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Sailors enjoyed perfect weather for the Coral Bay Yacht Club's 33rd annual Thanksgiving Regatta, above, which circled the floating bar Angel's Rest in Coral Bay, left.

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Six Boaters Rescued After Sailing Vessels Grounds on Rocky Point Off Coral Bay

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CORAL BAY — Six boaters were hoisted to safety Monday, November 24, by U.S. Coast Guard helicopter rescue crews from Air Station Borinquen in Aguadilla, Puerto Rico after their 48-foot sailing vessel *Aurora* ran aground on the rocks just off Coral Bay in Saint John, U.S. Virgin Islands.

Rescued were three men and three women, U.S. citizens, who reportedly chartered the *Aurora* in St. Thomas for a recreational sailing trip in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Coast Guard Watchstanders in Sector San Juan received a MAY DAY radio call Monday afternoon from the grounded sailing vessel communicating the distress. A Coast Guard boat crew from Boat Forces Saint Thomas, responded to the call aboard a 29-foot Response Boat Small II along with a Sea Tow salvage vessel. Two Coast Guard MH-65D rescue helicopters from Air Station Borinquen were also launched to deliver rescue assistance, while National Park Service Rangers deployed to the area by land.

The heavy sea state did not allow for the distressed boaters to be removed from the rocks by the responding boat crews, as the *Aurora* was hard aground on the rocks taking six to seven foot waves from the stern.

The first Coast Guard helicopter moved in to recover the boaters. After closely assessing the situation, the Coast Guard helicopter crew deployed their rescue swimmer to assist the boaters, who were all wearing life jackets, into the water and swim them away from the rocks and the grounded vessel. Five of the boaters were hoisted via a rescue basket aboard the Coast Guard helicopter, while the rescue swimmer and the remaining boater were recovered by the Sea Tow vessel.

The Coast Guard helicopter transferred four boaters to National Park Service Rangers on land at the scene, while one of the boaters with a foot injury was transported to the airport in Saint Thomas, where she was received by awaiting Emergency Medical Ser-



St. John Tradewinds News Photo Courtesy of U.S. Coast Guard

vice personnel. The second Coast Guard helicopter recovered the rescue swimmer and remaining boater from the Sea Tow vessel and transferred the boater to National Park Service Rangers. “This was an amazing showcase on Coast Guard search and rescue capability, team work and inter-agency coordination,” said Lt. Cmdr. Lawrence Gaillard, Air Station Borinquen MH-65D Dolphin helicopter aircraft commander. “Coast Guard rescue crews rescued six people from a damaged sailing vessel on the rocks, and rescue swimmer Petty Officer First Class Matthew Baynes did a great job in coordinating rescue efforts with two Coast Guard MH-65 aircraft.”

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SJFS Kick Offs Season December 9

The St. John Film Society kicks off the 2014-2015 season on Tuesday, Dec. 9, with “Maya Lin: A Strong Clear Vision” at 7:30 p.m. at the St. John School of the Arts in Cruz Bay. There is a suggested donation of \$5.

ACC Holiday Open House Dec. 11

The Animal Care Center of St. John is extending an invitation to the community to join the organization at the shelter, for their annual holiday open house on Thursday, December 11, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The furry, shelter dwellers have hung their stockings on their kennels to receive any treats you wish to bring. Complimentary beverages, appetizers, licks, kisses, purrs and cuddles will be available all evening. Bring the whole family and join the fun!

Two Veterans Taxi Medallions Are Set for Auction December 16 on St. John

Two St. John taxi medallions for St. John Veterans of the U.S. Armed Services will be offered at auction by the Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission on Tuesday, December 16, at 11 a.m. at the St. John Administrator’s Office.

The minimum acceptable bid for a St. John medallion is set at \$20,000.

The Commission will conduct its annual veteran medallion auctions on all three islands on December 15, 16 and 17. This auction is open only to V.I. Veterans of the U.S. Armed Services.

Bid applicants must be present at the time of auction and bid envelopes will be publicly opened on the date and times indicated pursuant to Title 20, Section 407 (c) of the VI Code.

Bid forms must be deposited in the bid box no later than 10 a.m. on the day of the auction. Applications can be picked up at the Taxicab Commission’s Office during regular working hours, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Applications must be taken to the Office of Veterans Affairs for verification of eligibility as a U.S. Virgin Island veteran on the island for which the bid is scheduled.

Only approved buyers may submit bids. Any persons who purchases a medallion at auction pursuant to this subsection is prohibited from transferring said medallion by sale, lease or otherwise, within three years of purchase. Thereafter such transfer or sale must be to another eligible veteran.

A down payment of 10 percent of the bid amount, which would be a non-refundable deposit if the sale is not consummated, is required at the time of the bid or no later than 3 p.m. on the same day. This down payment must be paid in money order or certified check payable to the Government of the Virgin Islands. No payment will be accepted in cash.

The remaining balance of 90 percent must be paid in a like manner within ten (10) days after the date of the auction sale at which time a Certificate of Entitlement and the Medallion will be issued. If the sale is not consummated within the allotted ten (10) days, the second highest bidder will automatically be awarded the bid.

Mega-Yacht Hearing Set for Dec. 17

The permit for the Coral Bay mega-yacht marina will go before the V.I. Legislature’s Committee on Economic Development, Agriculture and Planning for a public hearing on Dec. 17 at the Legislature Building on St. Thomas.

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Itai Anthony, above, leads drummers at the Guy H. Benjamin School following the annual hike commemorating the 1733 slave revolution.

Sele Adeyemi of St. Thomas, right, explains the African influence in the Hammer Farm sugar mill construction.



Virgin Islanders, Visitors Remember Significance of 1733 St. John Revolution in Climb to Fortsberg

By TOM OAT
St. John Tradewinds

FORTSBERG — At the end of a long, hot trek, present-day reality was tied to history by St. Johnian scholar and elder Dr. Gilbert Sprauve at Fortsberg overlooking Coral Bay, the site of the 1733 uprising by slaves of the Danish plantation owners on St. John.

More than 50 people, including a significant number of stateside visitors — and visitors from Morocco and South America, made the annual trek with Dr. Sprauve to what is irrefutably the most historic site in the Virgin Islands — 31 years after the first commemorative hike to the historic Danish-era fort that was the flashpoint for the short-lived “revolution.”

“My ancestors came from somewhere down here,” one stateside visitor acknowledged, explaining his attendance during a group discussion in the ruins of Fortsberg which is owned by the Samuel family of Coral Bay and opened to the public for the annual event.

“There is a consciousness that is being built up,” Dr. Sprauve said of the significance of the Forts-



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tom Oat

East view from Fortsberg captures Hurricane Hole and East End.

berg remembrance, noting the significant increase in the number of V.I., stateside, and international attendees in the crowd for the 2014 commemoration from “four to five people years ago.”

“To those coming from the states, we understand what’s going on up there,” Dr. Sprauve said extemporaneously in reply.

“We are not ignoring what is happening in Ferguson (Missouri),” Dr. Sprauve told the large contingent of U.S. and international visitors. “We have to stay on top

of our message.”

Slave Uprising Was “Revolution”

Dr. Sprauve had reminded the participants in the annual observation that what has traditionally been called a “revolt” was, in fact, a true “revolution” by the enslaved “to establish an African nation.”

“It was a powerful revolution,” Dr. Sprauve elaborated for the group of visitors and islanders, distinguishing the true significance of the uprising in establishing its own government and plans to free the

enslaved on neighboring islands.

“The Danish government was not able to overcome it for six months” — with the eventual help of troops from other European nations who controlled neighboring Caribbean islands, former V.I. Senator Sprauve reminded his audience in the ruins of the fort overlooking Coral Bay — encompassing views to the neighboring British Virgin Islands and east to Africa.

“They set up their own government and ran the island for six months,” Dr. Sprauve reminded his audience. The former slaves also planned to foment uprisings on nearby Tortola and St. Thomas, the St. Johnian scholar related.

From the 1680s until the 1730s, the same African people had controlled most of the “Gold Coast” of Africa, Dr. Sprauve explained.

Fanning Flames of Fireburn

The annual tour had already traced the history of the St. John slave plantation era during stops at the historic plantations of Sussanaberg, hosted by the Jones family, and at the overgrown mechanical remnants of the island’s sugar industry in neighboring

Adrian where a visitor from South America sang in her native tongue the first of a series of tributes she presented along the historic tour.

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gofundme.com Internet Site Raises \$6,700 for Hale Family To Replace Lost *Lady M*

By TOM OAT
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The gofundme.com internet fundraising site set up for "Hale Family St. John" has raised \$6,700 from 61 people — with 209 "shares" in one week as of November 30 — including seven \$500 donations from St. John residents and stateside donors.

The Hale fund on the internet fundraising site, which also has raised \$72,667 from 628 donors for the Save Coral Bay legal fund as of November 30, was set up by the wife of a co-worker of John Hale, a captain with Cruz Bay Watersports with a goal of \$50,000.

John and Sarah Hale and four of their six teenage children called the *Lady M* home and the family has been overwhelmed by the support they have received from people they don't even know, mother-of-six Sarah told *St. John Tradewinds* the day after their family home was washed up on the rocks of Contant Point, St. John.

"We know who set it up," Sarah said. "I was crying when I found out about it."

By Sunday afternoon, November 23, the site had raised \$3,920 from 27 donors.

"We always try to help people, we never ask for help," Sarah said when she learned

of the fund raising effort. "It's very humbling."

"We are very thankful," Sarah said. "You have to be thankful for the blessings you receive. The church is helping us; there are not a whole lot of needs — except we're homeless."

"We have food and we have a place to stay," Sarah told *St. John Tradewinds*.

"We salvaged everything we could salvage," Sarah added, with many of their important belongings safe in waterproof containers. "We're glad and very blessed that the kids were safe."

Planning to Stay

The family has fallen in love with St. John, and Sarah and John, who bought *Lady M* in the Grenadines in March before coming to St. John on their second liveaboard adventure — they previously lived aboard for ten years, including three years in the Turks and Caicos before their most recent three years on land in Texas — want to stay.

They also want to stay on a boat, she added.

The Hales know it is hard to find affordable housing for a large family, but they really want to get back on a boat, she said.

The Hales can be reached at capthale@hotmail.com.

Friend of Great Cruz Bay Mooring Bully Denies Harassment of Liveaboard Family

By TOM OAT
St. John Tradewinds

ST. JOHN — The anonymous caller to *St. John Tradewinds* on Monday afternoon, November 24, identified himself as a "friend" of the boater who had harassed a liveaboard family of six to move their vessel farther from the outer edge of Great Cruz Bay mooring field during a stormy Saturday morning, November 22, resulting in the vessel dragging its reset anchor and being irreparably damaged in grounding on the rocks of Contant Point.

The caller, who identified himself as "Steve" and left his telephone number, criticized the November 24 *Tradewinds* report that an unknown boater had hectoring the family's four teenage children on Friday, November 21, about the family's home, the 51-foot ketch *Lady M*, being too close to other moored vessels.

The harbor bully had returned on that Saturday morning when both parents were home to harangue the family again into moving in the midst of strong intermittent rain squalls.

"He didn't swear at them," said "Steve," the otherwise anonymous caller. "He feels really bad about what happened,"

Six Months at Anchor

John and Sarah Hale and four of their six children had been living on the *Lady M* on the outer edge of Great Cruz Bay for more than six months, Sarah told *Tradewinds* after the grounding.



Tradewinds News Photo by Tom Oat

Lady M is still grounded on rocks off Contant Point.

An experienced liveaboard sailor in addition to being a licensed boat captain working on St. John, John Hale knew he was a safe distance away from the neighboring moorings, and he knew the weather was stormy and resetting anchors always posed a risk that the new anchor settings might not hold. Hale also knew and that the boat's engine needed minor repairs.

"Saturday morning the guy was back yelling and cursing at the kids that we had to move," Hale's wife Sarah told *St. John Tradewinds* on November 23. The Hale "kids" on board were Mary, 17; Jack, 16; Heidianna, 14, and Sterling, 12. The family has two other older children, Leona and Christina, both 19; Leona is on a mission for the family's church in the Philippines and Christina lives stateside.

"It's just frustrating," Sarah said of the man who harassed them into moving their anchors during

foul weather. "We knew we were a safe distance from the moorings."

"The kids were scared," Sarah, a labor nurse at the Roy L. Schneider Hospital on St. Thomas, told *St. John Tradewinds*. "We moved the anchors and everything looked great."

With new anchors set, John Hale was below deck making repairs to the engine when the children warned him that their boat was dragging anchor in the storm. By the time Hale could get topside it was too late, his wife said.

"Our son Jack tried; but it was already heading towards the rocks," Sarah Hale said. "In 13 minutes our whole lives changed."

Other Side Is Another Story?

"Why didn't you ask him for his side of the story," Steve said incongruously of his anonymous "friend" when St. John *Tradewinds* returned his November 24 call that evening.

"Steve" subsequently refused to identify his "friend" — although many in the boating community believe they know his identity.

"We did have some people come by to help," Sarah had said after the grounding. "We got the kids off safely. We got off the boat in about 14 minutes."

This reporter forgot to ask the anonymous caller whether his "friend" had stayed on scene to help the family relocate the vessel — or to help save the family's "home" from being severely and perhaps irreparably damaged.

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St. Johnians Are Keeping Tradition Alive Along Forstberg History Trail

By **JUDI SHIMEL**
St. John Tradewinds

CRUZ BAY — Organizers of the annual Forstberg history tour say they never focused on how long they would be able to continue telling a once-obscure story about events that took place on a hilltop fort overlooking Coral Bay, St. John, 281 years ago.

Retired UVI Professor Gilbert Sprauve credited the work of a National Park Service interpreter for sparking the desire of those who formed the tradition of hosting an island history tour surrounding the 1733 Forstberg slave uprising as he remembered the writings of Lito Vals while boarding a safari to begin this year's tour on Friday, November 28.

Moments before the retired linguistics professor got the 2014 tour rolling, Dr. Sprauve stood on the shores of Cruz Bay Beach by the taxi stand welcoming a group of 50 visitors. The tour began with a member of the St. Thomas Pan-

African Support Group collecting sea water in a glass bottle and performs a libation ceremony.

Sprauve, a native St. Johnian, explained the ceremony's meaning in honoring ancestors as members of the group called out names from history and some from recent memory, including Professor Gene Emmanuel, one of the originators of the Forstberg tour.

Along with Sprauve and educator Liba Ola-Niy, Emmanuel began leading history-seekers up the dirt road near Fred Samuel's Flamingo Club on Centerline Road towards the old Danish garrison, Fort Frederiksvaern, on the top of Forstberg (berg is the Danish word for hill).

Remembering Revolution

There was also a quietly kept fact that Emmanuel's birthday, Nov. 23, matched the day that 14 African slaves smuggled machetes in a delivery of firewood under a blanket on a donkey's back to the fort where Danish soldiers slept in

1733 in a deadly surprise attack that started the uprising.

The history tour, for him, provided a unique celebration of the passing years. Emmanuel passed away on July 28, 2011 after a lifetime of research, broadcasting and teaching at UVI. Part of his legacy was having Forstberg Day designated as a day of recognition in 1999.

During this year's tour, Dr. Sprauve explained how past skirmishes between Africans and slavers on the Gold Coast of Africa — now known as Ghana — provided a dress rehearsal for the Forstberg incident. The rebels came with a strategy based on experience, the distinguished educator explained.

"They knew of all the alliances," Sprauve explained. "In terms of what had happened in Africa before with some of these same people, particularly the Danish."

This part of the tale Sprauve told while standing at the next stop

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St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Judi Shimel

History seekers visit the Susannaberg home of Ronnie Jones during the annual Forstberg history tour. Jones' grandfather bought the property, with historic ruins, in the 1940s.

Seven Haitian Nationals Delivered to ICE After Being Deposited on East End

By **TOM OAT**
St. John Tradewinds

EAST END — While at least one group of illegal immigrants landed by smugglers on St. John in recent months made its way by ferry to Red Hook, St. Thomas, before being apprehended by U.S. Customs and Border Patrol (CBP), the latest group of seven Haitian nationals deposited on the East End of St. John by smugglers got a ride to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officials in Cruz Bay after landing on the East End of St. John on Sunday, November 23, according to published reports.

The report in the *V.I. Daily News* did not elaborate on who transported the latest shipment of Haitians to Cruz Bay and reported that a spokesman for CBP in Miami provided little additional information.

The CBP official could not confirm where or when the boat drop was made, whether any more than the seven individuals taken into custody were deposited on St. John, the gender and age of the immigrants, or their fate after processing, according to the published report.

Despite convictions of at least one St. John man for involvement in transporting illegal aliens in recent years and the arrest and the subsequent unrelated conviction of two top V.I. law enforcement officials implicated in the smuggling of people and drugs through St. John, the East End of the island has remained a major drop-off point for illegal immigrants.

In recent months an employee of a St. John market told *St. John Tradewinds* of seeing at least one group of "about a dozen" illegal aliens walking into Cruz Bay on Centerline Road early on a Sunday morning earlier.

Another source said that group boarded the ferry to St. Thomas without intervention only to be intercepted by CBP when disembarking in Red Hook. There was no published report from authorities of that interdiction at the time.

Those taken into custody in recent years have been predominately Haitian, although Chinese and Middle Eastern groups have been intercepted in the past. Most typically are being trans-shipped from St. Martin, authorities have said previously.

One vessel carrying illegal immigrants foundered off Tortola in the British Virgin Islands in recent years, resulting in at least one death and the subsequent prosecution of several of the human smugglers.

A high-speed boat of the kind normally used by smugglers grounded near Newfound Bay, an inaccessible site on the northeast shore of St. John, earlier this year, but there were no reports of arrests.

Thus far in 2014, the U.S. Coast Guard has reported intercepting 949 Haitians, 293 Dominican Republic nationals and 2,059 Cubans at sea. In 2013, USCG officials reported intercepting 508 Haitians, 110 Dominican Republic nationals and 1,357 Cubans, according to the published report.

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Giffit Hill School Uses Essay Contest As Learning Opportunity and Wins Prize

By JUDI SHIMEL
St. John Tradewinds

BEVERHOUDTSBERG — A former student of Giffit Hill School was recently named the winner of a contest that challenged them to improve their island home.

"My Virgin Islands, My Future," was the topic students were asked to create essays on. Public and private school students took part in the contest. For their efforts, Giffit Hill School was presented with a check from Love City Car Ferries, Inc.

Company representative T'Sean Brady said the idea for the contest came from company General Manager Anecia Sewer. "It was really something else to read the essays," Brady said, "It's hard to believe the kids are so aware."

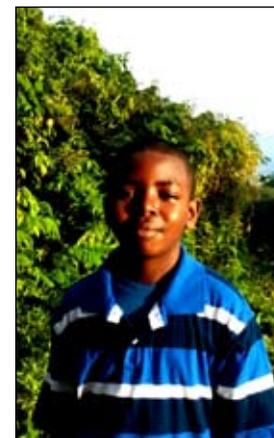
Sewer explained the contest was open to fifth-through ninth grade students territorywide. Wayne Dimitri Jarvis wrote his winning essay while still attending fifth grade at Giffit Hill School.

Fifth grade teacher Laura Dunlop said 10 of her students submitted essays by the Sept. 30 contest deadline. Dunlop said having the students develop ideas and write on a given theme under deadline is useful in helping them form writing skills.

Three winners were chosen, receiving prizes of \$100, \$200 and \$300 each. The winning school was awarded \$1,000. GHS administrators said they would use their prize towards the purchase of playground equipment for the lower school.



Tradewinds NewsPhoto by Judi Shimel (above) and Courtesy of Love City Car Ferries (below)



Giffit Hill School teacher Laura Dunlop and a few of the fifth graders who shared their thoughts in a recent essay contest, "My Virgin Islands, My Future." Contest sponsor Love City Car Ferries recently chose a former GHS student, Dimitri Dwayne Johnson, left, as the essay contest winner for fifth grade.

Expired Permits Must Reapply DPNR Again Accepting Permits for Renewable Energy Systems

St. John Tradewinds

The V.I. Department Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR) has announced it has resumed accepting electrical permits for renewable energy systems including net metering systems, but has reminded holders of existing permits which have expired that they need to reapply.

Electrical permits issued by DPNR expire and become null and void if the electrical work is not commenced 120 days from the date of issuance, or if the work is suspended after it had commenced for a period of 360 days, DPNR explained in a November 25 press release.

It is the responsibility of permit recipients to expeditiously install their system, request a final electrical certificate from DPNR and enter into a net metering agreement with the Water and Power Authority (WAPA), according to the DPNR release.

Based on DPNR records, a number of electrical permits for net metering systems have expired without being installed, according to DPNR.

Residents holding or seeking electrical permits for renewable energy systems participation in the territory's net metering program are reminded that permits which have expired must be reapplied for

with a new date of entry, unless an extension of time is granted in writing by the Acting Commissioner Jean-Pierre L. Oriol.

"A utility shall offer net metering... on a first-come, first-serve basis until customer generators within each island have reached the aggregate capacity for that island," the agency reminded the public.

Residents seeking electrical permits for battery-based renewable energy systems not interconnected to the utility grid may submit electrical permit applications to DPNR to install and receive a final electrical certificate to operate such systems, the agency added.

However, if DPNR, upon review of design, deems that the battery-based system can be potentially interconnected to the utility grid, the applicant will be required to present an approved interconnection agreement from WAPA prior to receiving a final electrical certificate from DPNR in order to legally operate such systems.

The department also advises the public that rules and regulations for small wind energy systems are nearing completion and will be released for public comment in the near future.

IGLA Gears Up to Make St. John Green — Starting with Aluminum Recycling

By JAIME ELLIOTT
St. John Tradewinds

ST. JOHN — The Island Green Living Association has set a lofty goal for Love City; nothing short of making the island a global model of environmental sustainability.

“We’re trying to position St. John as one of the ‘Greenest’ islands in the world,” said William Willigerod, a St. John architect and IGLA board member. “To do this, we’re looking at a several step process and recycling is one,” Willigerod said.

IGLA is starting its green campaign with the island’s immediate need of recycling. Three years ago, the group opened the Resource Depot, a place on Giffit Hill where residents can donate and buy reusable building and renovation material. Since opening, the Resource Depot has diverted more than 100,000 pounds out of the St. Thomas landfill, explained Willigerod.

“We’re already recycling at our Resource Depot right now and we’re up to over 110,000 pounds over the past three and a half years,” Willigerod said. “And it keeps getting better and better.

We are currently recycling construction materials and household goods ranging from very small things to a brand new hot tub.”

St. John has no landfill of its own and with the St. Thomas and St. Croix landfills ordered by the U.S. Environmental Agency to close by 2020, what to do with Love City’s waste poses a real problem. Since much of the waste generated on St. John could be recycled or composted, IGLA is focusing on reducing the waste stream, starting with a sustainable aluminum can recycling program.

The island’s current aluminum can recycling program was launched by the St. John Community Foundation which used to pick up cans at sites across the island and transport them to a facility on St. Thomas.

SJCF operated the program for several years under a grant from the V.I. Waste Management Authority. That grant, however, was pulled last year and V.I. WMA began overseeing the program themselves, often leaving the collection sites overflowing with cans.

IGLA, in collaboration with SJCF, plans to create a sustainable and even profitable aluminum can

recycling program, Willigerod explained.

“We have several things happening,” said Willigerod. “We have two fairly large stakeholders getting ready to adopt us and allow us to bring in an aluminum can crusher for the community.”

“The crusher will allow us to do 600 cans in 60 seconds,” said the IGLA board member. “We’ll be able to fill up a container of recycling material and take it up to the states and make some money rather than send it to St. Thomas.”

The crusher will be operated by photo voltaic power and IGLA plans to keep the collection sites maintained, Willigerod added.

“We want to operate this off the grid to be green and keep costs down,” he said. “We plan to get those sites property maintained too.”

Once aluminum can recycling is up and running, IGLA will look into launching glass and plastic recycling, explained the group’s president Rob Crane.

“We’re starting with cans because they’re the most profitable and we’re confident that we can make a profit with that,” said

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IGLA plans to upgrade its aluminum can crusher soon.

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The fleet enjoyed perfect sailing weather for the 33rd annual Thanksgiving Regatta, above and left.

Racers Enjoy Postcard Perfect Weather for 33rd Annual Thanksgiving Regatta

By **JAIME ELLIOTT**
St. John Tradewinds

With light winds, calm seas and blue skies, sailors enjoyed two days of postcard perfect weather for the 33rd annual Thanksgiving Regatta hosted by Coral Bay Yacht Club Friday and Saturday, November 28, and 29.

A total of 25 vessels, ranging from a 1913 island trader to two 1933 Argentine ketches, a local Coral Bay Cowhorn and a Bequi sailer to modern J boats and

cruisers, raced in seven different classes.

The fleet set sail out of Coral Bay harbor to enjoy this annual Thanksgiving weekend tradition with Friday featuring single-handed sailors and traditional boats and Saturday open to crews.

The race committee of Coral Bay Yacht Club Commodore Stephen Hendren, committee boat sponsor Peter Hoschl of *Angel's Rest* and other committee members conducted a series

of PHRF spinnaker, PHRF non-spinnaker, pursuit, traditional and multi hull races.

First place in the PHRF Spinnaker Class was Mike Finlay and crew on *Ocean Potion*. First place in PHRF Non-spinnaker Class was Denise Wright and crew aboard *Reality Switch*. First place in Traditional Class was John and Roni Everton on *Goucho*.

First place in the Pursuit Under 30 Foot Class was Brian Morrisette and crew on *Sweet*

Ting. The Pursuit 30 to 40 Foot Class winner was Sara O'Neill and crew on *Odege*, and the Over 40 Foot Class was Nate Emrich and crew on *Jetsunema*. The Multi Hull winner was Leo and Erin Perez on *YeeHaw*.

All funding and proceeds are placed with the non-profit youth sailing program St. John Kids and the Sea. The regatta was sponsored by Skinny Legs Restaurant, Premier Wines and Spirits and the Coral Bay Yacht Club.

Regatta Race Results

CREWED RACING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

PHRF Spinnaker

Ocean Potion – Mike Finlay
Osprey – Larry Best and Lee Stanciauskas
Ocean Wave – Nat Ford

PHRF non-Spinnaker

Reality Switch – Denise Wright
Zephyr – James Austin and Lora Koehler
Fine Feather – Eric Zucker
Vagabond – Rob Johhansen
Viero – Jeremy Schachner

Pursuit under 30'

Sweet Ting – Brian Morrisette
White Album – Doug McClean
DeGal – Tom Chandler
Meander – Lori Moreno
Southern Breeze – Steve Bond
Lil Jax – Tory Lane

Pursuit 30 to 40'

Odege – Sara O'Neill
Sally Forth – Holly and Alec Chipman

Pursuit over 40'

Jetsunema – Nate Emrich
Terra Nova – Tom Rowlinson
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Multi Hull

YeeHaw – Leo and Erin Perez
Easy Chair – Ted "Spoons"

Island Trader

Silver Cloud – Elliot Hooper

Traditional

Goucho – John and Roni Everton
Calabreeze – John Constanzo
Buxom – Colin Hansen

SINGLE HANDED RACING FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Multihull

Yeehaw – Leo and Erin Perez,
Easy Chair – Ted "Spoons"

Traditional

Buxom – Colin Hansen
Calabreeze – John Costanzo

Monohull

White Album – Doug McClean
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Gravel Spill Halts Traffic on Trunk Bay Switchback



Paul Pono clears a truckload of gravel spilled on the North Shore Road switchbacks between Trunk Bay and Peter Bay on November 25. National Park Service staff and volunteers helped clear more than three yards of stone from the steep, windy section of road after it was dropped by a private hauler and blocked traffic.

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Kim Holland of Alsolare, center right in left photo, wins first place in the Mixology category. Chef Shaun Brian of Ocean 362 takes home first place in the Appetizer category, center right in right photo.

Rotary's Flavors Features Great Food and Wine

St. John Tradewinds

The Rotary Club of St. John hosted Flavors 2014 Saturday, November 22 at the Westin Resort where many of St John's finest restaurants and caterers presented their best.

Complemented by wines from West Indies Company, Bellows International, Hunter Food and Spirits, Prestige Wine Group, and Glazers Premier Wines and Spirits, guests sampled the culinary delights and danced to the spirited musical styling of Cool Sessions.

In a friendly competition, professional judges tasted entries in Mixology, Appetizer, Entrée and Dessert categories. First place winners were Alsolare (Mixology), Ocean 362 (Appetizer), Mathayom Private Chefs (Entrée) and Creative Catering (Dessert). Guest votes for the People's Choice went to Alsolare.

Begun in 2000, the Rotary Club of St John's Flavors proceeds fund the annual \$5,000 college scholarship to a graduating St. John High School senior, and other community projects. It is the primary source of funds for the organization.

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Bajo el Sol Kicks Off Season with Reception Featuring Rogers and Thody

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Bajo el Sol will kick off the winter season on Friday, December 5, with an artists' reception featuring new work by Mandy Thody and Caroline Rogers.

The reception will be from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Mongoose Junction art gallery and will feature ceramic work by Thody and photography by Rogers. Live classical guitar will be provided by David Laabs.

Thody will be showing new ceramics with a focus on taking

a deep look at identity and exoticism.

"Because my work depicts Africa, the Caribbean, and Polynesia, through the faces of island women who carry their unique cultural strands and contexts in their faces and posture, I'm interested in how other artists perceive their history and ethnicity," said Thody. "The concept of exoticism, particularly as it relates to beauty, to 'foreigners' and 'aliens' or 'outsiders' and the search for beauty by artists, cannot be excluded."

Thody strives to add create to the world and make a statement with her work, she added.

"I want to add to the beauty in the world, not lessen it, and I think the modern devaluation of craft and expertise is sad, and very telling in much of the art we're presented with," said the artist. "I don't create to shock, to get attention, or to make a statement in the future. It's about what my heart and hands feel at the instant with the clay or glaze or pencil."

With her art, Thody hopes to

inspire others, she added.

"I think of some of my pieces as icons, representations of the goddess 'function' in her many aspects - a tree, a rock, a wave - to remind us there is a spirit in each and every thing," said Thody. "I am trying to personify those elemental spirits in my work. So I hope what I do, and also when I teach, will inspire someone else to feel that art is viable, and indeed it is a rationale for our existence."

Rogers, a marine biologist and seasoned underwater photographer, took her camera above the waves for some of her new work.

"I am very excited about this collection of photographs which I call 'Feathers, Fins and Flippers,'" said Rogers. "There is a very wide variety of images from above and below the sea."

For fans of Rogers' underwater photography, there are some stunning mangrove images, the photographer explained.

"Several of the images are from the fascinating mangroves in Hurricane Hole, featuring a brilliant queen angelfish, colorful jellyfish and anemones, a trunkfish and baby puffer, and a purple sea fan with flamingo tongues," said

Roger. "There are also green and hawksbill sea turtles and a large tarpon surrounded by swirls of silversides."

But for the first time, Rogers was inspired to capture a few photographs in the skies above the sea.

"For the first time I also have several images of birds including hummingbirds and a bananaquit in flamboyant flowers, and a pelican who thought I was getting too close," she said.

Rogers will also be featuring what she calls a "Stilt-tych" three images of black-necked stilts taken at the Francis Bay salt pond.

Check out all of the new work by Rogers and Thody on Friday evening, December 5, at Bajo el Sol. The artists' reception will run from 5 to 8 p.m. and will also feature live classical guitar by David Laabs.

Bajo el Sol is located up the stairs at Mongoose Junction. Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. For more information about the December 5 show or Bajo el Sol, check out www.bajoelsolgallery.com or call (340) 693-7070.

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Holiday Decorating Competition

Mongoose Junction is hosting its annual contest to elevate the season's spirits. All participating stores are decorating their doors for the holiday and the competition is fierce!

Everyone is invited to come to Mongoose Junction and look at the decorations and vote for the most festive decorations. The public can vote as many times as they'd like to see their favorite store win. Ballots are available in all participating stores.

Come and have fun at Mongoose Junction! The contest officially begins Monday, December 1, and the winner will be announced Monday, December 22.

For more information call Linda Gabriel at (340) 693-7005.

Writing Workshop Set at SJSa

St. John School of the Arts is teaming up with award-winning author of children's books Cristina Kessler and offering a six-week writing workshop concentrating on memoirs. This is a great way to reflect on your life while being creative and it's a great way to share your legacy with family. "Senior Moments Memoir Workshop" is 90 minutes each week for 6 weeks. The workshop starts Saturday, January 3 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and will run every Saturday through February 14 (January 30, no session). The cost for the workshop is \$120. You must register for the full workshop; no walk-ins. Call 779-4322 for more information and to sign up.

Fabric Mill New Owners Adding A Little Scandinavian Touch To Long-time Island Boutique

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

The Fabric Mill is developing a bit of a Scandinavian accent.

Rebecca Eriksson and Ellis Davis recently bought the long-time Mongoose Junction women's fashion boutique, which first opened its doors in 1982.

Eriksson is originally from Sweden and Davis is a California native. The couple met while working on a cruise ship and fell in love with St. John during a shore-side excursion. For the past few years, Eriksson and Davis have been living in the states while dreaming of returning to the Caribbean.

"After we left the ship, we moved to California where I was studying fashion and business," said Eriksson. "I felt I needed to run my own business so I started looking around and found this opportunity for the Fabric Mill. It was perfect."

The couple visited the island in April and officially took over the business in September, with Davis arriving first to get things started.

"It was nice to learn things before season really kicked in," he said. "It gave me an opportunity to meet the local, long-time Fabric Mill customers."

Eriksson joined her fiance on St. John in late November and after a few days was already feeling right at home, she explained.

"I've met so many people and I've only been here four days," said Eriksson. "Everyone has been so nice to me."

In addition to the clothing lines beloved by loyal Fabric Mill customers like Three Dots and Ella Moss, Eriksson and Davis are adding two new Scandina-



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Ellis Davis and Rebecca Eriksson

vian-based lines to their shelves.

The Panos Emporio line includes a range of clothing from the classically elegant, including pieces perfect for upcoming holiday parties, to perfectly casual outfits for every day island life. This spring, Fabric Mill be carrying the Swedish-based nautical line Boomerang.

Eriksson is also overseeing Fabric Mill's website, www.fabricmillstj.com and Facebook page and Instagram accounts. Check the store out on social media for up-to-date information on sales and events.

Fabric Mill is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information call the store at (340) 776-6194.

St. John Investment Group Is Awarded Tax Benefits

St. John Tradewinds

The Economic Development Authority board has granted tax exempt benefits to a St. John based investment group. Approval of the firm came as the board met November 24 at its monthly meeting.

EDA board members approved benefits for RRP Advisors, LLC after the conditions set for receiving benefits were modified. Companies that qualify for tax exempt benefits agree to help expand the territory's private sector, provide jobs for Virgin Islands residents and assist charitable organizations.

The St. John-based firm received tax exempt benefits for a 20 year term after agreeing to add more local hires, increase its contribution to a scholarship fund administered by the V.I. Board of Education, and increase its charitable contributions from \$50,000 to \$75,000.

The \$25,000 increase was mandated by the board to benefit the Julius E. Sprauve School, St. John's only public school.

St. John Singers Holiday Performances Dec. 19 and 22

St. John Tradewinds

Mark your Calendars! St John Singers will perform in concert Friday, December 19 at the Nazareth Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cruz Bay and on Monday, December 22 at the Emmaus Moravian Church in Coral Bay. Both concerts are at 7:30 p.m.

"What Lies Do You Live With" Is Next Topic at Dec. 7 UUF Service

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Join Gabriella Brand at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (UUF) Service on December 7, at 10 a.m. at The Giff Hill School Lower Campus for the topic: What Lies Do You Live With?



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Refined Pub Food: Not Just Bangers and Mash Anymore

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Having spent quite a bit of time in England this year, I wanted to try to dispel the myth that all British pub food consists of bangers and mash, fish and chips with mushy peas, steak and kidney pie, ploughman's lunch and sticky toffee pudding.

Over the years, pub food has become more refined. Of course, you can still find those famous favorite dishes all over the country, but there is a lot more. I've chosen a selection of some of our favorite recipes from local pub menus. Enjoy and I wish everyone a very Happy Holiday!

SCALLOPS WITH PEA PUREE

- Serves 4 as an appetizer
- 1/4 Cup chopped shallots
- 3 Tbsp olive oil
- 2 Cups fresh or frozen peas
- 1/3 Cup chopped fresh parsley
- 1/2 tsp lemon zest
- 12 scallops

- 1 Tbsp unsalted butter
- 1 Cup lower salt chicken broth or water
- 8 thick slices pancetta
- Salt and pepper to taste

Heat oven to 375 F. Place pancetta on a waxed paper lined baking sheet and cook for 10 minutes, until brown and crisp. Set aside.

In a pan heat 2 Tbsp olive oil and add chopped shallots. Allow to soften and add peas, broth or water, salt and pepper and simmer about 3 to 4 minutes. Drain and blend in a blender until smooth. Return to pan.

Mix parsley and lemon zest and set aside.

Put rest of oil and butter in non-stick skillet over medium heat. Pat scallops dry and season with salt and pepper. Place scallops in pan and cook about 1 to 2 minutes on each side, flipping only once during cooking. Do not over cook. Scallops should be almost firm to the touch.

Place spoonful of puree on each plate and top with scallop. Crumble pancetta and parsley mix-

ture over top. Drizzle with olive oil and serve with a sprinkling of pea shoots.

CARROT AND GINGER SOUP WITH LEMON CREAM

This freezes very well so it's worth making a big batch. Even on a warm day, this is refreshing.

- 1 1/2 lbs carrots, peeled and chopped
- 2 medium onions, chopped
- 1 clove garlic, chopped
- 3 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 tsp powdered ginger
- 1 tsp curry powder
- 3 pints chicken stock
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Lemon cream:
- 1 cup creme fraiche
- Zest of 1 lemon

- 1 tsp chopped parsley
- 2 tsp chopped chives

Heat oil in a pan. Add onions and carrots and cook for a couple of minutes. Do not brown. Add garlic, ginger and curry powder and cook for 1 more minute. Add stock and put lid half-way on. Simmer for 20 minutes, until carrots are tender. Put in blender and blend until smooth. Add salt and pepper to taste.

For cream, stir all ingredients together gently. Reheat soup and pour into bowls. Add cream to top and garnish with chopped parsley and chives. Serve with warm crusty bread.

HERB CRUSTED RACK OF LAMB WITH WHITE BEAN PUREE AND WILTED SPINACH

- Serves 4
- 5 oz fresh bread crumbs
- 2 Tbsp parsley, roughly chopped

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On *the* Market

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Enjoy Stunning Water Views in Luxury at Sirenusa's Villa Lucca

By **JAIME ELLIOTT**
St. John Tradewinds

From stunning water views and generous living areas to plenty of privacy and elegant details, Villa Lucca at Sirenusa offers the perfect family getaway.

This two bedroom, two and a half bathroom luxury condo unit is for sale for \$990,000, explained Nick Van Assche of Islandia Real Estate/Seaglass Properties.

Nestled above the town of Cruz Bay atop Jacob's Ladder, the resort complex Sirenusa boasts jaw-dropping water views. Enjoy sunsets over Pillsbury Sound and watch the lights of St. Thomas twinkle to life in the distance.

"The evening sunsets over St. Thomas will take your breath away," said Van Assche.

Named after the famed Amalfi Coast region, Sirenusa is inspired by Italy and boasts Caribbean charm.

"This Italian-inspired resort village is sewn together by cobblestone serpentine roadways bursting with tropical foliage," said Van Assche. "Sirenusa, with its quaint yet sophisticated ambiance, offers you the ultimate in gracious home away-from-home experiences."

Sirenusa is comprised of 11 buildings each with two luxurious units and also features an on-site gym, a clubhouse, swimming pool, security and professional landscaping.

"The clubhouse is an ideal location for business meetings and events," said Van Assche. "Or you can soak in the sun as you relax by the pool."

Villa Lucca is an upper unit at Sirenusa and boasts beautiful marble floors and charming Caribbean-style exposed beam ceilings throughout. The gourmet kitchen features high-quality polished granite counter tops, custom cheery solid hardwood Italian cabinets and stainless steel appliances.

With a spacious great room and gathering areas as well as plenty of privacy, Villa Lucca was designed with families in mind, explained Van Assche.

"Reflecting the refined qualities of an elegant island home, Villa Lucca provides generous living areas for family and friends and also makes it easy to offer guests a place to stay with plenty of privacy," he said.

Both bedrooms are beautifully appointed and boast gorgeous water views and stone-lined en suite bathrooms.

"The bedroom suites are beautifully designed and perfectly functional," Van Assche said. "Additionally, all bedrooms provide plenty of privacy and stunning water views."

"Whether looking out across the sea or the verdant island landscape, each room in the two bed-

room, two and a half bathroom Villa Lucca has its own island charm," said Van Assche.

For more information about Villa Lucca, call Nick Van Assche at (340) 998-7023 or email Nick@seaglassproperties.com.

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Letters to St. John Tradewinds

The Struggle

Issues are complicated by emotions and emotions are fueled by one's experiences. Whether the issue is internal or external, there are many reasons folks may agree or disagree on its solutions.

Whenever there is a shift in our societal mindset, we have to think about the possible causes. For example, our islands always have accepted that a number of persons smoke marijuana. Though illegal, it is viewed as a cultural norm.

Now voters in our recent election have voted in favor of legalizing it's use for medical reasons. This has surprised many folks.

As a community that uses local vegetation to cure ills, it's not a far-fetched idea to also use this "herb" to combat vision and other medical problems. However our current state of mind is so bombarded with societal ills that this product may be also used to escape reality.

I am not suggesting that everyone who uses this treatment wants to get "high", but allowing the open sale of it will cause unforeseen issues to arise.

In a world where it is becoming increasingly hard to keep children's hands off unwanted objects, I hope that each parent has a plan to cope with the possibility of their child coming into contact with this potentially "legal" substance.

Emmanuel Prince

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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Crossword Answers (Puzzle located on Page 20)

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Island's Ice Cream Man Sends Wishes of Peace

In 1977 I moved to St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands. At that time I was one of about 50 white people living there amongst about 2,000+ native St. Johnians.

I was blessed and am so grateful to have been able to have been embraced by their community. I met and married my wife Joeann there. Our son Chirsan was born there and I learned from the community about humility.

Joeann and I opened the first ice cream store there and were able to become an integral part of the island

community. I yearn for those days and the teachings I received, and experienced on how a minority would be treated with such kindness and equality.

To all those native St. Johnians who have passed on as well as those still alive I honor and thank you all. I wish peace to all.

Arnie Lichtenstein
Rochester, NY
Co-Owner

"The Ice Cream Corner" 1977-1982

Another Great Thankspigging

It was another great Thankspigging. We fed about 150 people with incredible home cooked fare. Thanks to Doug and Jaime for the use of Skinnys. Benji, Rooney and Derek for cooking the pig. The same serving staff again this year, Sandy, Megan, Pat and Bill. And Richard for hauling away the trash.

Thanks to this year's sponsors who cover the cost for this event, Dr. Bob of Island Chiropractic, Karen of Windspre Vacation Homes, Home and Linda of Skyridge Villa, Tim of Leeward Islands Plumbing, Doug of Coral Bay Computers and Keep Me Posted, Fred and Aimee of Trayser Construction, Kate of

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And last but certainly not least thanks for the beer. Jeff of Drink Bay Brewing, Doug of Skinny Legs, Pat and Dennis of Shipwreck Landing, Mark of Aqua Bistro, Larry of the Tourist Trap, and Bev of Pickles.

Thank you all and see ya next year!

With positive thoughts,

Ken Yolman

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Thank you to all.

Stephen Hendren
CBYC Commodore

Acting Like Grown Folks

Now that the political storm is over, let's get down to business. This is a crucial moment in our island history as we deal with severe social and financial issues.

The time has come for our newly elected officials to creatively merge public and private businesses to effect a turnaround movement. Our government agencies can benefit by having a customer service atmosphere while local companies can receive additional support to boost productivity.

In order to achieve a healthy and vibrant economy, all of us must put aside past grudges and future greed. It would be wonderful to read in the local paper of the cooperation and progress being made in our commu-

nity. It will not be easy weeding out the bad apples or changing old cultural habits. But it is possible to set a tone of doing what is right even if your colleague is scamming the system.

Let time and justice settle the score as we hold to a higher principle. That means if you make a mistake own up to it, correct and institute a plan to better yourselves.

We expect that there will be many hurdles to navigate and we also expect folks to govern themselves accordingly as they settle their differences.

Let's show the young people that it is worth it to vote.

Emmanuel Prince

Letters to *St. John Tradewinds*

What If?

Would Putin and Iran be poking us in the eye if we had killed bin laden, if we had not gotten ourselves into two wars, which in spite of the President landing on an aircraft carrier in a fighter Jet and saying "I won", we lost.

What if we had killed bin laden and told his brothers we were not going to tolerate this anymore. We were going to help whenever a group of bad guys start to become a problem and we are going to stop them. We are not going to wait for the next 9/11. No exceptions.

We have a lot to think about. Republicans are suing the President: better than being impeached for getting a BJ, but still a pain while dealing with a world that went upside down during "W" s term.

Global warming a problem? Not yet. At least not to anyone that is a leader of people. World financial systems are still not stable, and more and more money is being made by trading money. The leaders in America have been paid for by people who think that humans were put on this world to make money, as a way to prove that they are better than other people.

But the race is causing a problem and the rest of us need to try and convince the leaders to stop damaging this planet because we want our great grandchildren to survive and be happy. Yes there are too many of us but let's take care of each other and allow the population to reduce on its own instead of a climate change.

Do you know what happens in a climate change? The climate changes. The atmosphere makes changes in its chemical content, the wind and water currents change. This is a very chaotic time until the climate stabilizes again. The plants and animals begin to adapt or become extinct. The plants and animals try to survive and learn new ways of existing.

There is a lot going on in the world right now. The first time in the history of the universe, at least as we know, that a species has thrived some much that it has over taken the planet. This is a time when species take a leap; when they evolve into something that adapts to the change. I think that it would be a lot easier to adapt if we extended our family and included everyone. I know, I know we are afraid of them and unless we are really pursuing our dream we want to do better than everyone them. Or we just don't understand. We have created a problem and it is continuing

to get worse.

Two hundred and fifty years ago molasses was trash, until we learned to make rum out of it. Trash was mostly organic, or the residue of organic material. That's a pretty short time for us to graduate to polluting the whole planet, with materials that are causing severe problems on the planet. We sent a couple of guys to walk on the moon about fifty years ago. After that we spent most of our money in wars that we started and lost. We have a few space ships floating around but mostly our advancement has stopped, our children looking forward to not progressing,

But we have a lot more stuff and there are a lot more cars so things must be getting better.

I always thought it would be good if we had a Democrat President and a Republican Congress. The President could try to do all kinds of good things for the country and the Congress could have discussions about how much money he can spend.

I guess we have gone past that stage in our development.

Hard to believe that ten years ago we had a President that condoned torcher. We had a war where anything goes, we can do what we want, kick ass, and he still lost it. Poor "W" no one told him that when you go to war and take over a country you have to manage it. That's the reason that you go to war, or to stop some other power from doing it. There we had Iraq, an oil producer right in the middle of everything and we could have and should have managed it. We could have fixed the place and made some money doing it. We could have brought a Democracy to the mid east, after we managed it long enough so that a

Democracy was going to be successful. But everyone lost interest.

I hope that Obama has the guts to either change things or go down in flames trying. He needs to stop worrying about the risks and start doing the things that need to be done.

This direction we are propelled in is not a good direction. I hope the leaders of this community and the US begin to understand it and try to act in a positive manner to begin to fix some of the problems.

B. Greg Miller
St. John, VI

Socks for Seniors Organizers Seeking Volunteers

St. John Tradewinds

Socks for Seniors is an annual community service project through which the organization collects new socks to be distributed to elderly in local nursing homes around the holidays.

Event organizers are looking for local area coordinators near St. John to help with collecting socks.

Host a Sock Drive. It all starts with one person, one box, and one location. It's easy...and all the

socks stay in the local St. John area. Decorate a box and find a location or locations for boxes.

To collect Socks For Seniors, sign up at: <http://www.socksforseniors.com/register.html>.

Organizers stay in touch with volunteers during the campaign with updates and to answer any questions. Signs and logos for the drive and other information are also available.

For more information, email Jamie at email@socksforseniors.com.

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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.

Saturday, December 6

— The Miracle Revival Deliverance Tabernacle will be presenting a Gospel Extravaganza of local talents at the Julius E. Sprauve School on December 6 at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. and tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for children under 12. Tickets can be purchased at Etta's Place at The Marketplace.

Sunday, December 7

— Join Gabriella Brand at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (UUF) Service on December 7, at 10 a.m. at The Giff Hill School Lower Campus for the topic: What Lies Do You Live With?

Tuesday, December 9

— The St. John Film Society kicks off the 2014-2015 season on Tuesday, Dec. 9, with "Maya Lin: A Strong Clear Vision" at 7:30 p.m. at the St. John School of the Arts in Cruz Bay. Suggested donation of \$5.

Thursday, December 11

— Two St. John taxi medallions for St. John Veterans of the U.S. Armed Services will be offered at auction by the Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission on Tuesday, December 16, at 11 a.m. at the St. John Administrator's Office.

— The Animal Care Center of St. John is extending an invitation to the community

to join the organization at the shelter, for their annual holiday open house on Thursday, December 11, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 13

— On Saturday, December 13, the Coral Bay Bizarre Bazaar returns for its second year to Pickles In Paradise — just past the Coral Bay Triangle.

Wednesday, December 17

— The permit for the Coral Bay mega-yacht marina will go before the V.I. Legislature's Committee on Economic Development, Agriculture and Planning for a public hearing on Dec. 17 at the Legislature Building on St. Thomas.

December 19 and 22

— Mark your Calendars! St John Singers will perform in concert Friday, December 19 at the Nazareth Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cruz Bay and on Monday, December 22 at the Emmaus Moravian Church in Coral Bay. Both concerts are at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 21

— The 19th Annual 8 Tuff Miles Road Race and the St. John Cancer Fund have joined forces to present the 8 Tuff Miles Festival. The festival will begin on Saturday, February 21, at 4 p.m. with "Light up the Night" an 18-hour, family-oriented, community supported overnight event.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

AL-ANON MEETINGS

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

Obituaries

St. John Matriarch Alice O'Connor Dies at 92

St. John Tradewinds

Alice O'Connor, mother of V.I. Port Authority Chairman Robert O'Connor Jr., died November 15, 2014, at the age of 92 and was interred at the Cruz Bay Cemetery following a service at the Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cruz Bay on

November 29.

She is survived by her daughters, Naomi Varlack and Edna Freeman; son Robert O'Connor Jr.; granddaughters Diane Griffith, Denise Joseph, Abigail Hendricks, Delrise Varlack, Bericia Hendricks, Kela Braithwaite, Jerrel

O'Connor, Francisca O'Connor and Francillia O'Connor; grandsons Elrod Hendricks Jr., Elroy Hendricks and Kareem Freeman; and great-grandson Robert O'Connor IV.

Arrangements were by Hurley Funeral Home.

Doris Stuckert Peacefully Passes Away at Home

St. John Tradewinds

Doris Stuckert passed away peacefully at 5:35 p.m. on October 11, 2014 at her home in Melbourne, Florida. Doris was born April 11, 1925 in Manchester, N.H. to parents Clarence and Maude Leavitt.

She graduated Bates University with a Bachelors degree in math, married George A. Stuckert Jr. in 1948 and moved to Puerto Rico shortly thereafter.

In 1971, George & Doris moved to St John, Virgin Islands where they spent a long and happy life. They built and ran St John Lumber Co, with partners Bill and Maryann Hedges. Doris was also a school teacher for many years in Puerto Rico and at Julius Sprauve School on St John.

Doris is survived by her siblings Erv Leavitt, Irene Nelson & David Leavitt, and by her children Jane Thompson, Carol Meurisse and George Stuckert III. She was a great mom and she will be dearly missed!



Doris Stuckert

Make Sweet Bread at December Workshops

St. John Tradewinds

The University of the Virgin Islands Cooperative Extension Services' 4-H/Family and Consumer Sciences Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP), St. Thomas campus will have FREE workshops on making sweet breads on December 15, 16 and 17, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at UVI New House Building

Class size is limited. To register or for more information, call 693-1073 or a693-1080.

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Giff Hill School Students Are Thankful



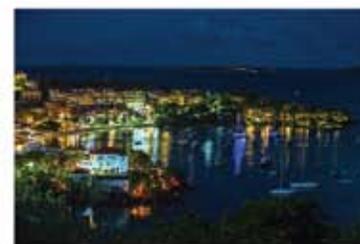
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Giff Hill School fifth graders RayNesha Noel, Skyler D'Abbraccio, Bryce Lanigan, Ke'Shame Greer, Noah Gessner, Safa Monsanto, Embayé Brathwaite kick off a pre-Thanksgiving assembly on the lower school campus, above.

As part of their "Give Back Day," GHS students volunteered at the local animal shelter, top right, hunted for lionfish, bottom right, and Hiked Peace Hill with Friends of the Park to do a trail clean up, bottom left.



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Baha'i Community of St. John

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

Sunday School 9 a.m., Divine Worship 10 a.m.

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.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Sun. 9 a.m., on St. Thomas . 776-2379
Sun., 5 p.m., STJ, Lumberyard

Cruz Bay Baptist Church

Sunday 11 a.m., 6 p.m. 776-6315

Emmaus Moravian Church

Coral Bay, Divine Worship 8:30 a.m., 776-6713

Freshwater Church

Freshwater Church St. John USVI
Sunday Worship 10 am at Hawksnest Beach
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Jehovah's Witness

7:30 p.m. Tuesdays; 7 p.m.
Saturdays (Español), 10 a.m. Sundays, 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 Catholic Church

Saturdays: 6 p.m.; Sundays: 7:30 & 9:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. in Coral Bay
at the John's Folly Learning Institute & 6 pm. in Spanish;
Mondays: 12:15 p.m.; Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays: 7 a.m.
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Prayer House of Faith

Sunday Morning Service at 8 a.m; Bible Study at 7:30 p.m. on Mondays
Prayer services at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays; 340-690-3820

St. John Methodist Church

Sunday 10 a.m, 693-8830

Seventh Day Adventist

Saturdays, 779-4477

St. John Pentecostal Church

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

St. Ursula's Episcopal Church

Sunday Church Service, 9 a.m.
Bible Class on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. 777-6306

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

9:45 a.m. Sunday, 776-6332

IGLA Gears Up to Make St. John Green

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Crane. "Then we'll look at either glass, paper or plastic recycling with the idea of getting them all going eventually. We would ultimately be an example for other islands that even though you're out in the middle of nowhere, you can still do this."

In mid-November, IGLA board members met with Governor John DeJongh and other government officials to launch a partnership to bring a comprehensive recycling program to the island, and locate an affordable site for the can crusher and Resource Depot, Willigerod explained.

"Our objective is for the government to help us identify a site for IGLA where we could potentially relocate the Resource Depot," he said. "Right now we're paying \$24,000 a year or so and if the government could find us a site, we could save that money."

"The governor fully supports what we're doing and he's trying to find us land," said Willigerod. "Of course it must be voted on by the Legislature, but if he can get this going, the next governor can pick up on it."

The government's help, in the form of government land, will enable IGLA to take a step closer to sustainability by allowing the group to use its funds for recycling objectives, explained Crane.

"We have the Resource Depot and we're paying money for rent there," said the IGLA President. "It would be nice to get to a position where we're not paying rent anymore so the money we make can help offset any other costs. We're looking for ways to recycle as much as possible and make it so that we're not relying on grants to run the program."

IGLA also has even bigger plans, which the group will announce in the next few weeks, Willigerod added.



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Joining Gov. John P. de Jongh Jr. at the November meeting were (L to R) St. John Administrator Leona Smith, Public Works Commissioner Darryl Smalls, Jim Grum of the V.I. Waste Management Authority and Harith Wickrema, Bill Willigerod and Rob Crane of Island Green Living Association.

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"For the comprehensive recycling program what we're trying to do is work with some companies in the states that are environmentally friendly and want to help us with this," Willigerod said. "It will be a bigger announcement in the next few weeks."

In the meantime, IGLA, a non-profit group which relies on donations and memberships to operate, will be the recipient of this year's Coral Bay Golf Open. The mini-golf tournament fundraiser, on Saturday, January 24 at Skinny Legs, will support IGLA's recycling program.

For more information about IGLA and how to get involved, go to www.igba-stjohn.org

Keeping Tradition Alive Along Forstberg History Trail

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on the tour, the helipad at the Myrah Keating Smith Clinic at the top of Giff Hill where a participant blew a conch shell as part of a re-enactment.

After the fort was taken in the rebel incursion, a cannon shot was fired by the attackers to alert collaborators at Bordeaux Mountain who relayed the signal from hilltop to hilltop, reaching the north shore of St. John. There another group of armed aggressors continued their plan, moving through the bush towards Durlou Plantation and other European holdings.

Details of Revolution Evolve

Details of the stories provided have evolved over the 23 years that the history tour has taken place on the Friday after Thanksgiving, including references to the Amina rebel slaves being changed from the Danish term to the original tribe name, the Akwamu.

Many more details have emerged about the St. John plantation system and its reliance on a civilian militia for protection and the decimation of the European populace from yellow fever and two hurricanes and a convergence of events that led to

opportunity for African tribesmen using guerilla warfare to capture the island and hold it for six months.

At the second stop, Susannaberg, owner Ronnie Jones welcomed the tour to view plantation ruins on the property bought by his grandfather in the 1940s. Jones told the group he was restoring an old outdoor oven and he pointed out an unrestored ruin in front of his home which he called a rarity — a combination cookhouse and cistern in one structure.

Jones also served the participants in the commemorative hike two loaves of bread he had baked that morning in the newly restored oven. Invoking an old tradition, he asked for the youngest person in the group to cut the first slice before the others partook.

The whole experience grew from the work of Vals, Sprauve said.

"I have to give credit to Lito Vals," he said. "He's the one that flashed the information of 1733 to me. Once we got into it we just tried to keep it going and I think it's going to be around for a while."



Chef's Corner

Cooking with Mares Crane

Refined Pub Food: Not Just Bangers and Mash Anymore

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2 Tbsp chopped thyme and rosemary
Zest of 1 lemon
1 Cup Parmesan cheese
2 Tbsp olive oil
2 X 8-bone racks of lamb
2 Tbsp Dijon mustard
1 bag fresh spinach leaves
White Bean Puree:
1 can butter beans, drained and rinsed
1 garlic clove
1 sprig chopped rosemary
Juice of 1 lemon
8 Tbsp extra virgin olive oil

Heat oven to 200 F. But bread crumbs, lemon zest and Parmesan cheese in blender with 1 Tbsp oil and blend until finely chopped. Heat oil in oven safe skillet. Season lamb, brown on all sides and turn off heat. With fat side up, brush all over with mustard, pack over crust and drizzle with olive oil. Roast 25 minutes until golden and allow to rest on a cutting board.

While lamb is cooking, put beans, garlic, rosemary, lemon and 7 Tbsp olive oil into a food processor and blitz until smooth. Put in a saucepan and gently heat. Wilt spinach in remaining oil.

Once lamb has rested, carve into chops. Divide puree onto 4 plates and add small mound of spinach, top with three chops, sprinkle with extra bread crumbs and drizzle with oil.

CHICKEN BALTI

This is a famous and popular dish in the UK. Curry is found on most pub menus. This dish is particularly flavorful and can be served with naan bread or rice.

Serves 2 to 3

For curry: 1/2 tsp crushed mustard seeds

2 Tbsp chopped cilantro
1 tsp garam marsala
4 dried curry leaves, crushed
1 tsp palm sugar
1 tsp ground coriander
1 tsp ground cumin
1 tsp ground cinnamon
1 tsp ground cloves
3 green chiles, chopped
4 cardamom pods, split

Other ingredients:

1 Tbsp peanut oil
1 onion finely chopped
1 garlic clove, chopped
1 inch fresh ginger, peeled and grated
2 large chicken breasts, cut into bite-size pieces
1 Cup chicken stock
1 tsp tomato puree
Salt
Bay leaf
1 large tomato, sliced

Heat oil in large pan and add mustard seeds. Cook about 30 seconds and add chopped onion. Lower heat and cook until soft but not brown. Add all spices, garlic and ginger being careful not to burn. Add chicken and palm sugar, stirring well until coated. Cook 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Finally, add stock, tomato puree, pinch of salt and bay leaf. Stir and lower heat. Cook gently about 25 minutes, until chicken is cooked through. Add cilantro and tomato. Cook another 3 minutes and served with naan or rice.

COFFEE SEMI FREDDO

Serves 8

1 Tbsp instant coffee
1 Tbsp Tia Maria or Brandy
4 large eggs, separated
3 1/2 ounces sugar
1 Cup heavy cream
1 bar Toblerone, chopped

Line a loaf tin with cling wrap. Put coffee and Tia Maria or brandy with egg yolks and sugar in a bowl. Stir to dissolve coffee. In a separate bowl, beat egg whites until stiff. In a third bowl, beat heavy cream until thick. If you beat in this order, no need to wash the whisk until you are finished.

Fold cream into coffee mixture then add Toblerone and tip into loaf tin. Lightly cover surface with cling wrap and cover again with foil. Freeze. Semi freddo will keep for 6 weeks.

To serve, unwrap and turn onto a platter. Garnish with chocolate sauce or fresh berries.

CARAMEL SOUFFLE

1/2 Cup unsalted butter
1 Cup soft brown sugar and 4 Tbsp on side
1 Cup heavy cream
1 tsp vanilla extract
2 egg yolks
1 Tbsp all purpose flour
3 egg whites

Heat oven to 200 F. Grease 5 individual souffle dishes and sprinkle with fine sugar. Place on baking sheet. Melt butter in a saucepan and add sugar, cream, vanilla and pinch of salt. When sugar dissolves, bubble for 1 minute. Set 1 Cup aside to serve later.

Stir egg yolks and flour into remaining caramel in pan. Whisk constantly for 3 minutes, until thick. Sieve into a bowl and allow to cool. Beat egg whites until foamy. Add 2 Tbsp sugar and beat until stiff. Fold into caramel mixture, then fold back into whites. Divide among dishes and scrape top with a palate knife.

Bake 11 about 11 minutes. Souffles should be a little unset in the middle. If under-done, put back in oven for 2 minutes. Serve immediately with reserved caramel sauce, warmed while souffles are cooking.

Crime Stoppers USVI

St. John Tradewinds

Crime prevention is up to all of us. Please continue to speak up so the USVI becomes one of the safest places in the world to live, work, and raise a family. Make sure no crime goes unsolved. Even the smallest bit of information may be just what law enforcement needs to solve a crime. If you know something, say something.

St. John: On November 18th at approximately 9:15 a.m., officers were dispatched to the area of Hansen Bay in reference to a report that a man was discovered lying motionless inside a residence. The victim has been identified as Edward Hutton Netherland. Anyone having information about this homicide can call the Major Crime Unit (340) 714-9833 ext. 5618, Crime Stoppers or 911.

St. Thomas: On November 10th at 7:00 a.m., a robbery took place at the Kokopolli Cafe - Market Square East in the area of Donoe. The manager reported a male wearing a mask robbed the business of over \$100, a cell phone, and keys.

Let's continue to help make our 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), or by texting "USVI" plus your message to CRIMES (274637). Your tips are completely anonymous. If you believe a crime you submitted to us may have been solved, please contact Crime Stoppers to see if you are eligible for a reward.

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ACROSS

- Use for target practice, say
- They're littler than mediums
- Mongol invaders
- See 125-Across
- Dine at a restaurant
- Lucky charm
- BB rifles
- One going from station to station
- Bohemian dance
- Icicle sites
- DVR giant
- Oscar-nominated actress in "Victor/Victoria"
- Censored-word sound
- "I haven't —" ("Beats me")
- Very old boys' school
- Eye
- Mother of Zeus
- Rue Morgue creator
- Grow up and move away from home
- Getting the airborne matter from, perhaps
- Sly
- Art Deco lithographer
- Kind of engine fuel
- Opening opera part
- -Cherry (Ocean Spray flavor)
- Hulk of pro wrestling
- Flee with a flame
- Residents of Japan's

DOWN

- "— Na Na"
- polloi
- Bruin Bobby
- "Wow!," in a chat room
- Fake locks
- Bug
- Edison rival
- Reciprocal of cosine
- -jongg
- discount
- Solitary sort
- LEM part
- Comic Martin
- Itar- — news agency
- Darya (Asian river)
- Sweater type
- 2004 Jude Law title role
- Actor Christopher
- Barber's leather band
- Film director Wiseman
- Heavily involved (in)
- Hog product
- Repeat
- Plethora
- Capital of Angola
- Jackal's kin
- Hex- ender
- Flying stinger
- Least bold
- Pizzeria unit
- Slip- — (pullover)
- Say yes to
- Winery tank
- Vanity
- It fits into a mortise
- Wandering
- Plate position
- Tightening muscle
- Flinch
- Paella pot
- Lhasa — (little dogs)
- Like e-devices
- Verdi work
- Inch along
- Actor Haley Joel —
- Hit — spot
- Pontificated
- Mother, in Mexicali
- Be sleepy
- Smelted materials
- Ignites
- Promise
- "True —" ("Indeedy")
- Cato's 52
- Flatbread of India
- LAX abbr.
- Former jets to the U.K.
- Sword variety
- Juice drinks
- Booze up
- Is no more
- Expert finish?
- Whispers in stage acting
- Place to pray
- Lock parts
- Eyelike windows
- Of pontiffs
- iPod Touch, e.g.
- Grates on
- Initial stage
- Flinch
- Persian Gulf sheikdom
- Old autocrats
- Did like
- Road no.
- Be indebted
- Domicile: Abbr.
- Unit of resistance
- Actress Vardalos
- 12/24, e.g.
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Remembering Significance of 1733 St. John Revolution in Climb to Fortsberg

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At the restored sugar mill in the Virgin Islands National Park at Hammer Farm, Sele Adeyemi of St. Thomas traced the construction style of the towering stone structure to the construction practices of the African cultures of the enslaved workforce that built the sugar plantation economy.

At Forstberg, St. Johnian historian Dr. Sprauve fanned the coals of the historic "Fireburn" uprising when he reminded the Virgin Islanders — and especially the St. Johnians — participating in the commemoration that their modern-day struggles against an oppressive government were taking a different form.

"St. John has become the milk cow for our politicians," the former Senator and retired educator told the group. "We've got to tell them to get off our back."

"When (V.I. government officials) go to the bond market (to borrow) they do it on the back of St. John," Dr. Sprauve said of the V.I. government's current fiscal crisis.

"Eviction Notice from St. John"

"These enormous taxes are an eviction notice from St. John," Dr. Sprauve warned

his native audience.

Attendees from St. Thomas echoed Dr. Sprauve's call in warning their fellow participants that government plans to grant developers leases to historic undeveloped areas of St. Thomas for tourism projects were threatening the heritage of the native population.

"We have to save Mandahl Bay," one St. Thomian participant interjected during the impromptu ceremony of libations, remembrances, dancing and discussion within the ramshackle walls of Fortsberg.

"They are trying to take another jewel from us," the St. Thomian activist said of the recently-announced lease of the pristine bay and salt pond on the north shore of St. Thomas which the de Jongh Administration has granted to developers for a planned hotel and marina complex. "Another beautiful place will be stolen from us."

Participants were treated to musical entertainment by "Ital" Anthony of Mandal, St. John, and accompanying musicians as they enjoyed a sumptuous buffet of local dishes at the Guy H. Benjamin School in Coral Bay after the strenuous history lesson.



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Pan-African Support Group leader performs libation ceremony at Forstberg, pouring sea water on the ground as participants call out the names of the deceased.

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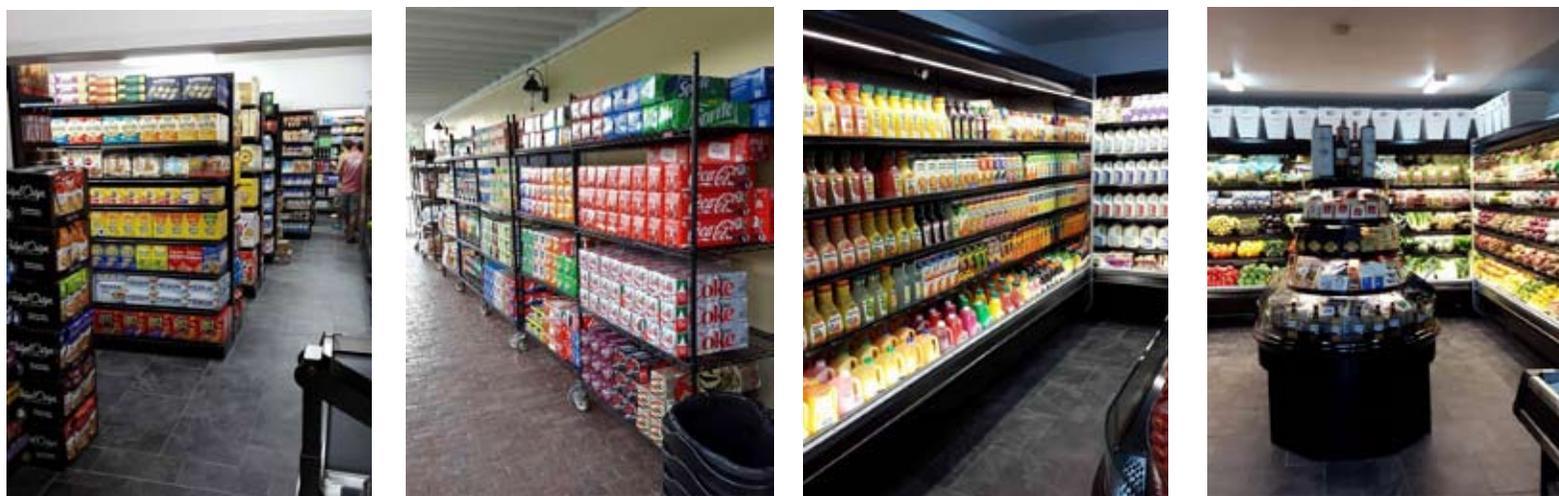
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