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School Christmas Program In the Park Attracts Festive Crowd

The Julius E. Sprauve School annual Christmas Party filled Franklin Powell Sr. Park in Cruz Bay with song on Friday morning, December 19 as the student body showed they knew all four verses of the "Virgin Islands March."

V.I. Superintendent of Schools Dionne Wells, more recently JESS Principal, brought holiday greetings to her former students as well.

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Hollander's "Caribbean Queen" Holiday Light Sculpture Pays Homage to Women

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Happy Holidays!

Each year, high atop Chicago Hill overlooking Coral Bay Harbor, artist George Hollander creates a unique and distinctly St. John illuminated sculpture for the Holiday Season.

This year's light sculpture was created with recycled foam boxes used for shipping fruit and is called "Caribbean Queen." Hollander created the piece, which features a crown of red lights, as an homage to women, he explained.

"This year's piece was inspired by the music of Dr. Buzzard's Savannah Band; a band that embraced multiculturalism," Hollander said. "Their title tune, 'Cherchez La Femme' (meaning looking or seeking a woman) came

out in 1976, which was one year before I came to St. John."

"They were a 1930s type of jazz swing band, with calypso, rumba and cha cha mixed in," said the artist.

The frequent Studio 54 performers were also led by singer Cory Daye, a Bronx native just like Hollander.

"Their sound was updated, with great lyrics and a disco beat," he said. "Their music was fabulous, all of it."

With those disco beats in his head, Hollander wired a series of those foam boxes together into a column and affixed the crown of warm red Christmas lights, supplying the perfect Holiday touch.

"Happy, happy 'light filled' holidays to everyone," said Hollander.



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The *General II* Spied Back in Port on December 20



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After months of rumors of its sale to another island barge operator, the *General II* is back in port on St. John, apparently being readied to join the depleted fleet at the start of season as the *General* – although probably not in time to ease the demand for inter-island holiday travel. The familiar gray vessel of the former Boyson Inc. fleet has been replaced by the familiar blue stripe on white color scheme which lets everyone know that Capt. Stanley Hedrington is back at the controls of the vessel which replaces the *Roanoake* which is no longer in service and is parked at the private shipyard in the Enighed Port.

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St. John Singers Holiday Concert Dec. 22

The St. John Singers, now in its 33rd year, will present their second holiday concert of the season in Coral Bay at the Emmaus Moravian Church on Monday, December 22 at 7:30 p.m.

Choir director Janice Ballard has chosen music from a range of time periods and countries of origin. This season's concerts will include settings of traditional carols, classical and contemporary pieces, spirituals, and an upbeat calypso Christmas tune. As always, the audience is invited to join the choir in a traditional carol sing-along.

In order to promote our local talent, the featured guest artists will be student musicians. Tickets will be available at the door: \$20 for adults; children will be admitted for free.

Christmas Eve Festive Sing Along

Come to a festive sing along at the Cruz Bay bandstand in Frank Powell Park from 5:30 to 7:30 pm on Christmas Eve (just before Santa comes), hosted by the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of St John.

All school, family and church singing groups as well as visitors to St. John are welcome and encouraged to join in with your favorite holiday songs. Share the spirit of Christmas! Contact Marv Hart (315) 286-9194 for information.

New Year's Eve Youth Party in Park

Sisterhood Agenda is hosting its 5th Annual Sisterhood Brotherhood New Year's Eve Youth Extravaganza at Franklin Powell Park in Cruz Bay on Wednesday, December 31 from 8 p.m. until midnight.

The New Year's Eve Youth Extravaganza is a unique youth event that promotes positive, drug- and alcohol-free fun on New Year's Eve and during the New Year. With music, a raffle, giveaways, and refreshments, everyone is welcome to attend.

ACC Annual Meeting Set for January 8

The Animal Care Center of St. John (ACC) will have its Annual Meeting on Thursday, January 8, at 6 p.m. in the activity hall of the Lower Giffit Hill School campus.

All dues-paying ACC members are invited to attend. Others may also join ACC at the beginning of the meeting by paying the modest annual membership donation at the entrance to the meeting. The agenda will include a financial report, year-end annual report, and a membership vote by paper ballot for Board seat openings. Names of several St. John residents who have been nominated and who have agreed to stand for election will be on the ballot. In addition, spaces will be provided for write-in candidates.

School Supply Drive on January 10

The Bethany Moravian Church Board of Stewards will be hosting a School Supply Drive on Saturday, January 10 in the Franklin A. Powell, Sr. Park from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Books, pens, paper, rulers will be accepted and monetary donations are welcomed as well. For more details, call (340)776-6291.

MLK Basketball Tourney Jan. 16-19

The St. Thomas/St. John IAA is preparing to host the 2015 Martin Luther King Jr. Invitational basketball tournament slated for January 16 through 19. All varsity boys and girls basketball team are invited to participate in this exciting event. Teams which are serious about participating are asked to respond as soon as possible. For more information call (340) 642-2156.



St. John Tradewinds News Photos by Jaime Elliott

Coral Bay area residents young and old filled the Coral Bay basketball court on Saturday, December 20, for the annual Christmas tree lighting and carol sing-along, which featured stand-up comedy and lively renditions of favorite carols. The annual event was hosted by Alvis Christian of the John's Folly Learning Institute and Sharon Caldron of the Coral Bay Community Foundation, bottom left.

Coral Bay Celebrates Christmas

By JAIME ELLIOTT
St. John Tradewinds

CORAL BAY — Neighbors joined together to sing traditional Christmas songs on Friday evening, December 19, at the annual Coral Bay Carole Sing-along at the neighborhood basketball court.

Residents from Mamey Peak to Mandhal gathered at the basketball court to sing their favorite seasonal songs. The neighborhood sing-along has been hosted by John's Folly Learning Institute founder Alvis Christian for more than a decade as way to keep the Coral Bay tradition of sharing holiday music and food alive.

After neighbors and local church choirs sang their holiday carols, a siren from the nearby fire station signaled what most of the children were waiting for all night — the arrival of Santa Claus.



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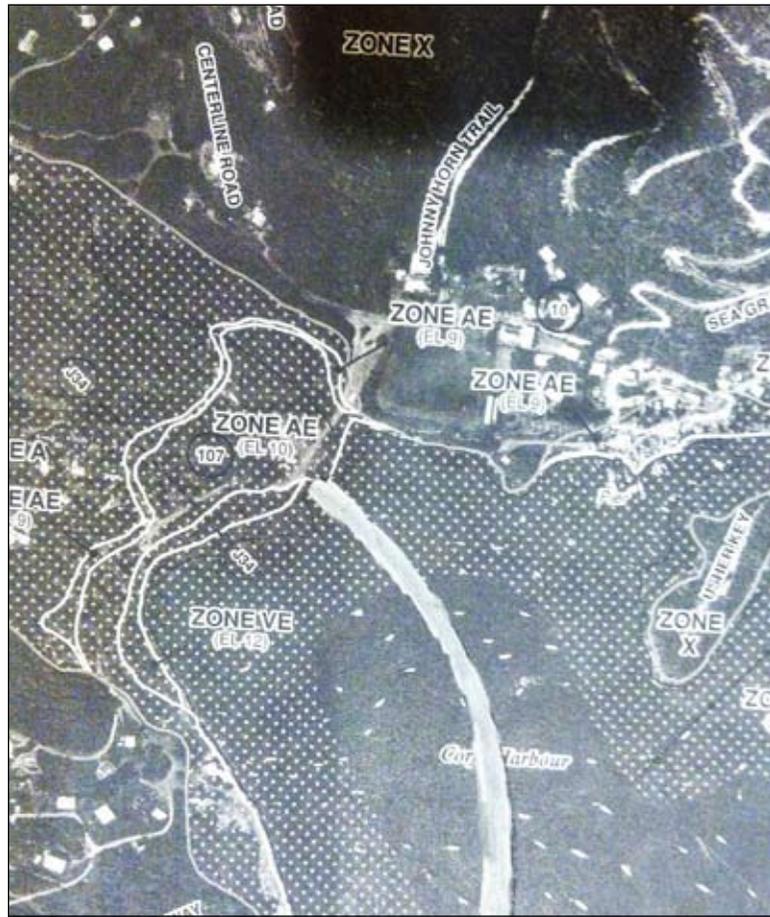
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Natives, Longtime Coral Bay Residents Envisioned “Coral Bay Town” on Harbor



St. John Tradewinds News Graphic Courtesy of Norm Gledhill

A few years back, Coral Bay natives and long-time residents were envisioning the creation of a new Coral Bay town on filled land along Rte. 107 where a mega-yacht marine is now planned for the end of long docks.

By TOM OAT

St. John Tradewinds

CORAL BAY — There have been at least three and maybe four plans for the development of Coral Bay marine resources in recent years — and the controversial mega-yacht marina currently entangled in the federal permitting process and multiple legal challenges might not have been the most drastic plan on the drawing board for Coral Harbor.

But one proposal still bouncing around dwarfs the other plans in its proposed impact on the isolated community that was once the economic hub of St. John.

The small group drafted a simple photo-copied presentation for a plan with the grand title “Development of Coral Harbor from Penn Point northward” — a simple proposal for the dredging and filling of Coral Bay and Coral Harbor to create a “Coral Bay Town” including “(s)eaplane dockage similar to that on St. Thomas” and a heliport.

Development of “Coral Bay Town”

“That was a good plan,” said long-time Coral Bay resident gadfly Norm Gledhill, who first came to the U.S. Virgin Islands “donkey years” ago to help build the bulkhead for the Crown Bay port on St. Thomas. “They wanted to create a true Coral Bay Town.”

Meanwhile, St. Johnian business leader and V.I. Port Authority Board Chairman Robert O’Connor Jr. has stoically helped impel the transformation another earlier, albeit smaller, marina plan into an even larger, more controversial project, while a moribund, decades-old development project on the north shore of the broad bay has recently shown signs of renewed economic life.

The recently-CZM-approved St. John Marina, The Yacht Club at Summer’s End plan for a 145-slip, mega-yacht marina on the western shore of Coral Harbor proposes the months-long installation of thou-

sands of pilings for docks stretching hundreds of feet from the shoreline of Route 107 to reach water deep enough for docking deep-draft vessels without dredging.

Marina, Shoreline Mixed-Use

The Coral Bay community hub of the shuttered Guy H. Benjamin Elementary School and the V.I. Fire Department station on the north shore of the broad bay could soon be enveloped by a mixed-use hotel, residential and commercial project with another marina on the shoreline on Moravian Church-owned waterfront property which extends from the intersection of Routes 10 and 107 to the mangroves behind Skinny Legs.

The enigmatic developers of the Moravian Church waterfront property have shown preliminary plans for a marina with a 30-foot-tall, dry-storage building for small boats on the waterfront behind the iconic Skinny Legs restaurant. So far the developers are only requesting a zone change for one of five separate parcels in their proposed project to allow the construction of a three-story “hotel.”

While a large number of Coral Bay residents in and out of the boating community are continuing their strong opposition to the plan for the development of a 145-slip “mega-yacht” marina covering most of the same harbor waters, a small group of native St. Johnians and long-time residents of the communities lining the south shore of the harbor have envisioned a grander development for the bucolic bay.

And they still do.

Filling Shoreline from Penn Point to Skinny Legs

Developed about three years ago, according to several people involved, the ad hoc group’s proposal for the development of most of the shoreline of Coral Harbor inside of Penn Point on either side of the mangrove area on the inner shoreline of the harbor along Route 107 and Route 10.

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The St. John Band



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De Jongh Heralds Passage by Congress of Six-Passenger Marine Rule Change for Restoration of USVI Boat Industry

St. John Tradewinds

The United States Congress passed federal legislation that represents a crucial first step towards the Virgin Islands goal of reclaiming its place as the yachting capital of the world, Governor John P. de Jongh, Jr. proclaimed December 11 as he noted the passage of federal legislation by the U.S. Senate of the "six pack" or six passenger legislation easing inspection requirements for small charter vessels in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

"Legislation that includes the Virgin Islands Six Passenger exemption passed the Senate on a unanimous vote on Wednesday night. A previous version had passed the House earlier in the year and H.R. 5769 is a result of a joint conference which emerged from both the House and the Senate and is en route to the President for his signature," Gov. de Jongh said. A second House vote on the new Senate language occurred later in the evening in order to assure that the final House language was identical to what passed the Senate.

Important Sector of Economy

This important sector of our

economy will offer numerous opportunities in the boating industry, Gov. de Jongh said in heralding the passage of the "six-pack" legislation and noting the potential for the restoration of the territory's once world-leading charter sailing fleet — much of which has migrated to the British Virgin Islands to operate under the international regulations the vessels will now face to operate in the USVI.

"This legislation is a critical first step in our journey to regain our position as the world's leader in this important industry sector," Gov. de Jongh took note of the fact that prior to 1993, when the six-passenger or "six pack" limitation on U.S. uninspected vessels was imposed, the territory's harbors were filled with hundreds of vessels which brought millions in jobs and annual revenue to the local economy.

However, the limitation saw the industry relocate to the British Virgin Islands which follows international standards and a twelve-passenger limitation, according to a press release from Government House. Since 1993, the Virgin Islands has not had the opportunity

to compete fairly for charter yacht customers, the Governor said.

The V.I. government and the marine industry must begin introducing new ideas that can inspire young people to venture into this great new world, said Gov. de Jongh, who credited the opportunity to restore the territory's marine industry to Congressional leaders Senator Jay Rockefeller and Rep. Bill Shuster.

Gov. de Jongh Thanks Rockefeller, Shuster

Gov. de Jongh expressed the gratitude of the people of the Virgin Islands to Chairman Shuster for working with the Administration and our Marine Economic Development Council on this initiative.

"We are grateful to both the members of the House of Representatives and U.S. Senate for voting to take this action which levels the playing field for the territory. And enough cannot be said about the efforts of Senator Jay Rockefeller of West Virginia, a lion of the Senate and the Chairman of the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee," Gov. de Jongh reiterated.

"Senator Rockefeller has distinguished himself as our leading Democratic champion in the Senate," Gov. de Jongh said Thursday. "As a Member of the Senate Finance Committee, he became the center of the U.S.V.I. defense against a vigorous and unrelenting attack from anti-change forces within Puerto Rico and in the U.S. Senate."

"He has been the leading de-

fender of rum tax extenders," Gov. de Jongh added. "There is a strong argument that the territory would not have been successful in our fight to develop our rum industry if Jay Rockefeller was not the visible champion for the territory's economy. As a committed friend of the U.S. Virgin Islands, it is only fitting that one of his final legislative achievements would benefit our territory."

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St. John Rescue, NPS “Stand Down” for Dramatic USCG Helicopter Rescue Within Walking Distance of Paved Road

By TOM OAT

St. John Tradewinds

CONCORDIA — The challenging helicopter rescue of six boaters stranded in rough seas when their sailboat reportedly lost its rudder and struck the reef extending from rocky Nanny Point on the southeast shore of Coral Bay on Monday, November 24, was dramatic and fraught with danger, involving two U.S. Coast Guard helicopters, a USCG Small Boat and a USCG rescue swimmer.

But the rescue, with St. John emergency resources standing by on shore and sea, was the epitome of the enhanced presence of USCG rescue resources available to local

boaters — and swimmers — during recent dangerous weather and sea conditions.

Two people in the territory died when they were swept out to sea by high surf on St. Thomas and St Croix on Saturday, December 13. A woman was swept off the rocks at Picara Point on St. Thomas and rescued after being swept a half-mile away.

As challenging as the successful Nanny Point rescue was to coordinate in the weather conditions at the time, some residents second-guessed the dramatic, dangerous — and expensive — rescue in pointing out the shoreline on either side Nanny Point is easily accessed by a paved road from

the eco-tent cottages of Concordia which winds down the steep hillside to the small point of land.

St. John Rescue and NPS Officers First on Scene

In fact, as professionally-accomplished as the USCG rescue efforts eventually were, St. John Rescue volunteer EMTs also were on the scene with a rescue vehicle and National Park Service personnel in an NPS vessel were ready to assist the six stranded passengers to the rocky shoreline on the west side of the small point — about 200-yards from the stranded vessel — when they were told to “back-off” their rescue effort because the USCG was able to respond and ex-

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St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tom Oat

Even in calm seas, the rocky shore of Nanny Point is a cauldron, above, the sailing vessel Aurora was lost and six people rescued in a dramatic USCG helicopter rescue while St. John rescue members were prepared to lend a hand.



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St. John Marina Is Designed To Attract Charter Yacht Industry in Six-Pack Change

By TOM OAT
St. John Tradewinds

The enigmatic developers of the controversial 145-slip, mega-yacht facility The St. John Marina, The Yacht Club at Summer's End are not shy about the potential impact on their project of the change in federal boating inspection rules which proponents say portends a resurgence in the U.S. Virgin Islands charter boat industry.

Nevertheless, at least one veteran charter captain pooh-poohed the predicted tsunami affect of the U.S. legislation on the local boating industry.

"They are not coming back," the 20-plus year captain stated succinctly of the major players in the BVI charter industry. "They are established in business in the British Virgin Islands and they like it there."

Whether the charter fleet returns to the USVI or not, the timing of the change in federal legislation may be as serendipitous as it was predictable for the SEG developers trying to solicit financial investment in their project in the face of strong opposition from the Coral Bay boating community.

Intimations that some of the estimate 200-plus vessels in the British Virgin Islands charter fleet — forced to relocate there from the USVI by the decades-old change in USCG inspection regulation — may return to the USVI under the new rules have provided a change in narrative for the beleaguered St. John Marina developers, who have been dealing with at least one well-publicized fee dispute with a disgruntled design company.

Positive News for Beleaguered Project

"Due to the location of The St. John Marina and her proximity to the BVI we recognized the potential for the positive economic impact that the increase from the six passenger limit will bring to St. John,"

"The St. John Marina has purposely been designed to capture a segment of each of the existing yachting and sailing markets that currently inhabit the USVI and BVI. The charter industry is one of the major markets that we have targeted with the comprehensive design of our docks."

— Chalièse Summers, managing partner
The St. John Marina, The Yacht Club at Summer's End

SEG managing partner Chalièse Summers e-mailed *St. John Tradewinds* on December 13. "We have the perfect location to help revive this market.

"The St. John Marina has purposely been designed to capture a segment of each of the existing yachting and sailing markets that currently inhabit the USVI and BVI," Summers added. "The charter industry is one of the major markets that we have targeted with the comprehensive design of our docks."

"By providing the dockage, moorings, management, provisioning, fueling, and pumpout that is required by these charters, The St. John Marina is the gateway that allows this market to come to St. John and enjoy our beautiful island as a destination rather than passing us by as they have had to do for far too long," Summers wrote.

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Special Worship Schedule



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Christmas Eve (Dec. 24)
Holy Eucharist at 8pm

Christmas Day (Dec. 25)
Holy Eucharist at 9am

The First Sunday after Christmas Day (Dec. 28)
Holy Eucharist at 9am

New Year's Eve (Dec. 31)
Service for New Year's Eve at 8pm

The Holy Name of Jesus (Jan. 1)
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Sunday Morning Indulgence –

Brunch Is Now Being Served at Ocean 362 at Gallows Point

By TOM OAT

St. John Tradewinds

GALLOWS POINT — St. John-raised chef Shaun Brian’s claim to fame at his reincarnation of Ocean 362 restaurant at The Gallows Point Resort overlooking St. Thomas is his provisioning with as many locally-sourced menu items and ingredients from St. Croix, St. Thomas and St. John as possible.

As if presenting his island-inspired dinner seven days a week wasn’t enough challenge, Chef Shaun, who was raised “in a tent in Coral Bay” and earned his chef stripes in the states before returning to his island home, has added Sunday brunch to his schedule, filling a fine dining gap in Cruz Bay and allowing him to offer elements of his unique cooking style.

“We wanted to do Sunday brunch because of the view,” Ocean 362 owner Akhil Deshwal said of the dinner view of the twinkling lights of St. Thomas — which turns into a front row seat for the island’s daytime boating activity. “This enhances the whole experience.”

Brunch with Superb View

The twinkling lights of St. Thomas which complement his evening fine dining



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

A bloody mary is a perfect complement for Eggs Benedict with lobster and hash browns at Brunch at Ocean 362.

are replaced at Sunday brunch by unmatched views of boating activity in Pillsbury Sound to complement Chef Shaun’s eclectic menu featuring his island “take” on classic brunch

offerings.

“We have the best pancakes in the world,” Chef Shaun said unabashedly.

“Bites” including “chef inspired” Dev-

iled Eggs, House Baked Breakfast Bread, Salt Fish Fritters and Chef Shaun’s signature “Oysters Rock’d” which can be paired with “Sides” from \$6 silver dollar pancakes to \$3 house pork sausage to set the table for the handful of “Mains” from Johnny Cake Eggs Benedict with lobster — with a lemon-infused hollandaise and hash browns to Buttermilk Biscuits and Gravy with house ground sausage and hash browns. All main dishes are priced under \$20.

In Chef Shaun Brian’s take on Eggs Benedict cooked whole in the shell “sous vide” — under pressure in an immersion circulator — and “cracked onto the griddle” to provide a flat base to rest on the home-made mini-Johnny cakes.

Coupled with fresh lobster the dish is simply a sublime take on Sunday brunch.

Of course, Ocean 362 also offers a “Build Your Own” Bellini and Bloody Mary Bar, in addition to Javamon French Press coffee of 100 percent dark roast Kona beans.

There’s no doubt diners who have experienced Chef Shaun Brian’s locally-sourced dinner menu will be enticed to sample his Sunday brunch.

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Rotary District Governor Visits Coral Bay Courts



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Rotary District Governor Dr. Paul Brown of Jamaica visited the Rotary Club of St. John on Friday, December 5th and toured the site of the Coral Bay Basketball Court repair project with Rick Meyers and Mary Jo Sleder who are community members and donors to the project - as well as the volunteers who just removed the rotten bleacher wood. (I will send second picture of this.) Kay Brown, Dr. Brown's wife, also visiting is holding the basketball, and Sharon Coldren, Rotary Member, and Michael Toussiant, Assistant District Governor.

New Leadership Role for Rutnik at PSC

By JUDI SHIMEL
St. John Tradewinds

CRUZ BAY — The V.I. Public Services Commission has chosen former Licensing and Consumer Affairs Commissioner Andrew Rutnik of St. John as its new vice chairman.

Rutnik, who served on the regulatory panel close to 20 years ago, told Tradewinds he is prepared for the leadership role and the challenges he expects to face. Rutnik is a long-time resident of St. John and husband to well known artist Janet Cook-Rutnik.

"I think I've got all the experience needed," he said. "I've got a lot of experience on both sides of the aisle."

In his role with the DLCA, Rutnik said he'd heard from consumers and businesses about the impact utility costs had on them. As PSC chairman for five years between 1991 and 1996, Rutnik said he'd heard from the utility providers and learned about the considerations a commissioner must make in balancing the interests of them both.

The Public Service Commission is the quasi-autonomous agency responsible for making sure service providers of water and power, waste management, commuter

ferry services and telecommunications give adequate service to the public at a reasonable cost. Some issues have changed since the mid-1990s, Rutnik admitted. For example, a new service — waste management — has appeared in the spectrum of PSC control and one major service — telecommunications — has diminished.

"The issues with WAPA (the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority) are just about the same. WAPA struggled because of accounts receivable issues and that remains the same," Rutnik said. "The Telecommunications Act pretty much took out from the Public Service Commission regulatory authority over Innovative (Telephone, formerly Innovative Communications)."

Most consumers have multiple options, including cell phones, for personal communications and cell phone companies do not receive PSC oversight, Rutnik added.

Issues surrounding commuter ferry service between St. John and St. Thomas also remain the same as 20 years ago, he said. Then, as now, there were two ferry companies being regulated and they had different business models, Rutnik said — one had a sizeable debt load while the other was relatively

debt free.

Waste Management Offers Challenge

What's new to the new PSC vice chairman is the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority, a semi-autonomous agency that took shape at the turn of the century. WMA Director May Adams Cornwall has submitted applications to PSC for various revenue raising proposals that will help her agency realize its intent to become financially self-sufficient.

"Those issues haven't ripened yet," Rutnik said. In 2015 WMA will ask regulators to approve pass along fees for household trash collection, disposal of white goods and electronic waste, use of roadside convenience centers and more.

Rutnik steps into the vice chairmanship at PSC under the leadership of Johan Clendenin, appointed to the board by Governor John de Jongh earlier this year. Clendenin is a former professor at Harvard School of Business and founder of Inner Circle Logistics, a St. Croix-based company.

Both step in as the immediate past chairman, M. Thomas Jackson, steps away from a leadership position and remains on the panel as a regular PSC commissioner.

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MK Sailing partners Mimi Roller, left, and Kayla McComb pose for a photo during their fundraiser on Friday, December 19 at Motu Bar.

MK Sailing Hosts Olympic Bid Fundraiser at Motu

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

CRUZ BAY — Mayumi “Mimi” Roller and Kayla McComb hosted a fundraiser at Motu in Cruz Bay on Friday evening, December 19, to help support their bid for the 2016 Summer Olympic Games in Brazil.

The fundraiser featured both silent auction and raffle prize items from St. John businesses and a variety of food donated by some of the best island restaurants. MK Sailing gear was also available for purchase.

Roller and McComb are hoping to represent the U.S. Virgin Islands sailing a 49 FX at the next Summer Olympics. After taking a break for the holidays, the women will return to Florida to train and compete

as they pursue Olympic qualification.

Ocean Runner, Southern Hospitality, Wasabi Sailing, Reef 2 Peak Excursions, Aimee Trayser, Coral Bay Garden Center, and Arawak Expeditions donated silent auction items for the event.

Raffle prizes and food were donated by Love City Music Festival, Big Planet, Kro-Gu, Asolare, La Tapa, Island Stylin', Cruz Bay Watersports, Ocean 362, Castaways, Morgan's Mango, Crabby's Watersports, Sugar Birds, The Beach Bar, St. John Hardware, The Terrace, High Tide, Fatty Crab, Lime Inn, Waterfront Bistro, Josephine's Best Organic Greens, Dora Tira's Famous Banana Cake, Grapevine Salon, Barefoot Cowboy Lounge, Ocean Runner, Sundog Cafe and Virgin Fire.



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Public Service Regulators Question Bid To Raise Ferry Ticket Prices for Visitors

By JUDI SHIMEL
St. John Tradewinds

ST. THOMAS — Commissioners with the Public Services Commission have questions about a request by ferry service operators to change ticket prices for visitors.

The subject came up at a Dec. 16 PSC meeting on St. Thomas with a request for a rate investigation on behalf of Varlack Ventures, Inc. and Transportation Services of St. John.

After the meeting, Commissioner Andrew Rutnik said members want to know more about how the new, federally-subsidized vessels supplied to each company have impacted overall operations.

The review comes in advance of a request by service operators to charge an additional \$1 per ticket for non-residential ferry

riders, which would make a one-way adult ticket \$8. If the work of the technical consultant shows justification for an increase Rutnik said the next step would be the appointment of a hearing examiner to conduct the rate investigation.

“We wanted to revisit that and see if there were any changes, if having the new boats on line and whether there was any need for further review,” Rutnik said.

Regulators want to appoint a technical consultant to see if the ferry companies have found financial relief in the operation of the *Cruz Bay I* by Transportation Services and the *Red Hook I* by Varlack Ventures. The vessels first became operational in July but were taken out of service after the passage of Tropical Storm Bertha on Aug. 2.

Both vessels resumed regular

commuter service by late October.

“Those issues haven’t ripened yet,” Rutnik said. In 2015 WMA will ask regulators to approve pass along fees for household trash collection, disposal of white goods and electronic waste, use of roadside convenience centers and more.

Rutnik steps into the vice chairmanship at PSC under the leadership of Johan Clendenin, appointed to the board by Governor John de Jongh earlier this year. Clendenin is a former professor at Harvard School of Business and founder of Inner Circle Logistics, a St. Croix-based company.

Both step in as the immediate past chairman, M. Thomas Jackson, steps away from a leadership position and remains on the panel as a regular PSC commissioner.

St. John Singers in Full Voice



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tom Oat

The St. John singers presented the first of two holiday concerts in its 33rd season at the Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cruz Bay on Friday night, December 19, under the direction of choir director Janice Ballard.

Their final concert will be Monday night, December 22 at the Emmaus Moravian Church in Coral Bay at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the door: \$20 for adults and children are free.



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New Work by Karen Samuel and Kimberly Nogueira Featured in January



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Paintings, like the one above, by Coral Bay native Karen Samuel and studio jewelry and automations, left, by Kimberly Nogueira will be featured at the January 2 artists' reception at Bajo el Sol gallery in Mongoose Junction.

By JAIME ELLIOTT
St. John Tradewinds

Bajo el Sol is hosting the season's second artists' reception on Friday, January 2, featuring new work by Karen Samuel and Kimberly Nogueira.

The reception will be from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Mongoose Junction art gallery and will feature paintings by Samuel and studio jewelry and automations by Nogueira. Live classical guitar will be provided by David Laabs.

Samuel is a talented St. Johnian artist who has been recognized for her ability since she was a child. At the age of 14 she impressed the V.I. Council on the Arts so much, she was awarded a scholarship to attend South Hampton College in NY for a month.

Today, Samuel is known for her portraits and landscapes mostly in oil paints. Her classic fine art technique is naturalistic without being photographic and never ceases to engage.

Stop by the reception on January 2 to see Samuel's latest moving creations as well as new work by Nogueira.

A native of Northampton, MA, Nogueira has called St. John home

“By incorporating movement in this work, I hope to engage the wearer’s sense of responsibility as well as draw attention to the marvels of everyday life.”

– Kimberly Nogueira, artist

for 18 years where she has honed her skills as a jeweler and metal worker who creates awe-inspiring automations.

“Using tiny antique household objects and vintage childhood toys, I examine the fragility and endurance of childhood wonder and its profound effect on our everyday adult lives,” said Nogueira. “By incorporating movement in this work, I hope to engage the wearer’s sense of responsibility as well as draw attention to the marvels of everyday life.”

Nogueira continues to find inspiration in the nature around her, even in the smallest of details.

“My workbench is also strewn with dried seed pods, leaves and twigs collected from forest walks on this small island I call home,” said the artist. “I walk along the ocean shores here and to these accumulations I add sun-worn driftwood and sea-washed curiosities. They frequently make appearances in my jewelry work, a reminder to the wearer that preciousness can be found in the smallest of fragments.”

Nogueira’s studio metal work has been featured in several juried exhibitions, has won multiple awards and has twice been juried into the Art and Design of Metal Clay Calendar.

Check out the latest works by Samuel and Nogueira on Friday evening, January 2, at Bajo el Sol’s January artists’ reception from 5 to 8 p.m. The evening will also feature live classical guitar by David Laabs.

Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. For more information about the December 5 show or Bajo el Sol, check out www.bajoelsolgallery.com or call (340) 693-7070.



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Enjoy Panoramic Water Views at Rivendell in Lower Peter Bay

By JAIME ELLIOTT
St. John Tradewinds

PETER BAY — If the ability to walk less than 300 feet from your luxurious Mediterranean style villa to a flourey sand beach is your idea of paradise, Rivendell is the ideal property you.

This four bedroom, four and a half bathroom elegant villa, nestled in the gated enclave of Lower Peter Bay, is for sale for \$5.25 million, explained Nick Van Assche of Islandia Real Estate/Sea Glass Properties.

Located along the famed North Shore of St. John on more than a full acre of land, Rivendell offers the utmost in refined Caribbean living.

Panoramic water views of the stunning Virgin Islands National Park and vistas of Jost Van Dyke and offshore cays will sweep you off your feet as soon as you enter this breath-taking property.

Inside Rivendell, find an ex-

pansive great room and grand living room with plenty of oversized windows and glass doors which bring those water views right inside. The recently updated kitchen features hardwood cabinets and stainless steel appliances.

The master bedroom at Rivendell boasts charming exposed beam ceilings and jaw-dropping water views. The huge en suite master bathroom includes its own private soaking tub.

In addition to the master, Rivendell consists of three more spacious and well appointed bedrooms, all with en suite bathrooms, sweeping water views and private seating areas.

While a sandy beach is only a few hundred feet away and the alabaster shorelines of Cinnamon, Trunk and Hawksnest Bays are only a few minutes away, once you spend some time at Rivendell, you might not ever want to leave.

Soaking up the sun as you

lounge by the pool is never a bad idea. Rivendell boasts an infinity edge swimming pool and a hot tub separated by a relaxing waterfall.

The grand gazebo with its outdoor kitchen and wet bar is the perfect party base and place to take a break from the tropical sun.

You'll definitely be hosting more than a few dinner parties in the elegant dining room which features native stone details and those breath-taking water views.

Enjoying your meals al fresco will be tempting as well. Rivendell's spacious deck offers several outdoor dining and entertainment options.

The villa also features a workout room, a 40 KW generator and extensive landscaping.

For more information about Rivendell, call Nick Van Assche of Islandia Real Estate/Sea Glass Properties at (340) 998-7023 or email Nick@seaglassproperties.com.



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Letters to St. John Tradewinds

What Are Our Priorities?

This political season has seen candidates speaking on a multitude of important subjects, topics that include crime, corruption, job creation, WAPA and transparency, to name a few.

With so many items on the plate, where do we begin? Will our newly-elected leaders prioritize or will they attempt to tackle all the issues at once?

Another sad fact of our system is that our officials surround themselves with people who also have a hard time getting their departments in order. Our people are suffering from the effects of poor business management. Now, with so many balls in the air, our leaders are trying to juggle them without dropping even one.

Realistically, that's impossible. We, the community, will have to come to the realization that everything won't be fixed in the short term. We will have to exercise patience as our leaders tackle the most pressing problems first.

Once we have identified and put together a priority list we can begin working on solutions and making progress. The next step is to see it through.

Only when one priority has been successfully completed should we move on to the next task. We may think that multi-tasking is cool, however, we are stretched too thin financially to make that a reality.

**Focus,
Emmanuel Prince**

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Crossword Answers (Puzzle located on Page 20)

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A New Pier for the New Normal

My first cruise was on the *Carla C* in 1972 with my now adult daughter, Linda. I have taken countless cruises since then and my two grandsons have been on dozens with us as a family. Anyone who knows me knows that I love to travel. I worked for Eastern Airlines for more than thirty years and between that experience and cruising, I have seen almost all 50 states and dozens of countries. In my travels, especially throughout the Caribbean, I have seen the way that many islands have invested in their infrastructure to develop harbors and piers along their shorelines. For many years, St. Thomas had the most advanced port in the Eastern Caribbean. Now, when I cruise, many other islands have ports which rival what we have here on St. Thomas. From this perspective, I would like to share my own observations on what we need to do in the Virgin Islands to maintain what we have and advance our cruise industry.

St. Thomas is a cruise port that catches the eye of visitors from the moment they arrive. I have made many friends with frequent cruisers like myself, and most of them want to come back to the Virgin Islands again and again. When I worked for Eastern Airlines, and since then, I knew of many people who came here on a cruise and returned by air for longer stays. Many of these people took time to visit St. Croix and St. John when they came back for an extended vacation. Because I travel to so many islands, I see, firsthand, the development happening in different places. Many lines now have their own private islands, and each time I cruise I notice new tours, exciting port attractions and new or expanded piers. I was excited to read about the new pier that WICO is planning on building. I was wondering when we were going to take notice of St. Maarten, St. Kitts and St. Lucia; even little Tortola is getting in on the mega cruise ship action.

Now, I am not saying that we have to follow fashion and just react to what other destinations are doing. But, I understand the travel and cruise industry; and I know a few things for sure - ships are getting larger, more people want to cruise, cruisers love the Caribbean, and passengers hate to tender ashore on smaller boats because the ship is anchored at sea. I know and believe that we should diversify our economy, but I also know that we would be shooting ourselves in the foot if we do not invest in the industry that is our bread and butter. To me, that is the bottom line.

I am a Virgin Islander, so I have a lot of respect for our harbor. I have traveled the world, and I know without a doubt that we live in a beautiful place. However, I also know that my daughter and my grandsons, my nieces and nephews as well as my other family and friends, need to make a living. A couple of weeks ago there were six ships in port. The excitement made me think of the days when St. Thomas was bustling. Taxi drivers were smiling, store clerks and owners were happy... downtown was alive. One of the ships stayed late and I smiled when I sat with friends on the Waterfront at Percy's Bus Stop and watched it sail out with lights ablaze.

I, for one, want to continue to see the ships come in and out of our harbor. This is how many of us maintain our livelihoods. This is how we hope to build our future. I also want us to continue to find more ways to bring the excitement back to St. Thomas so that visitors have more options for activities when they arrive. Remember, if we are not moving forward, then we are moving backwards.

**Sincerely,
Marylyn Stapleton,
St. Thomas, VI**

Hate?

If I happen to think differently from you, is that hate?

If I speak out on that topic, does that make me hateful?

If I decide to restrict my business from serving you, should I be charged with a hate crime?

Our world today is being divided because of the words we use. The LGBT community has done a masterful job of turning around "words" to suit their cause.

The word "gay" originally meant "to be happy, lively." Now it's being used to identify someone who is attracted to someone of the same sex. The word "hate" has been used out of context to indicate that we hate persons practicing this lifestyle. This is not true.

While some actions in the past have led to injury and even death, the majority of "common sense" thinking people do not dislike the individuals, just their alternative orientation.

To be totally fair, the media along with certain courts have started to "dislike" any opposition to their planned agenda. So now, who is doing the hating?

We do not have to accept every ruling that comes down from the U.S. We have a right to choose laws that positively impact our families.

To that end, let us continue to respectfully talk out our issues, show kindness to one another and replace the word "hate" with "love."

**Love City,
Emmanuel Prince**

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Friends 11th Annual Gala Is February 7

St. John Tradewinds

Friends of VI National Park Annual Gala will be held on Saturday, February 7, 2015 and tickets are on sale now for the “gala of galas” on St. John. Join Friends for an elegant evening as we recognize our achievements and celebrate the wonders of our park.

Friends is dedicated to 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. Money raised from the event will support the Friend’s continued work on behalf of Virgin Islands National Park, with 21 programs and projects this year alone.

The gala is being hosted by Steven & Pamela Deckoff at their beautiful home, “Presidio del Mar” in Peter Bay, where a red carpet and white roses will welcome guests to the gala. Cocktails and passed hors d’oeuvres begin at 6:00 pm and continue all night, including stations for carved meats, seafood and gourmet cheeses. A pastry chef will create fabulous desserts. This year’s wines are top notch and wine enthusiasts will not want to miss the fine wines that flow start to finish. The gala will feature an encore performance of our very own local “In the Sand Band”. Aged rums, homemade truffles and fine cigars will be offered at a “Taste of History” bar.

The fabulous Friends raffle featuring items from local vendors and several special silent auction items will cap off the event. The top silent auction item is a 7-night stay at a 3-bedroom Ritz-Carlton residence in Vaill valued at \$15,000. Bids for this item only can be placed without attendance at the gala by calling the Friends office at 779-4940. Please call for more info and property descriptions.

There is also a special limited ticket jewelry raffle of a 14k red gold heart pendant, made by KABANA and donated by R&I PATTON at Mongoose Junction on St John, is inlaid with extra fine quality Bronze Mother of Pearl and set with 0.90ctw Diamonds. The value for this pendant is \$3,469. It can be seen at R&I PATTON until the Gala on February 7, 2015. Only



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A seven-night stay at the Ritz-Carlton Vaill can be bid on ahead.

100 tickets will be sold. Tickets can be purchased for \$50 each next door at the Friends of the Park Store, by phone at 340-779-4940, or at Connections Cruz Bay, starting Christmas Eve.

A champagne shuttle service and parking will be available at the Trunk Bay parking lot starting at 6 pm. St. Thomas guests will be provided shuttle service from the Cruz Bay Ferry dock at 6:20 and 7:20 pm. Cruz Bay guests can park at the national park maintenance lot and take a free shuttle to the gala at 6:30 or 7:30 pm. Shuttles return to Cruz Bay in time for the 10 and 11 pm ferries.

The Friends gala events typically sell out and tickets are already selling fast. Tickets are \$250, and may be purchased at Connections and the Friends of the Park Store, or by calling Friends at 779-4940. Can’t make it? Raffle tickets may be purchased in advance! \$25 each or 5 for \$100 at the same locations. The raffle prizes are significant and the odds are good.

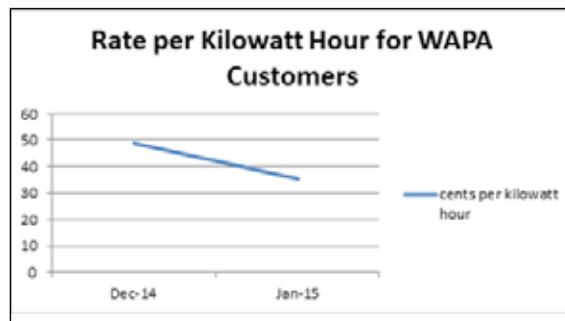
Come out for a great night under the stars in beautiful St. John and help raise funds to assist Friends in their mission of preserving this unique national treasure in our care, Virgin Islands National Park!

WAPA Announces Rate Decrease for January 1, 2015

St. John Tradewinds

The Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority (WAPA) announces a rate decrease for the first six months of 2015. The new rate will be 39.19 cents per kilowatt hour, down from the current rate of 48.6 cents per kilowatt hour. The lower charge is due, in part, to WAPA’s ongoing propane conversion project, which will begin utilizing the more affordable fuel in the first quarter of 2015, as well as the reduction worldwide in fuel oil prices.

Since signing the initial contract in July 2013, WAPA and its partner and supplier for the project, Vitol, have implemented an aggressive schedule to deliver the benefits of the fuel switch to the Territory and its residents as swiftly as possible. WAPA plans to use propane as its primary fuel source by the Spring of 2015, which will mean a 20% decrease in greenhouse gas emissions and a 30% reduction in the cost of fuel. These fuel cost savings will directly lead to significantly lower power bills for WAPA customers, as we



are already seeing with today’s announcement.

“We are pleased to pass along these initial cost savings to our customers and look forward to further rate decreases as our propane conversion project becomes fully implemented,” said WAPA Exec. Director Hugo V. Hodge Jr. “Delivering affordable and reliable power to our customers throughout the Territory remains our top priority and this rate reduction exemplifies why WAPA has spearheaded the fuel switch project.”

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Community Calendar

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

Monday, December 22

— St. John Singers will perform in concert on Monday, December 22 at the Emmaus Moravian Church in Coral Bay at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 24

— Come to a festive sing along at the Cruz Bay bandstand in Frank Powell Park from 5:30 to 7:30 pm on Christmas Eve (just before Santa comes), hosted by the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of St John. All school, family and church groups as well as visitors to St. John are welcome and encouraged to join in with your favorite holiday songs.

Sunday, December 28

— Join UUF trekkers from St. John led by David Brandau at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Service on December 28 at 10 a.m. at GHS's Lower Campus for the topic: A Trek to Nepal and Back.

Wednesday, December 31

— Sisterhood Agenda is hosting its 5th Annual Sisterhood Brotherhood New Year's Eve Youth Extravaganza at Franklin Powell Park in Cruz Bay on Wednesday, December 31 from 8 p.m. until midnight.

Sunday, January 4

— Join Rev. Sara Zimmerman at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Service on January 4 at 10 a.m. at Giffit Hill School's Lower Campus

for the topic: Reflections on Wisdom.

Tuesday, January 6

— The St. John Film Society will screen "180° South: Conquerors of the Useless" on January 6 at 7:30 p.m. at St. John School of the Arts in Cruz Bay. \$5 suggested donation.

Thursday, January 8

— The Animal Care Center of St. John (ACC) will have its Annual Meeting on Thursday, January 8, at 6 p.m. in the activity hall of the Lower Giffit Hill School campus.

January 9-11

Giffit Hill School students, in partnership with New England Youth Theatre, will be performing in a production of "Beauty and the Beast" on Friday, January 9 and Saturday, January 10, and Sunday, January 11 at the Upper Campus. Call 776-1730 for details.

Saturday, January 10

— The Bethany Moravian Church Board of Stewards will be hosting a School Supply Drive on Saturday, January 10, 2015 in Franklin Powell Sr. Park from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday, February 21

— The 8 Tuff Miles Road Race and the St. John Cancer Fund have joined forces to present the 8 Tuff Miles Festival. The festival will begin on Saturday, February 21.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

AL-ANON MEETINGS

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

New AT&T Cell Site Expanding 4G LTE Coverage on St. John

St. John Tradewinds

ST. JOHN — AT&T* has activated a new cell site on St. John to expand 4G LTE coverage and capacity for residents and businesses in the areas of Cruz Bay, Southside Road, the resort, and Contant Point Road.

AT&T's network has the nation's strongest LTE signal,** and AT&T also has the nation's most reliable LTE network***. AT&T 4G LTE is the latest generation of wireless network technology and provides several benefits, including faster mobile Internet speeds, improved performance and reliability.

AT&T launched its ultra-fast 4G LTE network in the U.S. Virgin Islands in June 2013. The new St. John cell site is one part of AT&T's ongoing efforts to expand 4G LTE coverage and to drive investment and innovation to deliver the nation's best, most advanced mobile Internet experience for customers.

"Our goal is for our customers to have an extraordinary experience, and they'll be able to download, upload, stream and game faster than ever before on our 4G LTE network," said AT&T Regional Vice President for Puerto Rico & USVI Ray Flores. "As part



of the U.S. Virgin Islands community, we're always looking for new opportunities to provide enhanced coverage, and our investment in the local wireless network is another way we're accomplishing that."

The upgrades being made in the U.S. Virgin Islands are part of AT&T's ongoing investment in expanding and improving its high-speed Internet networks to support customers' growing desire for super-fast, mobile access to everything on the Internet, particularly video.

St. John Marina Is Designed To Attract Charter Yacht Industry

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Potential for Job Creation

The developers of the controversial mega-yacht marina, which is facing competition for the use of the inner harbor from another project being designed for the opposite shore of Coral Harbor, continue to promote their project as a source for the economic future of the Coral Bay community.

"With the passing of this legislation comes the potential of new job creation for St. Johnians and an economic boost for our St. John businesses," the SEG spokesperson added. "Just this past September, *St. John Tradewinds* published an article titled A New Generation of Boat Captains Inducted into V.I. Captains Association which included 13 new captains, 12 men and 1 woman.

"These potential job opportunities that will come with the passing of the adjustment to the six-passenger rule along with The St. John Marina will be met by St. Johnians who are already qualified and ready to step up into new career opportunities," Summers wrote. "It will be a great joy to see St. Johnians thrive

with quality jobs while providing services to a charter market that has previously brought more than \$100 million dollars into our territory that has dwindled to a currently estimated \$25 million.

Praise for Politicians

The developer thanked Governor John P. de Jongh and V.I. Delegate to Congress Donna Christensen "for championing the elimination of the six passenger rule and recognizing the strong economic impact as well as the potential for job creation, having a ripple effect on our entire economy that supporting the charter industry will have on our communities for generations to come."

"The changes that we are making today are for a better tomorrow," Summers wrote. "We will continue to support the efforts by our governing leaders to strengthen our marina industry to reach its potential while supporting sustainable development projects that help protect the environment and provide the services and jobs required to make the USVI a world leader in this industry."

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Today's Cryptoquip clue: A equals Q

Classical Guitarist David Laabs Back for Another Season on St. John

By JAIME ELLIOTT
St. John Tradewinds

After living and working on St. John in the 1970s, David Laabs has spent the last few years wintering on the island, where he often lends his talents to the monthly Bajo el Sol artist receptions.

Laabs is a self-taught musician who has played a variety of genres over the years before settling on classical guitar.

"I took lessons as a young kid, but not for long and I continued studying on my own," said Laabs. "I'm basically self-taught. Back around junior high I had friends who were in college and I would get my hands on their music theory books."

By his sophomore year in high school, Laabs was writing music and mastering guitar and piano. It wasn't much later that Laabs hit the road.

"I hit the road around then too and traveled a lot," said the musician.

After spending his formative years in Detroit, Laabs lived and worked in Manhattan for six years

and found the U.S. Virgin Islands along the way.

Laabs lived and worked across St. John and St. Thomas decades ago and never planned to stay away long, he explained.

"I left for three years and it took like 20 years to get back," said Laabs. "I was traveling a lot along the East Coast and spent time in Minneapolis and then Florida. I was planning on coming back here when the family stuff started happening and I ended up spending 12 years in Detroit."

"I was lucky to spend time with the family and I was always kind of planning on coming back," he said.

For the past five years, Laabs has spent part of each year on St. John where he met Bajo el Sol owner Thomas Hitchcock and began a long-lasting gig.

"I met Tom pretty quickly when I was here and I guess we just clicked," said the musician. "Somehow I must have played guitar for him. It was his idea for me to come to the artist openings."

For the past several years,

Laabs' delicate classical guitar fills the gallery during Bajo el Sol's monthly opening receptions.

"It goes over really well and it's a great venue," he said.

Laabs will be playing with flutist Michael Banzhaf at a benefit and memorial concert at St. John School of the Arts on Friday, January 9 in memory of Michael Weinman, who passed away this year.

The musician will also be playing with the St. John Singers Holiday Concerts as well as the January 2 Bajo el Sol artist reception.

Morgan's Mango Takes Third



Morgan's Mango Chef Tito accepts his award certificates for second place appetizer for his Ceviche Trio (they also won third place entrée) at St. John Rotary Club's Flavors fundraising event last month.

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This program is funded in part by the Virgin Islands Council on the Arts and National Endowment for the Arts.

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Sun., 5 p.m., STJ, Lumberyard

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

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Crime Stoppers U.S. Virgin Islands

St. John Tradewinds

Crime Stoppers thanks you for making a difference in the US Virgin Islands. As always, if you know something, say something.

With the holidays in full swing and with the increased use of the internet, we run the risk of becoming victims of online crime, known as cybercrime. What can you do to be protected from cybercriminals? Educate yourself! After all, the scammers spend a great deal of their time learning ways and technologies to effectively separate you from your identity and your money.

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- If you have ever received emails either asking for money for orphans or victims of hurricanes; or informing you that you've won a foreign lottery, or telling you that you could be trusted to bank \$30 million in your savings account, then Google and order Michael Berry's anti-scammers book, "Greetings in Jesus Name! The Scambaiter Letters". Also for more educational facts and resources, search Facebook using the word, "scambaiters".

- If you were a victim, file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission, the nation's consumer protection agency. It collects complaints about companies, business practices, and identity theft under the FTC Act and other laws they enforce and administer. Your complaints can help the FTC detect patterns of wrong-doing, and lead to investigations and prosecutions. The FTC enters all complaints it receives into the Consumer Sentinel, a secure online database that is used by thousands of civil and criminal law enforcement authorities worldwide. Go to: www.FTCComplaintAssistant.gov.

- If you want to protect yourself from scams and scammers using medical and health care products and services, or simply to learn what's taking place, get free consumer protection information from the US Federal Trade Commission. Go to: www.consumer.ftc.gov.

- If you want to educate yourself about current and ongoing internet trends and schemes identified by the internet Crime Complaint Center, then go to: www.ic3.gov/ and click on "Press Room".

Continue to tell us what you know at www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org or call 1-800-222-TIPS.

Residents Envisioned "Coral Bay Town" on Harbor

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The "Brief Summary of Proposal" proposed to dredge a "channel for barges and larger vessels" and "(d)rive sheet piles and fill in the low area along the eastern shore from Penn Point toward the Mangrove Area and around in back of Skinny Legs."

The plan was outlined in the Dockage-Wharf Project "Project Proposal," an ad hoc folder which included photocopied maps with an outline of the proposed project.

Boat Dockage, Wharves in Filled Area

The project included the development of "the filled in area for boat dockage and wharfs... to provide for:

"Barge Off-On Loading; boat slips and marina; boat ramp; sea plane dockage similar to that on St. Thomas; heliport; storage for supplies (building & food); truck loading and off-loading; Customs Office, public rest rooms; parking; upland drainage passage; conserving mangrove areas and providing walkways around, and public road access improvements."

Like the SEG mega-yacht marina plan, the Coral Bay Town plan also would have included the relocation many of the plethora of legal and illegal moorings in the island's largest harbor.

"Coral Harbor, the NW arm of Coral Bay, is narrow, and the deep part of the bay is restricted to a width of 100 yards or less by encroaching shoals from the side and head of the harbor," read the outline for the proposed harbor development project. "The anchorage ground, although smooth with ordinary winds, is narrow, and being on a lee shore it is available only for small vessels. A small boat wharf with 3 feet alongside is at the head of the bay."

"Remnants of a barge off-loading ramp also ex-

ist at the head of the bay. Riprap boulders have been placed along the western shore to protect Road Route 107," the Coral Bay Town proposal continued.

Gadfly Gledhill Liked Old Plan

"It wasn't too long ago," Gledhill recalled of his attendance at one meeting of the native group promoting the Coral Bay Town project. "They brought me in after a number of meetings."

Gledhill said he never heard about the plan again.

"Now that was the plan," said one Coral Bay native who was involved in the Coral Bay Town plan and is now supportive of the new, enlarged SEG St. John Marina proposal to extend docks over the shallow waters of the Coral Harbor — instead of filling the area to create Coral Bay Town.

Zone Change Proposed

The proponents of the latest iteration of the development on historic Moravian Church property have applied for a zone change for a portion of one of five parcels involved in that mixed-use residential, hotel and marina project after they briefly shared the spotlight during the St. John Coastal Zone Management committee hearing on the St. John Marina, The Yacht Club at Summer's End (SEG) plan in August.

Sirius Development LLC-proposed site plan presented at the zone change hearing included four "white plane figures with four straight sides and four right angles," on the government-owned parcel currently used as a parking area which is designated for a two-level parking structure, and on the shoreline area behind Skinny Legs which is zoned Waterfront Industrial and which is being designed to contain docks and a haul-out ramp in addition to a 30-foot high, small boat storage facility.

St. John Rescue, NPS “Stand Down” for Dramatic USCG Helicopter Rescue

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tricate the stranded sailors.

“We were there,” one St. John Rescue member told *St. John Tradewinds*. A St. John Rescue vehicle had driven the one-lane paved road to within 30 feet of a small rocky beach and were prepared to shuttle the passengers the short distance to shore when the USCG made the decision to make the air rescue. “That was the idea.”

An inflatable dinghy could be seen still tethered to the wreck on point at the west end of Drunk Bay after the dramatic USCG helicopter rescue that involved dropping a USCG rescue swimmer into the water to assist five of the boaters in being hoisted to two hovering rescue helicopters.

“We were already there,” the *St. John Tradewinds* source said. “But the Coast Guard told us to back off.”

A USCG spokesperson did not return a request for comment or further information about their rescue effort. Coast Guard rescue helicopter crews from Puerto Rico have been involved in a handful of rescues in the St. Thomas and St. John waters in recent weeks, from the six-passengers in the wreck

of the *Aurora* to two fishermen stranded in a small boat south of St. Thomas and a swimmer swept out to sea off the north shore of St. Thomas.

The three couples on board the 48-foot chartered sailboat *Aurora* were plucked from the rough seas by the USCG in a textbook operation after their vessel apparently lost its steering and foundered on the submerged rocks off the promontory at the north end of the cobblestoned shore of a section of Drunk Bay Beach below the Concordia Eco-Resort.

A sixth member of the charter group was assisted into a Sea Tow boat that had responded to the grounding and the injured passenger subsequently was transported by USCG helicopter to the Cyril King Airport on St. Thomas to be treated for a foot injury, according to a USCG spokesperson.

Accessible Point Is Preserve

Nanny Point is a unique nature preserve designed as a habitat for indigenous flora and fenced and gated to keep out the feral goats that maraud the isolated area. A path meanders through the native bush and cacti to the promontory overlooking the steep,



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tom Oat

The rocky shore on the west side of Nanny Point.

creviced shoreline of the point where the *Aurora* was wrecked.

The point was donated to the V.I. National Park by Concordia owner and eco-tourism guru Stanley Selengut, the renowned creator of the historic Maho Bay Camps on the north shore of St. John on Little Maho Bay on a VINP “in-holding” between Maho Bay and Francis Bay which closed in 2013 when Selengut’s lease on that property expired.

A sweeping cobblestone shoreline extends from Nanny Point at the western end of Drunk Bay to historic Ram Head on the southeast tip of St. John.

Vessel “Salvaged” to Dumpster

The severely damaged *Aurora*, was removed from the rocky shoreline on Wednesday, December 3, by long-time St. Thomas salvage operator Capt. Alan Wentworth of Sea Tow.

“*Aurora* is completely salvaged,” Capt. Wentworth told *St. John Tradewinds* on Friday, December 5. “We finished up Wednesday and it was moved to Water Island where it’s being broken into smaller pieces and going into the dumpster.”

“We picked up the entire area,” Wentworth added. Sea Tow also picked up all debris and personal belongings, including clothes, which were strewn on the rocks and shoreline of Nanny Point, the long-time Virgin Islands salvage operator added.

Sea Tow employees also removed any debris from the surrounding coral reef, Wentworth said.

The Coast Guard Rescue Sub-Center contact number to report a distress or rescue situation in the U.S. Virgin Islands or Puerto Rico is 787-289-2041. VHF Channel 16 just the international distress frequency to report maritime emergencies.

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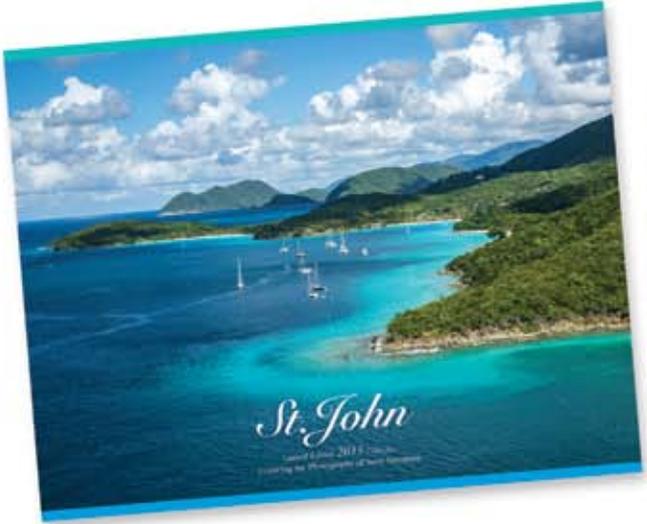












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Happy Holidays

New Book Honors Virgin Islands Anthem



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First Lady Cecile de Jongh and 2014 State Teacher of the Year Jeune Provost greet Ivanna Eudora Kean High School student Aariyah Athanase at an event at Julius Sprauve School on Dec. 16.

Athanase is one of 21 student illustrators whose work is featured in *See the Virgin Islands March*, a book about the territorial anthem.

St. Thomas bandleader Alton Adams Sr. wrote the Virgin Islands March in the 1920s. Mrs. de Jongh came up with the idea for the book, which was given to primary school students as a holiday gift.

LOVE VIEW



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Cake Decorating Demonstration at Sprauve Library

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