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A passenger was killed and the driver trapped in the wreckage for more than five hours before being extricated after a 22-ton industrial crane, which reportedly had just arrived on the island for a Virgin Islands National Park project, flipped and slid off the isolated section of road.

One Dead, One Injured as Driver Loses Control of Crane on VINP's Kings Hill Road

By TOM OAT
St. John Tradewinds

ESTATE MAHO BAY — One man died and another was seriously injured in an early-morning heavy equipment accident when an industrial crane flipped on its side going down a steep section of King Hill Road, Route 20, in the V.I. National Park and slid off the narrow road and down

the embankment, on Friday, February 20, trapping two men inside of the cab in the heavily-forested valley above Maho Bay.

The accident was reported to 911 at 7:30 a.m. and it took rescue workers until early afternoon to free both of the victims from the crushed cab of the 22-ton industrial crane, which reportedly had

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Cruz Bay Evening Altercation Becomes Bloody Machete Assault

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CRUZ BAY — An island dispute erupted in a bloody mid-evening assault in the center of Cruz Bay on Wednesday, February 18, which left high-season pedestrian and vehicular traffic being routed through the V.I. Port Authority facility at Cruz Bay Creek while authorities examined a bloody street front crime scene.

The pulse-pounding nightly music of Cap's Place was interrupted when the attack, which began in front of Nature's Nook produce stand in a well-lit section of the waterfront heavily-traversed by visitors walking to Mongoose Junction or traveling to and from the North Shore Road, Route 20, through the V.I. National Park, continued down the busy street toward the U.S. Post Office until it reached the popular street-front bar.

"There was blood all over the place," said one observer. "A pick-up truck was covered in blood and the guy was chased down the street towards Cap's Place."

"They closed the road and directed traffic through the Port Authority's bulkhead parking lot while the police investigated before the street was washed down," the eyewitness added.

Defendant Claims To Be Victim

Kenson Jolly, 25, was placed on \$75,000 bail at his initial court appearance on Feb. 20 and ordered to appear at an arraignment on March 5 in Superior Court. Jolly, who told police he turned the tables on someone who attacked him, was being held in the St. Thomas Criminal Justice Complex following the machete assault.

The victim of the alleged Wednesday night assault, who was identified by police as Rupert Walters, was transported by ambulance boat immediately after the incident for emergency surgery at the Roy L. Schneider Hospital on St. Thomas. Hospital officials said the man was treated for cuts and a head injury.

"There was blood all over the place," said one observer. "A pickup truck was covered in blood and the guy was chased down the street towards Cap's Place."

Jolly complained to police that he and the victim had had an altercation earlier in the evening, according to court documents. The defendant said he walked away after being struck in the head by a man he said had antagonized him on an ongoing basis.

Pocket Knife V. Machete

But later, Jolly said, he confronted Walters near Nature's Nook, saying he wanted to be left alone, according to a VIPD release. An argument ensued and Jolly said the man produced a pocket knife and cut him on the face, according to the VIPD.

A few moments later, the knife-wielding attacker left and returned with a machete, striking Jolly on the shoulder, the statement said. A second struggle began and Jolly told police he wrestled the machete away from his alleged attacker, the VIPD said in a written statement.

By the time police arrived on the scene Walters was lying on the ground, covered with lacerations.

Minutes after locating the victim, V.I.P.D. officers searching the area found Jolly, who was covered in blood, according to police.

Charges brought against Jolly include three counts of first degree assault, two counts of third degree assault, mayhem and use of a dangerous weapon in the commission of a violent crime.

Fortunately, the proprietors of Cap's Place regularly scrub and hose down the intersection in front of the popular night spot early every morning – whether it needs it or not.

Archaeology Lab Dedication Feb. 25

Virgin Islands National Park together with the Friends of the VINP is hosting an official opening of the Educational Center and Archaeology Laboratory at Cinnamon Bay on Wednesday, February 25 at 10 a.m. The dedication of the new center will remain open throughout the day until 5 p.m.

GHS Harlem Night Set for Feb. 26

The National Honor Society and Student Council of Giffit Hill School will present a Harlem Renaissance Cabaret on Thursday, February 26, starting at 5 p.m.

All members of the community are invited. Cost is \$5 and event goers will receive five tickets to vote for best original performance. Attendees may also purchase lasagna, drinks and dessert.

All proceeds go to Namasagali Primary School in Uganda.

Family Movie Night Set for Feb. 27

The Bethany Moravian Church will be hosting a Family Movie Night on Friday, February 27 at 7 p.m..

Everyone of all denominations are welcome to join in this family friendly activity. For more information call (340) 776-6291.

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Mar. 1

Join Merry Stockwell at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Service on Sunday, March 1, at 10 a.m. at Giffit Hill School Lower Campus for the topic: Hope.

Are you hopeful or hopeless? Is hope a choice? Do you have to have faith to have hope? "When all else fails", what are you left with? We will look at these questions and more....

For 25 years Stockwell enjoyed a career as Director of Religious Education serving three different Unitarian Universalist churches. She lives in Peterborough, N.H and has shared her wisdom with the UUF of St. John for many years.

Audubon Society Plant Sale March 7

If you're looking for a great variety of plants and trees at reasonable prices come see member of the V.I. Audubon Society at the The Marketplace (second level parking lot by St. John Hardware) from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 7.

Once again the organization will offer a wide variety of plants and trees, most obtained from various VIAS members and from local growers/landscapers who generously donate plants for the group's annual fundraiser. This year each child who attends will receive a free plant to while supplies last.

St. John Rotary Club Adds New Venue

In an effort to involve a larger segment of St. John in its membership and activities, the Rotary Club of St. John is changing its meeting time and venue to Wednesdays at 7:30 a.m. at Gallows Point's beautiful Ocean 362 Restaurant.

This new venue and earlier time will allow many business owners and employees to attend meetings and consequently to participate in our many community service events.

St. John Rotary is also expecting to change the third Wednesday of the month to an evening meeting in order to appeal to a younger group, thereby guaranteeing that the club will prosper and grow in its dedication to the needs of the St. John community and of the world. The satellite club will continue to meet on Fridays at noon at Chateau Bordeaux.

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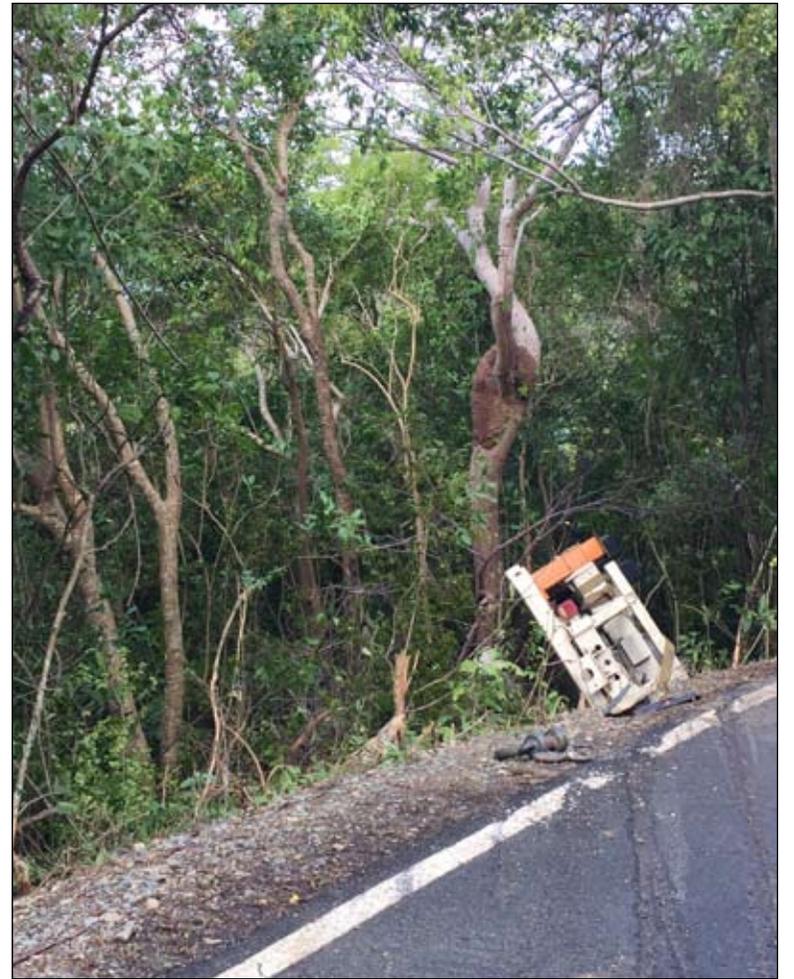
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Gouges in the tarmac, right, show the heavy crane was on its side when it slid off the road and over the steep forested embankment. Preliminary investigation showed the vehicle had struck the right shoulder of the downhill portion of the steep section of Route 20 connecting Centerline Road with Northshore Road and flipped on its driver side as it slide down and across the well-maintained section of road and off the left shoulder down a heavily-treed hillside.

It took St. John Rescue members, above, more than five hours to extricate the injured driver and the deceased passenger who were pinned in and under the cab of the heavy equipment which came to rest against large trees on the hillside below the road.

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just arrived on the island for a Virgin Islands National Park project.

The driver was cut out of the crushed cab and transported to Roy L. Schneider Hospital on St. Thomas for treatment and initially was listed in stable condition.

When rescue workers were finally able to reach the passenger they determined he had succumbed to injuries suffered when he was crushed between the cab of the vehicle and the trees, according to one participant in the rescue.

Passenger Pinned Under Vehicle

Arriving at the scene, the officers discovered that the driver and the passenger were trapped in the wreckage of the vehicle that was crushed against trees and wedged on its side on the steep terrain off the left shoulder of the road.

V.I. Fire Service, EMS and St. John Rescue, Inc. were all summoned to the scene of the accident to assist after V.I. Police Department officers received word from the 911 Call Center of an accident on King Hill Road at 7:30 a.m.

Members of St. John Rescue using the "Jaws of Life" took approximately six-hours to extricate the men, due to the severity of the accident, the inverted vehicle and the terrain. The driver was transported Friday afternoon to the Roy L. Schneider Hospital where he was listed in stable condition.

"We had to cut the cab open from the bottom," one St. John Rescue member related of efforts to reach the victims in the crushed, overturned vehicle. When rescue workers were finally able to cut through the bottom of the cab they found the driver was seriously injured and the passenger was dead.

The injured man, whose name has not been released, was transported to the Roy L. Schneider Regional Hospital in the late afternoon where he was listed in stable condition.

Marks on Road Show Vehicle's Slide

Marks on the steep section of road dropping from showed the vehicle was sliding on its side when it when off the left side of the well-maintained road which drops from the Colombo yogurt stand to Maho Bay, Francis Bay and Susannaberg and becomes North Shore Road through the V.I. National Park.

The two men were on the crane when the driver apparently lost control and the vehicle jackknifed into an embankment, according to VIPD spokesman Kevin Jackson. Because of the steep slope of the roadway the flatbed truck with the crane then slid the road until sliding off the west side of the road at a curve.

"The driver lost control of the vehicle and it went into the embankment on the right side of the roadway where it rolled onto its left side," Jackson said. "The crane then slid on the roadway until it slid over the left hillside about 25 ft. down."

Emergency workers from the V.I. Fire Service, the V.I. Police Department, Emergency Medical Services and volunteers from St. John Rescue responded to the scene.

It took another day to remove the wrecked vehicle from the accident scene and because of its position, Route 20 North Shore Road was impassable through Saturday.

No information has been issued by authorities regarding the identity of the deceased man, pending notification of next of kin. The cause of the accident is being investigated, according to authorities.

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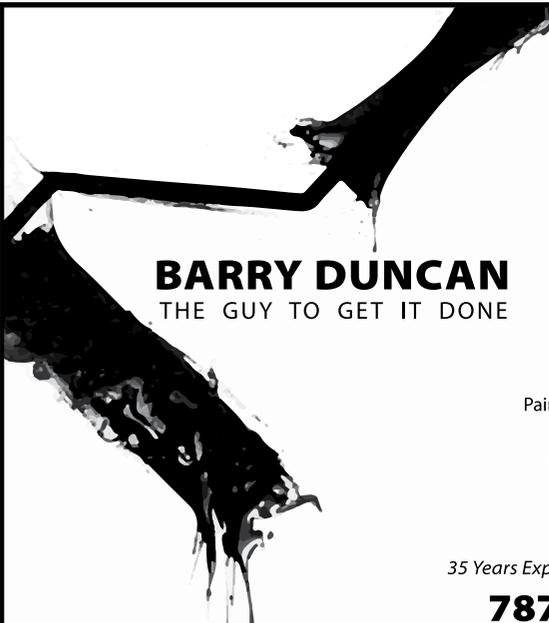
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Recovery Continues at Mongoose Junction



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The charred contents of the popular beauty parlor which was gutted by the Friday, January 23, fire are arrayed on the driveway of The Mongoose Junction commercial center on Route 20 in Cruz Bay adjacent to the second-story fire scene, above. A pile of shattered glass and charred debris awaits loading into a dumpster, below. The Northshore Deli has successfully reopened on the ground floor of the building as work continues to rebuild the only wooden section of the iconic retail complex.



Community Candles Glow and Hearts Swell at Light Up the Night

By RAVEN PHILLIPS
St. John Tradewinds

CRUZ BAY — The community of St. John came to promote the St. John Cancer Fund on Saturday, February 21, 2015. The Light Up the Night event in Winston Wells Ball Park was a night of remembrance, moral and financial support, and unity throughout the community.

Light Up the Night challenged people of the community to come together and walk to raise money for the St. John Cancer Fund and featured food and various forms of entertainment from acrobats and fire dancers. There were games and music from T-Bird and In Deh Sand Band.

Beanbag toss and a Mario Kart Tournament entertained teenagers and children alike. Though the night was filled with fun family-oriented activities, the event also highlighted the struggle against the devastating effects of cancer. The park was lined with decorated white tribute bags that each contained a candle. The bags paid tribute to individuals who were diagnosed with cancer.

Some bags honored those who lost their battle.

“Every bag has a story. Each candle glows with the love of the person who created it” explained



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Yelena Rogers Photography

Luminaria light the path for participants in the Light Up the Night fundraiser for the St. John Cancer Fund.

Brenda Wallace, mistress of ceremony for the event.

“This is an example of what St. John is, community that comes together help all aspects in any way it can,” said Mary Bartolucci of the St. John Cancer Fund. “The festival

has been such a huge success.”

The main goal of the St. John Cancer Fund is to provide financial assistance and moral support to cancer patients and their families. “We’re here to help in any way we can,” Bartolucci emphasized.

“We’re here to stand behind you and support you,” added Wallace. Assorted teams who walked and sold food and raffle tickets shared the same sentiment.

“We’re here because cancer touches everybody,” said B.J. Harris, secretary of the Rotary Club of St. John. “This event is where St. John can come together to raise money for fellow St. Johnians.”

“This is a wonderful festival for an important cause,” said Susan Silverman of Team Coral Bay. “To all those fighting cancer, keep faith because we will beat it together.”

“My husband is a survivor of cancer for 16 months now,” said Laurie Crandall of On St. John Property Management and Team Caneel Bay. “This is a fabulous organization that all of St. John can rely on and partake in supporting.”

One memorable moment of the night was the heartbreaking story of Jessie Daigneault and her brother Mike McDermott. As the tribute bags were lit, Jessie was given an opportunity to share her inspiration for participating in the festivities.

Mike “Mikey” McDermott was not only her sibling, but one of Jessie’s closest friends, she explained. The two rooted themselves in the loving and laidback attitude of St. John many years ago.

Mike was diagnosed with Leukemia in December of 2013. In her

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St. John Taxi Drivers Organize and Elect Officers To Preserve Cruz Bay Stand

By **TOM OAT**
St. John Tradewinds

CRUZ BAY — St. John taxi drivers and other parties interested in improving the flow of traffic and people near the busy Cruz Bay ferry dock appear to be getting things together – with Senator at Large Almando “Rocky” Liburd playing referee.

On Tuesday, February 17, the St. John drivers elected new officers and pledged to cooperate with the as yet unnamed association’s new policies.

Sen. Liburd had warned St.

John taxi medallion holders in an early February meeting that they were in danger of losing control over passenger pick up from the taxi stand on V.I. Port Authority controlled property on the Cruz Bay waterfront near the dock

“The group that previously worked to manage taxi traffic in Cruz Bay had fallen apart,” Sen. Liburd explained. “I have conducted two meetings with the drivers over the past few weeks in order to assist them in reorganizing an association of St. John taxi operators.”

“I told them they had to come together and manage it properly or another entity would take over,” Sen. Liburd said.

Long-time taxi driver Dale Hendrickson, who was elected as secretary of the new St. John association, said he sees the reorganization as essential for the drivers and beneficial to the community as a whole.

“With the new association we can now negotiate with the Port Authority and have the taxi stand running as it should be,” Hendrickson explained. “We are going to do

our best to create a better service for the public – both residents and visitors.”

The next step was for the new officers to meet, draft bylaws, propose a name for the association and present this to the membership, Hendrickson said. There are 162 taxi medallions designated for St. John, but not all are in active use, Hendrickson explained.

“Senator Liburd’s office really played a big role in helping us come together and move forward so that we can eliminate the confusion around the dock and taxi stand,” Hendrickson said.

“Everyone who is duly licensed will be allowed to pick up people at the dock,” Sen. Liburd

said. “Every driver will have a fair shot.”

Senator Liburd thanked the drivers, Senator Tregenza Roach and St. John Administrator Camille Paris for their assistance in addressing this matter.

“This is a case where everyone came together relatively quickly in a real spirit of cooperation,” Sen. Liburd said. “And I, of course, stand ready to assist further as necessary.”

The officers elected for the new St. John taxi association are: Pamela Samuel, president; Avery Challenger, Vice president; Dale Hendrickson, secretary; Sonia Innocent assistant secretary, and Dale Claxton, treasurer.

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The Cruz Bay waterfront and safari taxis.

As St. John Drivers Organize, VIPA Tables Discussion on Cruz Bay Taxi Stand Franchise

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ST. THOMAS — V.I. Port Authority plans to publish a Request for Proposals to lease the taxi franchise near the Loredon L. Boynes Dock in Cruz Bay were postponed this week when discussion of the proposed action by the Port Authority governing board was tabled at a regularly scheduled VIPA meeting on Feb. 18.

Late last year then-Governor John de Jongh allowed the Department of Property and Procurement to prepare a request for a licensed taxi service operator to bid on a contract to operate the taxi stand. That operation is currently managed by the St. John Taxi Association.

St. John taxi medallion holders recently have reorganized under the direction of Senator at Large Almando Rocky” Liburd in an effort to retain the management of the Cruz Bay taxi stand along Cruz Bay beach adjacent to the ferry dock.

A *St. John Tradewinds* source said the matter was put on last week’s VIPA agenda by mistake.



St. John Tradewinds News Photos Courtesy of St. John Beach Bum

The live camera watching Cruz Bay captured the aftermath of the collision of the *Red Hook I* with the Loredon L. Boynes Ferry Dock on Saturday, February 14, as the 4 p.m. ferry from Red Hook, St. Thomas, arrived at approximately 4:20 p.m., top photo. After the collision the vessel appeared drifted and nearly run into dinghy dock before the crew of vessel regained control and put the vessel in full throttle reverse, according to one photographer.

The incident is under investigation and the vessel is in dry dock undergoing repairs, according to U.S. Coast Guard officials.

Ferry Smacks Dock on Valentine's Day with Substantial Damage, Injuring Two

St. John Tradewinds

CRUZ BAY HARBOR — After less than four months in regular service, the new catamaran ferry Red Hook I operated by Varlack Ventures is out of service after running into the Loredon L. Boynes Ferry Dock in Cruz Bay on Saturday afternoon, February 14, and suffering “substantial damage” to its port pontoon.

There were reportedly at least two injuries among the 117 passengers, according to Ricardo Castrodad, Public Affairs Specialist for the U.S. Coast guard Sector San Juan.

The vessel sustained “substantial damage to its portside pontoon,” and the vessel was in dry dock at week’s end.

“An investigation is underway,” according to Castrodad. “We were notified immediately following the incident.”

“The investigation is being carried out by Coast Guard Marine Safety investigators from the Marine Safety Detachment on St. Thomas,” Castrodad added.



Tradewinds News Photos Courtesy of St. John Beach Bum

Ferry in full throttle reverse

Although there were intimations the incident was caused by sea conditions, several photographs taken immediately after the collision show the vessel drifting towards the shoreline at Wharfside Village in calm waters before it reversed engines abruptly and inched back to the pier.



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VIWMA To Close Two Bin Sites

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ST. JOHN — The VI Waste Management Authority advises St. John residents that two (2) bin sites will be closed on St. John, effective Monday, March 2. The bins in Coral Bay by Sea Breeze and Contant Hill in Cruz Bay will be permanently removed from their current locations.

These bin sites are being closed as they are deemed a safety concern due to their location along the roadside. The locations are considered unsafe for motorists and residents who use the sites.

Residents who use the Sea Breeze bin site can

use the main bin site located in Coral Bay and those who utilize the Contant Hill location can dispose of waste at the Pine Peace bin site.

Businesses are reminded that the public bin sites are not for commercial use. Business waste is to be taken directly to the St. John Susannaberg Transfer Station or the Bovoni Landfill on St. Thomas either by self-haul or by a licensed and permitted waste hauler.

For more information, call 340-715-9110 or 340-690-4218, or email communications@viwma.org.

Historical Paintings To Be Displayed at Historical Society Fundraiser Mar. 10

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The St. John Historical Society will host an art show and fundraiser at the Westin Grand Ballroom on St John from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10.

The event, A Look Backtime, will offer a rare opportunity to view historical paintings of the Virgin Islands now held in private collections. The event will also feature local artists with their own works for sale with a portion of the artwork sales going to benefit the Society, a raffle and a silent auction.

One of the historical pieces of artwork on display will be an 1850 Fritz Melbye painting, Cruz Bay Battery on St. John, which was commissioned by Gov. Carl Hänschell (1809-1859). The painting hung at the battery on St John, which then served as the governor's residence, until the Hänschell family took it with them to

Lemvig, Denmark. The painting remained in the Hänschell family until it was acquired recently by a private St. John collector who graciously consented to loaning it to the Society for this event.

Melbye was born in Denmark in 1826 but traveled and painted extensively throughout the Caribbean. He is credited with inspiring the young Camille Pissarro, the St. Thomas artist, to take up painting as a career.

An original Pissarro sketch will also be on display at the fundraiser, and commentary on selected pieces of historical art will be part of the activities.

Available for sale will be the work of several local artists, including Kimberly Boulon, Lucy Portlock, Janet Cook-Rutnik, Elaine Estern, Lisa Etre and George Hollander, with a portion of the artwork sales benefitting the society.

A raffle and silent auction will include gift certificates from local restaurants such as Waterfront Bistro, Ocean 362, Vista Mare, Virgin Fire, the Lime Inn, Ronnie's Pizza and the Fishtrap; a sunset sail and half-day sail on Cloud9; and hotel stays at Carambola Beach Resort & Spa, Estate Lindholm and String of Pearls.

Other items include a private tour of the Cinnamon Bay Museum guided by National Park archeologist Ken Wild; a private tour of Susannaberg conducted by Ronnie Jones; jewelry from R&I

PATTON; a Scandinavian dinner for six prepared by Robin Swank and Larry Boxerman; a whitening from St. John Dental; free car servicing from Community Motors; a gift certificate for fiberglass work by Mike Sheen; five out-of-print copies of Life in 5 Quarters; copies of St. John Backtime and St John Voices; a mahogany hand-turned pen by Pam Richards-Samuel; and a back issue of the American Folk Art Museum's 1990 publication that featured an article on the St. John market basket by Bernie Kemp.

Music by Bo Magnie will complement light hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. The historical society suggests a minimum donation of \$25 per person at the door.

The St. John Historical Society is a membership-based, non-profit organization that has served the St. John community for the past 41 years. Its mission is to document, preserve and share with the public the history of this very special island. This has been achieved with the help of numerous professional historians, crafts people, artisans, musicians and educators who have brought this island's rich history to life. Through its collections, publications, media, educational programs, field trips, special events and more, the historical society has been and continues to be the leading resource for discovering St. John. To learn more, visit the society's website at <http://stjohn-historicalsociety.org/>.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo Courtesy of Frank Langley

Cricket Anyone?

St. John Tradewinds

ST. JOHN — Like so many things in this life, what appears to be of little interest at first glance, becomes intriguing and fascinating after further study, according to longtime St. John resident Frank Langley.

“So it is with the game of cricket, and we happen to be living right in the middle of a group of islands known as the West Indies, with a cricket team which for many years was the best in the big world of cricket which includes Australia, New Zealand, England, South Africa, India, Pakistan, Ireland etc., quite an honor when you come to think of it, and now looks to become the best again in the near future,” Langley said after bringing the sport to St. John school children.

“Bringing or re-kindling the enthusiasm in St. John could mean the discovery of talented St. John players for the world stage,” Langley said exuberantly.

In association with Calvert Gibson, President of the St. Thomas and St. John Cricket Association, on Tuesday afternoon, February 17, Langley was able to organize tutorials and demonstrations of the game with students in grades six and eleven at Giff Hill School, and grade eight at Sprauve School.

The introduction aroused a lot of keen interest from both the students and their teachers – Ms. Barbie from The Giff Hill School and Mr. Bell from Julius E. Sprauve School, according to Langley, the founder and driving force behind the St. John Arts Festival.

Langley gave special thanks are to Calvert Gibson, and St. John residents Mathias Calixte — up-and-coming fast/spin bowler and Akhil Deshwal — first-rate batsman.

Giff Hill School Athletic Director Barbie Barry, left, with eager-to-learn cricket students.

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Best of Both Worlds' "Friday Night Fêtes" Continue With Show of Kro-gu Jewelry



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Best of Both Worlds Fine Art and Craft Gallery is pleased to invite the public to a series of Friday Night Fêtes with the next event featuring Kro-gu Sterling Silver Jewelry by Peter and Melissa Luterek, Friday, February 27, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Mongoose Junction.

So what is Kro-gū? The word

is derived from the Old Slavic and means "binding" or "a band around a finger." It's an apt description of their jewelry — a person will become bound, even obsessed, by Kro-gū's lustrous beauty.

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To go with the wine and champagne that will be served in the gallery, Virgin Fire which is located next door to Best of Both Worlds, will be providing a delicious selection of appetizers to enjoy as well as live music by Inner Visions.

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St. John residents and business owners Peter and Melissa Luterek.

Happy Birthday Alphonse Fry!



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St. John denizen Alphonso Fry, center right, celebrated his 50th birthday with a group of friends on Saturday, February 21, with a pig roast at Pickle's in Coral Bay. The event, which coincided with the regular Saturday afternoon pig roast and live entertainment at Beverly Melius' popular Coral Bay establishment, was a fitting celebration of the historic event.



Kevel Lindsay and
Lyonia rubiginosa, above.
Photo by Jean-Pierre Bacle

Cock's-spur flower
(*Erythrina eggersii*), left.
Photo by Kevel C. Lindsay



Connecting with Nature

by Gail Karlsson

Conserving Critical Native Trees

St. John Tradewinds

Scientists Kevel Lindsay and Jean-Pierre Bacle from the Island Resources Foundation (IRF) have been surveying the hillsides of St. John and St. Thomas, with input from local horticultural expert Eleanor Gibney, in order to map the locations of rare and endangered native trees and shrubs.

The objective is to evaluate the threats to particularly important species and develop conservation plans for them in collaboration with the University of the Virgin

Islands' Cooperative Extension Service. They are currently looking at 20 trees, shrubs and vines from St. John, St. Thomas and St. Croix, but in the future hope to expand the effort to cover all rare and endangered native plants in the territory. The project is funded by the Virgin Islands Urban and Community Forestry Program (VI Department of Agriculture).

As more of the Virgin Islands' land is developed, the remaining woodlands are increasingly pressured by roads, buildings and

commercial activities. At the same time, the growing impacts from climate disruption and rising sea levels present other long-term threats to native habitats. Even lands protected within the VI National Park are affected by road cuts and pollution, as well as the broader challenges of a changing climate.

One native but rarely seen tree is known as Cock's-spur (*Erythrina eggersii*) due to its spiky branches and reddish flowers. Native only to

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SJFS To Present “Still Dreaming” as MAAF’s On Screen/In Person Tour

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On Screen/In Person is designed to bring some of the best new independent American films and their respective filmmakers to communities across the mid-Atlantic region. The filmmakers will tour with their films and work with the host sites to provide audiences context and greater appreciation for their respective work and the art of film.

St. John Film Society will present “Still Dreaming” on Tuesday, March 3, at the St. John School of the Arts in Cruz Bay. A \$5 donation is requested at the door. Filmmaker Jilann Spitzmiller will be joining us after the screening for questions and answers.

Stretching physical, emotional and mental limits, a group of elderly Broadway actors, musicians and dancers bravely dive into a production of “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” and find that nothing is what it seems to be. These former Broadway stars, who reside at the Lillian Booth Actors Home just outside New York City, embark on a journey through the magical play at the urging of the Home’s administrators. The staff



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Filmmaker Jilann Spitzmiller will be joining the audience after the screening for a question and answer session.

of the Home sees this as an opportunity to boost quality of life for the residents. The residents are not so sure.

As the rehearsal process unfolds, the actors find themselves experiencing both the pain and

exhilaration of re-immersion in their life’s work amidst the vagaries of old age. At the same time, the troupe’s young co-directors, Ben Steinfeld and Noah Brody of NYC’s celebrated Fiasco Theater, struggle to maintain forward mo-

mentum with this over-80 acting ensemble. Alzheimer’s, Dementia, and even minor issues such as sight and hearing loss create constant crises and obstacles for all involved. As the troupe pushes forward, the play’s themes of perception, reality vs. dreaming, and memory become relevant in sharp relief. Ultimately the performance of the play turns out to be surprising, mysterious and resonant, and a vital reminder of the value of engaging in our dreams no matter the circumstance.

The Filmmakers

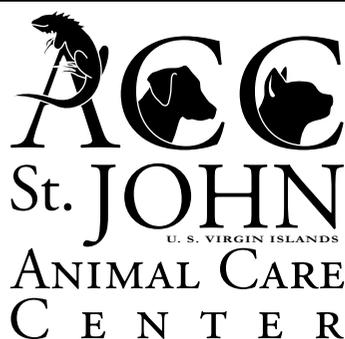
Jillian Spitzmiller is a documentary producer, director, editor, cinematographer and teacher whose films have received international acclaim. She produced the award-winning Shakespeare Behind Bars and co-directed, produced and edited Homeland which aired on PBS in 2000. Spitzmiller has freelanced extensively in the documentary field, with credits such as NBC, A&E, Bravo and VH1. She is the co-director of Philomath Films, whose productions have received numerous awards including the Audience Award at AFI Fest and Best of Show at

BendFilm. Spitzmiller is also co-founder of DocuMentors, a website and mentoring service for documentary filmmakers. Spitzmiller teaches filmmaking and documentary classes in California, New Mexico and Italy.

Hank Rogerson works in both documentary and fiction film. He directed Shakespeare Behind Bars, which won eleven awards on the festival circuit and co-produced, directed and edited Homeland, an award-winning documentary about the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. Rogerson has freelanced as a writer, director and producer within the film industry, and has twice been a Sundance Institute Fellow. Together with Spitzmiller, he is the co-director of Philomath Films and the co-founder of DocuMentors. He currently teaches filmmaking at Santa Fe University of Art and Design.

St. John Film Society is supported in part by the Mid Atlantic Foundation and is a program of the St. John Community Foundation.

For more information contact: the SJFS via email at stjviff@gmail.com or visit their website at www.stjohnfilm.com.



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By JAIME ELLIOTT
St. John Tradewinds

DREEKETS BAY — Located on a private, gated waterfront 0.88-acre parcel on the island’s East End, The Retreat is a two bedroom, two bathroom home for sale for \$1.95 million, explained Holiday Homes of St. John broker/owner Christie O’Neil.

“This home is located on beautiful Dreekets Bay on the East End of the island,” said O’Neil. “There are simply stunning views from The Retreat.”

Dreekets Bay is a fully paved neighborhood in the serene East End area of St. John. While you will be far from the congestion of Cruz Bay, you won’t be giving up the conveniences of in-town living, explained O’Neil

“Dreekets has the best paved roads on the island plus they are lined by beautiful stone walls,” said the Holiday Homes broker/owner.

You will certainly feel worlds away from it all at the private and peaceful The Retreat, but the funky shops and restaurants of Coral Bay are actually only about a six minute drive away. Several beautiful alabaster beaches with turquoise waters are only several minutes away.

You don’t even have to drive to enjoy the beautiful waters. There is a short private path from The

Retreat which leads to the gin clear water below.

With breath-taking water views and no end of cooling breezes, this architecturally-acclaimed home offers luxury living far from the crowds. From its uniquely open design to the thoughtful layout, The Retreat is the perfect haven for privacy and relaxation.

There are two separate master suites at The Retreat, each fully air conditioned. The bedrooms are situated on either side of the common living areas, offering plenty of privacy.

The open plan kitchen, which was recently updated with all new appliances, leads into a spacious great room with both living and dining areas. Full glass walls can be opened with the flick of a switch to bring those jaw-dropping water views and cooling, steady breezes right inside.

Additional amenities at The Retreat include private outdoor stone showers, a 40-foot lap pool and a secluded garden spa on the hill with plenty of space to stretch out and relax after a long day of exploring the area’s stunning natural beauty.

For more information about The Retreat, call Christie O’Neil at Holiday Homes of St. John at (340) 774-8088 or on her cell phone at (340) 998-7451, or visit her at their office at The Marketplace.

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Letter to *St. John Tradewinds*

2016 Broadway Set for Jan. 29-30

Broadway Comes to St. John 2016 has been scheduled for Friday, January 29 and Saturday, January 30!

Many thanks to Mike Ryan of the Westin Resort St. John Villas for securing these dates in advance!

Of course, the title of the next show remains a closely guarded secret! Until next year...

**Kim Wild, Executive Director
St. John School of the Arts**

Vietnam Veterans Ask Support for Agent Orange Bill

A new House Bill has been introduced by Congressman Chris Gibson (D-19 NY). The Bill HR-969 titled The Blue Water Navy, Vietnam Veterans Agent Orange Act was presented to the 114th Congress on February 13th, 2015 and is referred to the House Committee of Veterans Affairs. This new Bill replaces an older Bill that died in the VA Congressional committee of 2014.

The new Bill is to clarify presumptions related to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam and for other purposes.

House Bill HR-969 if passed, will afford proper equitable VA benefits to Vietnam veterans exposed to the herbicide Agent Orange. Thousands of Vietnam veterans who did not have boots-on-ground will be eligible for VA benefits, medical and compensation. The Bill is important to those veterans who served our Country and who are sick so they may have better quality of life.

Once again we veterans need the help of the American people. Please call your members of Congress, also write to them at their Washington, DC office, urge Congress to pass HR-969. Let not the Vietnam War Veteran be forgotten.

**Sincerely,
John Bury, Media, PA
US Navy retired advocate for Vietnam veterans**

Boulon Fine Art Gallery Thanks Event Supporters

We would like to express our sincere appreciation for all those that made Kimberly Boulon Fine Art Gallery's Visual and Performing "Evening With The Arts" a wonderful success. With deep consideration for the theme, "Perspectives: ST. JOHN VIRGIN ISLANDS Interpreted in ART," the community of artists, St. John School Of The Arts (SJSA) performers, musicians and those that provided a taste of St. John brought the "Past" to life.

Thank you to The Marketplace and Manager Debbie Marsh for your continued wonderful support. And *Tradewinds* and *St. John Source* for generously publicizing our event.

Thank you to the superb Visual Artists for your St. John Collection Artworks: Michael Banzhaf, Karen Calandra, Helen Dunkerley, Casey Giakas, George Hollander, Jon McKay, Kimberly Nogueira, Catherine Perry, Gail Van de Bogurt and John Van de Water, along with William Stelzer for his photo collage of Eleanor Gibney's historic photos projected onto Bobby Danet's Grandparents' historic sloop sail.

Thank you to the St. John School of the Arts and their heartfelt and powerful performance: Kim Wild - Director, Kazumi Schaub - Office Manager, Drummers, lead by Eddie Bruce - Jahbioseh Bruce, Dion Johnson, Akeem Roach. Jeune Provost - Choreographer, Dancer and Actress. Actors - Tarique Herbert, Jada JnPhillip, Nadia Leoni, Kyrah Lima, Skylar Loeffler, Kevanna Mathew, Jah-Hyrah McCain, Virgil Rightenberg, Emily Wild. Dancers - Liv Peltier, Sonijah Gris and Kyrah Lima.

Thank you to the ever-melodic Musicians for the evening - Eddie Bruce on guitar and Mike Sorzano on steel pan.

For our delicious Taste of the Past: Etta's and their special West Indian fare and costumed serving; Liz

Lowe of Queen of Tarts for her scrumptious pastries; Sharelle Francis and her guavaberry liqueur along with Karen Samuel 's local fruit juices - all a special taste back in time.

Thank you to William Stelzer for also photographing the event in stills and your videography of the SJSA performance. And all of the graphic designing for Kimberly Boulon Fine Art and Gallery; Joe Stelzer for fabrication of Gallery lettering; Cid Hamlin for flyer distribution.

A big thank you to our volunteers setting up: Greg Maskell for painting walls, George Hollander for his expert interior lighting and designing placement for Guest Artists work; Robyn Podany for organizing all of the outside-of-gallery set up with Eve Maskell; Victoria Sansing and Rita Johnson serving beverages. Thank you for the raffle sales by Mary Anne Campbell, Jo Ann Hall, Glenda and Harvey Werbel. Also volunteering - Sandra Loeffler and Sarah Ober-schall.

And in honoring the St. John Historical Society, we thank Lonnie Willis, Margie Labrenz and Diana Hall for their efforts and the Society's Service of over 40 years preserving St. John History.

And a big thank you to the public for attending our Event and your purchase of raffle tickets where 100% of the sales went to support SJSA programs. Congratulations to Lisa Wilson for winning Kimberly Boulon's painting from the raffle.

Please join us on March 13th for our Visual and Performing Arts Evening interpreting in Art of St. John's "Present" while honoring the VI National Park and raffling off another Kimberly Boulon painting, fully supporting the St. John School of the Arts.

**With Our gratitude,
Kimberly and Rafe Boulon**



Scenic Properties Needs Your Help

This Tuesday MSI delivered 67 sheets of White Galvaloom roofing material (corrugated metal sheets) to the staging area behind the Dump at the top of Gift Hill Road to be picked up and delivered to the job site. The machine to lift the metal onto the truck broke down and by the time the crew returned to hand load the material onto the truck the material had disappeared from the site.

The white sheets of metal range from 20 feet long to 8 feet long. The metal was for a house managed by Scenic Properties.

This is a large amount of material worth over \$6,000.

This matter has been reported to the police.

If any one saw a truck transporting a large amount of roofing material or if anyone sees the material please call Scenic Properties and the Cruz Bay police.

We have checked with the Barge Companies and they have confirmed the material is still on St John.

Please pass this email on to every one. Any help in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

**Thank you very much.
Rich and Carol Wassel
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Correction

The affiliation of Ken Wild of the National Park Service was incorrectly reported in an article in the February 16 issue of *St. John Tradewinds*. The education center at Trunk Bay is under the auspices of the U.S. Geological Survey; Wild works for the National Park Service.

17th Annual V.I. Audubon Society Plant Sale Set for Saturday, March 7, at The Marketplace

St. John Tradewinds

If you're looking for a great variety of plants and trees at reasonable prices come see member of the V.I. Audubon Society at the The Marketplace (second level parking lot by St. John Hardware) from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 7.

Once again the organization will offer a wide variety of plants and trees, most obtained from various VIAS members and from local growers/landscapers who generously donate plants for the group's annual fundraiser. This year each child who attends will receive a

free plant to while supplies last.

If you're looking to add palms, bay trees, mahogany trees, pink cedar trees, some natives, desert rose, agaves, ornamentals such as Joseph's Coat, lantana, ruellia, plumeria, periwinkle, passion fruit vine and other garden favorites to your landscape make sure to stop by.

Vegetable plants will also be available including tomatoes, lettuce greens, eggplant, sweet and hot peppers, kale, collards, edamame and banana root stock. There will also be many diverse herbs for sale including cilantro,

parsley, dill, basil, mint and garlic chives. This list is only a portion of what will be available.

If you love orchids, those will be for sale, too.

This event is the major fundraiser for VIAS. Money raised is used to sponsor programs for school children and to continue efforts to, preserve, restore and enhance the wildlife sanctuary at the Small Pond at Frank Bay, a Virgin Islands designated Wildlife & Marine Sanctuary.

For more information contact chairs Dave Spoth at (716)472-6888.

Green Thursday Attract Large Crowd on Feb. 19



St. John Tradewinds News Photo Courtesy of Sharon Coldren

Island Green Living Association's Bill Willigerod and St. John Community Foundation's Celia Kalousek spoke about the Resource Depot, where people can buy recycled construction and household items, and the just-purchased industrial aluminum can compactor and baler.

V.I. Waste Management Authority's Mario Leonard outlined their system improvements and plans, and willingness to cooperate with community projects.

Coral Bay Community Council's Sean Richardson and Sharon Coldren provided a summary of the USDA grant-funded draft Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan for Coral Bay which is open for public comment at <http://1drv.ms/1wD0QE1>.

The main thrust of the plan is finding the will and funding to build a waste deposit and recycling center (Convenience Center) inland, away from the shoreline.

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Community Calendar

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Wednesday, February 25

— Virgin Islands National Park together with the Friends of the VINP is hosting an official opening of the Educational Center and Archaeology Laboratory at Cinnamon Bay on Wednesday, February 25 at 10 a.m. The dedication of the new center will remain open throughout the day until 5 p.m.

Thursday, February 26

— The National Honor Society and Student Council of Giffit Hill School will present a Harlem Renaissance Cabaret on Thursday, February 26, starting at 5 p.m. All members of the community are invited. Cost is \$5 and event goers will receive five tickets to vote for best original performance. Attendees may also purchase lasagna, drinks and dessert. All proceeds go to Namasagali Primary School in Uganda.

Friday, February 27

— The Bethany Moravian Church will be hosting a Family Movie Night on Friday, February 27 at 7 p.m..

Saturday, February 28

— The 19th Annual 8 Tuff Miles Road Race is February 28 at 7:15 a.m. followed by the awards ceremony at Mongoose Junction at 4 p.m.

— The 18th Annual Julius E. Sprauve School Benefit Gala will be on Saturday, February 28 at Caneel Bay Resort.

— Join Merry Stockwell at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Service on Sunday, March 1, at 10 a.m. at Giffit Hill School Lower Campus for the topic: Hope.

Tuesday, March 3

— St. John Film Society will present “Still Dreaming” on Tuesday, March 3, at the St. John School of the Arts in Cruz Bay. A \$5 donation is requested at the door. Filmmaker Jilann Spitzmiller will be joining us after the screening for a Q&A.

Saturday, March 7

— Once again the V.I. Audubon Society will offer a wide variety of plants and trees for sale on Saturday, March 7 at The Marketplace (second level parking lot by St. John Hardware) from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tuesday, March 10

— The St. John Historical Society will host an art show and fundraiser at the Westin Grand Ballroom on St John from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10.

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

Banking on Approval



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tom Oat

Workers continued to prepare the new location for First Bank at The Marketplace at Enighed Pond, above, as the Virgin Islands Banking Board was scheduled to consider a request by First Bank to move the location of their St. John branch in Cruz Bay at its meeting on St. Croix on February 19. The outcome of the meeting was unknown, and Gwendolyn Hall-Brady, director of the V.I. Division of Banking and Insurance led the meeting but referred an inquiry about the meeting to a spokesperson for the Office of the Lieutenant Governor. First Bank will be taking over the location abandoned by ScotiaBank. First Bank has done business in Cruz Bay Quarter, across the street of Nazareth Lutheran Church since taking over the operations of Chase Bank in the 1990s. For several years it was the only financial institution serving the island of St. John.

\$1M in Grants Available to Protect, Improve Health of Coral Reefs

St. John Tradewinds

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas Esther Kia'aina today announced the availability of one million dollars in grant funds under the Coral Reef Initiative (CRI) program for the year 2015. The goal of the CRI program is to protect and improve the health of coral reef habitats in the U.S. insular areas for their long-term economic and social benefit.

“Healthy coral reefs are the cornerstone of island communities, from the U.S. Virgin Islands to Guam,” said Assistant Secretary Kia'aina. “Coral reefs protect island communities from coastal erosion, storms and wave damage, provide habitat to numerous marine species, and support cultural practices and livelihoods as well as important tourism and recreational industries. These valuable resources are being threatened by a variety of stresses from inland de-forestation to over-harvesting and climate change. OIA is committed to helping the insular areas protect these vital resources for present and future generations.”

The Coral Reef Initiative in the Office of Insular Affairs accomplishes its goals by awarding grants for projects that help the insular areas address a variety of threats from land-based sources of pollution, to over-fishing and climate change. The program also supports local efforts to improve understanding of

the value of coral reefs through outreach and education programs. Examples of recent coral reef projects funded by OIA include restoration of watersheds at Faga'alu, American Samoa, and LaoLao Bay, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; community-based resource management planning in Ulithi Atoll, Yap, Federated States of Micronesia, and the outer islands of Republic of the Marshall Islands; and coral reef internships for university students in the insular areas.

Applications for 2015 funding are encouraged and will be considered from insular government entities, educational institutions, or non-profit organizations whose grant proposals directly benefits coral reef habitats in the four U.S. territories or three freely associated states, in accordance with 2 CFR 200.

Consideration will be given to proposals that support local and regional priorities for protection and sustainable use of marine resources, and especially coral reefs. Priorities for each insular area are identified in each jurisdiction's Local Action Strategy and by the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force which may be accessed through the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force website.

For more information, please see Instructions for Applications to the DOI Office of Insular Affairs Coral Reef Initiative on Grants.gov.

Acting AG Announces New Chief, Guilty Verdict

St. John Tradewinds

Acting Attorney General Terri Griffiths is pleased to announce that former Judge James Carroll will be joining the Department of Justice as the Chief of the Civil Division. Former Civil Chief Carol Jacobs will also be joining the criminal division and specializing in asset forfeiture. These highly experienced individuals will bring knowledge and strength to the Department of Justice.

The acting AG was also pleased that Assistant Attorney General Eugene Connor, who recently joined the Criminal Division won his first jury trial when a jury handed down a guilty verdict on a four year old case involving a gun crime.

“The public overwhelmingly needs reassurance that we are serious about gun crimes in the Virgin Islands and I commend the jury for doing the right thing, putting their own fears aside and following the law.”

Crime Stoppers USVI

Crimes of the Week

St. John Tradewinds

Crime StoppersUSVI directs this two-part public service announcement to students, parents, school administrators, and the community to help promote safer school environments. Crime Stoppers USVI wishes to show that a proactive, not reactive, approach to a safer school environment is more cost-effective, financially and emotionally.

Because crime can leave a profound mark on our youth, school safety has become an emotional issue. Following the design and success of community programs, the first student Crime Stoppers USA program was started in a Boulder, Colorado high school in 1983. Now, over 2,000 programs exist in middle and high schools, community colleges, and colleges throughout the nation.

Schools with a Crime Stoppers component on their campuses have experienced several benefits. Often utilized within the curriculum to teach character development, established campus-based programs have promoted school spirit and pride, and a positive campus image to students. Indirectly, schools experienced a reduced risk of lawsuits and put a check on insurance costs. In addition to being a way students safely reported school crimes anonymously without fear of retaliation, school-based programs have encouraged the development of responsibility. Students participated in a valuable extracurricular activity, while they benefited from a reduction in incidents on campus and enjoyed an increased sense of security.

A variety of crimes are known to have been committed on a school campus, such as vandalism, theft, graffiti, bomb threats, excessive bullying, arson, and presentation of drugs and weapons. Depending on the severity of the crime, rewards for tips ranged from \$100-\$200 for drugs or weapons on campus, or passes to school activities, movies, free school items, and various gift certificates for lesser crimes and for younger students.

Some may complain that paying rewards could promote students to become “snitches” or invent crimes as revenge against other students. That might be true initially; however, crimes are carefully investigated before any rewards are paid.

All things considered, we would rather have an anonymous good student-citizen to safely report crime-solving or crime-preventing information than have a grieving school and community following a violent tragedy on campus that could have been prevented had there been a Crime Stoppers program in place. For more information on starting a Crime Stoppers program in your school, contact us at: crimestoppersvi@gmail.com.



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JANUARY	MARCH
FULL MOON HIKE • Jan. 2, Fri. • 5:00pm – 8:30pm; <i>Meets:</i> Salt Pond parking lot; <i>Bring:</i> Snack, water, wear hiking shoes, flashlight or headlamp; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$25 Mem / \$35 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 20	MARINE BIOLOGY SAIL • Mar. 1, Sun. • 8:45am – 3:00pm <i>Meets:</i> National Park Visitor Center dock FLAGPOLE; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, water bottle, towel, & sunscreen; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$85 Mem / \$95 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 27
PASTELS WITH LIVY HITCHCOCK • Jan. 11, Sun. • 10:00am – 1:00pm <i>Meets:</i> Take resort shuttle to Turtle Bay Veranda; <i>Bring:</i> Drinking water, wear old clothes; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$75 Mem / \$85 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 6	FULL MOON HIKE • Mar. 5, Thurs. • 5:00pm – 8:30pm <i>Meets:</i> Salt Pond parking lot; <i>Bring:</i> Snack, water, wear hiking shoes, flashlight or headlamp; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$25 Mem / \$35 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 20
HASSEL ISLAND KAYAK & HIKE • Jan. 16, Fri. • 2:00pm – 5:00pm <i>Meets:</i> Dock in front of Hook, Line & Sinker Restaurant, Frenchtown, St. Thomas; <i>Bring:</i> Towel, sunscreen, plenty of water/snack, dry bag, hiking shoes; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$69 Mem / \$79 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 8	LOVANGO SUSTAINABLE LIVING & DESIGN TOUR • Mar. 7, Sat. • 9:30am – 1:30pm; <i>Meets:</i> Friends of the Park Store; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, water, sunscreen, hat, & wear bathing suit & hiking shoes; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$55 Mem / \$65 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 20
TROPICAL GARDEN TOUR I • Jan. 17, Sat. • 10:00am – 3:00pm; <i>Meets:</i> Friends of the Park Store, Mongoose Junction to carpool; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, water, sunscreen; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$55 Mem / \$65 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 20	PADDLEBOARD, HIKE, & SNORKEL • Mar. 8, Sun. • 9:30am – 12:30pm <i>Meets:</i> Skinny Legs parking lot to carpool to Hansen Bay; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, water, swimsuit, water or hiking shoes, towel, hat; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$60 Mem / \$70 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 10
HIKE WITH THE “SUPER” • Jan. 21, Wed. • 9:30am – 1:30pm <i>Meets:</i> Annaberg Ruins parking lot; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, water, hat, sunscreen; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$40 Mem / \$50 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 16	LAMESHUR BAY/VIERS TOUR • Mar. 9, Mon. • 10:00am – 2:00pm <i>Meets:</i> Lameshur Bay parking lot; <i>Bring:</i> Notebook & water; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$45 Mem / \$55 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 20
KAYAK THE MANGROVES OF HURRICANE HOLE • Jan. 25, Sun. • 10:00am – 3:00pm; <i>Meets:</i> Skinny Legs Restaurant to carpool; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, water, snorkel gear, hat, sunscreen & towel; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$65 Mem / \$75 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 11	TRADITIONAL BROOM MAKING • Mar. 11, Wed. • 12:45pm – 2:45pm <i>Meets:</i> St. John School of the Arts • <i>Bring:</i> Yourself; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$45 Mem / \$55 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 10
EXPLORE THE SHORE • Jan. 29, Thurs. • 10:00am – 12:30pm <i>Meets:</i> Annaberg parking lot; <i>Bring:</i> Wear shoes to walk in water, lunch, water, towel, hat, sunscreen; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$25 Mem / \$35 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 20	CANEEL BAY KAYAK, HIKE & SNORKEL ADVENTURE • Mar. 13, Fri. • 9:00am – noon; <i>Meets:</i> National Park Visitor Center; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, snacks, water, towel, hat & sun protection <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$60 Mem / \$70 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 10
ADVANCED CANEEL/MARGARET HILL NATURAL HISTORY TREK WITH DR. GARY RAY • Jan. 31, Sat. • 9:00am – noon <i>Meets:</i> Friends of the Park Store, Mongoose Junction to carpool; <i>Bring:</i> Minimum 2 liters water, binoculars & notebook; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$30 Mem / \$40 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 20	MANGROVE SNORKELING BOAT TRIP • Mar. 14, Sat. • 9:00am – 3:00pm <i>Meets:</i> National Park Visitor Center dock at 8:45am; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, water, snorkel gear, towel, sunscreen, hat; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$85 Mem / \$95 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 18
FEBRUARY	PEPPER SAUCE MAKING AT HANSEN BAY • Mar. 15, Sun. • 11:00am – 3:00pm <i>Meets:</i> Skinny Legs to carpool to Hansen Bay; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, water, notebook, pen, camera, swimsuit, towel, snorkel gear (optional); <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$55 Mem / \$65 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 20
ST. THOMAS MANGROVE LAGOON, CASE CAY KAYAK, HIKE, SNORKEL • Feb. 1, Sun. • 12:45pm – 4:00pm; <i>Meets:</i> VI Ecotours, St. Thomas, Mangrove Lagoon Marina by 12:45pm. Tour leaves at 1:00pm; <i>Bring:</i> Water, snack, towel, sunscreen, hat, hiking shoes; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$59 Mem / \$69 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 30	TROPICAL LIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY • Mar. 16, Mon. • 8:00am – noon <i>Meets:</i> Friends of the Park Store; <i>Bring:</i> Camera & manual, batteries, memory cards, water & notebook; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$45 Mem / \$55 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 15
FULL MOON HIKE • Feb. 3, Tues. • 5:00pm – 8:30pm <i>Meets:</i> Salt Pond parking lot; <i>Bring:</i> Wear hiking shoes, flashlight or headlamp; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$25 Mem / \$35 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 20	MEDICINAL HERBS • Mar. 18, Wed. • 12:30pm – 2:30pm <i>Meets:</i> St. John School of the Arts; <i>Bring:</i> Notebook & pen; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$35 Mem / \$45 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 25
BIRDS OF THE PARK • Feb. 5, Thurs. • 9:00am – 1:00pm <i>Meets:</i> National Park Visitors Center; <i>Bring:</i> Water, snack, binoculars, notebook; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$55 Mem / \$65 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 20	ARCHAEOLOGY BY SEA BOAT TRIP • Mar. 25, Wed. • 9:45am – 3:00pm <i>Meets:</i> National Park Visitors Center dock at 9:45am; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, water, hat, sunscreen, swimsuit & towel (optional); <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$65 Mem / \$75 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 28
EAST END KAYAK TOUR • Feb. 8, Sun. • 10:00am – 2:30pm <i>Meets:</i> Skinny Legs to carpool to Hansen Bay; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, water, swimsuit, water shoes, snorkel gear, sunscreen, hat; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$65 Mem / \$75 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 10	TAINO POTTERY • Mar. 27, Fri. • 10:00am – 1:00pm <i>Meets:</i> Pottery in Paradise, Coral Bay (behind Pickles Deli, Rt. 107, Coral Bay) <i>Bring:</i> Snack, water; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$55 Mem / \$65 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 8
MEDICINAL HERBS • Feb. 11, Wed. • 12:30pm – 2:30pm <i>Meets:</i> St. John School of the Arts; <i>Bring:</i> Notebook & pen; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$35 Mem / \$45 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 25	TROPICAL GARDEN TOUR II • Mar. 28, Sat. • 10:00am – 3:00pm <i>Meets:</i> Friends of the Park Store, Mongoose Junction to carpool; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, water, sunscreen; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$55 Mem / \$65 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 20
PEPPER SAUCE MAKING AT HANSEN BAY • Feb. 15, Sun. • 11:00am – 3:00pm; <i>Meets:</i> Skinny Legs to carpool to Hansen Bay; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, water, notebook, pen, camera, swimsuit, towel, snorkel gear (optional); <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$55 Mem / \$65 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 20	MAHO/WHISTLING CAY KAYAK & SNORKEL ADVENTURE Mar. 29, Sun. • 9:45am – 1:00pm; <i>Meets:</i> Maho Bay parking lot; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, water, wear swimsuit, towel, hat, sunscreen, camera; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$55 Mem / \$65 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 8
ARCHAEOLOGY BY SEA • Feb. 18, Wed. • 9:45am – 3:00pm <i>Meets:</i> National Park Visitor Center dock at 9:45am; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, water, hat, sunscreen, swimsuit & towel (optional); <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$65 Mem / \$75 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 28	APRIL
EXPLORE THE SHORE • Feb. 19, Thurs. • 10:00am – 12:30pm <i>Meets:</i> Annaberg parking lot; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, water, wear shoes for walking in water, towel, hat, sunscreen; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$25 Mem / \$35 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 20	HIKE WITH THE “SUPER” • Apr. 1, Wed. • 9:00am – 3:00pm <i>Meets:</i> National Park Visitor Center; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, hat, water, sunscreen <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$55 Mem / \$65 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 6
COASTAL ECOLOGY • Feb. 21, Sat. • 9:00am – 3:00pm <i>Meets:</i> National Park Visitor Center, 8:45am; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, water, sunscreen, & snorkel gear; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$75 Mem / \$85 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 18	FULL MOON HIKE • Apr. 2, Thurs. • 5:00pm – 8:30pm <i>Meets:</i> Salt Pond parking lot; <i>Bring:</i> Snack, water, wear hiking shoes, flashlight or headlamp <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$25 Mem / \$35 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 20
BOOBY ROCK SNORKEL/SUNSET SAIL • Feb. 22, Sun. • 1:45pm – 6:30pm <i>Meets:</i> Calabash Market, to follow Capt. Karl to Johnson Bay; <i>Bring:</i> Snorkel gear, hat, towel, sunscreen, snacks (optional); <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$65 Mem / \$75 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 6	LEINSTER BAY GUIDED SNORKEL & HIKE • Apr. 11, Sat. • 9:00am – 3:00pm <i>Meets:</i> Annaberg parking lot; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, water, sunscreen, & snorkel gear; <i>Fee:</i> \$40 Mem / \$50 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 15
TRADITIONAL BROOM MAKING • Feb. 25, Wed. • 12:45am – 2:45pm <i>Meets:</i> St. John School of the Arts; <i>Bring:</i> Yourself; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$45 Mem / \$55 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 10	LIONFISH BOAT ADVENTURE • Apr. 12, Sun. • 9:30am – 3:00pm <i>Meets:</i> National Park Visitors Center dock; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, water, sunscreen, towel, snorkel gear (optional); <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$55 Mem / \$65 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 10
SEA TURTLE SAIL • Feb. 26, Thurs. • 1:00pm – 5:00pm <i>Meets:</i> Charlotte Amalie waterfront, St. Thomas (across from Greenhouse Restaurant); <i>Bring:</i> Snack, water, sunscreen, hat, snorkel gear, & swimsuit; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$65 Mem / \$75 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 50	
BOTANY HIKE • Feb. 27, Fri. • 9:00am – 1:00pm <i>Meets:</i> Friends of the Park Store; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, water, sunscreen, hat, & hiking shoes; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$45 Mem / \$55 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 25	

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Church Directory

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

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Freshwater Church St. John USVI
Sunday Worship 10 am at Hawksnest Beach
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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.
& Fridays: 7 p.m. Call 776-6339 for more information.

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



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Raven Phillips

Children who attended the event were treated to bean-bag toss games.

Hearts Swell at Light Up the Night

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story, Jessie chronicled her brother's struggle with the devastating disease. He endured several treatments that utterly destroyed his immune system and forced him to adhere to a strict diet, avoid crowds and children, and to wear a mask every time he left the house.

For many months, Mike cycled through sickness and remission. A bone marrow transplant was administered after an agonizing period of waiting, but unfortunately the procedure failed. McDermott passed away on September 12, 2014.

"Cancer affects us all. It cannot be fought alone," said Jessie who walked alongside the many friends and family members who through sheer strong will and love, stood by to support and care for a cancer patient. "The community must come together in full support."

The harrowing effects of cancer takes its toll on the youth as well, according to participants in the program. Many children and teenagers attended to honor the life of a family member.

"I think this event is great," remarked one teen. "It's a great opportunity to walk for those who have been lost and who have survived."

"I walked for my grandmother and my mom," she continued. "It

affects me because my grandmother and I were close and I never got to tell her goodbye, and I'll never have a chance to live a full life with my mom."

"To anyone with a family member who has cancer, be strong for them and spend as much time with them as you can," she added.

"You never know when that person will go," remarked one teen.

Light up the night offered plenty of activities for the youth to enjoy. Alongside the usual face painting, the night contained performances from Cirquetacular.

Cirquetacular is an eight year old acrobatics troupe from New York City which has performed in more than 70 countries. Members Kenneth Higginbotham, Ellie Steingraeber and Tad Emptage performed ground acrobatics, aerial acrobatics, hula hooping and more for an amazed crowd.

This was the group's third year of performing for the event, and they were more than happy to be there.

"It is our honor to be here," said Tad. "We were first told about the festival four years ago. We're proud to be around the volunteers and donations made by the community."

"Our thoughts and prayers go

out to all those being affected by cancer" said Ellie.

Those who are interested in having Cirquetacular perform at an event can contact them from their website, www.cirquetacular.com

Beanbag toss and a Mario Kart Tournament entertained teenagers and children alike.

"We really wanted to involve the youth"

"We really wanted to involve the youth," said Bridget Garcia of Mystic Adventure Sails, a 171-ft. charter schooner which offers term charters to and from the British Virgin Islands for weddings, reunions, anniversaries, corporate outings and more.

The sailboat can accommodate 150 people in the day and sleeps 34 at night. This year, the business accommodated the youth at Light Up the Night.

"We wanted to get them to interact with each other and familiarize them with Mystic," said organizer Mike Rose.

The St. John Cancer Fund is hosting two other events. On Friday, February 27, there will be a Pasta in the Park Party at Cruz Bay Landing starting at 5 p.m. On the day following the 8 Tuff Miles, Sunday, March 1, there will be the Oppenheimer Beach Recovery Party from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Senator Mitch McConnell and his wife, left, visits with Gov. Kenneth Mapp, right, during their USVI trip.

Gov. Mapp Hosts U.S. Senate Majority Leader McConnell

St. John Tradewinds

CHARLOTTE AMALIE

— Governor Kenneth E. Mapp received U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) and his wife, former Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao, at Government House in St. Thomas on Sunday, February 15, during one of the couple's regular visits to the territory.

"My wife and I chose the Virgin Islands for our honeymoon twenty-two years ago," Sen. McConnell said. "We continue to return to St. John and the territory on a regular basis. I see the values

here."

Sen. McConnell told Governor Mapp and his senior staff he would continue to be an advocate for USVI issues, according to a statement from Government House.

Discussions included USVI issues such as Customs and Border Patrol operations and their effects on our business affairs, the delayed issuance of Army Corps of Engineer permits for USVI projects, the level of infrastructure and transportation funding for our schools and roads and the resolution of ongoing treasury issues affecting our EDC beneficiaries, ac-

cording to the Government House release.

"With regards to your upcoming Centennial Celebration in 2017, show us your game plan and we will help, the Majority Leader told Gov. Mapp. "This is a tremendous opportunity to showcase the Virgin Islands to the rest of the world. It is your unique time to bring a lot of attention home."

The meeting culminated with an invitation for Governor Mapp to meet with the Majority leader in his office next week during the Governor's meetings in Washington, DC.

In Memoriam

Gennaro Francis Mancuso Truly One of a Kind



In Loving Memory of
Gennaro Francis Mancuso
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Nancy Hayes: February 13, 2011



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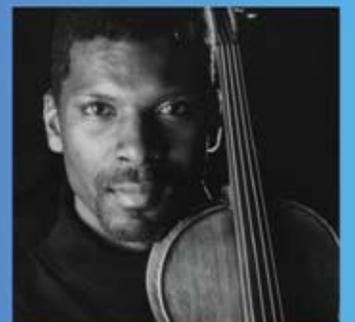
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- 25 Eye part
- 26 Energy-filled
- 27 Provide (with)
- 28 Hiatus
- 29 Gut-punch response
- 32 Mello — (drink brand)
- 34 Like someone doing an oil change under a car?
- 38 Plane part
- 40 Gaelic language
- 42 Columnist Barrett
- 43 Took charge
- 44 Sale on items having a quintet of hanging decorative threads?
- 51 Suds-filled
- 52 Bible bk. before Job
- 53 Siesta, e.g.
- 57 Greatest importance
- 59 One-sixth of a foot?
- 64 Circumspect
- 67 Hula —
- 69 Open, as a bolted door
- 70 19th Greek letter
- 71 Palette part
- 72 Hold PC fixers dear?
- 76 Work unit

- 77 Lyric penner Gershwin
- 78 Pulls down
- 79 Jorge's "this"
- 80 Hawkish god
- 81 One telling fortunes by gazing into artificial light sources?
- 84 Equally billed headliners
- 88 Alternatively
- 89 "— pity!"
- 91 Working properly
- 95 Bistro that's beautiful and also has great food?
- 101 "I see now!"
- 104 "It's — of words"
- 105 They counter nays
- 106 Ill-fated whaler
- 107 What it used to take to get word in prehistoric times?
- 111 8-pointer in Scrabble
- 115 They cross rds.
- 116 Fiery fits
- 117 Steer snarer
- 119 Nautilus VIP
- 121 Hot-rod rod
- 122 Lament from somebody who wants one of their sons to be named after director De Palma?
- 129 Mad, with "off"
- 130 Indian oven
- 131 Oil conduit
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- 134 Endeavoring anew

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- 14 "Twilight" rock gp.
- 15 Olympic ideal
- 16 Sky color
- 17 Expose
- 18 Wrinkle
- 19 Really wet
- 24 Corp. shuffle
- 28 Oat husk
- 29 Sign- — (approvals)
- 30 Mishmash
- 31 — beans
- 33 Helped out
- 35 Tolkien villain
- 36 Seek to win
- 37 Wildebeest
- 39 Energy-filled
- 41 "Ciao"
- 45 Yule tree
- 46 Outdoor gear retailer
- 47 Suffix with 20-Across
- 48 "— better be good!"
- 49 Yell at from a distance
- 50 Three: Prefix
- 54 Come in
- 55 Startle
- 56 Violent sorts
- 58 Mollycoddles
- 60 Least comfortable
- 61 U.K. channel
- 62 "— -di-dah!"
- 63 Hosp. areas
- 64 As long as
- 65 Ear-relevant

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- 72 Artist Gerard — Borch
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- 82 Fence (in)
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- 85 Blast cause
- 86 Craft
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- 90 Speaks volumes
- 92 Spa sighs
- 93 — all possible
- 94 Yanks' foes
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- 97 A pair
- 98 Honey holder
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- 100 Indian noble
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- 102 Humbugged
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- 109 Rub away
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- 118 Trainee
- 120 Airport near Paris
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Scientist Kevel Lindsay and *Stenocereus fimbriatus*, above.

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Puerto Rico, the British Virgin Islands (Jost Van Dyke) and the US Virgin Islands, it is characterized as ‘Endangered’ on the list of threatened species compiled by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, primarily due to land development, habitat loss and introduced insect pests.

Another locally rare species the IRF researchers looked for was a cactus called *Stenocereus fimbriatus*, which is native only to Cuba, Jamaica, Hispaniola, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. It is somewhat similar to the more familiar pipe-organ cactus (*Pilosocereus royenii*) though its columns

are light green rather than bluish in color. It has rose-pink flowers that are pollinated by bats, and produces tart red fruit. This cactus is also being impacted by habitat loss, and there now may be only about 20 plants left on St. John.

Other endangered plants on St. John include the well-known *Lignum vitae* (‘tree of life’) which was heavily harvested in early colonial times due to its extraordinary strength, toughness and density, and the rare but beautiful Eggers’ milkpea (*Galactia eggersii*), a vine with velvety leaves and bright red flowers.

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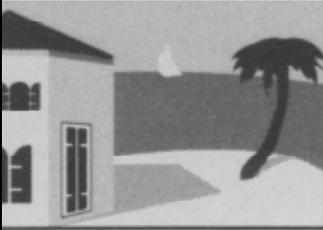
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In 2011, *Solanum conocarum*, a plant endemic to St. John, was found worthy of protection under the US Endangered Species Act. It is threatened by habitat loss from residential and tourist development, as well as feral animals. According to the Center for Biological Diversity, there are only approximately 200 of these plants in the wild.

On St. Thomas, the researchers examined the leaves of a tree to determine whether it was a *Lyonia rubiginosa*, which is extremely rare, and threatened by development for houses and roads.

Although IRF has undertaken comprehensive on-site environmental profiles for other Caribbean islands, the unique native plants and habitats of the Virgin Islands have not been adequately mapped. Therefore, the current survey is an important step towards identifying and protecting rare trees here.

As the project progresses, future steps could include collecting genetic material for propagation, monitoring

particular trees and woodlands, working with private landowners and the National Park Service to protect endangered species and their habitats, and possibly restoring certain areas to improve the viability of plant populations and ecosystem functions.

Since community support is important for the success of any conservation effort, IRF and the UVI Cooperative Extension Service hope to be able to educate and engage local citizens, schools and organizations interested in preserving the biological heritage of the Virgin Islands, and also attract additional financial resources for this work.

For more information or to get involved, contact Kevel Lindsay at islandresourcesfoundation@irf.org or Eleanor Gibney at eleanorfgibney@gmail.com.

Gail Karlsson is an environmental lawyer and part-time resident of St. John. Her book The Wild Life in an Island House is available on amazon.com – or view some of her other writing at gvkarlsson.blogspot.com.



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Eggers' milkpea vine (*Galactia eggersii*), above and below (enlarged).



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Solanum conocarum, above.

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