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A simple little bumper sticker — in a somber black — helping to raise awareness and funds to support efforts to oppose the mega-yacht marina development in Coral Bay Harbor are showing up around the world from Nashville, Tennessee, to Sandpoint, Idaho, and Italy and around Europe and fueling a successful fund-raising for a legal challenge to the development. **SEE PAGE 3.**

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TS Gonzalo: USVI Under Hurricane Watch

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A Hurricane Watch has been issued for the US Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico and its surrounding islands as Gonzalo continues to strengthen just a few hundred miles east of the Leeward Islands. A hurricane watch means that hurricane conditions are possible within the watch area.

According to the National Hurricane Center, at 5 p.m., the center of Tropical Storm Gonzalo was located at was located near Latitude 16.4 degrees north, Longitude 59.5 degrees west. Gonzalo is moving toward the west near 12 miles per hour and this general motion is expected to continue through Monday followed by a turn toward the west-northwest Monday night.

On the forecast track, Gonzalo is expected to move through the central Leeward Islands by early Monday morning and approach the US Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico Monday night and Tuesday morning.

Reports from an Air Force Reserve reconnaissance aircraft indicate that maximum sustained winds have increased to near 45 miles per hour with higher gusts. Additional strengthening is forecast during the next 48 hours and Gonzalo is expected to become a hurricane by early Tuesday morning.

Tropical-storm-force winds extend outward up to 60 miles from the center.

Gonzalo is expected to produce total rainfall accumulations of 4 to 8 inches across the US Virgin Islands with isolated maximum totals of 12 inches possible. Swells generated by Gonzalo will affect the Leeward Islands tonight and reach the US Virgin Islands by Monday afternoon. These swells are likely to cause life-threatening surf and rip current conditions.

VITEMA Acting Director Austin Callwood is urging the public to begin preparations for storm impact and to continue monitoring the system.

“Based on storms projections, we anticipate significant rainfall and strong winds and we are urging the public to get ready and be prepared,” Callwood said. “Be sure to have essentials items in the event there may be extended power outages and prepare your properties. Special considerations should also be given to the needs children, the elderly and pets.”

VITEMA is also advising the public to closely monitor VI Alert or stay tuned to a NOAA weather radio, local radio or cable television stations for later statements and possible warnings.

VITEMA’s Emergency Operations Centers territorywide will be activated at noon on Monday, Callwood said.

2014 USVI/BVI Friendship Day Festivities Set

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Governor John P. de Jongh Jr. and First Lady Cecile deJongh are announcing plans to host the 2014 USVI/BVI Friendship Day on October 17 and 18. This year, the U.S. Virgin Islands will host the main event in downtown Charlotte Amalie.

“This is an event that I look forward to each year as it continues the strong bond that solidifies us as Virgin Islanders.” De Jongh said, adding, “There may be a little bit of business talk and some policy considerations, but it is really about enjoying the bond of two nations and the strength of two communities with

events that highlight our culture and history. This event is always the perfect opportunity to showcase our hospitality.”

Festivities will begin on Friday October 17 at 7 p.m. with fast pitch softball games pitting the best from the USVI against the best from the BVI at the Emile Griffith ballpark. On Saturday, October 18 at 9 a.m. the public is invited to attend a breakfast and a special cultural presentation in the heart of the historic district of Downtown Charlotte Amalie.

For more information, call Dawn Simon at 340-693-4342.

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“Just Play” Day Set for October 13

Using Sport for Social Change will bring back, for the sixth year in a row, a free fun-filled day of sports for youth ages 5 to 17 years on Monday, October 13, at Winston Wells Ballfield.

Each person will be given a free t-shirt and water bottle for the event. A full lunch will also be provided by Mathayom Privates Chefs to each attendee at the event. Brenda Reckor-Wallace will once again be the event moderator. DJ Adonis will be spinning the music for the event, and William Schouten (aka T-Rex/Jugernaut) will be the guest of honor.

More information about this event can be found at: <http://www.usingsportforsocialchange.com>.

Meeting for Vietnam Veterans Oct. 14

The Office of Veterans Affairs is planning events for the month of November and Veterans Day. In addition, plans are underway for the 50th Commemoration of the Vietnam War being recognized worldwide.

As we honor military service during the month of November, the V. I. Office of Veterans Affairs is holding general meetings to gain input from Vietnam Veterans as the nation thanks them for their service. Whether served on the frontlines or supported troops from rear positions, veterans are invited to attend these meetings and other events planned specifically for veterans.

The community is asked to contact a Vietnam Veteran, share this information or give them a ride to these events. General meetings are scheduled throughout the territory. Family members of Vietnam Veterans are encouraged to attend with or on behalf of a loved one.

The St. John meeting is Tuesday, October 14, at 10 a.m. at the Legislature Building (meeting open to all veterans).

For further information, call the Office of Veterans Affairs at 774-6100 or 773-6663.

“No Fleas Please” Flea Market Oct. 18

The second phase of the Animal Care Center of St. John’s annual “No Fleas Please” flea market fundraising event will be on Saturday, October 18, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Winston Wells Ball Field in Cruz Bay — all general merchandise will be sold during this part of the event.

Donations of sale items are currently being accepted at the ACC shelter in Cruz Bay, next to the public library. Individuals may purchase tables for \$30 to sell personal items. For more information, call the shelter at 340-774-1625.

Paddle the Park Race Set for Nov. 2

Get ready for a day of paddleboard fun at Maho Bay! The second annual Paddle the Park standup paddleboard race will be held on Sunday, November 2 at Maho Bay on St. John.

For additional information, send an email to kjavrvis@friends-vinp.org or call 340-779-4940. All proceeds benefit Friends programs and projects that protect, preserve and educate within Virgin Islands National Park.

GHS Gives Back Day November 21

The fifth annual school-wide community service day, Giff Hill School Gives Back, is set for Friday, November 21. Students in grades preschool through 12 will be accompanied by faculty members as they complete service projects in various locations across the island. For more information call Molly Murrill at 776-1735 or email mollymurrill@giffhillschool.org.

“Save Coral Bay” Fund Seeking \$50,000 To Fight Mega-Yacht Marina

By TOM OAT
St. John Tradewinds

CORAL BAY — Support for a grassroots legal fund to fight the proposed Coral Bay mega-yacht marina, which only began on Friday, October 10, on the internet site gofundme.com is growing faster than even its founders imagined.

In its first two days seeking to raise \$50,000 on the internet site “gofundme.com” \$7,266 had been raised from 73 people by Sunday afternoon.

“(W)hat a GREAT start to our funding campaign to SAVE CORAL BAY thank you to all of our contributors — we received over \$5,000 — over 10% of our goal — in just ONE DAY!!!,” the first internet posting reported. “(t)here’s no harm in re-sharing the campaign tomorrow if you shared it today, keep getting the word out to friends and friends of friends... everyone knows a favorite blue bay teeming with wildlife and wants to shelter it from destructive development... today the threat is to CORAL BAY in St John ... tomorrow it might be in your home town... we need the world to be aware that we will not tolerate environmental destruction in the name of greed, ANYWHERE...”

“Feeling All the Love”

“I’m feeling all the love from these wonderful people who are contributing to our legal defense fund to SAVE CORAL BAY...,” posted community activist David Silver-



St. John Tradewinds News Photo Courtesy of Facebook

“Save Coral Bay” bumper stickers are showing up all over the world, including this one in Tennessee.

man. “(e)ach time I see a contribution it lifts my spirit and makes me feel that our cause is getting stronger... thank you EVERYONE for sharing, for contributing, for spreading the word... we have an amazing community, don’t we?”

“Today Coral Bay Harbor is under attack from outside investors who only see it as a destination for mega yachts and luxury stores,” the web site reported. “They want to

take over the harbor, destroy its natural habitat, and replace all of that natural beauty with a massive, over-built, environmental disaster of a marina. Our campaign’s mission is to protect and rehabilitate the environment of Coral Bay for future generations.”

Funds for Legal Fight

“Our immediate need is for funds to pursue legal appeals in order to fight the permits that were given to the developers from local authorities in the Virgin Islands,” the fundraising web site explained. “Lacking proper environmental considerations and with other flaws, these permits now need to be appealed. We will also be fighting our defense campaign at the federal level, since this project will need to be approved by the Army Corps of Engineers, the EPA, NOAA, and NFWS.”

“All of this takes money, which we don’t yet have,” the posting continued. “Once we have defeated the immediate threat, our next task is to plan the small sustainable improvements to Coral Bay that will ensure its health for future generations.”

“Every dollar of your contribution received by us will go to the fight to preserve, protect, and enhance Coral Bay,” the gofundme.com site states. “Funds for these purposes will be managed by the Coral Bay Community Council, a trusted local nonprofit organization.”

Residents Discuss Coral Bay Summer’s End on Social Media Site

By TOM OAT
St. John Tradewinds

CORAL BAY — One community activist brought the simmering Coral Harbor marina battle to the shore of the bucolic bay on Friday, October 10, when he tried to listen in on a site visit to the waterfront property by federal officials to meet with experts working with the developers of the proposed mega-yacht marina, The Yacht Club at Summer’s End and ended up in a confrontation with Summer’s End partner Rick Barksdale.

Amid coconut telegraph reports of assaults and arrests, David Silverman, a Coral Bay resident with stateside experience in zoning matters who has been publically criticizing the process leading up to the recent St. John Coastal Zone Management committee approval of the controversial development plan which would take control of most of Coral Harbor, reported on the incident on Coral Bay Summers End Discussion’s Facebook page on Friday, October 10, at 2:40 p.m.

“Everyone seems to want to know about the confrontation this morning...,” Silverman posted. “Not much to tell other than that

Rick Barksdale acted rude and threatening to me because I wanted to silently listen to what his consultant (Amy Dempsey) was saying to the Army Corps personnel ...”

“(t)hey were all standing outside Island Blues and Rick bumped and pushed me and yelled at me that I wasn’t ‘invited,’” and something to the effect that I am a ‘trouble maker’ (for him possibly true ...),” Silverman posted. “(h) e proceeded to phone the ‘property owner’ and the police, who all eventually arrived and took statements from Rick... (who claims I hit him when he in fact stood straight in my face and butted his chest against me)...”

“(i)n the end I respectfully asked the Army Corps (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers) personnel if I had interfered with their meeting, and they responded ‘of course not’ ...,” the community activist posted. “(t)his guy is operating on a very thin thread judging from his behavior ... not rational at all ... even Chaliese (SEG partner Chaliese Summers) tried to get him to settle down...”

There were no arrests or other VIPD action.

Army Corps Meets With CBCC, Residents

Ironically, the confrontation between Barksdale and Silverman came after representatives of the Army Corps of Engineers had met with the community citizen’s group the Coral Bay Community Council (CBCC) on Thursday afternoon, October 9, as reported by CBCC founder Sharon Coldren in a subsequent internet posting.

“On Thursday afternoon, the Coral Bay Community Council’s staff, some board members and other community members met with three Army Corps reps in Coral Bay and discussed the full range of marina concerns, the planned removal of derelict vessels by CBCC and more,” Coldren wrote in the internet posting.

The CBCC has secured a grant for the removal of derelict vessels from the bay and is drafting plans to remove the vessels in early 2015 while the mega-yacht marina developers simultaneously are seeking funds from a 2013 federal grant to the V.I. government “to provide transient vessels healthy and available access” to the islands to pay for removal of sunken vessels as part of relocating and configur-

ing the Coral Bay mooring field to make room for the marina docks and enforcing the use of pump-out services by liveaboard vessels in the harbor.

“There was also a boat trip to see all aspects of our beautiful inner bay and how to maintain and improve the environment, and the site of the marina. It was a very useful and productive meeting — with the same Army Corps personnel who got treated to the SEG style on Friday a.m. ...”

And, “There Was This Man at the Bar from T-Rex”

As if there were not enough activity on the Coral Bay waterfront, the coconut telegraph had one more internet posting on the confusing marina controversy:

“A man named Lynn who represents the T-Rex Marina project was at Skinny’s today. He showed up looking for Alan of Coral Bay Marine, & wound up chatting up a few locals,” the writer posted. “He gave a brief synopsis of thier marina/hotel plan.”

“He answered a few of my questions, but admittedly did not know the answers,” the writer posted. “Said he would be back in the same area tomorrow

(Sunday) afternoon but would not commit to a time.

He invited me to a meeting with the T-Rex developers at noon on Saturday at the Moravian Church.”

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International Day of the Girl Oct. 17

Giffthill School will celebrate the third Annual International Day of the Girl on Friday, October 17. This year, girls and boys in grades 4-12 and the men and women who have raised and mentored them are invited to a pot luck breakfast at the Upper Campus to discuss this year's focus: Empowering Adolescent Girls: Ending the Cycle of Violence.

The event will begin with breakfast, followed by watching two brief videos, breaking out into single-sex discussion groups and then coming together to summarize thoughts.

For more information, call 340-776-1730 or email info@giffthillschool.org.

Report Misused Education Funds

Education Commissioner Donna Frett-Gregory encourages the public to report any misuse of the Department's federal funding to the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of the Interior Offices of the Inspector General.

In an effort to continue meeting the mandates of the Compliance Agreement between the U.S. Department of Education and the V.I. government, the Department of Education is required to publicize the toll-free telephone numbers that residents can use to call in any misuse or fraud.

"These numbers are available to all schools, teachers, parents, and participants of the adult and vocational programs, VIDE employees, all government agencies and other interested stakeholders," Frett-Gregory said.

The numbers are: U.S. Department of Education-Office of the Inspector General: 1-800-MISUSED; U.S. Department of the Interior-Office of the Inspector General: 1-800-424-5081.

Residents may also visit the U.S. Department of Education website at: www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oig/hotline.html.

Project Homeless Connect Comes to St. John for Individuals at Risk

St. John Tradewinds

CRUZ BAY — Project Homeless Connect will be coming to St. John on Friday, October 17, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Ursula's Multipurpose Center and the back lot of the Department of Human Services.

Volunteers are needed (especially those with food service cards) to help provide homeless Virgin Islanders and individuals at risk of homelessness the tools to reconnect to society.

This is the third year of a St. John effort to address homelessness in a new way, according to SJCF's Kalousek. Project Homeless Connect is a one-day, one-stop shop to deliver real services to people experiencing homelessness in our community, the community organizer explained.

"But this is also about a commitment to move from simply managing homelessness towards trying to end it," Kalousek said. "Project Homeless Connect is more than a single day of outreach and service. It's about getting the

community to make a commitment to being part of long-term solutions to homelessness."

Breaking the Myth

Project Homeless Connect is breaking the myth that people do not seek assistance and services and would rather be on the street, according to Kalousek. The data prove that when people are approached in a respectful and kind manner, and with available resources, they are eager to accept help toward self-sufficiency, she added.

Several pharmacies in have stepped up to the plate in the past to provide needed medical supplies for the event and we are looking to their help again this year. A wide variety of volunteers and service providers help the clients connect with specialists who can treat their unique medical conditions.

"It's wonderful to see the health community come together," said Dr. Celia Victor, who serves on the medical team. "Because the cost of living and health care is high in the islands, this allows pa-

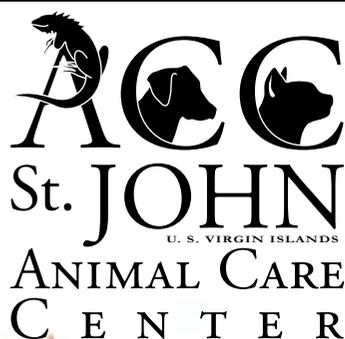
tients to get the care they need."

The community's participation helps in the transition out of homelessness, according to professionals.

Volunteers will be needed at St. Ursula's Church and at the back parking lot of the Human Services office to help clients who are homeless or at risk of homelessness navigate the myriad services available at the event, Kalousek explained. With the help of volunteer angels, the homeless may have the chance to get a haircut or a massage in addition to a hot meal. They will also be able to select clean clothing and will be given a new pair of shoes.

"Extend a helping hand by volunteering to help individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness," Kalousek urged. "Help connect clients to service providers who can manage access to health services, benefits and social services."

Volunteers can contact Celia Kalousek at St. John Community Foundation at 340-693-9410.



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St. John Rescue Members Support Leaders on Transporting Deceased; Attorney General Promises Meeting

By TOM OAT

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St. John Rescue founding member Bob Malacarne wants to serve accident victims, injured or dead, and the bereaved families of people who die of natural causes at home on St. John by providing timely transporting of deceased residents — and visitors — to the Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center to await transport to the Medical Examiner's office on St. Thomas.

In August, Malacarne sat on Honeymoon Beach in the V.I. National Park for four (4) hours with the body of a woman tourist who was stricken while snorkeling. The woman had been pronounced dead by Emergency Medical Service personnel who had arrived on the scene when the EMTs ceased their efforts to revive the visitor and left the secluded beach adjacent to the island's iconic Caneel Bay Resort.

Body in Sun on Honeymoon Beach for Four Hours

"There really was a lady, five or six weeks ago, whose body was lying there in the sun for four hours," Malacarne said October 11 with palpable discomfort. "I was there at the scene."

Malacarne said he called everyone he knew to get the St. Thomas Office of the Medical Examiner to transport the body from the isolated resort beach in the V.I. National Park to the Medical Examiner's Office on St. Thomas.

"I called the Assistant Attorney General; I asked the PD; I asked a (VINP) Ranger; I talked to EMS; to police," Malacarne recounted.

Four hours after the EMTs left the scene, Medical Examiner staff members arrived by V.I. National Park boat to carry the body of the deceased visitor to the V.I. National Park dock in Red Hook, St. Thomas.

After years of providing the community service at no charge, St. John Rescue doesn't want to be responsible for the V.I. government's failure to provide the public function of removing deceased residents to the morgue at the Myrah Keating Smith Community Health.

On advice from legal counsel, the volunteer St. John Rescue has stopped filling in for the Office of the Medical Examiner on St. Thomas to provide timely transporting of deceased residents — and visitors — to the MKSCHC to await transport to the ME's office on St. Thomas — which must send personnel and a vehicle by barge.

Support Agency Needs Official Authority and Protection

"We are just a support agency," Malacarne said. "We actually have no official authority."

"We want to continue doing this but our attorney says not to touch it at all," Malacarne said of St. John Rescue's years of service to the community.

"We've done it as a public service for years," added Malacarne. "Our members need to be protected."

"It could be a crime scene. There is a protocol; we insist there is a police officer available. We don't need someone saying, 'What about (the victim's) Rolex watch?' We've done it as a public service for years. Our members need to be protected."

— Bob Malacarne, founding member
St. John Rescue

Malacarne has been waging a strong public relations campaign to bring the government to the table to craft a document protecting the all-volunteer rescue agency.

The volunteer organization has been warned by its legal counsel that it need to be protected from liability if it is going to be providing the service for St. John residents on behalf of the V.I. government.

Practice began primarily as a public service primarily in cases such as a home death of an elderly or terminally ill resident after government stopped providing reliable service from St. Thomas and families were forced to wait for the Office of the Medical Examiner to send a vehicle over from St. Thomas.

Concerns About Liability

But there are real concerns of liability, Malacarne admits.

"It could be a crime scene," Malacarne said. "There is a protocol; we insist there is a police officer available."

Nevertheless, St. John Rescue volunteers have no legal protections.

"We don't need someone saying, 'What about (the victim's) Rolex watch?'" Malacarne added.

"There were a couple of hospice cases where we had to tell them to call 911," Malacarne said. "They were angry at us because we can't do anything (until they call 911)."

Now that the long-time, government-red-tape dilemma has seen a tragic situation turn into a V.I. Department of Tourism public relations nightmare — and residents unnecessarily inconvenienced in a time of grief, Malacarne is hoping a meeting with the Deputy Chief Attorney General Wayne Anderson "this month" will result in the necessary legal protections for St. John Rescue volunteers.

Malacarne is concerned the situation will get worse before it gets better:

"They'll have us taking them (the deceased) to St. Thomas next," the veteran rescue volunteer said of the government officials.



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All 21 benches, above, are now safe and provide 150 seats for learning and enjoying park information. Each bench has new welded aluminum supports that will last for years. Friends President Joe Kessler is one of the first voices from the new podium, left.

Renovation of Cinnamon Bay Amphitheater Is Funded by Friends

St. John Tradewinds

CINNAMON BAY — The outdoor classroom of the Cinnamon Bay Amphitheater just got better, thanks to the efforts of Friends of V.I. National Park and its supporters.

The amphitheater had broken seats, a broken sound system and a dilapidated podium. Now, an amphitheater renovation includes the repair of the 150-seat bench system with new aluminum brackets and supports, a new sound system, and a stone podium for presenters.

The amphitheater is a place where na-

tional park rangers educate and entertain guests with programs on a variety of historical and natural subjects, such as island wildlife and West Indian traditions.

Thanks to caring members of Friends, funds for the project were raised by Karen Vahling, development director at Friends.

“We raised \$10,000 and were able to repair all the benches, save resources and have the same effect as new benches, plus a nice stone podium and sound system,” said Vahling. “Friends would like to thank the Paul M. Angell Family Foundation, Larry Gallo, John and Melanie Shain, Cheryl McDaniel

and Myron Blumenfeld for making these renovations a reality with their support.

V.I. National Park Superintendent Brion Fitzgerald said he was pleased to have these renovations for park visitors.

“Many National Park visitors link their most memorable experiences when visiting parks to attending an evening programs at amphitheaters in parks nationwide,” said Fitzgerald. “Thanks to the generosity of the Friends, visitors to Virgin Islands National Park now have a beautifully refurbished amphitheater here on St. John in which to enjoy these programs.”

The renovations were one of the projects from an annual list of “support requests” to Friends from Virgin Islands National Park. Each year, the Friends board of directors reviews park requests and seeks funding for programs and projects such as these and others that preserve, protect and educate within the V.I. National Park. This year, Friends implemented 23 programs and projects from both park support requests and those initiated by Friends.

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Caneel Bay Owner Awaits VINP Action on Cinnamon Bay, Trunk Concessions

By TOM OAT

St. John Tradewinds

CINNAMON BAY — Hoped-for negotiations for the contracts for the operation of the Trunk Bay concessions and the Cinnamon Bay Campground have yet to transpire, but the current concessionaire is preparing for still another season without an operating contract for the future of the concession properties.

When CBI Acquisitions acquired the Caneel Bay Resort properties, the real estate investment company inherited the moribund negotiations for the resort's concession arrangements with the V.I. National Park for the two other North Shore properties historically connected with Caneel Bay management.

V.I. National Park Superintendent Brion FitzGerald said in late 2013 that the NPS hoped to open negotiations with potential operators of the two franchises in mid-2014 and to complete negotiations quickly, but the process has not gotten underway. VINP officials were not available for comment.

"We are constantly communicating with the VINP, but nothing recently regarding the concessions," said Patrick Kidd, a spokesperson for CBI.

Sought-After Concessions

Several players in the island's tourism industry expressed interest in competing for the operating contracts for the Cinnamon Bay Campground and for the concessions at the world-renowned Trunk Bay, an increasingly popular cruise ship tour destination.

CBI is relying on the historic connection between Caneel Bay and the neighboring concessions to give the real estate company a strong argument for renewing the original concession, which has been expired for some time.

How does CBI prepare for a new season without any assured future?

"When it comes to Cinnamon Bay Campground (CBC) remember this is not new for us," Kidd said. "We have been operating CBC on a year-to-year basis for quite some time and will continue do so until an agreement is reached – that new agreement will be with CBI or another entity will be selected."

"CBI manages Cinnamon Bay and the Trunk Bay concession using some of functions of Caneel Bay Resort and will continue to maintain the campground and its environment for the benefit of visitors and residents alike in the meantime," the spokesperson added. "All our facilities meet the required standards to operate the campground."

Investing for Long-Term Concession

"You know well the effects our Caribbean climate has on property, so yes, as ethical business operators, we are constantly investing money into Cinnamon Bay Camps," the spokesperson added.

"Our hope is that a long-term concession will be awarded to CBI and if that were to happen, our investment plan moving forward would certainly look very different," Kidd said without elaboration.

"It's too premature to share with you any specific plans for CBC, however we would certainly have a very different investment approach if we did indeed



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Cinnamon Bay Campground is closed and quiet in early October as the operator CBI Acquisitions, the owner of Caneel Bay Resort, plans for a new season.

retain the concession," the CBI spokesperson added. "We hope that possibility happens soon."

Cinnamon and Trunk Concessions?

"Nothing has changed as far as I am aware," the spokesperson said. "We have not been given a schedule from the VINP for when these negotiations will commence."

It was "too early to speculate" on the concession process, Kidd stated, including:

- Would a rebuild or renovation of the Cinnamon Bay facility include any increase in the size of or other upgrading of the shoreline cottage units?
- Could the tent units at Cinnamon become more of a Concordia Resort-style eco-tent?
- Could more bare camping sites be converted to fixed tents?

"While it is premature to speculate on what may occur with our negotiation, we would go on record as saying that CBI Acquisitions, LLC is committed to retaining the management of Cinnamon Bay Campground and the Trunk Bay Concession," the spokesperson said.

"These are two of the most outstandingly beautiful locations on St. John and within the U.S. Virgin Islands and it is a testament to the vision of the founding of the National Park, that a provision was made with the creation of the Cinnamon Bay Campground for people who may not want to stay in a resort, to enjoy everything the VINP has to offer," Kidd added. "It's absolutely a lifestyle choice to stay at Cinnamon Bay and what better way to escape the pace of the 21st century than to sleep under canvas."

"Marketing Cinnamon Bay Campground is a natural complement to marketing Caneel Bay Resort and this is certainly one of the many beneficial synergies to CBI's management of both concerns," Kidd concluded.

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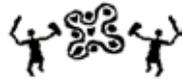
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Bottiger Is Selected New Head of GHS

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GIFT & REGENBACK —

Dr. Laurie Bottiger, an experienced educator, has been selected as the new Head of School at the Giff Hill School and will take the helm on October 13, the school's Board of Trustees announced on October 8.

Dr. Bottiger has more than two decades of experience in education, including service as founding head of school at Esperanza Academy in Lawrence, Massachusetts, and as head of The Country School in Madison, Connecticut.

Bottiger stood out as a candidate because of her love for children, her immersion in educational theory that can support students' healthy development, her commitment to making education meaningful in diverse communities, and her track record of bringing in the resources necessary to provide challenge and nurture within a meaningful curriculum and a strong community, according to the selection announcement.

"Vision, Enthusiasm and Commitment"

"Dr. Bottiger will bring vision, enthusiasm, and commitment to the role of Head of School," said Miles Stair, Chairman of the Board of Trustees. "Dr. Bottiger has a deep background in education and administration that meshes beautifully with Giff Hill School's vision of academic excellence and community access to our offer-



Dr. Laurie Bottiger

ings."

"As a teacher, administrator and founding head of an academy, Dr. Bottiger has always excelled, and we look forward to the many additions she will bring to Giff Hill School and the St. John community," Stair said.

Dr. Bottiger expressed enthusiasm about her new appointment.

"I am honored to be selected to lead Giff Hill School," Dr. Bottiger said. "I already feel connected to the Giff Hill family and look forward to serving the school and community with all my effort and energy."

Bottiger received her B.A. in

elementary education from Edinboro University, her M.A. in early childhood education from Northwest Missouri State University, and her Ph.D. in teaching and curriculum from the University of Kansas. She also has earned an educational specialist certificate in education administration from Central Missouri State and a certificate in non-profit leadership and management from Boston University.

Before becoming head of school at Esperanza, Bottiger served as middle school head at St. Paul's Episcopal Day School in Kansas City, Missouri, and she worked as a middle school teacher, upper school coach, and administrative intern at Pembroke Hill School, also in Kansas City. She has also taught in Florida and in Atsugi, Japan. Bottiger is the mother of two children.

Giff Hill School has benefited from the able interim leadership of Beth Knight, who has brought her consistent love of children and care for the whole community to that role. Miss Beth will assist Dr. Laurie in her transition and resume her role as Lower Campus Principal.

Giff Hill School is the only preschool through high school program on St. John, currently serving more than 160 students.

For more information, call Giff Hill School at 340-776-1730 or email info@giffhillschool.org.

Ray Selected as National Merit Scholarship Semi-finalist

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GIFT & REGENBACK —

Alexander Ray, Giff Hill School Class of 2014, has been selected as a semi-finalist in the 60th Annual National Merit Scholarship Program, the St. John school announced October 10.

Alex is one of only three students chosen from the U.S. Virgin Islands and 16,000 academically talented seniors nationwide who have an opportunity to continue in the competition for 7,600 National Merit Scholarships worth \$33 million that will be offered next spring.

To become a finalist, Alex was required to submit a de-

tailed scholarship application including information about his academic record, participation in school and community activities, leadership abilities, and honors and awards received. National Merit Scholarship winners of 2015 will be announced in nationwide news releases between April and July.

Alex consistently earns High Honors for his academic achievements at GHS and is a talented actor in Giff Hill School's theater program.

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Alexander Ray is the son of Eleanor Gibney and Gary Ray.

Island to Table Event Was Gastronomic Joy Ride at Ocean 362

By TOM OAT

St. John Tradewinds

GALLOWS POINT — Does the food taste as good as it looks or does it look as good as it tastes?

Chef Shaun Brian of Ocean 362 restaurant at The Gallows Point Resort teamed with special Guest Chef Digby Stridiron, the Caribbean Tourism Organization Chef of the Year, to present a special six-course, “Island To Table” dining experience to more than 60 mostly-island gastronomes and a few serendipitous visitors who just happened to be on island for the early start of season and stopped in to check out the resort’s newest fine dining experience — including a honeymooning couple from a neighboring resort and a few lucky Gallows Point owners who happened to be on island.

The two exciting young chefs teamed up to create a special presentation at Ocean 362 at The Gallows Point Resort of what St. John-raised Shaun Brian envisions as “West Indian fusion with modern gastronomy” and “thoughtfully-sourced, chef-driven, island-to-table dining” as he takes over the popular dining spot.

Kitchen of Talent

But it took a kitchen of talent to simultaneously prepare six successive courses for more than five-dozen diners — and a fast-paced serving team to deliver them accompanied by libations and wine pairings by the Jason Howard and Josh Rossiter.

The experienced staff under the direction of Chef Shaun Brian mustered together to serve a six-course meal of challenging artistic precision and gastronomic vision at the iconic Cruz Bay shoreline resort res-



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Chef Shaun Brian, above left, slices tuna, and above far right, works with special Guest Chef Digby Stridiron, of St. Croix, to present a special six-course “Island To Table” dining experience on Friday, October 10.

taurant with dazzling sunset views over St. Thomas.

The first course appetizer of perfectly deep-fried, miniature johnny cakes topped with smoked feta and jolly farms turmeric mustard and the second course, an artistic plate of native caught tuna sashimi with locally-sourced seared watermelon, radish, jolly farms red avocado, mango ginger emulsion and salt pond sea salt, alerted diners and their palettes to what was in store through the evening’s extravaganza of taste sensations.

No island meal would be complete without Josephine’s Organic Greens from Josephine and Hugo Roller’s Coral Bay Organic Gardens, the third course of the evening, and no chef knows that better than Shaun Brian who worked for the Rollers at their agricultural center in his youth.

The fourth course of a perfectly-classic island kallaloo of greens with pork crackling accompanied by locally-caught spiny lobster mojo, breadfruit pudding and preserved carrot was a medley of taste sensations which prepared diners for the fifth course of

braised St. Croix lamb faro with hog plum gastrique, salsa verde, spiced pepitas, garlic chive, scallion and pumpkin soubise.

Course six, dessert, did not miss a beat in the high intensity presentation with guava grout and butter bread with coconut crème anglaise, rum raisin, mint and pistachio crum.

When the show was over, the new island kitchen team celebrated in the glow of the immediate reviews as they mingled with guests — and the traditions of fine dining on St. John opened a new chapter.



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Johnsons Bay Did Not Meet Water Quality Standards Last Week

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The Department of Planning and Natural Resources's (DPNR) Beach Water Quality Monitoring Program, which evaluates weekly water quality at popular swimming beaches throughout the Territory, advises the public of the following:

DPNR performed water quality analysis at the five designated beaches on St. John during the week of October 6-10. The following beaches on St. John met water quality standards and are safe for swimming or fishing:

– Cruz Bay

– Oppenhiemer
– Great Cruz Bay

* Note: Hart Bay on St. John could not be accessed at the time of sample collection.

However, the following beach(es) did not meet water quality standards and are not safe for swimming or fishing:

– Johnsons Bay

DPNR will continue to monitor the impacted areas and waters. For additional information regarding water quality call the Division of Environmental Protection at 773-1082 in St. Croix.

SAVE THE DATE:

Second Annual Coral Bay Bizarre Bazaar Is Set for Dec. 13 at Pickles in Paradise

St. John Tradewinds

Mark your calendars and dust off your jingle bells. On Saturday, December 13, the Coral Bay Bizarre Bazaar returns for its second year to Pickles In Paradise on route 107 just past the Coral Bay Triangle.

At last year's event, hundreds of St. John residents and island visitors alike reveled at the surprise hit party of the season. While enjoying non-stop music, dancing, eating, drinking, shopping, and a surprise visit from Santa Claus attendees raised over \$12,000 through fundraising raffles, contests, auctions, and a yard/plant sale to support Coral Bay Community Council activities.

This year's party promises to be even bigger. More entertainment! More shopping! More kids activities! More prizes! More Bizarre! More Bazaar!

Holiday Shopping: Naughty or nice, find the perfect handcrafted island gift for everyone on your list. Browse the wares of vendors offering unique art, crafts and edibles suited to every taste. Share your island life with friends and family by shipping home locally made specialties.

Vendors and Artists: Register for your vending space today! Generate holiday cash while supporting your community and having fun. Preferred placement for those who register and pay early; 6 ft. table space or 10'x10' tent spaces available. Rental tables are available on request. Email the committee at CBbizarrebazaar@gmail.com or contact Nancy Stromp at 775-0533.

Beer Competition: Taste locally crafted brews at the Local Brew Competition hosted in partnership with the VI Brew Club and St. John Brewers. Sample all entries in your commemorative take home glass.

Beer artisans, enter today! Are you up to the challenge? Exhibit your best brew and take home the prize. Individuals and breweries are invited to participate. To enter, contact Sarah Groves at 244-3260.

Entertainment: Be dazzled by stellar entertain-

ment from start to finish. Enjoy the St. John Christmas Choir, local bands, dancing, a visit from Santa and much more. Who knows what amusements are in store?

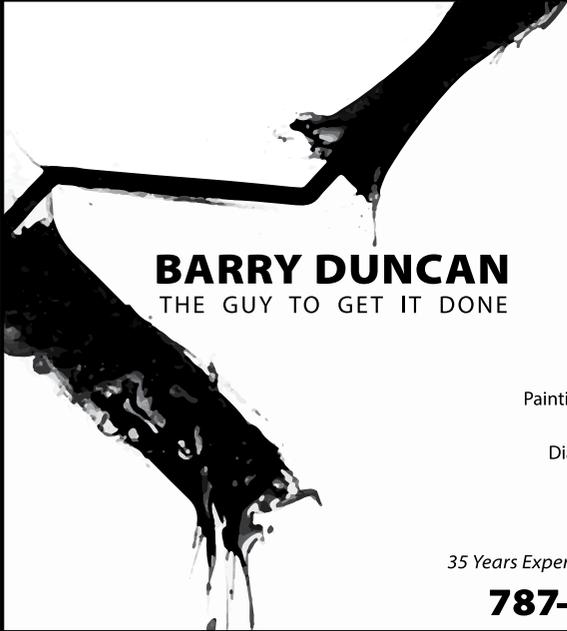
Musicians and Variety Acts: Contribute your talent to a good cause! Both island greats and undiscovered soon-to-be greats shared songs, laughs, and thrills with the Bizarre audience in an open stage format last year. Do you juggle, tell jokes, are you in a band? Let us know, and you're in the show. Contact Entertainment Director, Tarah MacGregor at 513-9889.

The Coral Bay Community Council (CBCC) is the host of the Bizarre Bazaar and uses the proceeds to fund its programs. The CBCC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization staffed by two employees and dozens of volunteers, and gratefully receives charitable donations.

The CBCC helps assure that the Coral Bay community has safe drinking water, clean beaches and bay waters, cultural and environmental protection, and land-use and development accountability. For more information, visit CBCC's website at: <http://www.coralbaycommunitycouncil.org>

The CBCC will direct the proceeds to projects supporting the Coral Bay community. The Coral Bay Agriculture Center has been selected to receive a portion of this year's funds for repairs to the building that houses the community room in cooperation with the American Legion Post.

The Bizarre Bazaar planning committee is busy taking your ideas and making them a reality. Community involvement and suggestion are welcomed. Volunteers are needed. Beginning in November, event organizers will be accepting donations for the auction, the raffle, the yard sale, the plant sale and sponsorships. Direct questions and suggestions via email to CBbizarrebazaar@gmail.com or call Nancy Stromp at 775-0533.



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Coral Bay Athlete Mimi Roller Eying Olympic Bid for 2016 Brazil

By JAIME ELLIOTT
St. John Tradewinds

CORAL BAY — Coral Bay Olympian Mayumi “Mimi” Roller and sailing partner Kayla McComb recently wrapped up a successful summer as the pair continue working toward qualifying for the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Roller is home on St. John for the rest of October helping out at her family’s Coral Bay Garden Center and will head up to Clearwater, Florida in November to continue training with sailing partner McComb and gear up for several winter regattas.

This summer saw the pair competing in Europe and the northeast as they continued to improve sailing a trapeze-style 49erFX, a high performance skiff. The Brazil Summer Olympics will be the first time 49erFX — a somewhat recent advancement of the men’s 49er skiff with less sail area — for women’s class. And Roller and McComb are hoping to be in that first Olympic women’s 49FX fleet.

The sailors spent, June, July and most of August travelling around Europe, competing in regattas from Finland to Spain. Their first regatta was Keil Week in Kiel, Germany, where they endured a week marked by high winds, capsized and broken gear. Despite not being able to finish a single race during the regatta, McComb and Roller kept their spirits high and expected things to only improve.

“All in all, Kiel Week was a disappointing event to say the least,” said Roller. “But we learned from each mistake and kept looking forward.”

With what might have been their training low point to date behind them, the sailors headed up to Helsinki, Finland for the European Championship in early July. McComb and Roller logged several days of training before the regatta kicked off. Although the sailors struggled with high winds of more than 20 knots — conditions in which they had not been able to practice much — the pair enjoyed their first top 10 finish in Finland.

Roller and McComb flew back

to states in mid-July to train in California and Rhode Island before heading to Oyster Bay, New York for the US National Championships.

“We had some struggles, but we had some good results in New York,” said Roller. “We won our first medal race, which was a great way to end the regatta on a high note.”

With their skills on the 49erFX steadily improving the sailors flew back to Europe in September to compete in the ISAF Sailing World Championships in Santander, Spain, their first Olympic qualifier.

While the women did not end up qualifying for Rio during the regatta, they logged important time on the water and continued mastering their handling of the 49erFX, explained Roller.

“Spain was beautiful,” said Roller. “We were on the north coast and it was really warm and the breeze was great during training. When the regatta started, however, the weather changed and it was either too light or too windy for the most of the regatta.”

“We weren’t able to get many races off because of the weather,” Roller said.

Despite not qualifying the Virgin Islands for the 2016 Summer Olympics during the ISAF Worlds, Roller and McComb enjoyed the camaraderie of more than 1,000 sailing from 83 different nations.

“We didn’t qualify, but we did improve our sailing and we’re happy with how we’ve been progressing,” said Roller. “We had a lot of time on the water this summer and we had a few good results. We’re definitely getting a lot better, but we still have a lot to learn.”

Roller will join McComb in Clearwater, Florida in November to train on their 49erFX and prepare for a few winter events. Roller will be back on St. John in December — when she plans to host at least one fundraiser — before returning to Florida in January for the Mid-Winters Regatta in Miami, and the North American Championships in Clearwater.

“We’ll spend a lot of time

training and there will be other top teams there which will be great for us,” said Roller.

In 2015, Roller and McComb will have three opportunities to punch their ticket to Rio for the Summer 2016 games. The sailors continue to accept donations to aid their Olympic bid and are planning an event for this winter on St. John.

For more information about Roller and McComb, or to help support the sailors, check out their website mksailing.com or email rollermccombsailing@gmail.com.



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Island sailing sensation Mayumi “Mimi” Roller.



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By **JAIME ELLIOTT**
St. John Tradewinds

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The site is located just a short drive from Cruz Bay's exciting nightlife and shopping at 5GF Estate Pastory. A partially constructed home sits on a 0.33-acre site just waiting to be snatched up for \$175,000, according to Donnelly.

"You can't beat the price with a water view and all the work that has been done," said the 340 Real Estate broker/owner. "This would be a great project for someone to complete."

The home is being sold as a land listing, yet there

are several improvements to the site, Donnelly explained.

"This is being offered as a land listing," she said. "The land has a cistern, a house structure and what looks like a decent roof."

Head Start in Construction

The driveway for the future home has been excavated and a house structure has already been started on this Estate Pastory site.

And, don't forget about those water views, Donnelly added.

"There are nice views of Pillsbury Sound and St. Thomas from this parcel," said the 340 Real Estate broker/owner. "The land is located close to town and offers sunset views."

This Estate Pastory property is being sold as is and where is, Donnelly explained.

For more information about this 5GF Estate Pastory parcel, call Donnelly at 340 Real Estate at (340) 779-4478 or on her cell phone at (340) 643-6068.

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With the addition of a Giff Hill route providing a loop from Cruz Bay to the Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center, the new bright blue and yellow VITRAN buses have become a synchronized mass transit system spanning St. John with a round-trip schedule also running the length of the island between Cruz Bay and Salt Pond along the shoreline of Coral Harbor on Route 107.

While the new VITRAN buses continue to follow a one-way loop through Cruz Bay from the Loredon L. Boynes Ferry Dock by Wharfside Village and back to the First Bank corner on Kronprinngaden, the narrow streets continue to present a logistical challenge.

Will officials ever switch back to the one way traffic from the dock to First Bank?

Could a real police officer be present to reverse the traffic and allow the buses to drive straight up from the ferry bock past Connections.

Or, maybe Roland could do it — outfitted with the appropriate uniform.

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Letters to *St. John Tradewinds*

Storms on the Water

In the Bible there are examples of turbulent storms at sea. Living on St. John, we know about weathering storms and squalls as our marine transportation connects the islands.

Just as we trust the captain to use all available equipment to bring the vessel safely to port, many of us place our faith into a higher power to navigate thru the storms of life. The perils of living here is no different than elsewhere.

We still have to deal with crime, cost of living and corruption. Added to this mix are our children, trying to grow up in a confused and cluttered community.

The world's answer to this chaos is to find happiness in drinking, smoking and sexing. For the adults, it's about drama, divorce and deals. All of this leads to a lifetime of pain, regret and misunderstandings.

Locked in their own thinking, folks emerge from the storms, battered-bruised and torn. Unable to recognize and comprehend the lessons gained from trials. We sometimes end up back in the same problems, repeating our mistakes over and over again.

That is the reason many adults have childish behavior. Our inner persons haven't survived the storm. We're still battling the high winds and seas.

In one of the Biblical examples, Jesus said to the storm "Peace be still" and at once everything became quiet. In the midst of this political season, marina issues, trash problems and school consolidation can we truly find peace? Will these storms fracture and break our sense of family?

The decisions concerning these trials will affect everyone for many years. We will either come out with negative despair for the future or positive hope for the present.

It is my prayer that the center of your storm be filled with faith, hope and love.

"We're going to need all three."

**Savvy,
Emmanuel Prince**

Crossword Answers (Puzzle located on Page 20)

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V.I. Government Views St. John as "Rich Enclave"

The V.I. Government continues to look at St. John as a rich enclave on which to balance its mismanaged books. They overlook (intentionally?) the fact that there are a number of St. Johnians, both those whose families have been here for many generations and those who have moved here to make St. John their home, that want nothing more than to live and work here peacefully and enjoy their lives on this beautiful island we are blessed to find ourselves.

I was born here and live on land that my grandfather purchased in 1928 and where my father grew up. I love living there with my family and growing fruit trees, keeping bees and working to improve my home. Our intention is to continue to pass this land down through the generations as a family legacy. We do not have any intent to sell this land.

However, the government views my land as though I am part of the neighbouring Peters Bay complex of over-priced land, multi-million dollar villas and mega-mansions that sell repeatedly for ever higher prices and chooses to tax my land similarly.

And this is happening all over St. John to people like me and others who have made St. John their home for many years. However, apparently not as much on St. Thomas and St. Croix — why not? I guess no high level government decision makers live on St. John.

The locals are being squeezed out in favour of the rich developers and speculators that the government hopes to make money off of. We also see this with the recent CZM approval of a horribly egregious (environmentally and socially) proposed marina and shopping complex for Coral Bay.

Will this benefit local St. Johnians? Of course not, we are just left to suffer the consequences. And how will this affect land taxes in Coral Bay?

The FAIR thing to do would be to tax land at its fair market value at the time of its last sale. Periodic adjustments could be made based on improvements to the land but the value of the land would remain the same until it is sold. At that time, fair market value could be applied according to location and comparable land sales.

This would protect those of us who are not interested in selling our land but don't want to be forced off our land due to ever increasing land values based on developers and speculators whose only interest is making money.

Why make us, whose hearts and hands hold St. John dear, suffer to satisfy the greed of a few? Be fair before St. Johnians become an Endangered Species.

**Rafe Boulon
#2 Trunk Bay, St. John**

Tradewinds Kept Stateside Property Owner Informed

"Tax Assessor Offers Relief from Property Tax Sticker Shock," the article that appeared in Tradewinds issue dated September 22-October 5, 2014, is the first and only information I have concerning the 2013-14 Tax Bill Relief. I regret not having this information earlier from the Tax Assessor's Office due to the fact that I rushed to make an early payment with five per-

cent discount, not knowing that I qualify for two of the tax breaks.

Keep up the good work because I depend on Tradewinds to keep me informed.

**M. Ethel Thomas
Queens, NY**

Mistake To Arm Syrian Rebels

President Obama, with the approval of Congress, has blundered ahead to fund and arm so called moderate Sunnis in Syria to fight the radical Sunnis in Iraq and Syria (ISIS). This is a huge error because there are no moderate Sunnis.

In the Middle East it is all about religion. The so called moderate Sunnis in Syria will turn the arms against President Assad of Syria and his Shiite followers. Their enemy is Assad and the Shiites, not the fellow Sunnis of ISIS. If they succeed in overthrowing Assad, the so called moderate Sunnis and ISIS will incorporate all of Syria and part of Iraq into their

caliphate.

This will mean we will have to continue our air campaign in Iraq and Syria, but now we will have to go after a much wider and more entrenched target which is equipped with our equipment.

We should continue the air strikes, arm the Kurds, and provide advisers to the Iraqi Army. If we have to arm the Syrians, we should sell them low quality arms with no spare parts.

**Donald A. Moskowitz
Londonderry, NH**

ATTENTION!
St. John Tradewinds resumes weekly publishing.

Obituaries

Genevieve Marsh: Matriarch of Coral Bay and Carolina Valley Dies at 94

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Genevieve Marsh, the matriarch of Coral Bay and the Carolina Valley, died October 1, 2014, at the age of 94 at her home "Robertsville" on the shore of Coral Harbor.

"Miss Jenny" was preceded in death by her husband, William Henry Marsh; daughter, Helen Marsh Johnson, and grandson, Hermes Phillips.

She is survived by daughters Florine Marsh Fluhler, Wilma Marsh Monsanto, Sylvia Marsh, Genevieve Mae-Rose Marsh and Glen Myra Marsh; sons Vernon O. Marsh Sr., Egbert C. Marsh, Ezio L. Marsh, Rupert W. Marsh and Elvis E. Marsh; son-in-law Liston Monsanto Sr.; daughter-in-law Ella Marsh; grandchildren Averyll Fluhler Douglas, Stephan Fluhler, Lorelei Monsanto, Liston Monsanto Jr., Russell Scott Johnson, Marsh Clothier, Duane Wade, Daryl Wade, Diane Wade-Brookes, Chanda Roberts, Yolanda Marsh, Alischia Marsh, Elney Marsh, Emia Marsh, Vernon Marsh Jr., Michael Marsh, Brandi Marsh, Eric Marsh, Ashley Marsh, Tamona Marsh, Kamahl Phillips,



"Miss Jenny" Marsh

Jamal Phillips, Af-Boigny Phillips, Egbert Marsh, Nakia Geneva Marsh and Lauren Marsh; and 18 great grandchildren; special nieces and nephew; Irving Sewer, Laurel Sewer, Violet Mahabir and the Roberts family; and special friends Eglah Clendinen, Ianthe Hendricks, Genevieve Moorehead and Janet Burton; caretaker and friend Teresa Maria Alejo and many other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

The first viewing was Thurs-

day, October 9, at the Celestial Chapel of Hurley-Davis Funeral Home. The second viewing was Saturday, October 11, at the Emmaus Moravian Church, St. John, followed by the service at 10:30 a.m.

Interment was at the East End Cemetery, St. John. Persons attending the service were asked to wear lively colors.

Arrangements were under the direction of Hurley-Davis Funeral Home.

Ivan Wilfred Penn

St. John Tradewinds

Services were conducted September 25 for Ivan Wilfred Penn, also known as Mombasa, who died September 14, 2014.

He is survived by his mother, Emma E. (Stevens) Penn; father, Carl J. Penn; brothers, Jose A. Penn, Andrew D. Penn, Bohangus Penn, Cooper J. Penn; life brothers, Ron A. Morrisette and John Brion Morrisette; sisters-in-law, Linda A. Penn, Lisa M. Penn, Nita D. Penn; nieces, J'nay A. Penn, Kamaria T. Penn, Macy (Penn) Bain; nephews, Joel A. Penn, Jer-

rel A. Penn, Andrew D. Penn, Jr., Shane R. Penn, Kylan A. Penn, Kyle Penn; great-nieces, J'nasia A. Penn, Jelena Penn, Iziane M. Penn, Joi Penn; great-nephews, Jacodi A. Penn, Jaylen Penn; aunts, Reubenia V. (Stevens) Hill, Eva E. (Stevens) Blackwood, Eugenia V. (Penn) Frett, Eleanor (Penn) Parilla, Leota I. (Penn) David, Caroline (Penn) Blackwood, Bianca (Penn) Creque, Reubel (Penn) Smith, Kitten (Penn) Grant, Susan (Penn) Bailey; uncles, Mario F. Walters, Pastor Winston W. Vanterpool Rudman I. Stevens, CPO, USN,

Ret. Richard A. Penn, Gafford Penn, James Penn, Charles A. Penn, Cecil Penn, Franklyn Penn, William Penn; great-aunts, Delita (Venzen) O'Connor, Othelia (George) Stevens, Violet (George) Stevens; godparent, Alice Dasant Williams; special friends Kimberly R. Penn, Mia Powell, Anice Wilson, Mary Montoute, Wilford J. Vanterpool, Cromwell (Hiki) Vanterpool, Mrs. Riisa Rymer, and family and friends on St. John, Virgin Gorda, Tortola, St. Thomas, St. Croix, the U.S. mainland and the St. John community.

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Community Calendar

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

Monday, October 13

— Using Sport for Social Change will bring back, for the sixth year in a row, a free fun-filled day of sports for youth ages 5 to 17 years on Monday, October 13, at Winston Wells Ballfield. Pre-registration is required.

Tuesday, October 14

— The V. I. Office of Veterans Affairs is holding general meetings to gain input from Vietnam Veterans as the nation thanks them for their service. Whether served on the frontlines or supported troops from rear positions, veterans are invited to attend these meetings and other events planned specifically for veterans. The meeting on St. John is Tuesday, October 14, at 10 a.m. at the Legislature Building (meeting open to all veterans). For further information, call the Office of Veterans Affairs at 774-6100 or 773-6663.

Friday, October 17

Project Homeless Connect- Friday October 17th from 9AM to 3PM at St. Ursula's Multipurpose Center and the back lot of Department of Human Services. Help us provide homeless Virgin Islanders, and individuals at risk of homelessness, the tools to reconnect to

society. Volunteers needed (especially those with food service cards) can contact Celia Kalousek at St. John Community Foundation 340-693-9410

October 17-18

— Governor John P. de Jongh Jr. and First Lady Cecile deJongh are announcing plans to host the 2014 USVI/BVI Friendship Day on October 17 and 18. This year, the U.S. Virgin Islands will host the main event in downtown Charlotte Amalie.

Saturday, October 18

— On Saturday, October 18, the Animal Care Center of will present the "No Fleas Please" Flea Market Sale at Winston-Wells Ball Field from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sunday, November 2

Get ready for a day of paddleboard fun at Maho Bay! The second annual Paddle the Park standup paddleboard race will be held on Sunday, November 2 at Maho Bay on St. John. Register before October 24 to save on entry fees.

Friday, November 21

Gift Hill School is pleased to announce their fifth annual school-wide community service day, Gift Hill School Gives Back, to be held on Friday, November 21

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

AL-ANON MEETINGS

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

Obituaries

Constancia Sewer Services Are Set for October 17

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Constancia Sewer died September 23, 2014.

She is survived by her sons Dwain Sewer and Troy Bunt; daughter Tamika Bardouille; grandchild Kaliah Bardouille; son-in-law: Eddie Bardouille; sisters: Geraldine Abramson and Josephine Sewer and brothers Raoul, Franklin and Conrad; and many other relatives too numerous to mention.

First viewing will be Thursday, October 16, from

5 to 7 p.m. at the Celestial Chapel at Hurley Davis Funeral Home. Hurley Davis Funeral Home is in charge arrangements.

The second viewing will be Friday, October 17, from 8 to 9 a.m. at the Memorial Moravian Church on St. Thomas with a service at 10 a.m. The St. John service will be on October 17 at 1:30 p.m. at the Emmaus Moravian Church in Coral Bay followed by interment in the Emmaus Moravian Church.

Laura Sewer Funeral Services Are October 17

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Laura Sewer died on October 3, 2014.

She is survived by sons Raoul and Franklin Sewer; daughters Geraldine Abramson and Josephine Sewer; sister Pauline Thomas, and many other relatives and friends.

First viewing will be Thursday, October 16, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Celestial Chapel at Hurley Davis Fu-

neral Home. Hurley Davis Funeral Home is in charge arrangements.

The second viewing will be Friday, October 17, from 8 to 9 a.m. at the Memorial Moravian Church on St. Thomas with a service at 10 a.m. The St. John service will be on October 17 at 1:30 p.m. at the Emmaus Moravian Church in Coral Bay followed by interment in the Emmaus Moarvian Church.

No Tips on V.I. National Park Dock



As overseer of the only dock and bulkhead providing almost-unfettered public access for pleasure boats on St. John, the V.I. National Park is enforcing minimum controls on charter operators picking up and depositing commercial clients at VINP facilities in Cruz Bay creek, according to observers.

"They are ticketing for infractions," the Cruz Bay businessman reported. "They just have to remember to collect their tips before they get to the dock."

10-12

CRYPTOQUIP

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Today's Cryptoquip clue: W equals M

Hope for Disabled, Elderly, Men of Color



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Judi Shimel

St. John resident Ivy Moses, Director of HOPE, Incl, above left, with Dr. Gilbert Sprauve, facilitates panel discussion during the Caribbean Exploratory NIMHD Research Center Health Disparities conference on St. Thomas Thursday, Oct. 9.

The CERC center looks at ways to help get better access to health care for people in need.

This year the conference looked at the needs of the elderly, the disabled, and men of color. St. Johnians Ivy Moses, director of HOPE, Inc. and retired UVI Professor Gilbert Sprauve dropped in at an conference exploring ways to get more and better health care to those who go without.

The 7th Annual Caribbean Exploratory NIMHD Research Center conference focused on the needs of the disabled, the elderly, and men of color.

Researchers and health educators from the Virgin Islands, several U.S. Universities and the V.I. Department of Health explored the topic over two days at the Marriott Frenchman's Reef Resort in St. Thomas.

Baha'is To Celebrate the Birth of Bab

St. John Tradewinds

Baha'is on St. Croix, St. John, St. Thomas, and Tortola will gather after sunset on October 19th to celebrate the Birth of the Bab, the Herald of Baha'u'llah, Prophet Founder of the Baha'i Faith.

Born on October 20, 1819 in Shiraz, the Bab was serene, reverent, highly intelligent, eloquent and charismatic, and possessed unbounded courage. His teachers soon discovered there was nothing they could teach Him that He did not already know. In 1844 He announced that He was the Bab or Gate, the forerunner of an even greater Revelation than His own. The Bab declared that His purpose was to prepare the people for the appearance of the Glory of God, Baha'u'llah, the Promised One of all religions.

In the span of six years the Bab's message swept across Persia and thousands embraced His Cause. He set aflame the hearts and minds of women, men and youth from all strata of society. In an attempt to stop

His teaching work, the Bab was publicly scorned and reviled; His feet were, as was the custom, beaten with a wooden rod. Despite their action, the clergy and government leaders could not silence the Bab. His teachings continued to attract followers in ever growing numbers. Finally, He was imprisoned in a remote and desolate part of the county. But, the spirit of His Cause was more than those in power could bear. In 1850 the Bab was executed.

The Bab and Baha'u'llah are regarded as the Twin Prophets of the Baha'i Faith. The martyrdoms of the Bab and thousands of His followers watered the tree of the Revelation of Baha'u'llah.

The public is invited to join in celebrating the Birth of the Bab at the Baha'i National Center, 129 Contant at 7:30 p.m., October 19. Gatherings will also be held on St. John, St. Croix and Tortola.

For more information and directions, please call 714-1641 on St. John.

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7:30 p.m. Fridays; Study Circles 9 a.m. Sundays
776-6316, 776-6254

Bethany Moravian Church

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

Calvary Baptist Church

13 ABC Coral Bay, 776-6304
Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday evening 6 p.m., Thursday 7 p.m.

Christian Ministry

Cinnamon Bay Beach
Inter-Denominational, Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

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

Cruz Bay Baptist Church

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

Emmaus Moravian Church

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

Freshwater Church

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Sunday Worship 10 am at Hawksnest Beach
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Jehovah's Witness

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

Missionary Baptist Church

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

Nazareth Lutheran Church

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

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church

Saturdays: 6 p.m.; Sundays: 7:30 & 9:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. in Coral Bay
at the John's Folly Learning Institute & 6 pm. in Spanish;
Mondays: 12:15 p.m.; Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays: 7 a.m.
& Fridays: 7 p.m. Call 776-6339 for more information.

Prayer House of Faith

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

St. John Methodist Church

Sunday 10 a.m, 693-8830

Seventh Day Adventist

Saturdays, 779-4477

St. John Pentecostal Church

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

St. Ursula's Episcopal Church

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

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

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

Trunk Bay and Cinnamon Bay Receive Prestigious Blue Flag Certification Again

St. John Tradewinds

ST. THOMAS — The USVI Hotel and Tourism Association (HTA) along with the VI Conservation Society (VICS) announced that, after the extensive annual review process, five beaches and two marinas have been awarded once again the Blue Flag status by the Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE). Blue Flag is an exclusive eco-label promoting sustainable tourism and awarded to beaches and marinas worldwide who meet the established criteria of the program.

It started with 10 participating countries in 1987 and today the Blue Flag Program continues to grow and has been implemented in 48 countries at more 3850 beaches and marinas across Europe, South Africa, Morocco, Tunisia, New Zealand, Brazil, Canada and the Caribbean.

The five beaches receiving this coveted certification are: Emerald Beach and Great Bay on St. Thomas; Trunk Bay and Cinnamon Bay on St. John; and Pelican Cove on St. Croix. Two marinas also received certification: Crown Bay Marina on St Thomas; and Green Cay Marina on St Croix.

The Blue Flag certification is based on compliance with 32 criteria including environmental education and information, water quality, environmental management, and safety and services.

The "Blue Flag Ambassador" for boaters program is slowly growing. The individual Blue Flag is issued to the interested boat owner/user signing an environmental code of conduct declaring that he/she will act according to the issues outlined in the environmental code of conduct and is based on an honor system

Boat owners will be able to apply for membership at the Blue Flag marinas, the national organizations and the Blue Flag International Coordination. Blue Flag Ambassadors will pay \$50.00 membership fee and renew their commitment (signing of code of conduct) every year. This will cover the cost of the boat flags, plaque to be displayed on the vessel and processing.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Cinnamon Bay staff and park officials at last year's Blue Flag raising ceremony at Cinnamon Bay, St. John.

We encourage the boating community to promote sustainable practices and recognize them for their efforts in spreading the word

The Blue Flag Program aims at improving the environmental quality of beaches and marinas and the management of coastal areas in a holistic way. It is a system that does not curtail recreation and tourism in the coastal area but rather helps manage it through a wide range of subjects, activities and users that have direct and indirect interactions with the coastal environment. The Blue Flag Program serves to encourage authorities and managers to provide beaches and marinas with a certain level of environmental quality, cleanliness, and safety standards for local populations and tourists.

The process of acquiring Blue Flag certification involved both monetary and manpower investment. Corporate sponsors - the Department of Tourism and Coral World Ocean Park were generous to contribute to this effort. Key agencies including the Department of Planning and Natural Resources (CZM, EP), National Park Service, VINE, CORE, Department of Tourism, VI Waste Management Authority, The Nature Conservancy, St John Rescue, Department of Education, St Croix Environmental Association, NOAA, Friends of the National Park, University

of the Virgin Islands - VIMAS, and the EPA, provided the staffing to serve on the Blue Flag Jury who conducted inspections of the beaches.

According to Valerie Peters, Blue Flag USVI Coordinator, "We strive to educate recreational coastal users of the delicate ecosystem they are "playing in" and encourage sound practices that will help ensure the health of our marine areas for generations to come."

Recently, over 400 children from all 3 islands signed blue flag pledges to show their commitment to playing their part in protecting our coastal areas such as:

- I pledge to always take away all of my trash from the beach and only through trash in trash receptacles

- I pledge to not disturb wildlife nor remove it from its natural habitat

- I pledge to turn off lights in empty rooms at home

- I pledge to help remind my parents to bring reusable bags to the market

The flags will be raised on all five beaches and two marinas on Monday, December 1, 2014. We encourage residents and visitors to join us in recognizing these locations for their hard work and dedication to implement sound environmentally sustainable tourism practices. For additional information, visit www.blueflagvi.org.

Smokey the Bear... and the aerial ladder truck all the way from St. Thomas!



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tom Oat

Members of the V.I. Fire Department educated and entertained St. John students at the Julius E. Sprauve School in their annual fire safety visit on Thursday, October 9, including hoisting Smokey the Bear high above the Winston Wells Ball Field and dousing a live fire fighting demonstration.



VITEMA Hosting Tsunami Workshop for Boaters

St. John Tradewinds

VITEMA, in conjunction with the NOAA's Caribbean Tsunami Warning Program, will host two tsunami workshops designed specifically to educate the Virgin Islands maritime community on what they need to know about tsunamis.

The St. Thomas workshop will be on Tuesday, November 18, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the University of the Virgin Islands (UVI) Administration and Conference Center.

"The workshops are part of our continuing effort to raise awareness in high-risk coastal communities about tsunami preparedness," said VITEMA Director Elton Lewis. "The workshops will give the maritime community a sense of how tsunamis are generated, how it impacts coastal areas and what to do to stay safe. This is life-safety information and we encourage all boaters who spend a significant amount of time on the water, either as part of their livelihood or for recreation, to attend."

The workshop design is the collaborative effort of scientists and emergency managers working to building a viable Caribbean tsunami warning system. Speakers will include; Christa von Hillebrandt-Andrade, Manager of NOAA's Caribbean Tsunami Warning Program, Prof. Aurelio Mercado of the University of Puerto Rico-Mayaguez, Dr. Patrick Lynett of the University of Southern California, Roy Watlington, retired UVI professor and oceanographer, and representatives of VITEMA, the US Coast Guard, the VI Department of Planning and Natural Resources, VI Port Authority and WICO.

Issues such as impact of tsunamis on boats, vessels and port infrastructure, as well as expected wave heights and currents, safe water depth and distance from shore will be discussed within the context of the territory's tsunami warning system.

For more information or to RSVP call VITEMA at 340-773-2244 ext. 247.

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Crime Stoppers U.S. Virgin Islands

St. John Tradewinds

This week Crime Stoppers USVI was going to change its weekly reports to reflect educational articles; however, to accommodate the Virgin Islands Police Dept. the following cases are presented.

St. John

On September 30 about 4:45 p.m., police were dispatched to #12 Contant regarding a burglary. The home was left securely locked around 10:55 that morning. At about 4:20 when the resident returned home, the dead bolt and window louvers on the southern door showed signs of being tampered with. A 32-inch HDTV, an XBOX 360, an Innovative Cable box, an internet tower, a back pack, a chef's knife, \$100 in cash and shoes had been stolen.

St. Thomas

Your assistance is requested in this cold case. On October 1, 2012 at about 8:40 p.m. a shooting took place near Building 17 of the Tutu Hi-Rise Housing Community. The lifeless body of Kareem Moses, a 19-year-old male of Anna's Retreat, was found lying on the sidewalk with multiple gunshot wounds. If you know anything about this murder, please let us know.

St. Croix

On Friday, October 3 at about 8:50 a.m., police received a call of a possible shooting victim found in an Estate Grove residence. When police arrived, the mother of the victim told officers that, when she awoke in the morning, she found her daughter unresponsive in her bed with a gunshot wound. She told police that she heard a gunshot sometime after midnight but did not pay much attention to it. The victim, 33-year-old Shukura St. Louis, was pronounced dead by medical personnel. If you were awake between 12:00 a.m. and 3:00 a.m., and heard gunshots or a loud argument near the victim's home, please notify Crime Stoppers with any information you know about Ms. St. Louis's untimely death.

Police detectives are also investigating another shooting death where your help is needed. On September 24th in the Mutual Homes Housing Community 25-year-old Miguel Rivera was fatally shot. If you know something about either of these cases, tell us what you know.

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By Frank A. Longo

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NATIONALIST AND THE NEWBORN

ACROSS

- Mrs. Alfred Hitchcock
- Had an expectation
- "C'est moi," in English
- Car financing co., once
- Malicious
- Greater than
- Of film sound effects
- Quiet stretch
- Start of a riddle
- Like potatoes
- a soul (nobody)
- Coagulated
- Similar to
- Have — (know the right person)
- Online letter
- Serpent follower
- Riddle, part 2
- Wields
- Kitten sound
- Flatow or Glass of radio
- SeaWorld attractions
- Minivan driver, often
- Geol., e.g.
- Smart guy
- Purview
- Riddle, part 3
- Many millennia
- Thrill rider's inhalation
- Thrown object's path
- Grafton's "— for Evidence"
- Graph anew
- Riddle, part 4
- Jim who played Ernest

- Worrell
- Smelter input
- Lilt syllable
- Blockhead
- Is, pluralized
- Riddle, part 5
- Befuddled
- Poison in many murder mysteries
- Some small batteries
- Barn bird
- Bird homes
- Flamboyant stole
- Actress Grier
- Soft cheese
- End of the riddle
- "Hostel" director Roth
- Besmirch
- "May — a favor?"
- "Gloria in excelsis —"
- Making out
- "— all know ..."
- Buildup of unfinished work
- Riddle's answer
- Lead-ins to big days
- Elvis hit, e.g.
- Bang or pop
- Unit of matter
- Cardinal and cherry
- Auto type
- "Eeww!"
- \$1,000 units, in slang

DOWN

- French pals
- Southpaw's side
- "Still I Rise" poet
- Arctic parkas
- Boisterous, loud laugh
- Submit to
- "— favor!"
- Still, after all this time
- Hold up
- Doubtful
- To boot
- 35mm camera option
- Resident of Islam's spiritual center
- Cornea coverer
- Overfill
- Like a triplex
- Patriot Ethan
- Bonnie's pal
- Sch. for the Bruins
- Novelist Sarah — Jewett
- Manuscript leaf
- Yes vote
- Zimbalist of "The F.B.I."
- Marlins' city
- "Tasty!"
- With 113-Down, recently
- Pixar's lost clown fish
- "Jake and —" (comedy Web series)
- River to the Seine
- Trapped like —
- Cliffside nest
- Full of lip
- Suave
- Situated in the middle
- Long (for)
- Blocked
- Comic actress
- Gasteyer
- Blissful state
- Buddhism, e.g.: Abbr.
- John Deere Classic org.
- Dorm leaders, for short
- Wolfs (down)

- "Mr. Bean" star Atkinson
- Wipe chalk from
- Ale brand until 2011
- Put on
- Nabokov's longest novel
- Male issue
- Stephen of "Stuck"
- "— ideas?"
- Like a Mass: Abbr.
- African land
- From here — (henceforth)
- Ampule, e.g.
- Poet's foot
- Kin of "me neither"
- Leia, to Luke
- Piano piece
- Bridal gown fabric
- Sit to be painted by, perhaps
- "Great" bird
- Schoolchild's burden
- Dances with dipping
- Squirm
- Menu choice
- Deviating off course
- "My Cup Runneth Over" singer
- Bi- plus octa-
- Go in
- Go out
- Hug go-with
- Port city of Yemen
- Firm cheese
- See 36-Down
- It uses a double reed
- Places to lift
- Tally (up)
- Long of "Premonition"
- 2016 Olympics city

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Plastic Bag Ban



Dear EarthTalk:

What's the latest on efforts to ban plastic bags? How many U.S. locales have instituted some kind of ban, and have these initiatives made a dent in the amount of plastic litter?

– Melinda Clarke, New York, NY

California made big news recently when it announced the first statewide ban on plastic shopping bags set to kick in during the middle of 2015. Beginning in July, large grocery stores, pharmacies and other food retailers in the Golden State will no longer be able to send shoppers home with plastic bags, while convenience markets, liquor stores and other small food retailers will join the ranks a year later.

Back in 2007, San Francisco became the first U.S. municipality to ban plastic shopping bags. In intervening years upwards of 132 other cities and counties in 18 states and

the District of Columbia instituted similar measures. Of course, Americans are late to the party when it comes to banning plastic bags: The European Union, China, India and dozens of other nations already have plastic bag bans or taxes in place.

But the trend here toward banning plastic shopping bags comes in the wake of new findings regarding the extent and harm of plastic in our environment. Since plastic isn't biodegradable, it ends up either in landfills or as litter on the landscape and in waterways and the ocean. Plastic can take hundreds of years to decompose and releases toxins into the soil and water in the process.

Littered plastic is also a huge problem for the health of wildlife, as many animals ingest it thinking it is food and can have problems thereafter breathing and digesting. The non-profit Worldwatch Institute reports that at least 267 species of marine wildlife



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are known to have suffered from entanglement or ingestion of marine debris, most of which is composed of plastic; tens of thousands of whales, birds, seals and turtles die every year from contact with ocean-borne plastic bags. A recent European Commission study on the impact of litter on North Sea wildlife found that some 90 percent of the birds examined had plastic in their stomachs.

Another reason for banning plastic bags is their fossil fuel burden. Plastic is not only made from petroleum—producing it typically requires a lot of fossil-fuel-derived energy. The fact that Americans throw away some 100 billion plastic grocery bags each year means we are drilling for and importing millions of barrels worth of oil and natural gas for a convenient way to carry home a few groceries.

It's hard to measure the impact of pre-existing plastic bag bans, but some initial findings look promising. A plastic bag tax levied in Ireland in 2002 has reportedly led to a 95 percent reduction in plastic bag litter there. And a study by San Jose, California found that a 2011 ban instituted there has led to plastic litter reduction of “approximately 89 percent in the storm drain system, 60 percent in the creeks and rivers, and 59 percent in City streets and neighborhoods.”

Environmental groups continue to push for more plastic bag bans. “As U.S. natural gas production has surged and prices have fallen, the plastics industry is looking to ramp up domestic production,” reports the Earth Policy Institute. “Yet using this fossil fuel endowment to make something so short-lived, which can blow away at the slightest breeze and pollutes indefinitely, is illogical—particularly when there is a ready alternative: the reusable bag.”

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