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ACC “No Fleas, Please” Flea Market

Scores of entrepreneurs set up shop on the Winston Wells Ball Field in Cruz Bay, where shoppers swarmed the used clothing selection, above, on Saturday, October 24, for the annual “No Fleas, Please” Flea Market and hundreds of residents and visitors checked out their wares to support the St. John Animal Care Center. Check next week’s Tradewinds for a complete story on the fundraising event.

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OOPS, WHAT A MORNING!

Residents driving by the Domino Gas Station in Coral Bay on Tuesday morning, October 20, got an eyeful.

This vehicle must have been trying to back up, but instead flipped up as the rear tires got stuck in a ditch. No one was reported injured in the incident, but it's definitely not the best way to start a day.

28th Annual Coral Bay Thanksgiving Regatta Set for November 27 and 28

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

Two days of great racing and two nights of fun parties with live music at Skinny Legs will once again provide exciting entertainment.

Serious PHRF racers, plus Gaff Riggers, Cruisers, Multi-Hulls, Single Handers, and Traditional boats compete. The Friday after Thanksgiving is when all the fun starts, and it continues through Saturday night in Coral Bay.

On Saturday, 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, November 27: 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 to 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 28: 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, November 28: Awards Ceremony at Skinny Legs, at 5:30 p.m.

Please Note:

Traditional 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.

Entry fee is \$40. All proceeds go to St. John Kids and The Sea program. Raffle ticket sales at Connections East and West, St. John Hardware and Paradise Lumber. Win a dinghy and motor. Call Denise Wright at 340-513-4022 or email denise@onlinevacations.com with any questions.

Appropriations Committee Meeting To Consider Ferry Subsidies Oct. 26

The Committee on Appropriations and Budget will meet on St. John at the Cruz Bay Legislature building on Monday, October 26, at 6 p.m. to consider ferry subsidies.

Proposed by Senator at Large Craig Barshinger, the bill seeks to provide a subsidy for St. John ferryboat companies and also makes an appropriation of \$1 million for the subsidy.

Representatives of the Office of Management and Budget, the Department of Public Works, Department of Finance, U.S. Coast Guard, V.I. Public Services Commission and ferryboat companies have all been invited to attend.

Any person who would like to testify is asked to contact Grethelyn Pip or Lisa Melchior at 693-3572.

Next STJ Chamber Meeting Oct. 27

The next monthly St. John Chapter meeting of the St. Thomas-St. John Chamber of Commerce will be on Tuesday, October 27, at Ocean Grill Upstairs from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

PSC Meeting on Hearing Examiner's Report on Ferry Rates Is October 29

The V.I. Public Services Commission will meet on Thursday, October 29, at 5:30 p.m. at the PSC office in Barbel Plaza on St. Thomas.

Ferry matters listed on the agenda include the hearing examiner's report on the St. Thomas/St. John petition for reconsideration of the rate increase. The commission is planning to convene an executive session, which is expected to last about one hour, at the beginning of the meeting.

For more information call 776-1291.

Free Flu, Pneumonia Shot Oct. 29

Beat the Bug at CareForce 2009 on Thursday, October 29, when free flu and pneumonia shots will be available for adults at St. Ursula's senior center from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information call 712-2444.

GERS Celebration at Battery Oct. 30

The Government Employees Retirement System will culminate "GERS Month," which commemorates the System's 50th anniversary, with an open house on St. John.

Active and retired members are invited to a grand celebration at an open house and benefits fair on Friday, October 30, from 2 to 8:30 p.m. at the Cruz Bay Battery.

The day will include health screenings and information from a variety of government agencies from 2 to 5 p.m. and live entertainment by Cool Session Brass Band from 5 to 8:30 p.m. For more information call 776-7703.

Evangelistic Services Oct. 26-30

The Bethany and Emmaus Moravian Churches of St. John invite the community to a week of Evangelistic Services, with the theme "Blessed to Bless."

Guest speakers for the services, which will begin at 7 p.m. nightly, are Reverend Terrance Morrison and Reverend Ulric Smith.

Services will be October 26 and 27 at Emmaus Moravian Church in Coral Bay and October 28 through October 30 at Bethany Moravian Church in Cruz Bay. Friday, October 30, will also feature a youth and family night.



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VIPA Approves Plan To Create 150 Parking Spaces at Enighed

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Finding a parking space in Cruz Bay should soon be at least a little bit easier, thanks to the V.I. Port Authority.

During a Wednesday evening, October 21, meeting, VIPA's governing board voted unanimously to utilize part of the land at the Enighed Pond Marine facility for parking. The sole vote not cast was from Department of Public Works Commissioner and board member Daryl Smalls who abstained, according to a report in the V.I. Daily News.

The parking lot, which will provide about 150 parking spaces within walking distance to Cruz Bay, will be inside the fence at the Enighed Pond Marine facility on land that was filled with material dredged from the pond during construction of the barge facility.

The berm running along the fence line will be pushed back 75 feet, the land will be covered with gravel and lights will be installed, according to information from VIPA.

St. Thomas based architect firm deJongh and Associates created the design, which is intended to give immediate relief to Cruz Bay parking problems as a permanent



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tom Oat

Gravel will be spread on a portion of the fill area and lighting will be installed as part of the parking plan at the Enighed Pond Marine Facility.

solution is devised.

The project is expected to cost about \$1 million, financed by the V.I. Public Finance Authority's recent bond issue, according to the Daily News.

An additional \$1 million has been earmarked from PFA to bank-

roll designs and engineering of a permanent parking solution.

Details of the parking lot are still being hashed out including whether or not VIPA will make it a free or a paid lot.

While welcoming the news of 150 new parking spaces, residents

aren't giving up on their fight for a multilevel parking facility, according to Senator at Large Craig Barshinger.

"We have 1,000 signatures from residents who want a multi-level parking structure constructed," said Barshinger. "This immediate

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VIPA board members at last week's meeting were Albert Bryan, Robert O'Connor, Gordon Finch, Cassan Pancham, Hector Peguero, Smalls, Yvonne Thraen and Vincent Frazer. Beverly Nicholson-Doty did not attend the meeting.

VIPA To Close Cruz Bay Creek Parking Lot

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

While St. John residents applauded the V.I. Port Authority Governing Board's decision last week to create much-needed parking spaces at the Enighed Pond Marine Facility (see related story on this page), the plan might not be as good as it looks.

No doubt gaining 150 parking spaces in the Cruz Bay area would be a major relief to the decades-long parking problems plaguing the town. The new parking lot might just off-set the loss of another parking lot.

The architect firm deJongh and Associates, which created the Enighed parking lot plan, is also working on a project for VIPA that would close the U.S.

Customs parking lot, according to Senator at Large Craig Barshinger.

"The V.I. Port Authority needs the new parking lot because they intend to close the parking lot across from the post office," said Barshinger. "The deJongh group is designing a new waterfront in Cruz Bay, but they've been pretty tight-lipped about it. But they have some nice ideas."

While the public has not had the opportunity to hear, see or comment on deJongh and Associates' plans to transform the Cruz Bay waterfront, Barshinger heard details of the plan during a recent meeting with VIPA officials, deJongh officials, U.S. Coast Guard personnel and V.I. National Park Superintendent

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Mark Hardgrove.

DeJongh and Associates' plans for Cruz Bay include constructing a boardwalk from the Loredon Boynes dock, around the Cruz Bay Battery to where the U.S. Customs parking lot is currently located, according to Barshinger.

"The intention is to move

Customs over to where the children's play area is near the VINP visitors' center," said the senator at large. "Where the present Customs dock is would then be used as an amphitheater. The parking lot might be there when the project is completed, but it would have to be closed for some time."

During the meeting, Barshinger urged officials to take their plans to the public, he explained.

"It's definitely time to bring the plans to the public," said Barshinger. "I encouraged them to have a public dialogue and get some feedback on the plans."

DeJongh and Associates did not return phone calls from *St. John Tradewinds*.

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Wha's Happ'nin'

by Sis Frank

Jonté Subs for His Teacher

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Sax man Joe Ramsay stayed home on Sunday — bronchitis kept him from playing, but, fortunately, his prize student, Jonté Samuel sat in. Kai Richardson, Malachi Thomas and Tabari Lake, all members of the Young Lions, added their talents. It's a joy to hear the young students play. Jazz VI is a Sunday treat, 4 to 7:30 p.m. each week. Louis Taylor, Dale Harrigan and Andrew Cameron complete the musicians.

October Orchids in Bloom

Whenever my gorgeous orchids cover my pink Poui tree, I know it's October — the anniversary of a dear friend's passing — Elaine Samuel. There are 13 large bunches celebrating the good ol' days of Elaine's life.

Changes at The Grapevine Salon

A new gentleman has arrived and Davita is leaving (with Lulu). We'll miss Davita who is returning to California. Love and best of luck from us all.

Junior Tennis Tournament Nov. 6-8

The St. John Racquet Club will host a VITA Junior Tennis Tournament in honor of Sis Frank November 6-8 at the Cruz Bay tennis courts. The tournament is sponsored by HOVENSA and is open to boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 18. The entry fee is \$15. For more information call Patrice Harley at 776-6643.

Balcony Restaurant Issued Eviction Notice

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Problems continue to mount for a group of St. John restaurants formerly owned by Michael San Filippo.

San Filippo purchased Integrated Assets Inc., which owned Chloe and Bernards, Chateau Bordeaux, Paradiso and Asolare, from Winston Bennett in late 2005. At the time, he also owned The Balcony himself and was a partner in the purveyor company Quality Foods.

The distribution company folded last year and Chateau Bordeaux closed its doors after the lease expired last winter. All of the restaurants experienced a declined business and employees had paychecks bounce for months, according to several Integrated workers.

While the fate of the restaurants was still in limbo, San Filippo abruptly left his leased St. Thomas home and St. John business in July.

Since then, Bennett has returned to Love City trying to pull Asolare, Chloe and Bernards and Paradiso into shape for the approaching high season, according to the restaurateur.



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A sign advertises happy hour at The Balcony.

"The restaurants will be staying open — unless the world comes to an end — that is the intention," Bennett previously told *St. John Tradewinds*. "I've been doing what I can to help keep the restaurants open. I've been putting in my own

money to keep them going."

It seems, however, that the Balcony won't be serving customers on its Wharfside Village deck overlooking Cruz Bay harbor this season. The restaurant was issued an eviction notice on Tuesday, October 13, which prompted several senior waitresses to quit, according to an employee.

Balcony employees have had as much difficulty getting paychecks as employees at San Filippo's other restaurants, explained an employee.

"My last two paychecks bounced and in the months that I have been here, I always had to beg for my checks," said a former employee, who asked not to be identified.

With San Filippo off-island, Integrated employee Coby Copper took over payroll duties, according to the employee. Copper, however, wasn't authorized to write checks on the company account, the employee added.

"I just got my payroll check and I watched Coby forge Michael's name," said the employee. "When I went to cash it, they said they couldn't because the signature wasn't authentic."

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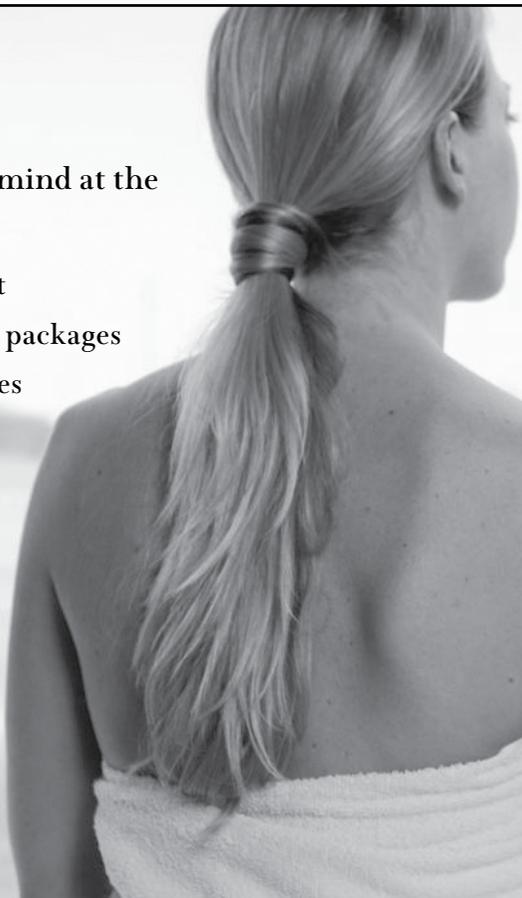
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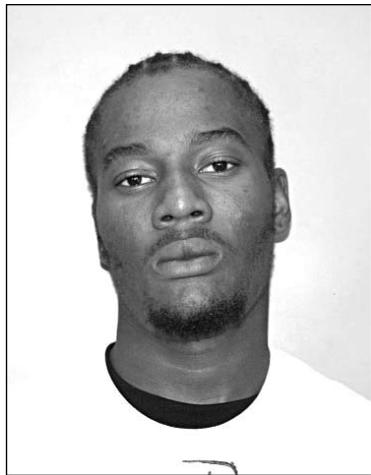


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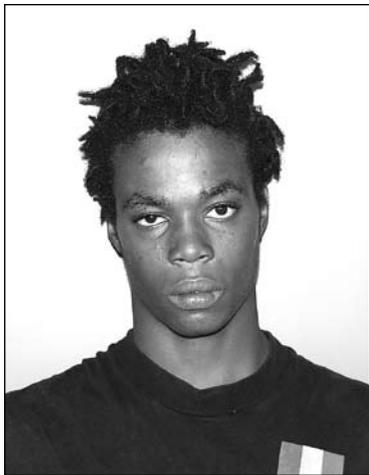


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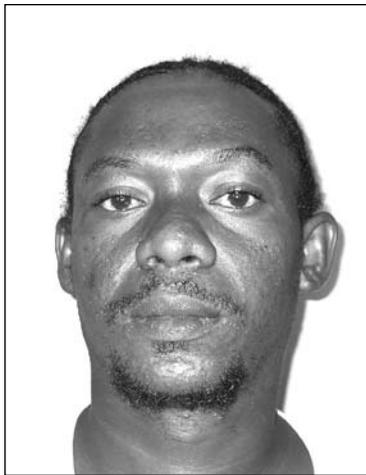
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Ward, Thomas, Boston Facing Charges for Cockayne Slaying Again on Dec. 11

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

At a status hearing on October 13, V.I. Superior Court Judge Brenda Hollar set a date for Jahlil Ward, Kamal Thomas and Anselmo Boston to stand trail again in December on charges stemming from the June 2007 murder and beating of James "Jamie" Cockayne in Cruz Bay.

In a trial that wrapped up in October 2008, Ward was found guilty of murdering the 21-year-old Pennsylvania man and Thomas and Boston were convicted of beating him in the hours before the slaying.

Hollar, however, threw out all three convictions in recent months, setting up new trials. The three St. John men, whose trials will once again be joined, will face a second jury starting on Friday, December 11.

Ward, who was convicted of first-degree murder, third-degree assault and weapons charges, was granted a new trial in July after it came to light that government prosecutors withheld evidence from the defense.

Prosecutors took a statement from Daryl Martens, a convict who was once in a jail cell across from Thomas, who said that Thomas admitted to him that he killed Cockayne.

Ward's defense attorney, Michael Quinn, didn't receive that evidence until four months after Ward's conviction. In her ruling, Hollar noted that she had no choice but to grant Ward, 21, a new trial because Martens' statement was a "crucial" piece of evidence.

Thomas and Boston, who were each found guilty of third-degree assault and weapons charges, were each sentenced in late July to 12 years and a half years in prison.

After it came to light in September that two prosecution witnesses were paid by the Cockayne family, Hollar vacated both convictions and ordered new trials for Thomas, 19, and Boston, 32.

The two witnesses, who testified at the October 2008 trial, were paid \$5,000 while Martens, who didn't testify, was paid \$1,300 by the Cockayne family, according to a report in the V.I. Daily News.

During the new trial in December, Thomas and Boston will face simple assault, third-degree assault and weapons charges. Ward will face charges of first-degree murder, third-degree assault and using a dangerous weapon during the commission of a crime of violence.

Prosecutors in the last trial, Assistant Attorneys General Renee Gumbs-Carty and Brenda Scales, have been taken off the case and another prosecutor will be appointed, according to a report in the V.I. Daily News.

Thomas and Boston have been in prison since their sentencing on July 27 and Ward has been jailed since his arrest on June 27, 2008.

Before the murder, Cockayne had been on St. John for several months awaiting paperwork from the British Virgin Islands where he planned to work as a sailing instructor.

The Pennsylvania man was stabbed at least eight times, including in the femoral artery, during the early morning hours of June 27, 2007, just days after his 21st birthday.

Cockayne ran into Boston and Thomas at the Front Yard Bar the night of June 26 where a melee broke out and Boston broke a pool stick over Cockayne's head, according to prosecutors.

Boston, Thomas and Ward then followed Cockayne up the street, surrounded him and beat him, prosecutors alleged during the trial. Sometime after that, Ward followed Cockayne to the Fashion Palace where he stabbed the young man before fleeing to a friend's house nearby, prosecutors alleged. Several witnesses testified to the government's version of events.

Cockayne bled to death on a street in Cruz Bay before EMTs arrived on the scene.

The murder garnered national attention after the Cockayne family lambasted V.I. Police Department officials for perceived inaction on the case. Cockayne's family members and friends appeared on CNN's Larry King Live and Fox New's On the Record with Greta Van Susteren in late 2007, before any arrests were made in the case.

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Chris Barbich and Debbie Schnell participate in Take Back the Night Events in Frank Powell Park on Thursday evening, October 22.

St. John Residents Take Stand Against Domestic Violence, Remember Victims

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

With domestic violence a far too common occurrence in many communities, about 65 residents came out to the Frank Powell Park on Thursday evening, October 22, to take a stand against violence.

In commemoration of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the St. John Community Crisis Center hosted a candlelight vigil in honor of local men and women who have lost lives as a direct result of domestic violence.

A banner proclaiming the names of Virgin Islanders who have died

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— Chris Barbich, resident

from domestic violence hung from the bandstand in the Cruz Bay park as volunteers and community members lit candles in memory of those lost.

“People need to be aware of do-

mestic violence,” said Debby Schnell. “We can’t forget.”

“It’s so prominent here,” said Christie Barbich. “There are a lot of signs that people can wear with the names of victims and it’s just chilling how many victims there are.”

Lorelei Monsanto, who spoke at the event, came out to help keep the momentum against domestic violence growing, she explained.

“We’ve been making great strides in combating domestic violence and we can’t let up,” said Monsanto. “This work needs to continue.”

TEMPO Turns 4 Celebration Is Nov. 14

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The Caribbean’s premier media and entertainment company TEMPO Networks will celebrate the fourth year anniversary of its flagship television Network with a blockbuster event on St. Croix on Saturday, November 14.

The event will take place at

the Randall “Doc” James Race-track and will be filled with the customary excitement that the territory is used to when TEMPO is in town. Tickets are available on St. Thomas at International Records and Tapes, VI Sea Trans, Essentric Shoe Boutique, Jens Gourmet Deli, Stride

Rite Tutu Park Mall and Urban Threadz.

Tickets purchased before October 27 will be priced at \$25 general admission, \$35 bleacher section, and \$100 VIP. After October 27, prices are \$35 general admission, \$45 bleacher section, \$125 VIP.

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Native Plant Garden Growing in Fish Bay

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

With imported plants and trees becoming common sights on St. John, at least one little corner of Fish Bay is now home exclusively to native flora.

The Native Plant Garden on Marina Road in Fish Bay grew out of hours of hard work and a government grant. Estate Fish Bay Owners Association president Terry Pishko conceived the idea last year after she heard about Department of Agriculture Urban Community Grants.

“We received information about the grant opportunities and that got us thinking, ‘gee it would be nice to try to educate our members and the community on native trees and plants,’” said Terry Pishko.

By showcasing the abundance of native plants and trees, the as-

“We wanted them to realize what is there before they clear cut, so instead of clear cutting they can just weed out what they don’t want.”

— Chuck Pishko, Fish Bay homeowner

sociation also hoped to change property owners’ habits of clearing their land, added Chuck Pishko.

“A lot of people clear cut their building lots and then add stuff to it,” he said. “We wanted them to realize what is there before they clear cut, so instead of clear cutting they can just weed out what

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Westin Employees Learn Breast Cancer Risk Factors and More from Schneider

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

While cancer can't be prevented by just talking about it, education can be a major factor in preventing serious cases of the disease, Dr. Roy Schneider told a crowd of Westin Resort and Villas employees on Thursday afternoon, October 22.

Employees from every department gathered in a conference room at the resort on October 22 to hear from Dr. Schneider as part of the Westin's annual event to recognize Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Early detection is one of the most important preventions for breast cancer, Schneider told the group.

"Early detection is very important and women must know how to do a proper self examination," said Schneider. "Women over 40 should get mammograms, but even then regular self exams are vital."

Schneider explained the "clock" method of examination, where women start directly above the nipple or "12 o'clock" and rub toward the center of the breast, and repeat circling the entire breast.

"Proper self exams work," said Schneider. "If you find a lump, go to your doctor for further tests."

The esteemed doctor and former V.I. governor cautioned against using roll-on deodorant and eating fruits and vegetables with high levels of pesticides.

"Diet is very important," Schneider said. "Pesticides cause can-



Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Dr. Roy L. Schneider

"Know your family history. Even the men in your family, if they have cancer, that means you will be more likely to get it too."

— Dr. Roy L. Schneider

plained.

The doctor, who has several Westin employees as patients, urged the group to start a support network.

"I am hoping the group here will form a Breast Angels group of 10 or so employees," said Schneider. "The angels would be advocates to educate people about breast cancer risks and proper screening techniques. They could also be a support network for employees or family members who are diagnosed with the disease."

Schneider was impressed with the Westin's efforts to raise awareness about the disease.

"I must give kudos to the Westin for hosting this event," he said. "I've been to five continents and no where have I seen this sort of awareness campaign. But we can't stop cancer by just talking about it."

"You have to actually get involved — get checked and check yourself," said Schneider.

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Ellen Walker, Susan Radke, Karen Radke, Catherine Fahy and Jessica Severance walk to fight breast cancer.

St. John Women Raise \$20,000+ at 3Day Walk To Fight Breast Cancer

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Three St. John women recently returned from the experience of their lives — and probably the experience of the lives of the other 2,000 women with whom they spent the weekend.

Karen Radke, Catherine Fahy and Jessica Severance each walked 60 miles in Washington D.C. October 9 through 11, as part of the Susan G. Komen For the Cure 3Day event to raise money for breast cancer research.

The St. John women were joined by Radke's sister Susan and friend Ellen Walker. Their group alone has raised more than \$20,000 so far.

"Raising \$20,000 was our goal," said Radke. "But when we left St.

John to go up to D.C. we were at around \$19,000. We were at a restaurant in D.C. the night before the event and someone pulled out their iPhone to check and we were over \$20,000."

The ladies expect their total amount raised to be even higher than that, Radke added.

"We have four weeks to close out the donation account and we still have donations that aren't accounted for," she said. "I'm just amazed that we raised so much. I thought it would be difficult in this economy, but people were more generous than ever."

Right from the emotional opening ceremony on the first day of the event, participants never forgot the importance of their efforts.

"They have an opening cer-

emony on the first day and for us it was at the National's baseball stadium," said Radke. "They wait for sunrise and then the ceremony starts and there is a circle of nine survivors who come up on stage and they're honored and then join the walk."

Over three days the participants log 60 miles, putting the most mileage under their feet the second day. While these events are hosted all over the country, the D.C. path could be the most scenic.

"The first day we walked in D.C. proper all the way to American University," said Radke. "We walked past the Capital, the Smithsonian and Dupont Circle. It was just a beautiful location."

With 20 miles behind them,
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SAMBACOMBO Gears Up for 500th Monday Night at La Tapa

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Two island musicians are about to reach a milestone few musicians anywhere ever achieve.

In November, Rich Greengold and Eddie Bruce's Sambacombo will mark their five hundredth Monday night gig at La Tapa, a feat seldom even in sight for the often flighty world of musicians.

"It really is incredible," said Greengold. "No matter who you are or where you play, to have a gig last so long is quite a feat. Every time I say it, I don't really believe that we've played 500 gigs at La Tapa."

While Bruce, on guitar, and Greengold, on tenor sax, soprano sax and flute, are the two mainstays in Sambacombo, the duo has jammed with about 43 different musicians under the La Tapa roof since they first got the gig in 1997.

Even before La Tapa owner Alex Ewald opened her popular Cruz Bay eatery, Greengold played in the building, he explained.

"Before Alex even had the place, Kim Lyons had a restaurant there called the Purple Door and we played there," said Greengold. "When I played the Purple Door, it was the first time I realized that the room is such an ideal jazz room."

The entrance to La Tapa, a few steps down off the street, creates the perfect jazz club ambiance, ac-

ording to Greengold.

"There is no other club in St. John where you step down as if you were in Greenwich Village or New Orleans where they have places like that," he said. "It's just a jazz club atmosphere — you step down, there is the low ceiling."

"I just love playing there," said the musician.

Back in 1997 as soon as Greengold heard word that Ewald was going to open her restaurant, he started working on a way to set up a regular gig.

"I made up the strategy to present an offer to Alex that she couldn't refuse by offering a low ball price," Greengold said. "My idea was that I really wanted a place to have a band one night a week. That was the big thing, I wanted the gig to be consistent."

"I thought I'd make a deal with Alex without giving her the chance to say that she couldn't afford us," he said.

Greengold asked for the Monday night slot to avoid any possible scheduling conflicts, he added.

"I wanted to pick one night of the week when other musicians wouldn't have any conflicts," said the saxophonist. "I couldn't do this on Friday or Saturday night because musicians would have other offers then. I picked Monday nights because, even with the low ball offer, it's better than being home not working."



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Sambacombo toasts with a glass of champagne after an early gig at La Tapa.

The weeknight gig also helped drum up business at the restaurant for the first part of the week, Greengold explained.

"Monday is usually not the busiest night of the week and I told Alex that we could build something that would make it her busiest night of the week," he said. "It didn't happen in weeks or months, but eventually her slowest night of the week became the busiest night of the week."

At the time La Tapa opened, Greengold had already been playing in different bands across the island for 12 years, but he wanted

to create a different sound at the restaurant.

"I've been here since 1985 and when La Tapa opened I was doing different things, but I wanted to do an instrumental jazz combo for this," he said.

Sambacombo combines the best parts of Latin rhythms and tropical jazz to create an upbeat sound that dips into bossa nova, bolero, African mambo, calypso and even swing standards.

After playing about 40 gigs a year for the past 13 years at La Tapa, Sambacombo — often accompanied by Lem Liburd on

drums and Vince Wallace on bass among others — keep things fresh by maintaining a vast repertoire.

"We have more than 125 tunes and to keep from getting bored we rotate our song list all the time," said the musician. "When you're a musician the material and information you can learn is endless. We all improve on a yearly basis and we've really improved vastly in our musician capabilities."

While enjoying consistent work, the best part of the La Tapa gig is the people who come to hear the band, Greengold explained.

"Some of the most thrilling things are the customers who have come there every single year," he said. "There are people who come from the states and plan their vacations around being at La Tapa on Monday nights and some even plan to be here two Monday nights just for Sambacombo."

With the more than a decade long gig going strong, Greengold has watched the customers actually grow up, he added.

"I see some people come in with teenagers now who they were carrying as toddlers 13 years ago and the teenagers say they remember coming when they were kids," said Greengold.

Among the customers who have enjoyed Ewald's creations in the kitchen while grooving to the sounds of Sambacombo, a few

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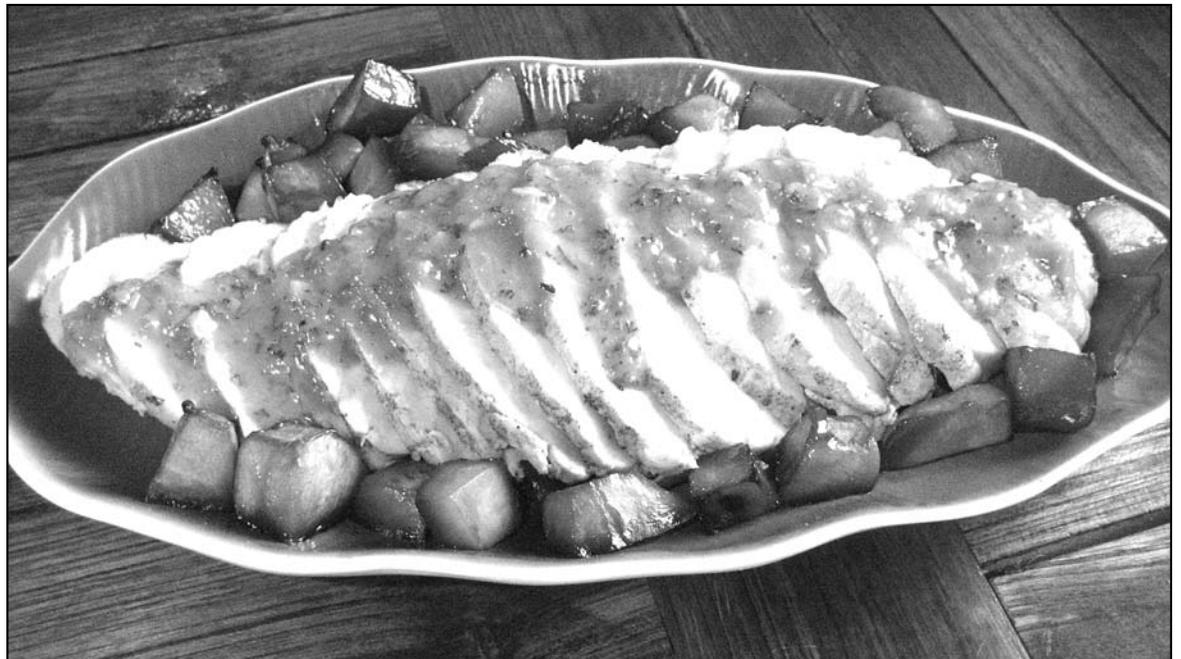
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Island Style Thanksgiving Dinner Ideas

St. John Tradewinds

Looking for a meal to make on Thanksgiving that can be whipped up in a small island kitchen with produce available at local groceries?

Well, look no further.

Chef Jim McManus at Shipwreck Landing has created an island-style Thanksgiving dinner menu, specifically designed for small kitchens with easy-to-find ingredients. For more of Chef Jim's recipes, check out his website chefjim.net. Enjoy!

Adobo Roasted Turkey with Island Citrus Gravy, Chipotle Sweet Potato Mash and Roasted Calabaza (local pumpkin)

This turkey can be made in a large toaster oven or on a barbeque grill.

- 2 quarts water
- ½ cup salt
- ½ cup sugar
- 3-4 pound turkey breast boneless or 4-5 pound on the bone
- 4 tablespoons Adobo Recipe below
- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- 3 carrots peeled left whole
- 2 stalks celery left whole
- Island Citrus gravy recipe below
- Roasted Calabaza recipe below

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350
2. Mix together first 3 ingredients for brine and allow to dissolve for 15 minutes.
3. Submerge turkey breast in brine for 1 hour.
4. Pat turkey breast dry and rub with Adobo.
5. Heat the olive oil in a roasting pan to medium high and sear turkey breast on all sides.
6. Pour off half of the oil and place carrots and celery in the bottom of the pan to act as a grill to keep the turkey from burning on the bottom and add flavor to the resulting pan juices.

7. Roast turkey for 30 to 40 minutes or until thermometer reads 160. Temperature will continue to rise off the heat
8. Remove from pan and tent with foil and allow to rest for at 20 to 30 minutes. Discard vegetables and pour pan juices into gravy.

If Grilling:

Start with a preheated grill on high.

1. Sear the breast on all sides to golden brown.
2. Turn down heat to low and roast 30 to 40 minutes, turning every 10 or 15 minutes. Roast until thermometer reads 160. The temperature will continue to rise off the heat.
3. Tent with foil and allow to rest for 20 to 30 minutes.

Island Citrus Gravy

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 onion small diced
- 4 cloves garlic minced
- 2 cups orange juice
- ¼ cup lime juice
- 2 teaspoons orange zest
- 1 teaspoon fresh Ginger finely grated
- 4 cups chicken stock or two 15-ounce cans of chicken broth
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter cut into small pieces
- 2 tablespoons cilantro minced
- 2 tablespoons parsley minced

Directions:

1. Heat olive oil in a sauce pan add onion and sauté until translucent. Add garlic and sauté until fragrant.
2. Add orange and lime juices, orange zest and ginger and reduce down to about ½ cup. Add chicken stock and reduce by half.
3. Remove from heat and add butter, cilantro and parsley. Keep warm to the side.

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Former St. John Teacher Finds Inspiration in Island Experience

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Inspired by her time on St. John, a former Pine Peace/Giffit Hill School teacher is publishing her first book, *All Roads Lead to School*, this fall.

Kelly Griller, who taught kindergarten, pre-K and an integrated first grade class at the St. John private school from 1998 until 2000, was always amazed at the different ways her students arrived at her classroom, she explained.

"There were kids from all of the world in my class and I always found it interesting how one student would ride in her grandfather's taxi and another student would come in a WAPA truck and another would come over on a ferry from St. Thomas," said Griller. "It was part of what made living on the island and teaching on the island unique."

The impression stayed with Griller, who eventually moved to Colorado where the seeds of "All Roads Lead to School" germinated.

"It's always been my dream to write a book and have it pub-

lished," Griller said. "The island was such a big part of my life. It changed my life and it made me a different person."

"When I got back to the states in 2000, I had the idea for the book and it just evolved from there," she said. "It took me almost eight years to see this happen. It was really hard and the process went on

and on."

Finally, Griller found a Jamaican publishing company which picked up the book and serendipity ensued. The company put her in touch with artist Clovis Brown, whose whimsical illustrations bring Griller's island tale to life.

"Clovis Brown just nailed it," said Griller. "He is an acclaimed

Caribbean artist and is really popular in Jamaica. He did an excellent job with the illustrations."

Brightly colored images of boats, buses and safari taxis jump from the pages as Griller's breezy prose leads readers along the tale of "All Roads Lead to School."

Geared to elementary school students, Griller's book is ap-

propriate for students anywhere from three to 10 years old, she explained.

"I'm kind of going to for the 3- to 8-year-old range, but I think it could lend itself to students up to 10 years old," said Griller. "It's really a story to get kids thinking about school and about how to relate to different people."

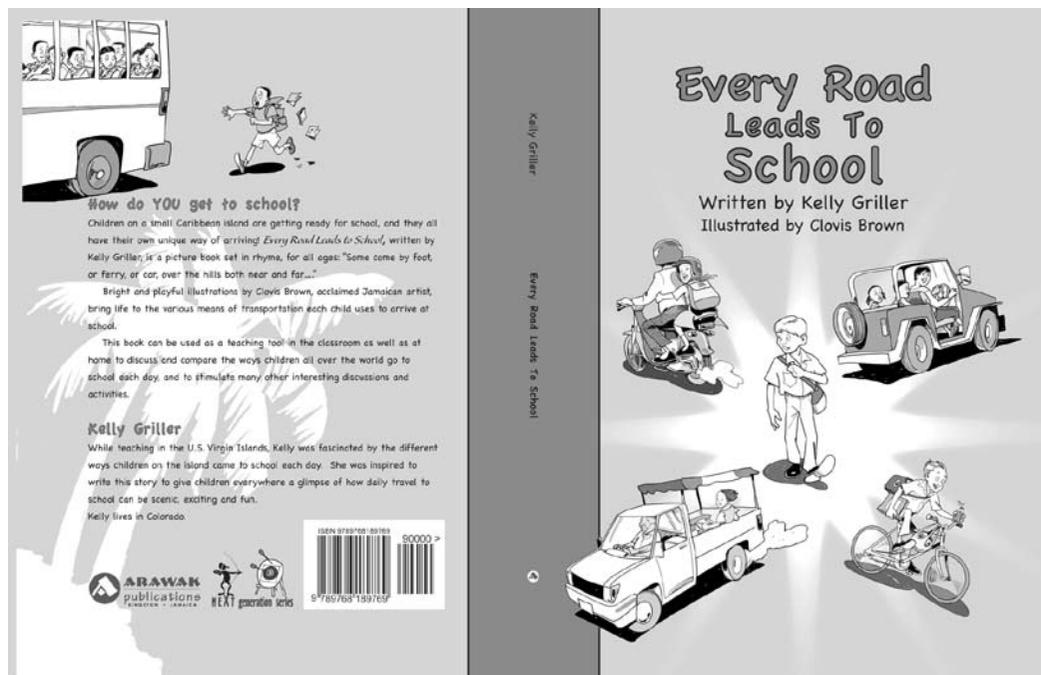
While the former teacher, who is now a stay-at-home-mom, has put away her chalk for the time being, she's taken on a new job as a book distributor.

"My new job is going to be selling 2,000 books," Griller said. "I'm self-distributing and I'm hoping these boxes of books can get out of my house soon."

Griller will be on St. John this fall, when she plans to host a reading and book signing. In the meantime, the former St. John educator is relaxing after years of work to get "All Roads Lead to School" published.

"I'm so excited and so relieved to have this done," she said.

Keep an eye out for Griller's "All Roads Lead to School" which should be available at stores across the island soon.



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Just Play Coordinator Thanks Volunteers, Community

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Over 80 children participated. I would like to thank each and every one of the many volunteers who took the time to help make the day a complete success.

Special thanks to the following people for all of their support and dedication to making a positive difference on St. John: Luigi Costello; Beth Tamplin-Jones; Kristen Cox; Paul Devine; Hubert Moscoso; Mary Vargo; Laurie Odenbach; Lecia Richmond; Iggy Larrea; and Julie Simeck.

Also, praise to the St. John Parks and Recreation Department, American Legion Post 131 and the St. John Community Foundation for their ongoing efforts to keep sports alive on St. John.

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Thank you all. See you next year!

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It's Time To Deal with Crime

Yesterday's news was the stabbing of a person attending a memorial service for a murder victim who was stabbed to death over the weekend, while his partner was being raped. Today there are two competing news story one about the terror that 73-year-old man suffered during a home invasion and a list of several other elderly people that have been attacked.

The other lead story is about the Senators working on the question whether Gov. deJongh over spent our public money on improvements to his home.

I beg you Gov. deJongh and Senators, if you are not prepared to change the focus of your activities and begin to address the very serious issues of crime, education of the youth (over 20 percent of the high school age youth are not in school and do not have a job) and the inept, corrupt government bureaucracy, please do your community the favor of not running for office again. You have a very short time to begin to tackle these important problems.

Greg Miller, St. Thomas

Welcomed Improvements of Motor Vehicle Procedures

One of the annoying things with re-registering a motor vehicle was the inflexible date of the yearly extension of the vehicle license.

If your vehicle license expired in the time when you were off the island, you had to pay an extra fine for registering the vehicle later.

To our great, pleasant surprise, the regulation of motor vehicle registration recently changed — your registration date can be changed to the time when you reregister the vehicle.

This is a great improvement and it indicates that there is somebody in the department with creative

thinking of the needs of drivers. Other improvements are also visible — less waiting and a pleasant atmosphere in the department.

If these improvements continue, I would recommend registering a vehicle by mail which the department sends to the driver in proper time and the only needed visit to the department would be for the actual vehicle inspection. Everything else can be done by mail, no waiting at all. This is how it is done on the mainland and it saves time to everybody.

Z. Hruza, St. John

Beach Babes Clean Up Friis Bay

Beach Babes united for a party with a purpose — to clean up Friis Bay, also known as Miss Lucy's beach and Hard Labor, on Saturday, October 17.

The "ladies only" beach clean-up yielded 10 large bags of trash plus some odd items. Among the strange things found on the beach was the new mascot for future Beach Babe Cleanups — Beach Babe Barbie!

The Beach Babes who worked to clean up about one half mile of beach might not look exactly like Barbie dolls, but they did beautify Friis Bay with their presence and their efforts.

Ice bags, fishing netting and motor oil cans comprised most of the trash found on Friis Bay, with popular fishing grounds just offshore. It was a lesson in the impact of fishing and boating trash that is tossed or blown overboard.

Plastic bags resemble jelly fish and often kill sea turtles when mistakenly eaten. Fishing lines, lures and netting strangle the reefs that are vital to our fish populations. So the Beach Babes have a message to fishermen and boaters — please protect our reef and fish. Get trash



(L to R) Carol Beckowitz, Julie Brook Nave, Mary Dufor, Karen Vahling and Dr. Jan Perkins, DVM.

in the dumpster, not in the sea!

Another item that somehow washed ashore was a large propane cylinder. For this heavy item, the Beach Babes called in a few Beach Boys, who obliged to remove the heavy tank.

In thanks, the Babes invited the Boys to enjoy a pot luck lunch with beverages provided by Miss Lucy's. Somehow, the Boys always find a way to the Babes. Or

vice versa?

Special thanks to Guy at Miss Lucy's for giving us cold drinks, encouragement and a table under the sea grape trees. Thanks also to the Coral Bay Community Council for providing trash bags.

If you are a Beach Babe (or Boy) who would like to join us next time, next beach, email me at ReefAware@yahoo.com

Karen Vahling

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Letters to St. John Tradewinds

Senator Barshinger's Free Ride Is Over

Our Senator-at-Large Craig Barshinger has crossed the line of whom and what he is to represent.

In the St. John newspaper, the *Tradewinds*, he has a column entitled "Senator-at-Large Reports." He wrote and I quote, "Now I must caution all who are involved to demand strict accounting by the leadership of UDG. There is a risk that some within the UDG will become infatuated with the idea that they can collect money and fight a court battle. Yes, we will fight when we are forced to fight. But we must never fight for the sake of fighting. And no one should profit from the fight, all money should go to the mounting a legal case that leads to a resolution."

It is clear to see Senator Barshinger is implying or eluding to some form of corruption. Is this your feeble attempt to destroy the good name of the Virgin Islands Unity Day Group? Are you telling your constituents not to fight for their rights? What exactly are you really saying?

The VI Unity Day Group (VIUDG) under the direction of its current President (Lorelei Monsanto), is a registered 501(c)4 Non-profit organization. All documents for VIUDG are current and in good standing with all governmental agencies.

The IRS has copies of our Property Tax Lawsuit as well as our request for reconsideration with the Public Service Commission. They also have our accounting records and copies of the filed By-Laws. The VIUDG has an open book policy and strives for excellence in transparency. The inference by Senator-at-Large Barshinger is outrageous and slanderous at best.

Senator Barshinger has never taken on any issues. He rides on the coat-tails of any group or organization and tries to grand-stand on the work and goals they have accomplished. Senator Barshinger is not a leader but a very accomplished follower!

The VI Unity Day Group was created to educate, inform and fight for the survival of all the residents of the Virgin Islands — no matter the color, creed,

religion etc. Martin Niemoller a German pastor who opposed the Nazis wrote and I quote:

"In Germany they came first for the Communist and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Communist. Then they came for the Jews, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Jew. Then they came for the trade unionist and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a trade unionist. Then they came for the Catholic and I didn't speak up because I am Protestant. Then they came for me. And by that time, there was no one left to speak up."

The VIUDG function is to afford all the residents of the Virgin Islands that voice, to speak up! For years, the people have had their cries fall on deaf ears. The constituents which Senator Barshinger serves received no relief on our issues and the people found the only recourse was to the go to court to find justice, file for reconsideration with the PSC and fight and have the voice.

Senator Barshinger I am requesting a written apology to the VIUDG. Your type of politics is dead. You never contributed to the fight, on the two issues you seem to be taking credit for as yours. Your proposed legislation has no merit or stamina. How is it that you never seem to know some of the ills your constituents have and be in the fore-front of the change for us?

The people will be educated and informed to make their own conscience decision since our only elected voice on St. John seems to be a confusion maker and stands for no issues. We need real remedies for the problems that plague this community.

Laws that represent and protect us! Laws that have revenue streams attached for longevity of the bill. This is the real world and we are solution oriented.

I implore all the residents of the Virgin Islands to ask the tough question, "what has Senator Craig Barshinger done for the residents of St. John?" Senator Barshinger your free ride is over!

Lorelei Monsanto, VIUDG President

Rethinking EDC Benefits

Most of the EDC companies are not native Virgin Islands companies. It is time for the government to change giving away money to off island companies. In 2008, the government had 30 percent lower income. That was a shortfall of \$188 million. These companies should have a government audit.

All of their trucks use the roads. Who pays for road repairs? The working people. On St. John EDC companies take their garbage to the transfer station and who pays to take that to St. Thomas? The working people.

It is time to change the rules. From January 1, 2010, all EDC companies should pay 100 per-

cent of their taxes. The rules can be changed due to the fact that the islands and the country are in a deep recession. This bill could be passed under the Emergency Rules and Regulations. The EDC company will say they will have to close shop, but they have invested millions in their business and will not quit and run.

The senators that sign on to this bill can look forward to being re-elected. Those that don't, start looking for a new job.

These companies are making millions at the peoples' expense. How long are the senators going to allow this to continue?

Now that government employ-

ees are going to consider enjoying eight payless holidays and the EDC companies will still have all their money to play with.

To help the businesses in the islands we could have a five year tax structure where new businesses would pay no tax the first year, 20 percent the second year, 40 percent the third and on until they pay full taxes in their fifth year. This would help small native businesses get a start in life.

When are the people of these islands going to speak out and stop the outflow of their money and the working people having to pay for everything? And think positive!

Norman Gledhill, St. John

St. John Tradewinds Keeping Track

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

Shootings: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

Stabbings: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

Armed Robberies: 3
Under Investigation: 3
Solved: 0

Arsons: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

1st Degree Burglaries: 5
Under Investigation: 5
Solved: 0

2nd Degree Burglaries: 16
Under Investigation: 15
Solved: 1

3rd Degree Burglaries: 53
Under Investigation: 51
Solved: 4

Grand Larcenies: 51
Under Investigation: 48
Solved: 3

Rapes: 1
Under Investigation: 1
Solved: 0

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.

Alcoholics Anonymous 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 Moravian Church, Coral Bay.

Narcotics Anonymous 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 St. Ursula's Multi-purpose center.

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.

Thanksgiving Dinner Ideas

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Roasted Calabaza (local pumpkin)

If pumpkin is not available Acorn Squash seeded and cut into one-inch thick rings is a great substitute.

- 3-4 pounds calabaza peeled, seeded and cut into 1 inch thick half moon shape pieces
- ½ cup low sodium soy
- 2 tablespoons molasses
- 2 teaspoons black pepper
- ½ cup olive oil

Directions:

1. In a large mixing bowl marinate calabaza with soy molasses and black pepper for 30 minutes.
2. Toss with olive oil and roast on a foil lined baking sheet for 30 to 40 minutes or until the calabaza is golden brown and soft to touch.

Chipotle Sweet Potato Mash

- 4 pounds Sweet Potatoes peeled and cut into 1 inch chunks
- 2 pounds Russet potatoes peeled and cut into 1 inch chunks

- 1 chipotle pepper (canned in Adobo sauce) minced
- 1 teaspoon coriander ground
- 1 teaspoon orange zest
- ½ cup unsalted butter cut into pieces

Directions:

1. Steam or boil potatoes.
2. In a mixing bowl mash potatoes and add chipotle, coriander, orange zest and butter one piece at a time.

If you do not want to spend the money and or time on all of the following rub ingredients there is Adobo seasoning available in the market. Goya makes a good product. Maybe add a few red pepper flakes for heat.

Adobo Rub

- 3 tablespoons salt
- 2 tablespoons garlic powder
- 1 tablespoon cumin
- ½ teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 1 teaspoon coriander
- 1 teaspoon oregano
- 2 tablespoons onion powder

Directions:

1. Mix all ingredients together

3Day Walk To Fight Breast Cancer

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the ladies joined the other 2,000 walkers at the camp site, Radke explained.

"It's just this sea of pink tents," she said. "There is a dining area and there is entertainment and activities for people. But us in our 50s, we just go to bed after walking all those miles."

The second day of the walk is the weekend's longest course with 22.5 miles. During that grueling day, walkers got extra encouragement, according to Radke.

"We were in the Bethesda area and we pretty much did a big circle in a neighborhood area," she said. "That was great because there was a lot of community involvement. There were kids high-fiving you and people sitting on their lawns cheering you on."

Finishing up the second day of walking was the most emotional experience Fahy felt during the event, she explained.

"The best part was on that second day when we walked more than 22 miles," said Fahy. "I was coming into camp and it was probably about 4 p.m. and I was just exhausted. There must have been about 100 people there cheering us in and I just started crying."

"The whole staff was out there and they were cheering and clapping and screaming for you," Fahy said. "It was just amazing."

On the final day of the walk, participants wound their way over 17 miles back into D.C. With the

Lincoln Memorial as a backdrop, the emotional closing ceremony reminded participants why they hit the pavement for three straight days.

"The closing ceremony was unbelievable and I was on stage," said Radke. "There are flag bearers who carry flags in honor of someone and I was carrying a flag for my aunt. There were 12 people with flags and for me the most emotional one was a woman who was honoring the future and had her two-year-old granddaughter walk on stage."

"She represented the future and she was just adorable," said Radke. "It was amazing."

This was Radke's second 3Day walk, but it won't be her last. She's already registered to participate in one next year as well.

"Just remembering the past experience makes me want to go back every year," she said. "I got involved in the first place because I was looking for some kind of athletic thing to do. I thought it was a great way to go for a walk and raise money for a very worthy cause."

"The feeling of accomplishment is unbelievable," Radke said. "The feeling you get when you're sitting there with thousands of other people who just raised millions of dollars by asking for it — for saying please help us find a cure for breast cancer — is incredible."

Fahy registered for the walk after hearing Radke's experience,

she explained.

"I signed up because Karen said it was the experience of her lifetime and I was really attracted to that," said Fahy. "We raised so much money and so much awareness, it was really amazing."

Severance signed up for the walk in order to reach a personal goal, she explained.

"I wanted to do something positive this year," said Severance. "I wanted to do something to help others and I happened to run into Karen and heard about the walk and thought it would be perfect."

The walk was about more than just raising funds to fight breast cancer, explained Severance.

"If they find a cure for breast cancer, that means they are that much closer to finding cures to other cancers too, so for me it wasn't just about breast cancer," said Severance.

Each year the need to raise funds and find a cure becomes a bigger priority for Radke, she explained.

"It becomes more real to me every year because you come into contact with so many people who are suffering or fighting breast cancer," Radke said. "That keeps me walking. Until we find a cure we have to continue to raise as much money as we can possibly can."

In total, the Washington, D.C. 3Day event raised more than \$7 million for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure, which is dedicated to finding a cure for breast cancer.

SAMBACOMBO Gears Up for 500th Monday

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people really stood out for Greengold.

"Carole King was there last year," he said. "She was a guest of some regular customers so I knew she was there. When we went to take a break all of a sudden this little Jewish woman who looked like a tourist from New York came over and asked to take our picture."

"I told her she could take the picture and was welcome to sing with us too," Greengold said. "She didn't want to sing, but after we were finished I got to sit at her table and talk to her."

King is not the only celebrity to enjoy a Monday night at La Tapa.

Greengold has also played for Michael J. Fox, a frequent St. John visitor, Kevin Bacon, Kyra Sedgwick and Eli Manning.

"It's always fun to play and when there is someone famous in the crowd, it kind makes it that much more fun," said Greengold.

Monday nights at La Tapa are now an island institution thanks to the music and the menu. While the sounds of Sambacomb wafting through the windows might bring people in the doors, it's the food that Ewald serves which keeps them coming back year after year, Greengold added.

"Alex has an amazing menu and she really does incredible food,"

he said. "It's really fun for us to be there and to put up our banner outside the restaurant on Monday mornings."

"During season every Monday night there is a line of people waiting to come in," Greengold said. "Every Monday night looks like a Saturday night."

Sambacomb plays at La Tapa each Monday night from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. and will reach their milestone sometime in November.

La Tapa is planning a special celebration of Sambacomb's five hundredth Monday night gig on Monday, November 30. For more information or to make reservations at La Tapa call 693-7755.

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American Legion Co-Ed Flag Football Scores and Standings

Patriots 45 Packers 28

This shoot-out was a real crowd pleaser as both teams matched TDs throughout the game. Tommy Gibney stepped in at quarterback for the Packers and immediately made his presence known by tossing three scoring passes — two to Jalen Frazier and another to Abari Meade. The Patriots put on a scoring show of their own as De'Quan Cline and Anthony Angol provided a tough one-two punch. Cline pitched three TDs on the game at quarterback and received three at wide out.

The score was tied at the half-way mark 20 to 20 but the Patriots came out roaring in the second half scoring 25 points to only eight for the Packers. Kwazi Browne and Te'Kejah Richardson chipped in by receiving four more Cline passes for TDs with three going to Browne. The Patriots meet the always-tough Broncos in the late game October 23.

Raiders 18 Broncos 12

It was all tough defense in this very evenly matched contest. The Raiders started the scoring with a Shakeem Meade to Ohene Lambertis connection in the first half. The always tough and undefeated Broncos found themselves ahead 12 to six at the end of the half as Jay Williams tossed two TDs to R J Mathuzin.

In the second half it was all defense but Meade again found his favorite receiver in Lambertis to even the score at 12 apiece. With 1 minute and 10 seconds left in the game and the threat of overtime eminent, Meade again found Lambertis in the end zone and managed to hang on for the close win.

Standings as of October 16

Team	W	L	PF	PA
Broncos (Red)	3	1	85	26
Raiders (Black)	3	1	92	51
Patriots (Blue)	1	3	78	102
Packers (Green)	1	3	61	137

October 23 games featured the Raiders vs. Packers at 6 p.m. and Patriots vs. Broncos at 7 p.m.

PSC Hosting VITELCO Meeting November 5th on St. John

St. John Tradewinds

The V.I. Public Services Commission is conducting hearings on the VITELCO Change of Control proceedings regarding St. Thomas/St. John Cable and St. Croix Cable Companies.

The VITELCO Change of Control Hearings have been expanded in both time and location and will take place on all three islands. Time will be allotted for the public to offer comments during the hearings at the discretion of the hearing examiner.

The meeting on St. John will be on November 5 at 3 p.m. in Cruz Bay Legislature building.

Comments may also be submitted in advance of the hearings to Michael S. Moore, PSC Legal Assistant, at msmvi@hotmail.com or via fax at 774-4971 in St. Thomas. All comments submitted in writing will be provided to the parties and hearing.

Deadline: Thursday, October 29th

Letters to the Editor, Press Releases, Advertising Artwork

Halloween Bash at Starfish

Starfish Market is hosting a Halloween Bash on Saturday, October 31, outside the store on the first floor of The Marketplace from 2 and 4 p.m. Participants will enjoy apple bobbing, coloring, pie contests and pumpkins carving. Prizes will be awarded for children and adults. See you there!

Male Review Fundraiser Nov. 7

In conclusion of October as Breast Cancer Awareness month friends are hosting a fundraiser on Saturday, November 7, for Sharon "Puppy" Lees who is currently fighting breast cancer. Crazy Cracker's will be hosting a male review and auction of the island's most eligible bachelors. Highest bidders can win dates with these local guys.

Each male participant will have gift certificates for local restaurants, bars, etc. to escort the winner on a date. A silent auction is also planned. Doors open at 3 p.m. and the auction starts at 9:30 p.m. All money will go to Puppy's medical expenses. For more information call Ashley at 715-3361.

DOT Looking for Hospitality Hosts and Entertainers

In an effort to enhance the welcome experience at all ports of entry, the Department of Tourism is seeking part-time hospitality hosts and hostesses to welcome passengers and provide island information to visitors.

Applications for contracted employment may be picked up at the DOT office in the Elainco Building (across from the Nisky Moravian School) or at the John McCleverty Welcome Center at the Havensight cruise ship dock, or the Visitors' Center in Cruz Bay, St. John.

In addition, entertainers including musicians, dancers, and other performing artists who are interested in performing for visitors should visit the Department of Tourism office to provide demos and prices. Entertainers who have worked with the Department of Tourism in the past are also urged to contact the Department to update their files.

For more information contact Ernest Knight at 774-8784, ext. 2252.

St. John Police Report

EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

Land Line: 911 • Cellular: 340-776-9110

St. John Police Dept: 340-693-8880 • St. John Fire Station: 340-776-6333

Friday, October 16

10:00 a.m. - An Estate Fish Bay resident r/ that she was in an accident. Auto accident.

4:00 p.m. - An Estate Fish Bay resident c/r that she is being harassed by another woman. Police assistance.

4:10 p.m. - A citizen r/ that a customer ordered food and did not pay. Refusal to pay.

Saturday, October 17

6:55 a.m. - A visitor p/r that someone struck her rental vehicle while it was parked. Hit and run.

10:05 a.m. - A citizen c/r that someone threatened to kill him when he got off the boat in St. Thomas. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

Sunday, October 18

No time given - A nurse at Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center c/r that a patient was assaulted. Assault in the third.

No time given - An Estate Grunwald resident p/r that she

was involved in a physical altercation. Assault and battery.

4:55 p.m. - A citizen r/ shots fired in the area of Upper Carolina. Illegal discharge of firearm.

6:52 p.m. - A citizen c/r that her husband is creating a disturbance. Disturbance of the peace.

Monday, October 19

11:20 a.m. - An Estate Rendezvous resident p/r that someone stole items from his vehicle. Grand larceny.

12:15 p.m. - A citizen c/r loud music coming from a vehicle. Police assistance.

5:30 p.m. - Unit 402C p/ at Jurgen Command with Anthony Stiles, Darrell Tasman and Matthew White under arrest and charged with reckless endangerment. Reckless endangerment.

Tuesday, October 20

8:45 a.m. - An Estate Hansen Bay resident p/r someone giving false information to the police. False information.

12:20 p.m. - An Estate Ren-

dezvous resident p/r that he was assaulted. Assault in the third.

1:50 p.m. - An Estate Contant resident p/r a disturbance. Disturbance of the peace.

6:03 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident c/r that her home was broken into. Burglary in the third.

Wednesday, October 21

8:30 p.m. - Badge #1099 p/ at Jurgen Command with one John Stevens under arrest and charged with D.U.I. DUI.

11:37 p.m. - An Estate Power Boyd Plantation resident c/r a disturbance in the area. Police assistance.

Thursday, October 22

2:00 p.m. - An Estate Power Boyd Plantation resident c/r an auto accident. Auto accident.

Friday, October 23

2:07 a.m. - Central Dispatch c/r that one Tom r/ that his neighbor was assaulted. Assault.

9:15 a.m. - A Cruz Bay resident r/ a lost passport. Lost documents.

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, October 26

The Committee on Appropriations and Budget will meet on St. John at the Cruz Bay Legislature building on Monday, October 26, at 6 p.m. to consider Bill 28-0101.

Tuesday, October 27

The next monthly St. John Chapter meeting of the St. Thomas-St. John Chamber of Commerce will be on Tuesday, October 27 at Ocean Grill Upstairs from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 29

• Beat the Bug at CareForce 2009 on Thursday, October 29, when free flu and pneumonia shots will be available for seniors at St. Ursula's senior center from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

• The H1N1 vaccines for priority groups will be administered on Thursday, October 29, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Ursula's Senior Center. The Department of Health will notify the public on future H1N1 vaccine site locations. For more information call 773-1311, ext. 3240 or visit www.flu.gov.

• The V.I. Public Services Commission will meet on Thursday, October 29, at 5:30 p.m. at the PSC office in Barbel Plaza on St. Thomas. Ferry matters listed on the agenda include the hearing examiner's report on the St. Thomas/St. John petition for reconsideration of the rate increase.

Friday, October 30

The Government Employees Retirement System will culminate "GERS Month," which commemorates the systems' 50th anniversary, with an open house on St. John. Active and retired members are invited to a grand celebration at an open house and benefits fair on Friday, October 30, from 2 to 8:30 p.m. at the Cruz Bay Battery.

Saturday, October 31

• The annual Mongoose Junction Tenants-hosted "Trick

or Treat" for island children will be Saturday, October 31, starting in the late-afternoon. Parents should accompany their children to the event.

• Starfish Market is hosting a Halloween Bash on Saturday, October 31, outside the store on the first floor of The Marketplace. Come out between 2 and 4 p.m. to enjoy apple bobbing, coloring, pie contests and pumpkins carving. Prizes will be awarded for children and adults. See you there!

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November 6-8

The St. John Racquet Club will host a VITA Junior Tennis Tournament November 6-8 at the Cruz Bay tennis courts.

Saturday, November 7

The Veterans Ball will be November 7 from 6 to 11 p.m. at the Westin Resort and Villas ball room.

Wednesday, November 11

In celebration of the 90th Anniversary of Veteran's Day, American Legion Post 131 is hosting a ceremony and BBQ/pig roast in Coral Bay on November 11.

Saturday, November 21

The Rotary Club of St. John's Flavors fundraising event will be on Saturday, November 21, from 6:30 to 11 p.m. at the Westin Resort.

Thursday, November 26

Tradewinds Publishing office will be closed for the Thanksgiving Day holiday. All advertisements, press releases and letters to the editor will be due on Wednesday, November 25.

PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

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TUNES THROUGHOUT THE DAY

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- 8 Alternative to stairs
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- 20 Neighbor of Morocco
- 21 "Hogan's Heroes" title role player
- 22 Sugar —
- 23 1972 Cat Stevens hit
- 25 Bits of legislation
- 26 Madonna-and-child artwork
- 27 Only
- 28 Chaired
- 29 Loosen, as shoelaces
- 30 Suffix with Bern
- 31 Triangle part
- 32 1958 Platters hit
- 36 Car named after an explorer
- 39 One courting
- 41 "Cool!"
- 42 Rude fellow
- 43 Greek from Canea
- 45 Promise
- 47 Oral contest
- 49 1939 Glenn Miller hit
- 55 Held sway
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- 58 Wave rider
- 60 Of the sticks
- 62 Karenina of fiction
- 65 Marking with dirty streaks
- 69 Dog food brand

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- 74 Kazan of filmdom
- 75 Condition of one's sole?
- 77 "Batman" theme composer Hefti
- 78 Cave dwarf
- 79 Facilitating
- 81 One taking an exam
- 85 Notch shape
- 86 Smug smile
- 89 1934 Duke Ellington hit
- 93 Filmed
- 95 Soccer's Hamm
- 96 Wild and crazy folks
- 97 "Where — you?"
- 98 Occupies a chair
- 101 Wading bird
- 103 Hunting dog
- 107 1975 Melissa Manchester hit
- 110 Grab a bite
- 112 Regret
- 113 Dunderhead
- 114 Floppy rabbit feature
- 115 Goad
- 117 DeMille films
- 119 Tips of pens
- 120 1976 Starland Vocal Band hit
- 124 Story
- 125 Most deep-piled
- 126 Forthcoming
- 127 Individuals
- 128 Upper canine
- 129 Lou Grant" star

DOWN

- 1 Packed down with light blows
- 2 Fictional Plaza Hotel girl
- 3 Feels the same way

- 4 Dollar division
- 5 Puccini song
- 6 Family
- 7 America's bird
- 8 Israel's Abba
- 9 Be defeated by
- 10 Fade away
- 11 TiVo forerunner
- 12 On — (enjoying good luck)
- 13 Adopt
- 14 Jumpy
- 15 Stimp's canine bud
- 16 Meager
- 17 — Air Command
- 18 Very private
- 19 Sowed anew
- 24 "Baloney!"
- 29 Spoke
- 31 Fertile loam deposited by the wind
- 33 "— Only Just Begun"
- 34 De-creasing tool
- 35 "If I Only — a Brain"
- 37 Scanner of bar codes: Abbr.
- 38 Event with a jury
- 40 Single-person, as a band
- 44 Vietnamese holiday
- 46 Existed
- 48 Fast-food staple
- 49 Calligraphy stroke
- 50 Ordinary
- 51 Shearer of "The Snob"
- 52 Hauled off to jail
- 53 Allergy trigger, often
- 54 Humor writer Bombeck
- 59 Animal coat
- 61 Autumn flowers
- 63 Wichita-to-Omaha dir.
- 64 Striped gem

- 66 "— Lucy" (old sitcom)
- 67 "Frasier" brother
- 68 Wind gusts
- 70 Greek dawn goddess
- 71 Emptiness
- 72 Sicilian lava spewer
- 73 Total lowlife
- 76 Bluffs
- 78 Conical shelter
- 80 Fitness class
- 82 Use as an ice rink
- 83 Two fivers
- 84 Be alive
- 86 Hit head-on
- 87 Prime — (circle in geography)
- 88 Not fit to be eaten
- 90 Actress Jessica
- 91 Big name in pasta sauce
- 92 Q followers
- 94 Make a burrow
- 99 Vincent Price film
- 100 — of Liberty
- 102 Put back on the bulletin board
- 104 Class often taken before calculus: Abbr.
- 105 Card game with tricks
- 106 Person taking five
- 108 They smell
- 109 French port
- 111 Pitcher Joss
- 116 "Our Gang" author Philip
- 117 Novelist Morante
- 118 Abysses
- 120 Gorilla, e.g.
- 121 Pi-sigma link
- 122 Prefix with romantic
- 123 Demise

Classifieds

For Rent

Scenic Properties 340-693-7777

Cruz Bay Apartments:
Efficiency apt/w/d \$600; Efficiency a/c w/d \$1400; One bedroom/one bath \$1200; One bedroom/pool/w/d \$1700; Two bedroom/one bath/w/d \$1300; Two bedroom/one bath \$1700; Two bedroom/two bath/pool/w/d \$2000; Two bedroom/loft/two bath/w/d \$2400; Three bedroom/two bath/w/d \$1700; Three bedroom/one bath \$1875

Coral Bay

One bedroom apt/w/d \$1250; Two bedroom house/washer \$1700; Two bedroom/two bath house/washer \$1800

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(L to R) Terry Pishko, Eleanor Gibney and her children Amelia and Alex placing ID tags on trees.

Native Plant Garden

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they don't want."

"And, we wanted to preserve these trees," said Terry Pishko.

With about \$3,000 in hand from the Department of Agriculture grant, the homeowners association got permission to create the garden from Island Resources Foundation, which owns the property, and got started on the project in August 2008.

Before removing anything from the overgrown site, however, the Pishkos enlisted the help of St. John botanist Eleanor Gibney, who surveyed the land.

"Before we cleared out any of the wild tamarind or anything, Eleanor Gibney, who was the consultant on the project, came out and identified the native trees," said Terry Pishko.

With native trees tagged for saving, a team of volunteers from the homeowners association set to work clearing the site of catch and keep, sweet lime, wild tamarind and iguana vine.

"That was the hardest part," said Terry Pishko. "I haven't added up the total number of volunteer hours spent on the project, but it's a lot."

After clearing out the overgrowth, the group found guavaberry, mastic, yellow prickly and white prickly trees among the foliage. Gibney also provided several species of native trees to plant in the garden, explained Terry Pishko.

"Eleanor would come out and check the site every once in a while and advise us and she also provided native trees and shrubs for us to add to the garden," said Terry Pishko.

The Native Plant Garden in Fish Bay now

boasts kapok, bulletwood and anthurium trees thanks to Gibney, as well as a Solarium conocarpum, a rare bushy tree with light blue flowers.

With the native trees and plants starting to take shape, the Pishkos focused on the aesthetics of the garden.

"The trees and bushes were planted and then we decided to make it a little more attractive and so we put in a footpath that winds through the garden," said Terry Pishko.

The four-foot wide path meanders through the site and is composed of crushed stone over landscape cloth and outlined with landscape timber wood. The group also added plant and tree identification signs and plan to add more, explained Terry Pishko.

"There are some small signs there already, but we plan to add more," she said. "Eleanor has found more native plants that she didn't see when the site was all overgrown."

After more than a year of hard work, the Pishkos have been enjoying the fruits of their labor and watching the neighborhood use the garden.

"We've had really positive feedback," said Terry Pishko. "The garden is not just for Fish Bay, we'd really like the whole island to come out and take a look at it and walk around a bit."

The Native Plant Garden is in Estate Fish Bay on the main street, called Marina Road, on the left just past the first bridge. The community is invited to visit and watch the garden grow.

"We have plans to create an educational brochure and some people in our group are talking about expanding the garden too," Terry Pishko said. "It's been a lot of work, but I think the results are very satisfying."



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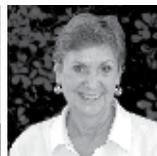
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