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13th Annual Beach to Beach Power Swim Wrap-up & Photos



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Ky Odium, 14, of St. Thomas, emerges from the water at Hawksnest Bay during the 13th Annual Beach to Beach Power Swim hosted by Friends of VINP. Odium was the second swimmer to finish the long course unassisted. Natalia Kuipers, 13, of St. Croix was the first swimmer to cross the finish line at Hawksnest, completing the 3.5-mile course in only one hour, 19 minutes and 12 seconds. See pages 22, 23 and the Back Page for more on the 13th Annual Beach to Beach Power Swim.

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Residents Urged to Testify at Tuesday's Hearings on Vital Solid Waste Reform

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The 31st Legislature will host hearings on vital solid waste reforms beginning at 9 a.m. on June 14, in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Chambers on St. Thomas. The public is encouraged to attend and participate.

Governor Kenneth Mapp and Island Green Living Association officials urged the community to demonstrate their support for this long overdue and critical legislation to better manage solid waste in the Virgin Islands. The three bills will be heard in the 31st Legislature's Committee on Housing, Public Works & Waste Management. The bills will limit the use of plastic bags, mandate recycling and help reduce both litter and the territory's overall waste stream.

"It is crucial that the people of these islands make their voices heard on these important proposals," Island Green Living Association President Harith Wickrema said. "This needs to be a total community effort. Join us on June 14 in person. Email, write or call your senators as soon as possible and tell them you support recycling and solid waste reform in the U.S. Virgin Islands."

The public is invited to attend and may also testify on the measures. Comments may be submitted in writing and made part of the official record. IGLA assisted the Mapp Administration in drafting the proposals with the goal of creating a plan to keep the islands and waters cleaner and extend the life of local landfills. IGLA, a St. John-based organization dedicated to environmentally responsible living throughout the U.S. Virgin Islands, will be among those testifying on Tuesday.

It is critical, however, that the community demonstrate a broad base of support for the measures, explained Wickrema.

"This is about our health, our economy and our general quality of life," he said. "We hope to see our fellow Virgin Islanders on Tuesday — and please take five minutes and make a call or send an email to your senator."

The legislation has been broken down into three separate components and each includes measures for public education, explained Henry.

The Plastic Bag Regulation bill requires businesses and organizations to utilize reusable bags or compostable plastic bags with the goal of eliminating plastic bags at point of sale check outs. It is estimated that as much as 10 percent of all litter consists of these bags with even more ending up in local waters, where plastic bags can choke sea life and the chemicals in the plastics can break down and enter the food chain. Plastic bags will still be allowed where no acceptable substitute exists such as wrapping prepared foods or meats.

The Comprehensive Waste Reduction Program maximizes recycling and composting territory-wide and includes a redemption value on every beverage container sold in the U.S. Virgin Islands. The measure will help reduce litter and a tracking system will be developed in order to ensure that any product entering the territory will meet labeling and redemption requirements.

The Source Separation bill represents a comprehensive overhaul of Virgin Islands solid waste management and disposal practices. This proposal requires everyone who generates waste in the territory to be responsible for separating recyclables from their trash with the goal of reducing the waste stream. It also mandates that the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority develop a plan for the collection and delivery of these recyclables.

Senator Marvin Blyden is chairing Tuesday's hearing and will pass on any emails or letters he receives to colleagues. Contact Blyden at senatorblyden@gmail.com or (340) 693-3568.

Cruz Bay Customs Lot Closing June 14 for Festival Village

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The Cruz Bay Parking Lot will be closed to the public from June 14 through July 9, for the erection of the St. John Festival Village. Vehicles not removed will be towed by the owner's expense. Festival officials apologized for the inconvenience. For more information please contact (340) 690-3692 or (340) 690-1725.

DOH Launches Health Risk Factor Survey

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The Virgin Islands Department of Health Commissioner Designee Michelle Davis announced last week that the department has begun a survey to better understand the magnitude of chronic disease issues here in the Virgin Islands.

The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) is the nation's premier system of health-related telephone surveys that collect state data about U.S. residents regarding their health-related risk behaviors, chronic health conditions, and use of preventive services. Established in 1984 with 15 states, BRFSS now collects data in all 50 states as well as the District of Columbia and six U.S. territories, including the U.S. Virgin Islands. BRFSS completes more than 400,000 adult interviews each year, making it the largest continuously conducted health survey system in the world.

"We are working with the National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, this survey gathers information about the health related lifestyle choices of Virgin Islands adults," said Davis. "With this knowledge, we can better plan and evaluate health promotion programs to prevent chronic disease and premature death. Each year, results are analyzed to improve our understanding of health habits and measure progress towards health objectives at the national, state, and territorial level."

"The lifestyle choices we make on a daily basis play a vital role in shaping our health status and lifespan," she said. "While heredity and environment play a part, the leading causes of death in the US Virgin Islands (heart disease and cancer) are closely related to behaviors and lifestyle factors such as diet, exercise, and tobacco and alcohol use, as well as preventive health practices. Changes in lifestyle can prevent some chronic diseases, as well as premature deaths."

"Please participate in these call and answer the few short questions that are asked," said the DOH Commissioner Designee. "This is just one step that we are taking to build a healthier Virgin Islands for everyone."

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Gov. Mails More 2015 Tax Refunds

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The Department of Finance delivered 2,116 tax refund checks to the United States Post Office Friday afternoon, June 10, and more than \$5 million is now on its way to Virgin Islands residents.

Atlantic Hurricane Season 2016 Kicks Off as Officials Predict Average to Active Year

By Mary Bourassa
St. John Tradewinds

Winds of up to 125 mph howl through the trees ripping off branches and smashing debris into buildings. Waves crash on shores that rarely see surf while on the hillside above, roofs rip off houses with screeching resistance.

What if a hurricane were bearing down on St. John; would you know what to do to stay safe?

June 1 marked the beginning of the 2016 Atlantic hurricane season which runs until November 30. This year there has been one hurricane that occurred before the official beginning of the hurricane season, Alex which was the first Atlantic hurricane in January since 1955.

Looking forward, however, both the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and Philip J. Klotzbach of the Colorado State University Tropical Meteorology Project predict an average hurricane season for the remainder of 2016 while the Weather Channel predicts a slightly more active year.

Though the season is predicted to be average, it may feel more active to residents in comparison to the past few seasons.

“A near-normal prediction for this season suggests we could see more hurricane activity than we’ve seen in the last three years, which were below normal,” according to Gerry Bell at NOAA’s Climate Prediction Center.

Regardless of the predictions Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency (VITEMA) Director Mona Barnes urged everyone to take precautions.

“Whether the season is forecasted to be below average, average or above average — it only takes one major storm hitting land to make it a bad year,” said Barnes in a recent statement. “We should prepare the same way every season.”

On St. John, preparation starts with being knowledgeable about what to do before, during and after a major storm. The Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority (WAPA), NOAA, and the American Red Cross all have hurricane preparedness guidelines on their websites expanding on proper precautions and protocol during large storms.

Step One: Prepare Your Home

Begin by making sure your home is prepared for a hurricane. Trim trees and bushes around the structure, secure any gutters or outdoor fixtures that may be loose and check to make sure all hurricane shutters and storm doors are in good condition. If a storm is imminent bring all unattached outdoor items like patio furniture inside.

Each home should also have a hurricane supply kit that includes minimally a flashlight (with extra batteries), first aid kit, whistle to signal for help, and a battery-powered radio. For fancier kits solar cellular chargers and battery operated fans can make life much more comfortable in the long haul.

Food and water should be stockpiled. The American Red Cross recommends stocking enough for three days; so for water plan on one gallon of water per day per person minimally and, if available, bathtubs can also be filled with a reserve of water. For food, stock non-perishable food with a manual can opener as well as moist towelettes and trash bags.

Also plan for the scenario where evacuation becomes necessary by learning where the closest hurricane shelter is as well as the safest evacuation route. On St. John possible storm shelters include Guy Benjamin School, Betha-

ny Moravian Church, Julius E. Sprauve School, Gifft Hill School, Clarice Thomas Annex and St. John Methodist Church.

Keep an emergency kit in your car for this scenario with clothes, bedding, medication, bottled water, radio, first aid kit, flashlight, map, cash and important documents like proof of residence, insurance policies and SSN card.

To keep current on weather information before a storm download the American Red Cross Hurricane app or the NOAA Weather Radar & Alerts app; both of which track hurricanes in the Atlantic and provide evolving information and alerts as storms develop. American Red Cross of the Virgin Islands also maintains a Facebook page with local information, and in an emergency local branches of the American Red Cross and VITEMA will have more current information.

Step Two: Bunker Down

Once the storm hits, you want to bunker down and conserve resources. Turn off electrical appliances and unplug sensitive equipment if power fails to protect it from long term outages and unexpected power surges. During the storm seek shelter in the basement or inner-most room of the house away from windows; under extreme conditions get under large furniture or a mattress to protect against roof collapse and flying debris.

Do not open the refrigerator/freezer often during a storm to preserve perishable food; a full fridge can maintain safe temperatures for up to four hours and a full freezer two days. To increase this timeframe turn your refrigerator’s settings to max coolness if you know a storm is imminent and power loss likely, or freeze quart size Ziploc bags of water and then pack around perishable food. Adding a thermometer to your hurricane prep kit is another good idea to check food temperatures after prolonged outages.

Step Three: Reemerge with Caution

Once the hurricane has passed and it’s safe to come out, emerge with caution. Downed power lines are a real threat so assume every power line is energized and always steer clear.

When power comes back WAPA advises that electrical appliances should be turned back on slowly as “sudden heavy consumption can damage the electrical system and extend the outage.”

Lastly, photograph any damage to your property then make any necessary repairs to prevent further damage (like putting a tarp over a damaged roof).

Preparing for the future naturally brings up memories of the past for St. John where cyclones are a yearly threat; two of the most damaging hurricanes in the last 30 years being Hugo in 1989 and Marilyn in 1995.

Hurricane Hugo was a Category 5 storm that raged from September 10 through 25 in 1989. It resulted in 86 fatalities and an estimated \$10 billion in damages of which \$1.5 billion were in the Virgin Islands. At its height Hugo had sustained winds of 160 mph, and on St. Croix, which was the hardest hit of the Virgin Islands, an estimated 90 percent of the buildings were damaged or destroyed.

Six years later, from September 12 through 30, 1995, Hurricane Marilyn passed over the Caribbean. Though it failed to obtain the wind speeds of Hugo, achieving at its peak a Category 3 classification, it caused significant damage to St. Thomas and on St. John it toppled the Christ of the Caribbean statue that once stood on Peace Hill.

Though it’s yet to be seen if the 2016 hurricane season will be a quiet year for St. John or if a major cyclone will again batter the island, preparedness and preparations should go on regardless as safety is no accident.

2016 Hurricane Season Names

- Alex
- Bonnie
- Colin
- Danielle
- Earl
- Fiona
- Gaston
- Hermine
- Ian
- Julia
- Karl
- Lisa
- Matthew
- Nicole
- Otto
- Paula
- Richard
- Shary
- Tobias
- Virginie
- Walter

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June 23th**

No New Zika Cases in Territory as DOH Continues Fight

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The U.S. Virgin Islands' Department of Health last week reported no new cases of Zika in the territory.

According to the weekly surveillance report, the total number of confirmed positive cases in the USVI remains at 24 — with 15 of these cases occurring on St. Croix, eight cases on St. Thomas and one on St. John. To date, 667 pregnant women in the USVI have been tested for Zika, and three were confirmed positive.

“We are encouraged that the number of cases has remained steady this week, especially on the heels of the three new cases reported in last week’s surveillance report,” said Department of Health Commissioner Michelle Davis. “However, we must remain vigilant. The Department of Health will continue to educate the public, provide free testing to pregnant women and individuals exhibiting symptoms, as well as provide free inspections, larvicide treatments and Zika Prevention Kits for pregnant women.”

Davis also outlined several ongoing initiatives the Department of Health has implemented to support the department’s Zika response.

Since February of 2016, the Department of Health has distributed more than 600 prevention kits to pregnant women; delivered more than 500 Zika presentations to community organizations, schools, churches throughout the territory; launched a territory-wide media and awareness and Zika prevention campaign; and responded to nearly 150 public inquiries through its EOC.

Zika is spread primarily through the bite of an infected *Aedes Aegypti* species mosquito. The most common symptoms of Zika are fever, rash, joint pain, and conjunctivitis (red eyes). The illness is usually mild with symptoms lasting for several days to a week after being bitten by an infected mosquito.

People usually don’t get sick enough to go to the hospital, and they very rarely die of Zika. For this reason, many people might not realize they have been infected or may be infected and have no symptoms. Zika can also be spread sexually.

For pregnant women and their unborn children, the consequences are much more severe. Pregnant women infected with Zika can pass the virus on to their unborn baby, which can cause a serious birth defect called microcephaly that is marked by smaller-than-normal heads and brains. This, in turn, can lead to long-lasting mental disabilities.

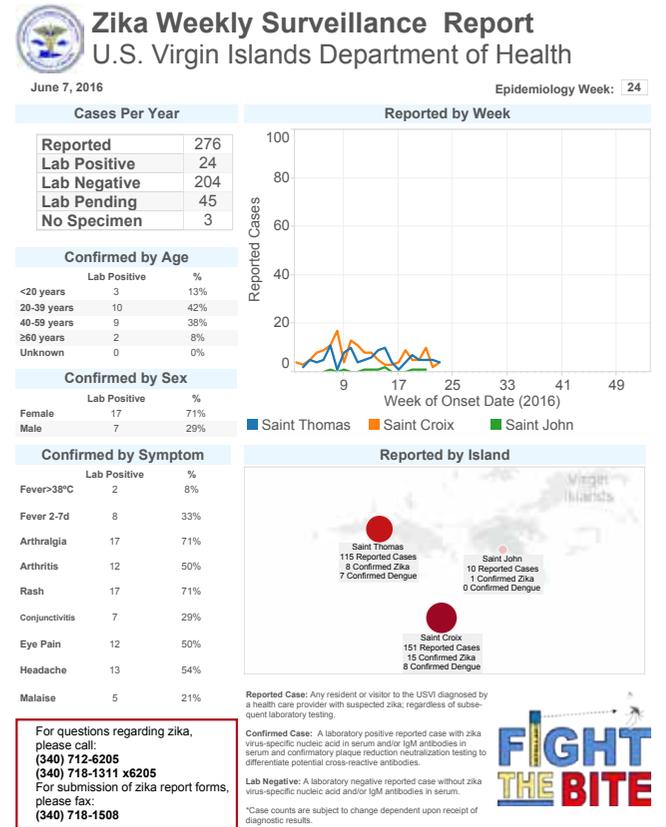
The DOH is working diligently to protect USVI’s next generation from these health effects by offering the following free services to pregnant women: Zika testing; inspections to look for mosquito larvae and mosquito breeding grounds at/around her house; larvicide treatment if mosquito larvae are found at/around her house; and Zika Prevention Kits, which include educational materials, insect repellent, permethrin spray repellent for clothing, condoms to avoid sexual transmission of Zika, treatment tabs for preventing mosquitoes from breeding in standing water, and a bed net.

Free Zika testing is also available to anyone exhibiting signs of infection, such as fever, rash, joint pain, or red eyes.

The DOH is also working closely with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to strengthen efforts to track the outbreak, enhance laboratory services for faster testing results and get the word out about how we can protect yourself against Zika. In February of 2016, the DOH activated the Emergency Operations Center to coordinate all Zika response efforts and field media and public inquiries.

DOH representatives stress that there are simple steps everyone can take to protect themselves and their families by following the 4 Ds of Zika prevention: Dress – wear protective clothing – long sleeves, long pants and light colors; Drain – get rid of water containers in and around your home; Defend – use repellent on exposed skin and treat clothes with one of several EPA-approved repellents and; Discuss – spread the word about the simple things you can do to make a difference.

For local information about the Zika virus or to receive any of the DOH’s free services, call the Emergency Operations Center at (340) 712-6205 or visit www.healthvi.org. For more general information about the Zika virus call toll free: 1-800-CDC-INFO.



What We Know

No vaccine exists to prevent Zika virus disease; Prevent Zika by avoiding mosquito bites; Mosquitoes that spread Zika virus bite mostly during the daytime; Mosquitoes that spread Zika virus also spread dengue and chikungunya viruses; Prevent sexual transmission of Zika by using condoms or not having sex. - from CDC.gov

Sick with chikungunya, dengue, or Zika?
Protect yourself and others from mosquito bites the first week you are sick. If a mosquito bites you, it can get infected, bite other people, and make them sick.

Protect yourself from mosquito bites

- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants.
- Use door and window screens to keep mosquitoes outside.
- Use insect repellent.

See your doctor if you develop a fever with:

- Muscle or joint pain
- Headache or pain behind eyes
- Rash
- Red eyes

For more information: www.cdc.gov/chikungunya, www.cdc.gov/dengue, www.cdc.gov/zika

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School Supplies Needed for Rural Malawi Students



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Giff Hill School graduate Emese Nemeth, above left at far right back row with her students, is asking for donations for her science class in Malawi, Africa, above.

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Giff Hill School alumna Emese Nemeth is currently a Peace Corps volunteer serving in Malawi, Africa.

Nemeth is serving as a science teacher and currently teaches biology, physical science and chemistry in a rural village. She is calling on the St. John community for support.

Malawi is one of the poorest countries in the world. Over half the population lives in poverty and there are numerous challenges facing development, such as HIV/AIDS, food insecurity and lack of infrastructure and resources. Malawi is currently facing serious hardships after the El Niño year which did not bring enough rain for the annual harvest.

Many students in Nemeth's village bike or walk long distances to school or self-board within the village. These students often have to make decisions whether to buy food or school supplies.

This is where the St. John community can make a difference — by supporting students in Nemeth's classroom by donating school supplies. A friend of Nemeth's will be visiting her in July and is willing to bring these needed school supplies to the students.

Items needed are: pens; pencils; erasers; notebooks (all sizes); scientific calculators (can be bought at drug stores); workbooks for literacy and practicing math skills; geometry kits (rulers, protractors, etc); and flash-cards.

These school supplies can be dropped at Connections East before July 15. Once the supplies have reached Nemeth's rural Malawi village, pictures will be posted on the *St. John Tradewinds'* Facebook page.

As they say in Malawi, *tadokoza zikomo kwambiri* (we are thankful and thank you very much).

Phillips-Dorsett Appointed DOH Assistant Commissioner

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Department of Health Commissioner designee Michelle Davis announced the promotion of Taetia Phillips-Dorsett to the position of Territorial Assistant Commissioner.

Dorsett has a strong background in Public Health; she holds a Masters of Biomedical Sciences with a concentration in Microbiology and Immunology. Since Dorsett's return to the USVI in 2002, she has worked in the Public Health field, at many local public sector agencies, gaining practical experience to include project management, trainer of trainer programs, communicable disease management and surveillance management.

Dorsett's experience spans from working at the St. Thomas East End Medical Center to working as a policy advisor to both Governor DeJongh and Governor Mapp. She was happy to accept the position and looked forward to working with Commissioner Designee Davis on her goals and vision for the Department of Health.

"I've had the opportunity to work with Mrs. Dorsett over the past five years during my capacity as HHS Regional Health Administrator," said Davis. "Mrs. Dorsett is intimately familiar with the functions and needs of the USVI Department of Health; the skills and knowledge she possesses is invaluable to the reorganizing of the department."



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Connecting with Nature

by Gail Karlsson

Missing Century Plants

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The three thriving Agaves or century plants now in bloom at Concordia are a bittersweet reminder of the years when hundreds of tall green stalks like huge spears of asparagus shot up all over St. John.

They mostly bloomed after about 10 years, not 100. The century plants usually started up around Easter time. Soon afterwards, the stalks were covered with massive clusters of yellow flowers that lit up the landscape, bringing joy to birds and bees as well as the eyes of beholders.

By the end of the year, the yellow flowers would be long gone and the thick dried stalks held clumps of dark empty seed pods. These dry stalks came to be used by settlers from the States as alternative Christmas trees. When my sons were young, they set out with my husband like frontiersmen, taking the axe and climbing through thorny bushes to triumphantly bring home the tree. It was sometimes so tall it touched the rafters, and we needed the ladder to put the decorations on the top.

Then about 15 years ago there started to be fewer and fewer century plants. One year we couldn't find any at Christmas time and bought a fir tree from St. Thomas instead. It smelled nice but didn't feel very tropical.

The next year there was one small, crooked century plant stalk on our land, and that turned out to be our last one. After Christmas I sprayed it to keep the termites from eating it and saved it in the storage area. For years I dragged it out in December and gave it a coat of gold paint before decorating it. Then I just left it up as a permanent art installation, but without the Santa Claus ornaments. It looks a bit sad, even when it is covered with festive lights and treasured ornaments, but I still treasure it.

So what happened to all those century plants?

It was an insect invasion. Agave snout weevils ate them. The female weevil uses its pointy proboscis to make holes in the plant, and puts its eggs in there. This weevil's scientific name is *Scyphophorus acupunctatus*, which refers to this hole punching activity. Micro-organisms get into the holes and damage the plant, and then when the larvae or grubs develop, they consume the heart of the plant and kill it.

When I did some research on these weevils, I learned that they have decimated the commercial agave crops in Mexico, which are used to make mescal and tequila. The "worm" that the producers put in the bottom of the bottle is sometimes actually the grub of the agave snout weevil. Payback?

And how did these weevils get to St. John from Mexico, other than in liquor bottles?

Actually they are world travelers. Ornamental agave plants have been sold almost everywhere, so pots and soil infested with the weevils have spread these pests internationally.

It seems strange, though, that these specialized weevils would completely destroy their agave hosts. Shouldn't they be considering the needs of future generations and the long-term survival of their species?

Well, yes, it is true that parasites shouldn't really kill their hosts, but sometimes it is just too easy. The local Agave missionum plants did not co-evolve with these weevils, so didn't develop any resistance, as some of the Mexican ones have. They just fall over and die.

Theoretically, once all the agave plants on St. John died off, the weevils themselves should have starved to death and not left any survivors. So any new century plants should be safe — unless new weevils come in, or some of the old weevils survived by eating other plants and are now hungry for agaves, or there is now some other threat.

In March I saw a small century plant blooming along the South Shore Road, but it didn't seem to last very long. Then in April I saw the large ones at Concordia and got excited about how tall and healthy they looked, covered with birds and bees. Like old times. I do hope they are able to survive and spread their seeds. It would be great to have a new generation of weevil-free century plants on St. John.

Photos by Gail Karlsson except Weevil.

Gail is an environmental lawyer and author of *The Wild Life in an Island House*. gkarlsson@att.net. For information on the Unitarian Tree Appreciation Project, go to <http://uufstjohn.com/treeproject/> or the Facebook page 'UUF Tree Appreciation Project St John VI'.



St. John Tradewinds News Photos by Gail Karlsson

Bananaquits can be seen in a century plant at Concordia, below far left. The Agave Snout Weevil is shown, below center. A century plant at Concordia is blooming, below. A Karlsson family century plant during Christmas in 2003 is shown decorated for the holiday, above.



The Complicated Issue of Airbnb on St. John: Part 2

By Amy Roberts
St. John Tradewinds

This is Part 2 of a Series on Airbnb written by Amy Roberts. See the last issue of St. John Tradewinds for more on this interesting island topic.

As a frequent guest herself, Elaine Estern had sympathy for a confused stranger who knocked on her door one night, unable to find the path to the unit provided by her Airbnb host.

"I couldn't figure out where she was supposed to go from the directions," Estern said. Eventually, the guest managed to contact the host by phone, but experiences like that can result in an unfavorable rating for a host.

One trend that turns out to be pretty risky is renters offering space on Airbnb in violation of their leases. It's risky for the renters because if they're caught, they can be evicted, and one real estate professional confirmed that this has happened on St. John.

Airbnb has a legendary origin story: In 2007, two graduates of the Rhode Island School of Design were struggling to pay their rent in San Francisco when hotel rooms in SF were booked to capacity during a popular convention. They hit upon the idea of renting out three spare air mattresses to convention goers and created a website.

"Six days later they had a 30-year-old Indian man, a 35-year-old woman from Boston and a 45-year-old father of four from Utah sleeping on their floor," according to an

article in the UK Telegraph. The apartment dwellers served their guests breakfast, and Air Bed and Breakfast (Airbnb) was born.

Airbnb has now mushroomed into a worldwide phenomenon. In a recent report the Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Association quotes the following statistics from a 2016 article in Fast Company:

"Airbnb exists in over 34,000 cities and 191 countries with over 2 million total listings. Over 40 million total guests stayed in Airbnb accommodations in 2015, up significantly from 2014 with 20 million guests and 2013 with 6 million guests. 'When it comes to total number of rooms for rent, Airbnb dwarfs the world's biggest hotel chains', according to Fast Company. Airbnb represents over 2 million rooms for rent, compared to Marriott Intl with 1,112,613 rooms."

"Airbnb representatives in recent months told prospective investors the startup expects \$850 million in revenue this year, according to people who viewed the projections," according to an article in the Wall Street Journal in June 2015. "That would be more than triple the recorded revenue of \$250 million in 2013."

Airbnb is pretty simple to use. Aspiring hosts and guests begin by going to the website (www.airbnb.com) and fill out a profile. Both categories are encouraged to tell a bit about themselves — favorite activities, things they can't live without — as a way of helping likeminded people to

find each other. Hosts provide pictures and details about amenities, additional fees, and other pertinent information.

Both hosts and guests can choose to be "verified" and supply links to social media sites, like Facebook or LinkedIn, to provide further information. They may also choose to upload a page or two from their passport, provide their phone number or supply other documentation to prove their identity.

Guests who find a home that meets their needs contact the host who has 24 hours to accept or turn down the request. Some hosts choose to accept guests instantly without vetting them, but many make contact by email or phone.

A quick response by a host is essential, according to several St. John residents who list their property.

"The industry is getting more competitive," one said.

Once the guest makes a reservation, the money is sent to Airbnb which holds on to the deposit until the guest actually checks in, and guest and host confirm that everything is all right. For their service, Airbnb charges 3 percent of the cost of the rental.

To assure peace of mind to the property owner, Airbnb offers liability insurance of up to \$1 million, but one St. John business advisor recommends that hosts obtain their own liability policies as well.

St. John Students Graduate from Antilles School Love City's Paige Clarke is Salutatorian



By Judi Shimel
St. John Tradewinds

Four St. John students celebrated their high school graduation from Antilles School on St. Thomas on June 11.

At left are Colin Brego, Paige Clarke, David Newhard and Thomas Walden who hail from Love City. Each of the students said they are headed for the colleges in the states by this fall.

Clarke, a soon-to-be freshman at Dartmouth College, was also honored as the Antilles School 2016 Salutatorian. Congratulations graduates!

— photo by Judi Shimel

The Perfect 12 Graduate from Giff Hill School



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The Giff Hill School 2016 senior class, above and at left, was all smiles.

By Judi Shimel
St. John Tradewinds

A dozen 12th graders from Giff Hill School took the big step of graduating from high school in a ceremony on Trayser Field on Friday, June 10.

GHS Head of School Laurie Bottinger counted among the graduates one National Merit Scholar, several community service award winners and a passionate new member of the world food movement.

Not every student in the GHS Class of 2016 were college bound, but Bottinger said among those who were there was \$1.5 million in scholarship awards. Stories from the GHS faculty spoke about feats of talent and determination, intellectual curiosity and challenging personalities. Almost all of those who spoke described a tightly knit class that kept each other's spirits up and worked as a team with a goal of seeing everyone graduate.

"It is my privilege to celebrate you, our Giff Hill Class of 2016 — the perfect dozen," the head of school said.

Valedictorian Kaitlyn Cummings and Salutatorian Monique Edward addressed the crowd of about 100 friends and family. They told personal stories and shared some inspiring thoughts with their classmates, some of whom they may never see again.

"How lucky I am to have something to hold onto that makes it hard to say good bye, said Winnie the Pooh," Cummings said. "Yes, we're leaving what has become a major part of our lives, but we're finally done with high school."

Salutatorian Monique Edward told the audience she was just an average student, but one

who began her life with a hard earned lesson about self determination.

"I was 10 years old, five feet tall and 160 pounds," said Edward. "I asked, 'Why me?' I was forced by my parents to wake up at 4:30 in the morning to exercise."

"Every day I had to look at the same three hills I'd have to walk up and I'd start to cry," she said. "Not cry — but bawling. After about three months, not only did I start losing weight, I started to feel better. An average person can, by working hard, become exceptional."

There was also praise for Cummings as she traveled to Europe to compete in a model car engineering contest where a mousetrap is part of the design. Cummings came in fourth in the Monaco Mousetrap competition. She is headed for Florida Gulf Coast University. Edwards plans to attend Ryder University, pursuing a Liberal Arts degree.

Other graduates' plans include: Liana Clendinen to University of the Virgin Islands, Maia Ginther will attend High Point University and study Liberal Arts; Wallace Graham will head off to the University of New Haven; Jeminee Jacobs will attend UVI and study Business; Stephanie Kemp, an emerging culinary artist plans to stay at Giff Hill School for advance studies with the Farm to Table Program; Thomas Nguyen and Zoriah Noel both plan to take time off after high school before moving into the adult world. Nguyen plans to enter the military; Noel is seeking experience in early childhood education. Alex Raymond plans to attend Erham College. Yalfri Santana is pursuing a career in homeland security and Marina Scheer plans to attend Ryder University to study special education.

St. John relator Miles Stair, chairman of the GHS advisory board, handed out the diplomas to each graduate.

DOH Central Cancer Registry Goes Live

St. John Tradewinds

Department of Health Commissioner Designee Michelle Davis, PhD announced last week that the territory's Central Cancer Registry has launched

"The United States Virgin Islands Central Cancer Registry started the longtime expected cancer incidence data collection for cases diagnosed on January 1, 2016 and after," said Davis. "This registry is an epidemiologic surveillance system designed to collect the information regarding incidence, distribution, risk factors and mortality of cancer. This is essential to the public, health professionals, researchers, the medical community, and policy makers to understand and address the cancer burden in the territory."

"The Registry has been implemented and will be maintained under the Department of Health – Chronic Disease Prevention Program," she said.

The Virgin Islands Central Cancer Registry currently collects information from several sources: hospitals in St. Thomas and St. Croix, pathology laboratories (on island and off island), hospice care centers, ambulatory surgery centers, free-standing chemotherapy clinics and, physicians. The VICCR also has agreements with other state central cancer registries to obtain information on USVI residents who are diagnosed with or receive treatment for cancer in these states.

"The Virgin Islands Central Cancer Registry, was initiated several years ago, however it was not until January 2016 that all components came together to take it on line and to garner full participation by providers in the territory," said Davis. "I am happy to report to the Governor, the 31st Legislature and the people of the Virgin Islands that this registry is fully functional and currently collecting data, as intended."

St. John Seniors Gather at Annaberg for Stories and Food

By Judi Shimel
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For the past 25 years, there's been a special relationship between the staff of the Virgin Islands National Park and St. John senior citizens.

Each year during Black History Month, organizers of the Folklife Festival at Annaberg recruited culture bearers to demonstrate the crafts and folkways of their times.

This year, VINP Ranger Golda Hermon had a new idea: a day outdoors for seniors, where they could gather around the cookhouse with the mill at Annaberg Ruins serving as the perfect backdrop. One such day took place June 1 in celebration of Senior Citizen's Month in the VI.

For almost 25 years, there have also been staged cooking demonstrations for visitors to Annaberg, featuring coal pot baking techniques. Olivia Christian — dressed in a madras head tie, long skirt and apron — would knead dough and bake it in a dutch oven perched in a coal pot, covered by a tin sheet laden with hot coals.

For the park's senior month celebration, the standing oven was also put to use. Old timers from St. John and Tortola recalled how the household baking was done in that way. Once the oven was hot, it stayed hot for a while, long enough for different bakers to bring their homemade dough to a golden brown.

While the breads were baking, neighbors sat and chatted, told stories and reminisced. Hermon said she was pleased to see participants from both the Adrian Senior Center and St. Ursula's Multipurpose Center turn out for the event.

"I said, 'Oh, I'll have to get more food,'" Hermon said.

With help from some personal funds, she came up with enough ingredients for kallaloo, roasted sweet potatoes, bread and ham. The breads shoveled into the outdoor oven came first, then the soup.

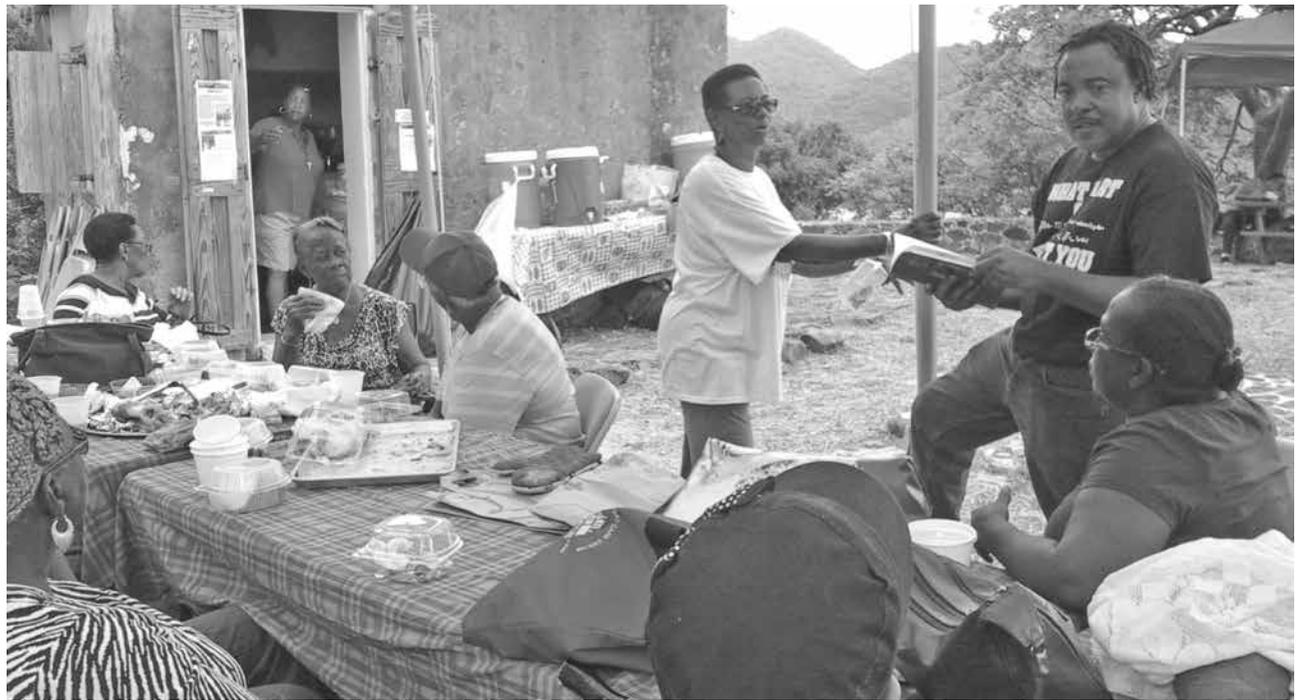
A more careful sweeping of the oven would produce a different result, Hermon explained.

"They were a little torched on top, but they loved them anyway," said the VINP Ranger.

The soup? Piping hot and filled with greens, seasoned broth and smoked turkey neck, making it less than an official kallaloo, which is made with pork.

The result? Gleefully accepted and spooned down to the bottom of plastic bowls.

As the ham and sweet potatoes softened, former educator Leayle Robinson pulled out a book and read through some



old time sayings, testing the seniors' knowledge. The book, "Tis Tink to Tahk," holds English Creole words and phrases passed down from generation to generation.

Along the tables where the seniors sat were handmade dolls made in crafts class and other works in progress. Hermon said she was surprised to see the level of creativity displayed in sewing and crochet projects.

Between the tented tables and the stone walls encircling the cookhouse, there was lots of banter. There was good natured talk about daily life, sprinkled with politics and compliments about the soup.

Hermon said it's been like that since the senior visits were added to the park schedule a couple of months ago. This time, there was also storytelling. Julius E. Sprauve school teacher Brenda Brown brought her fourth graders over from a field trip at nearby beach. The seniors, some of them retired educators, entertained the students with tales about the old times.

By the time story hour had passed, a few adventurous

tourists wandered over, joining the picnic and saying hello. That was part of it the idea behind the outdoor trip to Annaberg, according to Hermon.

Seniors love having outdoor time. They also love meeting visitors, Hermon explained.

Visitors, in turn, love meeting those who can speak about the days when life was simpler and more communal.

"They love Annaberg," said Hermon. "There was more storytelling this time. We roasted a pork and some sweet potatoes."

"We had music, singing, dancing," said the VINP Ranger. "They like interacting with the visitors and the visitors like hearing from the elders, and it's keeping Annaberg going, functioning, not just at Folklife Festival. From the visitors, you get a lot of 'Wow.'"

Seniors love coming out to Annaberg too, Hermon added.

Activity directors at Adrian Center welcome the park's invitations and tell her those who come and sit quietly at the senior center, perk up when a trip is on the schedule



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A cultural demonstrator, at right, minds potatoes and ham roasting over coal pots at the Anaberg Plantation cook house. Seniors test their knowledge, above right, during a lyme around the cook house at Anaberg Plantation. The low key event, hosted by V.I. National Park, marked the end of May's Senior Citizen's Month.

Giff Hill School Honors Stand Out Students at Prize Day

By Judi Shimel
St. John Tradewinds

The ideals that help shape a private school education on St. John were celebrated on Prize Day at Giff Hill School.

The ceremony honoring outstanding students in the middle and high school levels took place in the Upper Campus atrium on June 9.

GHS Head of School Laurie Bottiger welcomed students and faculty and began the presentations by naming the winners of the E.A.R.T.H Award.

"Prize day is a time when we acknowledge our students for the unique ways they excel in our program," Bottiger said.

The E.A.R.T.H. Award is given to the student who dedicates him or herself to the horticulture and gardening program that is one of GHS' hallmarks.

Accolades were also given for those who displayed outstanding citizenship, emerging talent in the fine arts and performing arts, dedicated athleticism and innovation.

The Monaco Mousetrap Award is an engineering prize for students who can launch a mouse trap the fastest down a 10 foot track.

GHS also named this year's inductees for the National Honor Society and added a new award Bottiger said will become a tradition, the College Book Award.

Finally, the head of school named the GHS graduating class of 2016 as winners of the book award. The graduates will receive copies of a trendy coloring book entitled, "Together We Rise."

The book was chosen to inspire members of a class who spent their high school years supporting one

another through their academic journey, Bottiger explained.

Students attending the annual Prize Day ceremony were also treated to a video created by classmates during a student exchange trip to New England.

Those honored in the middle school and high school categories were:

E.A.R.T.H. Award - Kaden D'Abbraccio; Lilliana Farrell

Farm to Table Award - Stephanie Kemp

Citizenship Award - Lyric Vacharat; Lunique Henley; Lilliana Martinez

Fine Arts Award - Rashan Kalantarian; Maya Dudkin; Emily Wild

Performing Arts Award - Malena del Olmo; Emily Murrill; Alex Raymond

GHS Spirit Award - James Walegenwitt; Lily Francis; Seala Matthias

Athletic Merit Award - Onyx Reid; Damian Smith Wallace; Evan Jones

Academic Merit Award - Tierney Murrill; Sky D'Abbraccio; Amelia Ray; Genesis Dawson

World Food Prize - Moeven Parsil

Monaco Mousetrap Award - Kaitlyn Cummings

Martin Luther King Jr. Award - Vela Culbert

Congressional Recognition Award - DeShawna Davis; Emily Wild; Vela Culbert; Mirisa Clendinen; Aysha Clendinen; Liana Clendinen

National Honor Society - Leadership: Patrick Hendrickson; Service: Jack Jones; Character: Marina Scheer

Book Awards - GHS Senior Class

Agnes Smith College Award - Vela Culbert

Iona College Award - Genesis Dawson

Open Budget Website Launches: First Step in Transparency

St. John Tradewinds

June marks the launch of the Open Budget website and represents meaningful progress in realizing the Mapp/Potter administration's vision of improving quality of life by improving the USVI Government transparency.

The Open Budget website section of the USVI Government Transparency Portal is now live and accessible to the general public. The Open Budget website, budget.vi.gov, represents phase one in the roll out of the Transparency Portal intended to improve citizen engagement with the Government of the Virgin Islands and access to information.

This initiative is a collaborative effort under the oversight of Chief of Staff Randolph Knight between OMB Director Nellon Bowry, Finance Commissioner Valdamier Collens, Attorney General Claude Walker and BIT Director Reuben Molloy.

The Transparency Portal Open Budget website

includes agency budget information for fiscal years 2013 through 2016. Also available is the proposed fiscal year 2017 budget available while it goes through the legislative approval process.

Bureau of Information Technology Director Reuben Molloy began exploring Socrata's Open Government solution in May of 2015 when Rafael Burgos from SoftwareOne and Steven Ellsworth from Socrata made a presentation at BIT demonstrating the available solutions. The initial proof of concept implementation began in October of 2015.

The core members of the GVI implementation team responsible for the successful implementation of the Open Budget website are OMB Deputy Director Jenifer O'Neal, Finance Executive Assistant Commissioner Clarina Modeste-Elliott, OMB Associate Director Jackwrel Wallace, and Project Manager BIT Director Reuben Molloy. The Socrata team included Valerie Moyer and Robin Rosenberg.



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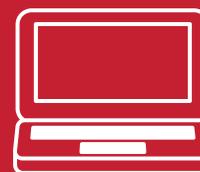


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Historical Bits & Pieces

by Chuck Pishko

VI Constitution: Foundation for Progress Part Two

St. John Tradewinds

The next step towards citizenship and self-government was the passage of the Organic Act. The Organic Act of 1936 called for two Municipal Councils and a Legislative Assembly to be made up of the two Councils and convened by the Governor at least once a year to enact legislation applicable to the whole VI.

All property and income qualifications were abolished. Women were included in the franchise. However, voters had to be able to read and write English. Thus begins representative government and with it comes political parties.

The "Progressive Guide" founded in 1937 was the first cohesive and dynamic political party in the VI.

In 1946 a party named the Liberal Party led by Earle Benito Ottley broke away and in 1963 its members became Democrats. Ottley gained enough power to rule the government and serves as a sterling example of proper political power today.

The Organic Act of 1936 was followed by elections to the Municipal Councils. In 1948 the first referendum on self-rule was held in which voters wanted to elect a resident commissioner to Congress. The Revised Organic Act of 1954 extended the franchise to our Spanish speaking citizens. It also established a unicameral legislature for the territory.

However nothing accomplished provided us with full citizenship. In 1958, 3,000 Virgin Islanders marched on Government House demanding the removal of an appointed governor and declaring readiness for self-government. In 1965, the First Constitutional Convention was held and the first draft Constitution was written. It was never adopted, but several provisions were enacted by Congress.

Congress chose to address the matter of more self-government by dealing with specific legislation. For example, the Elective Governor Act of 1968 led us further down the road. It also contained provisions relating to the elimination of the Presidential veto of VI legislation and selective Constitutional safeguards: the writ of habeas corpus, forbidding bills of attainder and ex post facto laws. (Boyer p275) Incremental rather than radical change appears to be the law of the land.

Witness that the Second Constitutional Convention Draft included the Congressional acts passed as a result of the First. However the Second failed passing by a majority of the voters in the general election of 1972. Again Federal legislation was enacted to facilitate the process. A Third Constitutional Convention, in 1978, included a system of local government.

The turnout in March 1979 was low (only 38 percent) and 56 percent of those voters rejected it. The Fourth convention in 1980 contained a controversial definition of a Virgin

Islander; native-born or descended from one or more native-born residents. Also, US citizen residents of longer than one year were Virgin Island Citizens. At any rate, it was defeated in 1981 by a margin of 3 to 2. A further referendum on status in 1993 failed to attract a viable turnout, 27 percent. In the meantime, the VI Supreme Court had been established and a Fifth Constitutional Convention convened. It ended in a melee.

We should all be embarrassed over the United States annually reporting USVI as a Non- Self-Governing Territory to the United Nations. We need to determine our political status once and for all.

Under our current status, an unincorporated territory is an area under U.S. jurisdiction to which only certain "natural" protections (e.g. freedom of speech, due process) of the Constitution are provided, as well as any specific parts Congress has added apply. In the history of the U.S. an organized territory is a territory for which the U.S. Congress has enacted an Organic Act. The provisions of an Organic Act typically include the establishment of a bill of rights for the territory, as well as the framework of a tripartite government (executive, judicial, and legislative branches) which means such a territory is said to be organized.

An organized territory differs from a state in that although an Organic Act allows for limited self-government, if a territory has no constitution, the ultimate authority over the territory is not held by the territorial government, but rather by the U.S. Congress.

The major remaining issues are participation in the national political system and territorial control over territorial affairs. The territory of the Virgin Islands does not fully participate as an entity in Congress because it has only a single nonvoting representative. Citizens of the Virgin Islands are not granted the right to vote for the President and Vice President, Senators or voting members of Congress and therefore are not represented in the national political system. This needs to be changed.

The right of self-government is supreme. Once Virgin Islanders create a territorial constitution Congress, after initial approval, should not have the power to override its provisions. The 10th Amendment restricts federal government intrusion upon the reserved powers of the states. The adopted Constitution of the Virgin Islands would restrict similar national intrusion upon the powers exercised under its provisions.

We need to develop strategies to adopt a constitution that will pass muster in Washington. That is, no special privileges for people and all people treated equally. Hawaii is a good example for us to follow; an off-shore tourist destination for all Americans.

The Philippine theater of the Spanish-American War



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

The Marines were called Devil Dogs and they acted accordingly. They were fresh from the Dominican Republic where they eliminated the rebels in the hills and carried out the bodies of their leaders on doors and paraded them throughout the territory. The US charged the Navy and the Marine Corp to govern their new territory. They were good killers but proved to be terrible administrators of peaceful Virgin Islanders who were literate and religious.

prompted annexation. One of the strongest proponents was Alfred Mahon, a brilliant naval strategist who, with support from Theodore Roosevelt, argued that the U.S. military must have Hawaii in order to be a viable force in the Pacific. In addition, Japan, victorious in its recent war with China, protested the American intention to annex and in so doing prompted even moderates to support annexation for fear that the Japanese themselves coveted the prize. On July 7, 1898, President McKinley signed the annexation agreement.

Hawaii entered the 20th century totally transformed from what it had been. The old Hawaiian language, religion, culture, and leadership were all but gone; Western dress, values, education, and recreation were the norm. Native Hawaiians were now unseen citizens who lived in dwindling numbers in remote areas. The plantations, new centers of social order, had a strong Asian flavor; more than 75 percent of their workforce was Asian.

There was a small white middle class, an all-powerful white elite, and a single political party ruled by that elite. Education, however, was always highly prized, and by the turn of the 20th century all racial groups were encouraged to attend school. By 1900, almost 90 percent of Hawaiians were literate (far above the national norm) and schooling was mandatory for all children ages six to 15 years. Intermarriage was accepted, and there was a mixing of the races like nowhere else on Earth.

The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, which began U.S. involvement in World War II, bound Hawaii to America forever and unified the American people towards the war. The slogan "Remember Pearl Harbor" was reminiscent of "Remember the Maine." After the war, a movement among Hawaiians to become part of the Union began to grow. They wanted a real voice in Washington, not merely a voteless

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delegate as provided under their territory status. Hawaii became the 50th state in 1959, and the jumbo-jet revolution of the 1960s made it easily accessible to growing numbers of tourists from all over the world.

A number of economic and political reasons explain why the ruling elite of Hawaii desired statehood, but, put simply, the vast majority of people who lived there, especially after World War II, considered themselves Americans.

The first serious mention of making "The Sandwich Islands" a state was in the 1850s under President Franklin Pierce, but it wasn't taken seriously until the monarchy was overthrown in the 1890s. For the next 50 years, statehood proposals were made repeatedly to Congress, but there was stiff opposition, especially from the southern states. With Hawaii a territory, an import quota system beneficial to mainland producers could be enacted on crops, especially sugar. Also, there was prejudice against creating a state in a place where the majority of the populace were not white.

Many Japanese went on to gain the respect of the American people with their outstanding fighting record during the war. Also during the war Hawaii's 100th Battalion became the famous 442nd Regimental Combat Team which became the most decorated battalion in the whole of WWII. When these GI's returned home, no one was going to tell them that they were not loyal Americans.

Many of these Americans of Japanese Ancestry took advantage of the GI Bill and received higher educations. They were from the common people, not the elite, and they rallied grassroots support for statehood. When the vote finally occurred, approximately 132,900 voted in favor of statehood, with only 7,800 votes against. Congress passed the Hawaii State Bill on March 12, 1959 and on August 21, 1959 President Eisenhower announced that Hawaii was officially the 50th state.

The major difference between the government of the state of Hawaii and those of other states is that it's "streamlined" and in theory more efficient. There are only two levels of government; the state and the county. With no town or city governments to deal with, considerable bureaucracy is eliminated. Hawaii, in anticipation of becoming a state, drafted a constitution in 1950 and was ready to go when statehood was approved. Since statehood, the legislative and executive branches of state government have been dominated by the Democratic Party.

There's no good reason why Hawaii is 50 years ahead of the Virgin Islands in these issues. It's important that our politicians forget about the melee and develop a simple refined and streamlined constitutional document and save the self defeating arguments for later. The Hawaiian model can work for us.

Understanding the Problem with CCA Treated Wood

By Todd Roskin

Special to St. John Tradewinds

The American Wood Protection Association (AWPA) was formed in 1902. The association sets the standards which define acceptable treatments for wood products. The EPA recognizes and refers to these standards.

For the last three years I have traveled to the AWPA annual meetings to talk to individual wood scientists about the rampant failure of pressure treated lumber on St. John. Last year I sent out a letter to many scientists about what I thought was the cause of our problems.

This year the AWPA asked me to deliver the Colley/Hartford Memorial Lecture which opens up their annual two day research symposium. I did so on May 2 and pointed out the following.

The alternatives to CCA (Chromated Copper Arsenate) were never tested in our environment.

Most people think that CCA lumber was taken off the market to protect residential users. This is not so. The producers of the treating chemicals requested the CCA's removal so that new products they developed could replace it. The EPA agreed to their request. The truth is that the EPA never did a study on or expressed concern about the effects on residents. The EPA never said that there was negative environmental impact from CCA lumber at use sights.

The only problem with CCA lumber is that for many uses, in the states, it lasts too long. The average stateside deck is remodeled in 15 years and CCA lumber last over 75 so tens of billions of cubic feet of lumber have piled up in stateside landfills. The new products were knowingly designed deteriorate faster in stateside conditions, so they would not pile up in landfills or leach arsenic into the ground water.

Virgin Island landfills are on hills above the sea. Our runoff is into the marine environment. The EPA points out that to the marine environment, copper is the most harmful ingredient in wood treatments, and that marine organisms do not bio accumulate chromium or arsenic. CCA lumber is treated with 18 ½ % copper and the new treatments are over 96% copper. The new products are more harmful to our environment.

Fungus cause wood to rot. Most types of fungi cannot rot wood with copper in it. Some can. Other ingredients are added for protection. The arsenic in CCA took care of those copper tolerant fungi. We have high concentrations of unusual types of copper tolerant fungi. They have never been studied so we don't know exactly what we have. When new treatments are introduced they are tested against two types of copper tolerant fungi and we have possibly a hundred types. We are testing these new products with our houses.

Regulations designed to reduce stateside landfill pollution have put us in harm's way. They have caused increased landfill pollution, and the loss of what is still regarded as the gold standard of treated wood products. We desperately need CCA lumber to build affordable, reliable housing in the territory. Nothing else has a proven track record or is more environmentally friendly here.

Senate Approves Exclusive Franchise for Ferry Operators

St. John Tradewinds

Senators convened in Legislative Session, chaired by Senate President Neville A. James, Thursday, at the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall, where they approved a measure granting an exclusive franchise to operate all public marine transportation in the St. Thomas/St. John district.

Senate President James explained that the session announcement came out of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on Wednesday May 25.

"On that night we heard from the entities associated with the joint franchise for the ferry service between St. Thomas and St. John," he said. "During the hearing we were told that the expiration date for the current franchise is, I believe, June 11. And because we need to get the current contract in front of us, acted upon by us and signed by the governor, in this case, the acting governor, it was important for us to get into session at the earliest date."

Letters to *St. John Tradewinds*

Were Chores a Good Thing For Us?

St. John Tradewinds

In my parent's era, folks had to tend the animals in the morning before going to school. Then in the afternoon, they brought the animals back in, drew water for the house and tended the garden.

Our generation had to wash the dishes, clean their rooms, throw out the garbage and iron the clothes. This seemed like boring and meaningless work but it instilled discipline without us realizing it at the moment.

It would seem that the words, "I don't want my children to have to go through what I did," has come true. Because as I travel the roads each day, I see many children and young people walking the streets. They are either on their cell phones or simply loitering. The above question needs to be answered because, these will be the same persons entrusted with preserving our way of life. Will they have the skills and discipline to go to work every day, do an honest day's work and balance their family life?

I recently heard a radio broadcast in which a college educator said that one of their problems is dealing with students who haven't learned to fail. "Everything must be perfect in their world."

We the parents have not taught our children how to deal with failure but even more so, how to achieve their goals in life. They are being given everything their hearts desire with no respect to the value or hard work it took to supply their wants. We are setting up our society to be lazy, disrespectful and clueless.

The world isn't going to baby our youths and especially when they go abroad expecting their dreams to come true. Many of them will call home asking for money or return home saying that it was too hard. Truth be told, many of our loved ones are struggling because good work ethics, financial principles and moral purity were not practiced through the generations.

So the question remains "are chores a good thing?" We had better examine this carefully because if we do not make some needed changes, our young people will be the slaves to those who have learned the importance of teamwork in a household setting.

Without question, a childhood should be carefree and fun however, without a balance of work, an unrealistic approach to life could spell disaster for all.

Work from young,

Emmanuel Prince

St. John Cancer Fund Officials Thank Supporters

St. John Tradewinds

On behalf of the St. John Cancer Fund, I would like to thank our sponsors, those who donated prizes, food and beverages donations, the volunteers and all participants who made the 2016 Coral Bay Open event successful.

We raised \$15,000 — the largest ever for this event. This was the first event the St. John Cancer Fund has hosted in Coral Bay and the community responded overwhelmingly. We are a very giving community. Special thanks to Nick, course master and Doug, at Skinny Legs.

Holie Raffle Prizes: Concordia Eco Resort; Alta Vista Villa; Great Turtle Villa; Silver Cloud; SereneSea; Fly Away Charters; Kiote Sails.

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Organizers: Ken, Nick and Doug.

With Positive Thoughts,

Ken Yolman

Crossword & Cryptoquote Answers

(Puzzles located on Page 20)

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Letter to *St. John Tradewinds*

Is the VI Government Buying Votes?

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As I take a good long hard look at our present V.I. Government, I realize how over-grown it has become. The V.I. has about 150,000 people in our population. That's about the size of one small city.

If we were a city, we would govern ourselves with only a mayor and a city council. The city council would consist of 2 or 3 people from each island. That would be a maximum of 9 people, plus the mayor and his 2 assistants. That's 12 people. Think about that... What exactly are we doing? And why is it so expensive to operate? And why is it so slow and inefficient in its operation?

As I look at it and think about it, it becomes clear to me that our elected government is actually buying the vote of the people, by giving them jobs and there for money.

Does this mean they are buying voters to put them in office? Is that why we get the same type of Government every time? Is that the reason the V.I. Government continues to grow larger and more cumbersome, and more oppressive?

There are too many people in our Government. They continue to create new departments which need to be staffed and new missions need to be created to justify their existence. These new missions tend to be oppressive in nature. Look at DPNR. They act like angry, rude, bullies who seem to enjoy making life tough for our yachting citizens and continue to make constant new rules that drive away new yacht businesses in our islands. Does this war never stop?

We need this business! Why do they hate the boaters so much? Why are they working so hard to drive this business away? Who is behind this action? I really need some feed-back on this, what do you think? Will someone please tell me what is really going on here? We want our freedom to do business and to enjoy our God given right of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness returned to all of us on these islands.

Howard Carter

WAPA Restores Power After 10 Hour District Wide Outage Caused by Faulty Switch

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Electrical service was restored to all of St. Thomas and St. John early Wednesday afternoon, June 8, following a district wide electric service interruption which began at 4 a.m.

V.I. Water and Power Authority Interim Chief Executive Officer Julio Rhymer said Wednesday that a faulty switch used in conjunction with the waste heat recovery boiler triggered protection devices in the power plant which took down two generators, Units 15 and 23.

"Water leaked into the switch causing a high energy fault which resulted in the protection devices sending trip signals to the appropriate breakers," said Rhymer. "This action tripped the two units that were on line at the time, causing all feeders to fall off line resulting in the district wide service interruption."

Plant personnel attempted to restart a combination of other units that would provide enough generation capacity to restore service to the district, explained Rhymer.

"We worked a combination of Units 14 and 25 to initiate the restoration process," Rhymer said. "We were then successful in bringing Units 15 and 23 on line to provide the capacity needed to complete the restoration."

Line crews worked closely with plant personnel to ensure that once generation capacity had been achieved, feeder restoration could immediately begin.

The restoration of service which began at mid-morning with the priority of restoring service to the hospital, schools, government facilities, the business district and eventually the residential communities, and was completed by early afternoon.

Rhymer apologized to the public for the inconvenience and thanked the men and women of WAPA who he said worked feverishly to restore power to the St. Thomas/St. John District.

Passage of PROMESA Bill Hailed as Victory for USVI

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In a significant victory for the U.S. Virgin Islands, the territory is no longer directly tied to the Puerto Rico Oversight Management and Economic Stability Act (PROMESA), which passed the U.S. House of Representatives last week.

The legislation passed after a change to a controversial provision in the Bill, which extended the option for an Oversight Board to preside over U.S. Territories outside of Puerto Rico.

Virgin Islands Congresswoman Stacey Plaskett, a vocal opponent of the Oversight Board provision, thanked her fellow Members of Congress and the White House for considering the concerns of the Virgin Islands and the potential ramifications that may have arisen with the inclusion of the other insular territories in the measure.

"I would like to thank my colleagues and the Administration for working with my office to restore the bill to its original intent for a Puerto Rico Oversight Board focused on the economic challenges facing Puerto Rico, and for understanding the importance of the financial autonomy of the Virgin Islands and the other U.S. Territories, as well as the potentially negative impacts the Bill could have on our overall economic development," said Plaskett. "I understand the very difficult choice facing the People of Puerto Rico and my colleagues who voted in favor of PROMESA. As it stands, this bill offers the ability for the island to restructure 100 percent of its debt, while the only other option would force Puerto Rico to litigate with creditors and their lawyers in court."

Plaskett, while pleased with the change to the provision affecting the U.S. Virgin Islands and the other territories, maintained that the bill is flawed, mainly as a result of the Republicans stripping recommendations for economic growth proposed by President Obama.

"Despite improvements to the Oversight Board and pension provisions, I believe that PROMESA still remains flawed," said the congresswoman. "The proposed Oversight Board's powers are overly broad, depriving the government of Puerto Rico of more authority than is necessary to achieve fiscal stability and economic growth. I am still of the belief the best solution is passing legislation which includes the recommendations of the White House. Legislation which focus more on better equipping Puerto Rico and the other territories with the mechanisms to grow their own economies rather than imposing Orwellian oversight boards."

ALCHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

AL-ANON MEETINGS

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Finance Committee Gets Budget Overview

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The Committee on Finance, chaired by Sen. Clifford Graham, met last week to receive an overview of the 2017 fiscal year budget from the governor's financial team at the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall.

"This starts the beginning of all the budget hearings of all the various departmental agencies," said Graham.

"The grand total of the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget of the Government of the U.S. Virgin Islands (the "FY2017 Budget") is \$1.35 billion in current year expenditures and debt service," testified Nellon Bowry, Director of the Office of Management and Budget. "This is funded from \$1.16 billion of local funds and \$193.5 million from federal grant funds."

Of the local funds, \$844.9 million is composed of expenditures and debt service from the general fund, \$112.8 million from other local funds and \$203.4 million is from funds not subject to annual appropriations.

The \$844.9 million budget includes a proposed expenditure of \$715.5 million for executive departments and agencies, \$60.9 million for the Legislature and the Judiciary combined, and \$68.5 million for long term (Gross Receipt Tax Bonds) debt service.

Officials said that the government currently has 33 days of cash on hand, a total of approximately \$67 million. Ideally though, the goal is to have 180 days of cash on hand, a goal Bowry said the government is working toward.

"We don't want to alarm the public into thinking, because we don't have 180 days worth of cash, that we're in some type of red alert situation," said Senate President Neville James. "But we'd prefer that we generate revenue on a more fluid basis to allow for us to have disposable income."

Graham questioned officials about working capital financing, allocating appropriations to address the critical financial needs of hospitals territory-wide, ideas to help the grim fiscal landscape going forward, and the possibility of missed opportunities to receive taxes from imports.

Graham also reminded officials that travel through the territory to the British Virgin Islands needs to be tracked and marketing efforts need to be made to encourage those travelers to return to the territory as a destination.

Senator-at-large Almando "Rocky" Liburd noted that debt in the Virgin Islands is greater than that of Puerto Rico, with a rate of more than \$23,000 per person. Bowry agreed.

"We have a structural deficit" said Bowry, noting that it was a comment he'd made many times before.

The solution is not to cut the budget, because it would mean cutting public safety and education. Instead the solution is to "grow the economy," Bowry said.

Obituary

Evelyn Lois Pearson 4/2/29-6/9/16 Loved St. John, Gardening, Teaching, Knitting, Volunteering & Her Church

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Evelyn Lois (Forest) Pearson died quietly in New Hampshire under the care and devotion of the staff of New London Hospital and Clough Extended Care on June 9.

Born in 1929 to William and Grace Forest in Weymouth, Massachusetts, Evelyn was a housewife and mother who was an active volunteer wherever she lived. One of three children, she took her studies very seriously and vowed to not marry until she finished college.

Evelyn graduated from Weymouth High School in 1947 and attended Boston University with a major in Latin until she met the most influential salesman of her life, Eric Pearson, who changed her plans. They were married in 1950 and together raised three children in Weymouth, and then Cohasset, MA.

Once the children were raised, Evelyn returned to college and graduated from Bridgewater State College in 1974 with a teaching degree. On a vacation in the early 60s, they discovered what would become the true love of Evelyn's life, St. John. They bought a piece of land overlooking Coral Bay and built their retirement home where they spent winters together until Eric's death in 1989. Their home is still in the family, owned by their son, Eric Jr. Evelyn and Eric were both members of the Moravian Church in Coral Bay.

As a young woman, Evelyn was Worthy Advisor in Rainbow Girls and remained involved in Eastern Star throughout her life. In Cohasset, she was active in the Beechwood Congregational Church, Girl Scouts and the Cohasset Thrift Shop, always a fan of a good bargain. She was a guide at the State House in Boston for many years and continued as a House Guide at



the Fells once in New Hampshire. She was a member of the NL Garden Club and Caring Animal Partners with her dog, Gus. In St. John, she volunteered with the Friends of the USVI, but the biggest part of her life was the First Baptist Church of NL. Evelyn lived at Woodcrest Village in NL for many years before moving to the Clough Extended Care Center at New London.

She was predeceased by her husband Eric Pearson in 1989 and survived by her brother William Forest, Jr. and wife, Avril of Patagonia, AZ; her sister Marilyn Dwyer and husband, Warren of Pembroke, MA; her three children, Margit Pearson of NYC, Eric Pearson, Jr. and wife, Jean of Moultonborough, NH and Carla Marshall and husband, David of Wilmot, NH; seven grandchildren: Katelyn, Christopher, Devon, Gregory, Elizabeth, Linnea and Malena; four great grandchildren, Madelynne, Hannah, Casey and Christopher, Jr.

A memorial service is planned for Sunday, June 19, at 4 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of New London, NH. Memorial donations may be made to the Moravian Church in Coral Bay.

VIPD Announces Major Staff Changes

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The Virgin Islands Police Department Commissioner Delroy Richards announced Territorial staffing changes effective June 1. Arthur Hector Chief of Police has been relieved of his duties and responsibilities. Winsbut McFarlande has been designated as Acting Chief of Police for the VIPD's St. Croix District. Acting Chief McFarlande will have oversight of the Chief of Police (Police Operations.). Commissioner Richards also announced Chief of Police for the St. Thomas/St. John District Darren Foy has been relieved of his duties and responsibilities. Sgt. Jason Marsh has been designated as acting Chief of Police St. Thomas/St. John District. Acting Chief Marsh will have oversight of the Office of the Chief of Police. Tony Emanuel has been granted direct oversight of the Department's Internal Affairs and applicant Screening Bureau. This assignment is in addition to Emanuel's current duties as the Acting Director of the Office of Professional Standards for the VIPD.

On the Market



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Live on the Ocean's Edge at Ocean Palm Villa

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Enjoy the very best of tropical island living at the luxurious Ocean Palm Villa right on the water's edge in Estate John's Folly.

This beautifully appointed six bedroom villa was recently reduced in price from \$6.5 million to \$3.5 million, explained Merry Nash of Islandia Real Estate.

"Ocean Palm Villa is a spectacular, gated, ocean front six bedroom rental villa with two of the bedrooms in a separate guest house with its own gourmet kitchen and pool," said Nash.

No details were overlooked in this stunning waterfront villa. The gated driveway ensures privacy for you and your guests as you enter this serene waterside compound.

The main house features an open plan chef's kitchen with granite counters and custom mahogany cabinets. The 14-foot ceilings throughout the home allow for oversized windows to bring in those peaceful water views.

A comfortable living room and formal dining room offer plenty of space for guests and family. Host your dinner parties inside or take your guests outside to the al fresco

covered dining area just off the living room.

A shaded gazebo area is an ideal spot to relax with a good book as you soak up the cooling ocean breezes. Just a few steps from the outdoor dining area will lead you to the refreshing swimming pool where you can gaze out to the open sea beyond.

Four of the six bedrooms at Ocean Palm Villa—all of which are beautifully appointed and feature en suite bathrooms—are located near the main shared living space. The other two bedrooms are tucked away in their own separate guest house which boasts an additional gourmet kitchen and swimming pool.

If you can pull yourself away from the ocean's edge luxury of Ocean Palm Villa, the ruggedly beautiful south shore beaches of Salt Pond and Lameshur Bay are only a short drive.

Hike out to Ram's Head under a full moon to enjoy the area and then head back to your villa to enjoy a few cocktails as you dip your toes in the pool and watch the stars above twinkle to life.

In addition to the 1.7-acre Ocean Palm Villa property, the

sale includes three more lots, Nash explained.

"The sale of this property includes three adjoining lots to add additional rental villas or to make a great water front family compound," she said. "The property is priced for a quick sale well under appraised value."

For more information on Ocean Palm Villa, call Nash at Islandia Real Estate at (340) 776-6666 or on her cell phone at (340) 642-2246.



St. John Tradewinds News Photos courtesy of Islandia Real Estate
Perched on the water's edge, Ocean Palm Villa boasts the best of tropical living. Cool off in the swimming pool, far left, and enjoy the view from the pool, at top. The gated entrance to the villa, above right. Views abound from the living room, above center.

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2016 WIM Series Finale in USVI Carlos Aguilar Race is Dec. 1-4



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The Women's International Match Racing Series (WIM Series), is pleased to announce that the 8th annual Carlos Aguilar Match Race (CAMR), presented by the U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Tourism and set for December 1 – 4, will be the 5th and prestigious finale event of the 2016 WIM Series.

The CAMR, known for bringing some of the best international match racing talent, from America's Cup veterans to current World Champions, to sail in the scenic yet challenging Charlotte Amalie Harbor, will now host a dozen of the finest women's match racers from around the globe.

"The challenging and beautiful venue, the unique boats, the amazing organization, warm weather and lots of fun to be had on and off the water, are all reasons why I think adding the CAMR to the WIM Series is a brilliant decision," said Stephanie Roble.

With her Team Epic Racing of the USA Roble won the 2015 WIM Series, finished second overall to the USVI's Taylor Canfield at the 2015 CAMR, and expects to sail the 2016 WIM Series finale at the CAMR:

"I love the shifty, puffy conditions the Charlotte Amalie Harbor produces," said Roble. "Coming from lake sailing, this is natural to me. My team is really good at shifts and transitions."

"It's fun because you are never out of a race, nor are you ever safe with your lead," she said. "Being a North American event, it will kind of be our home turf, so we will be excited to be representing USA and going for a repeat of winning the WIM Series."

WIM Series and CAMR organizers are excited to bring another world-class sailing event to St. Thomas.

"Our spectacular waterfront will play host to the top female sailors in the world this December," said Bill Canfield, who co-directs the regatta with Verian Aguilar Tuttle. "This is a change for us this year, but will only increase international interest as it's a spectacular combination of the best of women's match racing in one of the world's best sailing venues."

A strong contingent of 12 teams is expected to compete for the highly-coveted 2016 WIM Series title. Early entrants include Roble and Sweden's Anna Östling, the 2014 Women's Match Racing World Champion and currently ranked third in World Sailing's Women's Match Racing Rankings. Teams participating in the past three WIM Series seasons and likely to attend, include those from Denmark, France, Australia and the USA. Past WIM Series competitors from countries such as the Netherlands, Canada, Finland, Switzerland, Brazil, Singapore, Ireland and Great Britain may also fly into St. Thomas to sail.

"The WIM Series, as an international series, strives to spread its events around the globe," said Liz Baylis, WIM Series manager. "The CAMR provides us with our first event in the Caribbean and opens new doors. The rich history and incredible reputation of the CAMR makes the event a great fit for us."

"The U.S. Virgin Islands are an incredible place to sail and will provide an amazing backdrop for the final event of the 2016 WIM Series," said Baylis. "The sailors, especially those from Northern Europe, love the idea of spending some time competing in warm water and sunshine in December! And I wouldn't be surprised if a few choose to extend their stay and take advantage of the tourism opportunities after the regatta."

The CAMR is a World Sailing-provisional Grade One event. The format will feature a full round robin of all teams followed by knockout quarterfinals for the top 8, then knockout semi-finals, petit-finals and finals. The event will be sailed in IC 24, a modification of J/24.

The Virgin Islands Sailing Association and St. Thomas Yacht Club are the organizing authorities for the CAMR, namesake for the late Carlos Aguilar, who was an avid sailor and match racer. Sponsors for the regatta include the US Virgin Islands Department of Tourism, Yacht Haven Grande, Bellows International and K3.

The WIM Series is the first and only professional sailing series for women, hosted by the Women's International Match Racing Association and joined by the world's leading women match racing sailors.



Chef's Corner

by Mares Crane

Take A Trip Across Europe in Your Kitchen

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Join me on a culinary trip across Europe with a few of my favorite recipes.

France: Chicken Normandy

A freezer friendly dish. If you like apples, core some and cut into wedges fry in a knob of butter until golden, then stir through add the end or when reheating.

Olive oil, 6 chicken legs with thighs attached, 1 Cup bacon lardons, 2 finely chopped onions, 2 sticks celery finely chopped, 2 garlic cloves crushed, 1 Tbsp flour, 2 1/2 Cups dry cider, 3/4 Cup chicken stock, 2 sprigs fresh thyme, 1 bay leaf, 3/4 Cup crème fraiche

Heat oven to 350 F. Heat 2 Tbsp oil in a large casserole with a lid. Season the chicken and fry in batches on all sides until golden brown and crisp, then remove. Add the bacon lardons and fry until some of the fat has been released, add the onions and celery and cook until translucent. Add garlic and fry for a minute, then mix in the flour.

Add the cider and let it bubble for a minute before adding the stock, thyme and bay leaf. Bring back to a simmer, season and add in the chicken. Cover with a lid or foil, transfer to oven and bake for 40 minutes. Remove the chicken and keep warm. Stir in the crème fraiche and return to the hob to bubble and thicken, then add back the chicken. Serve with mashed potato or pasta and a salad

Cheese Souffle

These were devised in 18th Century France. The word means puffed up.

4 Tbsp butter, 1 Tbsp for buttering mold, 1 Tbsp grated parmesan and 1 Tbsp breadcrumbs, 3 Tbsp flour, 1 Cup milk, 4 egg yolks, 5 egg whites, 1 Cup grated gruyere, 1/2 tsp cayenne, salt and pepper

Preheat oven to 400 F. Melt the Tbsp of butter and brush it around the mold, then coat with parmesan and breadcrumbs. Make a foil collar for the mold, securing it with a file clip.

Melt the remaining butter over a medium heat. When melted, add the flour and beat with a wooden spoon. Cook on the heat for a minute. Remove from heat and pour in the milk gradually, beating constantly until well mixed. Place back on the heat, stirring until thick and bubbling.

Take off the heat and add the cheese, cayenne and some salt and pepper to taste. Beat the yolks and add into sauce until well combined. Whisk the egg whites until firm. You should be able to hold the bowl upsidedown without them falling out. Do not over whisk.

Add a spoonful to the sauce. Fold it in, then put the sauce back into the egg whites and very gently fold in with a large metal spoon until there are no white bits showing. Spoon into mold. Place in oven. Turn down to 375 F and cook for 30 minutes without opening the door. Serve immediately. This is a great lunch dish with a crispy green salad.

Scotland: Whiskey Cured Sea Trout

Whiskey is scotland's golden nectar. It needs 5 things: barley, pure spring water, yeast, oak casts for aging and patience. This recipe, you can also use salmon, is great on cream cheese and pumpernickel with a fresh apple salad.

Two skin on sea trout fillets or salmon pin bones removed, 4 Tbsp whiskey, 1/2 Cup good quality sea salt flakes, 1/2 Cup golden granulated sugar, 2 Tbsp black peppercorns coarsely crushed, 1 large bunch of dill, thick stalks discarded, the rest chopped.

Apple Salad: 1 granny smith apple, cored and cut into small pieces (squeeze lemon juice over it to stop it going brown), 1/4 cucumber cut into small dice, 1 small red onion chopped, 2 tsp small capers, 2 tbsp cider or white wine vinegar, 2 tsp sugar, 2 tsp chopped dill. To top 10 to 12 pumpernickel slices, get 1 tub of cream cheese.

Lay the fillets flesh side up in a large baking tray and brush liberally with whiskey, waiting until it has been absorbed then repeat, takes about 10 minutes. Mix salt, sugar, pepper and dill in a bowl. Put one of the fillets down on top of a large sheet of cling and press half the mixture in an even layer on the fish.

Lay the other fillet alongside in the opposite direction, flesh side up, and cover with the rest of the mixture. Drizzle each one with 1 Tbsp whiskey. Quickly flip the second fillet on to the first so they are top to tail with the thick part of a fillet at each end sitting evenly together, skin outside.

Wrap the cling around them in two to three layers so you have a watertight parcel. Put back into the baking pan with a wooden board on top to weigh down with a few unopened tins of anything heavy. Leave in the fridge for 48 hours turning after 12 hours.

To serve, unwrap the fish, separate the fillets and scrape off and discard the herb mixture. Using a sharp knife starting from the tail, thinly slice the fish. Arrange on a serving platter. Spread the pumpernickel with cream cheese and cut into rectangles. Put the ingredients for the apple salad into a serving bowl and mix well. Ruffle a little piece of the cured fish on the pumpernickel and spoon on some apple salad.

Cranachan

Three Cups heavy or whipping cream, 3 heaped Tbsp of coarse pinhead oats or rolled oats, 7 Tbsp whiskey, 3 Tbsp honey, fresh mint, 1 lb fresh raspberries.

Toast the oats in a pan for a few minutes without burning. Whip the cream until it holds its own, without over whipping. Add the cooled oats, whiskey, honey and the raspberries, reserving some for decoration. Gently fold together. Pile the mixture into a glass and garnish with fresh mint and raspberries.

Switzerland: Cheese Fondue

It was promoted as a national dish by the Swiss Cheese Union in the 1930s and popularized in North America in the 1960s.

Two Tbsp cider vinegar, tsp cornflour, 2 Cups gruyere/cheddar grated, 3 Tbsp crème fraiche, 4 thick slices sourdough bread, olive oil, 2 carrots batoned, 2 peppers sliced, 2 celery sticks cut into batons, sliced mini salami, (some people also use some kirsch).

Mix vinegar with cornflour and place in a heatproof bowl with cheeses. Set over a pan of simmering water to melt, stirring occasionally. When nearly melted, add the crème fraiche and cracked pepper. Cut the sourdough into croustons. Brush with olive oil and bake in a hot oven for 10 minutes. To serve, put the cheese fondue on a large platter in its dish and serve the dipping choices all around.

Roesti

One Kg medium sized waxy potatoes with skins on, salt and pepper, butter and olive oil.

Cook whole potatoes in a large pan of boiling salted water 15 to 20 minutes until tender. Drain and leave to cool, then peel away skins and coarsely grate into a bowl. Season

well with salt and pepper. Heat a knob of butter and Tbsp of oil in a shallow non stick fry pan. Spoon in the potatoes and press down gently with a spatula to form a round flat cake. Fry over a medium heat 8 to 10 minutes until golden brown underneath, then invert on to a plate. Add some more butter and oil to the pan and slide the roesti back into the pan. Cook again until the edges are golden brown and the potato is cooked through. Cut into wedges and serve. You can always put some crispy bacon and grated cheese on top

Italy: Scallop and Shrimp Risotto

This is a Northern Italian rice dish with a creamy consistency.

One stick butter, 2 shallots peeled and finely chopped, 2 3/4 Cups risotto rice, about 4 Cups of fish or light chicken stock, 1 lemon zested and juiced, 3 Tbsp mascarpone, 12 scallops roe and side muscle removed, 1 bunch chives finely chopped, 1/2 bunch basil chopped, 1 bag medium sized raw peeled shrimp, splash of white wine.

Melt the butter in a large heavy based pan and cook the shallot gently until soft but not coloured. Add the rice and stir until the grains are well coated in butter. Add a splash of white wine and let it reduce a little, then add the hot stock gradually (about 3/4 Cup at a time), stirring each addition in well until the rice is just tender. This will take about 20 minutes.

How much stock you will need will depend on the type of rice you use. Add the shrimp when the rice is done but still al dente. Season and then add lemon zest and juice. Turn the shrimp over so they cook on both sides. When they are done, add the mascarpone and fold in. Leave the risotto to sit for 5 minutes while you fry the scallops for 1 or 2 minutes on each side with a knob of butter in a frying pan. Add this to the risotto and sprinkle with chopped chives and basil.

Osso Buco

This is a Milanese speciality farmhouse dish made with veal shanks. This is a great make ahead dish and tastes even better on the second day.

Six 1 and 1/4 Inch veal shanks, 1/2 Cup flour, 1/4 Cup olive oil, 1 Tbsp unsalted butter, 3 Cups finely diced yellow onions, 1 Cup finely diced celery, 3/4 Cup finely diced carrots, tsp oregano, 3/4 Cup dry white wine, 2 Tbsp tomato paste, 1 28-oz can Italian plum tomatoes, chopped reserving juices, 1 Cup low sodium chicken broth, more if needed, large sprig thyme, bayleaf, 1 Tbsp arrowroot mixed with 2 tsp broth or water.

Preheat oven to 350 F. Season shanks with salt and pepper. Dredge with flour, shaking off excess. In a skillet, heat 3 Tbsp of the oil over medium to high heat. Sear the shanks and move to a casserole dish. Pour off excess fat add butter and 1 Tbsp oil. Add onion, celery, carrot, oregano and tsp salt. Fry until lightly browned. Add wine and reduce to a 1/4 Cup. Stir in paste, tomatoes, juices, broth, thyme, bay leaf, 1/2 tsp salt and pinch of pepper. Bring to boil and pour contents over shanks. Cover and braise in oven for 1 1/2 to 2 hours, until fork tender. Be sure to check liquid level occasionally, as it needs to be half-way up shanks. When done, meat should pull away easily. Transfer shanks to a dish. Bring sauce to a simmer and whisk in arrowroot. If working ahead, stop here.

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 To Be Announced...

WEDNESDAY, June 29, 2016
 Jam Band
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THURSDAY, June 30, 2016
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FRIDAY, July 1, 2016
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 To Be Announced...
 Kerwin Dubois
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SATURDAY, July 2, 2016
 Express Band
 Rudy
 Nadia Baston
 Patrice Roberts
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SUNDAY, July 3, 2016
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 Triple Kay
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MONDAY, July 4, 2016
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Honoring: Ms. Delrise Varlack

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St. John Festival 2016

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



Festival Village Honoree: Delrise Varlack
Festival Food Fair Honoree: Delroy "Ital" Anthony
Festival Parade Grand Marshal: Nikolay Hotze

FESTIVAL THEME:

History and Sights Unseen for St. John Festival 2016

Submitted By: Tichelle Knight

SATURDAY, May 21, 2016
Festival Food Sale 2016
 1p.m. Franklin A. Powell, Sr. Park
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SATURDAY, June 4, 2016
Festival PAN-O-RAMA 2016
 4p.m. Franklin A. Powell, Sr. Park
 Contact: Liston "Matey" Sewer (340)514-2341

SATURDAY, June 18, 2016
Festival BIKE RACE 2016
 8a.m. St. John National Park Parking Lot
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Festival MUSICAL MIX 2016
 8p.m. Winston W. Wells Ball Field
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SUNDAY, June 19, 2016
St. John Festival PRINCESS 2016 Pageant
 6p.m. Winston W. Wells Ball Field
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SATURDAY, June 25, 2016
St. John Festival QUEEN 2016 Pageant
 8p.m. Winston W. Wells Ball Field
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SUNDAY, June 26, 2016
Festival FOOD FAIR & CORONATION 2016
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Festival BOAT RACES 2016
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Festival CHILDREN'S VILLAGE 2016
 6p.m. St. John National Park Parking Lot
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SUNDAY, July 3, 2016
EMANCIPATION DAY Program 2016
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Festival POKER RUN 2016
 12p.m. Cruz Bay Beach Front
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Festival HORSE RACES 2016
 1p.m. Clinton E. Phipps Race Track
 Contact: Clinton "Boogie" Hendrington (340) 642-0705

MONDAY, July 4, 2016
Festival J'OUVERT 2016
 Sunrise: St. John National Park
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Festival PARADE 2016
 11a.m. St. John National Park
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Festival FIREWORKS DISPLAY 2016
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13th Annual Beach to Beach Power Swim is Another Big Success for Friends of VINP

St. John Tradewinds

Each year since 2004, Friends of Virgin Islands National Park officials invite more than 600 swimmers, volunteers and spectators out to enjoy Virgin Islands National Park and experience its spectacular marine resources at the Beach-to-Beach Power Swim.

Many participants have been introduced to the park through this event and keep returning year after year, planning their annual vacation around the swim.

On Sunday, May 29, a total of 247 swimmers along with around 130 safety and support volunteers as well as numerous spectators gathered at Maho Beach for the start of the 13th Annual Beach-to-Beach Power Swim.

Natalia Kuipers, 13, from St. Croix and a member of the VI National Swim Team was the first unassisted swimmer to complete the long course at the final finish at Hawksnest Beach. Having swam the race since age 8, this was Kuipers' fifth consecutive year participating in the Beach-to-Beach Power Swim. The first male to cross the finish line at Hawksnest was 14-year-old Ky Odium of St. Thomas.

One could easily dub this year a "Girl Power" Swim year, as the winners overall in each course and category were overwhelmingly female. Heather Somand of Michigan took first place overall in the Short Course to Cinnamon Beach, finishing in 21 minutes and 17 seconds, while Kimberly Dowdy of Alabama took overall first place in the Short Course - Assisted category (with snorkel/fins) finishing in 24 minutes and 19 seconds.

Following suit, in the Intermediate Course to Trunk Bay (2.25 miles) Lidia Boguslowska of St. Croix took first place overall finishing in 51 minutes and 50 seconds, while March Storm of St. John won first place overall in the Intermediate Course - Assisted category, finishing in 54 minutes and 46 seconds.

Finally, both overall winners in the Long Course were also female - Kuipers and Alexandra Ewald of St. John in the Assisted category with a time of one hour, 29 minutes and 14. Also of note, VINP's Deputy Superintendent Jayne Schaeffer won the Long Course in her age group, finishing in one hour, 45 minutes and eight seconds.

For the men, Brennan Kelly of New York won the Short Course with a time of 22 minutes and 32 seconds, while Craig Barshinger of St. John won in the Assisted category. Intermediate course winners were Clinton Hempel of Jost van Dyke, finishing in 55 minutes and 27 seconds and Rick Nielsen of California, who finished in the Assisted category in one hour, 12 minute sand 52 seconds. The first men to complete the Long Course were Odium and Robert Tutton of St. John with a time of one hour, 29 minutes and 46 seconds in the Assisted category.

Swimmers traveled from as far as New Zealand (earning the "Magellan Award"), Spain and Belize, and 25 States in the US to compete in this year's Power Swim. This 13th year also saw a significant increase in Caribbean island participants as well, with the most individuals, groups and clubs representing the British Virgin Islands, St. Martin, Puerto Rico, St. Croix and St. Thomas that have ever participated.

This year's youngest swimmer (earning the "Nemo Award") was six-year-old Amelie Zucker, while the oldest (earning the "Neptune Award") was 76-year-old Barbara Mason of Florida.

Awards were also given to swimmers who had participated for 10 years or more with special recognition made for the nine swimmers who swam the Beach-to-Beach for the 13th time.

A truly "feel good" atmosphere abounded as more than 325 swimmers, volunteers and guests gathered at Oppenheimer Beach after the swim for a picnic lunch and the Awards Ceremony.

The first swimmers recognized in the ceremony were the participants in the fundraising initiative "Race for a Reason," who together earned \$7,400 by swimming for the park. Top fundraising team "Hook, Line and Hopefully Not Sinkers" and top individual fundraiser — VINP's very own Superintendent Brion Fitzgerald — won a free After-Party boat trip to the BVIs, along with a VIP "swag bag" of VI National Park gear from the Visitor Center store. Second and Third place runners up also took home prizes and received a special thank you.

This year proved to be the most successful yet for the Beach-to-Beach Power Swim, as the event raised more than \$45,000 for the programs and activities that preserve, protect and educate in VINP.

It is with the help of the many volunteers, local businesses and organizations that the Beach-to-Beach Power Swim is made possible each year. There is also one individual in particular who tirelessly works to ensure the accuracy of race results and course markings — Jeff Miller.

Miller is down on the beaches at 6 a.m. ensuring all marker buoys are accurately placed and does not rest until the final results have been organized and posted. Friends of VINP officials thanked Miller.

Officials also thanked the many volunteers along with the local businesses and organizations that sponsored and supported the 13th Annual Beach-to-Beach Power Swim.

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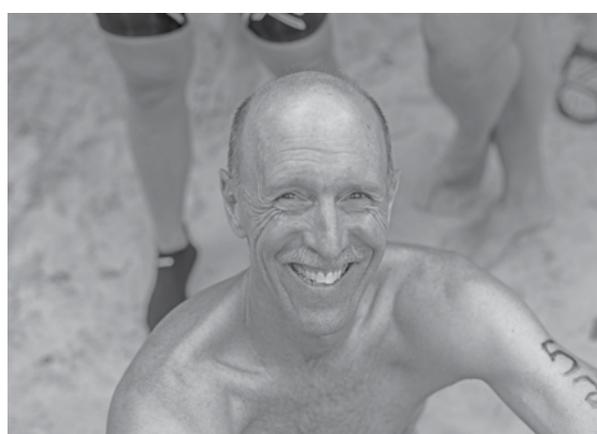
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13th Annual Beach to Beach Power Swim



13th Annual Power Swim is a Big Success



St. John Tradewinds News Photos by Yelena Rogers
 Thirteen year old Natalia Kuipers, above at left, was the first finisher at Hawksnest Beach in 13th Annual Beach to Beach Power Swim hosted by Friends of V.I. National Park. Ky Odum, 14, of St. Thomas, at near left, was the first male finisher in the long course.

Thank you!



Friends SAINT JOHN BEACH -TO- BEACH POWER SWIM

Thanks to every sponsor, volunteer & participant for making this event a resounding success!



Friends would also like to extend a big thank you to all the event volunteers who helped to make this year's Power Swim a success. Without you we would have never been able to put this event together!

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