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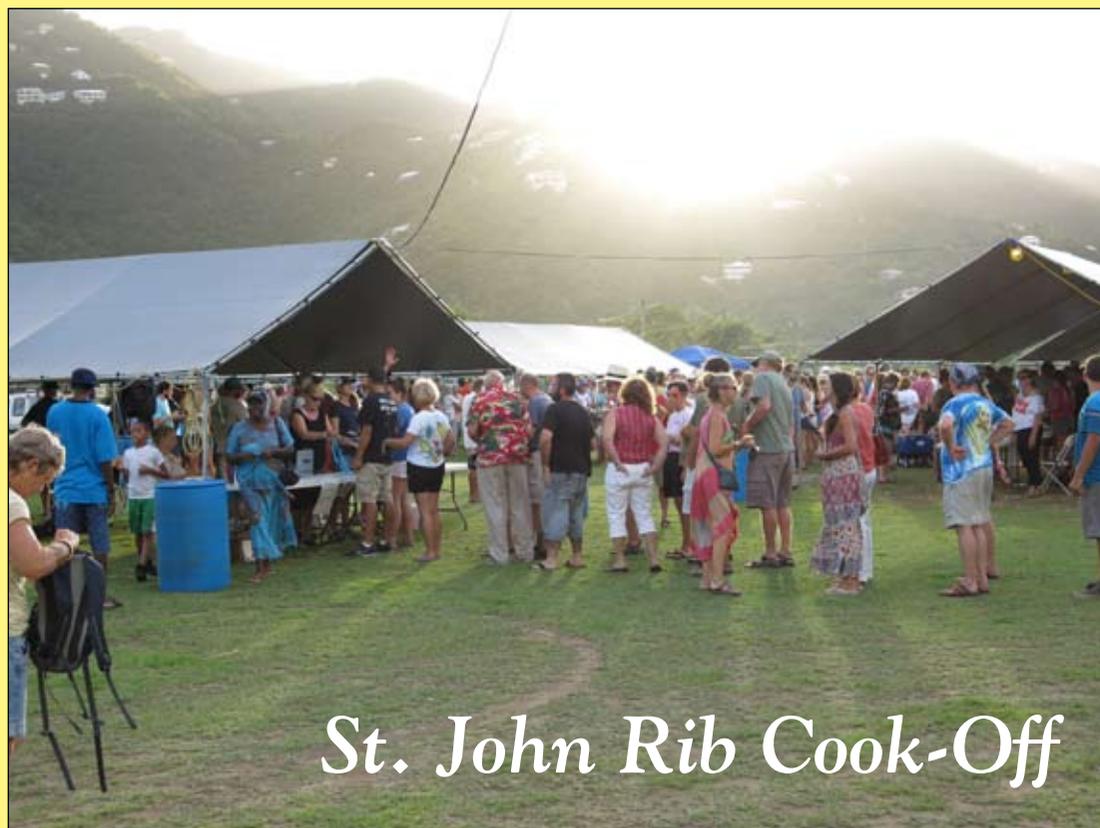


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St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Rib Cook-Off Draws Huge Crowd to Coral Bay

A big crowd filled the Coral Bay ball field Saturday afternoon, November 15, for the St. John Rib Cook-Off in support of St. John Rescue. The annual fundraiser netted more than \$8,000. In the end, it was Team Skinny Legs that took first place. **SEE FULL STORY AND ADDITIONAL PHOTOS ON PAGE 10.**

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Absentee Voting Extended Until Monday

By JUDI SHIMEL
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ST. THOMAS — The Board of Elections, St. Thomas-St. John District on Saturday, November 15, approved a measure to extend absentee voting to Monday in advance of Tuesday's run-off election for governor, on St. John.

The district elections board on Saturday Nov. 15 also agreed to allow newly registered voters wishing to take part in the run-off election to submit provisional ballots. That decision was reached after elections officials heard objections from Attorney General Vincent Frazer.

Frazer was responding to press reports, following a meeting of the joint elections board on Thursday, Nov. 13. At that meeting members voted not to allow those who registered after Nov. 4 to vote in the run-off. The attorney general said to deny some qualified new voters that right would be to disenfranchise them.

The filing of provisional ballots gives elections officials an opportunity to check the qualifications of the voter after the ballot is cast and before adding that vote to the overall count.

Those who wish to vote can do so at the St. John Elections Systems office, west of the Cruz Bay traffic circle, next to O'Connor's Jeep Rental, starting at about 12 noon on Monday, according to election officials.

About 10 St. John residents came to the elections office to submit absentee ballots earlier that day, Board of Elections member Alecia Wells said at the Saturday meeting of the district board. Wells said Monday's absentee balloting will begin later in the day, to allow poll workers to report for duty.

Absentee ballots are available to qualified voters who will not be present on the day of the election, Tuesday Nov. 18, but wish to exercise their civic duty. They are asked to bring their voter's registration card with them when they vote.

Run-Off Election Day Is Legal Holiday

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Following Saturday's certification of the 2014 General Election by the district Boards of Elections which results require a run-off election in the gubernatorial race, Government House on Sunday advised that Tuesday, November 18, the run-off election day, will be a legal holiday across the Virgin Islands.

As such, local government offices across the Territory will be closed on Tuesday.

Title 18 of the Virgin Islands Code provides that elections days are legal holidays and spells out specific provisions that provide for all employees who are required to work on those days be entitled to

two hours off from their jobs without loss of pay to vote.

See VI Code citation below.

TITLE EIGHTEEN Elections Chapter 1. General Provisions 18 V.I.C. § 3 (2014)

§ 3. Election days as legal holidays; time off to vote; acts done on Sundays or other legal holidays

(a) The day on which general elections are held shall be a legal holiday in the Virgin Islands, while all primary elections shall be held on a Saturday. All employees who are required to work on those days shall be entitled to two hours off from their jobs without loss of pay to vote in all primaries and elections, provided that they

notify their employers before such primaries or elections of their intention to be absent for the purpose of voting.

(b) No part of any day fixed for the performance of any duties by any person or official under this title shall be deemed a Sunday or other legal holiday so as to affect the legality of any work done for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this title, or the right of any person to any compensation herein provided for rendering any service required hereby, or so as to relieve any person from doing on such day whatever is necessary for such purposes, and such services are hereby declared to be necessary public services.

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.

Flavors of St. John Set for Nov. 22

Tickets are on sale now and going fast for the Nov. 22 Flavors, A Taste of St. John, at the Westin Resort from 6 until 11 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased at www.flavorsstjohn.com and at Connections, Chelsea Drug Store, St. John Properties, and Trevor's Activity Center in Mongoose Junction shopping center. St. John Rotary Club members also have tickets available. Tickets are \$100 in advance, and \$110 at the door. Card carrying food handlers pay \$75 for advance tickets.

Annual 5K Turkey Run November 27

It's time once again for the much loved annual Turkey Run!

The St. John Landsharks are hosting a fun filled 5-K run on Thanksgiving Day, November 27.

Registration will take place at the Annaberg parking lot starting at 7:30 a.m., race starts at 8 a.m. There is no registration fee for this event, but a donation of dog or cat food would be greatly appreciated and will benefit the Animal Care Center of St. John.

Let's help out our furry friends this holiday season!

Parking is limited, please carpool if possible. The course is a looping 5K in the areas of Annaberg/Francis/Leinster, as well as an abbreviated course for the little ones. Fun Thanksgiving themed prizes and awards.

For more info, email Louise at louise@surfbvi.com or Jude at timberdickwoody@gmail.com. or email stjohncancerfund@gmail.com. See you there!!

Thanksgiving Regatta Starts Nov. 28

The Coral Bay Yacht Club is hosting its annual Thanksgiving Regatta Friday and Saturday, November 28 and 29.

The annual regatta is a fundraiser for the non-profit youth sailing organization St. John Kids and the Sea. Registration, skippers meetings and after parties will take place at CBYC's Skinny Legs.

Registration for single-handed sailors and traditional class will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, November 28. The skippers meeting will follow at 9 a.m. An after party with live music will be hosted at Skinny Legs on Friday night.

Saturday's skipper's meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. at Skinny Leg with the awards party, featuring live music by Hudson and the Hoodoo Cats, at 6 p.m.

Entry fee for regatta is \$40 and raffle tickets —\$5 each or five for \$20 — are available from KATS students and at Keep Me Posted, and Connections East and West.

Annual Fortsberg Pilgrimage Nov. 28

St. John Historical Society members are invited to take part in the Nov. 28 pilgrimage to Fortsberg, which commemorates the start of the 1733 slave rebellion on St. John. As of press time, details of this activity are still being determined. SJHS plans on posting the information when it becomes available in the Events and Programs section of their website.

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de Jongh Signs, Sends Coral Bay Mega-Yacht Marina Permit to Senate

By TOM OAT

St. John Tradewinds

ST. THOMAS — Virgin Islands Gov. John P. de Jongh Jr. signed the Coastal Zone Management (CZM) permit for the development of the Summer's End Group's "mega-yacht" marina in Coral Bay Harbor on Wednesday, November 5, and asked the V.I. Legislature for "prompt and favorable consideration" of the controversial plan to build a 145-slip marina in the isolated boating community.

The permit will go before the V.I. Legislature's Committee on Economic Development, Agriculture and Planning for a public hearing on Dec. 17 at the Legislature Building on St. Thomas.

Government House spokesman Jean P. Greaux, Jr. confirmed the CZM permit had been signed by Gov. de Jongh and Greaux forwarded a copy of the signed permit along with an undated letter from Gov. de Jongh to the V.I. Senate in an e-mail transmission to *St. John Tradewinds* at 6:34 p.m. on Monday, November 10.

Greaux was responding to a Friday, November 7, inquiry from

Tradewinds.

"This subject permit is to allow the construction of a 145-skip marina, a designated mooring field of up to 75 moorings, a pump-out station and a fuel station at and seaward of Plot Nos. 10-17, 10-018, 10-19, 10-41 Rem. 13A, 13B, and 13Rem. Estate Carolina, St. John," Gov. de Jongh wrote Senate President Shawn Michael Malone.

"This permit also includes 27.5 acres of submerged land areas surrounding the structures described in this permit," Gov. de Jongh continued, in reference to the major portion of the anchorage the marina developers plan to cover with their marina and several relocated mooring fields.

Delayed Confirmation

On the same day Gov. de Jongh signed the CZM permit, a letter was published in the *Virgin Islands Daily News* written by the leader of the Coral Bay community opposition group formed to fight the marina development urging the governor not to sign the permit. The group, Save Coral Bay, has raised more than \$60,000 in donations for legal fees in little more than one month. (See related

Legislative Committee to Hear Coral Bay Mega-Yacht Marina Plan December 17

By TOM OAT
St. John Tradewinds

The permit for the Coral Bay mega-yacht marina will go before the V.I. Legislature's Committee on Economic Development, Agriculture and Planning for a public hearing on Dec. 17 at the Legislature Building on St. Thomas.

The committee hearing on the permit for the controversial project by The Summer's End Group, LLC., will be chaired by Sen. Janet Millen-Young and tentatively is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. although no agenda has been announced.

Governor John P. de Jongh Jr., who promised in his January 2014 State of the Territory address that he would deliver a marina development to the territory, signed the St. John Committee of the Virgin Islands Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Commission permit for the 145-slip marina on November 5.

The permit had been approved by the St. John CZM committee on October 1 and Gov. de Jongh forwarded it to the V.I. Legislature after signing asking the senators to fast-track their approval of plan.

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After being asked about the status of the permit on Friday,

November 7, Government House spokesman Greaux did not confirm the Governor's action until

Monday, November 10.

"I can confirm that the governor has submitted for senate consideration a major CZM permit that if approved would allow the construction of a 145-slip marina, a designated mooring field of up to 75 moorings, a pump out station and a fuel station," Government House spokesperson Greaux emailed *St. John Tradewinds* at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 10.

"The permit will also allow the use and occupancy of the structures identified within the permit including 27.5 acres of submerged land areas surrounding the structures," Greaux e-mailed. "The permit is for 20 years with option to renew within 90 days of the expiration date. Terms are subject to negotiation."

The permit would become effective upon the Legislature's approval, according to the CZM Permit No. CZJ-04-14(W). There was no information on the status of any negotiations between the V.I. Government and the marina developers for the lease of the submerged lands which currently are a heavily-used mooring field and anchorage. (See related story inset.)

Save Coral Bay Partners With VICS To Launch BLUA Appeal of SEG's Coral Bay Mega-Marina

By JAIME ELLIOTT

St. John Tradewinds

CORAL BAY — About six weeks after the St. John Coastal Zone Management Committee okayed a mega-marina for Coral Bay, the Save Coral Bay campaign has managed to raise more than \$60,000 for legal fees while spearheading a multi-pronged attack on the project.

On October 1, Summers End Group was granted a Major Land and Water Use permit by the St. John Coastal Zone Committee to construct a 145-slip marina taking up 28 acres of submerged land in Coral Bay harbor.

The project faced strong opposition by many Coral Bay residents and visitors, who launched the Save Coral Bay campaign and Fund on October 4. Since then, the group of community activists with support from Coral Bay Community Council, as well as across the country and the world, has raised in excess of \$63,000 through a www.GoFundMe.com site.

Last week — just a day after Governor John deJongh signed SEG's permit and sent it to

"We were disappointed that the governor failed to take public sentiment into account when he signed this permit. We weren't surprised because he had announced almost a year ago that he was in favor of a marina on St John — even before the permit applications were filed — but nonetheless we were disappointed in the apparent lack of interest in public comments."

— David Silverman, Save Coral Bay Representative

members of the 30th Legislature urging their approval — Save Coral Bay announced its cooperation with the St. Thomas-based Virgin Islands Conservation Society to initiate legal action against the marina development.

The Save Coral Bay partnership with VICS was announced in a press release issued on November 12. The two groups crossed paths following the August CZM hearing on the SEG marina, explained Save Coral Bay organizer

David Silverman.

"VICS, along with hundreds of other individuals and agencies, took the initiative to comment on the Summers End Group application during the CZM Public Hearing in August," Silverman said. "Following that meeting we stayed in touch, hopeful that the St. John CZM Committee would do the right thing and deny the permits due to their significant environmen-

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VIPD Investigates Second Reported Armed Robbery of St. John Business

By TRADEWINDS STAFF
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ST. JOHN — V.I. Police Department officers on St. John are investigating an armed robbery of the Love City Mini Mart just after 10:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 11.

The incident was the second armed robbery of a St. John business in less than two weeks. The owner of a Cruz Bay restaurant previously reported being robbed in his office on Halloween night, Oct. 31, by an armed, masked intruder.

In the Coral Bay incident on Nov. 11, the store manager and an employee were closing the business when a suspect dressed in a black hoodie, black ski mask, black shirt, pants and shoes, entered carrying a handgun and demanded money, according to the preliminary police report.

The suspect grabbed an envelope containing approximately \$200 and several phone cards before leaving the store, according to the VIPD report.

“It took the police a half hour to respond,” one source told St. John Tradewinds.

“Two armed employees and they were robbed,” another Coral Bay business owner asked incredulously?

On St. Thomas, a man walked into the Richard Callwood Command on St. Thomas Tuesday at about 2:15 p.m. and reported he had been robbed, according to a VIPD report

The victim told officers he was walking on Fifth Street when approached by two men, one armed with a handgun. The suspects robbed him of \$20 and walked away from the area.

Both cases are being followed up by detectives from the Criminal Investigation Bureau.

Elmo Rabsatt Demonstrates Construction of Beehive

Visitors to the monthly Farmer’s Market at the St. John Marketplace had a chance to learn more about beekeeping. A mini-workshop, put on by resident beekeeper Elmo Rabsatt Sr. demonstrated ways to build and care for bee hives, explained the process of honey extraction and offered tips for living peacefully with bees.

The Farmer’s market takes place on the second level of the St. John Marketplace every second Sunday of the month, featuring fruits, vegetables, herbs for tea, local baked goods, cookbooks and more.



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Sen. Barshinger Warns of de Jongh Action on Coral Bay Lease Before V.I. Senate and Federal Approvals of Marina Permit

Legal Defense Doesn't Foresee Any Coral Bay Marina Work Before Federal Approval

By TOM OAT
St. John Tradewinds

ST. JOHN — The de Jongh administration may be planning to execute a submerged land lease of 27.5 acres of Coral Harbor for the developers of the Coral Bay mega-yacht marina even as the V.I. Senate prepares to consider its approval of the government permit for the controversial development in a Dec. 17 post-election session and federal approvals are pending, according to Senator at Large Craig W. Barshinger. (See related story.)

Sen. Barshinger was piqued by the apparent unofficial negotiations between Gov. John P. de Jongh Jr. and the marina developers, "The St. John Marina, The Yacht Club at Summer's End," to lease the submerged lands where as many as 100 boats anchor or moor in season.

A submerged land lease with the V.I. Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR) would allow the developers of the controversial marina project to take control of a large part of the harbor before the lengthy federal approval process for the marina plan has even begun.

Submerged Land Lease Rumored

The de Jongh Administration may be trying to assist the developers in relocating as many as 100 moorings from the 27.5 acres of submerged land which would be covered by the docks of the mega-yacht section of the approved two-phase marina development, even though the entire project requires federal approval before any work can commence, according to Sen. Barshinger.

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— Senator at Large Craig Barshinger

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"Everyone can see that this marina concept is too big for St. Thomas, never mind Coral Bay," Sen. Barshinger added. "The government is going crazy to give someone control of a whole bay, for DPNR to let one party have control."

"It is unethical, foolish from a financial standpoint and against the law," Sen. Barshinger told St. John Tradewinds.

Legal Team Prepares To Fight Permit

The legal defense team preparing to appeal the October 1 approval of the permit for the controversial 145-slip marina by the St. John Committee of the Coastal Zone Management Commission is not expecting an end-run on the

mooring field phase of the project, according to Atty. Andy Simpson, counsel for the Virgin Islands Conservation Association (VICA).

Atty. Simpson said he doesn't expect any action on the existing moorings in the anchorage of the harbor under the terms of the CZM permit awaiting V.I. Senate action.

"I believe the answer... lies in Condition O (Other Approval) of the water permit that was issued," Atty. Simpson responded to a St. John Tradewinds inquiry. "It states:

"If the development covered under this permit requires separate and distinct approval from the United States Government or the Government of the Virgin Islands, or any agency, department, commission or bureau thereof, then no development or occupancy is allowed under this permit until such permits or approvals have been obtained."

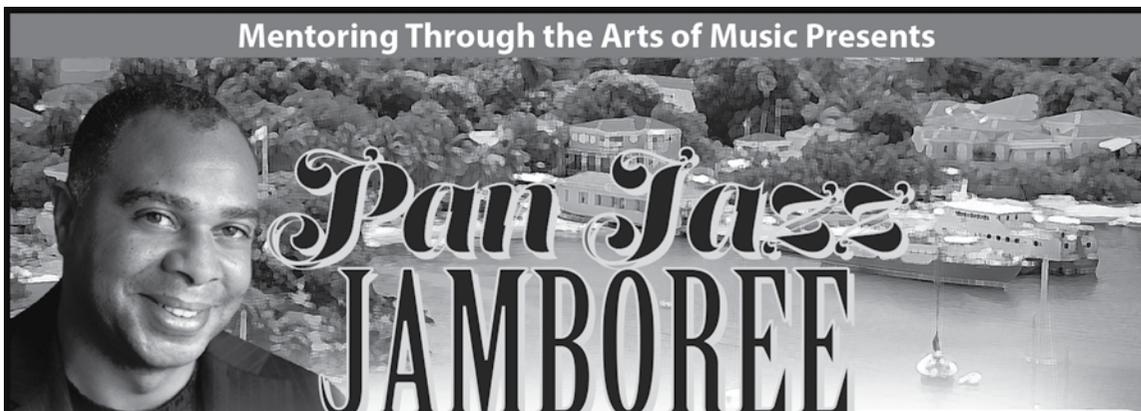
"The permit requires U.S. Army Corps of Engineers approval, so by the terms of Condition O, 'no development or occupancy' may occur," Atty. Simpson e-mailed St. John Tradewinds. "In my opinion, that would apply to all activity, including any effort to relocate the mooring field."

Expired Letter of Intent and Resignation

A 90-day letter of intent, "LOI", between DPNR and the developers, Summer's End Group (SEG), to manage the under-regulated harbor was signed in March 2014, but expired in June 2014, two months before the St. John CZM heard strong community opposition to the marina plan and more than three months before the CZM permit was approved on

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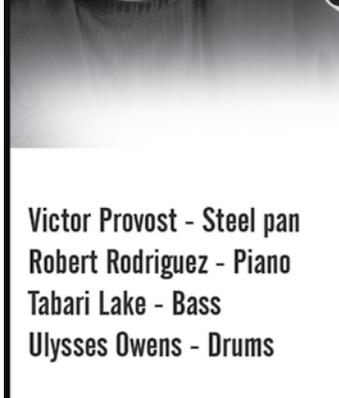
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Veterans, event organizers and even a service dog from Team River Runner pose for a group photo at the famous Trunk Bay overlook.

Veterans Brave Rain and Waves During Week of Healing with Team River Runner

By JAIME ELLIOTT
St. John Tradewinds

CINNAMON BAY — Although the week's weather threw a few wrenches in Team River Runner's plans, the group's 21 wounded veterans managed to enjoy kayak trips while forging bonds, cultivating leadership skills and soaking up the beauty of St. John.

TRR hosted its annual leadership program on St. John November 2 through 9, just when a spate of wet weather and rough seas hit the island. Despite less than perfect conditions, the veterans were still able to head out on kayak adventures, tour Annaberg Ruins and more during their week based at Cinnamon Bay Campground.

"We had some torrential rain and rough surf," said John Schuld, who helped organized TRR's St. John trip. "We've had to cut some of our kayak trips short. What we do then is fill in that time with some leadership courses back at camp."

TRR is an adaptive kayak program founded at Walter Reed Army Medical Center by Washington D.C. area paddler Joe Mornini.

A retired special education teacher, Mornini launched the program with a few donated kayaks

stored in his garage in 2004. Today TRR has 40 chapters — mostly started and run by veterans who met Mornini in the Water Reed pool — at VA hospitals across the country.

TRR has been hosting leadership trips to St. John for six of the past seven years. For the past four years, the trip has been organized by former St. John residents John and Brandi Schuld, who have also been able to make the trip self-sufficient thanks the popular Chaotic Kayak annual fundraiser.

Participants in these leadership trips are recommended by their local chapters and spend a week learning more about TRR while also building camaraderie and challenging themselves with kayak excursions and leadership courses.

This year's participants, by no accident, ranged in age from 23 to 65, explained John Schuld.

"I intentionally do that," he said. "For example, two years we had a Vietnam veteran who was a double amputee who walked all over Europe and got a job as a mailman for 20 years. Then we had two or three other veterans who were amputees who had just gotten out of Walter Reed."

"The guys who just got out,

the technology today for prosthetics is amazing," said Schuld. "But the Vietnam vet had still done all of these things and they spent time talking about that. It makes you realize you can do it; you can still have a full life."

Helping the Schudls organize and run the trip this year were fellow TRR veterans Shelton Gore from the Orlando, Florida chapter and Jon Deittle from the Virginia chapter. For Gore, who served as referee for this year's St. John Chaotic Kayak fundraiser, TRR has changed his life, he explained.

"I was here with the organization last year and it was an amazing trip," said Gore. "I've stayed active with TRR and work with a chapter back home. I was a new paddler then and it was this whole new challenge and environment."

"I learned new skills and I learned that you can't do two things at once," he said. "You can't paddle the kayak and still think about your PTSD. It gets you off the couch and out on the water with other veterans."

Harvey Navanjo, an adaptive kayak specialist at Walter Reed and a veteran himself, has seen first hand the positive effect TRR has had on veterans.

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Westin Employees Volunteer To Assist Program Serving Homeless Population

By TRADEWINDS STAFF
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CRUZ BAY — Westin St. John Resorts & Villas associates participated in Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide global volunteer initiative “Starwood Cares for the Community” with a St. John program “Together As One”.

“Together As One is an opportunity for our associates to unite with their colleagues around the world in volunteering for activities that help make a difference in our communities,” said event coordinator Eucil Worrell of the Westin Resort St. John.

“We had to come up with a project for the Westin St. John Resorts & Villas,” Worrell told *St. John Tradewinds*. “We came up with several ideas, but felt that the opportunity to work with our homeless or less fortunate population of St. John would have a greater impact within our community.”

“My co-chair, Melchia Athanase worked along with me to make this event a success,” Worrell said.

“We were not alone, because we could not have done it without the support of the Cruz Bay Seventh Day Adventist Community Services Department (Anita Smalls) The

Mount Carmel Roman Catholic Church (Simonia Athanase, Nurse Dora and Ms. Josephine) who were invited to be a part of this event,” Worrell said.

“In addition, several of fellow associates volunteered to assist and I would like to recognize them: Charles Phillip, Myrtle Penn, Kervin Dover, Marvin Lettsome, Dailure Stevens, Barbara Registe, Emily Labate, Lacey Pritchard, Cletus Nicholas, Valida Winn, Susan Frett and those who donated the food and clothing items,” the Westin’s Worrell added.

“We provided medical assistance, food, clothing and conducted a food drive within the hotel by asking our associates to donate food and clothing items to this worthy cause and they came to our assistance,” she said. “Pine Peace Mini Mart stepped up to the plate with several donated items.”

“We were able to present them with bags containing amenities such as shampoo and toothpaste,” Worrell added. “The food and extra clothing items from the drive were turned over to both churches to continue their effort of feeding and providing for the less fortunate.”

“We look forward to doing this again next year,” Worrell said.



St. John Tradewinds News Photos Courtesy of Westin Resort

Regular services for the St. John community’s homeless population got a need boost from Starwood Hotels and Resorts on Thursday, November 13 as staff from the Westin Resort, above, joined community activists to give more than a dozen people access to a resort-style buffet, medical services, and clothing and personal items.



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New Ferries, Buses But Still No New St. John School

By TRADEWINDS STAFF
St. John Tradewinds

CRUZ BAY — While St. John is reaping some benefits from the end of the de Jongh Administration in the form of fast-tracked public development projects and improved government services from new ferries and new buses to new parking lots, the smallest Virgin Island is still waiting for a long-promised new public school.

After several public meetings during 2014, progress on a new Kindergarten through Grade 12 educational facility proposed for a site in Hammer Farm on Gerda Marsh Drive, Centerline Road, has stalled since a late summer update on the project presented by DPW Commissioner Daryl Smalls, according to

Department of Education officials.

“That meeting was pretty much the last meeting,” the Education official added. “We are still waiting.”

The project has been complicated by a proposed land swap between the V.I. Government and the V.I. National Park which would give the territory property held by the federal government in exchange for still-unspecified V.I. government-owned land.

“Actually, it is a Public Works Department project,” one education official said. “I would suggest you speak with Mr. Smalls.”

Now that Mr. Smalls has upgraded St. John public transportation he apparently will have to focus on the island’s education facilities.

Veterans Services Come To Island



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Veterans Health Administration Axel R. Roman, right, Chief of Patient and Community Resources for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, in Puerto Rico, interviewed a St. John veteran, left, with other V.A. officials including V.I. executive director Harry Daniels on Friday, November 16, at the Battery. Roman was conducting the first of planned quarterly “town hall” visits to the territory to provide updated information for improving services and to listen to the concerns and ideas of veterans directly. “The need is to bring services to them directly,” Roman said of the territory’s more than 1,500 veterans, including more than 50 on St. John. Veterans can make appointments to meet with Roman on his quarterly visits.



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U.S. Attorney Brings Suit To Remove Individuals from National Park Land

St. John Tradewinds

BORDEAUX — After four years of National Park Service efforts at enforcement, the U.S. Attorney has filed suit in U.S. District Court alleging common law trespassing and being a nuisance and seeking the removal of a group of individuals from a parcel of property in Estate Bordeaux in the Virgin Islands National Park, according to a press release from the U.S. Department of Justice.

The federal government's complaint alleges that 16 individuals are unlawfully occupying and living on National Park land, have illegally erected ten structures on the property and have placed 11 vehicles, abandoned appliances, trash, and livestock on the property, according to the DOJ press release — which identified the location of the property as Parcel No. 5, Estate Bordeaux.

The defendants include Donna Roberts, Lucia Roberts Francis, Gloria Joseph, Keith Frazer, Alveno Herman Sr., Allen E. Roberts II, Edwin Roberts II, Shiree Roberts, Ray Roberts, Lynette Magras, Gaye R. Moses, Sekou Magras, Lenny Liburd, Lee Christian, Delsa Christian and Katika Kimbo Donovan.

NPS discovered the illegal occupation in 2010 and since that time NPS has engaged in discussions and meetings with the individuals regarding ownership of the property, according to federal officials. NPS presented the individuals with substantial evidence demonstrating the United States ownership of the property, including its recorded deed, surveys and reports by licensed surveyors, the DOJ added.

Under federal law, individuals are prohibited from living on or erecting structures on National Park land without authorization from the NPS, according to the Justice Department complaint.

Since the government initially found three buildings on the property in September 2010, the structures have multiplied to ten, according to the complaint.

"Defendants have littered the property with items including, but not limited to, trash, broken appliances and plastic containers," the complaint reads. "Defendants have also abandoned vehicles on the property."

"Defendants have illegally tapped into power lines belonging to the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority to provide their housing structures with power through a series of unburied extension cords that run throughout the property," the complaint continues.

"The NPS is statutorily obligated the protect Virgin Islands National Park land to ensure that it is open to the public," U.S. Attorney Ronald W. Sharpe said in the press release. "Individuals who take National Park land for themselves destroy the spirit of the Park and prevent the public from enjoying the Park's natural beauty."

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"Defendants have illegally tapped into power lines belonging to the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority to provide their housing structures with power through a series of unburied extension cords that run throughout the property."

— according to the DOJ complaint

cupying the property, there have been documented incidents of defendants harassing park visitors, hikers and even adjacent landowners using the public road," according to the complaint.

"This office and the NPS will defend the integrity of the Park, including by removing unauthorized persons, vehicles, and buildings when necessary," according to Sharpe.

The civil complaint further alleges that those individuals have installed unauthorized electrical and water lines to the property and made illegal alterations to a public road, according to the press release.

At the same time, NPS gave the individuals every opportunity to substantiate their claim to ownership, DOJ stated. However, the individuals have not produced any evidence to the NPS showing they have a legally cognizable ownership interest in the property, according to the Justice Department complaint.

NPS requested that the individuals voluntarily leave, but the individuals have refused, the complaint alleges.

The complaint alleges the defendants have blocked the public road running through the property and held the property "with force."

The federal complaint included a history of the property from 1863 through 1953 when Emily Creque conveyed the property to David Stick, who was assembling properties for Laurance S. Rockefeller, and was included in properties which eventually formed the Virgin Islands National Park.

The land was donated to the United States in 1956 for the creation of the Virgin Islands National Park on St. John, according to the complaint. The land was donated on the condition that it be used solely for the creation of the National Park and the National Park Service (NPS) is responsible for managing National Parks, including the Virgin Islands National Park, the complaint states.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Noah Sacks is representing the National Park Service in this case.

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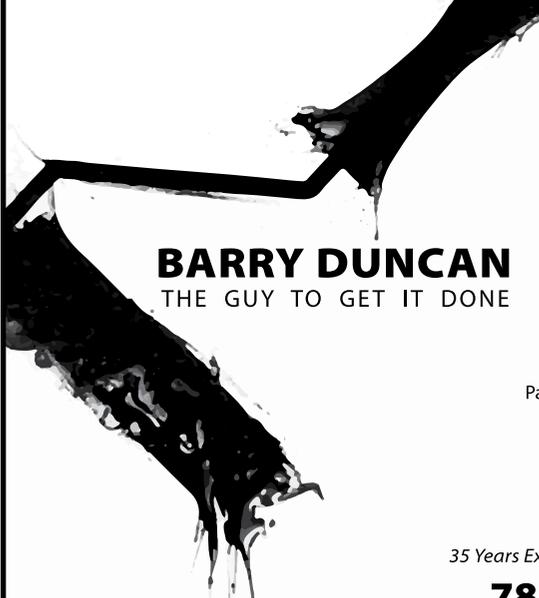


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Samantha Gentry loaded up a plate at the fundraiser, above left. Team Tourist Trap was back to defend their title, above right.



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Team Sam and Jack's Deli take a quick break to pose for the camera, above left, while Jim Kujawa was definitely sharing with friends, above right.

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Annual Rib Cook-Off Draws Huge Crowd to Coral Bay for St. John Rescue Fundraiser

By JAIME ELLIOTT
St. John Tradewinds

CORAL BAY — BBQ grills and smokers were fired up in the Coral Bay ball field on Saturday afternoon, November 15, for the second annual St. John Rib Cook-off, a fundraiser for St. John Rescue.

A total of 10 teams battled it out for the coveted Golden Grill at the tasty fundraiser which also featured a cornhole tournament and netted more than \$8,000 for the volunteer emergency response organization.

Sean Olson of Team Skinny Legs took the crown from last year's winner Tourist Trap. Olson began cooking his "sweet and sexy" spiced slow-smoked St. Louis style ribs at 2:30 a.m. for the 4:30 event and was popular with the crowd as well as the judges.

Second place went to Nathan Bohning of Asolare whose Thai marinated ribs with banana ketchup was another crowd favorite. Marc Kaye and MJ Foody of Aqua Bistro took third place for the second year in a row.

The large crowd enjoyed ribs cooked up by East/West Catering, Sam and Jack's Deli, Cafe Concordia,



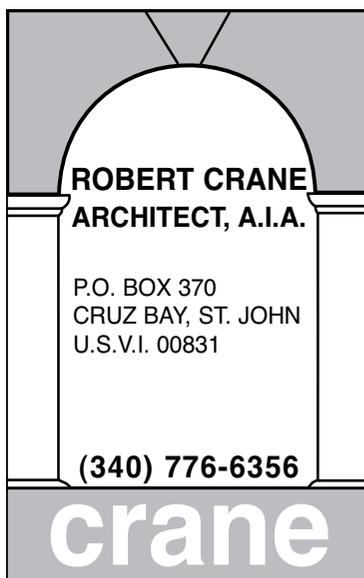
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Sean Olson of Team Skinny Legs.

Boozie, Fatty Crab and Jeff and Dan and the Tourist Trap.

St. John Rescue officials were still tallying the amount raised at the event but were hopeful that they raised well more than last year's \$8,000 total.

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Conservation Volunteers International Spruces Up St. John Trails, Ruins

Group Forges Long-term Relationship with Virgin Islands National Park

“I slacked off for about four months and then I realized that I have a whole ‘nother life. In retirement you really find your passions. And once I removed all the bureaucracies and red tape, I really found me and found what I’m passionate about.”

— Mark Hardgrove, former VINP Superintendent



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Conservation Volunteer International group works at the Francis Bay ruin.

By **JAIME ELLIOTT**
St. John Tradewinds
V.I. NATIONAL PARK — More than two years after retiring as Superintendent of Virgin Islands National Park, Mark Hardgrove returned this month with a group of volunteers who made a big impact on the island.

Hardgrove led a group of 22 participants in Conservation Volunteer International Program’s newest destination and first trip to the island November 2 through 12.

The group cleared miles of trails and spent hours removing growth from several ruins and grave sites within V.I. National Park. ConservationVIP participants stayed at V.I. Environmental Resource Station near Lameshur Bay and spent time on the Leinster Bay trail and ruins, the Francis Bay boardwalk, trial and ruins, Yawzi Point trail and the Lameshur Bay trail, ruins

and grave site. ConservationVIP is an all-volunteer non-profit group dedicated to the sustainability of some of the world’s greatest and most pristine landscapes. The group hosts trips to Patagonia’s Torres del Paine National Park, The Galapagos Islands, Yosemite National Park, Machu Picchu — where it is the sole volunteer group working in the ancient city — and now VINP.

The group has been in existence for about eight years and partnered with REI Adventures about four years ago. The partnership allows ConservationVIP to continue organizing and leading the trips while REI Adventures advertises, handles logistics of registering volunteers and assists with travel arrangements.

Hardgrove, who retired to Puerto Rico in August 2012, spent a few months relaxing before feeling the itch to get involved with

a service organization, he explained.

“I slacked off for about four months and then I realized that I have a whole ‘nother life,” said Hardgrove. “In retirement you really find your passions. And once I removed all the bureaucracies and red tape, I really found me and found what I’m passionate about.”

The former VINP Superintendent discovered ConservationVIP on a National Park Service retirees’ website and submitted his resume. Not only did he hear back, Hardgrove was asked to join the group’s board of directors.

“At first it sounded like more than I was ready to take on, but working with ConservationVIP is the best thing I ever did,” said Hardgrove, who is a member of the board and Director of Field Operations for the VINP trip, all on a completely volunteer basis.

“I get paid in sunsets and smiles,” he said.

With keen insight into VINP’s unique needs and challenges, Hardgrove brought a unique perspective to the volunteer group’s VINP trip. He enabled a collaboration with VINP Archaeologist Ken Wild for participants to gain a

deeper understanding of the historic sites they would help to maintain during their 10 days of work.

The group also worked with Friends of V.I. National Park’s new volunteer coordinator Anna Adams, who was an invaluable asset for the program, explained Hardgrove.

“Anna was great and she helped so much,” said Hardgrove. “She walked every trail with us and had everything lined up. All of the VINP staff was so accommodating to us.”

“I can’t tell you how proud I was every day working with this group in this very special place,” he said.

Not only did the group help to clear miles of trails and several historic structures in VINP, ConservationVIP adopted the Yawzi Point Trail and will host twice yearly trips to the island.

“Part of what this group does is form long-term relationships where they work,” said Hardgrove. “We’ll be back here twice a year from now on. We’ll be the first volunteer group here in early November and the last volunteer group here in April.”

All 22 participants in ConservationVIP’s recent trip also became members of Friends of VINP and had the chance to meet Friends’

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The *Red Hook I* waits at the Loredon L. Boynes dock in Cruz Bay for a scheduled run to Red Hook on Thursday, November 13, in this view from The Battery.

FLAVORS Tickets Are on Sale Now

St. John Tradewinds

Tickets are on sale now and going fast for the Nov. 22 FLAVORS, A Taste of St. John at the Westin Resort and Villas. from 6 until 11 p.m.

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of St. John, the event's proceeds fund \$5,000 college scholarships given to St John graduating students. It also pays for numerous community improvement projects.

Tickets may be purchased at www.flavorsstjohn.com and at Connections in Coral Bay and Cruz Bay, Chelsea Drug Store in Red Hook and the Market Place shopping center, St. John Properties, and Trevor's Activity Center in Mongoose Junction shopping center. St. John Rotary Club members also have tickets available. Tickets are \$100 in advance, and \$110 at the door. Card carrying food handlers pay \$75 for advance tickets.

More than 20 restaurants, caterers and bars will showcase their food and mixology skills while competing in the appetizer, entree, dessert and mixology categories. Their entries will be judged from 5 until 6 pm and first, second and third place winners will be announced shortly thereafter. There will also be people's choice category to be announced between 8 and 8:30 p.m.

Wine tasting will start at 6:30 p.m. with the following wine distributors showcasing wines from around the world: West Indies Company, Bellows International, Prestige Wine Group, Glazer's Inc. Premier Wines and Spirits, Dionysus Distributors, and Hunter Food and Spirits.

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5:30 p.m. — Awards Party at Skinny Legs with music by HUDSON & THE HOODOO CATS!

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The festival will begin on Saturday, February 21, at 4 pm with "Light up the Night" an 18-hour, family-oriented, community supported overnight event.

Light Up the Night offers the best musicians in the V.I., activities and entertainment for the whole family. Light Up the Night provides an opportunity for our community and our visitors to support St Johnians and their families who have been touched by cancer.

8 Tuff Miles events begin February 27 with a pasta buffet at Cruz Bay Landing from 5-9 p.m. for \$25 per person; The 19th Annual 8 Tuff Miles Road Race is February 28 at 7:15 a.m. followed by the Awards Ceremony at Mongoose Junction at 4 p.m.

The 3rd Annual 8 Tuff Miles Recovery Beach Party will be at Oppenheimer Beach on March 1 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information on the events and the St John Cancer Fund visit our website www.stjohncancerfund.org or email stjohncancerfund@gmail.com



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Find Water Views and True Caribbean Charm at Kabej Patch in Estate Chocolate Hole

By JAIME ELLIOTT
St. John Tradewinds

CHOCOLATE HOLE — Refreshing breezes, waters views and distinctly Caribbean charm within walking distance of two beaches make the spacious and private Kabej Patch a perfect tropical retreat.

This five bedroom, four bathroom Estate Chocolate Hole villa is for sale for \$849,000, explained Holiday Homes of St. John broker/owner Christie O’Neil

Kabej Patch is nestled on a full half acre of land in Estate Chocolate Hole, only a few minutes from the shopping, dining and nightlife of Cruz Bay. The alabaster beaches of the island’s North Shore are only a short drive away as well.

The custom designed home was built with large groups in mind, according to O’Neil.

“This home was designed and built by a local architect and can easily accommodate five couples or a large extended family,” said O’Neil. “Yet it is still affordable.”

With native stone accents, gingerbread detailing and tropical landscaping, Kabej Patch has true Caribbean-style charm.

Outside, find two levels of spacious decks with plenty of space to stretch out and soak up some rays, curl up in the shade or enjoy meals al fresco. A refreshing swimming pool and deck are located on the ground level, an area of the property which affords both sunshine and privacy.

Walk through the native stone arched entry way at Kabej Patch into the spacious great room which incorporates both living and dining areas and boasts beautiful mahogany accents. The open plan

kitchen features custom mahogany cabinets and allows you the ease of whipping up meals without leaving your guests.

The five bedrooms and four bathrooms over two levels means there is plenty of space for everyone at Kabej Patch. The home also boasts beautiful hardwood floors, two island stone outdoor showers and air conditioning in each of the bedrooms.

“Kabej Patch has lovely details,” said O’Neil. “The home has island stone accents, including outdoor showers, and classic hardwood floors.”

The home includes deeded rights to two beaches, both within walking distance of the front door. Morning walks along the shoreline of Chocolate Hole will soon become a habit. Or stroll over to Hart Bay and soak up the rugged



St. John Tradewinds News Photos



Five bedrooms and four bathrooms over two levels means there is plenty of space for everyone at Kabej Patch.

and breath-taking beauty.

“Kabej Patch has deeded rights to two beaches, within walking distance, plus a dinghy landing area in Chocolate Hole,” O’Neil said.

With cooling breezes, water views and charming Caribbean

style, Kabej Patch is also a popular short term rental villa, O’Neil added.

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Letters to St. John Tradewinds

Unsuccessful, But Still Visible, Yet Silent ...

It amazes me, at the start of this campaigning season, aspirants were coming out of the woodwork with all the answers and solutions, now their silence is deafening with some of their poster still visible.

In the beginning, as I listened to both the Gubernatorial / Lt. Gubernatorial candidates, and the Legislation aspirants, I felt a sense of satisfaction in how each one expressed and presented themselves, and I feel that our ancestors would feel the same.

I have expressed this before, "When I am approach by an aspiring politician for a vote, the question I always ask, What do you plan to accomplish and plan to do differently, because as a newly elected official its like you being a team player in a game where the rules and top players are already in place, and like in any game if you don't play by the rules you will sit on the bench?"

My feelings and my response has been, do what you promised and let your efforts campaign for you.

Now, I question is it their egos the reason why we are not hearing anything from these candidates, which brings up the question too, How much do they really want to serve?

If it wasn't for the Selfish Egos of some of our Politicians, the Virgin Islands could be the Hallmark of the Caribbean.

This is the time that each an every unsuccessful sincere aspirant continue to promote their vision / platform to the community, but more so to the newly elected and re elected to make sure that they work together for the betterment of Territory.

My grandmother use to say, " You don't have to be King to Rule."

But, I have been told, what do I know, I wasn't born here.

Ivan Butcher II
St. Croix

NEXT DEADLINE: NOV. 20th

Crossword Answers (Puzzle located on Page 20)

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Great Sadness in Regards to Coral Bay – from the Perspective of a Long-time Annual Tourist to St. John

"As much as I wanted to make her into a little princess, she made me into a better mom by teaching me to parent the child in front of me, not the child I think she should be. When I accept her as exactly who she is, we get along just fine."

The above is quoted from an article, I Always Wanted to Be a Princess, by Nerrisa Niels, posted in the Huffington Post, November 2, 2014. And what came to mind for me as I read it, is the way in which we parent the environment entrusted to us by Mother Earth.

I am speaking specifically about the parenting challenges currently facing the community of Coral Bay on St. John, where a potential Mega-Marina Development, The Summers End Group, LLC, is looming like the mountain that rises up over this spectacular bay. The big difference is, the mountain is majestic and the intentions of SEG are visually decimating and will forever change the landscape of Coral Bay into a brick and mortar and ambient lit glossy magazine image. SEG and investors want to turn Coral Bay into a princess of the mega-wealthy.

It does not seem that SEG recognizes a community that has existed in Coral Bay for as long as I can remember driving up over Bordeaux Mountain and gasping at that view; that would be for 22 continuous years. Coral Bay takes my breath away, as it does numerous family members and friends we have shared St. John with, since our first visit there back in 1993. We have spent substantial tourist dollars on the island over the years, now increasing the time we spend there to almost a month. We continually introduce the island to new friends and family members. And since we are so drawn to the Coral Bay side of the island we are now splitting our stay between both sides of the island.

I cannot for the life of me understand why SEG is not working along side the community of Coral Bay, to invest in the very best interest of this gemstone of a landscape. Instead they (SEG and investors) are trying to force their child to wear brick and mortar. Why not work to compliment the landscape for what it is? SEG's vision of what Coral Bay should be is not something we care to visit. In fact, it is for the very reasons that Coral Bay is not what SEG proposes that we do visit St. John. It is particularly alarming that I cannot find one reference to any other development project that SEG has ever participated in. Does that mean that Coral Bay is going to be their first experiment? Ouch!

We are avid sailors, who belong to a yacht club that takes into account the natural landscape of the surrounding environment and the resources required to keep waters clean and safe. In fact, in my mind, a small club, such as the one we belong to Stateside, could be ideal for Coral Bay; providing pump-out, fuel, water, limited dockage, moorings and space for haul-out to do repairs; in addition to providing employment opportunities to support such services.

However; in the end, whatever is designed for Coral Bay should include significant input from the folks who live and work there, and not just a select few who have decided that they will determine what Coral Bay needs and how it will dress.

Does SEG know how many long-time tourists are vehemently against their proposed mega-marina? Currently there 1594 people who have signed the petition ~ <http://savecoralbay.com/save-coral-bay-petition/> ~ opposing the SEG mega-marina development. In addition, there are many who are ill-informed and very confused as a result of the limited information provided; particularly in regards to what is truly being proposed by SEG and the impact that it will, forever, have on the landscape of Coral Bay. And there are those who are already looking for alternative places to vacation, as documented by private messages flowing around the St. John Trip Advisor Forum. Some believe, or have been misled to believe that such a mega-marina development is "progress" and will "fix" the enhanced and often fabricated local issues. The SEG proposal is about as far from progress as any knowledgeable and informed boater or traveler to this gemstone could possibly be led. I have looked over the plans and read every for and against comment that I can track down and whatever documents are available. I have followed the process of this disturbing mega-marina development proposal as it has unfolded and been horrified and in disbelief along the way. And, I suggest that others who are interested in this topic make every attempt to become educated about what SEG and their investors are actually proposing.

Certainly every community can benefit from improvements. I doubt that you would find many people in Coral Bay that would discount that, but harsh, drastic, uncompromising, ill-willed change is just a blatantly poor judgment approach; and completely unnecessary. Wherever St. John can be marred by brick and mortar it has been; but that is not a justifiable argument or excuse to continue to do so! And, while lodging for people who love to travel to St. John is a necessity it should be in keeping with why, we as tourist do travel there. I resent that the people of Coral Bay have been referred to as "uppity hippies, expats, lost souls and miscreants"; how very sad, never mind judgmental and hostile! Coral Bay and its people are lovely and should be appreciated and respected for their culture, desired life-style and vision.

Many people travel to St. John for its remarkable natural beauty and laid-back life-style. And, if that is not what folks desire and instead seek mega-marina and resort-style havens, than there are plenty of islands to choose from for just that. We travel to St. John for what it is, not what would-be developers are trying to force it to become via corrupt channels. My word, look at Pond Bay and what disaster that is; you could see the writing on the wall way back dur-

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Letters to *St. John Tradewinds*

Long-time Residents Adamantly Opposed to SEG Marina

Dear Senators:

We have made St. John our home for the past 40 years, working here full time, raising our children here, and now with our son (who grew up here and attended Julius Sprauve School and Charlotte Amalie High School) and daughter-in-law living here, raising our grandchild here. During all these years, we have gotten to know our neighbors, and made many friends with people who live in the Coral Bay and Cruz Bay areas as well as in the states.

We are adamantly opposed to the Summers End Group proposal for the Coral Bay Marina. When we read their prospectus, we couldn't believe its scope and size, and the utter disregard for the Coral Bay community that exists there now. There are so many things wrong with it, it's almost hard to take it seriously. Here are some of our concerns about it:

1. The infrastructure necessary to run something like this does not exist. That includes, electricity, roads, water, gasoline, garbage and workforce.

a. WAPA cannot deliver affordable and reliable electricity to the residents now. What would our electricity situation be like if this were built?

b. The one road we do have took over 3 years to fix after it washed out. Imagine heavy equipment pounding that road day in and day out to deliver concrete and construction materials, not to mention the provisions that would be needed if it were actually built.

c. This project would take quite a lot of water with trucks hauling that water, possibly to the detriment of other communities on St. John. Water is in short supply during the year.

d. St. John presently sends its garbage to St. Thomas. We have very little recycling on the island at the present time. How can such a large project expect to fit in without a total solid waste proposal which we need right now, and not 5 or 6 years from now when the project would be completed?

e. Much of our work force comes from St. Thomas, or in the case of one employee, she had to move to St. Thomas to find an affordable rental. So many of our work force on St. John comes from the states during the high season, and many of them find it hard to find a place to live. I have never had enough locals apply for jobs when I was running 2 restaurants and had over 50 employees, and my son has also had this experience. A large work force simply does not exist; the people they would employ would be newcomers to the island.

2. Luxury sale items and gated communities do not suit the feeling of the Coral Bay area that now bills itself successfully as peaceful and low key. Tourists like Coral Bay as it is, and come back time and again. Improvements are always welcome, but should not be at the expense of our peaceful use of an entire area.

3. The harbor itself would not ecologically support this egregious onslaught. The sensitive quality of the bay would be destroyed by their pilings and would not soon come again.

4. Construction on this type of scale would take so long that it would destroy the local economy, including the villa rental business, retail stores, water sports industry and restaurant business. This is my greatest fear.

5. The amount of sound pollution over this long a time would be prohibitive.

6. Building this amount of pilings would impact the historical and archeological nature of what may be buried under the seabed and its surrounding areas.

7. The harbor is not suited to be filled with boats at a marina during storms, and everyone would have to leave. A marina that is not safe to be in is no marina worth building.

8. Over the 40 years we have been here, we have seen so many proposals that were accepted, turn bad. Either from lack of planning, fraud, or stupidity. There is no reason this has to be another one of these, if it is nipped in the bud and not allowed to go further.

The main point I want to make here, is that while we don't oppose a suitable marina in Coral Bay, and other suitable improvements, we do object to the SEG's concept and the lack of understanding of the very nature of the tourists who come to St. John and enjoy our laid back experiences. The people who want to enjoy mega yachts and high-end shopping ARE NOT THE PEOPLE WHO COME TO ST. JOHN NOW. What reason would the principals have for putting this over-the-top proposal to the commission, except to make mega money as a tradeoff for our peace and quiet and way of life. Nothing will be gained. Jobs for locals is a ploy, not a reality.

We would be opposed to this and any compromise these people would (will) make to get their vision accomplished. Please listen to the facts of this proposal and vote in favor of the people of Coral Bay and St. John.

Sincerely,
Lonnie and Albert Willis
St. John Residents

ISLAND NOTES from the publisher

Don't forget to vote in the Run-Off Election on Tuesday, November 18!
St. John Polling Stations: Guy Benjamin School in Coral Bay or Julius E. Sprauve School in Cruz Bay.

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Tuesday, November 18

— VITEMA, in conjunction with the NOAA's Caribbean Tsunami Warning Program, will host a tsunami workshop on Tuesday, November 18, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the University of the Virgin Islands Administration and Conference Center. This workshop is designed specifically to educate the Virgin Islands maritime community on what they need to know about tsunamis.

Friday, November 21

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

Saturday, November 22

— Tickets are on sale now and going fast for the Nov. 22 Flavors, A Taste of St. John, at the Westin Resort from 6 until 11 p.m.

Sunday, November 23

— Experience Your Inner Artist with the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at 10 a.m. on Sunday, November 23 at Giffit Hill School Lower Campus.

Thursday, November 27

— The St. John Landsharks are hosting a fun filled 5-K run

on Thanksgiving Day, November 27. Registration will take place at the Annaberg parking lot starting at 7:30 a.m., race starts at 8 a.m. There is no registration fee for this event, but a donation of dog or cat food would be greatly appreciated and will benefit the Animal Care Center of St. John

Friday, November 28

— St. John Historical Society embers are invited to take part in the pilgrimage to Fortsberg, which commemorates the start of the 1733 slave rebellion on St. John. As we go to press, details of this activity are still being determined. SJHS will post information when it becomes available on their website.

— The Coral Bay Yacht Club is hosting its annual Thanksgiving Regatta Friday and Saturday, November 28 and 29.

— The annual regatta is a fundraiser for the non-profit youth sailing organization St. John Kids and the Sea. Registration, skippers meetings and after parties will take place at CBYC's Skinny Legs. Registration for single-handed sailors and traditional class will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Friday.

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

Obituary

Farewell Worthy Coe Hamling at Age 96

After an historic run of more than ninety—six years on this world's stage, with every show sold out since opening night on August 5, 1918, Worthy Coe Hamling gave his farewell performance on October 29, 2014.

Though his audience stands and roars for more, his lines here have all been read, his roles have all been played, and the curtain hangs still. Our fine actor, our finest man, has received the order for a command performance.

The Great Patron has commissioned for him a grand new theater, one built to last for eternity. Clean sight lines for every seat, flawless acoustics for every ear. And a dressing room fit for a star. His stage name, humble and iconic, glows now and forever in the brightest marquee lights: DOW!

But although this giant of a man now transcends, we remember his modest beginnings and unyielding drive to improve himself, his family and his community.

Born in a house made of sod on the plains of South Dakota with only his mother Sadie present, Coe quickly developed a strong belief in self-reliance, individual achievement, and family devotion. With his father passing from Spanish Influenza when Coe was only one, and his mother working two jobs, he began selling newspapers at the age of seven on the streets of Highmore, SD, often earning more than his mother's wages. He discovered early that his uncommon charisma and will were strengths he could rely on to support his family.

Though money was short and disposable time even shorter, Coe's mother impressed upon him the importance of gaining an education, assuring him that if he had the qualifications and will to attend college, together they would find a way. As Coe reached high school Sadie encouraged him to exercise his outward personality and interest in people through stage acting and "Declamatory" competitions in which contestants were scored based on their ability to speak with authority and influence others. Leveraging his rich voice, strapping frame and handsome features, Coe excelled in these contests, representing his school at the regional and state levels.

After graduating high school Coe enrolled at Hamline University in St. Paul, MN in 1936, often working three jobs to pay his way and, no doubt, to convince a certain intelligent, gorgeous and dynamic young lady from Duluth, Minnesota that he was worth consideration. And though he offered only potential and promises, Coe leveraged his considerable presence on the Hamline campus and theater scene, along with his status as Phi Delta fraternity President, to charm Betty Seitz and begin a relationship that led to marriage, family and the real American Dream.

Planning to join the military as the United States' involvement in World War II seemed inevitable, Coe convinced Betty's parents to plan a wedding in just three weeks, marrying his sweetheart on December 27th, 1941. However, to his surprise and disappoint-

ment, Coe was turned down by every branch of the United States armed forces due to health problems caused by the too—frequent selling of his blood by the pint to make ends meet. So after moving to Pratt, Kansas and embarking on his business career selling Robin Hood Flour, Coe received prompt promotions and relocated his growing family several times in the Midwest before settling down to make a living and a life in Avondale Estates, Georgia in 1949.

Betty supported Coe's fast, high arc through the sales ranks at International Mills, and later his ultra—successful career in the furniture business, where he served as President of IHFRA at both the state (GA) and international levels. While Coe enthusiastically took the lead of many vocational and community groups during the Avondale years, Betty was the accountant, steady head and social savant who helped him deliver to his ability and expectations.

Despite his frenetic pace of life, Coe always found time to raise his gaze and consider the welfare and future of the community and country that he loved. True to his conservative virtues, Coe spent his time, energy and money backing the political leaders that shared his commitment to the ideals of limited government, individual accountability and American exceptionalism.

Consistent with his political sense of the responsibility and inherent self—worth of each human being, Coe helped to found and foster Atlanta's first Unitarian Universalist Congregation, a progressive organization that encourages individual spiritual growth and social justice.

But beyond all of his professional and personal success, his politics and his persuasive prowess, it was his endless drive to be with and entertain people that defined Dow. He was born to act. Whether he was on stage at Hamline University; Theater of Atlanta (also serving as President); The Underground Theater; Georgia Ensemble Theatre (also serving as Chairman), playing "Animal Fair" with his grandchildren; or, later in life, generously offering his lap as a seat to any standing woman within earshot, he was being who God meant him to be.

For Dow, acting never required a reason or a stage, and was not merely for the satisfaction of channeling a persona and delivering a performance, but also for giving enjoyment and relief to others. His ability to act, and to make an instant and genuine connection with you, was the great gift that God gave to Dow. In turn, his acting, on and off—stage, was the great gift that he gave to us. Uninterested in deception, his acting was never meant to conceal — always to reveal: himself, his love of life, his love for us, and the humor hiding all around him just waiting to be called.

And now he has answered God's call, taking his gifts to a greater and grander stage. So although we will not forget him, and cannot replace him, we take solace that tonight, and every night after, the show will go on!

— Submitted by the Hamling Family



Crime Stoppers USVI

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Everyone needs to speak up. If you know something, say something.

St. John: On Wednesday, October 22nd, 2014 at about 11:00 a.m. officers in Coral Bay were approached by a male citizen who requested to file a report about stolen items. He stated that a wooden storage shed he and a friend owned was burglarized sometime between

late June or early July 2014 and October 19, 2014 when he returned to check it. Removed from the shed were some tools and a Polaris All Terrain Vehicle as shown in the attached photo.

Be part of the solution. Contact Crime Stoppers at www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org or 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), or text "USVI" plus your message to CRIMES (274637).

Friends Online Auction Open for Bidding

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Let the bidding begin! The sixth Annual Friends of VI National Park Online Auction is now open and will run until December 7 at 10 pm EST. Anyone can register and bid to on over 60 items with a total retail value of over \$90,000.

Opening bids are only a third of retail value, and all proceeds support programs and projects in the national park. The auction website is www.biddingfor-good.com/friendsvinp.

The auction is a great way to get a jump on your holiday shopping from the comfort of home. There are items priced between \$100 and \$10,000 so there is something for everyone. New items may be added throughout the auction. Find great deals on retail goods and services such as jewelry, dining, clothing, art, hotel and villa stays and excursions.

The online auction has been growing in popularity as a place to shop for great deals on vacation rentals – this year's auction has about 20 different villas and lodging options to bid on. Highlighted properties include 7-night stays at "...On a Clear Day...", "Sweet Surrender", "White Cottage" and "Isla Vista", among many others.

There are also amazing jewelry offerings including a stunning necklace of sapphire briolettes, approximately 59 carats total weight, extra fine quality in multicolors, with a 14k yellow gold chain, designed



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Bid on a chance to win a seven-night stay at White Cottage, above.

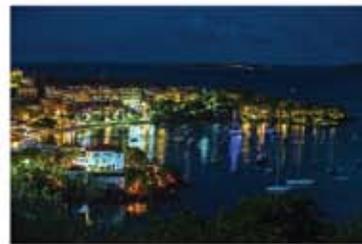
and strung by R&I PATTON. The value on this strand is \$3,190.

Sailing and boating excursions abound, so bid on an adventure while helping the park! A special new item this year: Dinner for six at The Terrace Restaurant with the Park Superintendent Brion Fitzgerald! The winners will enjoy exquisite food and learn from first-hand information from the head of our V.I. National Park.

This year's goal is to raise \$40,000 to support Friends' mission of the protection and preservation of the natural and cultural resources of Virgin Islands National Park and to promoting the responsible enjoyment of this unique national treasure.

For more information please contact Karen Vahling at 779-4940 or kvahling@friendsvinp.org.

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776-6316, 776-6254

Bethany Moravian Church

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

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Christian Ministry

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Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

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

Cruz Bay Baptist Church

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

Emmaus Moravian Church

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

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Tuesday 7 p.m. Bible Study 693-8884

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

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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.
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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

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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

Barshinger Warns of de Jongh Action on Coral Bay Lease

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October 12.

"My guess is (former DPNR Commissioner) Alecia Barnes resignation might have been over this," Sen. Barshinger said, referring to the June 2014 abrupt resignation of the V.I. Department of Planning and Natural Resources Commissioner. "The fact that she had no explanation usually means there was an argument."

The outgoing administration of Gov. John P. de Jongh Jr. has "dredged up" a pre-existing lease for the submerged lands in Coral Bay Harbor which would allow the developers of the controversial mega-yacht marina development take control of the anchorage and mooring field, according to Sen. Barshinger.

Promised Marina Is Fast-Track

Now, Gov. de Jongh, who promised the territory a marina development in his January 2014 State of the Territory address, has asked the V.I. Legislature to fast-track its required approval of the St. John CZM committee permit for the controversial project as the

project heads for required federal approvals – typically a long-complicated process.

The government could benefit financially if a lease is executed, according to Permit No. CZJ-04-14(W):

"A rental fee of... \$194,026.46 per year shall be charged for the use and occupancy of the submerged land area occupied under this permit," the CZM permit reads. "Prior to the completion of construction of the permitted marina described in Section '2' of this permit, the Permittee shall pay an annual rental fee of \$64,027.08, per year for the use and occupancy of the submerged lands as described..."

"The initial payment under this permit is due upon receipt of the effective permit," the agreement reads.

"I don't know what he (Gov. de Jongh) was thinking just shoving this stuff forward at the last minute," Sen. Barshinger said. "It's all coming in a lame duck session and I'm just concerned as to what is going on here."

"I am seeing the governor asking for a rush job," Sen. Barshinger said.

Veterans Brave Rain, Waves During Week of Healing with TRR

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"I started seeing TRR guys at the pool and I loved what they were doing," said Navanjo. "I'm impressed by the phenomenal leadership they show and share with the veterans. The program harnesses their spirit and competitive drive and applies it to sport."

"It's really an extension of their therapy," he said. "You can only do so much in the therapy center and then you have to go out in real life."

Navanjo has seen veterans recover from deep depression thanks to programs like TRR, he explained.

"I see the lowest of low," said Navanjo. "But I am also blessed to see what the outcomes are if we dedicate our energy to their healing like TRR does. The program also allows veterans to spend time together."

"They all have something in common so that wall of newness gets broken down easily," said the adaptive sports specialist.

Another part of what makes TRR have such an impact is its community support, and especially the support of St. John which enables the annual leadership retreat, Navanjo added.

"TRR is great and is run by a great group of people who know what they're doing," said Navanjo.



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Photos by Jaime Elliott



TRR participants prepare to launch kayaks at Cinnamon Bay during the annual St. John program which brought 20 wounded veterans to Love City for a week of leadership training and camaraderie.

"But this is also about community. It is the St. John community that made this trip happen."

"At the end of the day all of these veterans will go back to their communities and they need that support too," he said. "I want to thank the people of St. John for what they're doing for the men and women in the military. This is an example of what communities can do."

In addition to kayak trips along the North Shore, TRR participants

also enjoyed dinners and activities back at camp and across the island at a number of restaurants. Members of American Legion Viggo E. Sewer Post #131, the Auxiliary and local AARP chapter gathered with community members to host a pot luck picnic for the group at the Coral Bay Agriculture Station on November 1.

For more information about Team River Runner or to make a donation to the organization, check out www.teamriverrunner.org.

Volunteers Spruce Up St. John Trails and Ruins

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President Joe Kessler when he visited the group at VIERS.

While ConservationVIP participants faced a few rainy days during their trip, they were only forced to cancel one day of work. The group also enjoyed two planned days off, one of which was filled with a generous donation by V.I. Eco-tours owner Sybille Sorrentino, according to Hardgrove.

“Sybille saw that we were here on Facebook and she managed to find us and offer us a wonderful day with an eco-hike and kayak and snorkel trip and the use of her water sports equipment,” said Hardgrove. “It was the perfect day off for this group who worked so hard during this trip.”

Even with that their time off, the ConservationVIP participants spent nine full days cutting brush in heat to which many volunteers were not accustomed. For many volunteers, their reward is the sense of camaraderie only found after a hard day’s work.

“It’s really about the camaraderie,” said Peter Murphy from Bend, Oregon. “It’s the feeling you get working alongside people from around the world and around the country. It’s an extraordinary feeling when you can do that.”



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Volunteer Paula Schaper works near a coral chimney at Francis Bay.

“It’s really physiological,” said Murphy. “It’s more than psychological. It’s a connection you would never get otherwise.”

The program allows visitors to have an experience they simply would never have staying at a resort, explained ConservationVIP board chairperson Gene Zimmerman, who joined the inaugural St. John trip.

“There was so much cohesiveness with the volunteers,” said Zimmerman, a retired Forest Service employee and founding member of the group. “The things we come for are being with other peo-

ple and helping them have these experiences they wouldn’t have had otherwise. They are invested in this place now.”

For Hardgrove, the best part of his recent trip was seeing friendly familiar faces, he explained.

“This was my first time back to St. John and I was welcomed by taxi drivers, NPS staff and all these friends I didn’t realize I had,” said Hardgrove. “This is Love City not just in name.”

For more information about ConservationVIP, check out the group’s website at <http://www.conservationvip.org>.

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Great Sadness in Regards to Coral Bay

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ing their attempt at advertising; a repetitive video of a woman in a bikini swimming around beneath the sea picking up conch shells. And, Sirensa, sorry, that will always be an eye-sore to us. We are not traveling to Italy or Miami, we are traveling to a jewel in the Caribbean, so please developers, Governor and Senators, consider the landscape and heritage of such a place and stop trying to make it into something that it is not!

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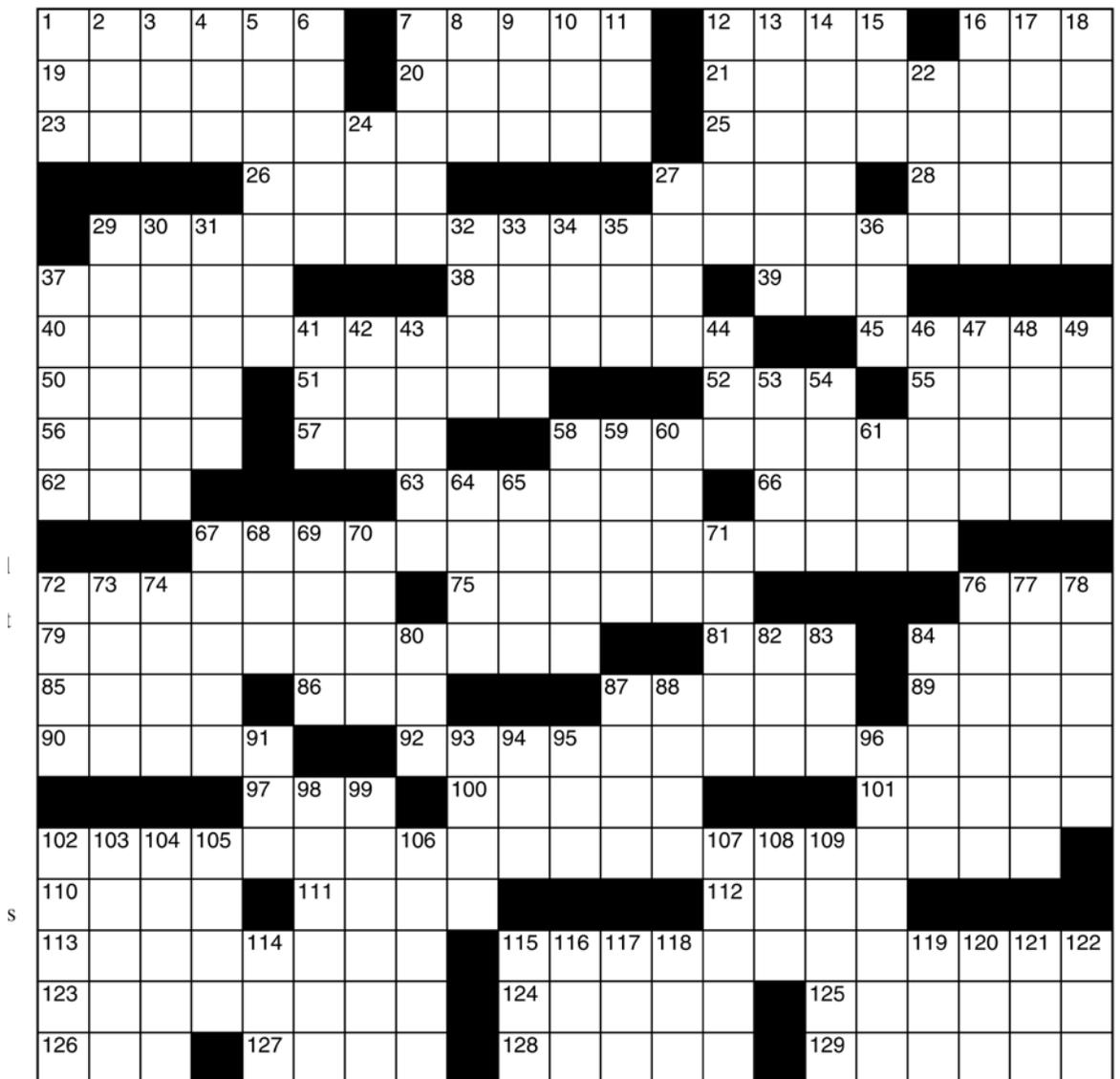
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Crossword

By Frank A. Longo



WHERE DID IT GO?

ACROSS

- 1 Cover again, as a gift
- 7 Slyly spiteful
- 12 The "E" of NEA: Abbr.
- 16 "Hulk" director — Lee
- 19 R&B singer Keys
- 20 Degrade
- 21 Bite-size Nabisco treat
- 23 Actress Swank comes next?
- 25 "That's been canceled"
- 26 Large truck
- 27 Singer — James
- 28 Sign of good or ill
- 29 Disobeys established rules on how to make and serve meat sauce?
- 37 Shaped like a bagel
- 38 "What —!" ("How dull!")
- 39 Ship locale
- 40 Donkey serving morning meals?
- 45 Biblical land with a queen
- 50 "Say it — so, Joel!"
- 51 Cuts into small cubes
- 52 Chi preceder
- 55 Landfill woe
- 56 Classic autos
- 57 Made in the manner of
- 58 Hairdo for folks going after prey?
- 62 Detroit-to-Nashville dir.
- 63 "Mr. —" (1983 hit for Styx)
- 66 Ropy
- 67 Sun blockers worn while on vacation?

- 72 Ireland's longest river
- 75 Events for bulldoggers
- 76 Cut grass
- 79 Business that makes flag holders?

DOWN

- 81 Join together
- 84 Lion growth
- 85 "— further review ..."
- 86 Grassy area
- 87 In harmony
- 89 Met solo
- 90 Must-haves
- 92 Positively charged atom moving very quickly?
- 97 One may shout "Out!"
- 100 Brutish types
- 101 Is defined as
- 102 Groups with no university teachers as members?
- 110 Sector
- 111 Hipsters' talk
- 112 Roman poet
- 113 Shrink
- 115 Thing influencing the decision to use whitewash?
- 123 Aardvark lookalike
- 124 Bring to mind
- 125 Bit of ado
- 126 Part of UCLA
- 127 Ship's left
- 128 Keyed in
- 129 Biting writing
- 1 Rally cheer
- 2 — Lilly
- 3 Wheaton of TV and film
- 4 Blu-ray player brand
- 5 Ill from flying
- 6 Check endorser

- 7 "Pipe down!"
- 8 Crunchable muscles
- 9 Upsilon preceder
- 10 Mao — -tung
- 11 "It's true"
- 12 Gives forth
- 13 Quaint paper copies
- 14 Hazardous
- 15 Org. in "Homeland"
- 16 Eatery lure
- 17 Israeli desert
- 18 Stupid or thuggish
- 22 — about (circa)
- 24 Mime duo?
- 27 Fancy jug
- 29 Fishing rowboats
- 30 Before this time, to bards
- 31 Royal decrees
- 32 Abhorrence
- 33 Fades away
- 34 Coach Holtz
- 35 Part of ETA: Abbr.
- 36 Sedan liquid
- 37 Some ski lifts
- 41 Rx org.
- 42 Bring pain to
- 43 Neck cover
- 44 Make a pick
- 46 Neighbors of Navajos
- 47 Ideal garden
- 48 Tennis' Björn
- 49 Military force
- 53 Cat sound
- 54 Really liking
- 58 "Hiya"
- 59 — Reader (alternative magazine)
- 60 De — (anew)
- 61 Cur's sound
- 64 Other, to Tomás
- 65 Great asset
- 67 Sideways up

- 68 Dad's bro
- 69 Wrench, e.g.
- 70 "This one's —" ("I'll buy")
- 71 "The battle —"
- 72 Rotated
- 73 Expect
- 74 Emollient plant
- 76 "Maid" of Robin Hood
- 77 Kin of leeks
- 78 Gets off the bottle
- 80 Faux follower
- 82 H.S. class
- 83 Winter mo.
- 84 San — (Bay Area city)
- 87 Yemen city
- 88 "Of course, Señor!"
- 91 Spanish for "south"
- 93 Skin feature
- 94 Grade A item
- 95 Slice of history
- 96 "Star Wars" queen
- 98 Rum cocktail
- 99 Xanax maker
- 102 Tennis' Rafael
- 103 Maine university city
- 104 Pond creatures
- 105 Window part
- 106 Open to view
- 107 Divided into districts
- 108 Batting stat
- 109 Slight fights
- 114 Enervate
- 115 "— me go!"
- 116 It climbs walls
- 117 Do a floor job
- 118 "I Like —" ('50s slogan)
- 119 Abridge
- 120 Angle lead-in
- 121 Bobby of the rink
- 122 Dark deli loaf

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Save Coral Bay Appeal

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tal impacts.”

“Unfortunately, as we all know, they approved the permits with virtually no modification on October 1,” he said. “At that point we got in contact with VICS and discussed the best strategy to appeal the decision of the CZM board. The Save Coral Bay Fund, together with the Coral Bay Community Council, decided that the best strategy was to combine forces with VICS to pursue appeals.”

VICS was formed more than 45 years ago and the Coral Bay marina won’t be the group’s first time fighting on behalf of the environment, according to Save Coral Bay’s prepared statement.

“The Virgin Islands Conservation Society has an over 45 year track record of successes in protecting the natural environment of the USVI,” according to the press release. “VICS has successfully fought to prevent environmentally destructive development from damaging the fragile ecosystems of the Virgin Islands and encouraging responsible development.”

While the partnership is new, the two groups are in alignment about fighting SEG’s marina, explained Silverman.

“The partnership is in its early days and I have nothing but positive things to say about the VICS participation,” said Silverman. “We are in complete agreement on legal strategy and tactics and are grateful for the vast experience that VICS brings to the table in these Virgin Islands environmental matters.”

After interviewing several local attorneys, it was St. Thomas based Jennifer

Jones, a former CZM staff attorney, whom the group retained as legal counsel.

“We interviewed several attorneys that had experience in Virgin Islands environmental law,” Silverman said. “Attorney Jennifer Jones was the V.I. CZM attorney for several years, so she is intimately familiar with the CZM law and Board of Land Use Appeals procedures. Since Jennifer is based in St Thomas, it makes it very convenient if we need to meet or if she needs to visit the DPNR offices in Charlotte Amalie.”

“She was the best choice for the job,” he said.

The groups have also hired Attorney Andy Simpson, who has worked with VICS for years, as chief litigation counsel, Silverman added.

“Andy Simpson has worked for years with VICS and is particularly experienced in the VI Superior Court, VI Supreme Court and the Federal District Court,” said Silverman. “He has a long track record of successful legal challenges based on environmental issues. So he was our preferred attorney to work with Jennifer on litigation matters.”

“They are as good a team as you can get for Virgin Islands environmental law,” said the community activist.

Citing problems with SEG’s application and the St. John CZM Committee’s mismanagement of the permitting process, the groups are filing an appeal of SEG’s permit with the Board of Land Use Appeals, according to Silverman.

“The BLUA appeal will cite the problems with the SEG applications and CZM review that you have heard mentioned in the public hearings in August, and the numerous letters and comments made in the media since then,” he said. “These concerns range from

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information that was missing in the applications, the severe and unmitigated environmental impacts, the way in which the three-person CZM committee handled the hearings and decision, problems with the Trust Lands lease agreement, and a multitude of other issues that are all raised in the BLUA appeals.”

There was no word as of press time when BLUA would hear the appeal. The board usually schedules hearing after an appeal is filed.

In addition to the local attorneys, Save Coral Bay and VICS have retained — on a pro-bono basis — the services of Manko, Gold, Katcher and Fox, a renowned environmental law firm based in Pennsylvania and New Jersey which will oversee the multi-agency federal review process coordinated by the Army Corps of Engineers, explained Silverman.

“One of the partners of Manko Gold, Robert Fox, is a frequent visitor to St. John,” Silverman said. “He heard about the concerns with the Summers End Group marina and reached out to us to see whether his extensive background in the federal courts could be of assistance. After several discussions with Mr. Fox and his partner Jonathan Rinde we decided that their expertise would be a perfect complement to the local team of Jennifer Jones and Andy Simpson.”

“With this group of attorneys we have all of our bases covered,” he said.

After sailing through the St. John CZM Committee in October, the governor signed the permits last week and urged senators to take “prompt and favorable consideration” on the submerged land lease. Governor deJongh’s support of the project was no surprise, according to Silverman.

“We were disappointed that the governor failed to take

public sentiment into account when he signed this permit,” he said. “We weren’t surprised because he had announced almost a year ago that he was in favor of a marina on St. John — even before the permit applications were filed — but nonetheless we were disappointed in the apparent lack of interest in public comments.”

It was unknown last week when the project would be heard by members of the Committee on Economic Development chaired by Senator Jeanette Millin-Young, Silverman added.

“We do not know if, or when, the Senate will take up consideration of the submerged Trust Lands lease agreement,” said the community activist. “We do know that under normal circumstances it would be reviewed by Senator Janette Millin-Young’s Committee on Economic Development, and we are assuming that will be the case.”

“I understand that many people have phoned Senate President Malone and Senator Millin-Young to express their view that this permit should not be rushed through the review process as requested by the governor,” he said.

Even with legislative approval, work on the 145-slip, 28-acre spanning mega marina planned for Coral Bay won’t begin until SEG receives all federal approval and permits, according to Silverman.

“According to the express language on the permit, no work can begin until all federal permits and agency approvals have been received by SEG,” he said. “So an approval by the Legislature does not mean that work will begin; the ACOE review involves a coordinated review by multiple federal agencies, and can take a very long time.”

The Save Coral Bay campaign, which started with a group of residents communicating online, has grown into a

coordinated effort taking full advantage of social media, and that’s just beginning, Silverman explained.

“A group of people had been exchanging ideas on Facebook since August, but this was more oriented towards letter writing and submitting comments to the CZM committee,” said the community activist. “Once it became clear that a legal challenge to the permits would be required, we mobilized our resources and set up the funding campaign, which has now become known as the Save Coral Bay Fund.”

“We have a communications campaign that is just beginning — starting with bumper stickers for awareness — and moving into printed brochures to get the message to visitors and to people on island who aren’t connected to Facebook or the internet,” Silverman said. “We are communicating with our government officials on a regular basis.”

The fight against SEG’s mega-marina has galvanized supporters from around the world, explained Silverman.

“Our supporters are literally all over the world, with several thousand participants in our Save Coral Bay community on Facebook, and over 500 individual financial supporters in our GoFundMe campaign,” he said. “Our campaign is composed almost exclusively of people with a direct connection to St. John — people who now or previously lived here, people who own homes and businesses here, and people who visit here on a regular basis.”

“These people are shocked at the idea that a group of outside investors could come into Coral Bay and destroy the very things they love,” said Silverman. “Our support is motivated by the love for St. John and Coral Bay.”

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<p>“CORAL COTTAGE” This cute 3 bdrm Caribbean cottage sits on the hill side above Coral Bay with views from Virgin Gorda to Jost. Decks make it a perfect short term rental, on paved road minutes from town.</p> <p>MLS 14-25 \$510,000</p>	<p>“GIFFT HILL” View, quiet area & convenience! Two unit home—Live in one, rent the other! Main level features 2 bdrms, bath & a generous great room w/ sliders to Pillsbury Sound view deck. Lower level studio apartment with porch. Lush, level property with easy parking.</p> <p>MLS 13-347 \$475,000</p>	<p>“COQUI COTTAGE” Caribbean cute and ready to be loved! Studio layout with king bed in a solid masonry building makes a great start on this .5 acre lot.</p> <p>MLS 13-498 \$372,500</p>	<p>“GALLOWS POINT” Unit 9C—one bedroom, 1.5 bath loft with private deck/patio, common beach, pool and spa. Restaurant and concierge services on property. Walk to town!</p> <p>MLS 14-244 \$1,100,000</p>	<p>“RAINBOW’S END” AT BATTERY HILL—clean and cheerfully decorated poolside condo is conveniently close to town w/ nicely manicured grounds. Seller says make an offer!</p> <p>MLS 12-358 \$465,000</p>	<p>“OWN A MONTH IN A LUXURY HOME” Choose a 3 BR 3.5 BA or a 4 BR 4.5 BA villa in upscale Virgin Grand Estates. These 3,000 sq ft villas feature STT & sunset views, pool, AC & more.</p> <p>Priced from \$50,000</p>

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