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Cruz Bay went green on Saturday, March 17, for the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade hosted by the Quiet Mon Pub. A huge crowd turned out for the festivities which included hoopsters, dogs and great green get-ups.

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St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Despite complaints from several neighbors in the area, construction of a new gas station in Estate Chocolate Hole, above, is moving right along.

New St. John Gas Station Construction Is Continuing on South Shore Road

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

While Department of Planning and Natural Resources officials have cited the developers of Love City's new gas station several times for over-excavation in recent weeks, the issues have been addressed, according to DPNR's Division of Comprehensive and Coastal Zone Planning Director Stuart Smith.

"We have had issues there in the past with over-excavation, but they have been solved," said Smith. "We're fully aware of what is going on out there. We have an inspector that drives by daily."

When developer Nedal Salem originally shared plans for the Estate Chocolate Hole gas station in late 2010, he was met with opposition from many residents, who voiced concerns with the site's steepness and proximity to the existing E&C Service Station.

Despite the objections, the 0.473-acre land is zoned B-3, business scattered, which allows for the

construction of a gas station among myriad other commercial enterprises. After getting the green light from DPNR in 2011, development has been ongoing.

Plans for the Estate Chocolate Hole gas station, located adjacent to the St. John Market parking lot, call for a three story structure housing six apartments and a 24-hour convenience store in addition to the four pump service station with two above ground storage tanks capable of holding 25,000 gallons each.

Since the Estate Chocolate Hole site is located in the island's Tier 2 development area, the project did not come under the scrutiny of the St. John Coastal Zone Management Commission.

Several residents in the area, however, continue to claim that the roadway above the development, which leads to the Estate Power Boyd neighborhood, has been undermined due to the over-excavation at the gas station construction site.

Audubon Society Meeting Is March 20

Phyllis Benton, a federally permitted wildlife rehabilitator for migratory birds will be speaking at the V.I. Audubon Society's monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 20, at 7 p.m. at the Giff Hill School.

Benton will speak on "From Hummingbirds to Pelicans: Taking care of this island's injured and ill wild birds."

Teen Summit at JESS Set for March 24

A Teen Summit is scheduled for Saturday, March 24, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Julius E. Sprauve School.

The Teen Summit is for all teenagers and will be in the cafeteria at JESS. There will be a projector screen and seating is on a first-come basis.

In this fast-paced world of ever-evolving technology, the focus of the event is the Internet, cyber-bullying and the appropriate use of technology. The Teen Summit will focus on social media, texting and sexting.

Facilitated by a moderator, there will be a panel of experts who will each have 10 minutes

to present information, then answer questions from the students. Panelists include representatives from education, non-profit sectors, law enforcement, youth, and the for-profit sector.

Students will be able to gather educational materials from an information table. The Teen Summit will be videotaped and shared with the public. Afterwards, students will have a Jam (party) to start their Spring Break.

The Teen Summit is just one part of JESS' comprehensive strategy to increase awareness among students, parents, and staff about bullying, safety, and the Internet.

Saturday: GBS Flotilla at Miss Vie's

The almost-annual Coral Bay Yacht Club Flotilla to benefit the Guy Benjamin School is set for Saturday, March 24, at Miss Vie's Campground starting at noon.

Join CBYC members for a sail to the beach and back for only \$40, which includes lunch. Don't feel like sailing? Drive out to the beach and pay \$10 for children and \$20 for adults for lunch and entertainment by local reggae favorites Inner Visions.

St. John Christian Academy Accepting Applications for 2012-13 School Year

The St. John Christian Academy is now accepting student applications for K-4 through third grade for the 2012/13 school year. Application forms may be picked up at the school office across from E&C Service Station. For more information call 693-7722.

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The historic Grand Banks schooner *Roseway* is coming to Coral Bay, St. John!

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Join the non-profit youth sailing organization St. John Kids And The Sea (KATS) on Saturday night, March 31, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. for a sunset sail aboard this registered U.S. National Historic Landmark. Departure will be from the KATS dinghy dock directly behind Skinny Legs at 5 p.m.

Tickets which include light refreshments, are available for \$75 at Connections in Coral Bay and Cruz Bay. Don't miss this amazing opportunity and support youth sailing on St. John. The number of passengers is limited, so don't wait to buy those tickets!

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A new flashing billboard at the VINP maintenance area, above, greets visitors and flashes messages of speed limits and park restrictions.



New Flashing Billboard Not Popular, But Useful

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

While not popular with everyone on St. John (see Letters to *St. John Tradewinds* on page 14) the V.I. National Park's new flashing neon sign could be used for a variety of purposes, explained VINP Deputy Superintendent Mike Anderson.

"Primarily it was purchased for storm events and to share information with our visitors," said Anderson. "It can be used for a variety of purposes; for safety purposes, for resource management purposes and we certainly want to make visitors feel welcome. We plan to make additional changes as time goes along to those messages so we'll keep it fresh."

The new sign, located at the beginning of North Shore Road at the VINP Maintenance area, can be used by several different VINP divisions, Anderson added.

"There are Resource Division uses," he said. "For example the manta ray which has been seen lately, we are concerned that people are trying to touch the mantra

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— Mike Anderson
Deputy Superintendent
Virgin Islands National Park

ray, which is considered harassment of wildlife and may harm the animal."

"That resource management message could be put in there to alert visitors," said the VINP Deputy Superintendent. "We're just experimenting with the messages right now so to speak."

The new sign will allow VINP to communicate with visitors without having to post additional signs along North Shore Road, according to Anderson.

"One of the advantages of having the sign at the entrance to the park is that we don't have to put

up any other signs further into the park which may or may not be seen by everyone who needs to see them," he said.

The sign will also be an important tool for alerting visitors to the presence of walkers on North Shore Road, explained Anderson.

"Everyone is not required to come by the visitors center for information so this way we can tell people that we have walkers and joggers on the very narrow roadway of North Shore," said the VINP Deputy Superintendent. "One message could alert the driving public to the presence

of people on park roads. So there are safety messages that will be included over time."

While some residents have questioned the legality of the sign itself — the V.I. Code prohibits the use of billboards — the new VINP sign does comply with local laws, Anderson added.

"We did check into compliance with territorial laws and even though the sign is on park property, we were assured that there were no compliance issues," he said.

VINP officials might consider moving the sign up North Shore Road, but it seems however unpopular, the sign is here to stay.

"We may look at the location of the sign as there have been suggestions to move it further into the park," said Anderson. "But right now, we're just planning to leave it where it is. Getting information to visitors is an important part of what we do."

"We have received some positive feedback and some not so positive feedback," said the VINP Deputy Superintendent. "The most important thing is that we get in-

formation to visitors in the most efficient and effective way possible. We had good intentions."

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Abdel Mustafa Arrested for 2011 Cruz Bay Knife Fight

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V.I. Police Department officers on St. John arrested Abdel Mohammed Mustafa based on an arrest warrant charging him with Assault Third Degree and Carrying or Using a Dangerous Weapon in connection to a crime that occurred on November 28, 2011 at the Bay Side Mini Mart in Cruz Bay.

VIPD officers said Mustafa stabbed a male victim several times with a knife.

Mustafa, 22 was arrested at about 12:45 p.m. Thursday, March 15. He was placed on a \$25,000 bail and remanded to the custody of the Bureau of Corrections pending further court action.

In November Mustafa created a disturbance inside the Bay Side Mini Mart, according to VIPD officers.

Witnesses said the suspect attacked a male customer by stab-



Mustafa

bing him several times in this right arm and lower back. The victim was treated at the Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center and then transported to the Roy L. Schneider Regional Hospital and Medical Center for further treatment.

Mustafa was also arrested on July 14 when he attempted to flee the jurisdiction by boarding a flight to San Juan following a shooting at a St. Thomas grocery store.

At that time VIPD officers said Mustafa got into an argument with a customer at that store and later discharged shots at the vehicle in which the victim was driving.

Exhausted, Dehydrated Hikers Rescued from Reef Bay Trail

*By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds*

Two people who set out to “hike St. John” last week ended up being rescued by St. John Rescue and V.I. National Park officials on the Reef Bay Trail.

A man and a woman, both in their 20s, called 911 around 8:30 p.m. from the Reef Bay Trail complaining of exhaustion and dehydration, explained VINP Deputy Superintendent Mike Anderson.

“We had two visitors who were trying to hike most of St. John all in one day,” said Anderson. “They called 911 around 8:30 p.m. from the Reef Bay Trail because they were out of water and exhausted.”

At least one of the two hikers had lived on St. Thomas for several months and had visited St. John before, explained Anderson.

After taking the ferry from Red Hook to Cruz Bay, the two walked a few miles and eventually hitched a ride to Coral Bay, according to information from the VINP.

Once in Coral Bay, the two people hiked out to Lameshur Bay and were apparently told by someone that hiking up the Reef Bay Trail would leave them a short walk from Cruz Bay, according Anderson.

“They either got wrong information or didn’t understand the information as far as getting back to Cruz Bay,” said the VINP Deputy Superintendent. “They were supposedly told that if they hiked up Reef Bay to Centerline Road, it was only a short walk to Cruz Bay.”

The two hikers set out around 6 p.m. from Lameshur and didn’t make it to Centerline Road before calling 911 from Reef Bay Trail.

“They didn’t need medical attention, but they were exhausted and needed water,” said Anderson. “A VINP ranger and St. John Rescue officials walked down the trail and met the hikers about half way down. We assisted with getting them back to Cruz Bay to catch the ferry back to St. Thomas.”

The hikers were lucky that they had cell phone service and were able to call for help, Anderson added.

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– Mike Anderson, VINP Deputy Superintendent

in that location,” he said. “That is not always the case. Sometimes you have reception in one area and then you might not get reception at all.”

“You really need reliable information about trails before you set out and having a cell phone does not replace that,” said Anderson. “It’s not like in the states where there is cell service everywhere. You can’t rely on it.”

Anderson advised hikers to stop by the VINP Visitors’ Center in Cruz Bay to share their plans and get feedback on trail conditions.

“It’s important to have a trail map and it’s always good to come by the visitors center and share your plans to get feedback on time frames and abilities,” said the VINP Deputy Superintendent.

It’s not unusual for hikers to over estimate how much distance they can cover, Anderson added.

“A lot of people, even avid hikers, until you have hiked in the Virgin Islands on steep, rocky trails, probably think they can cover a lot more distance than it turns out,” he said. “It’s not so much ability as trail conditions and not everyone is used to the tropical environment.”

Experienced and novice hikers should always bring plenty of drinking water when setting out on trails, according to Anderson.

“Everyone should have plenty of drinking water and have a trail map,” he said. “It’s also a good idea to get with a VINP ranger or someone who has accurate knowledge of the local trail system before setting out.”

Man Arrested While Rolling Marijuana

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V.I. Police Department officers on St. John arrested Patrick Stanley last week when they observed him in Cruz Bay rolling a marijuana cigarette.

VIPD officers also confiscated more than a dozen small bags of marijuana packaged for sale from Stanley.

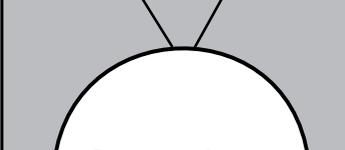
VIPD officers said they saw Stanley on Thursday, March 15, at about 9 p.m. near a beach bar rolling what appeared to be a marijuana cigarette. When police checked the suspect he was in possession of 13 small plastic bags of what was later field tested to be marijuana. Stanley also had a three inch switch blade in his pants pocket.

Stanley was arrested and held on a \$10,000 bail. He was remanded to the custody of the Bureau of Corrections on St. Thomas pending his court appearance.

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While not in danger of closing, according to DOH officials, Morris F. deCastro Clinic, above, has lost three employees recently.

DOH Layoffs Reach St. John; Morris deCastro Clinic Loses Two Nurses and Security Guard

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Government agencies across the territory have been feeling the pinch from a projected multi-million-dollar budget shortfall and recently the Department of Health proved it was not immune.

Implementing “austerity measures,” DOH officials released one Morris F. deCastro Clinic employee last week and accepted the resignation of a second employee at the Cruz Bay clinic.

“A Nurse’s Assistant with Women’s Health Services was laid off,” said DOH spokesperson Eunice Bedminster. “Also the Community Health Nurse retired and a security guard was transferred to St. Thomas. What we have been doing is streamlining our services as part of our austerity measures that all government agencies have had to do in the face of this economic crisis.”

Citing collective bargaining issues, Bedminster declined to name the employees who were affected last week. With fewer Women’s Health services now available at deCastro, many clients have transferred to R.L. Schneider Medical Center’s Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center or started getting treatment on St. Thomas, according to Bedminster.

“This had less of an impact publicly in that many clients had already transitioned to clinics on St. Thomas and others found other services on St. John,” she said.

To fill in some of the gaps left by the two departing health care officials, a physician from St. Thomas will be spending more time at the Cruz Bay clinic, explained Bedminster.

“In our Pre-Natal Services, we have our high risk physician who is there twice a month and she will

be having longer hours which is actually an improvement for pre-natal care on St. John,” said the DOH spokesperson.

While DOH continues to look for ways to cut costs, officials have no intention of closing deCastro, according to Bedminster.

“DeCastro is not closing,” she said. “What we’ve done is streamline some services to reduce our budget like all other V.I. government agencies. This will bring us in line to bridge the overall budget shortfall of the V.I. government.”

“We will continue to provide accessible and convenient services to the people of St. John in addition to the ambulance boat transportation,” said Bedminster. “So deCastro is not closing.”

Bedminster did not, however, rule out additional layoffs at DOH as the government continues to grapple with budget woes.

“As I sit here today, I cannot tell you about further services being affected,” she said. “If there is still a budget shortfall than we have to look at the services we provide. I can’t say what we’ll be doing in the future.”

Several people familiar with deCastro’s services, however, are worried about the lack of manpower at the clinic. Instead of the usual three Emergency Medical Technicians on call at the DOH clinic, there have been only two EMTs on duty for some time, according to the St. John resident who asked to not be identified.

“It takes two EMTs to do CPR, so then who drives the ambulance,” said the citizen. “This puts St. John in danger. Residents need to be aware of the changes of EMT services and while they can’t complain to the public, they are concerned.”



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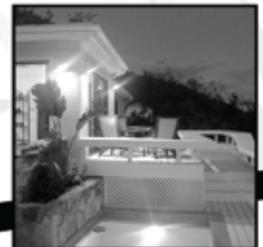
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The crew of *Comfortably Numb*, above, celebrates its Around St. John Race victory at an awards ceremony at the Banana Deck.

Crew of *Comfortably Numb* Wins 39th Annual Around St. John Race

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

A total of 13 boats set sail out of Cruz Bay on Sunday, March 11, for the St. John Yacht Club's 39th Annual Around St. John Race.

With steady breezes between 10 and 12 knots, the fleet sailed clockwise around Love City in small seas. Although Lawrence Aquí's Dufour 40 *Wild T'ing* was the first vessel to cross the finish line, it was the J30 *Comfortably Numb* which won the spinnaker class after corrected time.

The IC 24 *Stinger* took second in the spinnaker class with *Red Dog*, another IC 24, taking third place in the class.

In the non spinnaker class, *Botox Barbie* came out on top of the six vessel fleet. *Ph-gawee*, a Columbia 30, took second place in the non-spinnaker class while the Bristol 34 *Rhizophora* took third place in the class.

Although *Wild T'ing* didn't win the race this year, Aquí didn't go home empty-handed. At the awards ceremony at Banana Deck following the race, the captain won a free haul out for the vessel for the second year in a row.

Up next for local sailors is the 39th Annual International Rolex Regatta, hosted by the St. Thomas Yacht Club March 23 through 25.



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Lawrence Aquí, above at right, won a free boat haul out for the second year in a row.

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26th Annual GHS Gala Raises \$200,000 for Tuition Assistance Fund

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

A sold out crowd of 230 guests packed the ballrooms of the Westin Resort and Villas on Saturday night, March 10, for the 26th annual Giff Hill School gala.

While still tallying up the final amount raised, GHS officials were confident of reaching their \$200,000 fundraising goal, explained the school's development director assistant Molly Murrill.

"We're still tallying up the amount days later," Murrill said. "But we are confident that we have met our \$200,000 goal so we're excited about that."

All of the funds raised at the gala go to GHS' tuition assistance fund, which impacts each student at the St. John private school, according to Murrill.

"Everything we raise at the gala goes to the scholarship and tuition assistance fund," she said. "Every student benefits from the fund because the cost of tuition is less than the cost of education. So even those students who are not on scholarships benefit from the tuition assistance fund."

"And the \$200,000 that we raised is actually about a quarter of what we need for the tuition assistance fund," said Murrill.

The night's success can be attributed to the amazing packages up for bid as well as the hard work of volunteers, parents, staff, West-



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Yelena Rogers

Hope Meares, standing at right, takes bid requests from an excited crowd at the GHS gala.

tin officials and the veteran auctioneers. The husband and wife auction team of Darron and Hope Meares was back again this year, marking the fourth year the couple has donated their skills to GHS.

"And they promised to be back next year," said Murrill.

Top bid packages of the night included a luxurious Mediterranean cruise, two African safari

trips, a tour of Italy and the popular Golden Ticket raffle, which allows the winner to choose any package of the evening.

"The big Golden Ticket winner this year was actually my mother Kay McCullough," said Murrill. "She's a GHS grandparent and she chose the stay at Caneel Bay Resort so they can stay there next time they visit."

Featured artists of the gala were Eddie Bertrand, Annie Caswell, Robin Clair-Pitts, Elaine Estern, Rae Ellen Lee, Catherine Perry and Ara Cardew, Lucy Portlock, Mariah Scheer, Steve and Janet Simonsen, Sandi Stein, Carson Tredgett and Gayle Varlack.

"We had a lot of wonderful art," said Murrill. "That part of the evening was chaired by Tina Petitto,

one of our parents. This was her second year chairing the art part of the night and she did a wonderful job."

"We had a huge crew of volunteers from students, parents and grandparents to just friends of the school and people who wanted to help," Murrill said.

Starfish Market donated appetizers which were passed during the evening's cocktail hour along with scrumptious fare grown and harvested right at GHS, explained Murrill.

"The theme of this year's gala was 'Bloom and Grow' which referenced our Education and Resiliency Through Horticulture program in partnership with Iowa State University," she said. "The whole look of the auction was a garden party with purple and green and lots of hints to the gardening theme. The students even served some food they had grown with the EARTH program."

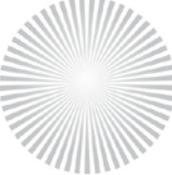
Freshly picked vegetables harvested at GHS topped bruschetta appetizers, which were also passed during the cocktail hour, Murrill added.

Guests paid \$25 to sip on glasses of champagne and wine and get their names in the hat for a stunning black diamond necklace and earring set crafted and donated by R&I Patton Goldsmithing. In the end it was Kate Swan who walked

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Energy Office Offers Tips for Saving at the Pump

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With the announced closing of HOVENSA and steadily rising gasoline rack rates, Virgin Islanders have reason to be concerned about what transportation is going to cost them.

Adding to that concern are industry experts who, according to CBS News, predict that gasoline prices nationwide will soon rise to record-breaking heights.

What this means to Virgin Islanders is that the \$5 gallon of gas is probably not far down the road, and the price may not stop there. The Virgin Islands Energy Office, a division of the Office of the Governor, wants residents to know that, although they can't do anything about rising gasoline prices, they can save money on gasoline by cutting down on the amount they use.

The Energy Office recommends that Virgin Islanders take a proactive approach to improving fuel economy, which can include any of a variety of conscious decisions

and actions.

Purchasing a fuel-efficient vehicle is the most impactful fuel economy decision residents can make. According to DOE, the difference between a car that gets 20 mpg and one that gets 30 mpg amounts to \$1,060 per year, assuming 15,000 miles of driving annually and a fuel cost of \$4.25. That's a savings of \$5,300 in fuel costs over five years.

Of course, individual savings differ based on any number of variables; Virgin Islanders tend to drive shorter distances than state-side drivers, for example. But by choosing to drive a fuel-efficient vehicle, everyone can cut their gasoline costs substantially.

Residents who are not in the market to buy a new car can save on gasoline in other ways:

- Don't drive aggressively. Speeding, rapid acceleration and braking waste gas. Avoiding these aggressive driving habits can lower your gas mileage by 33 percent at highway speeds and by five per-



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

The VI Energy Office has a Prius that gets about 50 mpg and was rated by the EPA the most fuel efficient vehicle in the United States in 2011.

cent around town. Sensible driving is also safer, so you may save more than gas money. While each vehicle reaches its optimal fuel economy at a different speed, gas

mileage usually decreases rapidly at speeds above 60 mph.

- Avoid idling whenever possible. Idling can use a quarter to a half gallon of fuel per hour, de-

pending on engine size and air-conditioner use.

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Certain strategies will make sense for some people, while others will be more practical for others. But by acting in an energy efficient mode, everyone can substantially reduce their gasoline consumption and costs.

For tips and details on various vehicles and their gas mileage, residents can go to www.fueleconomy.gov. Get information about all Virgin Islands energy issues at www.vienergy.org or by calling 714-8436.



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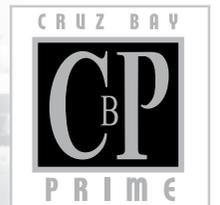
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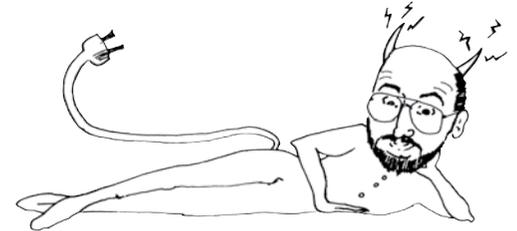


St. John Students Prepare for VITAL Tests



Guy Benjamin School students joined Juilus E. Sprauve School students on Friday afternoon, March 16, to celebrate being ready for this week's VITAL tests. The Ivanna Eudora Kean High School Marching Band even made the trip over from St. Thomas to entertain the students ahead of their standardized testing this week.

St. John Tradewinds News
Photos by Jaime Elliott



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Dario Moore Leading Two Master Classes at SJSA March 28

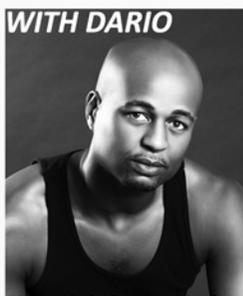
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Dario J. Moore (Choreographer/Artistic Director) is the founder and artistic director of Moore Dance Project, Florida's first and only African-American professional dance ensemble. Moore also co-founded The Center for Contemporary Dance and has served as its Artistic Director since 2001. He has been featured on PBS Television, FOX News and the Daily Buzz Morning Talk Show. Named Seminole County's Artist of the Year (2006) and honored for excellence in arts education by the Florida Alliance for Arts Education (2011). Moore holds an MA degree from American University in dance education; dance programs developed by Moore reach over 5,000 students each year.



St. John Tradewinds

Dario Moore, of Moore Dance Project, is leading two master classes at St. John School of the Arts this month.

Mark those calendars for Thursday, March 28, when Moore will lead an African Dance Master Class from 5 to 6 p.m. The class is free and is open to beginners to advanced dancers from eight years old to adult.

Participants will learn the elements of traditional African dances and gain a deeper understanding

of the polyrhythms and musicality associated with African dance. The class begins with a Dunham-based warm-up, with an emphasis on the isolation of individual body parts, in preparation for the execution of a polyrhythmic movement structure that is associated with African dance. The final combination includes detailed work in isolation and syncopation.

Later that night, from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m., Moore will lead a Contemporary Dance Master Class for intermediate to advanced dancers from 12 years old to adult. The class fee is \$20 and participants will learn new approaches to captivating audiences by creating

emotional connections to assigned choreography.

Led by Moore, who is known for a unique contemporary style that is graceful, strong and emotionally-grounded, students will personalize a contemporary dance combination through feeling and character development. Participants will also learn how to self-critique and make dramatic improvements in performance skills. A must for aspiring dancers and those pursuing a professional career in the dance arts.

For more information and to register for the classes, call St. John School of the Arts at 779-4322.

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Walk-a-Thon on World TB Day Mar. 24

The Department of Health STD/HIV/TB Program invites residents to register for its annual walk-a-thon on March 24, in commemoration of World TB Day. The walk-a-thon will begin at 7 a.m. at Yacht Haven Grande and end at Emile Griffith Ball Park.

Ban on Burning Until Further Notice

Virgin Islands Fire Service Assistant Director Daryl George the announced last week that effective immediately, new burning permits will not be issued territory-wide until further notice.

Due to the dry weather, burning of rubbish at this time would be extremely hazardous.

"It is appropriate that this ban be put in place as we must take all precautions and work together in being proactive in safeguarding property and life," George said.

George apologized to the public for any inconvenience this temporary action may cause.

St. John Montessori Kid's Fest April 14

The St. John Montessori School will host its annual Kid's Fest Fish Fry on Saturday, April 14, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the school.

Fifth Annual Austim Conference Apr. 18

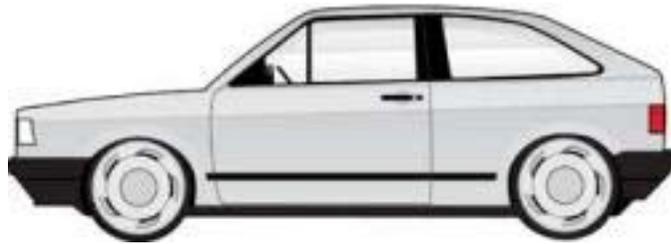
The University of the Virgin Islands-Virgin Islands University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities will host the 5th Annual Autism Conference on April 18 on the St. Thomas campus.

Presentations will include: Current Approaches to Supports and Interventions; Understanding Behavior: How to Address the Challenges of Autism Spectrum Disorders in the School Setting; and Assistive Technology Supports and Solutions for Learners with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

The conference will be on April 18 at the University of the Virgin Islands Administrative and Conference Center on St. Thomas from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Meals will be provided.

Advanced registration is required. Register on-line at www.vicedd.org or contact Jeræ Forde at 776-9200 ext. 2334.

ASK THE AUTO DOCTOR



Braking News

By Jack Brown
St. John Tradewinds

Welcome to Ask The Auto Doctor, a fun column to discuss your car, car problems and car repairs. Each week, I'll answer your questions in an effort to help as many car owners as possible here on St. John. I won't be able to answer all submitted questions but I will attempt to answer as many as possible.

Q: I own a 2000 Suzuki Grand Vitara and I've been having a terrible time with my front brakes. It all started when I heard a terrible grinding noise coming from my front brakes every time I pressed on the pedal. Not knowing anything about brakes I asked my buddy for advice and he told me to jack the car up and pull the front wheels off and to check the pads.

I did what he said and found that the brake pads had completely worn out and were gouging into the brake rotor. I removed the brake calipers and old worn out pads and on his advice, I also removed both the brake rotors and took them to St. Thomas to have them re-surfaced. When I got the rotors back they looked to me to be much thinner than before, but I didn't think much about it.

I put it all back together and when I went to leave my driveway the brake pedal went all the way to the floor and I almost hit the car across the street. I pumped the pedal a few times and suddenly the brakes started to work great but it was a close call.

Why did my brakes temporarily fail and is it safe to drive? So now my brakes seem to be working fine but after a couple of days they started to squeal really badly. My buddy gave me some stuff called Disc Brake Quiet and told me to put a thin layer on the pads and let them dry in the sun for a couple hours before re-installing them.

I did what he said but then the brakes didn't stop like they did and they smelled really bad and the worst part is that the brakes are still squealing. I'm afraid to do anything else without some sound advice. Can you please help on this?

A: The biggest problem your having with your brakes is that you listened to your buddy and didn't research your project before you started. I always tell my customers that if you want to try and save some money by doing your own car repairs then please do things that are within your knowledge level.

Most people without any real automotive experience can perform simple maintenance items like changing their oil and air filters or changing their fan belts, etc. When it comes to brakes, unless you really know what you're doing always take your car or truck to a qualified mechanic at a reputable shop.

This is the one area that you can't afford to make any mistakes or leave something out. I can't tell you

how many times I've taken brakes apart that were just done and found pieces missing and in a few cases pieces that shouldn't even be in there.

Now here's where you made your mistakes, aside from listening to your buddy. First, with our steep hills and terrain I would never recommend resurfacing your brake rotors, especially on the Suzuki. The Suzuki rotors are thin from the factory and just able to keep up with the heat generated while driving here on St. John.

If you machine or re-surface them they become too thin to dissipate the heat fast enough. This caused the brake pads, even though they're new, to develop a hard shiny glaze on the surface of the pad. This not only makes brakes not as effective but most times develops a loud squeal.

I never re-surface any brake rotors at my shop. It's usually not that much more to buy new rotors and then you get the full thickness of the rotors to help dissipate the heat. This keeps the pads cooler and the cooler the pads run the better they will stop and the longer they will last. Every manufacture has to stamp into the brake rotors the minimum allowable thickness that the rotor can be machined to.

Most shops will not machine a rotor any thinner than the minimum allowed by the manufacture but I have seen rotors that were machined much thinner than is allowed. Again, it's always better to just buy new rotors and know you're brakes will work to their full capacity.

Now the second thing you did wrong was to not pump the brakes several times before you tried to drive away. When you compressed the front brake caliper pistons back into the caliper and assembled the caliper and pads back on to the car, there was a gap between the brake pad and rotor. When you press on the brake pedal the caliper moves the pistons a fraction of an inch with each stroke. It always takes a few times pressing the pedal before the pads finally reach the rotors and get into the proper position for braking.

The third thing you did was to put the Disc Brake Quiet solution on the wrong side of the brake pad. That's why it didn't stop like it should and smelled so bad. Most people are under the false impression that brake pad squeal comes from where the brake pad contacts the rotor. That's not true.

The squeal is actually a very high pitch resonance vibration between the metal back of the brake pad and the caliper piston itself. Essentially two metal surfaces rubbing together at a very high rate. The Disc Brake Quiet was supposed to be applied to the back of the brake pads to help dampen this vibration, not

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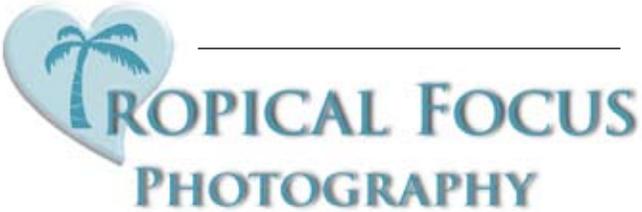
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A native stone gazebo offers shade while soaking in the breezes and stunning views of North Shore, above, at Villa Lantano.



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Amazing North Shore Vistas Abound at Villa Lantano

By Jaime Elliott
 St. John Tradewinds

Close your eyes and picture an expanse of perfectly azure water stretching across the horizon. The alabaster sands of the North Shore beaches and off-shore cays dot the seascape. A lounge chair perched under a native stone gazebo calls your name as a crystal clear pool sparkles nearby and an ice cold drink helps stave off the heat from the tropical sun.

Open your eyes and take in the very real and amazing views from the expansive deck of the most competitively priced villa in the exclusive enclave of Upper Peter Bay, Villa Lantano.

A quiet, gated community on North Shore Road amid the protected and pristine V.I. National Park, Upper Peter Bay matches the luxury of well-known Peter Bay, but adds elevation, making the views just that much better.

The five bedroom, five and a half bathroom Villa Lantano was recently reduced from \$7.9 million to \$6.9 million and the seller means business, explained Merry Nash, Islandia Real Estate Owner/Broker.

“The seller says he wants Villa Lantano to be the next house sold in Peter Bay,” said Nash. “Villa Lantano is now the most competitively priced house in Upper Peter Bay.”

The jaw-dropping views from this exclusive villa are the first of many impressive features of this masonry home. There are granite counter tops in the roomy kitchen as well as custom hardwood cabinetry and professional stainless steel appliances.

Sleek travertine marble floors can be found throughout Villa Lantano and each of the five bedrooms affords those unparalleled views out to Jost Van Dyke.

A formal dining room with oversized windows brings the outdoors in, or serve meals right on the covered deck. Enjoy the shade from under the arched native stone gazebo or soak up some rays relaxing in a lounge chair.

A spa adjoins the large pool and invites evening soaks under the stars. The villa sits on a more than half acre lot with professional landscaping.

With so many amenities, the only difficult part will be choosing from which vantage point to soak in those North Shore vistas, explained Nash.

“It is hard to pin point one best feature of Villa Lantano as it has so many,” Nash said. “The North Shore view is to die for with the turquoise water colors of Francis Bay and Johnson’s Reef and there is lots of boat activity going to and from the British Virgin Islands.”

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St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Hollander's distinct light sculptures will join the eclectic collection at Now and Zen for one night only on April 1.

Now and Zen Hosting Hollander's "Prototypes" Art Show on April 1

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

For one night only, the eclectic Wharfside Village boutique Now and Zen will be illuminated by the work of renowned St. John sculptor George Hollander.

Mark those calendars for Sunday, April 1, when Hollander's "Prototypes" art show will take over the funky Cruz Bay shop from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

The evening will feature Hollander's inimitable creations which will literally set the mood for the show. The WAPA-generated fluorescents will dim that evening and the store will instead be illuminated by Hollander's light sculptures.

Finding inspiration in everything from found objects to used materials, Hollander's one-night only show will feature both new work and a collection of favorite pieces.

"Used objects, such as drainage pipe, left over scrap wood from cabinet projects and used tires, are just a few of the elements I've incorporated in my work," said the artist. "The hard part of creating work here is that you have no available materials. So what you wind up doing is taking found materials and trying to make creative works of art with them."

Hollander both bends the objects to fit his creations and allows the materials to speak for themselves, he explained.

"Sometimes it's an accident and sometimes the piece morphs while you are making it," said the artist. "It's really about finding that balance in each piece."

Over his more than 30 year career in interior design and the built environment, Hollander has been published many times in local and national publications.

Anyone unfamiliar with Hollander's work is sure to be drawn by his distinct conceptual, functional art, which combines his love of urban architecture with the beauty of the Caribbean and even the Far East.

Stop by Now and Zen on April 1 between 6:30 and 9 p.m. for a look at Hollander's modern, conceptual and functional artwork. For more information check out Hollander's website www.georgehollander.com.

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Letters To St. John Tradewinds

A Little Kindness, Please VINP Rangers

On February 19, a group of family and friends got together at Hawksnest Beach to say goodbye to Hermon Smith. There was a wonderful crowd there to pass on stories and farewells.

About mid way through the service, V.I. National Park Rangers decided to start issuing parking tickets and towing cars. Some people came over from St. Thomas and what a surprise to find either their car ticketed or gone.

When any function is done in the Park, a permit must be issued. So if a permit was issued for this gathering, my question is: when a permit is issued, does

anyone else in the Park know about it, such as rangers?

As far as I'm concerned, the Rangers only showed disrespect toward Hermon's family and friends. Does the Park want tourists to understand that they can look, but can't touch or use? A source told me that Mark Hardgrove, the Superintendent, will take care of any tickets issued that day.

Just a reminder Rangers, it doesn't take much effort to be kind and understanding.

**Thank you,
"Buddha" Gary Emmons**

New Flashing VINP Sign Might Be Illegal

The flashing sign the National Park Service put up next to Mongoose Junction might be illegal. Hard to say. There is an anti-billboard law, easy to find, published on-line through Lexis Virgin Islands, parts of which I have posted below.

A written permit is required, issued from the Commissioner of Public Works. This law applies to any "public highways of the United States Virgin Islands" and "whether on public or private property." One of the specific reasons for the law is "to preserve and enhance the natural scenic beauty or aesthetic features of the aforementioned public highways and adjacent areas."

I assume this road is a "public" road, even though it is under the jurisdiction of NPS. I don't have any idea whether Public Works has issued a permit for it. The sign sure doesn't preserve or enhance any natural scenic beauty.

In any case, this sign certainly doesn't fit the ambience of the town. What are people thinking!

**Gerry Hills
Coral Bay, St. John**

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Crossword Answers — Puzzle on Page 20

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Big, Ugly Mistake

Whose idea was the big, obnoxious, blinking light sign welcoming visitors to the National Park by telling them what not to do? What is the monthly WAPA bill to power that monstrous mistake?

Do you National Park geniuses just sit around in your offices thinking up ways to waste tax payers' money?

I thought you could not out do the ridiculous, out of place, expensive, "new" life guard stands at Trunk Bay Beach, but I was mistaken.

Name withheld by request

Election Reform Board Dismantled

**Dear Senator Ronald Russell,
President, 29th Legislature of the Virgin Islands**

Please be advised that the Joint Boards of Elections at the regular meeting held on February 17, 2012 adopted a motion to dismantle the Election Reform Committee of the Joint Boards of Elections. Having completed all task assigned to the committee, the committee has been dissolved as well as the chairmanship.

If for any reason you might have questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact Mr. John Abramson, Jr. – Supervisor of Elections at 773-1021 or 774-3107.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

**Sincerely,
Rupert W. Ross, Jr.
Chairman
Joint Board of Elections**

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Dedication of Teachers, Staff and Community Spells Success for Guy H. Benjamin Elementary School

In this time of economic worries, it's especially important to celebrate the things that work right within our community — and acknowledge everyone's contribution to making good things happen. The Guy H. Benjamin Elementary School in Coral Bay, St. John is one of these accomplishments worth celebrating.

This small public school has grown from 64 students five years ago to over 100 children learning on a quiet and beautiful seven-building small campus under big trees. Every year this school stands out at the top in the Education Department's Adequate Yearly Progress statistics. This has happened through the dedication of the teachers and staff and the students and their parents, with lots of support from the local community and the government. Historically, the central government has not paid much attention to this remote facility, and understanding this, the local community has always been willing to provide skills, funds, and volunteers to fill the gaps.

Before 2006, there was truly very little effective government support for the school, on any level. Since then, we have seen VI Government financial resources devoted to a much higher level of maintenance and upkeep, for a much improved facility, and the establishment of an extremely effective teaching and administrative team totally devoted to the school and children.

Even with occasional staff changes, the core is strong and locally based in Coral Bay. Much of this good change was also due to significant financial and volunteer support from individuals and businesses in the community, as well as charitable organizations and EDCs. For instance, the Coral Bay Community Council helped the school get a five-year federal grant to have an afterschool program with educational, art, music, and sports components; led a refurbishment of the playground several years ago; and reduced school ground flooding in rainstorms.

Every year there is a Flotilla Fundraiser to benefit the school sponsored by the Coral Bay Yacht Club and the Parent Teachers Organization. This year's Flotilla is March 24. Hosting this annual sail and East End beach party under Vie's tamarind tree has raised lots of money for the school: 400 ordinary people paying \$20 each raises \$8,000 in one glorious afternoon. Add raffle tickets, a few checks from wealthy donors and food prepared by parents and local businesses — and we have all the ingredients to raise from \$10,000 to \$16,000 each time for our local school.

What have these funds purchased over the years? All the desks and chairs for the students, Promethean interactive whiteboards for teaching, a character-

building teaching program, math books, playground equipment and many other items have that been selected for purchase at the recommendation of the principal and teachers.

The new principal assigned by the Education Department, despite his long commute from West End St. Thomas, has brought inspiration and new ideas to the school that are being enthusiastically welcomed. Superintendent Smith-Barry was correct when she said before the Legislature last year that Dr. Browne was an excellent principal who would do good things for Guy Benjamin School.

Patriarch Guy H. Benjamin, at 98 years of age, for whom the school is named, lives just a few hundred yards away. One of the teachers is his niece and the majority of the rest of the teachers and staff live within five minutes of the school in Coral Bay. The firemen at the station next door help out whenever needed.

Since the new Calabash Boom affordable housing apartments in Coral Bay were occupied in 2009, more than 35 new students have been added to Guy H. Benjamin's numbers. Now as the townhouses get sold, there will be more children attending school in Coral Bay. If you live in St. Thomas or St Croix, you may not realize it is a winding 10-mile, 25-minute drive to Cruz Bay from this new neighborhood. As a community, we have been glad that this new housing is convenient to the public elementary school and to the local private preschool (which has scholarships).

All the children know that the people in the community want them to learn, do well, and have some fun too. They see the support. The parents are involved, via the Parent Teachers Organization. They raise money for items for the school and students too. At a recent celebration for achievements, the parents all proudly donated a literal mountain of cupcakes and cakes.

Yes, 104 students does seem small for a public school, and the number of staff is very small too. But in this case, small is the right size for the biggest gains for the children.

For all of this investment and the very significant improvements in the last five years, everyone involved should be applauded.

Thank you to everyone who has helped make Guy H. Benjamin School become one of the premier schools in the whole Virgin Islands, public or private. Let's work to keep it that way and make it even better — and help the school and the children grow.

Sharon Coldren
President
Coral Bay Community Council

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For Devotions and Study Circles, call 714-1641
7:30 p.m. Fridays; Study Circles 9 a.m. Sundays
776-6316, 776-6254

Bethany Moravian Church
11 a.m., Sunday School 776-6291

Calvary Baptist Church
13 ABC Coral Bay, 776-6304
Sunday School 10 a.m.,
Sunday evening 6 p.m., Thursday 7 p.m.

Christian Ministry
Cinnamon Bay Beach
Inter-Denominational, Sunday 8:30 a.m.

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Sun. 9 a.m., on St. Thomas . 776-2379
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Sunday 11 a.m., 6 p.m. 776-6315

Emmaus Moravian Church
Coral Bay, Sun. 9 a.m. 776-6713

Jehovah's Witness
7:30 p.m. Tuesdays; 7 p.m.
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340-715-053

Missionary Baptist Church
9:30 a.m. Sunday Services, 10:45 Worship,
Tuesday 7 p.m. Bible Study 693-8884

Nazareth Lutheran Church
Sunday 9 a.m., Sunday School 8 a.m.
776-6731

Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Saturdays 6 p.m.; Sundays 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.
Tuesdays and Fridays at 7 p.m.
Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7 a.m.
776-6339

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Sunday 10 a.m., 693-8830

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Sunday 11:05 a.m., 6:30 p.m.
Tuesdays Prayer 7:30 p.m.,
Thursdays Bible Study 7:30 p.m.
779-1230

St. Ursula's Episcopal Church
Sunday 9 a.m.; Bible Class, Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.
777-6306

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Letters To St. John Tradewinds

Ode To Real Estate Tax

We thank you, Lord
For this beautiful isle
Where the sun always shines
And brings us all a smile!

I've come to pay our tax
At eight, please open the door
Best take a number
You'll find out what's in store.

How can it be?
Just hoping to pay our tax
Just a quick in and out
Then home to relax.

The office opens at eight
Please bring along your cash
But the staff is just arriving
No chance to pay and dash.

The payers are all restless
The line...seems no one moves
But best to hold your tongue
Be quiet, it behooves!

Why is the line so very long?
It will save five percent
But please keep your cool
Nary a complaint to vent!

Now it's eight thirty
The line's so very long
Should have eaten breakfast
So I could stand, vigilant and strong.

Now it's almost 9 a.m.
The line has no end
We've been here so long
We've made a new best friend!

"Oh, please sir or madam,"
I beg, "come take my money
So we can enjoy the day."
Thanks! But it's not funny.

Maybe I'll return tomorrow?
No! Best to sit and wait.
Patience is a virtue
So smile and accept your fate!

— **Muse of Reef Bay**

BIR Announces Tax Tips for Filing 2011 Tax Returns

St. John Tradewinds

Director of the Virgin Islands Bureau of Internal Revenue Claudette Watson-Anderson, CPA, issued the following tax tips for taxpayers.

File all tax returns by the due date. Filing a return by the due date will prevent imposition of the failure to file penalty. April 17, 2012 is the filing deadline for the 2011 individual income tax returns.

Include current mailing address. Include a mailing address, not physical address, on the income tax return.

Make sure that social security numbers are provided for the taxpayer, spouse, and all dependents. An incorrect or missing social security number will delay the processing time of the refund and may increase the tax due or reduce the refund. If someone has a change in their name due to marriage or divorce, please contact the Social Security Office to update records.

Attach Copy B of Form W-2VI to the tax return. Also attach a copy of any Form 1099 that shows

tax withheld.

Make sure all schedules and related forms are securely stapled to the return. Tax returns that do not have the appropriate forms attached delay the processing of the return. If applicable attach Schedule EITC (Earned Income Credit) and Schedule 2 or Form 2441 (Child and Dependent care expenses).

Taxpayers who were denied the Earned Income Credit must attach Form 8862 to the 2011 income tax return if applicable.

Anyone who was previously audited and had Earned Income Tax Credit denied or reduced, please review Form 8862 and attach it if the requirements to be eligible for the EITC are met this year. Failure to file this return if required will result in the denial of the EITC.

Paid preparers must attach Form 8867 to all returns where the Earned Income Credit is allowed.

Form 8867 is the checklist that a paid preparer must complete for all taxpayers entitled to the EITC. Please attach that checklist form

to the return when filing the tax return. If paid preparers have already filed returns without this form, please bring the completed forms to the Bureau's offices before April 17, 2012 to avoid the imposition of penalties.

Sign all tax returns. A return that is not signed is not a valid return for tax purposes. All income tax, withholding, gross receipts and other tax returns must be signed by the taxpayer and spouse, if applicable, or an appropriate officer of the company.

All checks in payment of income or local taxes must be made payable to the Bureau of Internal Revenue. To ensure that the payment is properly posted, all payments should be accompanied by the proper tax return or a document describing the type of tax being paid, the period to which the payment relates and the taxpayer identification number.

Taxpayers with questions should call the Office of Chief Counsel at 714-9312 or 715-1040, ext. 2249.

Obituaries

Alexander Charles Politis, 94, Passes

St. John Tradewinds

Alexander Charles Politis, DC, 94, of South Street, Pittsfield MA, passed away on March 3, 2012. Alex was born on October 8, 1917 in Yonkers, New York, the son of Leon Alexander William Politis, DC and Maria Rosa (Riggi) Zumbstein.

As a young boy he lived in Dobbs Ferry and Austerlitz, NY, and North Adams, MA, where he graduated from Drury High School in 1935. After graduation from Palmer School of Chiropractic in 1939 he joined his father's practice in North Adams. During WWII, as a conscientious objector, he served on a hospital ship in the Pacific. In 1946 he opened his chiropractic practice in Pittsfield, Massachusetts which continues today as The Politis Family Chiropractic, run by his son Galen A. Politis, DC.

Dr. Politis led an active civic life; he was a member of the Pittsfield Rotary Club up to his retirement in 1980 when he joined the Dalton Rotary. He was a 33rd degree Mason and a Shriner, a member of South Congregational Church Brotherhood, and Boy Scout District Commissioner in the 1960s.

Professionally, he was a mem-



Alexander Politis

ber of the Board of Directors of the MA Chiropractic Association from 1953-1968 and it's President from 1955-1956. He served on the Board of Chiropractic Examiners in MA from 1966-1978, and was active in the drives for licensure in both Massachusetts and the US Virgin Islands and became one of the first licensed chiropractors in the USVI. He was also a member of the Board of Trustees of Palmer College of Chiropractic from 1978 to 1998.

While in St. John, USVI he maintained a part time "retirement" practice from 1980-2006 where he treated many residents with quiet skill and tender compassion. His patients fondly recall lively conversations and good friendships being made while waiting for treatments or lingering afterwards in the tranquil setting he and Dot called home. He was also active in the US Virgins Islands Chiropractic Society, the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship,

the St. John Historical Society and the St. John Yacht Club.

Dr. Politis married the former Dorothy Stead on December 18, 1943 in Pittsfield. She passed away April 6, 2011. He was also predeceased by a daughter, Theda "Teddi" L. Politis, in 2007. Survivors include his son Galen A. Politis, DC and his wife Patricia of Pittsfield; a daughter, Daria Forman and her husband Paul of Albion, ME; grandchildren, Thea A. Politis of Pittsfield, Garret A. Politis DC of Williamstown, Seth A. Forman of Carson City, NV; and six great-grand children.

A memorial service was March 8, 2012 in Pittsfield, MA. Following cremation burial will be private. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the St. John Revolving Fund.

A Celebration of Life will be on Sunday, March 25, at the Hawkstest Beach Pavillions from 1 to 5 p.m. Shuttles will run from the new Cruz Bay gravel parking lot (near the tennis courts) to and from the beach leaving Cruz Bay 12:30 and 12:45 p.m., and then rotating to and from until 5:30 p.m. Please bring a dish to share, music, instruments and of course your fond memories. For further details call Lisa Durgin at 776-6462.

On the Market: Villa Lantano

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"The new stone gazebo is a shady breezy shelter perfect for reading a book — if you can keep your eyes off the water and boats," she said.

With two spacious bedrooms and en suite baths in the main building and a separate, private wing with two additional bedrooms, Villa Lantano's layout is ideal for large families, explained Nash.

"Villa Lantano is great for families as it has two large bedrooms with private baths under the main roof," she said. "It also has the separate wing with two guest bedrooms. So it is really the perfect house for either families or short term rental."

With two bedrooms, the main living areas and pool all on one level with no stairs, Villa Lantano would also be an ideal get-away for people with mobility issues, Nash added.

The villa is already a popular short term rental with repeat guests, who just can't get enough of that view and the top-notch construction and attention to detail. For the reduced price of \$6.9 million, you can open



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Stay in the shade or enjoy the sun from the large pool at Villa Lantano.

your eyes and call that view home.

For more information about Villa Lantano, call Nash at Islandia Real Estate at 776-6666 or at 626-2246.

Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Scholarship Applications Available

St. John Tradewinds

Delegate to Congress Donna Christensen announced the CBCF Spouses Education, Spouses Heineken USA Performing Arts, Spouses Visual Arts, Louis Stokes Health Scholars Program and Environmental Studies scholarship applications are now available to Virgin Islands students.

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Preparing to pursue an undergraduate degree full-time
- Be a current full-time student in good academic standing at an accredited college or university.

- Have a minimum 2.5 GPA, demonstrate academic achievement, financial need, exhibit leadership ability, and participate in community service activities.

CBCF scholarship applications are available in online application form. To apply, interested students should submit their application materials online to <http://www.cbfcinc.org/scholarships>.

Completed applications and all supplemental materials must be submitted online by the close of business on the following dates: the CBC Spouses Education Scholarship - May 31, 2012; The CBCF General Mills Health Scholarship - May 31, 2012; The application for the CBCF General Mills Health scholarship will be posted online shortly.

Students who have submitted their applications are encouraged to contact scholarship administrator Makeda Okolo at (202) 226-7980 or Makeda.okolo@mail.house.gov for further information on the status of their application.

Division of Banking Warns Consumers of Counterfeit Bills Circulating in Territory

St. John Tradewinds

After receiving reports from local bank officials of an unusually high volume of counterfeit bills being identified in the St. Thomas district, Lieutenant Governor Gregory Francis last week alerted Virgin Islanders that counterfeit bills are once again circulating in the territory.

According to bank officials, all of the counterfeit bills that have been identified are \$10 bills, bearing the serial numbers JB 20021640 B and JD25565089 A.

"At the most basic level, counterfeit bills are an effort to defraud someone in a legitimate transaction," said Francis. "In order to safeguard our financial well-being, we must take extra measures in our financial transactions."

Bank officials have indicated that the counterfeit bills have been received primarily in commercial deposits from fast food chains, supermarkets and gas stations.

Francis urged consumers to pay attention to the money they exchange in a financial transaction. Counterfeit bills may look or feel different from a real bill. Genuine bills contain a security thread that will have the denomination printed on it from top to bottom which can be viewed by holding the bill up to a light.

Francis reminded residents who find themselves to be in possession of counterfeit bills to turn them over to police.

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or locally 340-776-6152

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islandgetawaysinc.com
kathy@islandgetawaysinc.com

Suite St. John Villas/Condos

tel. 1-800-348-8444
or locally at 340-779-4486

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tel. 779-4250
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Crane, Robert - Architect, AIA

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P.O. Box 370, STJ, VI 00831

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GHS Gala guests, Gayle Varlack and Felipe Ayala (top left), Michael Weinman and Donald Schnell (bottom left), and Ruby and Fernando Ramos (bottom right) enjoyed cocktails and raffle prizes, but only Kate Swan (top right) took home the R&I Patton black diamond necklace and earring set.

GHS Gala Raises \$200,000 for Tuition Assistance Fund

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away with the beautiful new addition to her jewelry collection.

Another beloved tradition at each GHS gala is Steve Simonsen's always moving short film and this year was no exception, explained Murrill.

"Steve's video was amazing and beautiful," she said. "There was not a dry eye in the room and he did a lot of filming with the EARTH kids so the theme was continued there as well."

Sixteen-year-old GHS senior Patrick Smith, the featured student speaker at this year's gala, reminded the crowd of the importance of the tuition assistance fund.

"At GHS, students are not only taught school work everyday; they also learn many common life skills such as responsibility, respect and courage," Smith told the crowd. "On behalf of the students, faculty and parents of GHS, I would like to thank the Giff Hill School, Mr. Fred Trayser, and other donors for helping us bloom and grow."

"I ask that you continue to help this growing organization educate the youth of the Virgin Islands, so that the students may become leaders of the future," said Smith. "On a personal note, to the person who supported my education at GHS, if you are here tonight, thank you so much."

After the final bids and donations came in, the crowd moved over to La Plancha del Mar in Mon-



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One lucky gala-goer took home the bountiful wall of wine, above.

goose Junction for the after-party. Guests enjoyed additional raffles and danced to the sounds of DJ Liston Sprauve until the wee hours of the night.

It's not too late to support GHS. For more information about the school, check out www.giffhillschool.org.

ASK THE AUTO DOCTOR

Braking News

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the front like you did.

One of the most prominent reasons causing brake squeal is poor rotor condition. All brake rotors develop what are called micro grooves in the surface of the metal. For those of you old enough to remember, imagine the grooves on an old LP record only finer.

New pads will often make a noise due to vibration whilst bedding into the rotor's micro grooves. The worse the condition of the disc obviously the longer it takes for the pads to bed in and the longer the noise continues. Pads that have not achieved a 90 percent surface area contact with the disc will always squeal. I have seen plenty of examples where pads just sit on a small lip on the outer and inner edge where the used disc was badly "troughed" and was not replaced.

I hope this helped answer your questions and please, take my advise and don't do your own brake job next time. I have to share the same roads with you and I don't want to have to worry which Suzuki is yours coming down the road.

Jack Brown is a professional, factory trained mechanic with more than 30 years experience in car repair. If you have a question about your car, car problems or car repairs email Jack at asktheautodoctor@hotmail.com.

Police Log

EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

LAND LINE: 911 / CELLULAR: 340-776-9110

Friday, March 9

12:30 p.m. - Badge #1009 p/ at Leander Jurgen Command with one Lanya Powell of Estate Grunwald under arrest and charged with Aiding and Abetting and Grand Larceny. Bail was set at \$45,000 by order of the court.

Saturday, March 10

7:55 a.m. - An employee of Palmetto Caribbean Jewelers r/ that the locks on the doors were left unlocked. Burglary in the third.

8:19 a.m. - An Estate Glucksberg resident p/r that he is being threatened. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

12:05 p.m. - A citizen c/r a disturbance at Oppenheimer Beach. Disturbance of the peace.

1:30 p.m. - A citizen c/r that he had an accident with a chain saw. Accidental injury.

10:50 p.m. - A citizen c/r loud music in Coral Bay. Disturbance of the peace.

Sunday, March 11

4:15 a.m. - A citizen p/r an auto accident. Auto accident.

12:36 p.m. - An Estate Fish Bay resident c/requesting police assistance. Police assistance.

5:31 p.m. - An Estate Mandhal resident c/r a domestic disturbance at her residence. Police assistance.

11:33 p.m. - A citizen c/r loud music in the area of Coral Bay. Disturbance of the peace.

Monday, March 12

8:08 a.m. - A Bellevue Village resident c/requesting police assistance with her sister. Police assistance.

11:15 a.m. - A visitor from Arizona r/ a near drowning of his wife. Near drowning.

1:05 p.m. - A citizen p/r that his son broke the lock to his house. Attempted burglary.

3:30 p.m. - A citizen p/requesting police assistance to remove items from her boyfriend's

residence. Police assistance.

Tuesday, March 13

7:55 a.m. - A citizen c/r an auto accident on Centerline Road. Auto accident.

11:45 a.m. - Badge #1009 p/ at Leander Jurgen Command with one Anssan Mustafa of Meada's Plaza under arrest and charged with Assault 3rd, Carrying and Using a Weapon, Simple Assault and Battery, Disturbance of the Peace and Accessory After the Fact. Bail was set at \$25,000 by order of the court. He was detained at Leander Jurgen Command and later transported to the Bureau of Corrections on St. Thomas.

1:03 p.m. - A citizen c/r a marijuana plant growing in the area of Estate Giffit Hill. Recovered marijuana.

3:15 p.m. - A St. Thomas resident c/r an auto collision in the area of the Cruz Bay tennis courts. Auto collision.

3:20 p.m. - An Estate Contant resident c/r a disturbance between her brothers. Simple assault and battery, D.V.

4:16 p.m. - A St. Thomas resident p/r that someone grabbed his butt. Unlawful sexual contact.

5:51 p.m. - Badge #107 p/ at Leander Jurgen Command with one Kenneth Matthias of Estate John's Folly under arrest and charged with Simple Assault and Battery, D.V. No bail was set by order of the court. He was detained at Leander Jurgen Command and later transported to the Bureau of Corrections on St. Thomas.

7:33 p.m. - An Estate Grunwald resident c/r a disturbance near his residence. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

7:55 p.m. - An Estate Fish Bay resident r/ a disturbance. Disturbance of the peace.

Wednesday, March 14

7:34 a.m. - An Estate Carolina resident c/r a D.O.A. DOA.

9:20 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r telephone harassment. Telephone harassment.

12:00 p.m. - A citizen c/requesting police assistance at Cinnamon Bay Beach. Police assistance.

5:19 p.m. - People of the VI r/ a problem with a citizen involving a vehicle in the area of the Cruz Bay dock. Police assistance.

6:20 p.m. - An Estate Grunwald resident r/ that a minor didn't come home yesterday. Missing minor.

Thursday, March 15

10:45 a.m. - An Estate Bethany resident r/ that he recovered his boat engine. Recovered boat engine.

11:11 a.m. - V.I. Fire Department official c/requesting police assistance. Police assistance.

12:33 p.m. - Badge #1175 p/ at Leander Jurgen Command with one Abdel Mohamed Mustafa of St. Thomas under arrest and charged with Assault 3rd, Carrying and Using a Weapon, Simple Assault and Battery, Disturbance of the Peace and Accessory After the Fact.

4:44 p.m. - A citizen r/ being touched by a male. Unlawful sexual contact.

7:30 p.m. - An Estate Adrian resident c/requesting police assistance. Police assistance.

9:10 p.m. - A citizen was found rolling a cigarette containing a green leafy substance. Possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute.

9:10 p.m. - Badge #1032 p/ at Leander Jurgen Command with one Patrick Stanley under arrest and charged with possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute. Bail was set at \$10,000 by order of the court. He was detained at Leander Jurgen Command and later transported to the Bureau of Corrections on St. Thomas.

CRIME STOPPERS U.S.V.I.

Group Seeks Information on Crimes

St. John Tradewinds

Crime Stoppers needs the community's help to solve the following crimes. If anyone knows something, they should say something, as law enforcement cannot control crime without help.

St. John

Sometime between Friday, March 2, after 5 p.m. and Sunday, March 4, an engine and transmission for a Toyota Tacoma truck was stolen from the front yard of the residence at #9-1 Estate Carolina. A neighbor did see a truck with an engine hoist in its bed in the neighborhood. Help V.I. Police Department identify the truck with the engine hoist and the person(s) who stole or now possesses the engine and transmission.

St. Thomas

On February 1 at 10:12 a.m., a man walking across the bridge from the former Red Snapper Restaurant was robbed at gunpoint by three suspects. The suspects are described as a brown skinned male 5'9" to 6' tall, another male 5'6" to 5'9" wearing a black hoodie, black Jordan slippers, a white shirt under the hoodie, and black washed out pants. The third robber was a short chubby black male 5' to 5'3" tall. The suspects fled the area on foot heading toward Saven taking jewelry, cash, documents and a Milano Italy strap bag.

St. Croix

On Monday, February 27, at about 10 a.m. Nemecio Camacho III was found on the side of the road in Estate Bonne Esperance with a gunshot wound to his head. He died a few days later as a result of the gunshot wound. Tell what you know so law enforcement can solve this senseless shooting death. Don't let the killer(s) get away with this.

Please continue to help make the community a safer place to live by submitting information on these or any other crimes at www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org or by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). Tips are completely anonymous, and the stateside operators speak several languages.

Community Calendar

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

Tuesday, March 20

— Phyllis Benton, a federally permitted wildlife rehabilitator for migratory birds will be speaking at the V.I. Audubon Society's monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 20, at 7 p.m. at the Giffit Hill School.

Saturday, March 24

— The Department of Health STD/HIV/TB Program invites residents to register for its annual walk-a-thon on March 24, in commemoration of World TB Day. The walk-a-thon will begin at 7 a.m. at Yacht Haven Grande and end at Emile Grif-fith Ball Park.

— The almost annual Coral Bay Yacht Club Flotilla to benefit the Guy Benjamin School is set for Saturday, March 24, at Miss Vie's Campground starting at noon.

Thursday, March 28

— Mark those calendars for Thursday, March 28, when Moore will lead an African Dance Master Class from 5 to 6 p.m. at the St. John School of the Arts. The class is free and is open to beginners to advanced dancers from eight years old to adult.

Saturday, March 31

— Join the youth sailing or-

ganization St. John Kids And The Sea on Saturday, March 31, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. for a sunset sail aboard the historic *Roseway*. Departure will be from the KATS dinghy dock directly behind Skinny Legs at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$75 and the number of passengers is limited. For more details call 514-3718.

— Dancing Classrooms, a social development program for 5th grade children which utilizes ballroom dancing as a vehicle to change the lives of not only the children who participate in the program but also the lives of the teachers and families who support these children, is gearing up for an evening of dance, drink and fun to take place on Saturday, March 31, at Rhumblines Restaurant. Doors open at 9:30 p.m. with dance lessons, to include Merengue and Salsa, beginning at 10 p.m. The night's theme is "Noche Latina!" Admission is \$10.

Saturday, April 14

— The St. John Montessori School will host its annual Kid's Fest Fish Fry on Saturday, April 14, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the school.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

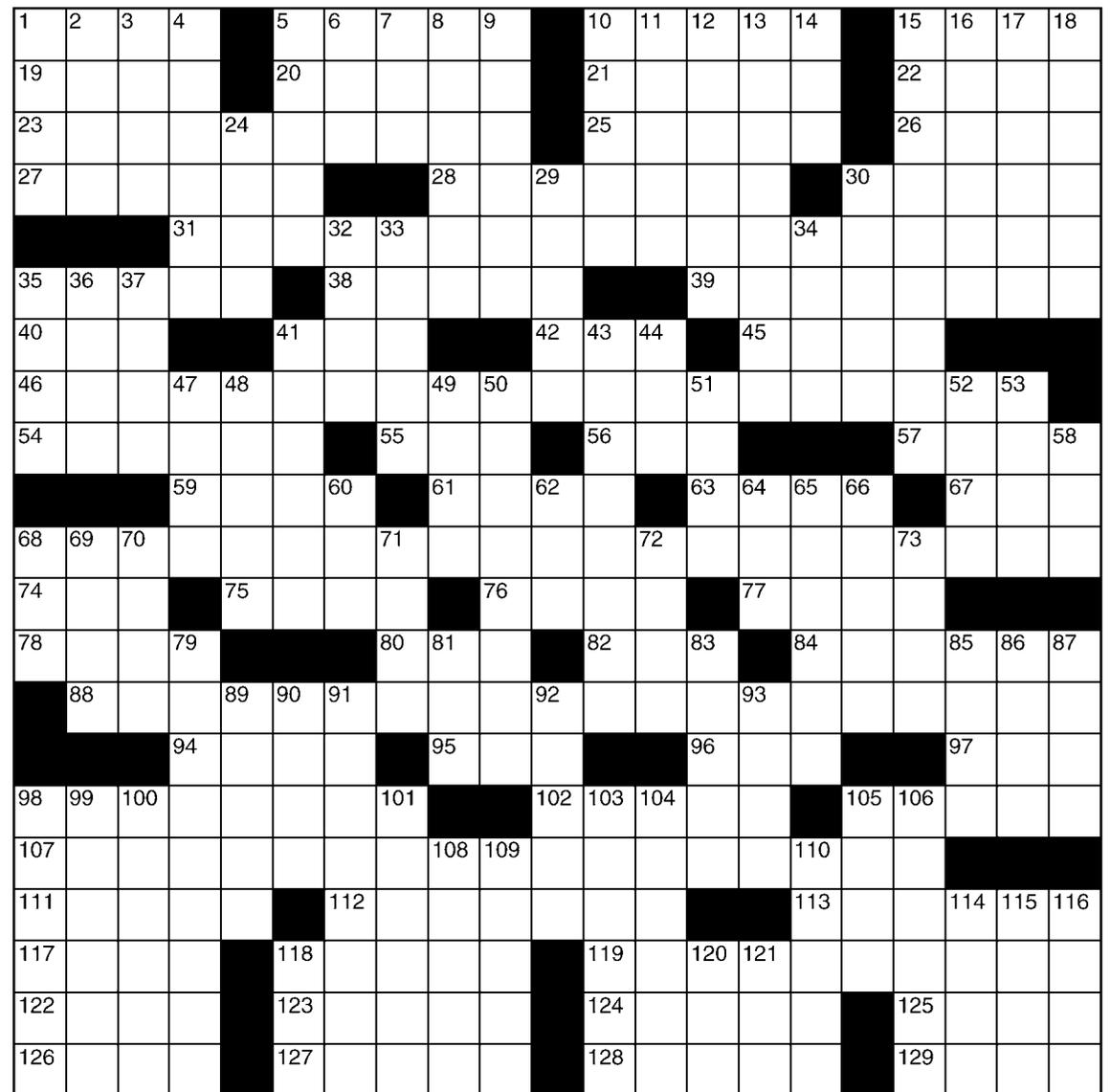
Narcotics Anonymous has open meetings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. every Saturday at St. Ursula's Church.

AL-ANON MEETINGS

Al-Anon meets on St. John every Monday at Scandic Executive Service's meeting room in Mongoose Junction from 6:30 to 7:30pm; and every Tuesday from 1 to 2 p.m. at the VINP ball field bleachers. Warm line: 340-642-3263.

PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo



SCIENCE OF FLIGHT

ACROSS

- 1 "Slow down!"
5 Come again
10 Cather who wrote "O Pioneers!"
15 Sport of rowing
19 Sacred vow
20 All by oneself
21 Brand of fat substitute
22 Jokey Jay
23 Start of a riddle
25 Hair tint stuff
26 Two of Caesar's last words
27 Potpourri bag
28 Stubborn
30 Scottish kid
31 Riddle, part 2
35 Inebriate
38 "— to recall ..."
39 Recounts
40 Hosp. test in a large tube
41 Three, to Aldo
42 Pacific yellowfin tuna
45 Bar on "The Simpsons"
46 Riddle, part 3
54 Like most crossword puzzle grids
55 Butyl ender
56 Diminutive, like Abner
57 Call home
59 Spanish ayes
61 Novelist Lucy — Montgomery
63 Moises of baseball
67 Soda holder
68 Riddle, part 4
74 Gold, to Aldo

- 75 Professional org.
76 Tribe of the Southwest
77 Santa —, California
78 1980s Dodge model
80 Nuptial affirmation
82 USCG officer
84 Northern terminus of I-79
88 Riddle, part 5
94 "Would — to You?" (1985 hit song)
95 Implore
96 Prince — Khan (Rita Hayworth's third husband)
97 Freud's "one"
98 Owner of TV's Fantasy Island
102 Trompe — (visual illusion in art)
105 Abrupt
107 End of the riddle
111 Suleman who's called "Octomom"
112 Dark genre of modern film
113 Arctic sight
117 At the apex
118 Alternative to marinara
119 Riddle's answer
122 State bird of Hawaii
123 Natty scarf
124 "That's what — telling you!"
125 Plus others: Abbr.
126 Sweet drinks
127 Film director Sergio
128 Kid watcher
129 Car part, in Britain

DOWN

- 1 Bowls over
2 "How funny"
3 Ear-relevant
4 "Gesundheit" preceder
5 Lots and lots
6 REO part
7 Singer David Allan —
8 Remove cargo from
9 Cochineal or eosin, say
10 Fishing lures
11 Hipbone-related
12 Beatle John
13 First survey datum, often
14 Actress Sue — Langdon
15 Oxy 5 rival
16 Hue anew
17 Main course
18 Injuries
24 Weight
29 Shoot for
30 Soldier's cap
32 Weary
33 1972 Bill Withers hit
34 Gator cousin
35 Sporty autos
36 La Salle of the screen
37 In — (as found)
41 Dissertation
43 Kept free, as a date
44 "See — care"
47 "Slung" food
48 "From Girls to Grrrlz" author Robbins
49 "Don't Tread —"
50 Beach area
51 Tent part
52 Caesar's "I conquered"
53 "Almighty" one of film
58 Surrey loc.
60 High figs. for geniuses
62 Alien vehicle
64 Jean- — Ponty of jazz
65 Model of the solar system
66 Lay claim to
68 All — often
69 Author Bombeck
70 State west of R.I.
71 Platoon, e.g.
72 Bathtub stain
73 Israeli burp guns
79 Individuals' sets of genetic determinants
81 Give the name
83 Iberian land
85 Water jug
86 Frat letters
87 Superior
89 Bow who had "It"
90 Breezy
91 Toy dog type
92 Icy house
93 "— Enchanted"
98 "Hasta —!"
99 Like many non-family films
100 Worked over
101 Composer Georges
103 Root
104 "That's it!"
105 Burrito's kin
106 Hole for a lace
108 Boarded
109 Govt.-issued security
110 Hardly brave
114 French statesman René
115 Petri dish gel
116 TV marine Gomer
118 Crony
120 Five pairs
121 Nightfall, in verse

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"VOYAGES BUILDING" - This combination commercial & residential property in the heart of Coral Bay is between the Cocoloba Shopping Center and a proposed 116 slip marina, this is an ideal location for a restaurant, retail shops or offices. There are two beautiful 2 bedroom apartments on the 2nd floor and a pool on site. Just across the road from the waterfront with great views. **\$1.9M.**



"Pistarckle Cottage" - Breathtaking Views, Privacy, Tranquility & Cooling Breezes make this charming 2 bedroom home in Privateer Bay Estates very special. Large masonry pool, native stone work, tastefully furnished and landscaped. Excellent vacation rental potential. Paved roads. Ownership includes access to 2 deeded beach parcels and use of the Newfound Cottages. **\$995,000**



"El Cielo" - This new masonry home has an ideal location in every way. Midway between Cruz Bay & Coral Bay this 4 bedroom home is perched on a flat ridge just above Upper Peter Bay & has National Park land to the north and east to insure quiet and privacy. Graceful arches frame the sweeping views from Lovango Cay to Jost van Dyke. A large deck with pool is accessed from the living room & master bedroom. Features include custom mahogany doors & windows, air conditioned bedrooms, & office. **\$2.250M.**



"Calypso by The Sea" - is a charming Caribbean style beachfront villa with an impressive rental history located in tranquil Johnson's Bay Estates - a truly picturesque & idyllic tropical site. Two master suites separated by a central great room which includes kitchen, dining and living areas, all opening up to an oversize deck with covered outdoor dining and a sunken spa. Located right on a sandy beach with good snorkeling. **\$995,000**



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"Fish Beach" - a brand new Mediterranean Style two bedroom luxury pool villa at Cocoloba Beach Estates, private waterfront neighborhood with community beach parcel & dock bordering the National Park near Reef Bay yet near all the amenities of Cruz Bay. Villa features premium finishes and cook's kitchen with stone countertops and stainless steel appliances and luxurious baths. Beaches are just a stroll away. **\$995,000.**



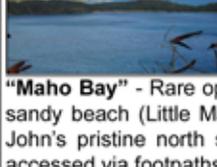
"Cloud 9 Villa" - Spectacular sunsets and breathtaking views over Pillsbury Sound to St. Thomas and south over Great Cruz Bay are highlights of this masonry home with pool, spa, air conditioning, Wi-Fi, & large, new sun deck with gazebo. The lot is almost flat and tropical landscaping abounds. Two bedrooms adjoin the pool deck and a comfy loft is accessed from the living room. A cool location high on Gift Hill and access is paved all the way. Cloud 9 Villa is a very popular vacation rental. **\$1.199M**



"Sundance & Moonsong" - Two houses for the price of one in desirable Estate Chocolate Hole. Both Sundance and Moonsong are successful short term rentals within walking distance of Hart Bay beach and just a few minutes from Cruz Bay on paved roads. Sundance is three bedrooms with a pool & spa with a large sundeck. Moonsong is two bedrooms two baths with a spa. Both are excellent short term rentals. **\$1,199,000.**



"Mango Terrace Condos" - Michael Milne designed condos just completed in Cruz Bay. Two, three and four bedrooms available, A/C, walk to Frank Bay beach and town. Water views, large rooms, private laundry, high quality appliances. These are some of the most spacious condos on St. John. Bank financing with 20% down. Completed in late 2009. **\$499,000 to \$900,000**



"Boatman Point Waterfront" - Stunning easterly facing parcel with wonderful breezes, soothing sounds of the waves and breathtaking sun & moon rises. Spectacular homesite on a downhill build with topo included. The shoreline is a mix of cobble beach & rock face, with great snorkeling. 175 feet of frontage at a fantastic price. **\$730,000**

"Maho Bay" - Rare opportunity to own 13.8 acres with over 850 feet of shoreline - mostly of white sandy beach (Little Maho), located within the confines of the Virgin Islands National Park on St. John's pristine north shore. The property is flanked by two very large National Park Beaches accessed via footpaths; Francis Bay at the east and Maho Bay at the west. **\$23M.**

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St. Patrick's Day: When Irish Eyes Are Smiling



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The annual St. Patrick's Day Parade hosted by the Quiet Mon Pub drew a huge green-clad crowd to Cruz Bay on Saturday afternoon, March 17. Parade-goers waved Irish flags and cheered on troupes of hula-hoopers, Middle Age Majorettes, Animal Care Center puppies and more. After the parade, the party stayed right at the Quiet Mon Pub where revelers enjoyed plates of corned beef and cabbage. Happy St. Patrick's Day!

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WATERFRONT "VILLA BELVEDERE" (3x3.5) privacy, pool & spa, plus deeded access to HOA dock on Great Cruz Bay. Quiet neighborhood, mesmerizing sunset views!



\$2,300,000

"DOVE COTTAGE" St. John's first luxury eco-villa 2 BR, 1.5 BTH w/ 280° views & pool. Solar & green building materials, recently remodeled w/ custom mahogany doors, room to expand or build more in upscale Dreetket's Bay.



\$1,800,000

"VILLA FAR NIENTE" Turn-key 3 bedroom, 3 bath villa in Pt. Rendezvous offers big views, breezes & great rental history. Beautifully-appointed, fully furnished, infinity-edge pool, interior staircase, artistic lighting and super sun and moonrises!



\$1,695,000

"STONE COURT" is a 3 bedroom haven. 1 acre of privacy with sweeping views from Rams Head to St. Thomas. Island inspired architecture of stone and wood.



\$1,400,000

"TREE PALMS" Versatile 5 BR 5 BA property with solid rental history. Charming home w/ 2 kitchens, covered verandas, stone entrance, garden fountain, concrete pool and spa deck. Solar panels, and ocean views complete the package!



\$1,075,000

"DAY DREAM IN UPPER CAROLINA" Fabulous views - Coral Bay to BVI in masonry 3 bdrm/3.5 bath Majestic Mile home. New furnishings, private pool & bdrm suites, hot tub, stone/brick landscaping, solar hot water, shutters, custom cabinets & 10k generator. Cute wood cottage (NC) on property.



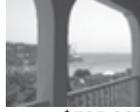
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