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## Fuel Truck Stops Traffic on Jacob's Ladder



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St. John emergency officials expressed concern after they responded twice to incidents involving a fuel truck trying to make the first delivery to the new gas station on South Shore Road on Wednesday, March 26. After the truck blocked traffic for more than an hour when it couldn't climb Jacob's Ladder — and was escorted back to Cruz Bay. The driver made a second attempt to make the delivery by trying to go through Contant to the top of the hill, where it became stuck again, and St. John Rescue responded once again as a backhoe was brought in to turn the truck around.

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## VI. Fire Service Sets Ban on Burning

Daryl A. George, Assistant Director of the Virgin Islands Fire Service announced that effective immediately, a ban on burning throughout the territory (St.Croix and St.Thomas/St.John) until further notice.

"It is appropriate that this ban be put in place as a precaution due to the dry weather and recent increase of brush fires," Assistant Director George stated.

We apologize to the public for the inconvenience this temporary action may cause.

If anyone should have any questions contact the Arson and Prevention Unit at 340-773-8050 or 340-774-7610.

## Join the Browns at UUF on April 6

Join Liz and Francis Brown for Unitarian Universalists Fellowship of St. John Service on Sunday, April 6, at 10 a.m., Giffit Hill School, Lower Campus Great Room for the topic for the topic: Living With Full Wattage.

## St. John Singer Spring Concerts Set

The St. John Singers will present two concerts to celebrate the spring season.

St. John Concert: Emmaus Moravian Church in Coral Bay - Friday, April 11, at 7:30 p.m. St. Thomas Concert: Wesley Methodist Church, Tutu, on Sunday, April 13, at 4 p.m.

## WOW Lunch Set for Tuesday, April 15

Family Resource Center's Women of Worth (WOW) Lunch Series is scheduled for Tuesday, April 15, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. on St. John. The guest speaker will be Shaun Pennington, President of Rotary Sunrise, who will deliver information on empowerment, communication skills, self-advocacy and more.

WOW has proven to be a source of comfort, empowerment and education for women and meets monthly. A light lunch will be provided. Call 340-514-1823 for more details and to register for the WOW St. John lunch.

## JFLI Anniversary Party April 19

The John's Folly Learning Institute will be celebrating its 18th Anniversary on Saturday, April 19, starting at noon, at the JFLI building. The guest speaker will be Delegate to Congress, and candidate for governor, Donna Christensen. All are welcome.

## Ruby Rutnik Scholarip Applications Available; Deadline Set for May 15

The Ruby Rutnik Scholarship Fund, Inc. scholarship applications are now available for the 2014-2015 school year. This year two \$2,500 annual awards are being offered to two qualifying St. John females whose families or selves have resided on St. John for five years or more and who plan to attend or are attending an accredited college or university. Applications may be picked up at Connections in Cruz Bay (776-6922) or Coral Bay or by contacting the Rutniks at 693-8069. The deadline for submission is May 15, 2014. Notice will be given on or before June 5, 2014.

Applications are also available at Giffit Hill School or by calling Beth Jones at 776-1730.

The Ruby Rutnik Scholarship Fund and the Rutnik family wish to thank the community for their continued support of this Scholarship fund established in 1997 in memory of their daughter, Ruby Rutnik.

# St. John Boat Captain Convicted of Drug Trafficking

By Judi Shimel  
St. John Tradewinds

A St. John ferry boat captain was convicted March 26 in federal court on drug trafficking and related charges

Walter Hill was found guilty at the end of a three-day trial that began March 23. Defendant Hill worked in the maritime industry for Transportation Services of St. John and later for an on-island resort.

Hill was convicted of possession of cocaine with intent to distribute, conspiracy to possess cocaine with intent to distribute and using a communications device to facilitate drug trafficking. He was one of eight men arrested as part of a wider drug trafficking conspiracy.

Five co-conspirators, including two law enforcement officers, have already pleaded guilty and are in federal detention pending sentencing. Another co-defendant, Raymond Brown Jr., was convicted Wednesday, March 26, along with Hill on the lesser charge of using a communications device to facilitate drug trafficking.

District Court Judge Curtis Gomez set sentencing for July 31.

Brown and Walter Hill were arrested as part of a continuing investigation that came to light on May 17, 2013, when Department of Planning and Natural Resources Chief of Environmental Enforcement Roberto Tapia was arrested

at the Urman Victor Fredericks Marine Terminal in Red Hook, St. Thomas.

Several days after Tapia's arrest, Virgin Islands Police Department Sergeant Angelo Hill was also arrested and charged as part of the conspiracy. Angelo Hill, a 25-year veteran of the VIPD, has family ties to Walter Hill.

Both Tapia and Angelo Hill testified against Walter Hill during the three-day trial. Both admitted under questioning by defense attorneys they did so in hopes of mitigating harsh prison terms they both face.

U.S. Attorney Ronald Sharpe issued a statement late Thursday, March 27, summing up the prosecution's case.

"According to the evidence presented at trial, in May of 2013, Walter Hill supplied Roberto Tapia with seven kilograms of cocaine," according to the statement. "Roberto Tapia testified that he traveled to Sail Rock, a small islet approximately three miles off the coast of St. Thomas, using a DPNR vessel to pick up money which he used to purchase seven kilograms of cocaine from Walter Hill."

"Another coconspirator, Angelo Hill, testified that on at least two occasions Walter Hill and Roberto Tapia transported kilogram quantities of cocaine to Puerto Rico," according to the statement. "Angelo Hill, who is Walter Hill's cousin, was a Sergeant with the Virgin Islands Police Department at the time of the offenses. The trial evidence also

showed that in December of 2012, Raymond Brown spoke to Roberto Tapia via cellular telephone in connection with a drug trafficking crime."

In his testimony, Tapia admitted that he worked the drug trade in the Virgin Islands for 10 years, while he was employed by the VIPD and later when he assumed the duties as DPNR's Chief of Environmental Enforcement.

Angelo Hill said during his testimony that he was involved in drug trafficking activities prior to the incident that led to his arrest. He also told the court he got involved with the hand-off of cocaine to Tapia after he took a loan from Walter Hill.

After accepting the loan, Angelo Hill said his cousin offered him forgiveness of repayment if he helped to move seven kilograms of cocaine from a pick up point to the Loredon Boynes ferry dock in Cruz Bay.

The retired police sergeant also testified that Tapia and Walter Hill transported cocaine on separate occasions to Puerto Rico; Tapia by using his DPNR-issued patrol boat, Walter Hill by using a vessel owned by the St. John ferry company he worked for at the time.

Because of his involvement in the current conspiracy and a prior conviction on similar offenses 20 years ago, Walter Hill faces a maximum penalty of life in prison and a \$10 million fine.



St. John Tradewinds News Photos by Jaime Elliott

*Confusion continues to reign at the Cruz Bay waterfront, left, during a quiet weekday morning. The area has been operated by V.I. Port Authority since December 2013.*

## Not Much Different at Cruz Bay Waterfront Under VIPA

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

Three and a half months after taking over operations of the Cruz Bay taxi stand, the area has not seen much change.

The area had been administered by the St. John Taxi Association for years until a court ruled in November 2013 to evict the organization from the Cruz Bay waterfront.

The St. John Taxi Association was evicted from the area on November 30, 2013 and Governor John deJongh transferred the property from the Department of Property and Procure-

ment to V.I. Port Authority to run taxi operations.

VIPA Executive Director Carlton Dowe hosted an emergency meeting with St. John taxi operators in late November, during which he laid out new rules and regulations including charging a \$10 fee for anyone picking up guests at the waterfront and limiting the number of taxi safari vans allowed at the waterfront on a given day.

While operations at the dock seem to be running smoothly and no one has yet to report being charged \$10 to pick up a guest at the Cruz

Bay dock, VIPA public information officials did not return repeated *St. John Tradewinds* phone calls requesting an interview with the VIPA Executive Director.

Some residents are thrilled that operations seemingly remained the same as before VIPA took over while other residents lamented the loss of an opportunity to improve efficiency and safety in the area.

"We had such a great opportunity there to take our waterfront back and make it function again," said Steve Black. "It's a shame that we lost that opportunity."

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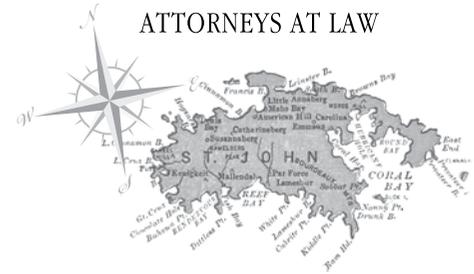
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## St. John Resident Adds \$5,000 To Jimmy Malfetti Reward, Now Totaling \$30,000

### St. John Tradewinds

A St. John resident, who wishes to remain anonymous, has added \$5,000 to the reward for information about the January 18 murder of Jimmy Malfetti. The reward now stands at \$30,000.

The island resident contacted the Malfetti family by email at justiceforjimmyteam@gmail.com, writing, "My family is praying for your family and Jimmy. We are residents of St. John and would like to add \$5,000 to your reward. A lot of locals are praying for you and share the same concerns you've expressed."

Rosemary Malfetti, Jimmy's mother, expressed her family's feelings, saying "This expression of caring and generosity has left us speechless with gratitude. Everyone's prayers bring us a measure of comfort and are a powerful force for hope during this tragic time."

The Malfetti family has received many other messages from USVI residents, urging them to press on with their efforts. Residents have conveyed their own tales of frustration and fear, such as:

*"We hope the many wonderful people that consider the USVI*

*home will engage in this battle for justice, and demand more from their civic employees that pledge to serve & protect the islands they love & call home."*

*"We wish you strength and peace as you search for truth and justice. You are not alone. We feel for you."*

*"It is a true shame that the VIPD will not ask for the help that it needs."*

*"Never give up, you have support."*

Messages can be sent in confidence to the Malfetti family at justiceforjimmyteam@gamil.com.

## Coral Bay Basketball Court Slated for Repairs Thanks to Private Partnership

### St. John Tradewinds

Governor John deJongh executed an agreement between the Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation and Moravian Church Virgin Islands Conference for repair of the Coral Bay basketball court through funding provided by the Rotary Club of St. John, according to a Government House press release issued last week.

Located next to Guy Benjamin School, the basketball court is Parcel 10, Estate Emmaus, property owned by the Moravian Church Virgin Islands Conference and currently under a 100-year lease to T-Rex St. John, LLC.

Through the government agreement, the Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation will undertake the repairs, estimated at about \$50,000, upon receipt of the funds from the Rotary Club of St. John.

"This is a win-win situation for the entire community," deJongh said. "Working with the generous members of Rotary Club of St. John and the community-minded leaders of the Moravian Church, we have developed a partnership to repair a neglected recreational facility for our children."

"Although the court is on private property, once the repairs are completed, it will be open to the public and remain that way until a new public basketball facility is constructed and operational," said deJongh. "I want to express my thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make this agreement possible."

The refurbishment of the court will involve resurfacing and repairs to the bleachers, goals and baskets, and will be supervised by the staff of the Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation. The public-private partnership, which also involves the Coral Bay Community Council, is similar to the one that spearheaded the successful Pine Peace Basketball Court renovation project completed in October 2013.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

*The dilapidated basketball court in Coral Bay, above, is owned by the Moravian Church Virgin Islands Conference and is leased to developer T-Rex St. John LLC.*

"Over the last three or four years, we have been able to refurbish close to 40 recreational facilities across the territory, providing needed after-school and weekend outlets for high energy young people," said deJongh. "One of the foundations of my administration has been the improvement of life for our children, who are the future of the Virgin Islands. From early learning programs to meaningful recreational outlets and healthy lifestyle choices, I have been committed to making a difference for our boys and girls."

Rotary Club of St. John is accepting tax deductible donations to the Coral Bay basketball court refurbishment. Checks, with "Coral Bay basketball court" written in the memo line, can be made out to Rotary Club of St. John Foundation and mailed to P.O. Box 710, St. John, VI, 00831.

For more information, call Coral Bay Community Council president Sharon Coldren at (340) 776-2099.

# Historic Warehouse Gets New Life at Maho Bay

By Judi Shimel  
St. John Tradewinds

Motorists travelling along Route 20 past Maho Bay Beach have noticed it for years, at the end of the straightaway; a small stone building, shaded by trees, shuttered windows and doors.

Recent activity in the area of that building has brought new interest to beach-goers, passersby and the Virgin Islands State Historic Preservation Office.

Renovations on the 18th century warehouse dating from the Danish plantation era began in February in the area, which was acquired through a deal with Trust for Public Land.

As the required Coastal Zone Management permitting process took shape, more information surfaced about the once innocuous structure and the role it played in Virgin Islands history.

The factory is now being incorporated into the construction of a single family private house, with work taking place under the eye of VISHPO.

The old stone warehouse was a strategic location for rebel slaves who captured St. John from Danish planters during the 1733 Forstberg Slave Revolt, according to documents kept by the Virgin Islands National Park.

During that slave revolt, the island was held for six months until it was re-taken by



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Judi Shimel

*Born as a warehouse for a small sugar plantation, circa 1723, this building is getting new life as part of a single-family home renovation at Maho Bay. A descendant of the family that purchased the 18th century Vessup Estate plantation is now converting it into a dwelling. Because of its historic value, the V.I. State Historic Preservation Office has asked that certain architectural features be preserved.*

French and British military.

The first mention of the Maho factory building appeared on 18th century maps and the structure is believed to have been

built around 1723, along with an adjacent animal-driven mill. According to records found in the St. John Sites Report 1981-82, the property originally belonged to William

**“...the Vessup Estate ruins are noteworthy as a representative buildings of the early settlement period in St. John and as the site of the rebel headquarters during the famous slave uprising of 1733...”**

— according to VINP documents

Vessup, who was prosecuted for killing a neighboring landowner but later found leniency by helping to round up rebel slaves.

“...the Vessup Estate ruins are noteworthy as a representative buildings of the early settlement period in St. John and as the site of the rebel headquarters during the famous slave uprising of 1733. The association of the estate with William Vessup, a figure noted in the court history of the islands, adds an incidental interest. The factory itself is one of the oldest ones on St. John as suggested by its building materials and its modest size. This gives the estate even greater distinction,” according to the report.

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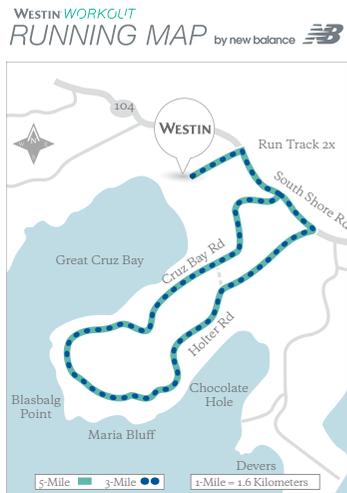
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Guests and Westin staff, at right, kicked off the hotel chain's new Wellness Movement with a 2.22-mile run/walk in Great Cruz Bay last week led by Julius Jackson, above left with Westin GM Mike Ryan.

# Westin Kicks Off Well-Being Movement with Run

*2.2 mile run/walk led by V.I. Olympian Julius Jackson*

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

Westin St. John Resort and Villas launched its year-long Well-Being Movement in style on Wednesday morning, March 26.

More than 30 hotel associates, including Westin St. John general manager Mike Ryan, and guests hoofed it up the hills of Great Cruz Bay in a 2.2 mile run/walk led by Virgin Islands Olympic boxer Julius Jackson.

The event marked the kick-off of Westin's year-long Well-Being Movement, featuring

new collaborations and programs dedicated to health and wellness. The \$15 million campaign will introduce a string of innovative partnerships and programs across Westin's six brand pillars: Sleep Well, Eat Well, Move Well, Feel Well, Work Well and Play Well.

The Westin St. John run certainly had people moving well, as the fastest runners completed the 2.2 mile course in exactly 16 minutes. Westin staff also supplied runners and walkers with a "SuperfoodsRX break," full of nutritious foods to keep them fueled

throughout the day.

"We're proud to lead this global movement for our guests right here in St. John," said Westin St. John general manager Mike Ryan. "We hope you'll join us for our upcoming new activities moving forward as we continue our efforts to celebrate wellness on our sunny shores."

The hotel group's Well-Being Movement launch, which coincided with the International Day of Happiness, also marked Westin's partnership with Headspace founder and former Buddhist Monk Andy Puddi-

combe, widely hailed as a meditation pioneer.

"Puddicombe will lead the charge as the authority for the brand's 'Feel Well' pillar and is the first appointee to the Westin Well-being Council; a diverse advisory board composed of renowned thought leaders, each of whom aligns with a specific wellness brand pillar," according to information provided by Westin St. John Resort and Villas.

Headspace is a program accessed through

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# Chamber Honoring St. John Cancer Fund with LaMotta Community Service Award

**By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds**

A little more than a year after forming, St. John Cancer Fund is being honored by the community.

The group is being given the Wilbur "Bill" LaMotta Community Service Award by St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce during the group's annual award banquet on Saturday, April 12, at St. Peter Greathouse on St. Thomas.

The Wilbur "Bill" LaMotta Community Service Award, established in 1983, recognizes the contributions to the U.S. Virgin Islands of public officials and private citizens whose achievements reflect the commitment and dedication exemplified by the life and work of Bill LaMotta.

Prior to his death in 1980, LaMotta was President of the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce, a Small Businessman of the Year, a civic leader and renowned Caribbean composer and musician. The awards are presented to individuals who exhibit dedication, sincerity, forthrightness and ethics in the performance of his or her duties or in the practice of his or her business or profession.

The 2014 Wilbur "Bill" LaMotta Community Service Award recipients are Adriane Dudley, Esq., Partner, Dudley Rich & Davis; Mary Gleason, CEO, Hospitality Consulting Services; and Darryl Smalls, P.E., Department of Public Works Commissioner.

In 1999, the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors added the recognition of an individual involved in the leadership of a nonprofit or charitable organization or an organization for the service it provides to the community to its annual Awards Banquet.

This year the group is honoring the India Association of the Virgin Islands and the St. John Cancer Fund.

"We are thrilled to be honored with this award," said St. John Cancer Fund board member Mary

Bartolucci. "We're still trying to get the word out about who we are what we do, so this type of recognition is really important for us."

"This is also a reaffirmation that we are going in the right direction and there really is a need for this," Bartolucci said.

What the St. John Cancer Fund does is provide money to people in need who are suffering from cancer or who are affected by the disease. Funds can be used for anything from paying back rent for cancer patients who can not work to covering the cost of airfare for patients seeking treatment stateside.

St. John Cancer Fund works with the Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands which administers the fund with zero overhead. Thanks to community angels, CFVI is able to charge St. John Cancer Fund no

administrative costs while processing patient requests usually within 24 hours, explained Bartolucci.

"We get money to people who need it quickly and easily and allow them to use it for whatever they need it for," said Bartolucci.

Before Debbie Apple's recent passing, for example, St. John Cancer Fund was able to pay for her to fly to Florida to be with her beloved sister Connie.

"That was really important to her," said Bartolucci. "It was really nice that the funds were able to come through for her."

The St. John Cancer Fund patient funding cap is dictated solely by the amount of money in the group's coffers. Thanks to fundraisers like Woody's Seafood Saloon's Save Second Base Block Party, the Dinghy Poker Run and more, St. John Cancer Fund was able to raise its patient cap to \$2,500 from \$1,500 in its first year alone.

With recognition like the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce Wilbur "Bill" LaMotta Community Service Award, St. John Cancer Fund volunteers hope to be able to continue serving the needs of St. John cancer patients.

Tickets to the STT/STJ Cham-

ber of Commerce Annual Awards Banquet, "A Celebration of Colors," on Saturday, April 12, at St.

Peter Greathouse are \$140 each and can be reserved by calling (340) 776-0100. The evening will

kick off with a cocktail reception at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner, dancing and the awards program.



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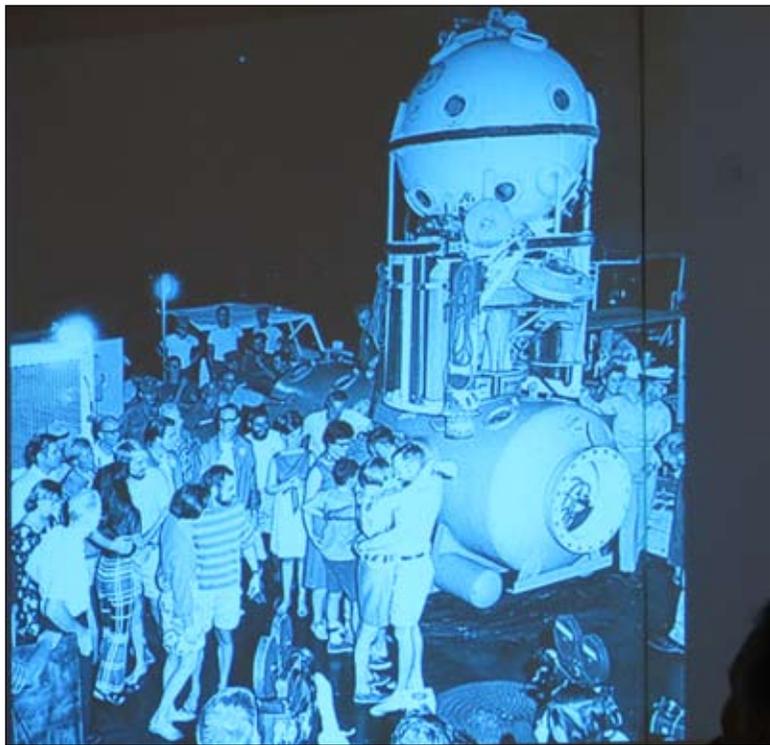
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Aquanauts (L to R) Gary Davis, Ian Knoblick, John VanDerwalker and Ed Clifton, above right, shared personal stories of Project Tektite. The aquanauts were greeted with fanfare when they returned topside on April 15, 1969, above.



## VIERS Welcomes Home Aquanauts — 45 Years After Tektite I

By Jaime Elliott  
*St. John Tradewinds*

There were more than a few tears shed on Saturday morning, March 29, as four aquanauts shared personal stories of what life was like 50-feet under the waves at Lameshur Bay 45 years ago.

Aquanauts John VanDerwalker, Ed Clifton, Ian Koblick and Gary Davis told a packed house at the V.I. Environmental Resource Station about the fears and excitement of being a part of the ground-breaking underwater habitat program Project Tektite I and II.

VIERS, owned by the University of the Virgin Islands and operated by Clean Islands International, was home base to Project Tektite and this weekend officials welcomed home the aquanauts who spent 60 days in the spring of 1969 living under the water in nearby Lameshur Bay.

Project Tektite took shape during the Cold War and America's "Race to Space," which owes more than a little of its success to what was learned under the water at Lameshur Bay. Tektite was so important it brought together the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the Department of the Navy, the Department of Interior, General Electric's Missile and Space Division and the Virgin Islands government.

In 1968, VIERS was almost as remote as one can imagine. What roads led to the area were so bad that scientists would opt to travel by boat instead.

At that time Ian Koeblick, now 74, had left a position at Charlotte Amalie High School to become the sole employee of the Caribbean Research Institute. The institute was operating at Lameshur in 1968 as the government was looking for a site for the underwater habitat program.

"Jack Damon asked me to take around this group

from Washington who were looking for a good place for this underwater habitat," said Koeblick. "I took them out diving and we went all over and I showed them how beautiful it was out here. Then I told them you could buy a bottle of rum for 88-cents and you can't do that in Puerto Rico or Hawaii."

"I think that's what really sealed the deal," he said.

Remote Lameshur Bay on little St. John became a hub of activity over the next two years. In addition to the four aquanauts and three alternates who took part in Project Tektite I in spring 1969, Project Tektite II saw a total of 53 aquanauts participate in 11 missions lasting from 13 to 20 days each through November 1970.

And that was just under water. Topside, more than 500 people from numerous government agencies and departments and universities around the world took part in studies of Project Tektite I and II.

It was an interesting path from a North East Ohio farm to the Lameshur Bay seafloor for geologist Ed Clifton, who picked up the emerging sport of scuba in order to study gold deposits off the Oregon coast.

"If you don't do this you might regret it for the rest of your life," Clifton told the crowd was the only reason for him to really take part in Project Tektite I; and it was enough.

Clifton, 80, was originally asked to take part in a study for 60 days at 600 feet under the water off the California coast, he explained.

"I wasn't totally enthusiastic about that," Clifton said. "But then it became 60 days at 50 feet off a coral reef off St. John island in the Caribbean. That sounded much better."

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**St. John Singers**  
*Community Choir*

*The St. John Singers will present two concerts to celebrate the spring season.*

**St John Concert:**  
*Emmaus Moravian Church in Coral Bay  
Friday evening, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM*



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# Caneel Bay Resort Stars in TV and Web Campaigns

Target's TV commercial features St. Thomas model Hannah Davis



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A Keil James Patrick crew enjoyed a week of sun and fun at Caneel Bay Resort and St. John, above, shooting their summer ad campaign.

**By Jaime Elliott**  
*St. John Tradewinds*

Take one of the most beautiful beaches on St. John and add one of the most beautiful models from St. Thomas, and it adds up to one impressive Target commercial.

Hannah Davis, a 23-year-old former standout tennis and volleyball athlete from St. Thomas, has taken the modelling world by storm since making her debut in *Sports Illustrated's* Swimsuit Issue last year. She's back again in this year's *SI* Swimsuit Issue and has also appeared in campaigns for Ralph Lauren, Victoria's Secret, American Eagle, Tommy Hilfiger and more.

This winter Davis and another model enjoyed four days filming with the Target crew on one of the seven stunning beaches on the Caneel Bay Resort property. The crew filmed on the alabaster sands of Scott Beach and enjoyed "all that Caneel Bay has to offer," according to the luxury resort's public relations firm Hawkins International PR.

The result is a gorgeous com-

mercial and print ad campaign featuring the distinctive turquoise waters of St. John, which have lured many other national brands to Caneel Bay Resort.

Polo/Ralph Lauren, Eddie Bauer, Land's End, J.Crew, Macy's, and Sports Illustrated have all shot at Caneel Bay. Most recently clothing and jewelry brand Kiel James Patrick wrapped a shoot at the luxury resort last week and boasted about the warm sand and crystal-clear waters on the company's blog.

"With New England still experiencing snow flurries and sub-freezing temperatures earlier this month, it felt more like the depths of winter than spring," said the designer. "Luckily, we were able to travel to the picturesque Caneel Bay Resort on St. John and get some much needed vitamin D. As far as tropical getaways go, Caneel Bay was perfect. Warm sun, soft sand, crystal-clear water, and plenty of rum drinks, we couldn't have had a better time at the resort."

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*Locals and tourists alike are flocking to St. John Scoops for a taste of their delicious ice creams.*

# St. John Scoops Brings Sweet Nostalgia to Mongoose Junction

## *St. John Tradewinds*

Almost everything there is to do on St. John can be made better with ice cream — relaxing after a day at the beach, satisfying that dessert craving after a lovely dinner, or browsing the island’s shops. With the opening of the new St. John Scoops, conveniently located at the front corner of Mongoose Junction, life on St. John has become that much sweeter.

Nowhere else on St. John will you find such a carefully crafted collection of homemade creams and ices, superfood smoothies, coffee, and other snacks. The “Scoops” menu, which features ice creams, sorbets, and alcohol-infused concoctions, changes daily. St. John Scoops owner Colette Rethage, who formerly owned I Scream!, has been in the ice cream business for more than eight years on St. John. She makes all the Scoops on-site fresh daily and uses all-natural ingredients whenever possible.

## **100 Different Flavors**

“The fruit ice creams are all natural, made with fruit purees, and then on the other end of the spectrum, I have flavors like bubble gum and root beer,” said Rethage. “I have almost 100 different flavors that I’ve created recipes for, and I’ll continue to create flavors as I go.”

Local flavors like mango, passion fruit, tamarind, and guava are current customer favorites,

while Reese’s Peanut Butter Cup, York peppermint chip, Oreo cookies and cream, Ghirardelli double chocolate chip, and espresso are also tantalizingly delicious. Some of the more exotic flavors that will soon hit the menu include green tea, strawberry basil, lavender honey, maple bacon, and of course, salted caramel.

## **Adults Only Menu**

You’ll find adults-only menu items like Cruzan rum runner, Stoli Orange creamsicle, and painkiller-flavored ice creams, along with an amazing champagne sorbet that’s been a huge hit in the two short weeks that St. John Scoops has been open. Fans of St. John Brewers’ beers will be happy to know that Rethage plans to feature whatever Kevin and Cheech are creating in the brewery that week, like their Coffee Stout or the new Amber Ale, in her ice creams.

In addition to a wide range of frozen sweet treats, Rethage is selling her raw, vegan, gluten-free superfood smoothies that earned her a following at I Scream!.

“They’re made with fresh frozen fruits, no ice, and I’ve created a proprietary blend of more than 65 different superfoods for each smoothie,” she said. “They’re mixed with hemp milk, almond milk, or pineapple juice, and you can add vegan plant protein or hemp protein to the smoothies to make them a complete meal.”

Rethage makes a mean quinoa

granola that’s packed with protein, which she’s also selling at St. John Scoops, and she even puts the granola in a few of her smoothies. You can get your caffeine fix here too, with a nice strong cup of Virgin Islands Coffee Roasters’ Fair Trade Organic Sumatran Mandheling coffee, as well as iced coffee and green tea.

Mongoose Junction owner and original builder Glen Speer was so excited about the idea of an ice cream shop at the beautiful island shopping center, he built out an entirely new spot for St. John Scoops, right on the corner of Mongoose’s entrance under the steps leading to St. John Insurance.

“Glen had this amazing vision of a lovely little ice cream shop right there,” said Rethage. “I gave him the dimensions of every piece of equipment I needed to fit inside, and he built exactly what I wanted. What transpired from his vision is just astonishingly beautiful.”

A small patio with tables and chairs gives patrons the opportunity to sit, relax, and savor the flavors of Rethage’s delicious creations. Soda jerk hats, bow ties, and retro cherry aprons worn by those behind the counter at St. John Scoops lend an air of nostalgia to the whole experience.

St. John Scoops is open daily from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. To see which delicious flavors are being made each day, follow St. John Scoops on Facebook.

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## ISLAND GREEN LIVING

by Lovango Cay resident Dan Boyd

### Rubber-Modified Asphalt

#### St. John Tradewinds

Have you been to our waste transfer station lately? Or the landfill on St. Thomas? If you have, no doubt you have noticed the mountain of used tires at both locations. There are thousands and thousands of old tires here in the Virgin Islands that just keep piling up.

One big pollution problem is old tires. In the United States alone, there are more than two billion used tires. That's just too many tires. If the tires were stacked one on top of the other, they'd reach halfway to the moon! Old tires are a problem for a number of reasons. First, tires take hundreds of years decompose. Second, the tires sometimes catch on fire and can burn uncontrollably, sending toxic smoke into the air. That could be a serious danger to our health. Another problem comes from tires that are buried in garbage dumps. These tires can trap poisonous gases that would otherwise escape into the air. When the gases trapped by tires escape all at once, they can be dangerous for anyone who is nearby. Sometimes the trapped gases make the tires shoot straight up out of the ground! A good solution to tire pollution would be to reuse these tires, not bury them.

There is a solution, though. Those tires could be shredded and ground up to be used in paving our roads. It's called rubber-modified asphalt, and the idea is not new. In fact, the U.S. Environmental Protective Agency has endorsed the use of this type of paving material, and a number of states are already using it.

In the United States alone, more than 280 million scrap tires are generated each year. Rubber-modified asphalt offers a beneficial solution to this problem.

Depending on the application selected, between 500 and 2,000 scrap tires can be used in each lane mile of pavement. This means that for a one-mile sec-

tion of a two-lane roadway like Centerline, anywhere between 1,000 and 4,000 tires could be used in creating a safer, quieter, longer-lasting road.

The cool part is, asphalt rubber not only puts our waste tires to good use, but it also creates a safer pavement. The road surface lasts longer compared with traditional asphalt, so we would need less frequent repaving, which also saves money. The road surface is also quieter, and braking distances are reduced. A safer road made out of recycled materials is a win-win!

We would not have to ship the old tires off island to have them shredded; we could do it right here with the proper equipment. Tire shredding machines are not cheap. They start at around \$100,000.00 and go up from there. If our local Waste Management Agency cannot afford a tire shredder maybe a company could do it for a fee?

Ground tire rubber can be blended with asphalt to beneficially modify the properties of the asphalt in road construction. It can also be used in seal coat, cap-seal spray, joint and crack sealant, or as an aggregate substitute (rubber-modified asphalt concrete).

Arizona and Florida have already paved the way as leaders in asphalt rubber utilization. Texas, Nebraska, and South Carolina are also using it, and New York and New Mexico are experimenting with using it more widely.

This is how Waste Management should be managing our waste—reusing and recycling! The time is not later; the time is NOW!

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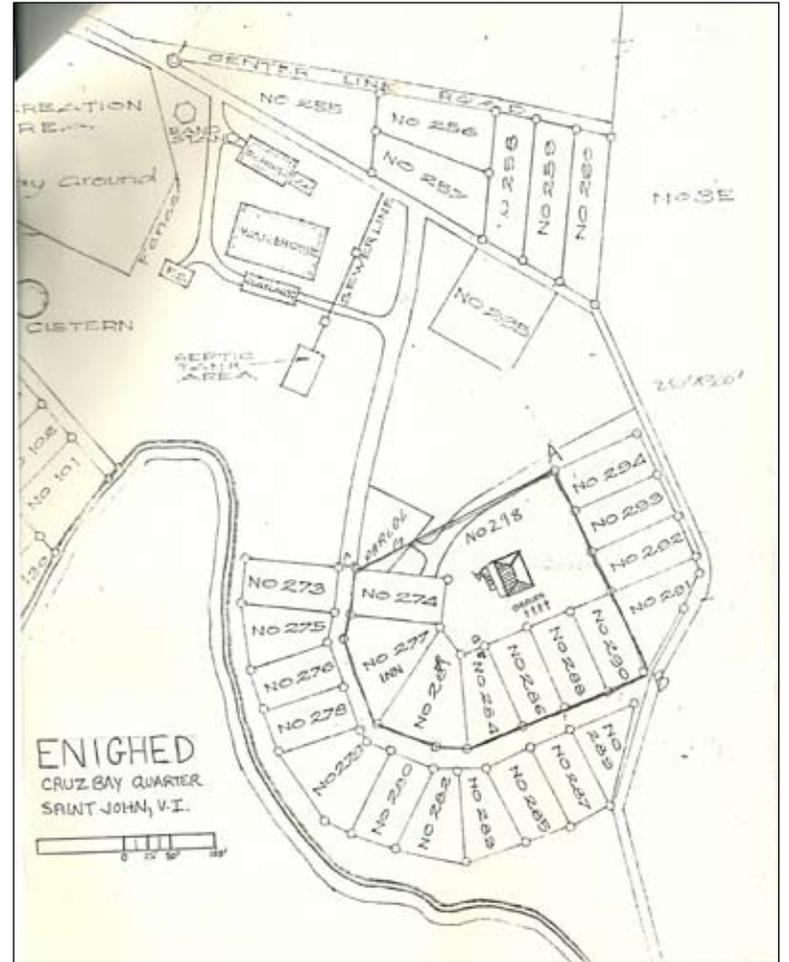
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*Day-trippers from St Thomas begin tour with a briefing at Caneel.*



*Subdivision of homestead lots in Estate Enighed*



## Historical Bits & Pieces

by Chuck Pishko

### Modern Urban Life Comes To Cruz Bay

**St. John Tradewinds**

There is a point in time in the early 1900s when the number of Virgin Islanders in New York City was greater than the number of Virgin Islanders in the Virgin Islands. The reason was economics. People here realized that they needed an influx of cash to continue to maintain their families here. The land could only maintain a limited number of people and land became scarce.

All this began to change in the mid-1940s.

The Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John began parcelling out land under a Homestead Program. The program included land in Estate Enighed and other parts of Estate Contant and Pastory. The program provided affordable home sites in the Cruz Bay area for per-

sons who either owned farm land in the outer reaches of the island or persons who never owned land who had previously worked the land plots on estates belonging to others.

Within 10 years, the economy changed to tourism-based rather than agriculture with the development of the Virgin Islands National Park and the Caneel Bay Resort both brainchilds of Laurance Rockefeller with able assistance of the Virgin Islands government through St John Senator Julius Sprauve. With the eager support of local citizens and a cadre of professional hoteliers, St John underwent amazing changes.

In 1954 there were no telephones, no regular ferry services, no library, no police station, no service station, no bank, no fire

company, no ambulance services, no paved roads and 12 hours a day of electricity in Cruz Bay only. In 1952 there were only three automobile registrations. (It's not true, however, that the number of parking spaces hasn't increased since then even though it seems like it at times.)

Wages and salaried positions developed and increased dramatically. The influx of tourists began; not only Caneel guests but also day-trippers from St. Thomas. Some St. Johnians came back from New York and others moved to the expanded Cruz Bay to meet the needs of the tourism trade as well as constructing the necessary infrastructure.

The changes and additions created the Cruz Bay we have today. Even in 2000 census tracts had to



KEATING HOUSE, CRUZ BAY

be subdivided to allow an accurate and timely count. Visiting census officials from St. Thomas were amazed at the hills in Pastory and Contant lit up by residences.

The studies of George Tyson

and Karen Olwig needed to be expanded and updated to reflect our rapid growth and we needed urban planners and studies so that we could see our way into the 21st century.



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High ceilings, a bright kitchen and a pool await at Villa Mahr Units 1 and 2 in the Estate Carolina area of Coral Bay.

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**On the Market**

A feature dedicated to special homes on the market listed with Tradewinds real estate advertisers\*

**Villa Mahr Units 1 and 2 Offer Rental Potential**

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

Imagine yourself enjoying a refreshing cocktail as you stretch out next to your swimming pool and soak up the views of Hurricane Hole and the British Virgin Islands in the distance.

At Villa Mahr Units 1 and 2, that dream could become a reality. The two-story Estate Carolina home with two separate units and a total of four bedrooms and two baths is for sale for \$725,000, explained Tammy Donnelly owner/broker of 340 Real Estate Company.

"This property has a lot of potential to live in one unit and rent the other or to have two income producing units," said Donnelly.

The home is nestled in a quiet neighborhood in the Estate Carolina area of Coral Bay offering plenty of peace and tranquility while still having fun shops and restaurants nearby. And the beautiful V.I. National Park South Shore as well as North Shore beaches are both just a short drive away.

"The Villa Mahr units are located in a quiet area of Coral Bay where you don't hear road noise like so many properties all over the island do," Donnelly said.

Villa Mahr Units 1 and 2 are spread over a two-story home which is located on about a third of an acre with mature landscaping.

Inside Villa Mahr Unit 1, the upper unit, find an open-plan great room and dining area which leads right into the bright and cozy kitchen. The master

bedroom has plenty of Caribbean charm while guests will be more than comfortable in the second bedroom. A completely screened in gazebo room rounds out this unit.

That tropical charm continues at Villa Mahr Unit 2, the lower unit of the home, where you'll find an additional master bedroom and a guest bedroom with twin beds. The great room provides plenty of light and encompasses the living and dining areas. A modern compact kitchen will have you enjoying plenty of meals at home.

A new deck stretches around this unit at Villa Mahr and offers additional living space and a great vantage point to take in the valley and water views.

One of the biggest draws at this property is undoubtedly the enticing masonry swimming pool. It's easy to imagine plenty of afternoons spent with good friends or good books, enjoying the very best that Caribbean life offers.

With the adjacent property for sale as well, Villa Mahr Units 1 and 2 offer an exciting opportunity, explained Donnelly.

"The sister property, Villa Mahr Units 3 and 4, is also for sale," said Donnelly. "That property is also for sale for \$725,000. It is also a stand alone home with a masonry pool and two levels with the two unit set up."

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## St. John Brewers Featured on International Scale at Epcot's Flower & Garden Festival

### *St. John Tradewinds*

Thousands of visitors to Walt Disney World's Epcot International will be getting a taste of the Virgin Islands thanks to St. John Brewers' Tropical Mango Pale Ale, which is being served at the resort's Flower & Garden Festival, happening March 5-May 18.

The partnership between St. John Brewers and Epcot brings the talents of the small, local brewing company and the Virgin Islands themselves in front of the hundreds of thousands of people who will visit Epcot during the festival. The Tropical Mango Pale Ale is being featured in the park's "Pineapple Promenade" section, which is normally Canada, in keeping with festival's Flower & Garden theme. Served alongside the Tropical Mango Pale Ale at the Pineapple Promenade is a pineapple soft serve with Myers's dark rum, Parrot Bay coconut rum, and a sweet potato



cinnamon waffle.

St. John Brewers' Tropical Mango flagship beer stands alone as the only ale being served in the Pineapple Promenade section. Although the local brewing company's beers have been served in Walt Disney World hotels for the past few years, their appearance at the major Epcot festival is a whole new ballgame, explained co-owner and brewer Chirag Vyas.

"We are now being recognized well beyond the Virgin Islands," said co-owner and brewer Kevin Chipman. "This cements the idea that our Virgin Islands' beers can be showcased on an international level, as the audience at any Disney park is global."

To learn more about St. John Brewers, visit [www.stjohnbrewers.com](http://www.stjohnbrewers.com). To read about the food and drink at Epcot's Flower & Garden Festival, visit <https://disneyworld.disney.go.com/events-tours/epcot/outdoor-kitchens/>



*Turtle Beach, above left, and Palms on Solomon Beach, are two new works by Carson Tredgett which will be featured in his first St. John show this Friday.*

## Carson Tredgett's First St. John Opening Reception Set for April 4

By Jaime Elliott  
*St. John Tradewinds*

Don't miss the first opportunity to view artist Carson Tredgett's original paintings at the next Bajo el Sol Gallery opening reception on Friday evening, April 4.

Many residents will recognize Tredgett's work as one of the featured artists at this year's Giffit Hill School Auction — where he sold all six of the prints he brought and even started a bidding war — but the April 4 show is the first time the artist is showcasing original paintings.

"This is my first show and I'm pretty excited about it," said Tredgett. "I've done a whole body of work that is all St. John oriented work. None of these have seen the light of day yet."

Originally from Leicester, England, Tredgett was classically trained at Coventry College of Art and completed a Master Printer Apprenticeship before entering the world of professional printing. An avid traveller, Tredgett moved across the pond to North Carolina and launched the sought-after Carson Tredgett Serigraphs in 1979.

After being in the fine art printing industry for decades, instead of making prints of other artists' work, Tredgett now mostly makes prints of his own paintings.

"I've done limited edition lithograph and art prints for well known artists and corporations for 30 years or more," said Tredgett. "So I've been there and done that and quite frankly, I've learned a lot in the process."

Tredgett brings the experience gleaned from those years of printing to his paintings — often acrylic or gesso on Masonite panels as he prefers the surface's smoothness over canvas — which reflect a detailed understanding of color and form. But what really elevates Tredgett's paintings are the stories he tells with his brush strokes.

"It's all about the story," said Tredgett. "I try to tell a story with my paintings because there is a story behind each one. You might have to look for it, but there's a story there."

Tredgett never lost his adventurous spirit and with friends on St. Thomas and a love for the Caribbean, the artist finally moved to Love City in May 2012.

"I'd been down a number of times over the years and I just decided that I needed to be in the place that I was really passionate about," he said. "My favorite colors are electric azure blue and coral pink. I'm inspired by anything to do with Caribbean life, culture, scenery."

### **Azure Blue and Coral Pink**

"It's all about the tropics for me; all the changing moods, the natural beauty of the ocean and that electric azure blue," said Tredgett.

The artist doesn't just want to simply please the viewer, but engage her to make a connection to the art work.

"My intent is to capture the feel of a place and share it with the viewer in a way that offers them the experience of that place," he said. "I hope to evoke a strong feeling for the scene and inspire the viewer to make an emotional connection."

Join Bajo el Sol on Friday evening, April 4, from 5 to 8 p.m. to check out original paintings by Tredgett, showing for the first time at this month's opening reception. The evening will also feature live classical guitar music by David Laabs. Tredgett's work will be featured throughout the month of April.

Bajo el Sol is located up the stairs at Mongoose Junction and 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 show or Bajo el Sol check out [www.bajoelsolgallery.com](http://www.bajoelsolgallery.com) or call (340) 693-7070. For more information about Tredgett, check out his website [www.carsontredgettartist.com](http://www.carsontredgettartist.com).

Samantha and Peter Ostrega exchanged vows before friends and family in an intimate and stunning wedding at Hawksview Estate in July 2013.



Photos by Mademoiselle Fiona



## Martha Stewart Magazine Features St. John Destination Wedding Spread in March Issue

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

St. John continues shining in the national spotlight thanks to a beautiful three-page destination wedding feature in the March issue of *Martha Stewart Weddings Magazine*.

The statuesque couple Samantha and Peter Ostrega — a musician in the Marine Band and a management consultant from the Washington, D.C. area — wed at Hawksview Estate last summer with plenty of Great Gatsby-style lace and glamour, explained Island Style Weddings owner Mary Bartolucci, who designed and planned the jaw-dropping event along with couple.

“They got engaged down here and contacted me because they wanted to get married here,” said Bartolucci, who has been planning and designing destination weddings on Love City for more than a decade, and was in the event planning and coordination business long before that.

“We found them a place to stay at Hawksview Estate and starting working on their wedding,” Bartolucci said.

The Ostregas had a clear vision of their wedding and the result is nothing short of breath-taking. Taking clear cues from the sensual Great Gatsby style of the roaring 20’s, both bride and groom looked plucked from a movie set.

From the flowers, designed by Roses Too of St. Thomas, to the hair, created by Grapevine Salon, Samantha Ostrega was a vision of beauty on her big day.

The bride wore a custom-made long-sleeve lace wedding gown with a dramatic open back and designer blue heels. A train of flowing lace followed her down the aisle to meet her groom, who was equally stunning in a white three piece tuxedo with white suspenders.

The couple exchanged vows before about 27 family and friends in the courtyard of Hawksview Estate with its commanding view of the Windex colored waters of the North Shore.

The reception at Hawksview Estate followed featuring food by East West Catering, a specialty bar by Kim Holland and music by Lemuel Callwood and Rich Greengold. Following dinner, the couple shared a piece of wedding

cake prepared by Lori Dudkin of Creative Cakes by Lori.

It was the Ostregas’ photographer New York and Paris-based Fiona Conrad who got the couple noticed by the Martha Stewart team, explained Bartolucci.

“Fiona’s blog, Mademoiselle Fiona, was noticed by someone from Martha Stewart Weddings and they approached her,” she said.

Bartolucci had a blast planning and designing the Ostrega wedding and especially enjoyed working with a couple who knew exactly what they wanted, she explained.

“Everyone who worked on the wedding did a beautiful job and the couple was wonderful,” said Bartolucci. “They were just very sweet and very specific about what they wanted. They had a clear look they were going for.”

“It’s fun to have someone who knows what they want and we can put it all together,” she said.

The March issue of *Martha Stewart Weddings Magazine* is on sale now. Part of the feature can be seen online at [www.marthastewartweddings.com/272506/destination-weddings](http://www.marthastewartweddings.com/272506/destination-weddings).

# WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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THURSDAY, APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup>**

## Keeping Track of Crime

### 2013-TO-DATE

Homicides: 0  
 Shootings: 0  
 Stabbings: 0  
 Armed Robberies: 0  
 Arsons: 0  
 1st Degree Burglaries: 1  
 2nd Degree Burglaries: 2  
 3rd Degree Burglaries: 23  
 Grand Larcenies: 68  
 Rapes: 1

### 2014-TO-DATE

Homicides: 1  
 Shootings: 0  
 Stabbings: 0  
 Armed Robberies: 0  
 Arsons: 0  
 1st Degree Burglaries: 0  
 2nd Degree Burglaries: 0  
 3rd Degree Burglaries: 3  
 Grand Larcenies: 11  
 Rapes: 2

## Crossword Answers — Puzzle on Page 24

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## Letters To St. John Tradewinds

### Cockfighting in Now a Federal Crime

My husband and I moved from Tortola to St. John over twenty years ago. In those days I was younger and healthier and hiked trails, learning about my new island. Walking down a dirt trail not too far from Centerline Road, I was suddenly hit by a maimed rooster who was still alive and had just been thrown out of a hidden cock-fighting ring to die anywhich-way. The poor creature was obviously in agony. He had done his job and fought but lost, so he was discarded like so much garbage. I held him as he died soon afterwards. This was by way of my introduction to my new home in "Paradise."

If any of our St. John citizens or any of our St. John Senators believe that cockfighting is a civilized form of entertainment, he or they have sub-human responses unbecoming any place on earth, and especially

unbecoming St. John and the United States Virgin Islands.

Our Senators must discontinue the fallacious propaganda that cock-fighting is part of our Virgin Islands' West-Indian culture. It has been brought to our islands by non-West Indians. By that term I mean by people from the Spanish-speaking islands who imbibed competitive creature-torture as sport from their European antecedents in the form of bullfighting, cock-fighting, and dog-fighting.

Virgin Island Senators, do note that cock-fighting is now a Federal crime in the United States of America.

**Elaine Campbell, Ph.D.  
St. John**

### Thanks GBS Flotilla Sponsors, Businesses, Volunteers

The Coral Bay Yacht Club thanks the following businesses and individuals for helping them make the 2014 Guy Benjamin Flotilla a success.

Special thanks to Dunia Rodriguez, Thalia Reyes, the Battiste, Christian and Lambertus families and the Wilmar Corporation for letting us use the campground.

- Coral Bay Yacht Club members for set up and take down of the site
- Lee at St. John Printing
- The trucker gang - Stephen Hendren, William Willegerod, Dave Dostall, Thatcher Lord, Ken Betts and Jason Hayman
- William Willegerod, Skinny Legs and Jason Hayman for the wonderful tents
- Ken and Sandy Burt for the signage
- Julie Fortunato, Trish and Dave Dostall and Vickie Lord for the bartending
- All of the boats and skippers that participated
- Ernest Mathias and crew for the lifeguard sup-

- port
  - St. John Rescue for the standby ambulance and Mark Maunder for his being available
  - Food donations: Skinny Legs, Concordia (also for the weekend stay raffle prize), Calbash Market, Pickles and Starfish
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  - Special thanks to all of the parents and teachers for providing the cooking
  - Special thanks to Bill Wilson for the grill work
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- Thank you very much for all of the work throughout the years!

**Coral Bay Yacht Club**

### it's Time for Leaders to Work for Us

Have any the leaders in this community read "Rape of the American Virgins" by Edward A. O'Neil?

If not maybe there is a copy in the Library that you could borrow and read. If the Library on St. Thomas is finally functioning you might be able to pick one up. It is a story of the transition in government from a colonial government designed to benefit outsiders to a possession government designed to benefit an outside government and some of its cronies, to a "self government" designed to benefit its leaders and their cronies. It is understandable that this created a community where leaders work for their own best interests but it is time for a change.

This is a small insular community and there is absolutely no reason that we do not begin to require that the leaders of this community begin to work for the

benefit of everyone one and not just themselves and their cronies.

A big part of the problem is the lack of accountability that comes with the lack of direct representation.

During the last election there were over seventy candidates for the senate, none of which represented the community of St. John or any other area smaller than St. Thomas or St. Croix. I cannot imagine how we would expect that any of these candidates would work for the benefit of a community, or even know more than twenty or thirty of them. We really should consider electing an island administrator that is representing the people not the governor and smaller districts for Senators so that they begin to represent

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## As Crime Stoppers USVI Marks Five Years, Program Needs More Support to Continue

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

Since launching five years ago, Crime Stoppers USVI has put more than 200 criminals behind bars and helped to solve almost 250 cases across the territory.

The first Crime Stoppers program was founded in 1976 by a New Mexico detective concerned by the number of unsolved cases, and particularly moved by the murder of a young college student. By bringing together media, law enforcement and members of the local community with the protection of anonymity, the program empowered residents to speak up and help solve crime.

Within 72 hours of the media publicizing the first "Crime of the Week," a call was received which resulted in the arrest of three men involved in the homicide of the young college student.

Today there are Crime Stoppers programs across the United States, Canada, the Caribbean and Latin America, Europe, Australia and the South Pacific.

The program came to the Virgin Islands at a time of escalating crime when many people were fed up with corruption and had no confidence in law enforcement.

"The bottom line is when you have a culture that is afraid to speak up to begin with and you have these other factors like corruption, the only answer to the problem is an organization like Crime Stoppers," said Bonny Corbeil, a member of the organization since its inception who now serves as chairperson.

Coral Bay was experiencing a high rate of home invasions at that time with many residents afraid of both criminals and law enforcement.

"Coral Bay was a bit wild and crazy back then," said Corbeil. "The police were incompetent and people were frustrated."

Corbeil was approached by Crime Stoppers USVI founders, St. Croix community activists Alan Brown and Senator Judi Buckley.

"I knew that if we didn't have a say in our community we were all going to be in major trouble

### CRIME STOPPERS USVI STATISTICS As of February 28, 2014

Arrests Made  
206

Cases Cleared  
245

Rewards Paid  
\$65,606

Property Recovered  
\$229,871

Drugs Seized  
\$331,850

Total \$ Recovered  
\$561,721

around here," Corbeil said, who was joined by Karen Samuel and Andy Rutink in launching Crime Stoppers USVI.

The group is completely non-profit and all board members work on a completely volunteer basis; which is not to say that they don't work hard.

"It's like a full time job," Corbeil said. "It's very time consuming, but the program is highly professional, which was set from the beginning by Alan and Judi."

The program works by offering the public the chance to share information about crimes with complete anonymity. If a tip leads to the arrest of a criminal or the recovery of stolen property, the tipster is given a cash reward.

Tipsters can earn awards up to \$2,500, yet many people choose not to take the reward. In the five years since Crime Stoppers USVI has been in existence, the group has paid out \$65,606 in cash rewards to tipsters.

The program is funded through memberships, available to individuals and businesses ranging from \$50 to several hundred a year, with all proceeds going to those cash rewards.

Crime Stoppers shared their in-

formation by working with the local media. Local newspapers and radio and TV stations publicize a "Crime of Week" which keeps the program in the public's eye and makes people aware of unsolved crimes in their communities. Law enforcement's role in the program is to follow up on those tips and making arrests.

Five years after launching across the territory, Crime Stoppers USVI's numbers speak for themselves. Tips received by Crime Stoppers USVI have been responsible for the arrest of 206 criminals and cleared 245 cases. Tips have led to the recovery of \$229,871 and the removal of \$331,850 worth of drugs off the territory's streets.

Crime Stoppers USVI has been lauded as one of the organizations making the biggest impact in reducing crime in the territory, yet the program continues to struggle financially, explained the group's chairperson.

"We have to have more membership if we are going to continue," Corbeil said. "Our memberships have really dropped off. We had a few big donors in the past but they left the Virgin Islands."

"We really need lay people who care about this community who recognize that \$50 a year membership is basically putting in place some of the most important tools for the community," she said. "This program basically lets everyone be the eyes and ears of their community."

Five years ago, the crime wave at the time was such that Crime Stoppers didn't have trouble finding support, explained Corbeil.

Today, thanks in part to the group's success in putting high-ranking criminals behind bars without taking the spotlight, that support has dried up, the Crime Stoppers chairperson explained.

"Sadly, when we started off there was so much craziness going on that people were in a panic and they were ready to become members," said Corbeil. "Somehow, along the line it's like the better you do, you lose support. We don't

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### it's Time for Leaders to Work for Us

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us not voting blocks like the Taxi Association, community housing residents and their cronies.

Some of the issues that this community faces needs to be addressed in a manner that benefits everyone not just to accumulate votes for incumbents. Resolving issues by actions like legalizing illegal apartments, forgiving debts to the hospitals owed by people who can well afford to pay are not ways to benefit this community. What they do is create a total disregard for government in general and eliminates personal responsibility in the individuals effected. Which is all of us.

On November 5, 2012, days prior to the last election the Democratic party "Team for Progress" ran an advertisement called "Goals and Initiative Plan" it included:

- Education
- Public Safety
- Health/human services
- Youth and Recreation
- Energy
- Economic development
- Election reform

There is no doubt that there has been some progress in a lot of these areas, there is also no doubt that it is time to really get serious about solving some of the problems that keep us from becoming a community that functions for the benefit of all, not just the leaders and their cronies.

Education. How much progress has been made to assure that all kids learn to read by the third grade? We have kids going off to be high level professionals in all fields, sports, medicine, business, performing arts and we have the highest rate of illiteracy in our children in the country.

We have a population of 110,000 people and we have a problem with kids joining gangs. This is not a problem that we should ignore or blame kids or blame the education department, this is a problem that the future leaders of this community need to address and eliminate. These kids need a better alternative to get a feeling of acceptance and self

worth than joining gangs.

Public Safety. The police department has made great strides and we still have one of the highest murder rates in the world. How difficult would it be to create some gun control laws that worked? Is it lack of desire or is there some other reason Senators don't seem to want to address it in an effective way.

#### Health/human Services

The time for studies has past, now it is time to do something about this. Again there has been great progress, I had an opportunity to have a procedure at the Schneider Hospital and I was overwhelmed by the caring attitude of all the people there that I came in contact with. There are still a lot of people living on the streets in Charlotte Amalie, Cruz Bay and Frederiksted and in the undeveloped areas of all the islands that have serious medical and emotional problems. There are children and adults that have been seriously abused and require and also deserve all the help that we can give them.

#### Youth & Recreation

Why do the leaders of this community think that community volunteers should be responsible for developing programs for the kids? Yes there are some basketball courts located around the islands but the only semi public swimming pool on STT was built and maintained by a Community Organization. Public tennis courts, athletic fields and other forms of recreation do not exist.

IEKH has had a football field under construction for five years. The cost over runs are astronomical and because of faulty design, lousy construction and extremely poor construction management by the government it may never be finished. Even if it is finished the design calls for a grass field as opposed to astro-turf of some kind so maintenance will be a very serious problem and it will not be usable for days after each time it rains, which is quite often.

#### Energy

Duh? We are constantly informed that the use of renewable

energy such as solar, thermal, tides, wind are of limited value because of "da Grid." Yes, distribution is a problem and it will take some serious thinking to overcome it, but shouldn't we try to overcome it? There must be someone somewhere in the world that could help us design a distribution system that can help us design an energy system that could be a benefit to all of us in this community.

Fifty-five cents a KW is a very serious joke. It is hurting the economy of the community, eliminating businesses and is an unnecessary burden to everyone that lives here. Why do we limit solar to 10 mw? Why don't we encourage the owner of every building in the VI to install Solar?

We could use net metering for the first five years to help the owners pay for the installation and then we could reduce the pay back to the highest amount that WAPA pays for electricity from any source. The rest of the savings they could keep to pay for distribution. Shouldn't we require that all new construction install solar? "Da Grid?" lets begin thinking outside the box and start to take advantage of our wonderful environment.

#### Economic Development

One of your ideas was a Central Government Complex's. I haven't heard much about this. I cannot imagine anything that could benefit the community more than the creation of Central Government Complex's. Clean modern buildings, located near each other so that one trip to one place with adequate parking could take care of all your government business. The employees could have a medical center, cafeteria, day care, fitness center and training and conference rooms. Nice idea.

#### Election Reform

Allow voters to decide between sub district's and a numbers system to eliminate the current system that sets up colleagues to work against, rather than with each other. Consider a level of "municipal government" to bring the government closer to the people in the commu-

## As Crime Stoppers USVI Marks Five Years, Program Needs More Support to Continue

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want to take credit for anything because we are based on anonymous tips and we don't want retaliation against our volunteers."

"You have the statistics, but that's the best we can do," she said. "It's hard to really tell people the good impact we've had in the territory."

Despite the numerous hours spent promoting, running and sharing the importance of Crime Stoppers with residents, church groups and organizations across the territory, Corbeil would not have it any other way.

"It takes so much time and energy to run this organization and we are all volunteers," she said. "I've been involved in a lot of organizations and I've never been so proud to be a part of anything than I am of Crime Stoppers. I truly believe that Crime Stoppers has had the biggest impact in terms of empowering people in the territory."

Crime Stoppers is essentially about one thing everyone can agree on; making communities safer, according to Corbeil.

"If our communities aren't safe, what do have going on," she said. "Everything is based on the safety of the community. Our communities are safer than they used to be and I think that Crime Stoppers has a lot to do with that."

The only way Crime Stoppers USVI can continue is by attracting more members, Corbeil added.

"This program has had the biggest impact on this territory and it's totally non-profit and totally volunteer run and we need people to step up to the plate and become members," she said. "I would challenge every single villa management company and I challenge any business that they need to get a membership to Crime Stoppers. It's so basic."

To become a member of Crime Stoppers USVI go to the group's website at [www.crimestoppersusvi.org](http://www.crimestoppersusvi.org) and click "Support Us." Residents can also call Corbeil at (340) 693-5874 for more information about Crime Stoppers USVI memberships.

nity that it is meant to serve. Well Senators, you still have several months to do something about this if it was more than just a good idea to help you get elected.

If you really would like to help this community you could start now and not wait to use these ideas to get re-elected. You could begin to help the government to provide the services that it is designed to provide. You could require that every government job have a written job description that the employee and their supervisor understands.

You could require that each position have a description and list of qualifications and skills that the employee has to have to be in that position. You could require that every government employee receive

training in provide the service that their position is designed to provide. You could require that each government employee has a performance evaluation every year and if within a couple of years if they cannot be trained to have the needed skills and qualifications that they replaced.

The cost of the pay for a government employee that does not do his or her job is not that significant but the cost to the community in productivity and the general economy is very significant. We would all be a lot better off if you would pay your cronies to go and play golf and stop giving them positions of responsibility in the government.

**Greg Miller**



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Gail Karlsson

Eco' Multi-unit Dwelling Built in Fish Bay



Connecting with Nature

by Gail Karlsson

Group Dwellings



Mud Dauber Wasp

**St. John Tradewinds**  
Members of the St. John community recently organized again to speak out against a developer's request for a Group Dwelling Permit from the Department of Natural Resources. For large parcels, these permits allow clustering of the allowable number of buildings into one portion of the lot to create multi-unit dwellings. Without such a special permit, the buildings in low-density zoning areas have to be spread out – in a Residential-1 zone, only two buildings per half acre.

In theory, clustering the buildings in a large parcel could limit environmental damage by leaving large portions of the land undeveloped. That would reduce the need for road cuts and disturbance of the land for installation of infrastructure; that could help prevent loss of trees, erosion and destruction of natural habitats.

However, a high-density configuration lends itself to the creation of condo-style rental facilities that are not in keeping with traditional

low-density residential uses. These commercial enterprises can also lead to unsustainable levels of traffic, water and energy use, and other pressures on St. John's limited resources and fragile ecosystem.

I recently noticed an interesting two-story structure in Fish Bay made up of a series of cylindrical dwelling pods or cells. It was quite compact and appeared to be made out of a substance resembling dried mud. Very bare and minimalist. When I investigated it more closely I learned that it had been built by local engineers using entirely organic materials and configured to make very low demands on natural resources.

I was told by one local

architect that this represented an important example of 'biomimicry' in building design. She explained that the structure was based on the work of St. John residents known as Sceliphron Caementariums, aka Mud Daubers. She suggested that people could learn more about this artisanal low-tech style of construction on a YouTube video: [www.tvplayvideos.com/7,BWr66LEqav0/nest/Mud-dauber-making-nest](http://www.tvplayvideos.com/7,BWr66LEqav0/nest/Mud-dauber-making-nest).

Despite the low profile, 'eco' nature of the structure, some neighbors have nevertheless been buzzing about the construction of this high-density facility and the subsequent swarm of strange looking occupants wandering around the area. One complained that the owners did not have the proper building permits and appeared to be illegal aliens.

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](http://amazon.com) - or view some of her other writing at [gvykarlsson.blogspot.com](http://gvykarlsson.blogspot.com).



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10a-2p	Miss Lucy's Brunch	Sambacomb	Latin Jazz
10a-1p	Concordia	Bo	Guitar
3:30-6:30	Aqua Bistro	Lauren	Guitar Vocal
4-7	High Tide	Lemuel Callwood	Steel Pan
5:30-9:30	Asolare	Dave Laabs	Guitar
5:30 8:30	Sun Dog Cafe	Various	Open Mike
7-10	Shipwreck Landing	Hot Club Coral Bay	String Swing Vocals

**MONDAYS**

4:30-7	Concordia	Lauren Johnny B	Open Mike
5-8	Cruz Bay Landing	Chris Carsel	Guitar Vocal
5:30-8:30	Virgin Fire	Rich & Gregg	Sax Guitar
5:30-8:30	Aqua Bistro	Matt	Guitar Vocal
6:30-9:30	Ocean Grill	Rascio	Steel Pan

**TUESDAYS**

6-9	Ocean Grill	Lauren	Guitar Vocal
6-9	High Tide	Chris Carsel	Classical Duets
6:30-9:30	La Tapa	Sambacomb	Latin Jazz
6:30-9:30	Barefoot Cowboy	Erin Hart	Guitar Vocal
6:30-9:30	Morgan's Mango	Greg Kinslow	Guitar
6:30-9	Tamarind Inn	Steel Pan	Tropical

**WEDNESDAYS**

4-6	High Tide	Lemuel Callwood	Steel Pan
5-8	Cruz Bay Landing	T Bird	Guitar Vocal
5:30-7	Coconut Coast Studio	St John Flutes	Classical Duets
5:30-8:30	Virgin Fire	Hot Club Coral Bay	String Swing Vocals
6-9	Pickles	Micheal Beason	Open Mike
6:30-9:30	Barefoot Cowboy	Ike	Guitar Vocal
6:30-8:30	Ocean Grill	Dave Laabs	Guitar
7-10	Shipwreck Landing	Chris Carsel	Guitar Vocal

**THURSDAYS**

4:30-6:30	Concordia	Wayne & Pam	Guitar Vocals
5-8	High Tide	Erin Hart	Guitar Vocal
6-9	Miss Lucy's	Rich & Gregg	Sax Guitar
6-9	Skinny Legs	Lauren & Bo	Guitars Vocal
6-8	Pickles	T Bird	Guitar Vocal
6-9	Ocean Grill	Chris Carsel	Guitar Vocal
6:30-9:30	Barefoot Cowboy	Ike	Guitar Vocal
6:30-9:30	Tamarind Inn	Brothers Nature	Rock
6:30-9:30	Morgan's Mango	James Anderson	Guitar
7-9	Banana Deck	Lemuel Callwood	Steel Pan
8-11	Beach Bar	3rd String Allstars	Rock

**FRIDAYS**

5-8	High Tide	Mikey P	Guitar Vocal
5:30-8:30	Aqua Bistro	Steven Sloan	Guitar Vocal
6-9	Balcony	James	Guitar Vocal
6-9	Skinny Legs	Chris Carsel	Guitar Vocal
6:30-9:30	Ocean Grill	Rascio	Steel Pan
6:30-9:30	Morgan's Mango	Lauren	Guitar Vocal
6:30-8:30	Cinnamon Bay	Eddie Bruce	Drumming
6:30-9:30	Shipwreck Landing	Tropical Sounds	Guitar Keyboard Vocal
7-9	Barefoot Cowboy	T Bird	Guitar Vocal
7-10	Rhumb Lines	Erin Hart	Guitar Vocal
8-11	Beach Bar	Flipswitch	Rock

**SATURDAYS**

5-8	High Tide	Jason Jones	Guitar Vocal
6-9	Ocean Grill	T Bird	Guitar Vocal
6:30-9:30	Skinny Legs	Hot Club Coral Bay	String Swing Vocals
7-10	Rhumb Lines	Lauren	Guitar Vocal

To be added to this live music schedule, the event must be a regularly scheduled event (sorry, no one-night performances), email [info@tradewinds.vi](mailto:info@tradewinds.vi) with: date, time, location, performer and style. NO PHONE CALLS.

## Community Calendar

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### Tuesday, April 1

— St. John Film Society (SJFS) will host the St. John premiere of “Yurumein: Homeland” on Tuesday, April 1, at 7:30 p.m. at St. John School of the Arts in Cruz Bay.

Director and producer Andrea E. Leland will be present to discuss the film. There is a suggested donation of \$5.

### Friday, April 4

— Giff Hill School’s EARTH Program Farm to Table Dinner will be on Friday, April 4, and will benefit the school’s Culinary Arts programs.

### Wednesday, April 9

— The Government Employees’ Retirement System invites its members to participate in a Financial Literacy Workshop on Wednesday, April 9, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the GERS Conference Room on St. Thomas.

### Sunday, April 6

— Join Liz and Francis Brown for UUF Service on Sunday, April 6, at 10 a.m., Gift Hill School, Lower Campus Great Room for the topic for the topic: Living With Full Wattage. Step into your Core Brilliance and nurture the fullest expression of who you are and why you are here. Service will include a guided meditation.

### Friday, April 11

— The St. John Singers will present a concert at Emmaus Moravian Church in Coral Bay on Friday, April 11 at 7:30 p.m.

### Sunday, April 13

— The St. John Singers will present a concert on St. Thomas at Wesley Methodist Church, Tutu, Sunday afternoon, April 13 at 4 p.m.

### Tuesday, April 15

— Family Resource Center’s Women of Worth (WOW) Lunch Series is scheduled for Tuesday, April 15, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. on St. John. The guest speaker will be Shaun Pennington, President of Rotary Sunrise, who will deliver information on empowerment, communication skills, self-advocacy and more. A light lunch will be provided. Call 340-514-1823 for lunch location and to register.

### Saturday, April 19

— John’s Folly Learning Institute will be celebrating its 18th anniversary on Saturday, April 19, starting at noon, at the JFLI building. The guest speaker will be Delegate to Congress Donna Christensen. The St. John Singers will present two concerts to celebrate the spring season.

### Saturday, May 10

— The Animal Care Center of St. John will have its annual spring fundraiser — Wagapalooza — on Saturday, May 10, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Winston Wells Ball Field in Cruz Bay.

## GHS Elementary Soccer Games

Friday, April 4 - Giff Hill School vs. Montessori @ HOME, 3:45 PM  
 Thursday, April 10 - Giff Hill School vs. Montessori 2 @ HOME, 3:45 PM  
 Friday, April 11 - Giff Hill School vs. Antilles @ HOME, 3:45 PM  
 Friday, April 25 - Giff Hill School vs. Antilles 2 @ HOME, 3:45 PM

## VIERS Welcomes Home Aquanauts — 45 Years After Tektite I

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Clifton conducted numerous studies of the seafloor at Lameshur Bay and was a pioneer in using scuba for scientific research.

“People talk about ‘The Right Stuff’ for astronauts and aquanauts,” said Clifton. “For me it was having a little experience with scuba.”

Before the mission, Clifton spent three days in a decompression chamber during which he got the bends, he explained.

“It was useful for me to know what that felt like during the mission, because we felt it,” Clifton said.

After meeting his fellow aquanauts at a press conference at the Philly Navy Yard where the habitat and the aquanauts were introduced to the world, they spent three days in the University of Pennsylvania hospital, Clifton explained.

“We got poked and probed in imaginable and unimaginable ways,” he said. “That’s when I became aware that we were lab rats.”

The mission could have easily been different had it not been for



Randy Brown

the aquanauts’ quick thinking and a vacuum and duct tape used for a make-shift scrubber when the carbon dioxide levels were climbing just a few days into the program, explained John VanDerwalker.

During their 60 days under water, the aquanauts made daily research dives and conducted numerous studies. They too were studied closely and monitored at all times. Each week, they had to have blood samples taken and endure inhaling and swallowing a gag-inducing balloon to check their lung capacity, VanDerwalker, 77, explained.

Returning topside after the

mission, the aquanauts were celebrated across the country. They met Vice President of U.S. Spiro Agnew — and neglected to mention they had named a barracuda after him — and appeared on the Ed Sullivan Show.

While each of the aquanauts went on their own paths, what they took part in at Lameshur Bay 45 years ago was special, explained Gary Davis, 69.

“For many of us in many different ways, this was a turning point in our lives,” said Davis. “We did a lot together. But it’s not so much about the science.”

“It’s our presence that meant something,” Davis said. “It’s that spark we lit in others. It’s the spark of human connection that makes the difference.”

Following the aquanauts’ talk, guests enjoyed lunch and a tour of the recently expanded Tektite Museum at VIERS. The museum — a labor of love for Clean Islands International Executive Director Randy Brown, VIERS’ administrator — has recently added a life size replica of the control room and living quarter in the habitat.

## 2.2 mile run/walk led by V.I. Olympian Julius Jackson

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a smart phone application and website dedicated to bringing meditation to the masses.

“Here at Headspace we’re on a mission to get as many people in the world as possible to take 10 minutes out of their day, to practice a simple and easy-to-learn meditation technique,” according to [www.getsomeheadspace.com](http://www.getsomeheadspace.com). “And if you like the way it makes you feel, then we’d love to show you how to make that a life-long skill. This is meditation for modern life — simple, scientifically-proven techniques, that you can use every day to experience a healthier and happier mind.”

As part of the partnership with Westin, Headspace will provide customized content through a dedicated space on [www.westin.com](http://www.westin.com), which will include videos as well as seven custom meditation exercises.

“Specifically curated for Westin guests, the program was designed to address the needs of both leisure and business travelers, pre and post-stay and including programs to help guests get ready for the journey, sleep, switch off from work, how to use technology mindfully and more,” according to the press release from Westin St. John Resort and Villas.

And, the hotel chain is not forgetting about its associates’ needs either.

“Westin will also introduce Headspace modules that were developed exclusively for its associates around the world to help promote wellness in the workplace,” according to the release.

For more information on the Westin Well-being Movement and Westin St. John Resort and Villas, check out [www.westinresortstjohn.com](http://www.westinresortstjohn.com). For more information about Headspace, go to [www.getsomeheadspace.com](http://www.getsomeheadspace.com).

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Today’s Cryptoquip clue: H equals I

# ASK THE AUTO DOCTOR

by Jack Brown



## St. John Dog Miles

### St. John Tradewinds

**Q:** My owner's manual says that I only need to change my oil every 7,500 miles but after my last oil change, I checked my oil level after about 2,000 miles and it was already pretty black and thicker than it should be. Should I wait for another 5,500 miles or get it changed sooner?

**A:** What you need to know right out of the gate, is that here on St. John the demands on engine oil are extreme because of the heat and that we are always driving up hills which puts extreme loads and demands on the engine and especially the oil. I have a term for this extreme mileage on St. John roads called "Dog Miles" If you know anything about dogs, it's a known fact that for every year a dog lives it's equivalent to 7 years in human terms. So one mile driven on St. John is equal to 7 miles on normal roads.

Over the last decade of repairing cars here on St. John, I've found that this is true for miles driven on St. John, compared to highway miles driven on flat roads elsewhere. So the answer to your question is to do what I recommend to all of my customers. Tear that page out of your owner's manual and, if you can, change your oil every 2,000 miles, or at the very most, every 3,000 miles to get the most miles from your engine.

If you decide to change your own oil don't make the same mistake my good friend did when changing the oil on his 2010 Ford pick up. Because his truck sits so high off the ground he was able to drain the oil and remove his filter without having to jack it up. Once he got the oil out and the filter removed, he found that he had purchased the wrong oil filter. So he jumped into his wife's car to go back to the parts store and get the correct filter. When he got back home his truck was missing from the driveway. He raced into the house only to find a note from his wife that she was gone to the store and would be back in about an hour.

With no oil in the truck, he could only sit by the phone and wait for the phone call he knew was about to come from his wife telling him that the engine was making some terrible knocking noises. So, the point of this story is that if you do decide to change your own oil and leave the job, for any reason, you need to put big orange traffic cones and yellow police "Do Not Cross" tape all around the car so no one hops in and drives it away. And don't just take the keys like

he did, she had her spare set.

Now let's talk about oil. There's no such thing as a good bargain when it comes to oil. It's the lifeblood of your engine. If you needed a transfusion you wouldn't shop around for the cheapest blood you could buy, so don't scrimp on the most important thing to keep your engine alive. Make sure your mechanic is using the best oil available. Unfortunately, some shops don't see it this way and in order to maximize profits they will provide the least expensive oil and filter they can purchase. Always ask your mechanic what brand of oil and filter they use, and ask them to please bag the empty plastic oil bottles and leave them in the back of your car. This provides you with proof that you're getting the best oil, and gives you a place to store your old cooking oil before properly disposing of it.

Every mechanic has their preference, but I personally only use Castrol GTX high performance oil in my shop. It's a hold over from when I used to build Porsche racing engines for a living. There are other brand name oils that are good, but I'd rather pay a little more money for the best and get a lot more protection.

I suggest only using the highest quality oil filters because they have a much better filtration element inside, unlike many cheaper filters available, that tend to clog more quickly.

Oil filter's bypass when they start to get clogged and stop filtering. What this means is that once your oil filter has reached it's filtering capacity and can hold no more dirt, then a pressure relief valve in the filter or engine opens up and the dirty oil just keeps circulating through the engine over and over without getting filtered causing more and more wear on your engine. The most common problem with oil that becomes to dirty and thick is that it can create hard deposits on the inside of the engine. These deposits eventually break off and find their way into oil pan and into your oil pump pick up screen thus starving the engine for lubrication which means game over for your poor engine.

So, whether you decide to change your own oil at home or have it done by a professional repair shop, the best way to avoid the extremely expensive nightmare of having to replace or rebuild your engine is to spend your money on more frequent oil changes, and the best oil and filter you can buy.

# VITEMA Updating USVI State Hazard Mitigation Plan

### St. John Tradewinds

As V.I. Territorial Emergency Management Agency officials strive to remain in compliance with federal regulations by updating its USVI State Hazard Mitigation Plan, the group hosted a series of town hall meetings across the territory last week.

VITEMA faces a May 25 deadline to update the current plan, which was last updated in 2011. The Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies activities that can be undertaken by both the public and private sectors to reduce property damage caused by hurricanes, floods and earthquakes.

The purpose of the USVI Hazard Mitigation Plan is to identify strategies and actions that can be taken before a disaster strikes that can greatly reduce the human suffering, damage to property, and the long-term economic impact of natural hazards.

The current Hazard Mitigation Plan is a behemoth of a document with seven sections and nine appendixes which covers capability assessments, risk assessments, mitigation strategies and more for St. Thomas, St. Croix and St. John.

The plan must be updated every three years to ensure that the Virgin Islands government maintains its eligibility for future FEMA funding, including the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and competitive grants awarded under the Pre-Disaster Mitigation program.

VITEMA officials hope to hear from the public about the needs in their neighborhoods.

"Over the past several years, the costs associated with disasters have steadily risen," said Haldor Farquhar, Territorial VITEMA Hazard Mitigation Officer. "We found that the rising costs are closely related to the location of residences, businesses, and other infrastructure in hazard prone or susceptible areas. Community input is essential to our planning approach to mitigation."

While last week's St. John VITEMA meeting was not well attended, according to several reports, Farquhar still wants to hear from residents. To read the current Hazard Mitigation Plan go to <http://www.vitema.gov/mitigation/mitigation-plan.html>.

For more information and to provide feedback about the current plan and suggestions for hazards which need mitigating in different neighborhoods across St. John, call Farquhar at (340) 774-2244 or email [haldor.farquhar@vitema.vi.gov](mailto:haldor.farquhar@vitema.vi.gov).

### ALCHOLICS 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

## 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.

### Christian Science Society

10:45 a.m. Sunday- Marketplace  
Wednesday Testimonials  
7:45 p.m. on last Wed. of Month

### 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

Sunday Service 10 a.m.; Monday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.  
Thursday Women's Bible Study 9 a.m.  
Saturday Men's Bible Study 10 a.m.  
Follow us on Facebook for Locations or call (340) 514-6578

### 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

The schedule is as follows: Saturdays at 6 p.m.  
Sundays at 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.  
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7 a.m.  
Fridays at 7 p.m. Call 776-6339 for more information.

### 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 Judi Shimel*

*The original shutters still hang from the windows of an 18th century warehouse that sat largely undisturbed in a shaded corner of Maho Bay Beach for decades. Although it is not a registered historic site, documents kept by the National Park Service say this plantation era warehouse played a significant role in the Fortsberg Slave Uprising.*

## Historic Warehouse Gets New Life at Maho Bay

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The Vessup property operated as a small sugar plantation during that era but later fell out of use after Emancipation in 1848. Over the next several years, the land was incorporated into a property called Abraham's Fancy, which was purchased by Harvey Monroe Marsh.

The current owner, Alva Marsh, applied for the permits that led to the current renovation. Permits were approved in February by Department of Planning and Natural Resources' Coastal Zone Management Director Jean-Pierre Oriol.

In a letter dated February 15, 2014, Oriol told Marsh the building he wanted to modify had historic significance even though there was no formal documentation.

"Therefore, the proposed architectural plans for the rehabilitation of the historic Warehouse will be required to be reviewed by VISHPO," the letter read.

The doorway entrance facing south towards the roadway was a significant architectural feature that

had to be preserved, Oriol explained.

Since renovations began in February, one of the factory walls has been taken down by builders, allowing for the attachment of an adjoining room.

"The proposed conversion of a historic doorway to a window on the south side of the Warehouse will be allowed if the infill wall is recessed back from the outside face of the wall," according to the CZM Director's letter. "This recessed detail will allow for the historic doorway opening appearance to remain, but will provide the solid infill wall further back to support the new window."

The CZM Director also noted that archaeological or historic resources may be present below ground in and around the construction site. That detail was also referenced in the 1980s records.

"The whole site has considerable documentary interest in understanding the early settlement patterns and agricultural development on the island of St. John and possesses a rich potential as an archaeological site," according to that document.



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## Kamal Hendricks, 28, of St. John Arrested Attempting To Flee Territory

### St. John Tradewinds

Police on St. John arrested 28-year-old Kamal Hendricks and charged him with Illegal Discharging of a Firearm. Hendricks was arrested on March 26 at about 3:10 p.m.

Police said Hendricks was detained at the Cyril E. King International Airport where he was attempting to leave the territory. Police said Hendricks was wanted on St. John in connection with a discharging of shots that occurred in Suzannaberg on March 1. According to officers, Hendricks, who is from St. Thomas and lives on St. John, was at a bar in the area and became involved in an altercation with another individual. Hendricks brandished a weapon and fired it at least six times. No one was injured. Officers in the area pursued Hendricks who fled in a vehicle and threw the weapon out of the car. Hendricks then abandoned the vehicle and fled on foot. Police recovered the weapon and several spent shell casings.

Police issued an All Point Bul-



Kamal Hendricks

letin for Hendricks and he was detained by US Customs and Border Patrol Officers and turned over to VIPD. Hendricks was charged with Possession of an Unlicensed Firearm, Illegal Discharge of a Firearm, First Degree Reckless Endangerment and Interfering with an Officer Discharging his duty.

Hendricks was placed on a \$60,500 bail and remanded to the Bureau of Corrections pending further court action.

## Two Charged with St. Thomas Murder

### St. John Tradewinds

Major Crimes and Intelligence Unit detectives on St. Thomas arrested two suspects and charged them with the shooting death of Kenroy Davis. Davis and female minor were shot during an altercation at the Tutu Hi-Rise community just before 9:30 on March 25.

Detectives said their investigation revealed that Tutu Hi-Rise Housing community residents Akeel Owens age 21 and La'Mar Richardson, age 19 were involved in an altercation with Davis. Both Owens and Richardson were armed with illegal firearms and discharged those firearms striking Davis and a 17-year-old female minor.

Detectives requested that the Virgin Islands Superior Court issue search and arrest warrants. On March 27 Major Crime and Intelligence units along with Special Operations Bureau and patrol officers executed the warrants on the residences of Owens and Richardson. The suspects were taken into custody without incident.

They were charged with First Degree Murder, Second Degree Murder, two counts of First Degree Assault, four counts of Third Degree Assault, eight counts of Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Crime of Violence, Reckless First Degree Endangerment and Aiding and Abetting. The suspects each placed on a one million dollars bail, which they were unable to post and they were remanded to the Bureau of Corrections pending further court action.

While arrests have been made, Major Crime Detectives said the case is still under active investigation and they are still seeking the community's assistance in to get additional information on the incident. If you know something, please contact the Major Crimes Unit directly at (340) 642-8449, Emergency 911 or Crime Stoppers VI. Information will be kept in the strictest confidence.

## Police Log

### Friday, March 21

10:00 a.m. - A citizen c/r an auto collision in the area of the V.I. Port Authority dock. Auto collision.

12:15 p.m. - A citizen p/r that her ex husband has been harassing her via text message. Harassment by telephone or written communication.

4:49 p.m. - A citizen c/r hearing shots fired in the area of Coral Bay. Illegal discharge of firearm.

6:17 p.m. - A citizen p/requesting police assistance to retrieve personal items from a residence. Police assistance.

6:34 p.m. - A citizen c/r someone trespassing at the Tradewinds Building. Trespassing.

11:31 p.m. - A St. Quacco-Zimmerman resident c/r a D.O.A. D.O.A.

### Saturday, March 22

3:42 a.m. - A citizen c/r loud music in the area of South Shore Road. Disturbance of the peace.

7:00 p.m. - A Hansen Bay resident p/r that a white truck reversed into the fence of her property damaging same. Auto collision.

8:13 p.m. - A citizen c/r that she was assaulted by her boyfriend. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

8:45 p.m. - A citizen c/r a vagrant operating a vehicle in the area of the Caneel Bay overlook. Suspicious activity.

8:47 p.m. - A citizen c/r hearing shots fired in the area of Estate Upper Carolina. Illegal discharge of firearm.

9:33 p.m. - A citizen c/r a fight in progress at Cap's Place. Disturbance of the peace.

### Sunday, March 23

9:11 a.m. - An Estate Fish Bay resident c/r that he was in an auto collision in the area of Estate Pine Peace. Auto collision.

1:09 p.m. - A Cruz Bay resident c/r that someone

defaced his private property. Police assistance.

### Monday, March 24

8:49 a.m. - A citizen c/r an auto accident on Centerline Road in the area of Mamey Peak. Auto collision.

4:27 p.m. - A citizen c/requesting police assistance in the area of the Boulon Center. Police assistance.

7:30 p.m. - A citizen c/r a disturbance. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

8:55 p.m. - An Estate Grunwald resident p/r a grand larceny. Grand larceny.

### Tuesday, March 25

12:08 a.m. - A citizen c/r hearing shots fired in the area of Coral Bay. Illegal discharge of firearm.

12:00 p.m. - VIPD Ofc. Gonzales p/r a disturbance of the peace in Frank Powell Park on March 19. Disturbance of the peace.

12:21 p.m. - An Estate Bethany resident p/r a disturbance of the pace at his home. Disturbance of the peace.

1:22 p.m. - A citizen p/r that he lost his wallet on March 17 in the area of Cruz Bay. Lost wallet.

4:35 p.m. - A citizen c/r hearing shots fired in the area of Coral Bay. Illegal discharge of firearm.

7:20 p.m. - A citizen p/r that a female called her job threatening her. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

10:44 p.m. - A citizen c/r hearing shots fired in the area of Coral Bay. Illegal discharge of firearm.

### Wednesday, March 26

8:00 a.m. - A citizen p/r that a male is stalking her. Stalking.

7:45 p.m. - A citizen c/r loud music in the area of Coral Bay. Disturbance of the peace.

## Crime Stoppers U.S. Virgin Islands

### St. John Tradewinds

Crime Stoppers pays. Let's make sure that crime doesn't pay. If you know something, say something as law enforcement cannot control crime without the help of the law abiding community. Even the smallest bit of information may be just what law enforcement needs to solve these cases.

### St. John

On Friday, March 14, police responded to a burglary at 16A - 32 REM Mandahl, in the area of Salt Pond in Coral Bay. The burglary occurred between 9 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. the same day. Items stolen were a Mac Air laptop, a Nexus 5 Android cell phone and an iPod. Please help police solve this crime by telling us what you know.

### St. Thomas

On Saturday, March 15, at 9:50 a.m., Impe-

rial Jewelers on Main Street was robbed by seven armed, masked men. Thanks to community's help police were able to capture six of the seven in the Fireburn Hill area, but one suspect escaped. Help police identify and arrest the remaining robber.

Let's continue to work for the good of all by telling what you know about these, or any other crimes, at [www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org](http://www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org) or by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). You can also text "USVI" plus your message to CRIMES (274637).

If your tip leads to an arrest or the recovery of stolen property, illegal drugs, or weapons, you will receive a cash reward to be paid according to your instructions. The minimum reward for the arrest of a murder suspect is \$1,500. For an armed robber it is \$900. For a burglar it is \$714 plus 10% of the retail value of any stolen property recovered.

# St. John Tradewinds Business Directory

## Accommodations

**Caribbean Villas & Resorts**  
tel. 1-800-338-0987  
or locally 340-776-6152

**Island Getaways**  
888-693-7676,  
islandgetawaysinc.com  
kathy@islandgetawaysinc.com

**Suite St. John Villas/Condos**  
tel. 1-800-348-8444  
or locally at 340-779-4486

## Architecture

**Crane, Robert - Architect, AIA**  
tel. 776-6356  
P.O. Box 370, STJ, VI 00831

## Art Galleries

**Bajo el Sol Gallery**  
Located in Mongoose Junction  
tel. 340-693-7070

**Kimberly Boulon Fine Art Gallery**  
Located at The Marketplace  
340-693-8524

## Banking

**Firstbank**  
Located in downtown Cruz Bay  
340-776-6881

## Furniture

**Carlos Furniture - 340-693-0016**  
Located at Tutu Park Mall on STT  
Free delivery and setup to St. John

## Green Building

**Island Green Building Association**  
check www.igbavi.org for Seminar  
Series info and ReSource Depot  
inventory

## Insurance

**PGU Insurance**  
Located at The Marketplace  
776-6403; pgunow@gmail.com

**Theodore Tunick & Company**  
Phone 775-7001 / Fax 775-7002  
www.theodoretunick.com

## Jewelry

**R&I PATTON goldsmithing**  
Located in Mongoose Junction  
776-6548 or (800) 626-3445  
Chat@pattongold.com

## Landscaping

**Alfredo's Landscaping**  
tel. 774-1655 cell 513-2971  
P.O. Box 91, St. John, VI 00831

**Coral Bay Garden Center**  
tel. 693-5579 fax 714-5628  
P.O. Box 1228, STJ, VI 00831

## Real Estate

**340 Real Estate Company, LLC**  
340-643-6068 or 340-779-4478  
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**Debbie Hayes, GRI**  
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**Holiday Homes of St. John**  
tel. 776-6776 fax 693-8665  
P.O. Box 40, STJ, VI 00831  
info@holidayhomesVI.com

**Islandia Real Estate**  
tel. 776-6666 fax 693-8499  
P.O. Box 56, STJ, VI 00831  
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## Restaurants

**Fish Trap Restaurant and Seafood Market**  
tel. 693-9994, Closed Mondays

**La Tapa Restaurant**  
tel. 693-7755  
Open 7 Days a Week

**Ocean 362**  
American Contemporary Cuisine  
For reservations, call 340-776-0001

**Skinny Legs**  
"A Pretty OK Place"  
tel. 340-779-4982  
www.skinnylegs.com

## Services

**C4th Custom Embroidery**  
tel. 779-4047  
Located in Coral Bay

**Island Solar**  
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tel. 340-642-0531

## Wedding Services

**Weddings by Katilday**  
www.stjohnweddingplanner.com  
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## Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

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## THE ARTIST WITHIN

### ACROSS

- 1 Pink bird
- 9 — -jongg
- 12 Return
- 20 Spray types
- 21 Simian beast
- 22 The college world
- 23 Displayed collection of choice coffees?
- 25 Lawfulness
- 26 Spanish for "those"
- 27 Displayed collection of animals
- 28 Certain Nebraskan
- 30 Most draftable
- 31 Brew for a Brit
- 33 Group of connected electric generators?
- 36 2012 Robert Pattinson film
- 40 Las Vegas' state: Abbr.
- 41 Stale-smelling
- 42 Period when some buttercup-family plants are grown?
- 46 Vast, grassy Argentine plain
- 51 Actress Wynter
- 52 One day — time
- 53 Biol., e.g.
- 54 One driving too fast
- 56 Touchdown area
- 58 "Neon" tank swimmers
- 61 Daddy deer
- 62 Group overseeing quadrennial games?
- 67 Cartoonist Bil of "The Family Circus"

- 70 "It's — -brainer!"
- 71 Wee one
- 72 Beijing locale
- 73 Engine fuel sold all over the country?
- 79 Razor option
- 80 Lamppost
- 81 Combo punches
- 85 Things that destroy
- 87 Cousin of a 401(k)
- 89 Austrian peak
- 90 Inner Hebrides isle
- 91 Muscle jerk
- 92 Slammer used by a global crime-fighting agency?
- 96 En — (all together)
- 99 Tree with acorns
- 100 Rate
- 101 The Netherlands before 1939?
- 107 Stuff in soap
- 108 "Ooh —!"
- 109 Name of 11 pharaohs
- 110 Actress — Dawn Chong
- 112 Generic dog
- 116 Radiating heat or light, say
- 118 Entertainer Rita did a pressing job?
- 122 Greatest
- 123 "... man — mouse?"
- 124 Came into, as debt
- 125 People going "Achoo!"
- 126 — degree
- 127 Their names are hidden in eight answers in this puzzle

- ### DOWN
- 1 Stardom

- 2 Most August-born folks
- 3 Western U.S. oil giant
- 4 — scale of hardness
- 5 "It — far, far better ..."
- 6 Yuletide beverage
- 7 Doughnut coating
- 8 Capital near Lillehammer
- 9 West of film
- 10 Cook's tie-on
- 11 2002 #3 hit for Cam'ron
- 12 Actor Rory
- 13 Liner locales
- 14 Refrigerator stick-on
- 15 Writer LeShan
- 16 Under
- 17 — acid
- 18 Person quoting
- 19 Inuit canoe
- 24 Metallic veins
- 29 Bullets, e.g.
- 31 Dr.'s gp.
- 32 Tedious list
- 34 YSL part
- 35 Variety
- 36 A-F link
- 37 Joie de vivre
- 38 — a hand
- 39 Iquitos natives, e.g.
- 40 Supersecret org.
- 43 News note
- 44 — part (play on stage)
- 45 Noonday nap
- 47 Principles of artistic beauty
- 48 Cato's 1,503
- 49 The Evita of "Evita"
- 50 Soccer site
- 54 Cul-de- —
- 55 It follows chi
- 57 Margarine
- 59 General — chicken
- 60 — -tiller
- 63 Ark unit
- 64 Prefix with 72-Across
- 65 Redact jointly
- 66 Oxy target
- 67 Tree knots
- 68 Accept avidly
- 69 Skyliit courts
- 74 It airs "Fresh Air"
- 75 "How — I to know?"
- 76 Whirl
- 77 Hang laxly
- 78 Like a live ball
- 82 Stirred to life
- 83 Obligation
- 84 Devalitizes
- 86 Austen title
- 88 Middle name of Elvis
- 89 Just swell
- 92 Compound variants
- 93 Guitarist Cline
- 94 Italian father
- 95 Sugar ending
- 97 Make it there
- 98 Schick tool
- 101 Members of the masses
- 102 Japanese noodle soup
- 103 Beethoven's "Für —"
- 104 Offscourings
- 105 Yellow fruit
- 106 Of — (in some way)
- 107 Helmsley or Lewis
- 111 "There's — in the air"
- 112 Citadel
- 113 Concerning
- 114 Moose, e.g.
- 115 10:1, e.g.
- 117 "— who?!"
- 119 Stadium cry
- 120 Here, in Haiti
- 121 Stocking flaw

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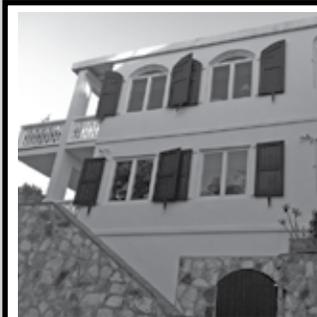
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# St. John Blues Blowout Rocks Love City

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

The crowd at Winston Wells ball field got to its feet and mostly stayed there on Saturday night, March 29, at the First Annual St. John Blues Blowout.

Organized by Ronnie's Pizza owner Ronnie Klingsberger and Ian Samuel, the night featured music by four impressive blues bands. T.C. Carr kicked the concert off with his distinct harmonica playing. A smooth and soulful Johnny Rawls kept the crowd going and Anthony Gomes was full of energy and some serious guitar skills.

But it was the smoldering Samantha Fish, who rocked out in a sequin mini-dress and platform stilettos, who seemed to be the crowd favorite. Fish played up-beat favorites and drew a large crowd dancing at the front of the stage.

The Blues Blowout was a benefit for the non-profit first response agency St. John Rescue and hosted in collaboration with Rotary Club of St. John.



St. John Tradewinds News Photos by Jaime Elliott

Samantha Fish, at left, rocked the crowd at Winston Wells ball field at the Blues Blowout hosted by Ronnie Klingsberger and Ian Samuel, above far left, which also featured Anthony Gomes. above center, and Jimmy Rawls, above right.



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*Pepper* cruises local waters, above left and right, under new owners Kim Sammartano and Lance Davies, center left. A day sail aboard the vessel always includes an impressive spread, center right.

## Enjoy a Day Sail and Gourmet Fare While Stepping Back in History on s/v *Pepper*

By Jaime Elliott  
*St. John Tradewinds*

After cruising and entertaining Maho Bay Campground guests for more than a decade, the sloop *Pepper* is back to her original home in Coral Bay with new owners Kim Sammartano and Lance Davies at the helm.

After she was built in the parking lot of Skinny Legs in 1998, *Pepper's* original owners sailed her directly to the north shore, where she was moored off-shore of Maho Bay Camps and operated as a successful day charter until the campground closed last summer.

*Pepper* is now back home in Coral Bay where Sammartano and Davies offer both full day and sunset cruises, with gourmet food, delicious libations and the opportunity to appreciate a traditional island boat.

From its very beginning, the wooden island sloop *Pepper* was meant to pay homage to the Caribbean's boat building history. Her story begins back in the late 1990s when captain Lisa Nathan was running a day charter business at Maho Bay Campground with her Morgan 34 *Perstare*. Nathan yearned to trade in her fiberglass vessel for something that was more in line with the rich history of boat building in the Greater and Lesser Antilles.

She commissioned Jody Culbert, who himself had fallen in love with traditional island sloops through an acquaintance in Anguilla and eventual sailing experience on similar vessels. After an unsuccessful attempt to launch a traditional boat building program in the BVI, Culbert offered his services to Nathan.

He built the vessel by hand in the shade of a tree next to Skinny Legs using Spanish cedar planking and the lead off nearby wrecked boats for ballast. The 23-foot vessel is a true day sailor with no cubby and an open cockpit. But with her elongated boom and oversized sail area, *Pepper* can put many vessels in her wake even without all the bells and whistles found on most charter boats.

After she was completed in 1998, Culbert and Nathan launched *Pepper* from the beach behind Skinny Legs. Just about 15 years later, she's now moored only a few feet

away under the loving care of Sammartano and Davies, who bought her last year.

Seeking a respite from her busy life in Atlanta, Sammartano signed up as a volunteer employee at Maho Bay Campground during the beloved eco-camp's final season. A planned month-long stay turned into several as she became well known as the Maho Bay "beach cafe girl." It was through Maho Bay that Sammartano met the former owners of *Pepper* and learned of their plans to retire.

Fred Renner and Renee Procter had bought *Pepper* from Nathan and her husband, former Skinny Legs bartender Kevin Block. Renner and Procter enjoyed a robust business with *Pepper*, taking out Maho guests year after year. With Maho Bay Campground closing, the couple was looking for the perfect buyer for *Pepper*, explained Sammartano.

"Maho was this magical, awesome place," said Sammartano. "It was bittersweet, that I got to be there for the final season. But it was how this all happened."

"Fred and Renee were really worried about who would buy *Pepper*," she said. "They didn't want the boat to be moved away or fall into someone's hands who didn't really care about her. They wanted to keep the spirit of Maho alive."

Sammartano's then-boyfriend, now husband, Lance Davies, made the move to St. John after visiting and getting bitten by the island bug himself. A former commercial photographer, Davies worked as a dive master at Caneel Bay Resort's Patagon Dive Center before the couple bought *Pepper*.

Now Davies' and Sammartano's days are spent cruising out of Coral Bay with up to six guests who get to enjoy the traditional lines and fine-tuned sailing of a traditional island sloop.

While *Pepper's* transom sports a four-stroke outboard motor, Davies only uses it to get off the mooring and it's basically the sole nod to post-industrial age technology on the boat.

Once out in Coral Bay harbor, *Pepper's* sails do all work as guests enjoy the serene beauty of island sailing,

not much differently than they would have 100 years ago or more.

Day trips usually depart around 9:30 a.m. with a cruise out along the island's ruggedly beautiful East End. Depending on conditions, Davies — who helms the rudder while Sammartano handles the foredeck work — will make a stop near the Round Bay area for a guided snorkel.

Davies' years of both diving and photography experience means guests get to enjoy expertly guided snorkel trips and the added bonus of stunning underwater snapshots of their sightings.

While Davies is leading the snorkel, Sammartano is busy topside putting out a gourmet and vegetarian-friendly spread. Snacks might include hummus made with Sammartano's home-roasted sesame seeds or creamy tofu salad pita sandwiches. There is always plenty of fresh fruit, gourmet cheese and crackers and energy bars made with Procter's famous recipe.

To wash all that down, Sammartano also whips up the boat's signature Pepper Punch; a refreshing concoction of natural guava and passion fruit juices and a combination of rums.

After a leisurely lunch and a cocktail or two, guests enjoy a cruise back into Coral Bay harbor where they arrive around 2 p.m. Full day cruises aboard *Pepper* run \$95 per person with only a two person minimum. The cost includes water, soft drinks, cocktails, Sammartano's amazing lunch and the guided snorkel.

For a shorter excursion, book the two-hour sunset cocktail cruise aboard *Pepper*. This trip runs from about 4 to 6 p.m. depending on the time of year and takes guests out past Leduck Island to offer views of Ram Head. Sunset cruises cost \$65 and include hors d'oeuvres, fine wine pairings, beer and cocktails.

Sammartano and Davies also keep Maho Bay Camp's eco-conscious spirit alive by offering only reusable plastic cups, water bottles and plates.

For more information about *Pepper* or to book a charter, call (340) 771-7011 or check out [www.sailpepper.com](http://www.sailpepper.com).