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Artists, Educators and Students Celebrate Transfer Day

Local artist Janet Cook-Rutnik and visiting Professor Lori Lee from Randolph College, Virginia, pictured at left, along with St. John artist and photographer Bill Stelzer, and Lee's American Culture students, pictured above, commemorate Transfer Day on Monday, March 31, in Cruz Bay.

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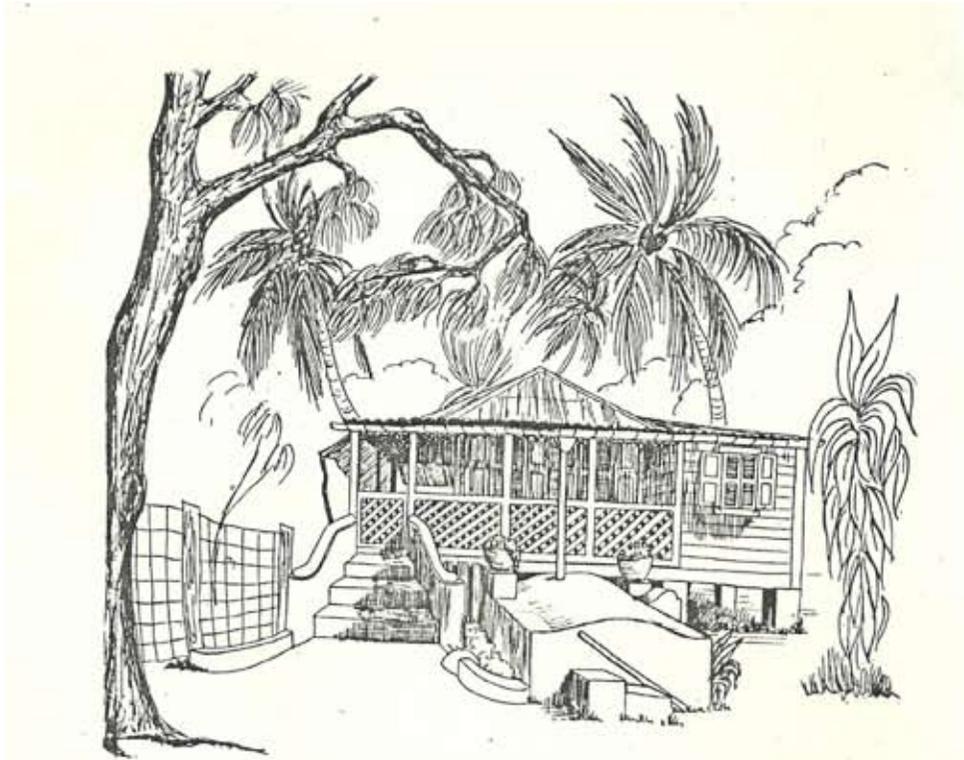
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Who's Watching Our Cruz Bay History?

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Before expansion of the village onto the neighboring plantations, the village of Cruz Bay was a small group of non-descript buildings. The few older buildings left were either in ruins or have been rudely altered. One attractive exception was the private home of the Keating sisters also known as the Keating Inn built in 1910.

In 1922 it was converted to an inn serving visiting dignitaries and then tourists. This was located just beyond the Frank Powell Sr. Park on the left-hand side of the road leading straight from

the dock into town. It was a perfect example of a simple late-19th century dwelling house, a frame building on masonry piers with wide airy porches, wooden "gingerbread" trim, and an old vaulted masonry cistern in front.

Unfortunately, the house was torn down. All that remained of the original structure was the cistern. In his village tour David Knight pointed out the cistern as an example of early Cruz Bay construction. Now the cistern is gone; removed in a recent renovation.

– Chuck Pishko

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Next SJHS Society Meeting Is April 8

Join the St. John Historical Society for its next membership meeting on Tuesday, April 8, at 7 p.m. at the Bethany Moravian Church, where Virgin Islands National Park Archaeologist and Cultural Resource Manager Ken Wild will discuss recent VINP projects.

Will will talk about projects that were recently completed, are in the process of being completed, and those that have been funded and will be undertaken this year. This includes Hassel Island, a new prehistoric timeline, the ossuary at Cinnamon Bay, underwater research, and the next Danish student research project.

This is last membership meeting for the 2013-2014 season.

St. John Singers Concerts Apr. 11, 13

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.

Join Audubon Society and Thousands of Frigate Birds on Jost Van Dyke

V.I. Audubon Society members are organizing a trip to Jost Van Dyke this weekend to watch thousands of frigate birds flying at once as they leave the colony in the early morning.

Working with Jost Van Dyke Preservation Society member Susan Zaluski, Audubon members will spend Friday night, April 11, on Jost in order to meet their guides on Saturday morning, April 12, at 6 a.m. The guides will take the group to the frigate colony on Great Tobago where they will watch the birds from the boat.

The Great Tobago frigate colony is the only one nearby and is where the frigate birds seen over St. John call home. A frigate bird researcher will accompany the group who will discuss her current research and tracking efforts.

After the boat trip, the V.I. Audubon group plans on a snorkel and a hike followed by lunch. The group plans to return on the 4 p.m. ferry to St. John.

Anyone interested in joining should make their own transportation and accommodation arrangements. For more information or to reserve a space on the trip email Judy Buchholz at judybuchholz@me.com.

UUF of STJ Service at VIERS on Apr. 13

Join Liz and Francis Brown for UUF Special Service on Sunday, April 13, at 10 a.m., s at VIERS in Lameshur Bay for the topic: A Transformational Journey from the Heart. Come explore what sets this time apart from times past, and discover how to harness the potential of the Aquarian Age.

Bring a lunch and stay for a swim afterwards.

CBCC Town Meeting Forum April 16

The Coral Bay Community Council is hosting a "Town Meeting" style forum on Wednesday, April 16, at 6:30 p.m. at Guy Benjamin School, Rm. 6.

Senators have been invited to come and participate. A full range of community issues will be discussed, from education to solid waste management to potholes. What are Coral Bay's chief issues in 2014? Everyone is encouraged to come.

For more information, call the CBCC office at 776-2099 or email coralbaycommunitycouncil@hotmail.com.

Lt. Gov. Francis Promises Taxi Drivers Action on Rules Threatening Safaris

By Tom Oat
St. John Tradewinds

In his first meeting on St. John as a 2014 candidate for Governor, Lt. Governor Gregory Francis did not shy away from the thorniest political issue in a meeting with members of one of the strongest voting groups in the territory – the island’s taxi drivers.

In an impromptu meeting at the V.I. Legislature in Cruz Bay on Thursday night, April 3, Lt. Gov. Francis listened to the concerns of more than two dozen taxi medallion holders and drivers about the impact of a rule promulgated in 2009 by the V.I. Taxi Commission which seeks to force medallion holders to replace the islands’ iconic safari-style, open-air taxis with enclosed vans.

Francis promised action on the major issues raised by the St. John taxi drivers who said V.I. Taxi Commission regulations are unfairly restricting their business and threatening the island’s tourism industry by eliminating the safari-style open taxis preferred by visitors.

Commission Makes Policy, Not Laws

The V.I. Taxi Commission mandated in



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tom Oat

Taxi drivers meet with Lt. Gov. Francis at the St. John Legislative Annex in Cruz Bay on Thursday evening, April 3.

2009 a moratorium on licensing new safari taxis built by island fabricators and installed on “incomplete” truck frames imported from the U.S. unless the so-called “after-market” fabrication is certified as meeting

federal standards for operation, according to Derrick Brown, Assistant Director of Motor Vehicles.

There are no after-market safari fabricators in the territory who can certify a fin-

“People flat out refuse to ride in them. The tourists are saying ‘Please. I don’t want to ride closed in.’”

– St. John Taxi driver commenting on vans versus safaris

ished safari, taxi officials admit. The supply of used safari bodies is dwindling as the existing ones deteriorate or are exported to the neighboring British Virgin Islands, taxi operators complained.

“My safari is basically falling apart,” said Dale Hendrickson. “I need to update my safari.”

“I can’t buy a new safari, but I can buy an old one,” another taxi driver complained. “Why should we have to buy an old safari to replace an old one, but not a new one? I can buy a 1990 safari, but not a new one.”

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Crime Stoppers Fund Balks at Large Reward Amount

Malfetti Family Hopes \$30,000 Reward Will Bring Information on Son’s Murder

By Tom Oat
St. John Tradewinds

Rosemary and James Malfetti Jr., had sent out a simple message on March 31 in advertisements announcing an additional contribution to the family’s offer of a reward for information on the murder of their son, James Malfetti III, in his St. John apartment on January 18, 2014:

“We were just notified by Crime Stoppers that they can’t handle rewards over \$2,500 and their rewards are only for arrest, not arrest and conviction,” Rosemary Malfetti wrote *St. John Tradewinds*. “Crime Stoppers has asked us to withdraw their name and phone number from the ad.”

Rosemary and her husband, James Malfetti Jr., had sent out a simple message March 31 in advertisements announcing an additional contribution to the family’s offer of a reward for information on the murder of their son, James Malfetti III, in his St. John apartment on January 18.

“We have received a \$5,000 donation from a resident of St John who wishes to remain anonymous,” Rosemary and James Malfetti Jr. posted on the internet. “The initial \$25,000 reward is from the family of Jimmy Malfetti, our ‘justiceforjimmyteam.’ The total reward now stands at \$30,000. Please help us with this message.”

The Malfetti family is now offering its \$30,000 reward without the involvement of the national Crime Stoppers program.

Objection to Size, Terms of Reward

The conflict over the reward seemed to arise after

the lawyer for the Malfetti family, Nancy Lucianna of Fort Lee, NJ, contacted Atty. Alan B. Brown, the Civilian Coordinator for Crime Stoppers USVI, to inquire about updating the Crime Stoppers announcement of their standard \$2,500 reward for information on the Malfetti murder to include the family’s \$30,000 privately-funded award.

“Please be advised that I represent the family of Jim Malfetti, the young man who was murdered in St. John earlier this year,” Atty. Lucianna wrote Atty. Brown on Monday, March 31. “In reference to same, I am writing with regards to the recent \$30,000.00 reward that was raised by the family for any information leading to the arrest and conviction.”

“It is my understanding that Crime Stoppers has not updated the information regarding the reward due to some sort of police verification,” the attorney continued. “If this is the case, please let me know what information is needed to proceed so that the information may be included with Crime Stoppers.”

“Cease at Once”

Atty. Brown responded to Atty. Lucianna’s e-mail a few hours later with a strong objection to the increased award and Crime Stoppers’ continued affiliation with the Malfettis.

“Crime Stoppers pays cash rewards without the IRS 1099 requirement. This is a special exemption that was passed by the US Congress many years ago,” Atty. Brown e-mailed Atty. Lucianna. “Crime Stoppers USA and Crime Stoppers USVI are not going to do anything to Jeopardize that exemption as it is one of the main tools used to protect the anonymity of our

tipsters.”

“In the USVI our maximum, CASH, reward is \$2,500,” Atty. Brown continued. “In addition, all of our rewards are for the arrest of a suspect, not the arrest and CON-

VICTION of a suspect. For details on how Crime Stoppers Works, please see our website at www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org.”

“In addition, about 37 minutes

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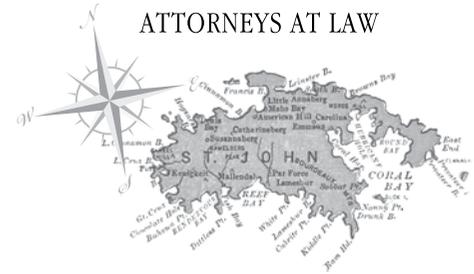
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Varlack Venture ferries which are scheduled to be replaced by a government owned vessel, wait to begin their daily service at the Loredon Boynes ferry dock in Cruz Bay.

Ferries Still Await DPW Action To Allow Final USCG Inspections, Crew Training

By Tom Oat

St. John Tradewinds

When asked about the state of negotiations between the St. John-St. Thomas ferry operators and the government on the operation of the new government-owned ferries, Varlack Ventures' Delrise Varlack had very little to say in late March.

Varlack wishes she had said even less.

"I should have kept my mouth shut," Varlack said in an impromptu interview in early April after telling *St. John Tradewinds* in March that the government needed to "get serious" about negotiating operating contracts with the two franchised ferry companies connecting St. Thomas and St. John.

In early April, Varlack declined to comment when asked about the current status of negotiations between her family company Varlack Ventures, co-franchisee Transportation Services and Department of Public Works to draft an operating agreement for the vessels during an impromptu supermarket interview with *St. John Tradewinds*.

DPW officials did not respond to a request for information on the negotiations. U.S. Coast Guard officials did not respond to an inquiry about scheduled inspections of the vessels or safety drills for the crews when contacted by *Tradewinds*.

The two new ferries, purchased and owned by the V.I. government, arrived in the territory last year and were in Cruz Bay for a brief ceremonial visit in late 2013. They have been docked in Crown Bay

since the St. John ceremonies.

V.I. Department of Public Works Commissioner Darryl Smalls repeatedly has asserted the vessels were ready for inspections and would be in service by the end of February.

USCG Inspections, Drills Still Awaited

In early March, Smalls said the vessels were ready for final U.S. Coast Guard operating inspections and drills – although USCG officials said they had not been contacted by DPW or the ferry operators to conduct inspections or drills.

In late March, Varlack told *St. John Tradewinds* – in response to a direct question about Smalls' previous deadline – that DPW officials had to "get serious" about drafting operating agreements with the ferry companies for the new vessels.

While U.S. Coast Guard officials have told *St. John Tradewinds* the final inspections of the vessels and crew safety training would not be a lengthy process, USCG officials did not confirm that they had been contacted by DPW officials to schedule the inspections and training as of the first week of April.

The two vessels – creatively dubbed the *Cruz Bay* and the *Red Hook* – still had not been assigned to either of the two ferry operators which is necessary for the USCG safety inspections and crew training.

The island's well-traveled ferry fleet, meanwhile, operated seamlessly, seemingly far from being ready to be mothballed.

Artists Commemorate Transfer Day in Cruz Bay

St. John Tradewinds

Transfer Day on St. John was commemorated by artists Janet Cook-Rutnik, William Stelzer and Transfer Project collaborator Professor Lori Lee from Randolph College, Virginia, and her American Culture students.

The group installed images blown up from the 1918 Passport ID photos on the Fraser house in Cruz Bay just past the Lime Inn and Fred's on Queen's Cross Road.

The goal was to relocate displaced people within a historic Virgin Islands community to evoke historical memory and critical thinking about the processes of migration and identity.

These images cause one to consider the trajectories of these people; where were they going? Where were they coming from? And, why? How did the transfer of the islands from the Danish to the United States intersect with migration practices and identity politics? What became of these people?

These artists and scholars seek answers to these questions and hope to generate dialogue with people living in the islands who

have the answers.

Similar images were also installed in a public art intervention in St. Croix last month in conjunction with the Transfer 2014/Crime Seen exhibition that opened at Caribbean Museum Center for the Arts in Frederiksted on March 14.

That public art intervention was initiated by Edgar Endress, La Vaughn Belle, and students in the Art Club at UVI STX.

The Transfer Project has been ongoing for over 10 years and may be presented in St. Thomas next year. Each edition of the Transfer Project presents new ways of looking at the history and archived images from this pivotal period in Virgin Islands history through the prism of contemporary art methods. Collaborators from all three islands are planning for the 100th anniversary in 2017.

For passport images visit www.transferproject.vi and also click to the link for the Transfer Project Book that documents some of the highlights from previous editions dating from 2005 through 2011, or go to <http://www.scribd.com/doc/212760308/Transfer-Project-Book-n%C2%BA1-print-size>.



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Randolph College students take part in Transfer Day holding images of 1918 passport ID photos in Cruz Bay, above.



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With First Donation Secured, St. John Rotary Club Hopes To Move Quickly on Coral Bay Basketball Court Renovations

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

With an initial \$5,000 donation already secured, Rotary Club of St. John members are hoping renovations to the dilapidated Coral Bay basketball court move more quickly than the eight years it took get an agreement to allow work on the land.

Rotary Club member and Coral Bay Community Council President Sharon Coldren helped to hammer out an agreement between the Moravian Church Virgin Islands Conference, which owns the property, T-Rex St. John LLC, which has a long-term lease for the property, and Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation which will oversee the project.

The agreement is the culmination of years of work, dating back to 2005 when it was agreed that funds from that year's Coral Bay Yacht Club Flotilla fundraiser would be used to refurbish the court, Coldren explained.

"CBCC has been working on this since 2005 when we had agreed to spend that year's flotilla money to fix up the basketball court for the children of the school," said Coldren. "We were literally at the point of executing the contract with the resurfer when I got a phone call from T-Rex's attorney telling us

we couldn't do it."

"The community was ready to do these repairs back then and at that time it wouldn't have cost as much money because it wasn't in such bad shape," she said. "There was a liability issue. It was fine for people to use the court in horrible shape, but we couldn't fix it."

Now, instead of costing between \$15,000 to \$20,000, the project will cost between \$40,000 and \$50,000, Coldren explained.

Planned renovations include resurfacing the court and the driveway, installing new baskets, repairing some fencing and installing new fencing and fixing the bleachers, according to Coldren.

Lights on the court were recently installed thanks to a federal LED lighting grant last summer, the CBCC president added.

"The lights were redone under a federal grant this summer so that's an expense that is already done," she said. "We'll put a timer on the lights and try to get some smaller amenities too."

The agreement allowing the renovations is between the Moravian Church Virgin Islands Conference and the Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation, which is the government agency taking over management of the court, while the local Rotary Club is funding



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Officials hope to raise \$50,000 this month to get started on renovations to the basketball court in Coral Bay, above.

the project, Coldren explained.

"The Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation will manage the area, has agreed to continue to maintain it and has essentially taken over the liability," said the CBCC President. "It notes in the agreement that Rotary Club is spending the money."

The agreement is also an interim agreement, Coldren added.

"As we all know, the developers have a 99 year lease for the land and the basketball court happens to be on part of that land," she said. "This agreement, as we understand it, is the interim loca-

tion of the basketball court and in the agreement we understand that T-Rex is obligated to build another basketball court in another location prior to any kind of demolition of this court."

There will be no government funds used for this project, and Rotary officials will ask T-Rex St. John LLC and Moravian Church Virgin Islands Conference officials to donate to the project, Coldren explained.

"Rotary will be asking T-Rex and all potential developers that we know of in Coral Bay to step up with generous donations," she

said. "Rotary will also be asking the Moravian Church Conference and some of their lead members to step up with donations as well."

And with the years it has taken just to get to this point, Coldren hopes to raise the \$50,000 needed by the end of April.

"It's terrible that the court has been in such awful shape for years no and we're hoping we get moving on this quickly," she said. "Since the community has been working to get an agreement to be able to fix this court for eight years, we would really like it if those in our community who can help would make the fund raising very easy. We'd like the funds in place in 30 days so we can get moving on this."

The first donation to the project has been pledged by a Coral Bay homeowner, and former basketball player himself, Daniel Kane.

"Someone had to do something," said Kane. "Some of this goes back to when I was a kid; we always had a basketball court and it was a great place to go hang out. I played all growing up and all through high school and into college."

"Basketball is a fabulous sport," Kane said. "It teaches kids more than just basketball. Like how to

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Three parking spaces were recently restricted for use by "Licensed Villa Companies" only at the Cruz Bay waterfront, above.

VIPA Restricts Three Parking Spaces on Waterfront To Villa Companies

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Since taking over management of the Cruz Bay waterfront in December 2013, V.I. Port Authority officials made little change until last week when officials restricted use of three of the seven parking spots available to the public.

Most of the parking spaces at the Cruz Bay waterfront are open only to taxi drivers, leaving seven parking spots at the north end of the beach open to the public.

During the weekend of March 29 and 30, VIPA installed two signs reading "Loading and Unloading Only By Licensed Villa Company" and marking off three of those seven spaces.

VIPA officials made no public announcement about the change of policy and got no public feedback about the new parking restrictions. At least several residents who frequent the waterfront area on a daily basis were not pleased with VIPA's new signs.

"I drop my kids off on the 7 a.m. ferry and I can't use this parking space," said one mother who was unhappy with VIPA's recent changes to the Cruz Bay waterfront. "There are no villa people here at 7 a.m. picking up guests but I still can't use those spaces. Who is in charge down here anyway?"

Another resident questioned VIPA's authority to enforce parking regulations at the waterfront.

"Who around here can come up and give me a ticket," asked the resident. "People come up and harass you but what is their authority?"

Governor John deJongh put VIPA in charge of the waterfront taxi operations in December 2013 after the now defunct St. John Taxi Association was evicted. VIPA initially announced changes to the waterfront taxi operations ranging from only allowing 20 taxi

drivers to operate on any given day, creating a staging area at the Enighed Pond parking lot for taxis and charging anyone picking up guests at the waterfront a \$10 fee.

No Response from VIPA Officials

Since December none of those announced changes have been evident as operations at the waterfront seemed to continue as before VIPA took over. VIPA officials — who did not issue a press release about the new parking restrictions or make a public announcement about the new signs — did not return *St. John Tradewinds* phone calls requesting comment on the new parking restrictions.

Senator at Large Craig Barshinger has also been waiting to hear from VIPA officials, he explained.

"We asked VIPA Executive Director Carlton Dowe to supply us with a comprehensive plan for the waterfront," said Barshinger. "Everyone wants to use that area and no one is really sure what the rules are. We're still waiting for a response; we have not received anything from VIPA about a plan for the waterfront."

"What we really want is not just a piecemeal approach, we want a comprehensive approach for the use of this area which is the nerve center of St. John," said the Senator at Large.

VIPA should host a town meeting and listen to the residents of St. John about what they want to see at the Cruz Bay waterfront, Barshinger explained.

"I would encourage VIPA to have a meeting on St. John and request the use of the Legislature Building and discuss how we will collectively use this area," said Barshinger. "Recognizing that there is a great deal of interest and a great deal of dissatisfaction, VIPA should come and do a lot of listening. Then they should formulate a plan that meets the needs of the residents of St. John."

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The Rev. Canon Lionel S. Rymer



Holy Week & Easter

Sunday of the Passion:

Palm Sunday, April 13th

Holy Eucharist with the Liturgy of the Palms at 9 a.m.

At the Cathedral (St. Thomas) "The Crucifixion" by John Stainer, and other musical selections at 4 p.m.

Monday in Holy Week: April 14th

A Public Service of Healing at 6 p.m.

Tuesday in Holy Week: April 15th

The Way of the Cross at 6 p.m.

Wednesday in Holy Week: April 16th

Tenebrae at 6 p.m.

Maundy Thursday: April 17th

Agape Meal at 5:30-6:45 p.m.

Holy Eucharist with the Foot-washing Ceremony at 7 p.m.

Good Friday: April 18th

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By Jaime Elliott
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Three months after the retirement of V.I. National Park Deputy Superintendent Mike Anderson, VINP Superintendent Brion FitzGerald recently chose his second in command.

From a pool of 16 applicants, FitzGerald selected Jayne Schaeffer of Colorado to be the new VINP Deputy Superintendent. Schaeffer brings years of facilities management experience as well as glowing references from associates in the field, explained FitzGerald.

"I'm really happy to have Jayne coming here," said FitzGerald. "She had excellent references from chiefs out in the field who respected her work ethic and her knowledge. She has the ability to get a group of people together to resolve an issue and do it in an efficient, but collegial manner."

Schaeffer will be moving from

Golden, Colorado to St. John this May to officially take over as VINP's number two in command. She is leaving her current position as Transportation Program Manager for the National Park Service's Intermountain Regional Office, where she has been assisting parks with project development, funding and technical expertise for transportation facilities in the eight state region.

Originally from Minnesota, Schaeffer earned her undergraduate degree from St. Cloud State University and earned a master's degree from University of California, Berkeley. She began her NPS career in 1983 as a seasonal employee at Statue of Liberty National Monument in New York Harbor.

Schaeffer got her first NPS "permanent" position at the Statue by taking a clerk-typist position there. She met her future husband, Skip,

in Omaha, Nebraska, where she was an Outdoor Recreation Planner in the NPS Midwest Regional Office. She has worked at Golden Gate National Recreation Area in San Francisco, and with the NPS' Denver Service Center has collaborated on projects in Yosemite, Sequoia, Yellowstone, Mount Rainier and Grand Canyon.

Schaeffer has served as Acting Superintendent of Pecos National Historical Park near Santa Fe, New Mexico and as the Acting Chief of Facility Management for the Intermountain Regional Office, which is what drew FitzGerald's attention, he explained.

"Jayne was acting chief of facilities in the regional office two different times over the last 10 years and also acting superintendent in one of the parks in that region," said the VINP Superintendent. "She understands how a park works and she understands the facilities side which is important here. Most of our funding here comes in on the facility side and



Jayne Schaeffer was selected to be the new VINP Deputy Superintendent.

that is where we are most challenged."

Schaeffer, who owns a share of a sailboat with her husband, will be visiting the island this month before moving to St. John in early May. Once she takes over as Dep-

uty Superintendent, Schaeffer will be responsible for the VINP's day to day operations, FitzGerald explained.

"She will supervise all division chiefs in the park except the Chief of Concessions," he said. "She will backstop me for pretty much everything. Each Superintendent treats the Deputy position differently."

"For some people it's a dumping ground," said FitzGerald. "My preference is she will have full authority to act as me. That's how my boss treated me and we got along great."

Having such an important position empty for three of the VINP's busiest months of the year, has not been easy, FitzGerald added.

"We're really looking forward to welcoming Jayne here," he said. "I don't know what we've been doing without a Deputy Superintendent. We need the help a lot."

"She's going to be able to help us in a lot of ways," said FitzGerald.

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 11th at 7:30 PM*



St Thomas Concert:
*Wesley Methodist Church, Tutu
Sunday afternoon, April 13th at 4:00*

Painting the Town



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tom Oat

Workers dodged traffic for several days beginning Monday, March 31, as a crew painted cross walks, directional arrows and striping around the Cruz Bay Roundabout and on Southshore Road at the wastewater treatment plant intersection.

SJSA Faculty Concert on April 15 Promises To Be Night To Remember

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Get ready for a night of music, dance and song as the teachers at St. John School of the Arts take the stage on Tuesday evening, April 15, at 7:30 p.m.

The SJSA Faculty Concert is sure to impress and entertain with instructors showcasing their guitar, steel pan, piano, flute, spoken word, drumming, violin, singing and dancing skills and more.

The evening will feature the talented Eddie Bruce, Jude Woodcock, Shikima Jones, Karen Samuel, Kim Sammartano, Mike Sorzano, Drapes Jensen, Alesia Georgiou, Luba Dolgopolsky, Jeune Provost, Abigail Rene, Kazumi Schaub and Kim Wild with special guests.

Anyone who attended last year's SJSA Faculty concert will recall a night of high energy and inspiring performances with one highlight being Shikima Jones' bring-down-the-house rendition of Tina Turner's "Proud Mary," with Wild and Woodcock shimmying as back-up dancers.

The trio will be back again this year with Jones singing an Aretha Franklin number sure to get the crowd going once again.

Last year's faculty concert was sold out so residents are encouraged to get their tickets early, explained SJSA Executive Director Kim Wild.

"We had a full house last year so people should get their tickets early," said Wild.

Parents of SJSA students are encouraged to attend the faculty concert and bring along their children who will gain free admittance, Wild added.

"We have 10 free student seats for a child who comes with a paying adult," she said. "It would be great if some parents came out to see their children's teachers."

The number of teachers — many of whom work at SJSA part time — who are taking part in the concert is a testament to the faculty's dedication to providing arts education to St. John students, Wild explained.

"We are a really busy faculty," she said. "Many of our instructors are part-time so it's hard to get everyone together and get this whole show working. But everyone is really excited about doing the show again because it was a lot of fun last year."

For Kim Sammartano, who has been teaching flute at SJSA since the fall, SJSA is an important avenue for offering arts education at an affordable price, she explained.

"I've been playing the flute since I was seven and I used to teach years ago," said Sammartano. "I like teaching at the arts school because classes are affordable and there are not a lot of things that are

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— Kim Wild, SJSA Executive Director

affordable here. It's important for kids to be able to have arts education and making it affordable is key."

The SJSA faculty concert will give the public a chance to appreciate the talented instructors at the Cruz Bay arts school, Sammartano explained.

"People should come out to the faculty concert because it's a chance to see some very talented musicians and wonderful teachers," she said.

Another of the evening's highlights is sure to be several dance numbers choreographed by SJSA tumbling instructor Jude Woodcock, a former member of the ground-breaking Pilobolus dance troupe.

Woodcock was inspired to choreograph a number for the SJSA Faculty Concert after hearing a pop song while visiting family in Missouri, she explained.

"I heard this really pretty song that I liked and I'm not usually drawn to pop songs," said Wood-

cock. "I don't usually like to choreograph to them, but this song was different. I really liked this song and I thought I'd like to do something with it."

Woodcock enlisted her husband marine biologist Jeff Miller as a dance partner for the number, which is set to "Say Something" by A Great Big World and Christina Aguilera.

"I asked Jeff, who is not a dancer, to take part in the dance and he said yes," Woodcock said. "So we're all in for a treat."

Woodcock will also be reprising her four short dance numbers from the recent Caribbean II - Interiors show. The show focused on the interplay between Caribbean and Japanese aesthetics with a look at interiors which sent Woodcock thinking about matters both emo-

tional and tangible.

"For two of the dances I did fans and mosquitoes for Caribbean and Japanese interiors and for the other two they were more about emotional interiors," said the dancer and choreographer. "One related to slavery and the other is about the importance of the child."

From the modern and abstract to emotional spoken word, original songs on piano and knock-out vocal performances, the SJSA Faculty Concert will be a night to remember.

"People should come out to the faculty concert because it's going to be a good time," said Wild. "We're going to have so many different performances from one extreme to the other. You're going to like something."

The event will also feature a finale that promises to be a crowd favorite, but is being kept under wraps, Wild added.

"I don't want to give anything away, but it's going to be a lot of fun," she said.

Tickets are \$30 and can be reserved by calling (340) 779-4322. Or buy tickets online at www.stjohnschoolofthearts.org

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Another Angel of Mercy Is Vigilant for Island Homeless Relocated to U.S.

By Tom Oat

St. John Tradewinds

When “paperwork got held up” in February for the treatment of Scott “Capt. Scotty” Chamberlain, a homeless man on St. John with serious health issues, the Department of Human Services Adult Protective Services stepped in and called Kathleen Elliott.

Elliott, a medical lab technician, first came to Roy Lester Schneider Regional Medical Center on St. Thomas as a traveling technician in 2010 and, after she left in 2012, she ended up helping five homeless people get back to the states with their travel paid for by a V.I. government program.

This time, Elliott crossed paths with another good samaritan, Nora Nainani, an Irish woman working with Nature’s Way health food store in The Marketplace on St. John who had Scotty admitted to the Schneider Regional Medical Center and was trying to get him out of the U.S. Virgin Islands for further treatment.

“They said ‘When can you come get Scotty?’” Elliott said of her initial contact from the agency.

Elliott had met Capt. Scotty when she worked with the homeless on St. Thomas before he came to St. John and tried to convince him to come to the states then.

“He said ‘No. I’m going to die on St. John,’” Elliott recalled.

A friend on St. John had been keeping tabs on Capt. Scotty for Elliott and reported when he was hospitalized on St. Thomas in February, Elliott said.

“They took really good care of him... unfortunately they released him and (the St. Thomas shelter) wouldn’t take him.” Elliott said.

Good Samaritans Brought Together

That’s when Kathleen met Nora Nainani, an Irish woman working on St. John who, before getting Capt. Scotty admitted to Roy L. Schneider Regional Medical Center, had



Kathleen Elliott

helped get him transported from the Frank Powell Park in Cruz Bay and admitted to the St. John Myrah Keating Smith Clinic. The clinic, ironically, was named after the longtime island nurse whose “office” used to be in the same park where Capt. Scotty had been dying.

The St. John clinic released Capt. Scotty after one night, and Nainani worked through the government health care system to get him admitted to Schneider hospital. Then, Elliott received a call from St. Thomas health officials to come pick up Capt. Scotty.

“I never talked to Nora until I came to pick up Scotty,” Elliott said.

As Nainani pushed government officials to readmit Scotty to the hospital, government officials worked to have Elliott take him off their hands.

“Did they want Scotty out of there? You betcha,” Elliott told *Tradewinds*. “Because there is only so much they can do. The hos-

pital is limited in what it can do. They end up dying on the streets. It’s not the fault of anyone.”

“They said on Thursday ‘We are going to fly you out on Monday,’” Elliott said. “They bent over backwards for Scotty – pureeing his food – he has no teeth.”

Elliott also singled out Delta Airlines for their service to Capt. Scotty.

“Delta, they treated him with respect,” Elliott said – including helping Scott, who could not walk at the time, onto the plane with a lift. Capt. Scotty is now using a walker. *(See related story on next page.)*

Work with Homeless for “Good Things”

Elliott got deeply involved working with the homeless of St. Thomas through the Frederick Lutheran Church, she said.

“I started working with the homeless on Saturdays,” Elliott explained. “During the week I volunteered at the Salvation Army.”

“There happened to be a group of homeless people that stuck together for safety,” recalled Elliott who said they let her come to the abandoned villa at top of Garden Street where they were living. “I asked them what she could do to help them.”

“‘We need water,’ they said — so I brought them water, Elliott said. “That’s how it all started. Next thing I knew I was taking care of them.”

“Shaka — he’s Caribbean, Bruce, Brian, Phil, Mick and Adrian — I’ve lost contact with Adrian,” Elliott recalled. “They asked me why I was doing it. ‘How else are you going to know that Jesus loves you,’ I told them.”

When their abandoned house was reclaimed and they were evicted, some ended up on the bleachers, some at Emancipation Gardens, Elliott recalled.

“I’d bring them a pot of coffee and McDonald burritos — thank God for McDonald’s burritos — almost every day, then two

“I was on the back streets of St. Thomas. I got to see what people wouldn’t see — gangs prey on the homeless.”

– Kathleen Elliott, medical lab technician and advocate for the homeless

pots of coffee,” she said.

“They always knew I was going to preach a little,” Elliott acknowledged. “What was so cool was that they let me into their world.”

“God gave me such love that I knew this was what I needed to do,” she said. “That’s how it all started.”

“I was on the back streets of St. Thomas,” she recalled “I got to see what people wouldn’t see — gangs prey on the homeless.”

Finding and Using Limited Help

When Elliott approached the Department of Human Services for help back then, she found it in the form of the little-known government fund which paid to fly indigent people out of the territory – the same fund which paid for Capt. Scotty’s flight to the U.S.

“They had a program of paying to fly homeless people off island,” she said. “They said ‘We can’t do it, but you can.’”

Elliott ended up using the Human Services program, and her own money, to move five men – Bruce, Brian, Phil, Bill and Nick – to a ministry-run shelter in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

“I was a little bit naughty,” Elliott said of the finagling required to get the five men relocated. “God was so good. I gave them each \$20 to take a taxi to the shelter from

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Capt. Scotty Watches Snow Fall – Instead of Homeless Companions

By Tom Oat
St. John Tradewinds

Scott “Capt. Scotty” Chamberlain was maneuvering around his stateside apartment in late February using a walker and wearing an insulated vest while looking out at three feet of snow – instead of dying in Cruz Bay Park.

“I’m surviving,” said Capt. Scotty, who had never seen snow before being whisked to Wisconsin after being evacuated from St. John where he had been living on the streets of Cruz Bay.

“At least I’m not dying in the gazebo on St. John,” he added matter-of-factly.

Capt. Scotty said he watched dozens of friends die on the streets of St. Thomas and St. John and he almost followed their path before being “rescued” by two strangers who didn’t know each other before helping to get him to the states. (See related story.)

“I know of at least 35 dead



Scott Chamberlain

ones,” Capt. Scotty told Tradewinds of his life among the homeless of St. Thomas and St. John.

There is no safety net on St. John for the homeless, Capt. Scotty said.

“There is no help over there,” he said of St. John. “The church feeds one day and Annetta Smalls comes down to the park once a

week with sandwiches.”

“If it wasn’t for Kathleen (Elliott), I’d be dead,” Capt. Scotty said of the woman who has helped bring more than one-half dozen homeless men back to the states from St. Thomas and St. John.

“They killed Jeffrey,” Capt. Scotty said of another denizen of Cruz Bay Park and the neighboring beach adjacent to the Battery who died after more than ten years on the streets of Cruz Bay.

“They let Jeffrey out of the hospital; he bought a bottle of rum at the store in Cruz Bay and drank it right in front of us,” Capt. Scotty recalled of the night Jeffrey died. “They didn’t detox him at all.”

Before he died, Jeffrey sat up and stared at his street companions incoherent before convulsing in alcoholic seizures, according to Capt. Scotty.

“He fell backwards and was dead as a doornail,” Capt. Scotty said matter-of-factly.

Help Make a Difference on St. John; Vote in STJ Community Foundation Poll

St. John Tradewinds

It’s election season at St. John Community Foundation and there’s just one question on the ballot: “What can we do to make St. John a better place?”

Voting is open to everyone who lives on St. John as well as anyone who visits and loves St. John. Cast a vote by visiting SJCF’s website, www.sjcf.org, and taking a short survey. Registration is free.

The SJCF has been working with dozens of non-profits and service organizations across the island to find better ways to work together, avoid duplication of services, and identify ongoing needs. The groups have focused on four areas of community impact: youth services; health and human services; the environment and animal welfare; community enrichment; and culture and the arts.

Dozens of non-profits, community-based organizations, and concerned citizens have come

together to discuss priority needs on St. John. This consolidated list of priorities was assembled at the SJCF March 2014 Community Impact Dinner Meeting which followed a preliminary brainstorming work group session in 2013.

Many Community Issues

There are so many issues on the table. The challenge now is to decide what to focus on first. SJCF wants local organizations — and anyone else in the community who wants to be involved — to have a say. These are issues important to St. John as voted on by the people who care about St. John. This is everyone’s chance to speak up, show up, get involved and give.

The SJCF has successfully been carrying out its mission to provide services and support programs that positively engage people, build resources and strengthen the St. John community since 1989.

The goal of SJCF Community Impact Fund Development, ini-

ated three years ago, is to improve the quality of life on St. John by raising, managing, and distributing charitable funds to qualified organizations and individuals, creating positive connections between donors and their interests, and inspiring lasting legacies. The SJCF celebrates its 25th anniversary this year. More activities and events to promote the St. John Angel Network are in the works!

Register now on the SJCF St. John ANGEL Network and see how specific community needs and offers of fulfillment come together. Need an Angel? Want to be an Angel? Go to www.sjcf.org (or if it is easier to remember, get there by typing in www.stjohn-communityfoundation.org). The link to the survey is at the top of the page!

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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.

Financial Literacy Workshop 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.

The objective of this workshop is to empower participants to take a more active role in developing a financial life-plan for themselves by means of education. Participants will engage in a hands-on session where they will have an opportunity to assess where they are today, explore investment options, look at the impact of life events on their finances and develop an action plan.

For more information or to pre-register, call 776-7703 extension 4202 or 4120 or email tliburd@usvigiers.com with the words "Financial Literacy" in the subject line. Registration deadline is Friday, April 4.

Wagapalooza Set for 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.

Show classes to be announced shortly. All St. John schools are invited to participate in the dog-themed poster contest. Deadline for entries is Wednesday, April 9. Please submit entries to BJ Harris via email: bj@stjohnproperties.com. The class with the winning entry will be awarded an ice cream party.

Ruby Rutnik Scholarship 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 Blues Blowout Organizers Promise Show Will Be Back and Better

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

While the crowd was not huge, blues fans at the first annual St. John Blues Blowout were treated to a night of top-notch music while raising awareness, and some money, for a great cause on March 29.

"It was really exciting," said Blues Blowout organizer Ronnie Klingsberg, who hosted the concert with Ian Samuel. "I was very happy and Ian was over the moon. It really exceeded our expectations in every way except for the turnout."

"We would have loved to have more people, but the night was really great and I think we raised a lot of awareness about St. John Rescue," Klingsberg said.

While organizers were still tallying the amount of money raised for St. John Rescue as of press time, Klingsberg and Samuel were already busy planning next year's concert.

"We will definitely have a second annual St. John Blues Blowout," said Klingsberg. "I heard Ian telling someone already it's on March 28, which is the last Saturday of the month in 2015. So now we have to do it."

Klingsberg, a long-time blues lover and harmonica player who met T.C. Carr at a "harmonica geek workshop" in Tampa, had been toying with the idea of hosting a blues festival for a few months. But it was an accident which sent Samuel's 13-year-old daughter to the hospital which inspired the two to get moving and donate all proceeds to St. John Rescue.

"Ian was zipping around St. Thomas with his daughter and someone was texting on their phone and T-boned their car," said Klingsberg. "It was horrible. He was able to get out of the car but his daughter was trapped inside. Police, EMTs, no one could get her out."

"They had to wait 45 minutes before St. Thomas Rescue showed up and cut her out of the vehicle," Klingsberg said. "She ended up with a broken thigh bone and had to get a metal bar put in her leg."

After that accident, Samuel, who has experience hosting con-



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Ronnie Klingsberg, above right, enjoys the St. John Blues Blowout.

certs, jumped on board with the idea of a St. John Blues Blowout with all proceeds going to St. John Rescue.

"Ian said he was with me 100 percent and he'd done a few festivals in the past," said Klingsberg. "We wanted it to be a fundraiser and we knew we wanted it for St. John Rescue. We all depend on those guys and they don't get much government money at all."

"Even if we didn't raise a lot of money, we raised a lot of awareness about St. John Rescue," he said. "A lot of people thought they get all this government funding, but that's not true."

With T.C. Carr already on board, and a local non-profit identified for donations, Klingsberg and Samuel just needed to find a few more acts and pull the million strings together in a few short months.

They were introduced to Paul Benjamin, who hosts the North Atlantic Blues Festival and had worked on St. John Blues Festivals with Steve Simon, and the trio got to work.

"Paul's experience was amazing and he found us the three other acts," said Klingsberg. "I think he was a little skeptical at first if we were going to pull it off, but he had a great time. He wants to do it

again next year too."

The show featured four different types of blues: the harmonica heavy Florida blues man T.C. Carr; the smooth Mississippi blues of Johnny Rawls; the high energy Kansas City stylings of Samantha Fish; and the rock-tinged blues of Canadian Anthony Gomes.

While Klingsberg plans to change up a few things before next year's concert, he promised that there will be a Second Annual St. John Blues Blowout.

"This was a great event and although I didn't put any money in my pocket, what I got out of it was the satisfaction of putting on a good show," said Klingsberg. "It's amazing how many people reached out to us afterward. I think people were surprised by the quality of the sound and the professional performances."

"I want to double the crowd for next year," he said. "I think some people were skeptical or they didn't know it was going on. Next year we'll get the word out early and people will know what to expect now."

Klingsberg still has St. John Blues Blowout T-shirts for sale with proceeds going to St. John Rescue; stop by Ronnie's Pizza at the Boulon Center to buy one.



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Views abound, above left, at V.I. Friendship Villa perched on Great Cruz Bay, above right.



On *the* Market

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Enjoy Luxurious Living with Nautical Flair at V.I. Friendship Villa

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

With its very own bulkhead sandy “beach” area, you’ll surely find it difficult to tear yourself away from the breath-taking views at V.I. Friendship Villa.

This six bedroom, six a half bathroom, Great Cruz Bay home offers the best of Caribbean living and is for sale for \$4.9 million, explained Holiday Homes of St. John sales associate Abigail Schnell O’Connell.

“All the key elements of a superb vacation villa can be found at VI Friendship Villa,” said O’Connell.

The home is nestled on a 0.86-acre lot on a hillside overlooking Great Cruz Bay and is just a few minutes outside of Cruz Bay. The alabaster beaches of the island’s North Shore are only a short drive away as well.

But with six bedrooms, each with its own en suite bath, an infinity edge pool and hot tub and your own sandy “beach,” you just might not want to leave the comforts of V.I. Friendship Villa.

Taking clear cues from the boats bobbing on their moorings in Great Cruz Bay below, V.I. Friendship Villa incorporates contemporary architecture with a distinctly

nautical flair.

You’ll surely spend countless days lounging by the refreshing swimming pool as you soak up those jaw-dropping water views.

“V.I. Friendship Villa is perched cliff-side along the water’s edge of Great Cruz Bay with stunning views of the south shore and beyond,” said O’Connell.

On cool evenings, take a dip in the hot tub, which cascades right down into the infinity edge pool. Or stretch out on a lounge chair on the bulkhead where you’ll find your own private “beach” area.

“Just below the pool level is a sandy beach area which is perfect for getting your feet sandy without even getting into the vehicle,” said O’Connell.

Six Queen Bedrooms

Inside V.I. Friendship Villa, find six equally-sized, air-conditioned queen bedroom suites each with its own private balcony and specious en-suite bathrooms.

The great room includes a comfortable living area and an open-plan kitchen with granite countertops and stainless steel appliances. An indoor dining area is just a few steps away and is ideally situated for entertaining guests.

The home also boasts a fully equipped gym and a game room,

sure to keep the young, and young-at-heart alike, entertained for hours, O’Connell explained.

“The air-conditioned game room provides built-in fun with a pool table, ping pong table, custom made bistro game tables and a 46-inch flat-screen TV,” said the Holiday Homes of St. John sales associate.

While the entire home is beautiful, the main draw of V.I. Friendship Villa, however, is found just outside the oversized glass-paneled doors of the great room, O’Connell explained.

“Oversized glass-paneled doors fold to one side, opening up the indoors and lead out to the heart of VI Friendship Villa - the infinity-edged pool, built-in hot tub, a sunning area, bar and outdoor grill,” she said. “A short staircase descends from the pool and sun deck area to the bulkhead sand beach area flanked by palm trees.”

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St. John Singers' Spring Concerts April 11 and 13

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The St. John Singers will present a spring concert on Friday, April 11, 7:30 pm at Emmaus Moravian Church, Coral Bay. The admission charge is \$15. The community choir, which includes singers from both St. John and St. Thomas under the direction of Janice Ballard, will perform a program of diverse choral works. Musical genres represented include classical, spirituals, jazz, and folk and traditional songs from Hungary and South Africa.

Andrew Bowers, baritone, will be the featured guest vocal artist for the performance. A native of South Carolina and resident of St. Thomas since 2000, Drew will be familiar to many audience members for his roles in numerous local productions at the Reichhold Center for the Arts (*The King and I*, *The Sound of Music*) and Pistarckle Theater (*All Night Strut*, *Putting It Together*, *Smokey Joe's Cafe*).

Mr. Bowers holds degrees in music and theater from the University of South Carolina and has performed extensively with professional theater and cho-

ral groups in Charleston, SC and Atlanta, GA. Locally, he has also been a featured soloist with the Caribbean Chorale and the St. Thomas Reformed Church, as well as performing standards, jazz and showtunes in more casual venues. Drew will sing the "Madamina" aria from the Mozart opera *Don Giovanni*, along with art songs and spirituals. He will also perform, with the choir, music from George Gershwin's American opera *Porgy and Bess* and Oscar Peterson's jazz composition "Hymn to Freedom."

The spring concert will be accompanied by Dr. Elaine Walters, a resident of St. Maarten. Dr. Walters earned a Masters degree in Piano and a Doctorate in Organ Performance from Rice University in Houston, Texas.

As a professional accompanist, Walters has played for several elite choral associations including the United Nations Choir, the Texas Master Chorale, and the Houston Choral Society. Concert venues have included Carnegie Hall in New York City, Chicago Symphony Hall, and St. Francis of Assisi in Italy.

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Lyle Divinsky and *Model Airplane* Bring Soul from NYC to Island Gigs

St. John Tradewinds

Lyle Divinsky, a rising star in New York City music scene, and his band of brothers, Max Cantlin, guitar/vocals, Colin Windsor, bass, and Dan Boyden on drums, the heart of *Model Airplane*, are bringing soul, funk, and good vibes to the paradise island of St. John for four days in April.

Shows are scheduled for April 10 at Miss Lucy's: from 5 to 9 p.m.; April 11 at Woody's Seafood Saloon: from 9 to 12 p.m.; April 12 at Concordia Cafe from: 6 to 9 p.m.; and April 13 at Skinny Legs from 6 to 9 p.m.

"How can you sing about love and happiness when you're still freezing?" asked Divinsky, a Maine-born soul-singer, song-sliding Brooklynite. "It's time to get out!"

The rest of his band agreed whole-heartedly, and they immediately bought their tickets to paradise.

Living in Big Apple for less than four years, Divinsky has already grown into a soul powerhouse, quite literally taking his music from the bottom to the top, playing all across the NYC subways as he become more and more well known above ground with clubs and musicians.



Lyle Divinsky and his band of brothers are on St. John this week.

Lyle has already shared the stage with legends of the past and present. He has played with members of The Headhunters, Soulive, Lettuce, The Meters, Stevie Wonder's Band, Michael Jackson's Band, Beyonce's Band, John Scofield's Band, Robert Randolph & The Family Band and Allen Stone.

Lyle has consistently sold out club venues all along the east coast, has had radio play all around the northeast, has played festivals such as SXSW, CMJ, and

has independently sold over 5000 copies of his debut full-length album "Traveling Man" (June 2009), and is currently finishing a new album that features some of the most celebrated musicians in modern soul (to be released in the fall 2014).

With a voice that silences a room and a band that grooves so hard they've been called photosynthesis to wallflowers, Divinsky and *Model Airplane's* music is sure to put any and everyone in a good mood.

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Friends of the Park To Celebrate Earth Day 2014!

St. John Tradewinds

The Virgin Islands National Park and the Friends of V.I. National Park are excited to announce this year's Earth Day events. The fun starts with the 2014 Earth Day Environmental Fair which is scheduled for Friday, April 25. The fair will be held once again at the National Park Ball Field in Cruz Bay, St. John from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This year, ocean/reef exhibits, activities and presentations will be included as a marine component to the Earth Day Fair. The Waste Management Authority will also be co-hosting the third annual Litter Stomp Parade from Julius E. Sprauve School to the fairgrounds starting at 8:45 a.m.

The Friends' goal is to educate, inform, and inspire V.I. youth and the community on the importance of preserving and protecting our land and marine environments. The events are free and open to the pub-

lic, and all St. John schools and families are invited. Last year over 500 St. John students attended the Earth Day Environmental Fair.

This event is a great way to teach V.I. youth about the environment and issues that are a threat to our islands. It is also an excellent opportunity to expose St. John students, who generally don't have the ability to attend fairs in St. Thomas, to important environmental programs on other islands.

Island wide beach clean-ups will be happening throughout Earth Week as participants of the Friends' Adopt-A-Beach/Trail program are asked to remove debris from their adopted beach/trail as part of an island-wide cleanup. The Adopt-A-Beach/Trail program encourages volunteer groups to adopt a site and become responsible for keeping it clean.

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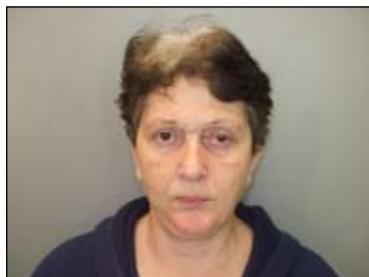
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Sauter-Fret Extradited Back to V.I.

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Police on St. Thomas arrested Rosemary Sauter-Frett after she was extradited back to St. Thomas to face charges of Obtaining Money By False Pretense, Embezzlement By Fiduciaries and Operating a Criminal Enterprise.

The suspect was arrested just before 10 p.m. on April 3. The arrest stems from charges levied by the VIPD in February 2010 when investigation revealed that she bilked her real estate customers of more than 3 million dollars. Sauter-Frett fled the Virgin Islands in 2010 and was recently located



Rosemary Sauter-Fret

living in San Diego.

Sauter-Frett was held on a one million dollars bail and remanded to the Bureau of Corrections pending further court action.

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 Arsons: 0
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Letters To St. John Tradewinds

“Life’s Too Short To Continue Playing Games”

Death comes to all, young and old. Whether it’s through natural or unnatural events, our lives are measured in God’s time. For him, a day is like a thousand years. For us, the time never seems right to let a loved one go.

Some say it is too soon and others say that they have lived a long life. How do you ease the pain after all these years? The memories of their laughter, smile, quotes, likes, travels and on and on.

It seems like only yesterday that they were here telling a joke or sharing a meal. Those of us left behind grieve over not having spent more time together. Others are glad for the time they shared.

Whatever your interaction with a loved one or

friend, today is the day to say “I love you” again.

The Bible says “Teach us to number our days so that we may gain a heart of wisdom.”

It would be wise of us to put aside guilt, pain and regret in order to build a more meaningful relationship. Offer forgiveness and forgive others if that’s what it takes to heal the wounds. Spend more time holding hands, conversing on real issues and being more open.

Life is too short to continue playing games.

We do not know when this life will end. We only know how we can spend it.

**Live well,
Emmanuel Prince**

Ensure Future of Caneel Bay Resort

I just read your article about Caneel Bay. We love Caneel Bay and want to do what ever we can to ensure Caneel will be there for people to enjoy for many many years to come. What can we do to help this along? While we love it dearly we feel it may be time for some upgrades. Possibly solar panels on the roofs. Some upgrades to the

buildings but still keeping with the laid-back splendor we love. Wondering should we contact the Sec. of the Dept. of Interior Ms. Jewell? a Facebook page?

How can we help?

**Peter Benson
Barboursville, VA**

Senate Wrong to Approve Dolphinarium at Coral World

It was with great sadness that I read about the Senates approval of the Coral World Plans for keeping captive dolphins, especially in this time of enlightenment as to the needs of wild animals. Whether captive bred or not, they are still wild animals with natural instincts to remain with their families, to hunt together, play together, mate and rear their young. They have been proven to be self-aware, a characteristic that was previously only attributed to human beings. They have individual language, another trait previously attributed only to humans.

Romania is considering a law that would recognize dolphins as “non-human persons” because they have large brains, problem solving skills, emotions and individual personalities and the law would prohibit the keeping any dolphins captive.

Many other progressive, empathetic cultures are turning away from keeping wild animals captive for human profit making, recognizing the moral injustice of it. Do we in the Virgin Islands want to show the world we are taking a step backwards in what should be the goal of becoming a leading advocate for the protection of any and ALL marine life? Or recognized as having the attitudes of a 3rd world country.

Public awareness of the crime of keeping these intelligent animals captive for profit is growing. Posted just today:

“SeaWorld Attendance Drops 13% as Blackstone Cuts Stake

By Christopher Palmeri Apr 2, 2014 8:35 PM ET

SeaWorld Entertainment Inc. (SEAS) posted a 13 percent drop in attendance at its theme parks as shareholder Blackstone Group LP continued to reduce its stake in the company.” and “at least nine prominent musical acts — from contemporary folks group Bare-naked Ladies to country star Trace Adkins — to pull out of concerts that had been scheduled to begin next month at SeaWorld Orlando.

Several of the artists also publicly condemned SeaWorld and killer-whale captivity. “What they do at SeaWorld is not OK,” singer Willie Nelson said during an interview with CNN.”

If we allow this “dark ages” plan it will give the Virgin Islands a “black eye” with environmentalist, nature lovers, marine enthusiast and many others in the general public who are concerned about dolphins and other large marine mammals. The backlash of this may mean that people will choose to GO ELSE-WHERE for their vacation because of the dolphinarium.

I know I’d seriously consider it.

We must curb this outdated thinking which means money in the pockets of a few people but stressful lives for these intelligent, wild animals.

I ask people to write the governor at <http://www.governordejongh.com/contact/index.html> and protest the senate’s decision.

**Respectfully,
Barb Crites
St. John, VI**

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Large Rewards: Not a Good Thing for Crime Stoppers

Crime Stoppers, historically, has offered cash rewards to persons who anonymously provide crime-solving information which leads to an arrest and indictment for felony offenses.¹ The top reward was \$1,000, with lesser rewards being designed by the Crime Stoppers corporation's board of directors on a case by case basis. Today, more than thirty (30) years since the inception of Crime Stoppers, many, if not most, Crime Stoppers organizations still hold to the \$1,000 maximum.

This article is not an effort to dicker over subtle or small exceptions which result in a reward being offered that is in excess of \$1,000. For example, your author does not get upset over \$2,000 being offered in a double-homicide case. In fact, it is not the occasional \$2,500 or \$5,000 that makes the blood pressure hit the 200 mark. Rather it is the Crime Stoppers reward or the acquiescence and facilitation of even larger rewards which are sometimes referred to as "supplemental," "extra," "outside," or by my term: "excessive," which creates concern.

There is a perception, if not a belief, that since the value of the United States Dollar is worth so much less today than it was in 1976 when Crime Stoppers was created, that the size of the top end rewards in Crime Stoppers must be increased. Yes, the dollar is worth less today. No argument there. However, reported statistics indicate that programs offering and paying no more than \$1,000 for rewards are continuing to attract attention and entice informants to contact Crime Stoppers. Nor are there any statistics to indicate that offering a larger reward solves more cases or solves them more quickly. Yes, the larger, ridiculously large rewards do occasionally get a bit more attention, but they can also cause a lot of problems. The purpose of this article is to raise the level of awareness of Crime Stoppers organizations to the various problems which can be avoided by not offering or aiding others in offering large rewards through Crime Stoppers.

To streamline what would otherwise be a voluminous article, consider the follow list of problems with large rewards:

- Paying larger rewards may drive-up the street price of informants' information.
- Smaller Crime Stoppers programs in neighboring communities may fold and cease operations if they cannot compete with the higher rewards.
- Fundraising may become more difficult when potential contributors to Crime Stoppers believe that Crime Stoppers is spending money frivolously.
- Fundraising may become more difficult if potential contributors to Crime Stoppers believe that Crime Stoppers has more money than it knows what to do with (even if Crime Stoppers was only facilitating a reward put up by another).
- Minority members of the community may be offended when rewards are standard when a minority was the victim, but excessive when the victim was an affluent member of the majority. As a re-

sult, minorities may decide not to serve on Crime Stoppers boards, not to donate money, and not to communicate tips.

- Thinking that a reward of \$1,000 may increase with the passing of time until it reaches the size of previous large rewards, an informant may delay in communicating the tip. In the meantime, evidence may be lost or the information die with the would-be informant.
- The larger the reward, the more "suspect" the informant's credibility becomes when there is a "motive to fabricate".
- In a borderline case when a judge must decide whether an informant's identity must be disclosed, the judge may be inclined to order disclosure if the reward is large.²
- A greedy informant, impressed with the program's ability to offer large rewards, might keep calling back to demand an even larger reward.³
- A judge might order the disclosure of Crime Stoppers financial records to determine the names of contributors and amounts contributed in order to ascertain whether a change of venue is necessary due to the degree of prejudice against the accused as evidenced by the large number of contributors or the names of influential contributors.⁴
- A large reward, unlike a \$1,000 one, may make it more likely that an attorney will accept a contingent fee and represent a claimant who wants to sue for breach of contract for failure to pay the reward.
- A large reward, unlike a \$1,000 one, may make it more likely that a claimant would find it financially worth the risk of disclosing his/her identity when filing a lawsuit.⁵
- The larger the reward, the more likely that there will be multiple claimants and litigation.⁶
- If a Crime Stoppers program pays a large reward put up by someone other than a charitable, non-profit, 501 (c) (3) corporation, there must be a reporting of the transaction to the Internal Revenue Service with a 1099 Form containing the informant's name and Social Security Number or Taxpayer ID, and if the recipient is unknown, then a percentage of the reward must be withheld and sent to the IRS.⁷
- Facilitating large reward payments of funds actually provided or earmarked by others will jeopardize the Crime Stoppers corporation's 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt status.⁸
- Facilitating the payment of large rewards of others may cause Crime Stoppers to be named as a party defendant if the person or group offering the supplemental reward fail to pay, or if the claimant believes that Crime Stoppers made the wrong determination or recommendation as to what payment should be made and to whom.⁹
- Facilitating large rewards paid by others may confuse the public about the terms and conditions

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Large Rewards

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of the reward offers since Crime Stoppers pays for “information” leading to arrest and indictment, while large rewards often require “conviction”.

- The amount of the “loss” is greater when an informant receives a large reward in advance, is required to testify, and then testifies that he or she knows nothing¹⁰ or fails to testify.
- The judges may lose patience with large rewards, consider the payment of enormous rewards to be “outrageous governmental conduct” and dismiss criminal cases.¹¹
- Local programs/boards lose control if their policies are dictated by the influence of large contributions earmarked for a particular reward, i.e. the Crime Stoppers program is available for rent or sale.
- Crime victims and their families, under great emotional distress, are further victimized, with the help of Crime Stoppers, if they are allowed to waste large sums of their money by offering and paying to supplement the \$1,000 Crime Stoppers reward that is sufficient to solve the case.¹²
- A reward may be so high that it tells a would-be informant NOT to give information because there is a great danger in coming forward and that the reward being paid is commensurate to the risk of retaliation. It is best not to emphasize the risk.¹³

In spite of the above-cited reasons for not offering or facilitating large rewards, it is clear that the ill-advised practice will continue until many Crime Stoppers programs and law enforcement agencies learn the lesson the hard way — by losing a civil lawsuit, having an unsuccessful prosecution or a conviction reversed upon appeal, or some other logical consequence of poor judgment. However, those who have suffered through such consequences and learned the lesson are always the loudest echoes of the author’s constant message: “Large Rewards: Not A Good Thing For Crime Stoppers.”

Richard W. Carter
Director of Legal Services

Crime Stoppers of the United States of America, Inc.

¹ Some Crime Stoppers programs pay upon arrest or charges being filed, without the requirement of an indictment. Rewards may also be paid by some programs for certain misdemeanor crimes, if the organization’s board deems it appropriate and if allowed by the corporation’s governing documents. In cases involving children (juveniles) the functional equivalent of an indictment is the threshold. Occasionally, a reward is paid for recovered stolen property or seizure of contraband, if authorized and appropriate.

² In Alaska, a \$50,000 reward was a major factor in the judge’s decision to order disclosure.

³ In one Pennsylvania case, the caller was successful in having the reward increased to \$100,000 before the caller mysteriously disappeared without providing the final clue.

⁴ In Louisiana, the trial judge ordered such due to a \$30,000 reward. Fortunately, the order was reversed after an interlocutory appeal.

⁵ It harms Crime Stoppers reputations when informants are enticed or forced to disclose their identity.

⁶ In a Texas case, a \$25,000 reward was large enough to cause six (6) claimants to reveal their identities and threaten to sue if each did not receive the entire sum that was offered.

⁷ A Crime Stoppers corporation and its officers and directors risk criminal prosecution in the federal courts if they aid and abet another by handling the reward money for another who is not exempt from tax reporting.

⁸ The Treasury Regulation only exempts governmental entities and 501 (c) (3) organizations from the requirement of issuing and filing 1099 reports for payments in excess of \$599.99 (including cumulative payments in a tax year).

⁹ This is an unreasonable burden and risk to be placed upon and accepted by the Crime Stoppers board comprised of citizen volunteers.

¹⁰ A witness in Virginia received a \$10,000 reward, then took the witness stand and testified that he really did not know anything.

¹¹ This legal theory was mentioned in *U.S. v. Gonzales*, decided by the United States Court of Appeals, 3rd Circuit, on March 8, 1991. The informant was to be given a “contingent fee” reward up to 25% of the value of any forfeiture of drug-related assets, i.e. ¼ of \$246,220 cash.

¹² A brother and sister in Texas wanted to add \$200,000 to a Crime Stoppers reward to help solve the murder of their parents. The \$200,000 represented the entire estate of the deceased parents. A Crime Stoppers attorney, who shall remain anonymous, talked the pair out of throwing away their money, and the Crime was solved by Crime Stoppers for \$1,000.

¹³ This is particularly true where the crimes are suspected to involve organized crime, powerful drug cartels, or persons who have been overzealous in labor-management conflicts.

Counting Sheep

This is a touchy subject which caused me to think long and hard about how to approach. The unkept herd of sheep in Coral Bay is a problem. The animals are multiplying with no care and they suffer from neglect. I think that it may be up to us to find a solution to this problem and help these feral animals.

Coral Bay’s tradition of grazing animals is wonderful. There are several herds of animals in Coral Bay whose owners steward responsibility. The animals peacefully chewing and wandering about help keep it funky out here in spite of all the development.

These animals’ owners care about their four-legged creatures by giving them water, food, shelter and proper care. Keep up the good work. This practice makes Coral Bay special, sweeter. It reminds us of the past. As well as providing fresh, organic meat. All animals have a place here. If the Health Department had not put a stop to it, dogs would still be laying in the walkways of most establishments.

Another tradition that makes Coral Bay great is the accepted tradition of Live and Let Live. We appreciate differences. We are a caring community with an anything goes mentality (for the most part). We fund-raise for sick friends.

We have events to support our Guy Benjamin Elementary School and our Kids and the Sea program. We celebrate Labor Day as our own Mini Carnival. We help our neighbors. We give rides to strangers that need a lift to and from town. We are a good people who want to do the right thing an our part.

Sheep — our cute little lambs! Sheep — kinda dumb, don’t mean any harm, just want to eat stuff. Short-harried sheep. Endlessly pregnant and hungry sheep. Sheep who limp around on three legs, wounds from vehicles, sores, bulging eye sockets, lost lambs

crying for their mothers - suffering.

These are more and more common occurrences as this herd grows seemingly unchecked and uncared for. Where is our caring spirit when it comes to these animals? The National Park does its part when it comes to other animal populations. Donkeys, goats, deer, chickens, pigs, and mongoose. We have a shelter for cats and dogs. We sent a petition to block dolphin suffering at Coral World.

These sheep are right in front of us and need our help. I think that many of us remain uninvolved because these animals are “privately owned.” If someone leaves a “privately owned” vehicle on the side of the road for too long, the government eventually does something about it. When people leave trash around, we have Coral Bay Clean Ups to fix the situation.

No tags means no shots, right? So these unattended sheep carry on nibbling grass and leaves. The church doesn’t have to pay to cut the grass in the ball field and the sheep eat and fertilize it with their bacteria-riddled germs which cover the play ground where our precious little ones pay.

These “privately owned” sheep are becoming a public problem. The population is growing unchecked and by all visible measure, they are feral and unattended. I think that it might soon be time to take a serious look at this massive herd of animals and consider what the consequences might be if we continue to ignore them.

I’m not sure what the answer is to the problem, but I think we can figure it out. These creatures need to live more humane lives and I think it’s up to us to help.

Lisa Nicwander

Blues Blowout Organizers Thank Bands and More

The St. John Blues Society would like to thank:

Bands: Johnny Rawls, TC Carr, Anthony Gomes, Samantha Fish, Paul Benjamin.

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Most of all — all members of St. John Rescue.

Thank you all!

Ian Samuel and Ronnie
“the Pizza Man” Klingsberg

ISLAND NOTES from the publisher

Students: Don’t forget to apply for the Ruby Rutnik Memorial and St. John Club Rotary Scholarships.

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Obituaries

Neal Ricardo Sprauve Sr.

St. John Tradewinds

Services were conducted Saturday, March 29, 2014, for Neal Ricardo Sprauve Sr., who died March 11, at the age of 54, in Florida.

The service was at the Nazareth Lutheran Church and burial was in the Cruz Bay Cemetery.

Neal is survived by his mother, Delma R. Sprauve; wife Lidia Caraballo-Sprauve; daughters Neanna R. Sprauve, Shakwna Albert and Arlin Caraballo; sons Fernando Puerie, Nekhori and Nekwante Sprauve; sisters Delita Roberts-Sprauve, Clarice V. Sprauve; Eulalie Falu, Sonia M. Sprauve and Nealia F. Sprauve; adopted sister Donna L. Christopher-Charles; brothers Herman E. Sprauve Jr. and Glen M. Sprauve; and,

Aunts Joan Sprauve-Ricci and Idalia Sprauve-Varlack; uncle Elroy Sprauve, Verne Sprauve and Liston Sprauve Sr.; nieces Desire Hendricks, Deverelle Jackson-Alfred, Dejenne Paul-Daniel, Laquelle Roberts, Ayana Falu-Menoit, Tishelle E. Knight, Kimberly Boyd, Jo'Nique L. Clendinen, Glenda, Tara, Danielle and Diana Sprauve; nephews Llewellyn Roberts, Ian L. Simmons, Greg and Barry Morre, Shawn P. Frett, Richard L. and Jo'Quan E. Clendinen, Elvis, Osirus, Alfredo, Stanley, Kevin, Lamont, Rashard, Shamo, Aeroshaun, Peter, Everard, Warren, Reese, Glen Jr., and Trevon Sprauve, Antonio Ramirez, Esau Thompson, Mario Jackson Jr. and Mariano Amaro; and,

Grandchildren Josian Sprauve and Lya Ne Puerie; godparent Jewell Powell; godchildren Niesha Brathwaite, Shanda Brooks, Naomi Cagan and Darcaja Thomas; mother-in-law Rosa Manzano and Eduviges Reyes;

sisters-in-law Natividad Rodriguez, Vionge Avila, Cenia Ramirez and Celeste Ramirez; brothers-in-law Geraldo Avila, Diogene Ramirez, Guido Reyes, Vijilio Cordero, Maximo Avila; and,

Friends Clara and Manny Kuvach; Reuben and Emily Meade and family; Alphanise, Rudelle and Cynthia Parsons and family; Myrna Herbert and family; U.S. Postal Service staff; Olga and Franc DeLeon; Jackie Sanatana, Ana Belen, Theresa Santana, Eddelmira Avila, Angela Hilario, Evelyn Pena-Felix, Yvette Delemos, Anna Penn and family; Liliam and Ada Manzano; also,

Bernice Boynes; Bernard, Barbara, Beverly, Brenda and Helen Hendricks; Harriet Rhymer and family; Avis Brown; James Jr. and Joanna Boynes; Carl Parsons and family; Audrey Weston and family; Kermit Frett and family; the Rev. Brian E. and Helen Seymour and family; family of the late Claudia Lettsome; relatives Spaurves, Richards, Penns, Callwoods, Thomases, Blydens. Heddringtons. Joneses, Georges, Vanterpools, Testamarks, Creques, Faulkners, Chinnerys, Milliners, O'Connors, Powells, Stevens, Flemings and Wesselhofts; also,

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Jim Kurt: November 11, 1930 - March 21, 2014



Jim Kurt

St. John Tradewinds

The Kurt family sadly reports the passing of F. James Kurt. On Friday, March 21, 2014 at 11 p.m. Jim went to sleep peacefully.

He is survived of 60 years, by the Reverend Rachel H. Kurt, Ordained Minister of Education, West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church; by his son Lawrence Henry Kurt of East Haven, CT; and by his son David James Kurt of Cary, NC. Jim is also survived by his grandsons Daniel Kurt of Chicago, IL; and Christopher Kurt of Ansonia, CT; and granddaughter Sarah Johanna Kurt of Chapel Hill, NC. Great-grandchildren include Max Anthony Kurt of Ansonia, CT, and a great-granddaughter to be born in Chicago in July.

Jim was predeceased by son Eagle Scout Franklin Thomas Kurt, II (USAF), a Vietnam casualty; and by

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OVER 50 REGULARLY SCHEDULED LIVE MUSIC EVENTS ON ST. JOHN EVERY WEEK

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LIVE MUSIC SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

10a-2p	Miss Lucy's Brunch	Sambacombo	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	David Laabs	Classical 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	Guitar Vocal
6:30-9:30	La Tapa	Sambacombo	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	David Laabs	Classical 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 temporary performances), email info@tradewinds.vi with: day, time, location, performer and style. NO PHONE CALLS.

Community Calendar

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

Tuesday, April 8

Join the St. John Historical Society for its next membership meeting on Tuesday, April 8, at 7 p.m. at the Bethany Moravian Church, where Virgin Islands National Park Archaeologist and Cultural Resource Manager Ken Wild will discuss recent VINP projects.

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.

Friday, April 11-Saturday, April 12

— V.I. Audubon Society members are organizing a trip to Jost Van Dyke this weekend to watch thousands of frigate birds flying at once as they leave the colony in the early morning. Working with Jost Van Dyke Preservation Society member Susan Zaluski, Audubon members will spend Friday night, April 11, on Jost in order to meet their guides on Saturday morning, April 12, at 6 a.m. For more details email Judy at judybuchholz@me.com.

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.

— Join Liz and Francis Brown for UUF Special Service on Sunday, April 13, at 10 a.m., s at VIERS in Lameshur Bay for the topic: A Transformational Journey from the Heart. Come explore what sets this time apart from times past, and discover how to harness the potential of the Aquarian Age. Bring a lunch and stay for a swim afterwards. Bring a lunch and stay for a swim afterwards.

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.

Wedensda, April 16

The Coral Bay Community Council is hosting a "Town Meeting" style forum on Wednesday, April 16, at 6:30 p.m. at Guy Benjamin School, Rm. 6.

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.



Lt. Gov. Gregory Francis listened carefully to the concerns of more than two dozen St. John taxi drivers at a meeting Thursday, April 3, and promised action on retaining the iconic St. John safari taxis, like the ones pictured above on the Cruz Bay waterfront.

Francis Promises Taxi Drivers Action on Rules Threatening Safaris

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St. John Tourists Won't Ride in Taxi Vans

The Taxi Commission is trying to force the taxi operators to switch to vans — which visiting tourists refuse to ride, according to the taxi drivers.

Of the 157 taxi licenses on St. John only three are vans, according to one taxi driver.

"People flat out refuse to ride in them," said one taxi van driver. "The tourists are saying 'Please. I don't want to ride closed in.'"

"The tourists have no problem with safaris," he added. "It's unfair to me."

"Safaris have been in operation for over 50 years. Check the record," another driver told Francis. "There have been very few incidents."

"This is what the tourists want," another operator said. "Tourists love them."

"It is my impression that the local government is trying to outlaw safaris," said taxi medallion holder Raphael Wesselhoft.

"It is unique to the island and we should do what we can to keep the uniqueness," said another taxi operator. "As long as a taxi driver is operating in a safe manner I think we can continue to drive these safaris in a safe manner."

"Eventually we're going to run out of used vehicles," said another taxi driver.

"I've spent two months trying to buy a safari," another driver told Francis. "They can't be replaced."

Exporting Dwindling Supply of Safaris

While St. John taxi medallion owners are looking for used safari bodies, they are being exported to the British Virgin Islands from the U.S. Virgin islands, officials acknowledged.

"We are exporting them," acknowledged St. Johnian Myrna George, an Assistant Director of the DMV.

"The issue comes down to a lack of certified welders in the territory to complete the fabrication," George told Francis and the taxi drivers.

"We have no one in the territory that can certify a vehicle as complete," said DMV's George, who promised to contact U.S. truck manufacturers and re-manufacturers to try to establish certified after-market manufacturing in the territory.

"It's not impossible, but we don't have anyone locally that is certified," she said.

Limited Access to Taxi Licensing

The officials did promise to assist one St. John medallion owner who is a veteran in getting her son to be allowed to take the up coming licensing exam. Veterans and children of veterans who are already taxi medallion holders can take the licensing exam despite the continuing moratorium on taxi licenses for non-veterans.

The Lt. Governor also promised to get clarification of the Taxi Commission's licensing rules which currently allow only military veterans and the children of military veterans who own taxi medallions to sit for the taxi licensing exam.

George reminded the St. John taxi drivers that she inherited a medallion from her late father in 2013 but is still waiting to be able to take the licensing test, to get a taxi operating license.

"I'm the assistant director and I can't do it because there is a moratorium," she told the audience. "The board (taxi commission) has the power that they can bring out policies."

Francis, meanwhile, launched his gubernatorial campaign on St. John with a promise of action on the taxi issues.

"It's a hardship on the operators from what I'm hearing," agreed Francis, who said he would be meeting with the Chairman of the Taxi Commission on Friday, April 4. "We're going to get to the bottom of what to do about getting members new safaris."

"I don't like to waste people's time," Francis told the taxi drivers. "I have a challenge before me and I guarantee it's not going to take four years or four months."

GHS Elementary Soccer Games

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

Coral Bay Corner Park Is Official

The pocket park in Coral Bay near Love City Mini-Mart is official with new signage and seating in the shade of towering trees.



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Photo by Tom Oat

Coral Bay Basketball Court Renovations

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get along with people and how important team building is.”

The current state of the Coral Bay basketball court, with nets missing from the baskets and bleachers falling down, needs to be improved, Kane added.

“I’ve shot baskets down at the court here and it’s just in terrible shape,” he said. “What was done in Cruz Bay was great and when I heard they could do the same thing out here, I said I would support it. Hopefully people follow my lead.”

The basketball court is even more important in Coral Bay because it is the sole sports facility in the area, Kane added.

“This is the only sports facility for children in Coral Bay,” he said

“The notion of a vibrant, healthy community starts with the young and it’s good to drive by the court at night and see kids shooting around. We need to have a healthy environment for the kids.”

In addition to raising \$50,000, Coldren also hopes to entice local contractors to help with the project, she added.

“Once the funding is in place we’re hoping that one or more of our lead contractors will volunteer their time this summer to do things like build the bleachers,” Coldren said. “The actual physical labor of putting in the fences and the bleachers is not much and we’re confident that local contractors will step up and donate the time we need once we get the money to buy the materials.”

Kane and his wife Theresa have pledged \$5,000 to the project and if the rest of the funds come through as expected, the project could be completed this summer, Coldren explained.

“We could have the project done no later than September,” she said. “It depends on how quickly we can raise the funds.”

Residents can make tax deductible donations to the Coral Bay basketball court renovations through the local Rotary Club. Checks should be payable to “Rotary Club of St. John Foundation” with “Coral Bay basketball court” in the memo line. Checks can be mailed to Rotary Club of St. John, P.O. Box 710, St. John, VI, 00831; or dropped off at the CBCC office.

Obituary: Jim Kurt



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his sister poet June Kim Kurt of NYC.

Jim was born in New Haven, CT, on November 11, 1930, the son of Hank (USNAF) and Louise Kurt of Newton, MA, and Lloyd Harbor, Long Island, NY. In 1937, they moved to Long Island where Hank, an aeronautical engineer out of MIT, later became a project manager for the LEM lunar landing module at Grumman Aircraft Corporation.

Jim attended Wesleyan University (CT) and joined the U.S. Naval Air Reserve serving in the tower at Floyd Bennett Field in Brooklyn during the Korean War and later on the BARTU (Bureau of Aeronautical Reserve Training Unit) Board for the Navy in NYC.

Jim’s grandfather, Franklin Thomas Kurt, was a graduate of Wesleyan University as was his grandmother, Sarah Tucker Kurt, of Middlefield, CT, one of the first women graduates of Wesleyan University before it became all male.

Jim and Rev. Rae Kurt raised their three sons at Sachems Head, Guilford, CT, where Jim served on the planning and zoning board for the town and as president of the Jay Cees and commodore of the Sachems Head Frostbiters. They were members of the SHYC where they raced successive boats “Pocket” and “Charmian,” and the S&S Dolphin “the Rachel K.”

He worked at Schellens-True Co. in Ivoryton, CT. When it was bought by Dana, Corp. of Toledo, OH, Jim was hired as Director of Planning for the Fortune 500 Corp. Jim was a Kiwanis Club president of Genoa, OH, when his wife was appointed pastor of the U.M. Church there.

The Kurt family summers on Harbor Island, Brooksville, ME, for more than 100 years, spanning six generations. Jim’s grandfather was a founder of the Bucks Harbor Yacht Club.

Jim was an active racing sailor, past commodore of the Coral Bay Yacht Club and enjoyed a quarter century of retirement sailing in and around St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands.

A memorial service will be held in Brooksville, ME, in August.

Rev. Rae requests that congregations with whom they have worshipped over the years sing Jim’s favorite hymn “This is My Song (Tune = Finlandia)” in memory of a kind and gentle friend.

Another Angel of Mercy Is Vigilant for Island Homeless

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the airport and not one of them bought a bottle instead!”

It was not a complete success, however.

“Phil was back on the street after five months; Bill lasted six months and Nick stayed on the street,” Elliott acknowledged, adding that Phil later reunited with his family.

“Bruce and Brian have been drug free and sober for more than three years,” Elliott added.

Dying in Cold Stateside

Things are not too much different for the homeless in the states, Elliott admitted.

“They die in the cold here,” Elliott said. “I had

a call from the center (in the states) when I was in St. Thomas.”

“They end up dying on the streets,” she said of the homeless everywhere. “It’s not the fault of anyone.”

But Elliott, who is trying to get another assignment on St. Thomas as a medical lab technician, is not done with her work in the USVI.

“All these good things have happened,” Elliott said. “Has it been work on my part? Absolutely!”

“I made a promise to myself not to let these people die on the street,” said Elliott.

Now, Kathleen has Nora as another ally in the islands to help her keep her promise to herself.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

AL-ANON MEETINGS

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

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.
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Jehovah's Witness

7:30 p.m. Tuesdays; 7 p.m.
Saturdays (Español), 10 a.m. Sundays,
340-715-053

Missionary Baptist Church

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

Nazareth Lutheran Church

Sunday 9 a.m., Sunday School 8 a.m.
776-6731

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church

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

Malfetti Family Hopes \$30K Reward Will Bring Info on Son's Murder

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ago it was brought to my attention the 'justiceforjim-myteam' placed an ad in today's *Virgin Islands Daily News* that imply's Crime Stoppers is offering a reward of \$25,000," Atty. Brown wrote in his e-mail to Mrs. Malfetti. "This was done without our permission and needs to cease at once as it is jeopardizing not only our program, but all Crime Stoppers programs."

Crime Stoppers Offers Malfettis Advice

Atty. Brown offered the Malfetti attorney advice. "Everything I know says the family should definitely go through VIPD as they are the agency that is going to investigate this murder," Atty. Brown e-mailed Atty. Lucianna, the Malfetti family's attorney. "Don't know if you are aware of it, but VIPD does have a reward fund for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of a homicide suspect. I think the amount is \$5,000."

"If you go through them, perhaps you will be able to combine the two rewards," Atty. Smith continued. "In addition, they have the ability to move the tipster to the states with a new identity."

"It is also my understanding that the Commissioner has taken a direct interest in solving this murder so the family may want to contact him directly," the Crime Stoppers representative continued. "Conversely, it is the opinion of Crime Stoppers USA that large rewards are not what brings in the needed information and, they may even reduce the chances of an arrest or a conviction..."

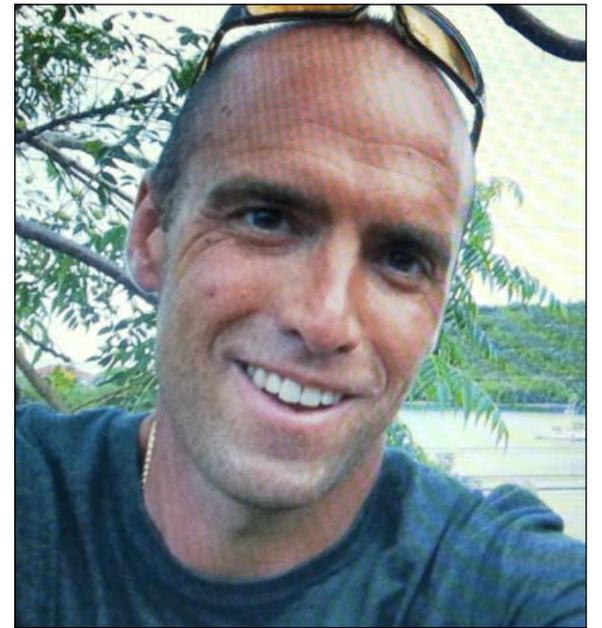
"If the family decides to proceed with the current ad, then simply change the contact information in the existing ad to: If you know the whereabouts of these items or know information pertaining to his death PLEASE CALL MAJOR CRIMES AT 340-642-8449," the Crime Stoppers attorney continued.

"If the family still feels the need to mention Crime Stoppers," Atty. Smith continued, "based on what the ad is trying to do, I would add: If you wish to remain anonymous call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). Their cash reward is much less, but no conviction is required and you will remain anonymous."

"If it was my son that had been killed..."

"However, if it was my son that had been killed, and knowing that eventually the stolen property will surface or the killer will say something to someone, I would cancel the large reward and instead spend my resources on posters similar to the one attached coupled with a monthly ad in the local papers, and a personal appeal to the community via a radio talk show every other month," Atty. Smith suggested to the Malfetti family. "I also think including the picture of Jimmy would be a positive."

The Malfetti's, meanwhile, are continuing their



James "Jimmy" Malfetti

quest for the arrest and conviction of the perpetrator or perpetrators of their son's murder.

Malfetti Family Thanks Supporters

"Thank you for your caring interest in our son Jimmy's murder investigation," the family wrote in a public message. "Jim and I are so grateful for the love, support and prayers we have received from the good people of St. John, the island our son loved so much."

"Please help us convey our gratitude to all those that have touched our lives with their messages of kindness and hope," Malfetti's mother wrote. "They have lifted our spirits and have brought us comfort."

"As parents, we are left with a gaping hole in our hearts for the loss of our only child whose life was snatched from us much too early," Rosemary Malfetti continued. "Nothing we can do or say will bring our son back, but perhaps we can prevent another family from going through this same difficult journey we are experiencing."

"Perhaps we can bring awareness to the high crime rate on the beautiful islands of the USVI that attract so many who associate these islands with peace and tranquility," Mrs. Malfetti continued. "We believe that some systems are broken, and some things need change. The good people of St John and the USVI deserve more. We believe there needs to be a message of awareness and change, before it is too late."

The V.I. Police Department has released no new information on their investigation into the murder of James Malfetti III.

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Today's Cryptoquip clue: R equals M

Applications Available for \$5,000 St. John Rotary Club Scholarship Application Deadline Set for April 30

St. John Tradewinds

The Rotary Club of St John Scholarship is offered to assist a resident of St. John graduating from a high school in the US Virgin Islands in the pursuit of higher education. A need and merit based scholarship award will be a one-time scholarship totaling \$5,000.00

Eligibility requirements for the Rotary Club of St John are:

- The student must be a resident of St John graduating in June from a high school in the US Virgin Islands
- The student must have a 3.0 or better cumulative grade point average
- The student must have been accepted to an institution of higher education
- The student must demonstrate financial need (parent or guardian's tax return from the previous year). All financial information provided will be held in strict confidence.

Application forms can be obtained from high school guidance counselors, at Connections of St. John, or by email from william@willigerod.com or jfuller@rotarystjohn.org.

The following information must be submitted with the application form:

- Transcript of credits
- S.A.T. or A.C.T. score
- Record of extracurricular activities
- Three letters of reference. One must be an academic reference. The other two may be selected from a previous employer, guidance counselor, or character reference.
- A short essay (300 – 500 words) on the topic: Excellence

All applicants meeting the eligibility requirements will be interviewed. The interviews will be conducted in May 2014. Eligible applicants will be notified of the date, time and place of their interview. The applications, including the essay, letters of reference and proof of financial need must be completed and submitted to the Vocational Services Committee of the St. John Rotary Club, c/o Connections of St. John or William Willigerod, 16213 Spring Garden, St John, VI 00830, no later than 5 p.m., April 30, 2014.

VIPD Officials Comment on Sentencing Convicted Killers Ventura and Rivera

St. John Tradewinds

Police Commissioner Rodney F. Querrard Sr. commented on today's sentencing of Jose G. Ventura and Jose M. Rivera Jr. Both defendants received life without the possibility of parole for their roles in the torture and murder of Virgin Islands Police Officer Wendell "Lazee" Williams.

"Today marks the end of a long and arduous journey for the Virgin Islands Police Department and the friends and family of Corporal Wendell Williams", the police Commissioner said. "Now the officers who were close to him as well as his family can find solace in knowing justice has finally been done. Officer Williams's spirit can now rest in peace."

St. Croix Police Chief James Parris also acknowledged the guilty verdict. He credited the cold case squad for reopening the case and tracking down new evidence. "The detectives put in more than two and a half years of extensive and detailed investigation into this case. At times their professionalism was put to the test as we were faced with the full knowledge and reality of the torture that was inflicted on our brother officer in his last days on this earth. This has been a difficult time for my officers but we can now lay this case to rest knowing we've done the best we could to find that long-awaited justice that Corporal Williams deserved."

Police Log

EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

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Friday, March 28

7:02 p.m. – Captain of the Roanoke Barge called and requested police assistance in removing a vehicle from off the Roanoke Barge for not following instructions and causing traffic. Police Assistance.

Saturday, March 29

12:42 a.m. – Woman called to report that she was assaulted by her boyfriend. Simple Assault.

7:01 p.m. – Woman of Wharftside Village present reporting that her cell phone was stolen from the bar at the Beach Bar. Grand Larceny.

7:50 p.m. – Shakoi Mactavious placed under arrest and charged with Grand Larceny. He was released into the custody of his parents. Grand Larceny.

Sunday, March 30

10:28 a.m. – Man present reporting that someone struck his rental vehicle while it was parked in the Westin Resort Parking lot. Hit and run.

6:35 p.m. – Citizen called to report a vehicle went over the embankment in the area of Estate Carolina. Auto Collision.

7:57 p.m. – Estate Adrian man reporting that "someone took his 3 dollars off of the counter" at Castaways. Petit Larceny.

8:11 p.m. – Man of Spring Gardens reporting that he was assaulted by his ex-worker at Lily's Market. Simple Assault.

Monday, March 31

9:29 a.m. – Woman of Estate Contant and Enighed present reporting that someone put a chicken in front of her door. Police Assistance.

11:30 a.m. – Spring Garden man present and requesting police assistance to retrieve his belongings from a residence. Police Assistance.

Thursday, April 3

5:00 a.m. – Man present reporting that a couple invited him to to their home then took \$400 from his bag while he was in the bathroom. Grand Larceny.

Friday, April 4

5:19 a.m. – Citizen called to report a car horn blowing for the past hour non-stop; someone might be injured in the area of Centerline Road between the bridge and the old golf course. Police Assistance.

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St. John Tradewinds

All Crime has a cost that is ultimately paid by the law abiding citizens of the community through higher prices and higher taxes. Reducing that cost puts money back in all of our pockets. If you know something, say something, as law enforcement cannot control crime without your help. Make sure no crime goes unsolved. Even the smallest bit of information may be just what is needed to solve these cases.

St. John

On the morning of Monday, March 17th prior to 10:00 a.m., someone stole a woman's 14K white gold and diamond wedding ring from a room at Caneel Bay. Please help police identify the thief and recover the ring.

St. Thomas

On Saturday, March 15th at approximately 6:15 p.m., a gun-wielding male entered Kenia's Fashion Store on Kronprindsens Gade. Before

fleeing on foot, he robbed the store of \$5,000. Help police identify and arrest this robber.

Police need your help to put an end to these burglaries and robberies of our fellow citizens. Police are also asking you to help identify the people who might be buying or selling the valuables taken in any burglary or robbery. Step up. Be part of the solution. Continue to help make our islands a safer place to live and visit by telling us what you know about these, or any other crimes, at www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org or by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). You can also text "USVI" plus your message to CRIMES (274637).

All three methods will keep you anonymous. 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 an armed robber is \$900. For a burglar it is \$714.

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By Frank A. Longo

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FROM END TO BEGINNING

ACROSS

- 1 With a leg on either side of
- 8 "What — thou?"
- 14 Curt
- 20 Be afraid to
- 21 Stock market worker
- 22 Pasta piece
- 23 Province capital on the Yellow River
- 25 Over there
- 26 Old-time actress Lanchester
- 27 Countless years
- 28 Aves. and blvds.
- 29 — Jima
- 31 See 50-Down
- 32 Tasty tidbit
- 35 Director of the Humphrey Bogart film "Sahara"
- 38 Reduces to bits, as a potato
- 41 Chief ore of lead
- 43 Luau necklace
- 44 Foofaraw
- 45 Chair part
- 48 Winner's sign
- 49 "So long!"
- 51 The Beatles' "— Be"
- 56 Greek philosopher known for paradoxes
- 59 "Avatar" actress
- 61 Ribald
- 62 Word after church or film
- 63 Of the back
- 64 Cotton machines
- 65 Yale alum
- 67 "La Loge" painter
- 69 Penguin of Antarctica

- 71 Me, to Mimi
- 73 European country capital
- 78 Piloted
- 79 Not hidden
- 81 Without delay
- 82 — Lanka
- 84 Stadium row
- 85 Kia sedan
- 89 Stare open-mouthed
- 91 Eagerly excited
- 94 Animal-filled attraction in Georgia
- 96 Israel Philharmonic director
- 98 Extrapolate
- 99 Euro divs.
- 100 Deep blue
- 101 Shipbar mark
- 102 Grigger Tebow
- 103 Put a question to
- 105 Alma — (home schools)
- 108 Spacek of the screen
- 110 Sorority founded at Howard University in 1920
- 115 Rigid beliefs
- 118 Flubs up
- 119 Party game
- 120 Managed care gp.
- 122 Luc's "yes"
- 123 Word-of-mouth
- 127 London native, e.g.
- 129 Shooter allowing for an adjustable focal length
- 133 Altman of film
- 134 Taking Rx drugs
- 135 Natural abilities
- 136 Warnings
- 137 Hi-fi setup
- 138 Big hawks

DOWN

- 1 Carving tool

- 2 Funny Mort
- 3 Very, in Paris
- 4 Label again
- 5 Gerund suffix
- 6 One napping
- 7 Communal character
- 8 Erwin of film
- 9 Parabolas' paths
- 10 Game with five dice
- 11 Thomas who founded GE
- 12 VIP in D.C.
- 13 Attribute
- 14 "— home?"
- 15 Jeering shout
- 16 Sonata movement
- 17 Cow dangler
- 18 Appeal earnestly
- 19 On — firma
- 24 Blood type, informally
- 30 Polish labor leader Lech
- 33 Major city of Norway
- 34 Shirley's sitcom friend
- 36 Toil away
- 37 "To — a Mockingbird"
- 38 Motorola cellphone
- 39 Inkling
- 40 Imagine
- 42 Meadowland
- 46 String after D
- 47 Maestro Solti
- 50 With 31-Across, hubby's assent
- 52 Verge
- 53 Red braking signals
- 54 Many a navel
- 55 Stunned with a gun
- 57 Olive loved by Popeye
- 58 Lustful look
- 59 Storied masked swordsman
- 60 Jai —
- 63 Formal fiats
- 66 Suffix with final or moral

- 68 Romney's 2012 rival
- 70 "— Kapital"
- 71 Actress Gaynor
- 72 Kitchen bulb
- 74 Mil. truant
- 75 Vigilant
- 76 Hail — (cry "Taxi!")
- 77 Slightly warm
- 80 "Dies —" (hymn)
- 83 "Norma —"
- 86 Wolf down
- 87 Grenade filler
- 88 "Open up!" follower
- 90 Propyl ender
- 92 Redding of song
- 93 Like slightly spoiled meat
- 95 Ensnare
- 96 Closing letter
- 97 Little plateau
- 100 Talk like Porky Pig
- 104 Railroad switches
- 106 In the house
- 107 Before long
- 109 Related compound
- 110 Bicolor beast
- 111 Flynn of film
- 112 Family group
- 113 Daisy cousin
- 114 Clowns
- 116 Enthusiasm
- 117 Minerals in thin layers
- 121 Aged, once
- 124 Descartes of philosophy
- 125 Culturally pretentious
- 126 Maiden
- 128 Meal scrap
- 130 Ottawa loc.
- 131 That, to Juan
- 132 High, snow-capped peak

Answer to April 6 Cryptoquip:

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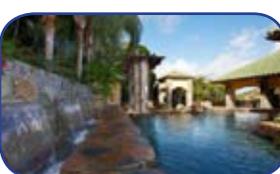


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"We are excited for the 22nd International Optimist Regatta at the St. Thomas Yacht Club (STYC)," says regatta director, Margo Lynch. "The opportunity for young Virgin Islanders to sail with and against Optimist sailors from throughout the Caribbean and the world is an amazing opportunity."

Over 100 8- to 15-year-old junior sailors are expected to attend this St. Thomas Yacht Club- and Virgin Island Sailing Association-hosted and Caribbean Sailing Association-sanctioned regatta.

Register now at www.regattanetwork.com

Cost of the clinic is \$300 for non-U.S. Virgin Islands' registrants and \$275 for U.S. Virgin Islands' residents, and includes breakfast and lunch for the three days. Clinic registration closes on May 1st.

Entry fee for the team racing is \$160 per team of 4 sailors. Registration closes at 5 p.m. on June 18.

The IOR entry fee is \$185 before April 15 and \$225 between April 16 and June 19. Final registration takes place June 19, 2014. The entry fee includes an event T-shirt, registration 'goodie' bag, and all meals from Thursday dinner through Sunday's Brunch.

Trophies will be awarded to the top five sailors in each fleet and top three overall. Additional trophies include the Peter Ives' Perpetual Trophy, the Chuck Fuller Sportsmanship Award and the top female sailor.

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Connecting with Nature

by Gail Karlsson

Cat Hair and Birds' Nest

St. John Tradewinds

A few weeks ago I noticed a bananaquit pecking at something in the front yard. It looked like cotton candy. On closer inspection the fluffy ball on the ground turned out to be cat hair. The bird picked up some of the hair and carried it off to the nest it was building nearby, then came back for more.

Harry, our old cat, has fluffy orange-blond fur that he sheds constantly, no matter what the season or temperature. When he is in St. John tufts of it roll across the concrete floor like tumbleweeds, especially after he scratches his bug bites. Sometimes I gather up handfuls of hair and throw them outside, and this was a pretty big one.

I was delighted to see that the birds were making good use of the cat's fur, and swept up some more from under the chair where Harry sleeps. When I put it outside in the

same spot, they came back and snatched that up too. What fun to help the birds with their nest building.

A couple of times I have found abandoned hummingbird nests. They were small and very tightly woven, and incorporated not only Harry's hair but also some longer strands that were clearly mine. I didn't realize I was also shedding hair in the yard also.

Bananaquit have two different kinds of nests – one type that the adult birds use to roost in at night, and larger, more complicated breeding nests that the male and female work on together.

The male and female bananaquits both gather materials for the breeding nests, and they can spend several days on the construction process. When it is done, the male stays close to protect the nest and help feed the



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Bananaquits, above center and right, have taken a fur ball from Harry the cat, above left, to help build their well-constructed breeding nest, left.

hatchlings. Once the babies are grown he goes back to his bachelor roosting nest and starts courting other females.

If there is plenty of food, female bananaquits can lay several clutches of eggs per year. That sounds like a lot of work.

Now that my own nest is empty of hatchlings — my sons grown and off on their own — I am working a bit less and have more time to pay attention to what the birds

are doing. Harry, too, is getting on and has slowed down quite a bit — except of course in the hair production department. How nice to find such a good use for his fur balls.

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The Long-course finish line is at Hawksnest Beach, left. This year's race is only seven weeks away with the first practice swim scheduled for this Sunday, April 13.

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11th Annual Beach-to-Beach Power Swim Set for May 24

St. John Tradewinds

To help swimmers train for the event, Friends of Virgin Islands National Park has scheduled three practice swims, with the first one this Sunday, April 13. The schedule for the practice swims is as follows:

April 13: Maho to Cinnamon

April 27: Maho to Cinnamon or Trunk

May 11: Maho to Cinnamon, Trunk or Hawksnest

While the practice swim will be on Sundays, the actual event will be on Saturday, May 24 this year.

The practice swims will all start at 8:30 a.m. (please note that on race day the swim will start at 8 a.m.) from the north end of Maho Beach.

As always, safety is of utmost importance and Friends will have kayaks, SUPs, and safety boats accompanying the swimmers.

For swimmers coming from St. Thomas, they should take the ferry that leaves Red Hook at 7:30 a.m. The Friends will have a vehicle meet the ferry and transport swimmers to Maho.

The Beach-to-Beach Power Swim contains four simultaneous events:

- Short course (solo) from Maho Beach to Cinnamon Beach (1 mile)
- Intermediate course (solo) from Maho Beach to Trunk Beach (2 ¼ miles)
- Long course (solo) from Maho Beach to Hawksnest Beach (3 ½ miles)

- Long course (three-person relay teams) from Maho Beach to Hawksnest Beach. The relay team transition points will be at Cinnamon Beach and Trunk Beach.

In each of the events, swimmers may compete using snorkels, fins, and/or exposure suits in a separate category of "assisted" swimmers. However, swim paddles, webbed (training) gloves and other swim aides are not permitted.

Registration is now open. There are reduced registration fees for swimmers 17 years and younger; as well as reduced registration fees for early registration (through May 2).

Please visit www.friendsvinp.org/swim for complete information on this event and to register. Swimmers can also register:

By phone by calling 340-779-4940 or in person on:

St. John at The Friends of the Park Store in Mongoose Junction or Connections in Cruz Bay or Coral Bay

St. Thomas at Caribbean Surf Co. in Havensight or Red Hook

St. Croix at SCUBA in Christiansted

Joe Kessler, president of the Friends and the race director, reminds interested swimmers that registration will be limited to 350 swimmers, the largest Power Swim to date, and typically sells out. Registration has been very strong so far, so please register soon to be sure you get a place, he reminds those that are interested in participating.

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