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GLAMOUR AND GLITZ: Four ladies from both St. Thomas and St. John will go head to head as they vie for the title and crown of Miss St. John Festival Queen at the selection show on Saturday night, June 27, at Winston Wells ball field at 8 p.m. Meet this year's Queen contestants on page 8.

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A small "Do Not Enter" sign doesn't stop visiting motorists from driving the wrong way on South Shore Road's short one-way stretch of roadway.

Roadway Committee Suggests Fixes for Safe Travel

By Jaime Elliott
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After getting the go-ahead from Department of Public Works Commissioner Darryl Smalls in February to form an ad-hoc committee to review island road conditions the group's findings have fallen on deaf ears.

Norman Gledhill, Paul Devine, Austin Dalmida, Rudolph Thomas and Edmund Roberts have been meeting weekly for months to discuss road conditions on St. John. Since compiling their findings into a report more than a month ago, however, the group has heard nothing from Smalls or anyone at DPW.

Despite the snub, the St. John Roadway Advisory Committee plans to continue their work in hopes of attracting Smalls' attention in the future, explained Gledhill.

"Our plan to try to come up with more safety ideas and we'd love to meet with the commissioner," said Gledhill.

The group compiled a 10 page report outlining dangerous areas on Love City's roads and recommending possible solutions to the problems. Before itemizing specific areas of concern, the committee set forth general issues facing roadways on island.

"As a general note, the committee felt that safe traveling on St. John roads was of immediate concern," according to the Roadway Advisory Committee report. "More specifically, it was found that St. John roads lacked in several areas: insufficient signage

overall for all roads; road striping; insufficient speed limit signage; absence of dangerous area signage; and potholes and poor patching techniques."

Signage was a major concern for the committee. From "Keep Left" to signaling dangerous curves or areas, the committee found a dire lack of signage on Love City streets.

"St. John is a tourist destination where many visitors are unfamiliar with the roads," according to the committee's report. "Speed limit signs are lacking or missing as are 'Keep Left' signs. St. John does not have any adequate route signage."

"Throughout St. John, as it is in many area of the Virgin Islands, roadways contain very dangerous curves," according to the committee's report. "Where it is the norm for locals to beep a horn when approaching these dangerous areas, visitors have no such understanding. Further, without proper warning or speed limit signage, vehicles often round these curves at excessive speeds, often well above the legal limit."

As dangerous as some of the areas on St. John roadways are, the problems are compounded by the lack of striping, according to the Roadway Committee.

"There is ample evidence that St. John roads are inadequately striped or not striped at all," according to the report. "This is especially important on Centerline Road, which is the heaviest travelled road on St. John and even more important for evening traffic.

Narrow, winding roads make for dangerous driving conditions and missing road striping makes the situation even more dangerous."

The committee also recommended widening most roads on St. John and completing the construction of existing roads.

"Typical St. John roads are very narrow as they are throughout the Virgin Islands," according to the report. "Existing easements should be ascertained and possible roadside private lands identified. In those areas where excessively dangerous conditions are evident, such as curves, narrow bridges, rockslide zones and the like, road widening should be considered for each."

"Throughout St. John, numerous roads have been designated as federal routes, funded or partially funded, partially maintained or installed and, in many cases, never completed," according to the Roadway Committee report.

The committee lists each road on St. John which is federally-funded and incomplete and "highly recommends that the completion of all federally-funded roads on St. John be undertaken."

While the entire report details a number of issues and recommendations to improve St. John roads, the committee's biggest concern is safety.

"It starts with roadway striping and signage," said Gledhill. "The committee recognizes that many of the recommendations will require a long-term plan, but for the short-term, safety is the primary consideration."

Cruz Bay Customs Parking Lot Closed

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The Cruz Bay parking lot by U.S. Customs will be closed to the public from Friday, June 19, thru Tuesday, July 7, to erect the Festival Village booths for this year's Fourth of July Celebration. Violators' vehicles will be towed away at the owners' expenses. For further information call the festival hotline numbers 690-3692 or 690-1725.

"Calypso Dreams" Film Rescheduled

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Due to the rainy weather, the St. John Film Society rescheduled its screening of "Calypso Dreams" to Tuesday, June 23, at 7 p.m. on the third floor of the Marketplace.

The 85-minute film by Geoffrey Dunn and Michael Horne documents the history of Calypso in Trinidad and Tobago and includes performances by Mighty Sparrow, Calypso Rose, Lord Superior, Brother Valentino, Regeneration Now and Mystic Prowler.

No Walk-ins for Summer Vaccinations

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Acting Department of Health Commissioner Julia Sheen announced the immunization programs territory-wide will not accept walk-ins leading up to the start of the school year.

Vaccinations will be provided by appointment only from July 6 through September 17 in the St. Thomas/St. John district. Parents or guardians must accompany children under age 18.

Funding To Assist Summer Camp Fees

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The Department of Human Services has the availability of limited funds to assist eligible parents or guardians to pay summer camp fees for their children. Parents or guardians may contact the Child Care Office to determine eligibility at 774-0930 ext 4181.

Applications for Summer Pan Camp

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The Love City Pan Dragons Youth Steel Orchestra is hosting a Summer Pan Camp from June 22 through July 31 at the group's pan yard in Estate Enighed.

Students between the ages of seven and 17 are welcome to join. The cost is \$50 and lunch and snacks will be provided. Applications are available at the Love City Pan Dragons' pan yard on Friday or Saturday afternoons, at the Department of Public Works in Susannaberg and at Courtesy Car Rent.

For more information call 776-6346.

HPR Offers Summer Camp Programs

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A variety of recreational, cultural and educational programs and activities will be offered by the V.I. Department of Housing, Parks and Recreation as well as sports camps, which will provide the participants an opportunity to choose a camp that specializes in their particular interest, according to Commissioner St. Claire N. Williams

"The six week summer program will allow participants to be trained in various sports and will assist them in learning particular disciplines as they relate to sportsmanship, teamwork, leadership, character and responsibility," Williams said.

The six-week summer camps will take place in the St. Thomas/St. John District from June 22 to July 31, 2009. Applications are available at the Cruz Bay Recreation Center on St. John.

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— Third Circuit ruling

Third Circuit Rules Against Government, ‘06 Tax Bills Rescinded Again

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Never mind those 2006 property tax bills sent out last month.

In a ruling released on Tuesday, June 16, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit ruled against the V.I. Government in the latest of an almost decade-long legal battle over property taxes in the territory.

The high court’s ruling upheld a September 11, 2008 order by V.I. District Court Judge Curtis Gomez which rescinded property tax bills and found the V.I. Government in contempt of court.

In the Third Circuit’s opinion, written by Chief Judge Anthony Scirica and signed off by judges Thomas Ambro and D. Brooks Smith, the court found that the V.I. Government did not meet the criteria required to lift a 2003 injunction.

The May 2003 injunction was issued after several commercial property owners successfully sued the V.I. Government in District Court for essentially establishing an illegal property tax system.

The court-ordered injunction froze property tax rates at 1998 levels until a fair and equitable system of assessing property taxes was established and a functioning Board of Tax Review was operational.

A territory-wide property revaluation project wrapped up last year and the V.I. Government issued property tax bills last August for 2006 reflecting the new rates. The government did so, however, before the court lifted the 2003 injunction.

In September 2008, Gomez rescinded the property tax bills and found the V.I. Government in contempt of court, leveling a \$5,000 a day fine until the government complied with the court order. The V.I. Government immediately appealed the ruling to the Third Circuit Court of Appeals and requested a stay of the contempt order.

After arguing the case in January, the V.I. Government once again issued property tax rates for 2006 last month. The Third Circuit’s June 16 ruling essentially voids those bills and sends the government back to square one, with an expected \$28 million shortfall.

“As a result of the appeals court decision, the Tax Assessor’s office will be rescinding the 2006 real property tax bills,” according to a prepared statement from Government House. “In addition, the Executive Order which was issued setting due dates for those property tax bills will be vacated.”

The ruling blocks the government’s ability to issue real property tax bills for the year 2006 and represents a loss in revenue of approximately \$28 million dollars, according to the Government House statement.

In Scirica’s opinion, the V.I. Government did not meet the second condition to lifting the May 2003 decree, the requirement of a “functioning Board of Tax Review that consistently holds hearings and reaches determinations on appeals.”

“After a hearing on July 2, 2008, to determine the Board’s functionality, the District Court found the Board of Tax Review, while functioning to ‘some degree,’ remained in dis-

array,” according to the Third Circuit’s opinion. “At the evidentiary hearing the Commissioner of Finance and the Executive Director of the Board of Tax Review...addressed the number of times the Board of Tax Review had met since the 2003 Decree (eight—five in 2006, one in 2007, and the last two meetings in May 2008 and June 2008), the number of appeals still pending before the board (374), and the regularity of future meetings (to occur on the last Friday of every month).”

“Disturbingly, however, both witnesses were uncertain whether the Board of Tax Review was notifying taxpayers of their appeal dates,” according to the court’s ruling. “The Commissioner of Finance even testified that at the May 2008 meeting no taxpayers were present to participate in the appeal process. In light of this evidence, the District Court found the Board of Tax Review’s compliance with the May 2003 Decree to be ‘sporadic, short-lived, and of recent vintage.’”

“We find no clear error in the District Court’s underlying findings of fact, and we agree with the District Court’s application of fact to law — that the Board of Tax Review’s functionality did not meet constitutionally required due process standards,” according to the ruling.

As of press time, there was no word from Government House on the government’s next move. Attorney General Vincent Frazer will be addressing the court as to the requirements of the government based on the order and identifying the next steps forward, according to a statement from Government House.

Cruz Bay Business Owner Pistol Whipped, Robbed in Daylight Attack

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A Monday morning, June 15, assault on a Cruz Bay business owner eerily echoed an early morning attack on another Love City businessman in January.

On Monday, January 5, at around 8 a.m. Cap’s Place owner Juan Ayala was gunned down outside his home in Lower Estate Pastory. Just about six months later and less than a mile away, Wallace Coburn, a long-time co-owner of the popular Larry’s Landing, was attacked.

This time the bar owner was shot at, pistol whipped and robbed in front of the Islandia Building in Cruz Bay on Monday morning, June 15, just before 8 a.m.

V.I. Police Department officials were advised of a first degree robbery on June 15 in which Coburn was robbed of cash, shot at and pistol whipped, according to a prepared statement by VIPD spokesperson Melody Rames.

The victim told police that he was approached by an unknown male who pointed a gun at him and demanded money, according to police.

The suspect shot in the direction of the Co-

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— St. John resident

burn twice and struck the victim with a gun before taking a bag containing several hundred dollars and fleeing the scene, according to Rames.

The suspect was a black male whose face was covered with a shirt. He stood about 5’7” and was wearing a grey shirt and dark pants, according to the VIPD.

Coburn was treated at the Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center and released.

The June 15 attack is the latest in a string of violent Cruz Bay incidents over the past sev-

eral months, and the second of the year specifically targeting a business owner. A visitor from Tennessee was jumped near Joe’s Diner in the early morning hours of April 12 and a St. John resident was severely beaten behind Mongoose Junction just after midnight on May 2.

The latest attack, in broad daylight, is the most worrisome yet, according to one St. John resident.

“An attack in broad daylight on the busiest street on St. John with a gun should concern the entire community,” the resident said. “Perpetrators of crime in our territory know there is little consequence to their actions. Our justice system has routinely failed us by dropping or reducing charges on all criminals, reducing bail amounts to nothing and remanding violent offenders to third-party custody.”

VIPD St. John Deputy Chief Darren Foy is asking anyone who has information on this robbery to call the Criminal Investigation Bureau at 693-8880 extension 5215 and speak to Detective Cassandra Vincent. Concerned citizens can also call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

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Cleamena Hodge-Duncan Is 2009 Festival Food Fair Honoree

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

After almost 10 years of whipping up local delicacies at booth number six in Festival Village, Cleamena Hodge-Duncan is being recognized as 2009 Food Fair Honoree.

The administrative officer at Julius E. Spruave School — from where Duncan herself graduated and has worked now for 35 years — learned to cook from her mother, she explained.

“My mother Mildred Foy was from Tortola, but we moved here when I was three months old,” said Hodge-Duncan. “I just learned to make things watching my Mom when I was young. We used to all help out.”

Before the modern era of St. John Festival started, islanders used to gather on July fourth for a day of camaraderie, which being on St. John, of course included great food and drinks.

“Back in the 1960s we used to call it Independence Day and people used to set up tables by where Colombian Emeralds is now,” Hodge-Duncan said. “My mother used to set up a booth there and all us kids would help out frying chicken in the big coal pot. It was always a lot of fun.”

Years later, Hodge-Duncan and her sisters started serving food like their mother used to make from their own booth at Festival Village.

“It’s not just me,” said Hodge-Duncan. “A major part of this honor goes to my entire family who works the booth with me every year. I could never do it without them.”

Among the many people who help out at her Festival Village booth are Hodge-Duncan’s husband Claudius Duncan, sister Naomi Hodge, LaVerne Thomas, Slyvia Russel, and her daughters Dr. Kishann Duncan and Atty. Kyle Duncan.

“We all work the booth together,” said Hodge-Dun-

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– Cleamena Hodge-Duncan, 2009 Food Fair Honoree

can. “We make it a lot of fun and always keep it a family thing.”

Although working a festival booth takes a lot of time and energy, it’s well worth the effort to show off St. John culture, explained Hodge-Duncan.

“It’s a lot of work, but it’s a lot of fun too,” she said. “You get to meet a lot of people and especially the tourists. You get to introduce them to food they’ve never had and watch them enjoy it for the first time.”

“They love our food and can’t wait to try everything,” Hodge-Duncan said. “At St. John Festival we treat people with love and respect because it’s our home and our culture. We want to share that.”

While news of the recognition took her by surprise, Hodge-Duncan is happy to accept the award as Food Fair honoree, she explained.

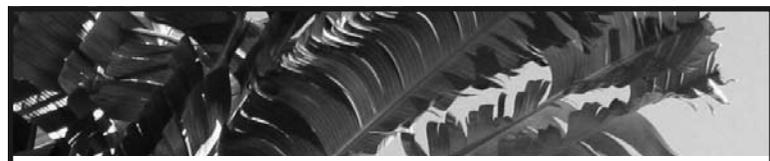
“It’s not something I expected, but it’s nice,” she said. “It’s like people saying thanks for everything you do, which is nice.”

Be sure to watch Hodge-Duncan be recognized as Food Fair honoree on Sunday, June 28, at 1 p.m. at Frank Powell Park. And stop by booth number six to taste some of the best local fare around from kallaloo, conch and whelks to johnny cakes — which Hodge-Duncan says are the “best in Village” — and vegetarian and meat lasagne.



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Food Fair Honoree Cleamena Hodge-Duncan

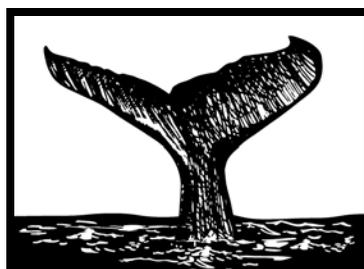


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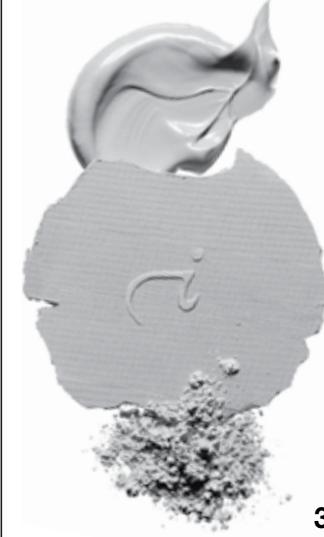



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Benjamin, Simons and Foster Honored at Chamber Dinner

By Jaime Elliot
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With the majestic backdrop of Magen's Bay, a crowd of St. John and St. Thomas residents gathered at the St. Peter Great-house on Saturday evening, June 13, to congratulate this year's Chamber of Commerce Wilbur "Bill" LaMotta Community Service Award honorees.

An educator, a philanthropist, a tireless community advocate and a dynamic real estate agent were among those honored at the fete.

In addition to being a renowned composer and musician, LaMotta, who died in 1980, was president of the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce, a Small Businessman of the Year and a civic leader. The awards in his honor were originally established in 1983 to recognize public officials' outstanding contributions which reflect LaMotta's own life work.

Awards are handed out to individuals in the private, public and non-profit sectors as well as to students who show leadership skills and commitment to their community.

Esteemed St. John educator Guy Benjamin was honored with this year's Public Sector Award. Benjamin was the first St. Johnian to graduate from the Charlotte Amalie High School and went on to earn a bachelor's degree from Howard University as well as a master's degree from New York



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(L to R): Guy Benjamin, John Foster and Steve and Helen Simon.

University.

After returning to St. John from the mainland, Benjamin served his community as a teacher and superintendent of schools. His legacy lives on today as the Coral Bay elementary school just down the road from his house bears the name "Guy H. Benjamin School."

"Benjamin is being honored for his many, many years an educator and for his significant contributions to improving the quality of life on St. John and the greater Virgin Is-

lands' community," said Chamber president Tom Brunt.

John Foster, owner of John Foster Real Estate, was recognized with this year's Private Sector Award for his professional work as well as his support of the Nana Baby Children's Home.

"The Private Sector Award is being given to John Foster for his years of work as one of the most dynamic and successful realtors in the Virgin Islands and for his work with his partners in establishing the first enclosed

mall in the territory, Tutu Park Mall," said Brunt.

St. John residents Helen and Steve Simon were honored with the Non-Profit Award for their annual sponsorship of the St. John Christmas Music Festival and Children's Parade, and their community advocacy. Both of the Simons are strong supporters of education and public safety, dedicating countless hours to making St. John as a better community.

"Their contributions help sustain the community's cultural fabric and at the same time stimulate our artistic community," Brunt said about the Simons.

Student Achievement Awards were given to Charlotte Amalie students Lynette Boschulte and Akoya Hydman, both of whom have achieved a plethora of distinctions.

"These two young women demonstrate that being smart and working hard are goals that every students should aspire to," said Brunt. "They are both great role models for our youth."

After enjoying a delicious meal, guests packed the dance floor, grooving to the tunes of Sound Waves which featured St. John musicians including Lemuel Liburd, Delroy "Ital" Anthony and Mark Wallace. Nature's Beauty was the theme of the night and one lucky person from each table took home a native plant or tree, which served as the centerpieces.

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Channon Charles, above left, and Natasha Clenord perform during the 2009 Westin Idol competition on Sunday evening, June 14.

Channon Charles Crowned Westin Idol

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Nine Westin Resort and Villas associates sang, danced and strutted their stuff in front of a panel of celebrity judges and a huge crowd during a competition on Sunday evening, June 14, to earn the title of "Westin Idol."

Gilner Jerome, Sharon Brady, Fidel Ostalaza, Eulalie Thomas, Serge Saint-Hilear, Natasha Clenord, George Richardson, Jasmine Steward and Channon Charles each performed two songs in a variety of styles.

Musical selections were chosen from all genres including Reg-

gae, Calypso, Soca, Pop, Country, R&B, and Kompa and some were even sung in the contestants' native languages such as French, Haitian Crèole, Patois and Spanish.

After a close competition, Charles, a pool hut attendant at the resort, was crowned Westin Idol. Charles sang two original songs "Quint It" and "Give Me the Gyal Dem," both of which he wrote and arranged himself.

"The event was truly a spectacular celebration of great talent, team spirit, and cultural diversity," said Sabrina Léonce, Westin's Hu-

man Resources Manager.

All proceeds raised from the event were donated to The Family Resource Center, Inc, an organization which acts as a safe haven for victims of violent crimes, as well as families in crisis.

More than 225 tickets were sold at \$5 in advance and \$10 at the door, raising \$1,180. In addition, a 50/50 raffle was drawn at that night resulting in an extra \$141 in donations for a total gain of \$1,321.

Congratulations to all of the participants, especially Charles, the 2009 Westin Idol.

More Volunteers Needed as Recycling Grows

By Jaime Elliott St. John Tradewinds

Since placing collection bins at several locations across the island just a few months ago, Recycling Association of the Virgin Islands, St. John Chapter members have watched as aluminum can recycling has taken off on St. John.

Recycling has gotten so popular that RAVI St. John members are having difficulty keeping up with demand. As more and more people recycle, RAVI St. John needs more members and volunteers to pick up cans at collection sites.

The group is looking for volunteers to adopt bins at Bordeaux, Chocolate Hole and the Lumberyard. The group is also hoping to install bins at Cinnamon Bay and the dumpster in Estate Grunwald, and will need volunteers at those

"... the money they had collected ... was almost \$750. Which means he took over 3,750 pounds of cans — almost two tons of cans."

— Barbara Douma,
recycling volunteer

locations as well.

RAVI St. John members got another boost recently when their can delivery person handed over an unexpected gift, explained Barbara Douma.

"When we started the recycling program, Sharon Ehle of Caravan Auto arranged for the transport of

bags of cans to St. Thomas," said Douma. "Gilroy Nesbitt delivers supplies to Caravan and his driver would take the cans back to STS on St. Thomas with him. We let him keep the money to pay for the service."

"Well, yesterday Mr. Nesbitt handed Sharon an envelope full of all the money they had collected for the cans and it was almost \$750," Douma said. "Which means he took over 3,750 pounds of cans — almost two tons of cans."

St. John Festival is going green this year too. Look out for recycling bins in Frank Powell Park and Festival Village.

For more information about RAVI St. John or to volunteer, call Paul Devine at the St. John Community Foundation office at 693-9410.

New Ambulance Boat Deemed Priority by DOH

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

A new ambulance boat for St. John is a priority, V.I. Department of Health Acting Commissioner Julia Sheen told Virgin Islands senators earlier this month.

The island's current ambulance boat, the *Star of Life*, has been in critical condition for several years, and is presently on dry dock in need of repairs.

While the DOH investigates the purchase of a new ambulance boat, Red Hook Boat Services is providing transportation to St. Thomas for patients in need of a level of care not available at the Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center.

The new ambulance boat, designed several years ago with the help of St. John EMS staff and a marine consultant, will cost upwards of \$1 million, explained DOH spokesperson Eunice Bedminster.

"The vessel must be capable of transferring safely and in reasonable comfort in all sea conditions encountered," said Bedminster. "The patient area is to be fitted with counters and storage shelves, oxygen bottle holder, sink with fresh wa-

ter, outlets, toilet compartment, monitor holders, etc. The patient and engine area must have sound insulation so that engine noise in the patient area does not exceed a certain decibel at full throttle in smooth water."

Additionally, the new vessel will have a back-up generator, hydraulic steering system, bilge pumps, aluminum fuel tanks, a fire fighting system, air conditioning and GPS, radar and radio capabilities.

In order to meet the demands of transporting critically ill patients between St. John and St. Thomas, the boat will be outfitted for easy offloading of stretchers, Bedminster explained.

"Access requirements include the demands of embarking and disembarking patients on wheeled stretchers safely from existing port facilities," she said. "The vessel must incorporate features that allow the safe evacuation of staff and passengers, and the vessel must have safe passages on deck for the crew to move fore and aft during docking operations without passing through the patient area."

The new ambulance boat will be de-

signed for easy access to routine machine maintenance due to its need for constant service. Crew members will be able to perform routine maintenance without entering the patient area thanks to the new boat's design.

In addition to the vessel's primary role as transportation for patients, it will also be outfitted with a rigid inflatable dinghy, allowing it to transfer patients from beaches and to recover victims from the water, according to Bedminster.

Although the details of the new ambulance boat's design have been well planned, it remains unclear when the boat will be constructed and put into service.

"Acting Commissioner Sheen is working with EMS and our legal office to ensure that the specs and design are conducive to our tropic waters," said Bedminster. "She is to tour a company where the boats are made so she can see for herself. It will take eight months, she said, to have a boat built to our specs."

When the new boat is put into service, the old *Star of Life* will be used as a back-up — if badly-needed repairs are done, Bedminster added.

31-year-old Boyce Questioned, Arrested for Villa Break-in

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V.I. Police Department officials on St. John arrested 31-year-old Clayton Boyce on Thursday, June 11, at around 3:30 p.m. and charged him with third degree burglary in connection with a break-in at a St. John villa.

The villa resident told police he secured and left the residence and when he returned later in the day he noticed that his front screen was cut and items were missing from inside the residence.

As a result of the police investigation Boyce was detained for questioning and was subsequently arrested. His bail was set at \$25,000 by order of the court and Boyce was remanded to the custody of the Bureau of Corrections pending further court action.

VIPD are continuing this investigation to determine possible connections to other villa burglaries.

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Four Ladies Vie for St. John Festival Queen Crown Saturday Night

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

One of the most anticipated nights of the year will feature four young ladies strutting their stuff and showing off their talents as they vie for the title of Miss St. John Festival Queen on Saturday night, June 27, at 8 p.m. at the Winston Wells ball field.

In a first this year, the St. John Festival Committee opened the pageant to St. Thomas residents, from where two of the four contestants hail. While the ladies competing for the crown call different islands home, they all share a passion for performance and pride of the Virgin Islands.

Contestant #1, Lea Scott, is a 19-year-old University of the Virgin Islands student, who is pursuing a double major in

criminal justice and biology, pre-med.

Although the Rock City-native, who just wrapped up her freshman year, isn't completely settled on a career in medicine, she's keeping her options open.

"My father has skin cancer, so that really prompted me to want to learn as much about the disease as possible and study health and medicine in general," said Scott. "I'm not exactly sure what route I'm going to take as far as pre-med or criminal justice, but it allows me a lot of potential with my studies."

A skilled dancer, Scott and her mother own and operate the French Academy of Performing Arts on Main Street in St. Thomas, where she has studied traditional French pieces as well as Russian ballet.

When she heard that the pageant was open to St. Thomas residents, Scott — who is being chaperoned by Cheryl Willie — jumped at the chance to vie for the crown.

"I've always thought about trying out so when I heard the pageant was open to St. Thomas residents, I decided to give it a shot," she said.

While she's no stranger to performing in front of a crowd, Scott still works to calm her nerves before a show, she explained.

"I've danced a lot but this is my first pageant," said Scott. "I always get nervous when I get on stage, but I work through it. I think my nerves actually get me going and I feed off them."

St. John-native Chereena Didier is contestant #2. The 18-year-old Ivanna Eudora

Kean High School student just finished her junior year and has definite ideas about her future.

"When I graduate from high school, I definitely want to go right to college," said Didier. "I want to study psychology and I'd like to at least start my college career at the University of the Virgin Islands. I think it would be fun to finish school in Florida or someplace different, but I don't want to be too far from home."

"After I get my bachelor's degree, I want to marry the man of my dreams and have a few children," Didier said.

Didier, whose chaperone is Kenya Frett, decided to compete in her first pageant at the urging of her family and friends.

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The Making of A Queen and Princess — Oquendo Knows What it Takes

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Lee Ann Oquendo is on a roll.

As a chaperone, she's accomplished the near impossible feat of three consecutive St. John Festival Princess selection show wins and three consecutive Festival Queen selection show wins.

And she's not finished yet. Oquendo is looking to extend her streak with another Queen show win this year as she chaperones Kerla Fesale — who she chaperoned to a Princess title in 2001.

The St. John businessowner has been chaperoning young ladies and pre-teens for the time honored Festival selection shows since the early 1990s. After running for Miss St. John herself in 1979, her first stint as a chaperone was on the male side when she coached her eldest son Ricardo.

"That was back when Festival included a Prince competition show," said Oquendo. "I was scared to death at the time. I didn't know what to expect."

Oquendo got back into the competition when her younger son Reynaldo competed and won the Prince crown a few years later. Since then she's overseen winning, and a few losing, bids for the Queen and Princess crowns too numerous to count, including her own daughter's win last year.

"I guess since 1992 or so I've been doing it every year," said Oquendo. "I've won some and I've lost some. Some years I came really close, but looking back I could see where things could have been done better."

One key to Oquendo's many successes over the years is her complete dedication. Like a National Football League coach studying a video tape before a big game, Oquendo meticulously reviews each competition looking for ways to improve year after year.

"I study the shows and the dances and the routines," said the esteemed chaperone. "I always try to improve and perfect everything."

As a chaperone, Oquendo spends countless hours working with her contestants and never stops thinking about ways to impress the judges.



Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Lee Ann Oquendo

"I'm always thinking about what to do for shows," said Oquendo. "I start getting my ideas all year long. I'll watch something on television and think, that would make a great segment."

"I think about it all the time," she said.

Oquendo sends her ladies to modeling camp, where they learn how to walk and carry themselves. Then as the Festival selection shows near, she spends every day with her contestants.

"Starting in April, we practice a lot, just about every day or every other day," said the chaperone. "Then in May and June, it's every single day. We go over everything over and over again because it's really important that the girls are comfortable and that everything they do looks natural."

"In May and June, my family knows that this is what I do," Oquendo said. "There is no cooking — they barely see me, but they're very supportive."

Although she enjoys each segment of the competition, the International Wear is where Oquendo really flexes her creative muscles.

"My favorite segment is the International Wear," said Oquendo. "It gives you the opportunity to really be creative. I've won so many of those segments over the years, but I'm always trying to come up with something different."

In addition to the 10 people who help out the night of the show, Oquendo has a core group of assistants who work closely with the contestants before the competition.

Shatik Stevens specializes in

modeling and the talent segment of the show while Abigail Hendricks works on the contestant's interview skills and makes sure each routine is perfectly polished. Oquendo's son Reynaldo is also a big part of her chaperone team.

"Reynaldo does a lot of work," said Oquendo. "He lives in Florida, but I talk to him every day and he comes down the week of the show and makes sure everything is just right."

Another key to Oquendo's storied success is her adherence to the judging criteria, she explained.

"Abigail [Hendricks] and I will talk for hours about the show," said Oquendo. "The judging criteria is our bible. We evaluate everything they're looking for."

While aiming to please the people who hand down the scores, Oquendo doesn't forget about the crowd.

"You have to please the judges first, but I always try to give the audience a little something too," she said.

Looking back over the years, Oquendo has done everything from chaperone two girls in one show to chaperone a Queen and Princess in the same show the year the Princess show was rained out and hosted the same night as the Queen show. But for all of her time and expertise, Oquendo doesn't charge a dime.

"This is my way of giving back to the community," said the chaperone. "I like the challenge and the competition but I what I really love is seeing the girls transform from the experience. You see them gain confidence and carry themselves differently."

Don't miss this year's St. John Festival Queen selection show on Saturday night, June 27, at 8 p.m. at Winston Wells ball field where Oquendo — quite possibly Love City's most successful chaperone ever — might be chaperoning her last Queen contestant.

"After my daughter won last year, I wanted to retire," said Oquendo. "But when the Festival Committee opened the competition to St. Thomas residents, I wanted to win it for St. John. So I'm giving it one more shot — although I say that every year."

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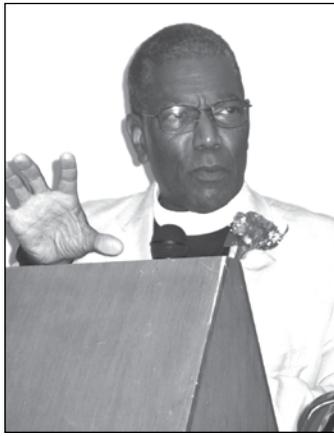
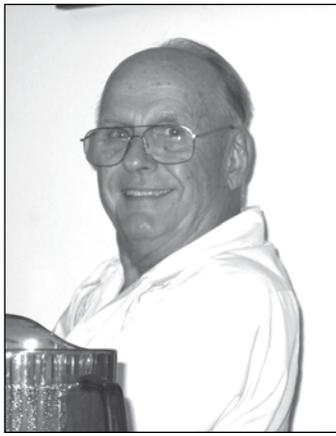
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Pre-Father's Day Luncheon at St. Ursula's



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St. Ursula's Episcopal Church honored Malcolm Preston, Father Clarence Scipio and Wes Williams at their annual Pre-Father's Day Luncheon last week.

JFLI Summer Program Registration Open

St. John Tradewinds

Registration for the John's Folly Learning Institute summer program will be Monday, June 22, from 3 to 6:30 p.m. at the school.

The cost of the summer camp — which runs Monday through Friday from June 23 through July 25 — is \$30 per family which includes insurance. The program is open to students age 3 to 15 and activities will include social and economic skills, hiking, swimming, field trips and more. For more information call Alvis Christian at 626-2686.

Internal Revenue Urges Taxpayers To Pick Up Re-issued Income Tax Checks

St. John Tradewinds

Virgin Islands taxpayers are reminded that the reissued May 28, 2009 income tax refund checks are available for pick up from the Bureau's offices on all three islands.

Taxpayers are asked to bring one photo ID with proof of their social security number in order to claim the reissued checks. Taxpayers are also reminded to return the incorrect check to the Bureau's offices, if they haven't already done so.

"Taxpayers who have already negotiated the incorrect refund check are urged to contact the Bureau immediately to make arrangements to repay any overpayment," said BIR Director Claudette Watson-Anderson. "Those taxpayers who may have already cashed a check for an amount less than was owed are also asked to contact the Bureau for additional instructions."

The Bureau's staff is available to address both taxpayer situations on a priority basis. Questions should be directed to the Bureau's Processing Branch at 777-1446 on St. John.

Perez Wins 60-second Shopping Spree

St. John Tradewinds

Out of 3,000 entrants, Robin Perez won the 60-second shopping spree at Starfish Market as part of the store's super save sign-up program. Perez will spend one minute picking up as much as she can from Starfish Market on Thursday morning, June 25.

"Congratulations Robin," said assistant store manager Edwin Hill.

Summer Reading Available on Website

St. John Tradewinds

Parents and students are advised that the 2009 St. Thomas/St. John District Summer Reading Adventure booklets are available online at www.stj.k12.vi.

Students are encouraged to read the grade-appropriate books on the list as well as on other available reading lists.

"Booklets have been organized according to the following levels: Primary (Kindergarten-Grade 3), Intermediate (Grades 4-6), Junior High (Grades 7-8) and High School (Grades 9-12)," said District Language Arts Coordinator Cedelle Niles.

The St. Thomas/St. John District Summer Reading Adventure assignments and projects will be due on September 30, 2009. Upon their return to school, students who participate in the District's Summer Reading Program will be recognized.

"An annual activity for the district's schools, the Summer Reading Adventure encourages students to read for enjoyment during the summer months in preparation for the upcoming school year," said Niles.

For more information or to provide feedback, contact the district office at 775-2250.

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FRIDAY, June 19, 2009

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Contact Person: Jane Johannes 340-776-6450

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6 p.m. at Winston Wells Ball Field
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FRIDAY, June 26, 2009

FESTIVAL MIX

9 p.m. at Winston Wells Ball Field
Contact Person: Lucinda Jurgen 340-776-1291

SATURDAY, June 27, 2009

MISS ST. JOHN FESTIVAL QUEEN 2009 SELECTION PAGEANT

8 p.m. at Winston Wells Ball Field
Contact Person: Enid Doway 340-626-0785

SUNDAY, June 28, 2009

FOOD FAIR & CORONATION

3 p.m. at Franklin Powell, Sr. Park
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BOAT RACES

1 p.m. at Cruz Bay Harbor
Contact Person: Slim 340-771-2498

MONDAY, June 29, 2009

FESTIVAL VILLAGE OPEN

7 p.m. at Cruz Bay Parking Lot
Contact Person: Jane Johannes 340-776-6450

FRIDAY, July 3, 2009

CULTURAL DAY

3 p.m. at Franklin Powell, Sr. Park
Contact: 340-690-3692 or 340-690-1725

SATURDAY, July 4, 2009

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4 a.m. Cruz Bay
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PARADE

11 a.m. at National Park
Contact Person: N. Thomas 340-774-3107

FIREWORKS DISPLAY

9 p.m. at Cruz Bay Harbor
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SUNDAY, July 5, 2009

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1 p.m. at Oppenheimer Beach
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Kids First! Launches New Villa Rental Initiative

St. John Tradewinds

Kids First!, a Virgin island non-profit corporation dedicated to supporting education on St. John, has launched a new villa rental program initiative.

Under this program, participating villas agree to direct two percent of all rental income to support Kids First! In return, those villas receive licenses, marketing services and publications that allow them to aggressively market their support of Kids First! to prospective renters.

Island visitors who rent participating villas know that at no additional cost, they are directly contributing the future of our children and the success of the island.

"Visitors to our island develop a strong attachment to our community," said Bruce Clafin, president of Kids First! "That is why so many return year after year."

"Everyone wins — the villa guest helps the children of the island, the villa owner increases rental income, and education on St. John receives important support," said Clafin. "It is a classic example of 'doing well by doing good.'"

Suite St. John and Island Getaways, two leading St. John villa rental agencies, have been working with Kids First! to launch this

innovative program.

"Contributing to the education of St. John's children is of paramount importance to all St. John businesses," said Richard Matheny, President of Suite St. John. "The Kids First! Villa Rental Program is an innovative way to support the education and development of St. John's school children while offering our Suite St. John clientele a bona fide program through which they can contribute to the children and future of St. John."

"As a mother of a seven year old daughter, I see first-hand the need to support the children and schools of St. John," Kathy McLaughlin of Island Getaways said. "I am very excited about this program and was pleased to be involved from the beginning. I look forward to sharing this dream of a better future for our children, with visitors who call St. John their second home."

The initial villas that will participate in this program are: Jungle Stone, Coco De Mer, Cinnamon Bay Estate and Cinnamon Stone.

It is the intent of Kids First! to selectively extend this program to other island villas over the summer.

For more information contact Kids First! via email at info@kids-firststj.org.

KATS Achievement Ceremony



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Kids And The Sea, St. John celebrated the achievement of 25 students in a ceremony Saturday, June 13, at Skinny Legs. The group is taking a break until July 11 when Saturday "fun" classes will resume for most of the summer.

Cruz Bay Postmaster Announces New P.O. Box Lobby Hours

St. John Tradewinds

Postmaster Tiffany Gumbs has announced new P.O. Box lobby hours at the Cruz Bay Post Office.

Effective June 6, customers can access their P.O. Boxes from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through

Friday and on Saturday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The retail business hours remain the same with Monday to Friday hours being 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. The retail lobby and customer box lobby will both be

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Eligible applicants include civic groups, school boards, PTAs, teacher associations, service clubs, libraries, museums, historical societies, church groups, professional organizations, labor unions, public television and radio stations, divisions of the university, and agencies of state and local government.

Disciplines such as history, philosophy, languages, literature, cultural anthropology, folklife studies, comparative religion, ethics, archaeology, jurisprudence, and the history and criticism of the arts will be considered.

Teacher-incentive grants up to \$750, mini-grants up to \$3,500, and major grants up to \$10,000 are available. Guidelines and application forms are available online at www.vihumanities.org. The council accepts grant applications on the first working day of January, March, May, July, September and November.

For more information, call 776-4044.

IEK Students Display Talent at Bajo el Sol



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Bajo el Sol feted artwork by Ivanna Eudora Kean High School students, above, at an opening reception at the Mongoose Junction gallery on Friday evening, June 12.



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Week 5 — July 27-31 — "It's a BUGgy World"

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Week 6 — Aug 3-7 — "Wet and Wild"

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Living Well in Love City

a column by island health care professionals

TENNIS ELBOW

By Bern Putnam
St. John Tradewinds

One of the most common conditions I am called to treat on St John, other than neck, midback and low-back pain, is tennis elbow.

A patients' main complaint is pain, usually chronic, in the area of the outside of the elbow usually in their dominant arm. The pain may radiate into the back of the forearm. The onset is usually unclear, as the condition seems to increase gradually.

There is usually a history of repetitive activity of over-use such as tennis, frequent long use of a hammer or screwdriver, or even using a computer mouse with the wrist cocked backward.

The culprit is the Extensor Carpi Radialis Brevis muscle which develops a tear where it attaches to the elbow. This muscle extends the middle finger and wrist. Although there is considerable pain associated with the condition, the ability to bend the elbow fully is preserved and x-rays generally are unremarkable.

There are many other conditions that can cause similar complaints so it is necessary to be evaluated by a professional in order to get proper treatment. Some conditions may be potentially serious and involve nerve pain originating from an injury to the neck area. The upper extremity and neck need to be evaluated before treatment begins.

Treatment for tennis elbow is generally non-surgical and involves all or some of the following: anti-in-

flammatory medications, sometimes an injection into the area of injury to reduce swelling; a tennis elbow brace to lessen the stress on the tendon; a brace to prevent wrist flexion and extension while sleeping; ice to the tendon; heat to the tightened muscles — not at the elbow; stretches to loosen the tightened muscles; ultrasound and Interferential therapy; gradual strengthening of the muscles involved; and cessation or modification of the offending activity.

The more chronic the condition the longer it usually takes to heal.

Prevention is always best when it comes to tennis elbow. Some common ways to avoid the condition in racket sports are to avoid poor stroke technique, like leading with a flexed elbow, striking the ball off center and a single hand back stroke.

It's also a good idea to use a proper grip size and racket weight and not to keep strings too tight. Tennis players should also limit play time to less than two hours and try to play on softer surfaces.

In other work situations, the work station should be evaluated for proper ergonomics such as supports to keep the wrist in neutral at the computer and limiting repetitive motions such as manual screwdrivers and hammers.

The good news is that tennis elbow rarely requires surgery as long as it is treated properly by a health care professional and if appropriate changes in use are made to allow healing and prevent recurrence.

Tae Kwon Do Promotions



St. John Tradewinds News Photo Courtesy of B. Wallace

Tae Kwon Do students showed off their skills in front of sensei Anthony Lewis and black belt students from St. Thomas on June 11 at St. Ursula's multipurpose center. (L to R): First row: Aaliyah Lord and Kobe Liburd; Second row: Adaeja Meade, Amoi Athanase, Landis Wallace, Kade Wallace; Third row: Steven Powell; Forth row (back) Instrutor Anthony Lewis, La Mar Monsanto, Adam, Anthony Frederick and other St. Thomas Black Belts.

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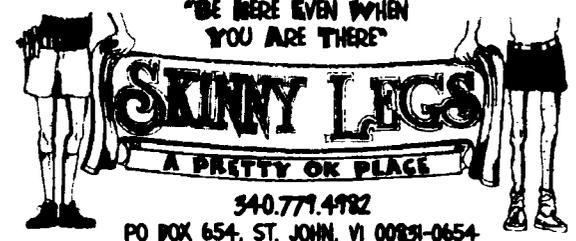
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2008 FINAL COUNT

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: 18
Under Investigation: 18
Solved: 0

3rd Degree Burglaries: 67
Under Investigation: 67
Solved: 0

Grand Larcenies: 68
Under Investigation: 68
Solved: 0

Rapes: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

2009 TO-DATE

Homicide: 1
Solved: 0

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Solved: 0

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Armed Robberies: 2
Under Investigation: 2
Solved: 0

Arsons: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

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

2nd Degree Burglaries: 14
Under Investigation: 14
Solved: 0

3rd Degree Burglaries: 33
Under Investigation: 31
Solved: 2

Grand Larcenies: 36
Under Investigation: 35
Solved: 1

Rapes: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

Letters to St. John Tradewinds

IEK Student's Work Makes a Splash

Editor,

We wanted to take a moment to say thank you to you at the Tradewinds for your coverage and support of our Opening Reception at Bajo El Sol Gallery Friday evening, June 12.

Thank you also to the students who took the time to prepare a piece of art to be displayed in the gallery and who attended and shared their work with the guests and visitors. Thank you to the parents and supporters of the students for your presence.

Everyone enjoyed the wonderful appetizers from Sun Dog Café. A very special thank you is extended to Lisa Etre and Karen Samuel, two fine teachers and

artists. The out-reach instruction provided by some of Bajo El Sol Gallery's artists was made available in part by both the Virgin Islands Council on the Arts and the St. John School of the Arts and we wish to say thank you for that very valuable support.

Lastly we want to say thank you to our artists for hosting the reception and spending time encouraging this group of future fine artists! The display of student artwork will be featured for another week.

Sincerely,
Tom and Livy Hitchcock
Bajo El Sol Gallery

"Hour Happy on Sea Grape Hill"

Painkiller

Jet lag works well as a base.
Add two parts mirror world traffic, one part
Hairpin turns, hugging cliff faces.
Finish with a float of wild donkey brays.
Shake well and served chilled over a rocky promon-
tory.

As you top the final white-knuckle rise,
You'll find your past has faded to a trace
Which blows away like spindrift
On a Caribbean breaker's crest.
You fall into rum laced dreams at last,
Haunted by reggae rhythms
Drumming up from Coral Bay.

Eye-opener

A rooster cracks open the dawn like an egg, and
Drops the sun neatly into the bowl of morning.
Swirl in the susurrous sing-song of bananaquits
Queueing for their daybreak sugar fix.
Sip gingerly, and let the tropic ambrosia
Soothe away the remnants of last night's excess.
The questions of the day simplify themselves
With inexorable island logic.

Island Smoothie

A roller coaster ride in your rented four-by
Exposes picture postcards at every curve.

On Maho Beach, lapping waves deliver
The necessary astonishing shade of blue
Add a sprinkle of finest white grained sand
A squeeze of sun-screen and you're off
To pursue elusive fins of every imaginable hue.

Night Cap

Seagrape Hill again, the lights of Coral Bay
Dancing among the sailboats rocking at anchor.
A shallow draught of the evening trades
Sifts your hair, seeking lost sailers,
While the moon shepherds cloud shadows
Over Hurricane Hole, tarnishing
The rippled silver of the sea.

Last Call

It is a mistake to query a bartender
The exact nature of his preparation.
Likewise, do not seek to probe
The alchemy that has transformed this place
In which you find yourself. Accept
The gift of hands knowledgeable in the arts
Of release, and drink deeply of the wonder.
You will return.

By John Newsom
May 6, 2009

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Correction

In the *Historical Bits and Pieces* in the June 15-21, 2009 *St. John Tradewinds*, Chuck Pishko erroneously reporting the duration of Prohibition. The title dates should have read "1920 - 1933."

The 18th amendment establishing Prohibition was effective January 16, 1920. The 21st Amend-

ment repealing Prohibition was effective December 5, 1933.

Virgin Islanders had to wait even longer for the end, since a special law which was signed by President Roosevelt on March 3, 1934 ending Prohibition in the VI to be effective March 13, 1934.

St. John Tradewinds' Keeping Track data comes from the V.I. Police Department's Leander Jurgen Command Incident Log, an unofficial record of calls to the station, reports and arrests on St. John.

Letters to St. John Tradewinds

Feeling the Love in Love City

Editor,

It would be unfair of us if we did not express our sincere thanks to a very friendly greeter we met at the St. John ferry dock. Her name is Beatrice Francis, but she likes to be called Brenda.

We were staying at a hotel on St. Thomas, but decided to visit St. John, so we purchased round-trip tickets to go over. Somehow, when we were ready to go back to St. Thomas, we could not find our tickets and we were out of money.

Then came Beatrice, who was on duty at the dock. She asked if we needed any help and we told her our situation. With her warm personality and very friend-

ly smile, she made two suggestions — that she would explain to the captain what had happened and that she would purchase two tickets for us.

Beatrice did purchase the two tickets for us and we were able to get on the ferry back to St. Thomas. She also allowed us to use her cell phone to call our friends to pick us up on St. Thomas. How could we ever forget this friendly greeter Beatrice?

Thank you Beatrice and keep up the good work. We love you!

Respectfully,
Debbie and Mark,
Ohio

Kudos To the Boyson Crew

Editor,

On Friday morning, June 12, I was heading to St. Thomas, navigating the construction past Dolphin Market. I had the news on the radio. Another day starting with the Dow Jones down, Chrysler in bankruptcy, elections in Iran. More news, none of it good. I sighed, and pulled into the secured barge area, waiting my turn to board the 8:30 a.m. Boyson barge at Enighed Marine facility.

I backed my car onto the *Mister B*. The barge was only one third full, but I knew that we would pull out of the creek without any room to spare. I glanced to my left, where a blue Durango was settling into place.

All of a sudden, I saw a kitten fall from the inside of the carriage of the Durango SUV. This small, tiger striped kitten looked dazed, then frightened. Within seconds, it ran from one side of the barge, to the other, making its way back in front of my car, then over the side of the barge, into the water!

I sat behind my wheel, stunned. Within seconds, I threw open my door, jumped over two cars, and looked over the port side of the *Mister B*. There, in the water, was a set of ears and a tail, frantically swimming in circles. Thank god it was alive! It was then I knew we had a much bigger problem ahead of us. The bulkhead of the creek has a three-foot vertical climb. There was no place at all for this kitten to swim to safety. I knew it would drown.

The kitten frantically turned around and tried to climb up on the port side of the barge, to no avail. It then swam towards the stern of the *Mister B*. I knew that once the barge engines started, the kitten would be pulled under.

I ran back making my way between jeeps, cars and trucks. Four of the employees of the *Mister B* were already on the stern of the vessel, looking overboard. Within seconds, Dion Otto, Raymond Athanase, Captain David Marsh and "Mokes" were already in action.

One person lowered a ladder over the stern, and crewmember Mokes climbed down the ladder. With the kitten in view, and within inches of the transom of the vessel, Mokes reached down and grabbed the kitten by the scruff of the neck.



"Mr. B"

The kitten was handed off to another crewmember, and then to me. Captain Marsh, who jumped into action immediately, never had any doubt that he and his crew would save the kitten.

"We practice our cat overboard drill," said Marsh, flashing his usual smile.

Well members of St. John community, this wonderful action from the crew of Boyson, Inc. put a smile on my face all day! We just don't hear enough kind stories, even though they take place all of the time, and I just had to let everyone know how wonderful all four of these guys were.

Wet, flea ridden, and a little underweight, the cat was whisked off to Cruz Bay Canine Cats and Critters where Dr. Laura treated it.

He tested negative to any feline diseases, was bathed, wormed, and fed. He was brought back to Low Key Watersports, where my staff named him "Mr. B."

Next time you are on the Boyson Barge, don't forget to thank the great crew of the *Mister B*.

With gratitude,
Ann Marie Estes, owner,
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An Off-Island Adoption Story

Editor,

Numerous friends here on St. John have inquired about Peeper's fate. I took the frail, timid kitten North on March 30; she spent six weeks in Becky's veterinary clinic in Manhattan while awaiting the perfect home. The staff spent extra time socializing her. They spent many hours patting her and showing her kindness.

She loved being patted, but out of fear she frequently nipped the friendly hands, discouraging potential adopters. But one day Gwen, who lives in Brooklyn, came into Symphony Veterinary Center and saw Pepper. "How cute!" Then Peeper nipped Gwen as Gwen patted her.

Gwen responded, "It's OK to be afraid, Little One." The sequel to the attached story is that Peeper now lives with Gwen and her two mature cats. Now named "Calypso" in honor of her Caribbean heritage, she sleeps at night in Gwen's bed with her new mistress and one of the two older cats who has taken little Calypso under his care.

It's been a long journey for this St. John kitten, but she's another of the Animal Care Center's successful "Off-Island Adoptions."

Elaine Campbell



"Calypso" nee "Peepers"

A small kitten was dropped off at Canines, Cats, and Critters on the second of January. Dr. Witherill, the visiting veterinarian replacing Dr. Bob, examined the little creature and made the assessment "not a healthy specimen."

The unnamed "stray kitten" weighed one and a half pounds, and, according to the vet's notes, was "covered with fleas." With an elevated temperature and an undernourished body, the only redeeming health factor was that the kitty was found negative for FELV and FIV (feline leukemia virus and feline immunodeficiency).

After three days at Canine, Cats, and Critters, the office called Connie Joseph at the St. John Animal Care Center and asked if she would

accept her. Connie said "yes."

A Valentine Kitten

During Valentine's weekend, Dr. Rebecca Campbell and her seven-year-old son, Rowan, flew in from New York City to spend a few days with Becky's mother. At the end of the visit and on their way to the airport, they stopped at the animal shelter to deliver a bag of donated medications.

Rowan toured the cat cages and spotted one back in a corner holding a small kitten who was peeping over the litter box where she'd taken up residence. Rowan asked Connie the kitten's name, and she responded that kitty didn't have a name, but that Rowan could name her.

Without a pause, Rowan named the kitty "Peeper" and asked his mother if they could take her home. Connie told Rowan that Peeper had a broken hip and couldn't travel until it was healed. Becky told Rowan that they were on their way to the airport and didn't have any paperwork for Peeper to pass through Agriculture. At this point, Rowan turned to his grandmother and said, "Nanny can bring her up when she visits us next month."

It was Joseph who had noticed that the kitten couldn't put weight on one leg. She took her back to Canines, Cats, and Critters on January 15 and was told that she needed to have an x-ray.

Joseph felt that ACC funds were insufficient to cover the cost of an x-ray. A client standing in the vet's office during this conversation said he'd pay for the x-ray. And in that manner, with a proper diagnosis, the yet-unnamed kitten's treatment was undertaken.

Rid of fleas under the doctor's orders of an "ectosooth bath to be blow-dried" the kitten's quality of life began to improve. A month later, when Rowan spotted Peeper, she was still small but now very beautiful. She was clean and fluffy and her white and honey-colored fur was soft. She was shy but in much less pain, thanks to antibiotics and the "ferret hammock" that took the stress off her hip.

Travel Plans

Another month later, the saga

of Peeper's trip to the mainland and to an eventual "perfect" home began. Over the years, "Nanny" had taken many St. John cats up to homes with her friends and relatives in New England — about twenty, some from the shelter, but mostly from Jacob's Ladder, Trunk Bay, Chocolate Hole, and Oppenheimer Beach.

She knew the routine, but she also knew the increasing cost of carrying a pet onto an airplane. She knew the traumatic minutes when an airport security person demanded that she remove a feral island cat from its carrying case so that the agent could search the case for drugs or weapons.

There was always the possibility that the terrified cat or kitten would wiggle out of her hands and become lost in the airport. And Nanny was getting old with health problems that were making travel increasingly difficult, even without carrying a frightened animal.

News got around. St. Johnians have a history of helping one another. Nanny and Peeper were to benefit from this ethic of "we're all here to help one another." First step on departure day was to get a ride from the top of Chocolate Hole to the shelter to collect Peeper and from there to the ferry.

Two good friends, Glenn and Margarita Pizzini, immediately volunteered. And then Paula Myles volunteered, and then Oriel Smith volunteered. Oriel, the Director of Grounds at Caneel Bay resort, went even further. He volunteered to ride with Nanny and Peeper all the way to the airport in St. Thomas and to see them through their ordeal at the security checkpoint.

A Promise Made

Several days before the trip began, Nanny received an e-mail from her veterinarian daughter that made all the effort worthwhile.

"I will make sure she (Peeper) has no more pain in her life. She's one of the lucky ones, and has basically just won the cat life lottery. I'll take my time getting her a perfect home after she's all checked out, and it may take a month, but she'll be a pampered Manhattan pussycat from here on out and never have an opportunity to meet

a flea again!"

Peeper's Travels

Thanks to the intervention of security supervisor Itak, the experience of taking Peeper through the security checkpoint turned out to be unthreatening. As Nanny's carry-on bags started along the conveyor belt, she caught the eye of a tall, impressive-looking St. Thomian who was evidently over-seeing the security checkpoints.

Just before the dreaded "Take the cat out of the carrying case" command, Nanny called out to Itak, telling him that she was carrying a very small island cat recovering from a broken hip. She didn't wish to try to remove her from the case. Itak told her to put her other carry-on through the scanner and to bring the case with Peeper inside to a separate cubical. Smiling, he said, "I'll do my best."

Carefully unzipping the case, Itak took his drug-sensing wand and passed it all around Peeper who didn't make a peep, and sat quietly on her towel in the center of the case.

Then Itak gently felt around Peeper for weapons. Peeper remained calm even though she hadn't had a sedative or a tranquilizer. Nanny wrote a commendation for Itak on the spot because he had made the security checkpoint stress-free.

Ferry Boat, Taxi, Plane, Private Car, Subway Train

During the four-hour flight from St. Thomas to Boston, Peeper still didn't make a sound. She came home for an overnight in Nanny's bathroom, and then continued her five-hour journey by car to New York.

There she rejoined Rowan and Becky in their Brooklyn apartment. When Nanny last saw Peeper, she was riding in her now-familiar carrying case on a New York City subway train with Becky.

They were en route to Becky's veterinary center in Manhattan where Peeper would be wormed, have x-rays, vitamins, and socialization. After a three-day journey by ferry, taxi, plane, car, and subway, little Peeper was on the last lap of her journey towards a "perfect home" where she'd never have to encounter another flea.



Four Ladies Vie for St. John Festival Queen Crown

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"This is my first pageant and I'm so excited," she said. "I've been thinking about running for a while and the community and my family have been asking me to go ahead and run. So I decided that this year was the right time."

As Didier has been preparing for the big night, she was surprised at how much work it takes to be a Queen contestant.

"Getting ready for the pageant has taken so much practice," said Didier. "It's a lot of hard work, but it's also really fun. You definitely have to put your all into it."

"To even run for Queen, it takes dedication, courage, self-confidence and a lot of work," Didier said.

Nerves aren't something about which Didier is worried.

"It's a little nerve-wracking, but I'm just really excited," she said. "I can't wait for the show."

Contestant #3 is the only contestant this year with pageant experience under her belt. Kerla Fessale won the St. John Princess crown in 2001 and she's back going for the Queen crown this year.

A 19-year-old St. Johnian, Fessale just graduated from the Giff Hill School. After enjoying her summer on Love City, Fessale will be heading to Atlanta Georgia where she'll study business management at Clark University.

"I want to come back to St. John after I graduate and open my own business," said Fessale. "I want to work in teen outreach. I want to work toward keeping the youth off the streets."

"If there were activities and opportunities for youth, I think we'd have a lot less problems and less crime here," Fessale said.

As the former St. John Princess steps into the bigger shoes of a Queen contestant, she is reuniting with her chaperone Lee Ann Oquendo.

"It's been so much fun working with Lee Ann again," said Fessale. "She works me really hard, but it's all worth it. We have a lot of fun."

Fessale decided to run in part to keep the St. John tradition alive.

"I think Festival and the pageants are important traditions," Fessale said. "I think the St. John youth need to be more involved with Festival and that's

why I decided to run."

If she wins the crown, Fessale will be a positive ambassador for St. John.

"If I win, I will represent St. John to the best of my abilities," said Fessale. "I want to be a role model for younger girls."

Seventeen-year-old Shari Alfred is contestant #4. The St. Thomas resident just graduated from Ivanna Eudora Kean High School and is heading off to Pennsylvania in the fall to study what she loves.

"I'm leaving in August to go to Seton Hill University where I'll study journalism and new media," said Alfred. "I want to be a broadcast journalist and a writer and photographer."

"I love photography and I love writing and I just wanted to find a career where I could do both," Alfred said.

Alfred, who is being chaperoned by Krystal Isaac, always dreamt about competing in a pageant, she explained.

"Running for Queen is something that I've always wanted to do and this year when they opened the competition to girls from St. Thomas, I thought it was the perfect opportunity to realize my dream," said Alfred. "It's been a great a experience already."

Preparing for the St. John Festival Queen show has taught Alfred some valuable lessons.

"It's a lot of hard work and you need to be motivated," she said. "You have to be determined and you have to have your head on. You can't afford any distractions."

"Already I've learned that any obstacles that come my way, I have to find a way to get over them," said Alfred.

If she wins the crown, the singer and dancer will represent the whole of the Virgin Islands, she explained.

"I want to serve as an ambassador for the youth and St. John as a whole and for the entire Virgin Islands community," said Alfred. "I want to make people proud."

Don't miss these ladies going head to head as they vie for the crown of St. John Festival Queen on Saturday night, June 27, at 8 p.m. at Winston Wells ball field.

St. John Police Report

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Saturday, June 13

7:40 a.m. - A citizen c/r an auto accident in the area of Coral Bay. Auto accident.

Sunday, June 14

3:15 p.m. - A citizen p/r being involved in an accident. Auto accident.

Monday, June 15

8:00 a.m. - A citizen c/r that he was robbed by an unknown male in the area of the Islandia Building. Robbery in the first.

10:30 p.m. - A citizen c/r an assault at Island Blues. Assault.

Tuesday, June 16

11:50 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r that someone stole her bag out of her Jeep. Petit larceny.

Wednesday, June 17

8:20 a.m. - A citizen r/ someone broke into his house. Burglary in the third.

10:10 a.m. - A citizen p/r that her mother's tenant tried to rape her. Unlawful sexual contact.

6:57 p.m. - A citizen r/ a possible disturbance between a male and a female in the area of Boatman Point. Police assistance.

9:50 p.m. - An Estate Power Boyd resident p/r that someone

stole his Jeep from the area of Wharfside Village. Police assistance. The vehicle was found in the rear parking lot of Mon-goose Junction.

Thursday, June 18

12:50 a.m. - An Estate Giff Hill resident p/r that someone stole his backpack from out of his vehicle. Grand larceny.

12:56 a.m. - An Estate Chocolate Hole resident c/r that her neighbor is playing loud music. Police assistance.

12:45 p.m. - A citizen p/r that her vehicle was hit. Auto accident.

2:45 p.m. - A citizen c/r that there is a vendor without a permit in Franklin Powell Park. Police assistance.

6:09 p.m. - A Cruz Bay resident p/r that a male threatened her. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

7:05 p.m. - A citizen r/ that someone is causing a disturbance in the area of Santos Laundry.

Friday, June 19

9:10 a.m. - A citizen c/r an auto accident in the area of the Pine Peace basketball court. Auto accident.

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Monday, June 22

Registration for the John's Folly Learning Institute summer program will be Monday, June 22, from 3 to 6:30 p.m. at the school.

Tuesday, June 23

The St. John Chapter of the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce will meet on Tuesday, June 23, at 5:30 p.m. at Ocean Grill upstairs.

Friday, June 26

The St. John Festival Mix is Friday night, June 26, at the Winston Wells ball field at 9 p.m. For more information call Lucinda Jurgen 776-1291.

Saturday, June 27

The St. John Festival Queen 2009 selection pageant is Saturday night, June 27, at 8 p.m. at the Winston Wells ball field. For more information call Enid Doway at 626-0785.

Sunday, June 28

The St. John Festival Food Fair and Coronation ceremony is Sunday, June 28, at the Franklin Powell Park at 1 p.m.

Sunday, June 28

The St. John Festival Boat Races are scheduled for Sunday afternoon, June 28, at Cruz Bay harbor. For more information call Slim at 771-2498.

Monday, June 29

The St. John Festival Village opens on Monday night, June 29, at 7 p.m. at the Cruz Bay Customs Parking Lot.

Friday, July 3

Friday, July 3, is Cultural Day when the St. John Festival Committee will host an event at Franklin Powell Park starting at 3 p.m. For more information call 690-3692.

Saturday, July 4

St. John Festival 2009 party-time kicks off at 4 a.m. with Jouvert in Cruz Bay. Call C. Paris at 690-2827 for more information.

Saturday, July 4

The St. John Festival 2009 Parade starts at 11 a.m. at the National Park Ball Field. A fireworks display over the Cruz Bay harbor will kick off at 9 p.m.

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.

NA Meetings

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

Al-Anon Meetings

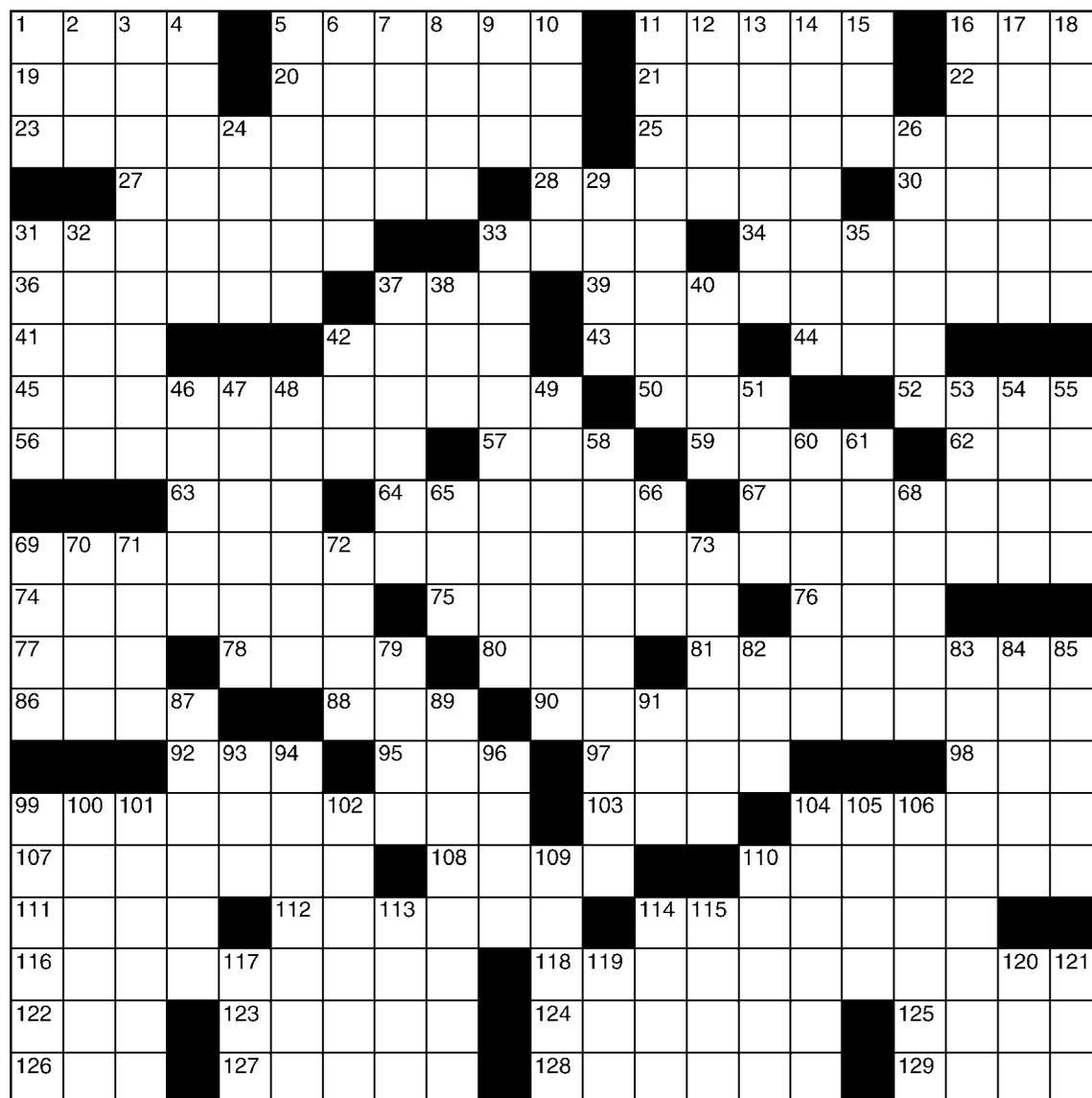
Al-Anon meets on St. John every Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the picnic table at the VINP ball field, and every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at Our St. Ursula's Church. *Meetings will resume in September.*

Alateen Meetings

Alateen will meet on Mondays at St. Ursula's Church from 6 to 7 p.m. and is open to anyone interested in attending. *Meetings will resume in September.*

PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo



"MAKE THEM GO!"

ACROSS

- 1 Climb swiftly
5 Reach the highest level
11 2005 Australian Open winner Marat
16 Fez or beret
19 Regarding
20 Natural gas component
21 "Ladybugs" actress Graff
22 — Khan (Islamic title)
23 Collections of cows
25 Duffers hit them
27 Skies above
28 High-protein seed
30 Untruths
31 Ice-clearing tool
33 Bathroom rugs
34 Human-powered taxi
36 Olympic swimmer Ian
37 "Isn't — bit like you and me?" ("Nowhere Man" lyric)
39 It stagnates during a recession
41 Matterhorn, for one
42 Make, as income
43 Extremely long stretch
44 Casual shirt
45 Shingle securer
50 Gin mill
52 Song for one
56 Make a new blueprint for
57 Animation bit
59 Cool "Happy Days" guy, with "the"
62 Fish on a bagel
63 Lacerate

- 64 Farthest orbital point
67 Where to drop off a tot
69 Theme of this puzzle
74 Big name in chocolate
75 Intoxicated state
76 "— be a pleasure"
77 Point a gun
78 Car part, to a Brit
80 Tax form addressee
81 OK'd
86 Swaddle
88 Shape of a rainbow
90 Structure weakeners
92 "— about time!"
95 Winter Games org.
97 Workbench gripper
98 Ignited
99 Escape vehicle after a heist
103 Ron who was Tarzan
104 Of the sea
107 Herb in pizza sauce
108 Back end
110 Dictionary writer, e.g.
111 Fork prong
112 Uses swearwords
114 Adolescent
116 Item in a camper's backpack
118 Deal with rigorous terms
122 Prefix with dermis
123 Italian city
124 Athletic shoe brand
125 Kett of old comic strips
126 — in "Norman"
127 Prayer enders
128 Composed
129 See 113-Down

DOWN

- 1 "Attack, Spike!"

- 2 Turn — dime
3 Spider or insect, e.g.
4 Split again
5 Telly
6 Further
7 Fen- — (banned diet aid)
8 Rowing tools
9 Berlin conjunction
10 Edison rival
11 Banner-selling store
12 Heaps
13 Mexican president Calderon
14 Vary the pitch of, as the voice
15 Omaha loc.
16 Spotted cat
17 Twinkling
18 Ignore
24 Finnic language
26 Flared skirts
29 Feminine name suffix
31 Ringo of the Fab Four
32 Actress Sevigny
33 Pasta dish
35 Female goat
37 Disney's "— Montana"
38 Epoch
40 Ample, in dialect
42 Omelet need
46 Plants that don't flower
47 Apple webcam
48 Comedian Russell
49 Hamstring-targeting exercise
51 Be an omen of
53 Royal Norse name
54 Folk stories
55 The yoke's on them
58 Hurdles
60 Bottommost points
61 Brand of allergy medication
65 Dads
66 Music producer Brian
68 Apple drink
69 Defrost
70 King-to-be
71 "— la Douce"
72 Supermodel Banks
73 Far from shy
79 Bana or Idle
82 "Gosh!"
83 Sketch out
84 Strong cord
85 Big name in blenders
87 Swiss psychologist Jean
89 Gets rough
91 Saudi export
93 Old USAir rival
94 Holy spot
96 Plains tribe
99 Ill- — gains
100 Port in the Keystone St.
101 11-Across' sport
102 "— My Sunshine"
104 Hazard
105 Over yonder
106 Fixed illegally
109 Fire remains
110 Ledger entry in red
113 With 129-Across, like beauty, in a saying
114 Stepped (on)
115 "So Big" novelist Ferber
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