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— David Knowles, NORML VI founder

NORML V.I. Chapter Is Hoping To Change Local Marijuana Laws

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

While battling the effects of multiple sclerosis, a Maine resident helped lead the charge to get medical marijuana okayed in that state. Now, David Knowles is focused on the U.S. Virgin Islands

Knowles has called St. Croix home for the past six years and he's brought his crusade to allow medical use of marijuana to the Virgin Islands. He's starting a local chapter of the National Organization for the Reformation of Marijuana Laws (NORML) and is hoping to start the movement to change Virgin Islands law.

“We started a state association to ensure safe access to medical marijuana and then we got a National Organization for the Reformation of Marijuana Laws (NORML) chapter started,” said Knowles. “Two years into it, with the help of NORML and their attorneys, we developed a petition to allow the use of medical marijuana and decriminalize possession of one and a quarter ounces or less.”

“It didn't pass the first time, but it did finally pass in the early 1990s,” he said.

The St. Croix resident started a discussion on a local internet message board which drew a lot of comments, he explained.

“The message board discussion went on for a couple of pages and I realized that a lot of people have strong opinions about the issue of medical marijuana,” said Knowles. “On the surface, the islands seem like a conservative place, but when you look under the surface, I think there is a lot more personal use than anyone really talks about.”

There is a wealth of information regarding the medical benefits of marijuana and decriminalizing possession of a small amount of the herb would save the territory a lot of money, according to



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NORML VI hopes to allow medical marijuana use.

Knowles.

“There is a lot of positive medical research which has been conducted into the beneficial use of marijuana,” he said. “There is an incredible amount of information out there in respected medical journals by doctors' associations and international health organizations.”

“Even though it's disguised by all the borrowing, our government's finances are in dire shape,” said Knowles. “And it's simply a shame to think about how many young people are getting a record for marijuana possession. It's time to change things.”

The medical marijuana and decriminalization movement is not new and has gained momentum lately with 14 states having passed legislation which allows small amounts of cultivation and possession as well as use by individuals who are prescribed the herb.

Through NORML VI, Knowles hopes to decriminalize a small amount of marijuana for personal use and cultivation, allow free access to medical marijuana and respect the rights of people who use the herb during religious services, he explained.

“We want to start out small and get some medical laws passed

with a really small amount decriminalized,” said Knowles. “We're getting our goals together and we want to develop a consensus of opinion. Thirteen states allow medical marijuana use at this time and basically we want to join them.”

“We want to get an amendment to the present law which will include provisions for a small amount of cultivation, possession and medical access with associated paraphernalia without penalty,” Knowles said. “We'd like to start by making possession of one ounce or less by a responsible adult a civil offense. That is the ultimate goal and I think it's a realistic goal.”

Knowles has been in correspondence with Governor John deJongh and Delegate to Congress Donna Christensen, neither of whom support changing local marijuana laws, he explained.

“The way to change the law is through a citizens' initiative, which is basically a petition,” said Knowles. “To get it going we need a few thousand signatures and then if we can get signatures from 51 percent of all voters in the Virgin Islands, the initiative can't be vetoed or even changed by the senate for at least three years.”

The group is currently organizing a board of directors and establishing its non-profit status. A website is in the works and Knowles hopes to have an official NORML VI kick-off in August.

“Hopefully by August we'll be a NORML chapter and we can start a membership drive and watch the organization grow,” said Knowles. “We'll be writing letters to senators and doctors and see if we can get any response.”

For more information or to join NORML VI email usvinorml@gmail.com or visit <http://groups.google.co.vi/group/normlvi>.

July 13 CBCC Meeting To Discuss \$1.4 Million NOAA Grant

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The Coral Bay Community Council will be managing \$1.4 million in Coral Bay for road repairs and paving, installation of erosion and sediment control practices, native plantings, and construction of stormwater controls to reduce sediment reaching the ocean.

CBCC, which is a partner in the recently announced Virgin Islands Resource Conservation and Development Council/NOAA/ARRA V.I. Watershed Stabilization project, will host a meeting on Monday, July 13, at Sputnik's at 6 p.m. to announce the local objectives and locations of Coral Bay's por-

tion of the grant funds and the timelines and resources needed from local residents.

The group encourages homeowners' associations, residents, and everyone who submitted letters of cooperation to come to the meeting. Local contractors and others who provide construction industry services should come to the meeting to learn about the projects that will be going out for competitive bid.

It will be the collective responsibility of everyone in Coral Bay to make this happen — and provide local jobs in the process. CBCC can be reached at 776-2099 for information.

DPW Comprehensive Plan Public Meeting on St. John Is July 14

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The Government of the Virgin Islands through the Department of Public Works has started to develop a comprehensive multi-modal transportation study throughout the territory.

The comprehensive plan will result in a blueprint for development of the territory's transportation system through the year 2030.

Representatives of DPW and

the Federal Highway Administration are conducting formal public hearings to provide information on how the public can get involved in planning the system and collect comments on the information.

On St. John the public meeting will be on Tuesday, July 14, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Cruz Bay Legislature building.

For more information call Keith Richards at 776-4844.

Jomo Gordon Arrested for Robbery

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V.I. Police Department officials on St. John arrested 27-year-old Jomo Gordon and charged him with Robbery in the First Degree.

Police said the suspect attempted to sell a gold chain to an individual but instead took the money without handing over the jewelry. Gordon was born on St. Kitts and lives on St. John.

A 24-year-old male victim was approached by Gordon who asked him to buy a gold chain, according to police.

The victim went for money to purchase the chain and was robbed by Gordon of his money.

VIPD St. John Deputy Chief Darren Foy cautioned residents and visitors to St. John against buying products, whether jewelry or electronics, from anyone other than a reputable and licensed merchant.

“Merchandise sold in any other way may be stolen,” Foy said. “Anyone buying such merchandise is at great risk of having their money stolen or suffering bodily harm.”

Gordon was arrested on June 26, at 6 p.m., about two hours after the robbery took place. His bail was set at \$25,000 and he was placed in the custody of the Bureau of Corrections pending further court action.

St. John Residents Pack Courtroom for Property Tax Status Conference

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

If there was any doubt that St. John property owners are committed to fighting the recent property revaluations, they were put to rest in early July.

V.I. District Court Judge Curtis Gomez hosted a status conference on the on-going suit against the V.I. Government on Wednesday, July 1, which drew a huge crowd of St. John residents. Led by members of the V.I. Unity Day Group, about 60 St. John property owners packed Gomez's courtroom to hear the latest on the almost decade long battle over territorial property taxes.

"I would like to thank the property owners and residents of St. John for their overwhelming support," said Myrtle Barry, a V.I. Unity Day Group board member. "It is critical that the court see the support and weight of the V.I. Unity Day Group's case since it has just been dragging along. We feel with the attendance at the conference hearing we truly created that impression."

The July 1 status conference didn't settle the suit between a number of property owners and the V.I. Government over how property taxes are collected or clear a path for collection of the taxes.

"We were hoping that the judge would do more than he did, but he did say that a hearing should be scheduled in the early fall," said Attorney Jim Derr, who is representing a number of commercial property owners and the V.I. Unity Day group in the suit.

Several commercial property owners sued the V.I. Government in 1998 alleging the tax

system was unconstitutional. A V.I. District Judge agreed with the property owners and slapped an injunction on the government in 2003 freezing property rates at 1998 levels until a fair system of assessing and collecting property taxes was attained.

Before the injunction can be lifted, the government was required to reassess all properties in the territory and have a functioning Board of Tax Review. A special master was assigned to oversee the process and sign off on the project's completion.

While the V.I. Government contracted BearingPoint to conduct a territory-wide property revaluation — which was completed last year — many St. John residents still reject their new property values and allege they are being unfairly taxed.

Contending they had fulfilled their obligations, government officials issued property tax bills for 2006 at the new rates last August, before Gomez lifted the injunction.

On September 11, Gomez found the government in contempt of court and rescinded the tax bills. The government appealed to the 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals, which ruled in favor of the District Court in May, just after the government sent out 2006 property tax bills for a second time.

The 3rd Circuit Court of Appeal's ruling invalidated those bills and they have been rescinded again — or will be as soon as Governor John deJongh signs the executive order, according to Derr.

"The government told the judge that Governor deJongh had rescinded the 2006 property tax bills and he had signed the executive

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— Myrtle Barry, Board Member
VI Unity Day Group

order, but the attorney general needed to attest to that before it could be ordered," said Derr. "That was more than a week ago and I still haven't seen that executive order."

Before the injunction can be lifted, a hearing on the special master's report must be conducted and the Board of Tax Review must be a functioning body — neither of which has occurred, according to Derr.

"There has to be a hearing on the special master's report which the judge is being totally non-committal about," Derr said. "Our position is there hasn't been a hearing and we keep saying that remains outstanding."

As far as the Board of Tax Review, both parties agreed to a hearing sometime after August 15 to hear arguments on the matter, Derr explained.

"I have sent document production requests to the government to get information

on how the Board is actually dealing with appeals," said the attorney. "I imagine the judge will set a hearing for sometime in early September on the Board of Tax Review."

For St. John, however, there are even more issues which must be addressed since many residents feel their new property assessments are incorrect, according to V.I. Unity Day Group board member Barry.

"What we have on the books in the Office of the Tax Assessor is flawed information," Barry said. "Those revaluations need to be corrected. I would like to see the government go after BearingPoint to recoup some of its money since they did crummy work."

"I would hope the government would have a contract so they would have some recourse," said Barry. "They spent more than \$6 million on this, so I hope there was some provision to guarantee BearingPoint's work."

St. John residents are not against paying property taxes, but only want to pay what is fair, Barry added.

"The property owners of St. John are happy to pay their property tax bills, but those bills must be lawful and not just whatever you feel like issuing to the public," said Barry.

V.I. Unity Day Group members continue to collect money to cover legal costs in the suit against the government, Barry explained. Checks, made out to V.I. Unity Day Group, can be mailed to P.O. Box 371, St. John, V.I. 00831. For more information about V.I. Unity Day Group, check out the website, viunitydaygroup.org.

CORAL BAY TRIANGLE PLEA

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Since the beloved jumble of signs at the Coral Bay triangle were removed last month by Moravian Church officials, there has been an outpouring of opinions on the iconic corner.

St. John Tradewinds' website, stjohntradewindsnews.com, drew a number of comments from people both lamenting the removal of the signs and applauding the clean-up attempt. One resident painted their opinion on a new sign and placed it at the Coral Bay triangle on Tuesday morning, July 7. Church officials and local business owners have designed plans for new signage and hope to have something by the end of the summer.



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One resident shared their thoughts on what the corner should look like last week.

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DeJongh Approves One St. John Rezoning Request, Vetoes Two

By Jaime Elliott
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Governor John deJongh approved one St. John rezoning request and vetoed two others while taking action on a number of bills on Friday, July 3.

Jens and Irma Pickering's .24 acre parcel in Estate Enighed was rezoned from R-4 (residential medium density) to B-2 (business secondary). The Pickerings requested to renovate and expand their existing building to house a grocery store and offices in the future.

Following recommendations from the Department of Planning and Natural Resources, deJongh vetoed requests by Ronnie Jones and Gershwin Sprauve to rezone their properties from R-1 (residential low density) to R-4 (residential medium density).

Jones had requested the rezoning on his 2.96-acre Estate Susannaberg property in order to build an apartment complex consisting of 18 units in six buildings, a pool, laundry facility and conference room.

At a September 30 public hearing hosted by DPNR's Division of Comprehensive and Coastal Zone Planning, Jones said he expected the same consideration which was afforded to the government.

"My grandfather and his brothers were mainly responsible for establishing the V.I. National Park by contributing land," Jones said at the September public hearing. "My



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Jens and Irma Pickering's request to rezone their Estate Enighed property, above, was approved.

grandfather supplied land to the Department of Public Works when they needed a transfer station. When St. John needed a bigger clinic, my family supplied land to meet that need."

"DPNR was accommodating to the government and now that the family members have a need to rezone, we expect the same thought, consideration and accommodations," Jones told officials at the September

meeting.

Sprauve requested the rezoning from R-1 to R-4 on his .23 acre in Estate Adrian in order to make an existing two story building accommodate an additional two units.

The existing concrete building, which is located off Centerline Road, already consists of two four-bedroom units and Sprauve requested the rezoning to construct an interior wall to create four two-bedroom units.

CCZP senior planner Julius Jessup voiced concern over both of the R-4 requests on the basis that the zoning is intended for mainly urban areas. In a letter to Senate President Louis Hill accompanying the bills he signed and vetoed, deJongh expressed his own concerns with allowing such density on St. John.

"My decisions were based upon the recommendations of DPNR as it assessed the various zoning applications," wrote deJongh. "In particular, I note the properly-placed reservations that DPNR has with respect to placing areas in St. John in the R-4 category when there is a marked lack of infrastructure required to properly support its high-density allowances in those areas."

"While I support the principle that landowners should be able to properly utilize their real estate holdings, I reiterate that rezoning to that end must adequately respect the interests of adjoining landowners and appropriate development standards," wrote the governor.

A rezoning request by Alfredo and Maria Alejo to change their 0.67-acre property in Estate Enighed from R-2 (residential low-density) to R-3 (residential medium density) is still pending.

The Alejos are requesting the zoning change in order construct a three buildings for 15 low-income apartment units, two pools, two parking lots and a single family cottage on their land atop Jacob's Ladder.

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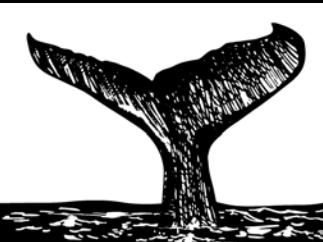
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Roundabout Construction To Focus On Centerline Road This Month

By Andrea Milam
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The focus of the roundabout project will shift later this month to Centerline Road, shutting down one lane of the road leading out of downtown Cruz Bay.

DPW is burying all utilities in the area, as it does during most major projects, in an effort to beautify the area. Project contractor Island Roads will work on burying utilities beneath the stretch of road from the roundabout intersection to Woody's Seafood Saloon.

The Department of Public Works decided to postpone work on Centerline, which was scheduled to begin June 12, due to St. John Festival. Crews instead continued to focus on underground utility work at the Dolphin Market corner of Boulon Center.

Traffic heading westbound out of Cruz Bay will be detoured to Route 201, which runs in front of Boulon Center. Route 201 has been reopened to two-way traffic after being one-way for several months.

"We were talking to (DPW St. John Deputy Director) Ira Wade and he thought that because of Carnival, it would be better to make Route 201 two-way for a few days," said DPW Materials Program Manager Thomas Jones. "We thought that once Carnival was done we'd turn it back to one-way, but the contractor says he doesn't need it to be one-way right now. It will stay a two-way road until the contract has to get back in that area, maybe a month and a

half from now."

Jones was relieved that the roundabout construction didn't affect Carnival festivities, he explained.

"All the roads were open and people were able to get through," said Jones. "There were no issues at all. We were really worried about it, but it was as if the project never even existed."

Once utilities are buried on Centerline Road, more utility work will be done in the middle of the intersection, Jones explained.

"We have a couple inlets to put in that will go through the intersection, and after that it's all just earth work," he said. "We'll continue to drop the parking lot in front of Dolphin to its final grade, then we'll regrade all five roads and then we'll start with the asphalt paving."

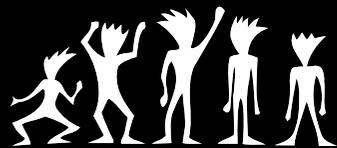
Construction is scheduled to continue through June 2010, however the project could be completed as soon as the end of this year. The roundabout has remained ahead of schedule since Island Roads broke ground one year ago, and now the contractor has even more motivation to finish the project, as they were just awarded another major St. John project — North Shore Road.

"We ran into some situations where we felt we had to make more of an effort, but we found out we didn't have to put in as much effort as we thought to get certain things done," said Jones. "It's good because it allowed us to get ahead of ourselves. We haven't run into any major issues."



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Unightly power lines will be moved underground from the roundabout intersection to Woody's Seafood Saloon.



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After months of work, the library is expected to reopen sometime in this month.

Elaine I. Sprauve Library Expected To Reopen Later This Month

By **Andrea Milam**
St. John Tradewinds

A little more than a year after renovations began, the Elaine I. Sprauve Library is set to welcome patrons once again to its historic Enighed Estate House home by the end of July.

The project has seen its fair share of bumps in the road, however the renovations are on their final leg, explained Department of Planning and Natural Resources Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums Assistant Director Donald Cole.

“We are trying to move the computer system back in place,” said Cole. “That’s the last piece of the puzzle.”

The computer system, which has gone wireless, is currently being moved from the library’s tempo-

rary trailer home.

The library’s historic home underwent a complete overhaul in the last year. Air conditioning was installed, electricity was rewired and the interior walls of the building were plastered. The roof was repaired and varnished, the exterior was scraped and repainted, and the cistern was cleaned out and resealed.

The bathrooms were remodeled and the building’s grounds were cleaned up and landscaped.

The Estate House, which dates back to the turn of the nineteenth century, sat in ruins from the early 1900s until 1976, when the building was rebuilt and dedicated as the Elaine Ione Sprauve Library. The recent renovations are the first major overhaul to the building since its 1976 reconstruction.

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Mister B in Dry Dock; Barge Schedule Changes

By **Jaime Elliott**
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Boyson Inc.’s largest barge will be out of service for two weeks, disrupting inter-island vehicle travel.

Mr. B left the island Tuesday, July 7, for scheduled dry dock inspection by U.S. Coast Guard officials. The barge is expected to be out of use for about two weeks, explained Boyson Inc. manager Cheryl Boynes-Jackson.

The *General II* will run in its place on an “as close to normal schedule as possible,” said Boynes-

Jackson.

“There will be some changes to the schedule and we’re going to load and leave,” she said. “So the barge will depart when it is full.”

The *General II* will depart the Enighed Pond Marine Facility at 5 a.m., 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., and 6 p.m.

“If everyone is not back, we’ll continue traveling until everyone gets back to St. Thomas,” said Boynes-Jackson.

For more information call 776-6294.

Crime Stoppers V.I. Is Getting Criminals and Weapons Off Street

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

After about six months of operation, more than 20 weapons and two fugitives have been taken off the streets thanks to Crime Stoppers VI.

Since it kicked off in January, residents have called in more than 239 tips to the group's stateside anonymous hotline which has resulted in 36 arrests including the apprehension of two fugitives. Those tips have also resulted in 45 cases being cleared, 21 weapons being taken off the street and \$3,400 worth of drugs being seized.

While the group has authorized \$19,535 in award money, it has paid \$4,635 to tipsters so far.

"What we find is a lot of people are more interested in giving the tips than in collecting the money,"

said Alan Brown, Crime Stoppers VI's civilian coordinator. "People just want the bad guys off the street."

Originally launched in New Mexico in 1976 by a police officer as a way to get information about an unsolved murder, Crime Stoppers has spread across the globe and led to the arrests of 750,818 criminals. Internationally, the program has paid more than \$88 million in reward money.

Crime Stoppers works by offering cash rewards to people who provide tips which lead to arrests. The program is based on ensuring the anonymity of residents, who call a 1-800 number to report a crime.

Once a person calls Crime Stoppers VI's hotline at 1-800-222-8477, which is answered by a professional service in the Wash-

ington, D.C. area, they share their information and are assigned a pin number. The tipster is asked to call back to check the progress of the case and see if any additional information is requested. Callers are never asked to identify themselves.

Since getting underway locally in January, the group has been embraced by a community which has watched crime skyrocket in recent years without faith in its crime fighting agencies, explained board member Bonny Corbeil.

"We're a small community and we've certainly had our challenges in terms of police and police response," said Corbeil. "Since this program is anonymous, people don't have to worry about fear and retribution anymore. The apathy and fear in our community is way

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UVI Student Studying Elkhorn Coral Recognized by CZM

By Jaime Elliott
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A University of the Virgin Islands graduate student studying elkhorn coral around St. John was recently awarded a top Coastal Zone Management award.

Allan Bright, a UVI grad student pursuing his master's degree in marine and environmental science, was awarded the Coastal Zone College Student of the Year award from the Department of Planning and Natural Resources' CZM Awareness Awards program.

"I was surprised by the award," said Bright. "I had no idea my name was floating around at CZM."

Bright earned the recognition for his work monitoring elkhorn coral at three sites on St. John — Hawksnest Bay, Caneel Bay and Haulover Bay — and two sites on St. Thomas, where he studied the effects of recent disease on the endangered species and how much the colonies have been recovering.

The graduate student, who earned his bachelor's degree in marine biology at the University of North Carolina, Wilmington, started studying local elkhorn coral almost two years ago.

"I came down in August 2007 and I've had the great opportunity to work under Dr. Caroline Rogers and continue the elkhorn coral monitoring that she had been do-



St. John Tradewinds News Photo Courtesy of A. Bright

Bright takes a sample of coral mucus from elkhorn colonies at Hawksnest Bay.

ing," said Bright.

The UVI student is due to defend his thesis at the end of the month, which centers around his work on local elkhorn coral.

"My thesis stems off the work I was doing for Dr. Rogers, which was basically going into the field and checking for disease of regularly surveyed colonies," Bright said. "I was looking for physical damage and signs of recovery."

A March 2008 swell event — which brought about 13 foot sea surges to the island's North Shore — severely damaged local elkhorn coral, explained Bright.

Swells Damaged Coral

"In March 2008 big swells came through and they were the largest swells on record since 1991," said the UVI graduate student. "They damaged a lot of the colonies on my northern sites, and a fair num-

ber of colonies at the Haulover site."

"From that I was able to set up an experimental design where I did regular monthly surveys of colonies that were damaged by the swell event and colonies that weren't," Bright said. "I wanted to see if damage from the swell increased the instance of disease on the colonies."

While Bright's surveys showed

that the damaged colonies did have a higher instance of disease, there could be many contributing factors, not just the swell damage, for those results, he explained.

"There was roughly about a 38 percent higher instance of disease on the damaged colonies, but that was not the only factor involved," said Bright. "A lot of things could be affecting the high level of disease we're seeing."

While some local research suggests that elkhorn colonies are not recovering well from disease and damage, other data points to a more optimistic view, Bright added.

"Dr. Rogers has been doing a lot of research at Haulover Bay since about 2003 and she's actually got a report she's getting ready to put out that basically shows there's no significant evidence of recovery at that site," he said. "But then I've heard from other people that other colonies are coming back. So there could be good news out there for this endangered species."

After publishing his thesis, Bright plans to take a job in the Florida Keys, but might be returning to St. John in the future.

"I've grown quite attached to the coral reefs here and I'm sad to leave," said Bright. "There is a possibility of me coming back. There might be a job opening next year, so we'll see."



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(L to R): St. John seniors Joseph Burton, Pedro Ramos, Alice O'Conner, Milton Samuel, Sandra Thomas with Senior Center Manager Abigail Hendricks.

Adrian Senior Center Abuzz with Fun Summer Activities

By Susan Mann
St. John Tradewinds

St. John senior citizens have settled in to their new Adrian Center location and are putting it to good use on a daily basis.

Between 27 and 30 members are on hand each day to see what manager Abigail Hendricks and her assistant Sandra Thomas have planned for the day. While there are regular weekly activities, there are always new ones being added.

"Some seniors come for socializing, some come for sport, some come to pass to time, what is important is that they come," said Hendricks, stressing the importance of seniors staying active and involved with their community.

The group takes one major trip each month. They will be visiting Tortola in August and have a trip planned to the St. Thomas Chocolate Factory, as well as a bowling expedition in the works. A ride on the "Duckaneer" and a visit to "Mountain Top" had to be scratched.

For the month of July the group will journey to Maho Bay for aquatic exercise. Fishing at Lameshur is another popular outing. There are three "movie afternoons" each week, with a well-attended bible study available each morning for those who want to join in.

Seniors Love Theatre

"We are also heavy Pistaracle Theatre people," said Hendricks. "If there is a play, we are there."

The seniors also enjoy attending events at Reichhold Center. The long awaited St. John senior citizens' bus is now on-island parked in the DMV parking lot. It is not currently in use because the assigned bus driver retired and permission has not been granted by the government to replace him, Hendricks explained.

However, Dean Thomas of "Dial-a-Ride," and another driver take the seniors to St. Thomas each month on shopping excursions.

"This saves them quite a bit of money on groceries and other necessities," said Hendricks.

The proximity to the clinic and the bus service on Centerline Road were also a plus pointed out by the project leader. A Tai Chi instructor from St. Thomas is scheduled to begin teaching at the center two days per week.

"I'm totally impressed with the way Governor deJongh addresses our senior needs," said Hendricks. "When we request, he responds in a timely fashion."

The project head said that she was also pleased that Senator at Large Craig Barshinger makes a point to stop by to chat and with members once per month.

Two of the members can't attend as much as they would like to because they must travel to St. Thomas for Dialysis two days per week, Hendricks explained.

Nutrition education is especially important since 10 of the seniors have Diabetes, she added.

Much of the information used in the training is gleaned by Hendricks online. The center is about

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Starfish Hosting Post-Festival Party

St. John Tradewinds

Starfish Market and Starfish Gourmet and Wines are extending the St. John Festival celebration with a party on Saturday, July 18, from noon until 3 p.m. Stop by the stores for wine, beer, cocktail tasting, music and fun party finger foods.

Meeting of the Whole on St. John To Discuss Commuter Fees Is July 20

St. John Tradewinds

In response to the request from the V.I. Unity Day Group to convene a hearing on the issue of ferry rates and commuter fees, Senate President Louis Hill has scheduled a meeting of the Committee of the Whole on Monday, July 20, at 6 p.m. at the St. John Legislature building.

Next Recycling Meeting Set for July 21

St. John Tradewinds

Recycling Association of the Virgin Islands, St. John Chapter will host its next meeting on Tuesday, July 21, in the St. John Community Foundation office on the third floor of The Marketplace at 6 p.m. Volunteers are needed. For more information call Paul Devine at 693-9410.

Ultimate Chef Recipes Now Available

St. John Tradewinds

Thousands of Virgin Islands residents and tourists flocked to the first Banco Popular Ultimate Chef Challenge celebrated in April to watch their favorite chefs slice, dice and spice Virgin Islands produce and proteins.

The 2009 VI Ultimate Chef Mathayom Vacharat of St. John Catering along with all

other competing chefs from St. Thomas, St. John, St. Croix, Water Island and the British Virgin have their recipes available now for download at the competition website at www.popular.com/ultimatechef.

Chefs, restaurants, judges, sponsors, spectators and photos from the event, including the Grand Prize Winner are highlighted on the site.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tom Oat

When renovations are complete, Starfish will boast new refrigeration, shelving and a new ceiling.

Starfish Market Remodeling Plans Include New Cases, Shelving, Ceiling

St. John Tradewinds

When shopping at Starfish Market, customers will notice construction activity. Starfish Management apologizes for the store's appearance during the remodeling.

When finished, Starfish Market will be a new store. New refrigerated cases, new shelving, a new

floor, new ceiling and sparkling, new paint and graphics are all in the plans for the remodel.

The store will include expanded produce and meat departments as well as bigger dairy and frozen food departments in order to provide customers with more varieties and selection.

The store will be open for business during regular hours every day and management urges customers to stop in and see what's new. During the remodeling, some departments and products will be moved temporarily, so anyone who can't find anything should just ask, according to Starfish management.

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Just My Opinion

by Andrew Rutnik



Native Rights

St. John Tradewinds

The recent decision by Governor John deJongh to reject a blatantly unconstitutional constitution was not only courageous but correct. The document that was produced by the Fifth Constitutional Convention strayed far from all previous conventions in that its signatory chose to institutionalize discrimination.

There were other sections that also did not belong in a constitution, such as school class sizes, definition of marriage, how to spend government revenues (there is mention of revenues from all legal and illegal gambling that is a contradiction in itself), and setting up districts based on location not population.

I will not sit in judgment on the convention delegates' intentions or qualifications, but how this document as written reached the governor's desk is beyond rational thinking.

The governor's rejection of the idea that some should pay taxes and others shouldn't certainly put him at odds with a growing "Native Virgin Islands" sentiment which promotes protections needed to ensure their survival.

Himself admitting that he and his family would benefit by the inclusion of the exemption from property taxes in the constitution, he still found it objectionable. The issue of disenfranchised native Virgin Islanders is valid and relevant.

There is strong support among those who consider themselves natives (by whatever definition includes families that have been here for many generations) for some kind of recognition and representation that prevents their political and social relevance from becoming extinct.

Taxing them out of ownership of vast native holdings is one major concern. Cultural dilution by many years of immigrants or transplants has left this small minority with few political and social options to preserve their identities and customs.

The Virgin Islands has become a melting pot of

peoples from around the Caribbean, United States, Middle East, India, Europe, and to a smaller extent, Latin America. With each migration came new languages, customs, moral values, and religions.

Native Virgin Islanders who graciously welcomed these new immigrants are now at odds with the overwhelming influence these immigrants have on the new political, social, and cultural life of these islands. If asked randomly on the streets of St. John very few could answer a simple question on Virgin Islands history or culture with any kind of accuracy.

Where the native disenfranchisement movement goes off the track is how to address this cultural and political assault.

Laws in our democracy are a two edged sword: one side is raised in defense of the rights of its Native Virgin Island citizens and puts all of the rights of the U.S. Constitution squarely in their corner; the other side allows for those same rights be applied to all citizens, no matter where you were born, and does not tolerate discrimination against any of its citizens.

The case for native rights must be won by convincing Virgin Islands residents that it is in the best interest of all to preserve the culture, traditions, and history of these islands and its people. That is why we were all drawn to these beautiful shores and gracious people in the first place.

Constitutionally mandated ownership of land and government entitlements will not guarantee the success of the native rights movement; only the strength and character of its people can do that, so the next move is theirs and of those whom they can enlist in their cause.

Thank you Governor deJongh for showing the leadership, courage, and wisdom to recognize the Constitutional document's divisive intent, while also recognizing the reality of today's Virgin Islands, the melting pot of the Caribbean.

Pine Peace Mini-Part Has Lowest Prices in DLCA's Weekly Food Basket Survey

St. John Tradewinds

The Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs notified the public of the findings of its latest territory wide food basket survey, which was completed during the last week of June.

The food basket survey is designed to inform consumers of which stores have the best

prices on staple grocery items. The number of items compared on each island varies as a result of comparison guidelines which require that the same items be compared among the stores in order to produce a valid survey.

On St. John three stores were surveyed: Dolphin Market; Starfish Market; and Pine Peace

Mini Mart. A total of 28 of the same items were compared at each location. The lowest priced food basket was found at Pine Peace Mini Mart at a cost of \$60.86. Starfish Market came in second with a food basket priced at \$66.54. Dolphin Market came in third place with a food basket cost of \$69.33.

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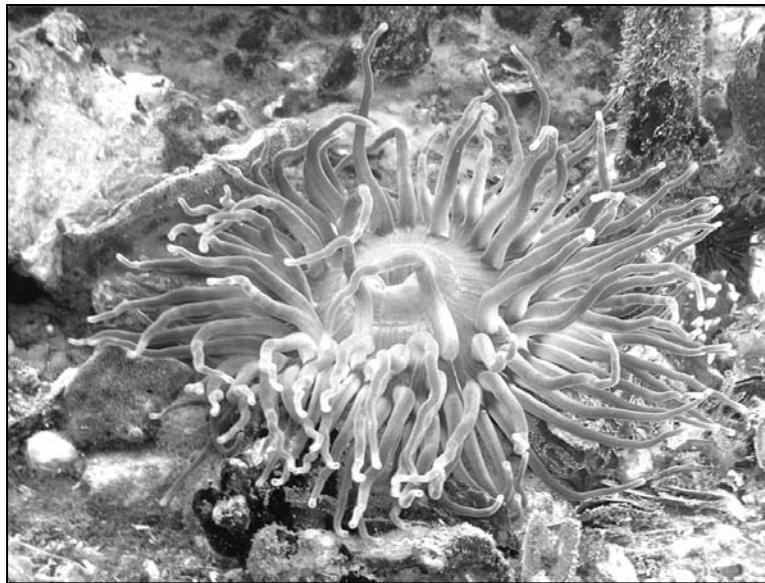


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8 Coral Reef Stars

Schools of Blue Tangs are one of the liveliest sights on the coral reefs around St. John.

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Some images from “Coral Reef Stars” are, above left, the mouth of a Giant Caribbean Anemone and a school of Blue Tangs, above right.

Sea Life Shines in *Coral Reef Stars* A New Book By Dr. Caroline S. Rogers

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

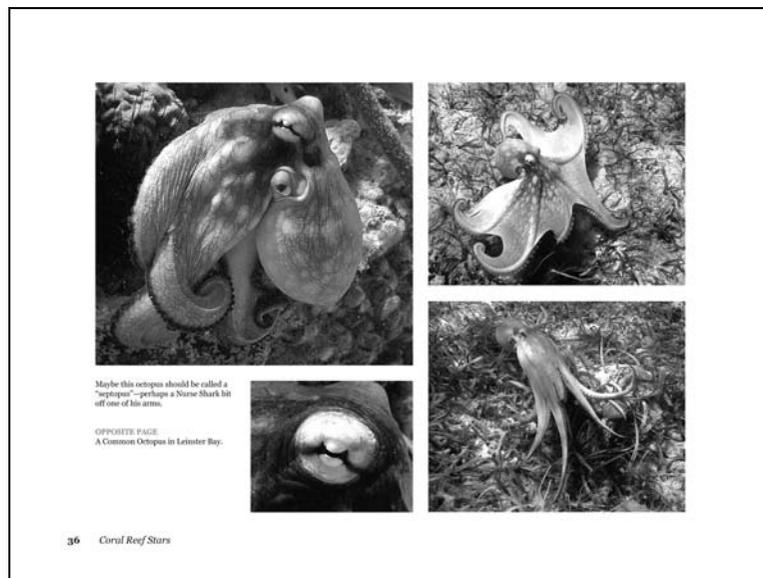
While local coral reefs have taken a serious hit over the past few years, there is still an impressive amount of sea life to see and enjoy in the waters around St. John.

Packed with about 100 amazing underwater images, Dr. Caroline Roger’s new book “Coral Reef Stars” makes that point abundantly clear.

“It has been very distressing to see the deterioration of the coral reefs here,” said Rogers, a marine ecologist with the U.S. Geological Survey Caribbean Field Station. “USGS and National Park Service scientists have found over half the coral here died since the 2005 bleaching and subsequent disease outbreak, which also happened in Puerto Rico and the British Virgin Islands.”

“But there is still hope and the waters around St. John are still full of life,” said Rogers. “There are still many beautiful animals to see — sea turtles, eagle rays, queen trigger fish, rare species of coral and fish and more. Also some bays like Mary Creek and Hawksnest Bay have a lot of healthy coral reefs.”

Since she started documenting her weekly snorkeling trips in 2005, Rogers amassed about 1,000



36 Coral Reef Stars

St. John Tradewinds News Graphic Courtesy of C. Rogers

Page 36 shows different views of a Common Octopus.

images of the awe-inspiring underwater life which surrounds St. John.

Rogers has been selling notecards with some of her images at several shops on island for years, but decided to compile a book at the urging of family and friends, she explained.

“Several people — even some who are not related to me — encouraged me to produce a book,” said Rogers. “I specialize in research on coral reefs and I think that my photos combine my scien-

tific expertise with my deep appreciation for the ocean.”

Although “Coral Reef Stars” includes images of the diverse underwater life, from sea turtles to anemones, most of the photos were taken in water easily accessible by the average snorkeler, explained Rogers.

“Most of the photos in the book are from within the V.I. National Park and the V.I. Coral Reef National Monument,” she said. “All of the images were taken in shallow water close to shore — so any-

one can see what I saw. St. John is actually one of the best places in the Caribbean to go snorkeling.”

“Reefs and seagrass beds are very close to shore, are easy to get to and few places have currents,” said Rogers. “You don’t have to rent a boat to go out and enjoy the water here.”

Rogers spent about eight months putting “Coral Reef Stars” together with the help of a few collaborators — her sister Helene Smart, former VINP chief of Interpretation Chuck Weikert, friend Mary Louis Fye and *St. John Tradewinds* publisher MaLinda Nelson.

“I was thrilled when MaLinda offered to be the graphic designer for the book,” said Rogers. “MaLinda was meticulous and I think she earned a master’s degree in marine biology. She really put in a huge amount of effort into the book as did my sister and friends who helped out.”

Rogers also received support from Island Resources Foundation, V.I. Audubon Society, St. John Community Foundation, Elaine I. Sprauve Library, Sea-Turtle.org and Friends of VINP. The backing fit in perfectly with Roger’s dedication to showcasing both the beauty and science of the local sea life.

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The cover of Dr. Roger's new book, above, shows a school of squid.



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Letters to St. John Tradewinds

Organization Launched To Change Local Marijuana Laws

St. John Tradewinds

Dear St. John Tradewinds Newspaper:

A group of concerned citizens has formed a group to seek change of the Marijuana Laws in Virgin Islands. The group <http://groups.google.co.vi/group/normlvi> is starting a chapter of NORML, national Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws. The group will work to decriminalize small amounts of marijuana and allow access to marijuana for medical purposes.

Presently the laws regarding marijuana are the harshest in the US and have no provisions for the use of marijuana for medical purposes. NORML VI in-

vites all interested people to go to the group site and read the Mission Statement. It is our goal to bring VI law regarding marijuana to a position similar to the 14 US states who have revised their law to be more compassionate.

Marijuana is a natural herb that has been used successfully for medicinal purposes for thousands of years and is medically proven to relieve symptoms of many acute and chronic diseases. Please visit the site and join the cause.

Sincerely,
David Knowles

Rotary Thanks Children's Carnival Village Volunteers

Editor,

Last week the Rotary Club of St. John sponsored the Children's Carnival Village in Cruz Bay. This has become a huge hit with the St. John children and hundreds came every night to win prizes.

For two days and five nights, volunteers got the new trailer ready, fixed and set up the games, restocked the prizes and had as much fun as the kids who played the games did.

An effort of this magnitude — we sold nine thousand tickets, and the games were all one ticket each — takes an entire community. We needed 25 volunteers each night just to stay ahead of the children!

Following are the names of those volunteers who signed in, the businesses who provided ice, and those who helped prepare the trailer:

Gary Emmons, Joan Bermingham, Patrick Pearson, Ganson Pollock, Parker Klingsberg, Catherine Fahy, Julia Hogroian, Geri Kotas, Alec Harris, Anna Tuttle, Kate Norfleet, Maura Francis, Lani Clark, Tam Schaff, Tarajoy Mihan, Jeff Mihan, Patty Tacquard, Tim Tacquard, Pam Gaffin, Keryn Bryan, Hilary Maynard, Sarrah Martin, Brenda Sylvia, Lee Morris, Amos Rutnik, Debbie Duplisea, Les Otis, Timmy Newton, Dave Prentice, Kamal Norford, Diane Otis, Catherine Stull, Sara Sawyer, Bill Willigerod, Gery David, Jug Courlas, Jan Courlas, Monica Munro, Bruce Munro, Tom Shirey, Toni Lacer, Nelson Uzzell, Tony Anthony, Alana Liburd, Elsa Angel, Mary

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We tried to have everyone who helped sign in each night, so if we missed you please forgive us, but do accept our most sincere thanks for making this event possible for all our children. If you didn't volunteer this year, we will look for you next year — it's great fun.

Thank you all,
B. J. Harris, CCV Event Chairman
Rotary Club of St. John

P.S. To the person who stood on the new mahogany counter (and broke it) while stealing the snap shackles from the trailer's shutter — SHAME ON YOU.

A Tribute To The King of Pop

Editor,

Thank you Michael for using your genius for good.

Thank you for brilliantly entertaining us for 45 years.

Thank you for giving so extraordinarily of your time and wealth to help children.

Thank you for staying true to your message of love in the midst of horrific assault.

Thank you for being a good father and true soul friend.

Thank you Michael.

Anne Marie Porter

Correction:

Anne Marie Estes' letter in the June 22-28, 2009 edition of *St. John Tradewinds* "Kudos to the Boyson Crew" omitted naming Captain Raymond Athanase, who also helped with the rescue of the cat which jumped overboard. Kudos go out to Captain Athanase.

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Letters to St. John Tradewinds

In Appreciation of Bruzzo

Editor,

Everyone is special, so we are told. Yet sometimes it's hard to find corroboration.

But Corrado Bruzzo now, he was truly special — he gave meaning to the word. People all over St. John reacted to his death with sudden sorrow, the words were spoken over and over again, "What a shame! He was such a gentleman! The most gracious man I ever met. A most courtly man."

I first met him on the dock in Coral Bay where his appearances had caused a small stir in that sartorially minimalist community, where many wondered who was this flamboyant presence. He was heavily tanned, wearing a colorful silk shirt, unbuttoned and blowing around him like a flag, exposing a hairy chest and enough gold chain to anchor a small skiff. But what one noticed most was the flash of his smile. It was a smile that took over his face and beamed out love for life and for people in general.

"Who is that guy?" I asked Allen Mohler at Coral Bay Marine. "He looks like a pirate in an Italian opera."

Allen laughed, "He's too kind to be a pirate. But he is an Italian."

Whatever his nationality, Cor-

rado was 100 percent Italian and Yankee enough to exemplify the American Dream.

Born and raised in Genoa, Italy, he immigrated to the USA as a teenager. Armed with his mother's recipes and a great attitude he opened a pizza place named Luigi's and preceded to work for 20 years without a day off.

By then he had become a great success with two booming restaurants and real estate on the side. His success was due to his intelligence, creativity, and hard work, attributes necessary but not sufficient to explain his rapid rise.

For that one has to look at his personality. People were drawn to him by his winning manner, a sincerity that shone through empathetic eyes. He spoke with verve and grace, not to dominate the conversation but to carry it along.

He was a generous soul and nothing more showed it than the gift he gave to the Coral Bay community. Driving in Italy one day he passed a bell foundry that supplied the Vatican. He remembered that the bell of our Moravian church had a bad crack — why not replace it with a new one from the same foundry that made bells for the Pope? After getting a go-ahead

from the minister on St John, he drove back, commissioned and paid for a bronze bell in full

In due course the beautiful bell arrived in Coral Bay and Allen Mohler installed it. Corrado liked the idea of the bell connecting the whole Coral Bay community.

Another time, a sad time when the older daughter of Andy and Janet Rutnik was killed in a car crash, it turned out that due to a trucking strike no caskets were available in the VI.

We who had been working for Corrado at the time on his house knew the whereabouts of a stash of wonderful Honduran mahogany destined to be his roof.

We tried to call Corrado but he was sailing somewhere off New England. No answer. Accordingly we took what we needed and built the casket, Julian Davies and John Costanzo working all night, putting the finishing touches on as they rode the barge.

When Corrado heard of it he reacted just as we had expected, "Please, I take no money for the lumber. It is my gift, my condolences."

Corrado Bruzzo by any measure, was a class act. We'll miss him.

Peter Muilenburg

The Good Old Days

Editor,

We were born before television, before penicillin, polio shots and the pill. We arrived before radar, credit cards, split atoms, laser beams, the world wide web, e-mails and ball point pens. Before dishwashers, electric blankets, air conditioners and before man walked on the moon.

We got married first and then lived together. We thought fast food was what you ate in Lent, a "big Mac" was an oversized raincoat and "crumpet" we had for tea. We existed before house husbands, computer dating and when a meaningful relationship meant getting along with cousins, and "sheltered accommodation" was where you waited for a bus.

We were before day care centers, group homes and disposable nappies. We never heard of FM radio, tape decks, electric typewriters, artificial hearts, word processors, yoghurt and young men wearing earrings.

For us, "time-sharing" meant togetherness, a "chip"

was piece of wood or a fried potato, "hardware" meant nuts and bolts and "software" was not a word.

Before 1940, "Made in Japan" meant junk, the terms "making out" referred to how you did on your exams, "stud" was something that fastened a collar to a shirt and "going all the way" meant staying on the bus to the depot.

Pizzas, McDonald's and instant coffee were unheard of. In our day "grass" was mown, "coke" was kept in the coal house, a "joint" was a piece of meat you had on Sundays and "pot" was something you cooked in. "Rock music" was a grandmother's lullaby while "AIDS" just meant a beauty treatment or help for someone in trouble.

In the old days, a telephone was in the living room, now you see people walking around with a phone clipped to their ears. No wonder we are so confused and there is a generation gap.

Norm Gledhill

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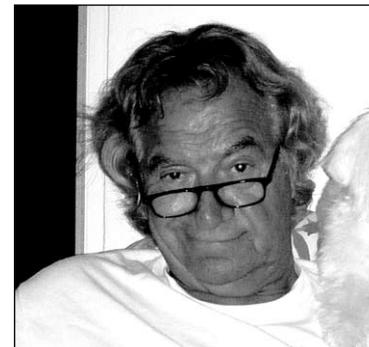
Giobatta Corrado Bruzzo Passes

St. John Tradewinds

Giobatta Corrado Bruzzo, 72, a resident of Middleburg, VA, passed away suddenly on July 3, 2009, at his home in St. John, USVI.

Loving and devoted husband to Alessandra, father of Deborah (married to Carmine Marzano), Giobatta Corrado Jr. (married to Michelle Bruzzo), Patrizia Soldano (married to Daniel White), Viviana Soldano (married to Bruce FaBrizio), grandfather of Riccardo Renga, Elena Pouchelon, Matteo Gari, Stefano Marzano and Gianluca Marzano.

The life of Corrado was celebrated Saturday, July 11, 2009, at 3 p.m. at the Coral Bay Marina on St. John. Transportation was accommodated by "Silver Cloud."



Giobatta Corrado Bruzzo

Hulin "Woody" Cargile Passes

St. John Tradewinds

Hulin W. "Woody" Cargile passed away June 1, 2009, at his home in Seadrift, Texas.

He was born on June 24, 1935, to Hulin P. and Lorain Cargile in Roaring Springs, Texas. A long-time residents of Hobbs, New Mexico, Woody worked for many years for New Mexico Electric Service Co. He lived on St. John, USVI, from 1988 to 1995, during which time he worked at Caneel Bay Resort.

Woody loved the island and he loved the people. He was always willing to do the electric work on the gazebo in Cruz Bay park when the gazebo was being built.



"Woody Cargile"

He also gave his time to the Caneel Bay boat that brought Santa Claus to the gazebo on Christmas

Eve, making sure the lights were on. He also helped Jean Jewel "JJ" start her business in Cruz Bay. Upon his retirement in 1998, he moved to Seadrift.

Woody was preceded in death by his parents and two of his brothers. He is survived by a son, Zane Cargile; and wife, Maggi of Hobbs; a daughter, Colleen Brook and her husband David of Stafford, Texas; a daughter, Melissa Richard of Allen, Texas; two brothers, Freddie Cargile of Baird, Nebraska, and Gary Cargile of Decatur, Texas; and eight grandchildren.

There was a memorial for Woody on June 15 at the Hobbs Masonic Lodge.

St. John Tradewinds Keeping Track

St. John Tradewinds' Keeping Track data comes from the V.I. Police Department's Leander Jurgen Command Incident Log, an unofficial record of calls to the station, reports and arrests on St. John.

Coral Reef Stars: A New Book by Caroline S. Rogers

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"I decided that the book would emphasize aesthetics primarily and be educational as well," she said.

Rogers definitely achieved both goals with "Coral Reef Stars." From the book's cover of a school of squid to the photos of sea turtles, alien looking anemones and majestic eagle rays, the images are beautiful. With its extensive index identifying the animals in the pictures, the book is also a trove of information.

The inside back cover features a photo mosaic of St. John created by William Stelzer, which illustrates where the photographs were taken, which Rogers was thankful to be able to use, she explained.

Everything adds up to one impressive first publication by Rogers and a testament to the diversity of underwater life.

"The book really is a celebration of the life in the water around St. John," said Rogers.

After months of hard work, Roger is enjoying the

reception the book has gotten so far.

"I'm thrilled," said the marine ecologist. "I really feel good about the quality of the book and I really enjoyed doing it. People seem to be enjoying it and what gives me a lot of pleasure is seeing a child smiling at one of the photos."

"It's been fascinating to see different people react to different photos and seeing which ones people like the most," Rogers said.

"Coral Reef Stars" will be available within the next few weeks at Every T'ing, Bajo el Sol, Caneel Bay Resort Gift Shop, Friends of VINP store and other locations. Rogers is also planning a book signing at Every T'ing which is where she first sold her notebooks, she added.

"I still remember in 2005 when Every T'ing agreed to carry my note cards and I was really appreciative of that," said Rogers. "Now I'll be doing a book signing there, so it's just perfect."

Crime Stoppers VI Seeking Robbery Suspect

St. John Tradewinds

Crime Stoppers is asking the community to help the VIPD solve the following crimes, and reminds everyone that any information, no matter how insignificant, may be just what the police need to solve these cases.

Police are seeking additional information on a robbery that happened Monday, June 15, near the Islandia Building above the Dolphin Market area. A male victim was robbed of cash, shot at, and assaulted. The

suspect was described as a black male about 5'7" wearing a gray shirt and dark pants. His face was covered with a shirt.

Community members can submit tips to Crime Stoppers USVI at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). The tips are completely anonymous, and the stateside operators are bilingual. Tipsters can also submit tips online at www.crimestoppersUSVI.org or by texting "USVI" plus your message to CRIMES (274637).

Crime Stoppers Update

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out of whack and can't continue anymore."

"With Crime Stoppers we can empower people to stop being afraid and take our community back," Corbeil said. "I am passionate about this program because I really love St. John and if we don't take charge we're going to have a lot more trouble down the road on a lot of levels."

Crime Stoppers VI receives about five tips a week, mostly from St. Croix, explained Brown.

"Right now St. Croix is probably about 60 percent of the tips coming in, with St. Thomas calling in about 30 percent and St. John the remainder," Brown said. "Those numbers make sense just because of the number of people on the islands."

While St. John may not call in the most tips, the island has the highest number of memberships, which funds the award money, explained Corbeil.

"The community has totally supported this," said Corbeil. "Out of all three islands little St. John has the most memberships, over 100 right now."

Corbeil has been instrumental in garnering support for the group on St. John. She has discussed Crime Stoppers VI with numerous organizations and always carries information about the group with her.

"I've talked to a lot of groups, but I've also been very focused on approaching people one on one," said Corbeil. "At first I think it was hard for people to understand that they could just pick up the phone and report a crime and get some money for it, and its totally anonymous. But that is exactly how it works."

"By talking to people one to one, I think they're really understanding the program and supporting it," she said.

With the economy in tatters, its not surprising to see crime rates increase, but Crime Stoppers VI is taking a broader view of its success, according to Brown.

"We're in a recession and historically crime increases in a recession," Brown said. "If we can keep crime from rising in 2009, we'll have succeeded admirably. Then in 2010 and on, I hope that we're going to make the territory a safe place to live again."

Crime Stoppers VI memberships are \$50 and more members are always needed to keep funds for awards flowing in, explained Corbeil.

"We can always use more members," she said. "We need everyone who cares about the future of these islands and the issue of crime to become a member."

For more information about Crime Stoppers VI or be become a member, check out the group's website at www.crimestoppersusvi.org.

Meanwhile Pedro Ramos has forged a head planting fruit-bearing trees and plants, she added.

Looking ahead five years down the road, Hendricks would like to have a bigger facility, she said.

"More space is needed for a recreation area to play games," said Hendricks. "A pool table is in storage because there is no place to set it up, and the space would also serve other purposes."

For now, Hendricks is focused on the day-to-day needs of participants, and keeping her finger crossed that the gardening grant is approved by the Waste Management Agency, she added.

Adrian Senior Center Abuzz with Activity

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to receive two new computers for member usage, the manager explained.

Crafts are a way for the seniors to keep their vision tuned and their fingers nimble. A bazaar is planned for the Christmas season when members will sell the items they have labored over. Soap and candles are two of the top sellers, according to Hendricks.

It is difficult for Hendricks to acquire craft supplies on-island, so off-island donations would be welcome, she added.

With assistance from Amos Rutnik, the Adrian Senior Center has applied for a grant to develop a garden and install a fish pond in front of the facility, explained Hendricks.

St. John Police Report

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

Land Line: 911 • Cellular: 340-776-9110

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Friday, July 3

10:30 a.m. - A citizen c/r that her purse was stolen out of her bag. Grand larceny.

12:25 p.m. - A citizen c/r a fight in progress in the area of Cruz Bay dock. Disturbance of the peace.

1:40 p.m. - A citizen p/r that a female broke her camera in the area of Cruz Bay dock. Disturbance of the peace.

3:15 p.m. - There was a report of a D.O.A. in the vicinity of Calabash Boom. D.O.A.

Saturday, July 4

3:30 a.m. - A citizen p/r that she is being harassed by a female. Disturbance of the peace.

3:50 a.m. - A female c/r that her boyfriend assaulted her. Aggravated assault and battery, D.V.

7:00 a.m. - 402H p/ with a male who was involved in a physical altercation. Police assistance.

9:20 a.m. - A citizen c/r an auto accident in the area of Coral Bay. Auto accident.

5:30 p.m. - A citizen c/r an auto accident in the area of The Marketplace. Auto accident.

6:15 p.m. - A citizen c/r shots being fired in Estate Pastory. Illegal discharge of firearm.

Sunday, July 5

1:10 a.m. - A citizen p/r that she was being harassed by two females in the area of the Cruz Bay dock. Disturbance of the peace.

3:15 a.m. - Badge #90 p/ with a minor under arrest and charged with obstruction of justice. Obstruction of justice.

3:30 a.m. - VIPD Ofc. Callwood p/ with one female who struck him while he was trying to perform his duty. Aggravated assault and battery.

6:00 a.m. - VIPD Ofc. Clarke p/ with one minor male who was destroying government property. Destruction of property.

1:20 p.m. - An Estate Contant resident p/r that someone destroyed the vendor's tent she shares with another woman.

Monday, July 6

No time given - An Estate Enighed resident p/r that she needed assistance in the area of Carnival Village. Police assistance.

Tuesday, July 7

10:20 a.m. - An Estate Pastory resident p/r that her son broke into her down stairs apartment. Burglary in the third, D.V.

Wednesday, July 8

10:45 a.m. - VIPD detective p/ with one Fritz Boynes Jr. of Estate Adrian under arrest and charged with assault in the third degree.

2:40 p.m. - A citizen r/ that someone attempted to break into Cafe Roma. Attempted burglary.

5:55 p.m. - VIPD detective p/ with one Akil Gumbs of Estate Tutu under arrest and charged with assault in the third.

7:10 p.m. - An Estate Bellevue resident c/r that she needs police assistance with her minor son. Police assistance.

8:00 p.m. - An Estate Bellevue resident p/r that she was held against her will by a police officer.

Thursday, July 9

8:10 a.m. - An Estate Pastory resident r/ that her mental patient son who she has a restraining order against is trespassing on her property. Violation of restraining order.

8:40 a.m. - An Estate Hansen Bay resident p/r that a male wrote her a worthless check. Drawing and delivering a worthless check.

12:20 p.m. - An Estate Pastory resident p/r that someone damaged the windshield of his vehicle. Damage to a vehicle.

12:40 p.m. - VIPD Ofc. 65P p/r a first degree rape. Rape in the first.

3:30 p.m. - EMT c/r a D.O.A. in Estate Enighed. D.O.A.



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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, July 13

CBCC will host a meeting on Monday, July 13, at Sputnik's at 6 p.m. to announce the local objectives and locations of Coral Bay's portion of the grant funds and the timelines and resources needed from local residents.

Tuesday, July 14

Representatives of DPW and the Federal Highway Administration are conducting formal public hearings to provide information on how the public can get involved in planning the system and collect comments on the information. On St. John the public meeting will be on Tuesday, July 14, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Cruz Bay Legislature building.

Monday, July 20

In response to the request from the V.I. Unity Day Group to convene a hearing on the issue of ferry rates and commuter fees, Senate President Louis Hill has scheduled a meeting of the Committee of the Whole on Monday, July 20, at 6 p.m. at the Legislature building.

Tuesday, July 21

Recycling Association of the Virgin Islands, St. John Chapter will host its next meeting on Tuesday, July 21, in the St.

John Community Foundation office on the third floor of The Marketplace at 6 p.m.

Friday, July 24

The Virgin Islands Department of Agriculture announced a new grant program to fund projects that enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops. These include most fruits and vegetables that are grown in the U.S. Virgin Islands. The Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008, also known as the 2008 Farm Bill, authorizes the USDA Marketing Service to provide grants to state departments of agriculture to enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops and commodities. The level of funding available to the Virgin Islands is \$163,162.42. The VIDA is seeking eligible applications that meet program guidelines by close of business on Friday, July 24.

Friday, August 21

St. John parents wishing to enroll their children in public school for the 2009/2010 school year are advised of a change in the date of registration, which has been re-scheduled for Friday, August 21, at the Julius E. Sprauve School from 8:30 to 11:45 a.m.

AA Meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous meets as scheduled: Sundays, 9:45 a.m. at Hawksnest Bay Beach; Closed meeting for alcoholic only at Nazareth Lutheran Church at 5:30 on Tuesdays; Open meetings on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 6 p.m. at Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cruz Bay; Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 6 p.m. at Emmaus Moravian Church, Coral Bay.

NA Meetings

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

Al-Anon Meetings

Al-Anon meets on St. John every Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the picnic table at the VINP ball field, and every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at Our St. Ursula's Church. **Meetings will resume in September.**

Alateen Meetings

Alateen will meet on Mondays at St. Ursula's Church from 6 to 7 p.m. and is open to anyone interested in attending. **Meetings will resume in September.**

PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

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ACROSS

- 1 Pre- (took precedence over)
- 7 Keg add-on
- 10 Psychic's card
- 15 Regarding
- 19 City near Rome
- 20 Begin
- 22 "Cut it out!"
- 23 Cause people to stare at you
- 25 Fish story
- 26 Suffix with Rock or disk
- 27 Rte. parts
- 28 "— a living!"
- 29 Printer need
- 30 Cowardly
- 34 Finesse
- 36 Arctic plain
- 37 "Am — late?"
- 38 Historic South Carolina fort
- 41 Title's first word, often
- 42 Grain type
- 43 Hanoi holiday
- 44 Baby's sock
- 46 French for "other"
- 49 Kin of self-
- 50 What's factual about an issue
- 54 Moe, Larry, or Curly
- 56 No Doubt singer Gwen
- 57 Flying stat
- 58 Get twisted
- 60 Irish dogs
- 62 Pratibha — (India's first female president)
- 66 Umpire's yell
- 67 Means — end
- 69 "The lady — protest too

- much"
- 71 Mo. in fall
- 72 Lake fish
- 74 "Waiting for Godot" playwright Samuel
- 80 Flattered servilely
- 82 Safety item
- 84 Placates
- 86 Fastening bars with crosspieces for heads
- 87 Doobie Brothers hit
- 92 "— turns out ..."
- 93 Sew loosely
- 94 Show off
- 95 Ear-relevant prefix
- 98 Old JFK jet
- 99 Track wager
- 100 "I do" sites
- 102 Exam for an MBA hopeful
- 103 Container for gratuities
- 105 Zap with a stun gun
- 107 Most see-through
- 110 Land in a lake
- 111 Boatload
- 112 Deadlock
- 115 "Can — true?"
- 116 Greek vowels
- 117 Trying
- 123 Mail status
- 124 Trunk attachments
- 125 Flowery
- 126 Uno, dos, —
- 127 Make — buck
- 128 "Tsk, tsk!"
- 129 Venus de Milo, for one

DOWN

- 1 Sched. guess
- 2 Sch. close to Harvard
- 3 Sgt.'s charge
- 4 Matador
- 5 Tickle a lot

- 6 Formal rulings
- 7 Come — head
- 8 Part of MFA
- 9 "Kalifornia" star Brad
- 10 Muffin holder
- 11 Playful prank
- 12 "Nick of Time" singer Bonnie
- 13 Early Nebraskans
- 14 Yellow Monopoly bill
- 15 — Martin (British car)
- 16 Really shine
- 17 Put up with
- 18 AT&T employee
- 21 Beau — (noble action)
- 24 Muscle that tightens
- 29 Wed. preceder
- 30 Gradually slowing, in mus.
- 31 Summer, in Brest
- 32 Start liking
- 33 Ballet pieces
- 35 PLO leader Yasir
- 36 Subject, to Cicero
- 39 Gloves for goalies
- 40 Flirting giggle
- 41 Italian "three"
- 44 Sired, biblically
- 45 New Mexico county
- 47 — Reader (magazine)
- 48 Bronze taker's place
- 49 "— boy!"
- 51 Feverish
- 52 Frequently, poetically
- 53 ABC's
- 54 Ayr resident
- 55 — of duty
- 59 Can opener
- 61 Tosspot
- 63 Laborious
- 64 Rapper with a Grammy
- 65 Old Fords
- 68 Stilts' homes

- 70 On a scale from one —
- 73 Knot or watt
- 75 Old geezer
- 76 "The Prophecy" actor Elias
- 77 Archaic verb ending
- 78 Larceny
- 79 Coil inventor Nikola
- 81 Speck
- 83 Rome's river
- 85 Luminaries
- 87 Most yummy
- 88 One aiding
- 89 Homebuilt aircraft
- 90 Tit for —
- 91 Be overhasty
- 96 Univ. aides
- 97 Baseballer Mel
- 99 Baseball tool
- 101 "— man despise thee": Titus 2:15
- 102 — Green (old eloper's mecca)
- 104 Kids around
- 105 "When I Take My Sugar —" (1931 song)
- 106 Poker costs
- 108 Cultural spirit
- 109 Film critic Roger
- 111 Gang land
- 113 "— Rhythm"
- 114 "—, Brute!"
- 117 School org.
- 118 NYC's first subway line
- 119 German for "east"
- 120 Wolf down
- 121 R-V link
- 122 Letter that appears at least once in every single answer in this puzzle

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