where to spend eternity."

"Really, I've made up my mind. I want to be in heaven," says the senator.

"I'm sorry, but we have our rules."

And with that, St. Peter escorts him to the elevator and he goes down, down, down to hell. The doors open and he finds himself in the middle of a green golf course. In the distance is a clubhouse and standing in front of it are all his friends and other politicians who had worked with him. Everyone is very happy and in evening dress. They run to greet him, shake his hand, and reminisce about the good times they had while getting rich at the expense of the people. They play a friendly game of golf and then dine on lobster, caviar and champagne.

Also present is the devil, who really is a very friendly guy who has a good time dancing and telling jokes. They are having such a good time that before he realizes it, it is time to go.

Everyone gives him a hearty farewell and waves

while the elevator rises ... The elevator goes up, up, up and the door reopens on heaven where St. Peter is waiting for him.

"Now it's time to visit heaven."

So, 24 hours pass with the senator joining a group of contented souls moving from cloud to cloud, playing the harp and singing. They have a good time and, before he realizes it, the 24 hours have gone by and St. Peter returns.

"Well, then, you've spent a day in hell and another in heaven. Now choose your eternity."

The senator reflects for a minute, then he answers: "Well, I would never have said it before, I mean heaven has been delightful, but I think I would be better off in hell."

So St. Peter escorts him to the elevator and he goes down, down, down to hell.

Now the doors of the elevator open and he's in the middle of a barren land covered with waste and garbage. He sees all his friends, dressed in rags, picking up the trash and putting it in black bags as more trash falls from above.. The devil comes over to him and puts his arm around his shoulder. "I don't understand," stammers the senator. "Yesterday I was here and there was a golf course and clubhouse, and we ate lobster and caviar, drank champagne, and danced and had a great time. Now there's just a wasteland full of garbage and my friends look miserable. What happened?"

The devil looks at him, smiles and says, "Yesterday we were campaigning...today you voted."

Submitted by Z. Hruza

Letters to St. John Tradewinds

V.I. Leaders Should Take Cue From Barack Obama

Editor,

I am so amazed at all of our Virgin Islands government leaders falling all over themselves at the popularity of Obama. It is interesting that these same leaders of our centralized government refuse to consider Island Councils and establishing a "participatory government" which would bring the people into the "decision making process." Just think, Governor

deJongh, by using an Executive Order, you could establish such town councils and bring "hope" and management to our islands and our people. Let's "hope" President Obama will show you how to hear the peoples' voice.

Norm Gledhill
Coral Bay
St. John

Remembering a Friend Who Passed Away Suddenly

Editor,

Dependability and generosity are two words that come to mind when we think of our friend Dan McClung who passed away unexpectedly Wednesday on his boat in Coral Bay. He has left behind a community shocked and saddened by the suddenness of his demise.

As members of KATS St. John, a nonprofit organization that teaches sea safety and boating skills to the children of St. John, we have found in Dan and his wife Marla patient and ever-ready volunteers, giving countless hours as race committee, chase boat and financial advisors. We could always depend on Dan and Marla to donate their time and their classic motor vessel "Serenasea" to be a signature yacht at the starting line of our races.

Dan and Marla's generosity to our programs in other ways cannot be measured — the sailors they have sponsored, the hats and t-shirts they have donated,

their advocacy — is incalculable to all of us.

You could set your watch by Dan (and Marla).....any given Sunday, you could see their boat on "their" day mooring in Hurricane Hole, ready for any friends to show up and share their one-day to play and relax. Shipwreck on Wednesday. Skinnys on Friday — they planned a welcome social life around their strenuous work schedule.

We always knew where Dan, and Marla were going to be... we will miss these inevitabilities... but more than anything we are going to miss our good friend, Dan. His sly humor and elfish grin are irreplaceable in our lives.

To Marla, from all your St. John family, we are with you more than you could know in this time of sadness.

Thatcher Lord,
Vicki Rogers
and KATS St. John

Patient Disappointed with Care At MKSCHC

Editor,

On September 27, 2008 I was in an altercation that wounded me. I went to Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center for treatment. When I arrived, I was upset and hysterical about the situation that led to my injuries. A nurse wheeled me in the exam room and left me there sitting in the wheel chair. After a few minutes, I got out of the wheel chair and rested on the bed. At what time I drifted off to sleep I am not sure, but when I woke up the wheel chair was not there.

One hour and a half later the nurse came back and

said she would not tend to me. She told the other nurse on duty not to tend to me and not to call the doctor. After the nurse told me she was not attending to me, I walked out of the room bleeding from my chin. I used the other side of the hand towel that was given to me earlier by security to stop the bleeding. Nothing was given for the pain nor was I looked at.

I am extremely disappointed and upset that I was unable to receive treatment at the facility in my home town.

Name Withheld by Request

Obituary

C. Warren Smith Passes Away

St. John Tradewinds

As a public health pioneer and spiritual leader, C. Warren Smith touched the lives of many.

A former health commissioner, assistant health commissioner and director of maternal-child health and children's services, Smith also served as vicar at St. Ursula's Episcopal Church for more than 20 years.

Reverend Dr. Smith's life of devotion and service ended on October 27 when he passed away

at the age of 89. His funeral service on Monday, November 10, at All Saints Cathedral Church drew crowds of sympathizers. Smith was interred at Eastern Cemetery, in Smith Bay, St. Thomas.

Residents across the territory remembered Smith as a deeply spiritual man who was dedicated to the community. During his 21 years as vicar of St. Ursula's Church, Smith created the multipurpose and senior citizens' center on the lower floor, which was named in

his honor several months ago.

A 1937 graduate of Charlotte Amalie High School, Smith attended Lincoln University and earned his medical degree from Howard University. He earned a master's degree in public health from Howard in 1952.

St. Ursula's multipurpose center is not the only place named after Smith. The pediatric wing at Schneider Regional Medical Center on St. Thomas also bears the honorary name of Dr. Smith.

St. John Tradewinds Keeping Track

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Homicide: 3
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Solved: 1

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Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

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Under Investigation: 1
Solved: 0

Arsons: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

1st Degree Burglaries: 1
Under Investigation: 1
Solved: 0

2nd Degree Burglaries: 13
Under Investigation: 13
Solved: 0

3rd Degree Burglaries: 71
Under Investigation: 72
Solved: 1

Grand Larcenies: 89
Under Investigation: 89
Solved: 0

Rapes: 4
Under Investigation: 2
Solved: 2

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Homicide: 0
Solved: 0

Shootings: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

Stabbings: 1
Under Investigation: 1
Solved: 0

Armed Robberies: 2
Under Investigation: 2
Solved: 1

Arsons: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

1st Degree Burglaries: 1
Under Investigation: 1
Solved: 0

2nd Degree Burglaries: 12
Under Investigation: 12
Solved: 0

3rd Degree Burglaries: 56
Under Investigation: 56
Solved: 0

Grand Larcenies: 60
Under Investigation: 60
Solved: 0

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Spa Villa living room, above, and beach entrance, right.



Pond Bay Club Construction Progress on Schedule

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overlooking the salt pond on site, will include three-bedrooms and large covered terraces with private jetted tubs.

Sleek and Modern with Caribbean Charm

Traditional Caribbean stucco and stone exteriors will lead into open and airy rooms with vaulted cathedral ceilings ranging from 8-and-one-half to 12-feet high. The modern exposed stairways will be comprised of structural steel with marble slabs for treads.

Villa floors will be made of Romanian marble while the front doors will be comprised of sturdy Spanish cedar. Terraces will feature heavy timber construction with exposed rafters and tongue and groove fittings.

An arrival building, back of house administration structure and a bocci court round out construction plans on the site.

Sister Resort on St. Barths

The road from imagination to reality has

been a long one for Pond Bay Club, a Folio Collection property the sister resort of which is Isle de France on St. Barthelomew. After rounds of hearings with Department of Planning and Natural Resources officials which spanned several years, progress at the site is now moving along on schedule.

The fast pace of construction is in no small part due to the steadfast Jay Wicklund, general contractor Wharton Smith Inc.'s senior project manager. Wicklund relocated to Love City from Atlanta with his wife and two children to oversee the project.

"We probably have between 65 and 75 guys on the site on any given day," said Wicklund. "We'll have more workers too as we get further. While you're never quite where you want to be, we're moving along very well."

"We're absolutely very pleased with the progress," Wicklund added.

Logistics Covered

Ensuring those employees have tasks to complete is a major part of the project's

success, Wicklund explained.

"We have two full-time logistics guys — one in Florida and one here," said the senior project manager. "Their only job is to make sure that we have supplies. We have 34 containers ready to be unloaded right now."

"I'd rather pay container storage fees and have the materials than be short of anything," Wicklund said.

Currently work is concentrated on the beachfront structures, the first of which should be finished in the next couple months. Once complete, the Pond Bay Club offices will move into a beachfront cottage, which will also serve as a tantalizing model for prospective buyers.

Fractional Ownership

The units are available for sale on a one-tenth interest basis, which translates into about five weeks a year. Buyers can purchase all 10 interests in a particular villa or specific week increments. Owners are also free to use the units whenever they are unoccupied, explained Bill Orwig, Pond Bay

Club's director of sales.

"Flexibility is the key word," said Orwig. "Owners can come anytime the units are available at no extra fee. They will have their reserved weeks and then be able to use their unit whenever it's open."

Pond Bay Club owners can put their unwanted weeks in a rental pool and will also have the option of joining a reciprocity program with Ultimate Escapes, Orwig added.

Looking ahead, Wicklund expects construction to be complete in late 2010.

"Somewhere towards Christmas 2010, all the units should be buttoned up, completed and turned over to the owners," he said. "The original plan was 30 months of construction and it might end up being about 33 months, only because all the high-end finishes take just a hair longer."

Prices for a one-tenth ownership range from the low \$300,000s to the high \$800,000. For more information about Pond Bay Club check out their website, foliocollection.com, or call 779-8881.

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Paws for a Moment

Everyone Is Important To ACC

By Bonny Corbeil
St. John Tradewinds

Most service organizations can only do their good work with the support and dedication of individuals who truly care. It is no exception with the St. John Animal Care Center. The St. John community has gone through difficult and often frustrating challenges through the years in advocating for animals in the Virgin Islands.

As we go through the present changes in our election process, it is imperative that those who both truly care about animal advocacy against cruelty and neglect, as well as the increased incidents of violence in the community get involved in making positive change happen.

The last column covered an overview of these challenges. Here is what anyone can do to help the organization's good work for needy animals continue.

Understand that the Virgin Islands does have an animal abuse law. It is against the law to abuse or neglect an animal.

Anyone who witnesses abuse should call the police department and make a report. Remember that animal abuse is a factual red-flag to domestic violence.

Ignoring animal abuse allows other forms of violence to increase. Be patient with the process of law enforcement with animal abuse. Call the ACC and inform them of any abuse issues.

ACC Shelter Manager Connie Joseph will write a report and investigate. The more detailed and documented reports, the better chance in bringing change with law enforcement.

Call V.I. Attorney General Vincent Frazer's office at 774-5666 to express concern, as a citizen, for the need to enforce animal abuse laws. V.I. Police Department Commissioner James McCall is working very hard to develop a better force and training. He can be reached at 774-2211 or faxed at 778-2211.

Residents can all call the VIPD's Cruz Bay station and speak to St. John Deputy Chief Darren Foy. Share any concerns with him about animal abuse law enforcement. When those in charge receive numerous calls about animal abuse concerns — they will respond!

There is a wonderful partnership developing between the VIPD and the community through a newly activated Citizens Integration Team (CIT) with Helen Simon as the chair on St. John.

Under Simon's leadership, concerned citizens are involved in identifying public safety issues and specific St. John needs. Anyone not getting response to any crime issues, should let the CIT know. They are here as advocates for positive



change.

Citizens can also give input at www.vipd.gov.vi, in a "comment" section.

Crime Stoppers USVI has finally come to the Virgin Islands! It is a citizens initiative based on a successful international program which — through donations and memberships — offers cash awards for call-in tips with guaranteed total anonymity through a pin number for those who successfully help the communities solve and eliminate crime.

Dispatchers are off-island so there is no fear of reprisal because of voice identification. Reports of any and all crimes, including animal abuse, are welcomed.

The number to call is 1-800-222-TIPS or 1-800-222-8477. Remember that every voice which speaks out against animal abuse helps the entire community.

We need more ACC memberships! A one-year membership is only \$50. It is the best way to help the organization continue its work. If every St. John resident became a member, it would create less worry over paying bills and taking care of all of the many needs.

Be a volunteer! We have so many fund raisers because its needed. Committee members to join chair positions and bring energy and enthusiasm to all of the areas which need further development are also needed. Anyone with a skill to contribute in marketing, fund raising or grant writing is welcome. If anyone prefers direct animal involvement like walking dogs or feeding our feral cats is needed too! With the community's involvement, much more manpower can be brought to the ACC.

Look for the date of the ACC Annual Meeting in January! This is a perfect time to renew memberships and show support for animal advocacy.

Continue to buy tickets for fund raisers and donate prizes in the usual generous Love City manner. Community involvement is possibly more appreciated than anyone realizes. Without you — we cannot have the shelter.

Our Next Big Event

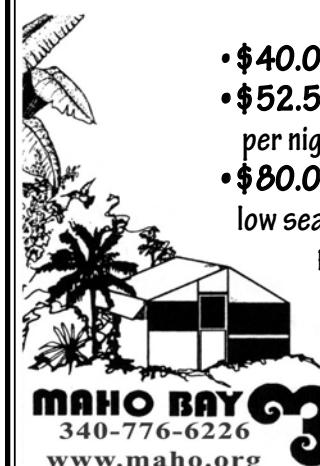
Christmas for the animals is on Friday, December 5, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. This year will be another great success with a Roaring 1920s theme, cigar girls and the best of food and drinks. It will be hosted at the beautiful and spacious villa Tango Mare, which offers 180-degree ocean views over Hart Bay. This is an event not to be missed!

Once again, the ACC will be selling poinsettias as early as November 15. Kate Swan at St. John Hardware is generously taking orders for two sizes — \$12 for a 6-inch pot and \$25 for a 10-inch pot.

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Baha'i Community of St. John Race Unity Devotions 7:30 p.m. Fridays; Study Circles 9 a.m. Sundays 776-6316, 776-6254	Missionary Baptist Church 9:30 a.m. Sunday Services, 10:45 Worship, Tuesday 7 p.m. Bible Study 693-8884
Bethany Moravian Church Cruz Bay, St. John 11 a.m., Sunday School 776-6291	Nazareth Lutheran Church Sunday 9 a.m., Sunday School 8 a.m. 776-6731
Calvary Baptist Church 13 ABC Coral Bay, 776-6304 Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday evening 6 p.m., Thursday 7 p.m.	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Sat. 6 p.m., Sun. 7:30 & 9:30 a.m., Spanish Mass 5:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, 7 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. 776-6339
Christian Ministry Cinnamon Bay Beach Inter-Denominational Sunday 8:30 a.m.	St. John Methodist Church Sunday 10 a.m., 693-8830
Christian Science Society 10:45 a.m. Sunday- Marketplace Wednesday Testimonials 7:45 p.m. on last Wed. of Month	Seventh Day Adventist Saturdays. 779-4477
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Sun. 9 a.m., STT. 776-2379 Sun., 5 p.m., STJ, Lumberyard	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
Cruz Bay Baptist Church Sunday 11 a.m., 6 p.m. 776-6315	St. Ursula's Episcopal Church Sundays, 8:30 a.m. Bible Class, Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. 777-6306
Emmaus Moravian Church Coral Bay, Sun. 9 a.m. 776-6713	Unitarian Universalist Fellowship 9:45 a.m. Sunday, 776-6332
	Word of Faith Church Sunday, March 2, at 1 p.m. at the Giffit Hill School. Call 774-8617

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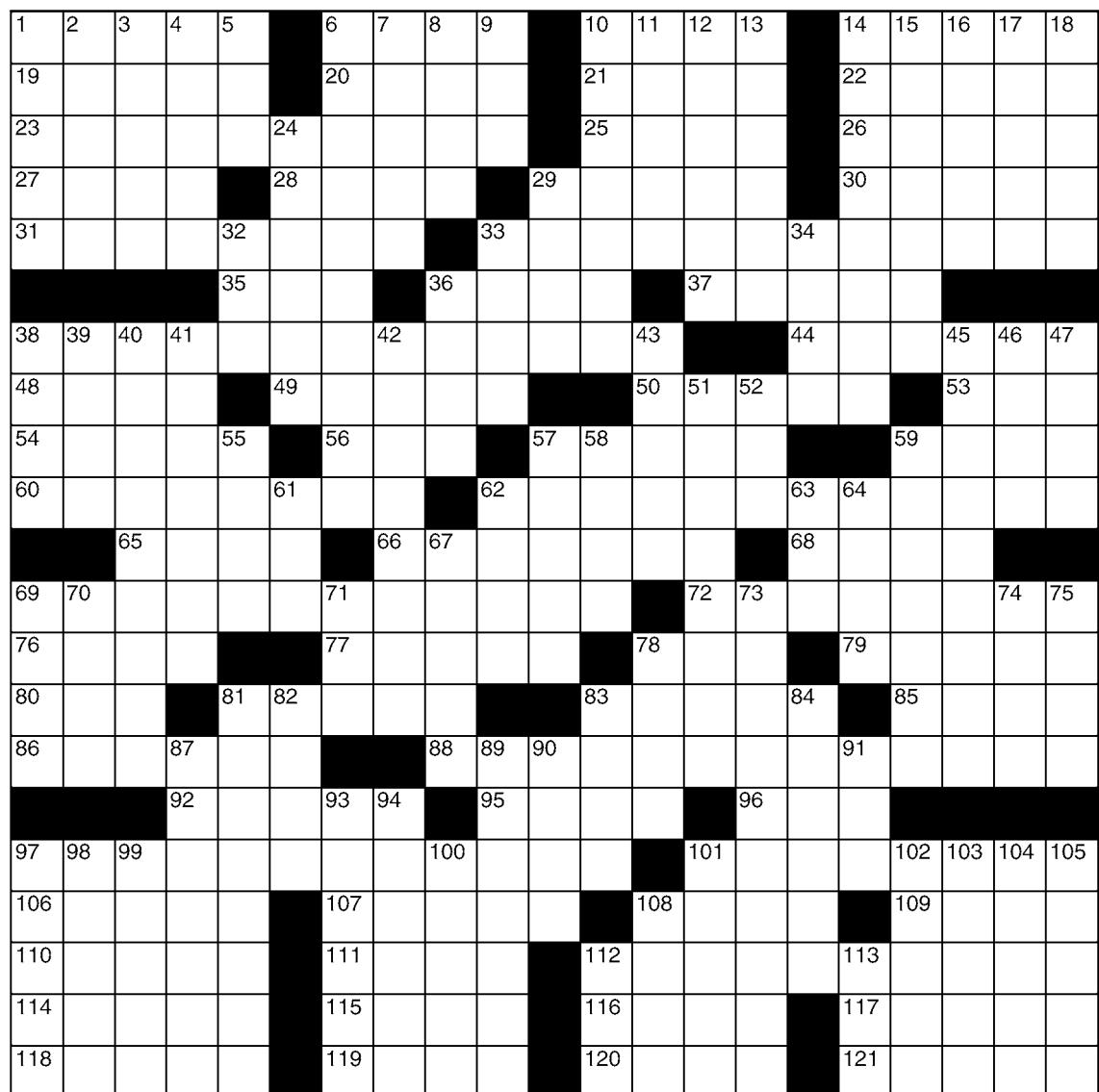
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PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo



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ACROSS

- 1 Homes for genies
- 6 — double life (had two different personas)
- 10 Launder
- 14 Flat, as cola
- 19 Half-wit
- 20 Nashville's Grand Ole
-
- 21 Blueswoman James
- 22 Dwindle to nothing, with "out"
- 23 "Caribbean Queen" singer
- 25 Bed size
- 26 Brother of Moses
- 27 Bank (on)
- 28 Distort, as data
- 29 Not spicy
- 30 Ravages
- 31 Guiding sponsorship
- 33 "I Cross My Heart" singer
- 35 Guy with kids
- 36 Germany's — von Bismarck
- 37 — Kettering Institute
- 38 "Elmer Gantry" director
- 44 Rip apart, as clothing
- 48 Cockney greeting
- 49 Soils with chimney grime
- 50 Stravinsky and Kravchuk
- 53 41, to Nero
- 54 Perfume bottles
- 56 Winning tic-tac-toe line
- 57 Calcutta dresses
- 59 Read rapidly
- 60 A simple job
- 62 Dixieland clarinetist
- 65 Healing formation
- 66 Standing out prominently
- 68 TV's Griffin
- 69 "This Gun for Hire" actress
- 72 People from Tehran
- 76 "There oughta be —!"
- 77 Texas city near Dallas
- 78 Excitement
- 79 Really annoy
- 80 TV dog — Tin Tin
- 81 More scarce
- 83 Construct
- 85 Trillion: Prefix
- 86 Jabbered
- 88 Founder of Christian Science
- 92 Mosque officiators
- 95 "Here — nothing!"
- 96 Arthur who was Maude
- 97 "Poor Side of Town" singer
- 101 Desolate
- 106 "Once — time ..."
- 107 — -mouthed (devious)
- 108 Lipids
- 109 Earnest entre ty
- 110 Up from bed
- 111 Eye greedily
- 112 "Heartbreak U.S.A." singer
- 114 — a time (individually)
- 115 Dick Tracy's wife
- 116 Get — the habit
- 117 A-list group
- 118 Plays parent to
- 119 Uplifting poems
- 120 Judge to be
- 121 Make holy

DOWN

- 1 Sky scales
- 2 Tours ta-ta
- 3 Steelmaking sites
- 4 Coral creator
- 5 Swine's spot
- 6 It's opened with a key
- 7 Fencers' swords
- 8 Tie game
- 9 Novelist Rand
- 10 What Brylcreem gives to hair
- 11 Battling
- 12 Police ploys
- 13 "Water Music" composer
- 14 Some ancient Greeks
- 15 Some hot beverage servers
- 16 Heart divisions
- 17 "Bad Boys" actress Téa
- 18 Artist Max
- 24 Academy Awards
- 29 "Thanks — God"
- 32 Hollywood's Lupino
- 33 Pontiacs of the '60s
- 34 Acidic
- 36 "For here — go?"
- 38 French for "dream"
- 39 Olympic skater Kulik
- 40 It's #1 for a valedictorian
- 41 "Man alive!"
- 42 Event that literary types look forward to
- 43 Seductress
- 45 Hollowed out
- 46 Jai —
- 47 Neighbor of Wisc.
- 51 Potential birthday pres-
- ent, e.g.
- 52 Bear, in Spain
- 55 Duck's kin
- 57 Watch brand
- 58 Suited to —
- 59 Mark with bands
- 61 Kochi sash
- 62 Blueprint
- 63 Actress Thurman
- 64 Maui goose
- 67 Startle
- 69 Diversify
- 70 Film director Kazan
- 71 Procedure for an EMT
- 73 The very lowest level
- 74 Ointment of old
- 75 Stick around
- 78 Wall St. opportunists
- 81 Leftovers
- 82 Forever and —
- 83 Peepers
- 84 Wee
- 87 Greg of "As Good As It Gets"
- 89 Everlasting
- 90 Calhoun of "The Texan"
- 91 "Norma —" (1979 film)
- 93 Fictional Asian sleuth
- 94 Assailed militarily
- 97 Case hearer
- 98 Think aloud
- 99 Bible book before Joel
- 100 Dijon dance
- 101 Espresso with hot milk
- 102 Compete in a bee
- 103 "Kukla, Fran and —"
- 104 Thaws
- 105 Assuages
- 108 Not coarse
- 112 Jest
- 113 Silken snare

Donkeys Share a Meal Together



The herd of neutered donkeys on the grounds of the Caneel Bay Resort shares a meal. The grounds crew at the resort keeps an eye on the donkeys – which roam the island as far as Coral Bay – and return to the good life.

*St. John Tradewinds News
Photo by Tom Oat*

Community Calendar

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

Monday, November 17

An applicant briefing for government agencies and certain non-profit that incurred damage from Hurricane Omar on St. John, is scheduled for Monday, November 17, at 10 a.m. at the St. John Administrator's office at the Battery.

Monday, November 17

The Virgin Islands Public Services Commission is conducting a hearing on the rate investigation of the St. Thomas/St. John ferries on Monday, November 17, at the St. John Legislature building at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 20

St. John Recycling Committee will have a meeting on Thursday, November 20, at 7 p.m. in the St. John Community Foundation office on the third floor of The Marketplace.

Thursday, November 20

The Virgin Islands Economic Development Authority will host a second series of Public Workshops on economic development in the V.I. on November 20, at the St. John Legislature Conference Room, at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 22

The Rotary Club of St. John is proud to announce that the annual "Flavors of St. John" will be at the Westin Resort on Saturday, November 22. All proceeds from the event will go to charity. Cocktail hour starts at 6:30 p.m. with Flavors kicking off at 7:30 p.m.

November 21-22

The Epiphany Theater Company will be reprising its show "Keep 'Em Guessin'" November 21-23. This series of short skits will surely bring a smile to all faces. All shows begin at 7:30 at St. John School of the Arts

Saturday, November 22

Ophelia Powell Torres, the author of "War on Breast Cancer," "Caribbean Poetry, Folktales and Short Stories Volumes one and two" will host a book signing at the Enid Baa Library on St. Thomas on Saturday, November 22, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Thursday, November 27

Exhale Boot Camp and the Sigma Theta Omega Chapter Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. are sponsoring a Cardio Blast to support the fight against obesity on Thanksgiving morning, Thursday, November 27, at the V.I. National Park ball field from 6 to 8 a.m. Registration is \$10 and participants should bring water and a mat.

Friday, November 28, and Saturday, November 29

The Coral Bay Yacht Club John is hosting the 27th Annual Coral Bay Thanksgiving Regatta on November 28 and 29.

Two days of great racing and two nights of parties with live music at Skinny Legs will combine for another memorable event for serious PHRF racers, plus Gaff Riggers, Cruisers, Multi-Hulls, Single Handers and traditional boats.

AA Meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous meets as scheduled: Sundays, 9:45 a.m. at Hawksnest Bay Beach; Closed meeting for alcoholic only at Nazareth Lutheran Church at 5:30 on Tuesdays; Open meetings on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 6 p.m. at Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cruz Bay; Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 6 p.m. at Emmaus Moravian Church, Coral Bay.

Al-Anon Meetings

Al-Anon meets on St. John every Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the picnic table at the VINP ball field, and every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church.

St. John Police Report

**Land Line Emergency No: 911
Cellular Emergency No: 340-776-9110
St. John Police Department: 340-693-8880
St. John Fire Service: 340-776-6333**

Saturday, November 8

4:30 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r that a female has been harassing her by cell phone. Telephone harassment.

10:45 p.m. - An Estate Glucksberg resident c/r an overturned vehicle in his yard. Auto accident.

No time given - 403H present at Jurgen Command with one Richard Bowman who was placed under arrest and charged with D.U.I. D.U.I.

Sunday, November 9

4:30 p.m. - An Estate Pastory resident p/r that his truck was involved in an auto accident. Auto accident.

No time given - A citizen c/r that there is a house fire in the area of Pine Peace. House fire.

Tuesday, November 11

11:00 a.m. - An Estate Frydendahl resident p/r that someone signed and cashed his pay check at First Bank. Obtaining money by false pretense.

1:50 p.m. - An Estate Anna's Retreat resident p/r that she was assaulted by a co-worker on the job. Simple assault.

1:55 p.m. - Security guard at Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center c/requesting police assistance with a citizen who was beaten and robbed. Robbery in the second.

4:00 p.m. - A citizen c/r that someone unknown stole monies from her husband's wallet which was in their parked vehicle at Jumbie Bay. Petit larceny.

4:20 p.m. - Badge #124 present at Jurgen Command with Louis Hernandez and Robelto Dela Cruz under arrest and charged with obtaining money under false pretense, forgery and grand larceny.

ceny.

5:15 p.m. - A citizen c/r an accident in the area of Custom's dock. Auto accident.

6:35 p.m. - An Estate Glucksberg resident p/r that she lost her cell phone in the area of Cruz Bay. Lost cell phone.

6:40 p.m. - Badge #117 and #1099 present at Jurgen Command with one Adrienne Helms under arrest and charged with aggravated assault and battery, disobeying a lawful order and resisting arrest.

Wednesday, November 12

6:30 a.m. - A Bellevue Village resident c/requesting police assistance to remove her son. Police assistance.

6:10 p.m. - A citizen c/r an unresponsive Caucasian male in the area of Coral Bay harbor. Inspection was made along with St. John Rescue and EMS who took same to Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center.

9:35 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r that a mental patient was creating a disturbance in Cruz Bay. Disturbance of the peace.

Thursday, November 13

7:50 a.m. - An Estate Zootenvaal resident p/r that someone unknown stole his vehicle while it was parked at Dolphin Market. Unauthorized use of vehicle.

2:45 p.m. - A Cruz Bay resident p/r an auto accident. Auto accident.

5:30 p.m. - A Gift Hill resident p/r that she is being harassed by a male. Disturbance of the peace.

9:45 p.m. - A Peter Bay resident c/r a burglary. Burglary in the second.



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Musicians smile for the camera during a helicopter airlift to their next performance in Iraq.

Bluzapalooza Wraps Up Tour

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style, and they are putting themselves in harms way 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

Simon also shared a story about a young marine from Atlanta who joined the reserves for educational and financial reasons, never really thinking she would end up serving in a war. Last year, she left her two young children at home with her husband who had just returned from serving overseas.

"She took me aside after the show and said that for the last 12 months she had been in Iraq, this was the first time she forgot she was in a war," Simon said. "That was the coolest thing to hear — it reduced me to tears."

"And that is what Bluzapalooza is all about — it is about saving souls, and we saved a lot of souls over there and we will continue to do so," Simon said. "This music is about feeling good when you are feeling bad and we took that to a new level."

Bluzapalooza already has a minimum of three tours scheduled in 2009 — the third show touring FOBs (Forward Operating Bases) in remote areas of Iraq; the fourth show touring in Afghanistan and the fifth show touring through non-war zones in the Mediterranean.

Although Bluzapalooza is saluting the troops, Simon remains clear on one thing — the tour remains apolitical.

"We don't talk politics over there — we don't discuss how we feel about going to war or the current administration," he said. "None of that. That is not why we are

there."

However, the Bluzapalooza all stars were actually overseas during the U.S. presidential election, making some degree of political discussion inevitable.

"There was an amazing amount of jubilation among the troops," Simon said of Barack Obama's presidential victory. "I am sure some of that was predicated on the fact that many of the troops recognized the historic event of electing an African American into office, and it is a huge relief to some that they may be coming home soon."

Simon also gave credit to Armed Forces Entertainment, the lead Department of Defense agency which provides entertainment to more than 500,000 troops each year.

"I would like to give a big, heartfelt thanks with huge respect to Armed Forces Entertainment," Simon said. "These men and women were terrific to deal with — their hearts were in the right place — do so much to bring a bit of home to all these men and women."

And some of the troops even showed Simon their appreciation, giving him a souvenir to take back to St. John.

"On the last night we were in Iraq, a couple of marines came up to me and said they would like to buy me a hair cut to show their appreciation," Simon said. "So they marched me down a path and they had my head shaved. I didn't hesitate for a moment and I cherished every minute of it."

For more information about Bluzapalooza, check out the MySpace page at www.myspace.com/bluzapalooza.

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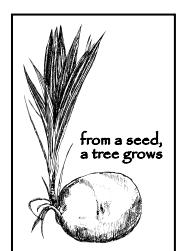
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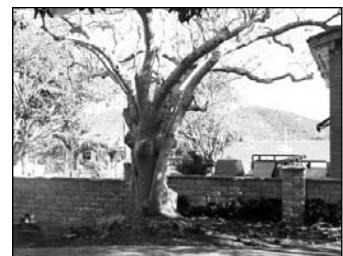
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SO LONG LINDY

Eulogy

Anselmo Emanuel Thomas was born to Ruth E. (Thomas) Powell on December 23, 1954, on St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. He was adopted at the early age of 10 months by his maternal great aunt, Sophena (Mabel) and James Frazer who renamed him Lindy Emanuel Frazer, the name we all know him by today.

Although Lindy was adopted, he spent weekends and summers with his birth mother, stepfather and siblings. Lindy attended the Julius E. Sprauve School up to the 8th grade. Although he was adopted, at age 14 he returned to live his birth mother until he went away to the Job Corps at age 16 — where he acquired a trade in electricity.

Lindy loved to draw — a skill that came to him naturally. One only needed to tell him what they wanted he was able to draw it. He was also naturally skilled at playing piano and organ. He loved to play music. St. Johnians can tell you that in his earlier years Lindy could be found in churches of any denomination playing the organ and piano — not for service but for himself.

Lindy was a familiar figure in Cruz Bay. He was not a violent person and was not a danger to anyone. His frequent forays into dumpsters and garbage pails gave him reading material. He loved to read. Instead of making the trek home to Gift Hill, he often asked passersby for “some change” to buy something to eat or drink. Lindy loved his life as he wanted to.

He knew he was always welcomed at home, but chose to live on the streets. After he was diagnosed with cancer of the esophagus, he was brought home, but once again chose to return to the streets of Cruz Bay and live the way he wanted to.

Lindy departed this life on November 4, 2008, in his beloved Cruz Bay. We will all miss this familiar figure walking the streets of Cruz Bay. May his soul rest in peace.



REST IN PEACE