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St. John registered Democratic voters braved a few downpours outside the Julius E. Spruave School polling station, above, to cast their votes for Democratic candidates for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senator at Large, District Senator and Board of Elections in the Primary Election on Saturday, September 11.

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Board of Land Use Appeals Sets Hearing on Bordeaux Mountain Villas, Grande Bay on Sept. 22

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

After cancelling several meeting dates, the Board of Land Use Appeals is scheduled hear an appeal of the Bordeaux Mountain Villas' group dwelling permit on Wednesday, September 22, at the Government Employees' Retirement System Building on St. Thomas at 10 a.m.

The Bordeaux Mountain case is just one St. John case which is included on BLUA's docket. In addition to several high-profile St. Thomas cases, other St. John matters on the docket include an appeal of Grande Bay's certificate of use and occupancy and an issue related to Pond Bay Club's pledge of permit.

While many of these cases have been on hold for months and even years, residents are encouraged to attend the BLUA hearing to have Love City's voice heard, explained Sharon Coldren, president of the Coral Bay Community Council.

"People should go to this meeting so BLUA knows that St. John cares," said Coldren. "It's also important to support the residents who have been working on these appeals."

A resident of the Bordeaux Mountain neighborhood filed a case with BLUA in opposition to a group dwelling permit which Department of Planning and Natural Resources officials granted to developers in early 2009.

Plans for the project include construction of 16 four-bedroom units in four clusters of four attached buildings, a gym and pool on a 5.623-acre site at 10-10 Remainder Estate Carolina, Coral Bay Quarter.

Property owners Scott Humphrey and Eric Munson, represented by project architect Michael Milne of Barefoot Architect Inc., requested the group dwelling permit from DPNR in order to cluster the buildings on one portion of their land.

The development, located within the confines of

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Coral Bay Community Council

the island's Tier 2 designation, was not subject to the scrutiny of the St. John Coastal Zone Management Committee.

At a 2008 DPNR public hearing regarding Bordeaux Mountain Villas, residents contended that the development was not in keeping with the nature of the neighborhood. Other concerns raised by residents included the area's steepness and accessibility.

BLUA will also hear an appeal to DPNR's decision to approve Bay Isles Associates' request for a permit of certificate of use and occupancy at Grande Bay. An appeal of DPNR's decision to disapprove "On The Shelf LLC" Development's request for the paving of the roadway associated with Plots 9-14, 9-16 and 9-17 Estate St. John is on the docket as well, according to BLUA's agenda, which did not include any additional information about this case.

The final St. John case on BLUA's September 22 docket is related to Pond Bay Club's ongoing legal battle with European bank WestLB. The bank is appealing the St. John CZM Committee's decision to deny its application for Pond Bay Club developer First American Development Group Inc.'s pledge of permit.

Dengue Outbreak Alert Issued In St. John/St. Thomas District

A Dengue Fever outbreak warning has been issued for the St. Thomas/St. John district. Residents are urged to seek immediate care if they fall ill, according to Department of Health Commissioner Julia Sheen.

"If you don't seek immediate medical care, Dengue Fever can lead to death," Sheen said.

Symptoms of Dengue Fever include persistent headache, joint and muscle pain, nausea, vomiting and loss of appetite.

More complicated cases of Dengue Fever can result in Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever which is characterized by high fever, bleeding and circulatory failure in rare instances, may result in death.

Dengue Fever can be caused by four different viruses which are called Dengue 1, Dengue 2, Dengue 3 and Dengue 4.

Epidemiologist Dr. Eugene Tull identified the Dengue Fever circulating on the islands of St. Thomas and St. John as Dengue 2 and urged healthcare providers to report cases to the Health Department.

"We have laboratory testing confirmation from the CDC that it is the same type of Dengue that we experienced on St. Croix in 2005," Tull said. "Physicians who are seeing suspected Dengue cases in their offices, however, are not reporting the information to the Department of Health, as required by law. This has the effect of making it difficult to effectively confirm the level of transmission of the active Dengue virus."

To date, of 19 suspected cases, there have been nine laboratory confirmed cases in the St. Thomas/St. John district. On St. Croix, there have been four suspected cases with no confirmed cases.

DOH stepped up its Dengue Education campaign in June when the initial case of Dengue was laboratory confirmed. Residents have been urged to scour their yards after heavy rains to empty out man-made receptacles as part of that effort to prevent their homes from being a haven for the Aedes Aegypti mosquito that transmits the Dengue from person to person.

"Dengue is usually contracted inside of the home," Tull said "If you are ill and the mosquito bites you and that same mosquito bites me several days later, the virus may be transmitted."

On average, it takes about a week before an infected mosquito can transmit the virus when it bites another person, Tull said.

Sheen also reminded health care providers that Dengue Fever is a reportable disease and that all medical agencies, clinics and private physicians territory-wide are required to report any cases to 773-1311, Ext. 3241.

To report large pools of stagnant water, contact the Environmental Health Division on St. Thomas at 774-9000, Ext. 4641 or dial 715-5111. For more information on Dengue Fever, visit www.healthvi.org.

Road Work on Trunk Bay Switchback Set for September 23 and 24 — Delays of More Than 1-Hour Expected

Island Roads Corporation will be working on the roadway at the Trunk Bay switchback on North Shore Road on Thursday, September 23, and Friday, September 24.

Access through the portion of the road between the entrance to Trunk Bay and the entrance to Peter Bay will greatly hindered because of the nature of the work. Access for emergency vehicles will be available, however, all other traffic will experience delays of one hour or more. Island Roads is strongly encouraging motorists to use alternate routes on those days.

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St. John residents braved several downpours on Saturday, September 11, to cast their votes in the territory's Primary Election. After the votes were counted, Governor John deJongh, above far right with First Lady Cecile, and Lt. Gov. Gregory Francis, above far left with wife Cheryl, made it through to the November 2 General Election.

DeJongh/Francis Win Primary for Democrats

Craig Barshinger of St. John Is Senator at Large Candidate

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

St. John residents hit the polls on Saturday, September 11, to elect their party candidates for seats as district senator, senator at large, governor, lieutenant governor and district board of elections during the territory's Primary Election.

In the Democratic governor's race, Governor John deJongh and running mate Lt. Gov. Gregory Francis prevailed over three also-rans. DeJongh and Francis captured 53.3 percent of the vote, or about 7,487 votes, earning the incumbents a chance for re-election in the November 2 General Election.

"The support we have seen will no doubt take us through the November 2 General Election and beyond," said deJongh. "We thank each and every Democrat who came out to vote today and we invite all Democrats from the other campaigns and all voters throughout the territory to join us as we continue the work we have started for all Virgin Islanders. Together,

we can build a better tomorrow for all."

The deJongh/Francis ticket beat out fellow Democratic Governor/Lt. Gov. candidates Adlah Donastorg/Samuel Baptiste, who garnered 30.61 percent or 4,300 votes, Gerard Luz James/Glen Smith, who took 12.98 percent or 1,823 votes, and James O'Bryan Jr./Pamela Richards-Samuel who received 432 votes, about 3.08 percent of the vote.

In the November 2 General Election, Democratic governor and Lt. gov. candidates deJongh and Francis will face Kenneth Mapp and Malik Sekou, who have no No Party.

On the Democratic senator at large ticket, incumbent Craig Barshinger overcame an Elections System of the Virgin Islands error to capture 64.44 percent of the vote.

Garnering 6,348 votes territory-wide, the fact that Barshinger's name was omitted from absentee ballots had no bearing on the results, according to officials.

Barshinger beat out fellow Democrat senator at large candidate Ronnie Jones, who took 35.54 percent of the vote or 3,501 votes.

In the November 2 General Election, Barshinger will face Alecia Wells and Lorelei Monsanto, both of No Party affiliation, according to the Elections System of the Virgin Islands.

In the Democratic district senator race, Shawn-Michael Malone, Carlton Dowe, Janette Millin Young, Louis Hill, Patrick Simeon Sprauve, Alvin Williams and Clarence Payne garnered enough votes to advance to the General Election.

Of the winning candidates, Malone drew the most votes taking 13.1 percent of the tally or 4,140 votes. He was followed in votes by Dowe, who garnered 3,778 votes for 11.96 percent of the total votes cast. Millin Young rounded out the top three Democratic senator seats, garnering 3,313 votes or 10.49 percent.

The seven top Democratic candidates for St. Thomas/St. John

district senator bested Simon Caines, Kent Bernier, Stedmann Hodge, Allron Monsanto, Moses Carty and Patricia Thompson.

On November 2, the seven winning Democratic district senate candidates will face Paul Alexander-No Party, Joseph Gumbs-No Party, Wayne Adams-ICM, Tregenza Roach-No Party, Stephen Frett-ICM, Dolores Todman-No Party, Celestino White-No Party, Darryl Williams-No Party, Elvin Fahie-No Party, Raphael Corneiro-No Party, Shirley Sadler-No Party, Horace Brooks-No Party, and Dwane Callwood-No Party.

For the Democratic St. Thomas/St. John Board of Elections, Wilma Marsh Monsanto and Claudette Georges garnered the most votes, taking 1,474 for 24.17 percent of the vote and 1,303 for 21.37 percent of the vote respectively.

The two Democratic candidates will be joined on the November 2 ballot by Lydia Hendricks-No Party, Albion Lambertis-ICM Party, and Harry Daniel-Democrat.

For more information and a

complete list of candidates and primary results, check out the web site www.vivote.gov.

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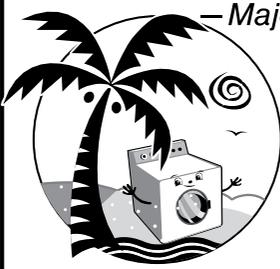
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16 Cubans Arrested in Cruz Bay

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Early Monday, September 13, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agents and officers apprehended 19 aliens, 16 of whom were Cuban nationals picked up in Cruz Bay.

CBP also apprehended three female Brazilian nationals at the Red Hook ferry terminal on St. Thomas a few hours later.

Ramey Sector Border Patrol Agents arrested the 16 Cuban aliens in the Cruz Bay area of St. John after receiving information of an alleged disembarkation.

Upon arrival from St. Thomas, Border Patrol Agents interviewed a suspected group and confirmed their nationality and immigration status.

The group is composed of 11 males, three females and two juveniles, who are in good physical condition.

CBP Air Operations aircraft transported the migrant group to the Ramey Border Patrol Station in Aguadilla, Puerto Rico, for further immigration processing.

Later in the morning, CBP Field Officers arrested three female, undocumented, Brazilian nationals during an inspection at the Red Hook Ferry Terminal on St. Thomas.

Initial immigration status verification revealed that Maria Campos, 59, had a prior record when

in 2006 federal authorities at the Miami International Airport removed her.

The females were being transported, by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Detention and Removal Operations, to the Luis Munoz Marin International Airport in San Juan, for transfer to Aguadilla for further processing.

After processing at the Border Patrol Station, the 13 Cuban adults will receive a Notice to Appear (NTA) before an Immigration Judge for further proceedings under the Cuban Migration Agreement of 1995 and the Cuban Adjustment Act of 1966.

This case demonstrates the joint working effort by federal and territorial agencies on the island under the Caribbean Border Inter-agency Group (CBIG), to secure operational control against illegal aliens who attempt to penetrate U.S. borders.

Wet Foot, Dry Foot Policy

The wet foot, dry foot policy is the name given to a consequence of the 1995 revision of the Cuban Adjustment Act of 1966 that says, essentially, that anyone who fled Cuba and got into the United States would be allowed to pursue residency a year later.

After talks with the Cuban government, the Clinton administration came to an agreement with

Cuba that it would stop admitting people found at sea.

Since then, in what has become known as the "wet foot, dry foot" policy, a Cuban caught on the waters between the two nations (i.e., with "wet feet") would be sent to the place of embarkation. One who makes it to shore ("dry feet") gets a chance to remain in the United States, and later would qualify for expedited "legal permanent resident" status and U.S. citizenship.

CBIG is a joint venture between the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (Office of Air and Marine Operations, Office of Field Operations, and Office of Border Patrol), the U.S. Coast Guard, ICE, the United States Attorney's Office and the Puerto Rico Police Joint Forces of Rapid action. CBIG has a common goal of securing Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands against illegal maritime traffic and gaining control of the nation's Caribbean border.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection is the unified border agency within the Department of Homeland Security charged with the management, control and protection of the nation's borders at and between the official ports of entry. CBP is charged with keeping terrorists and terrorist weapons out of the country while enforcing hundreds of U.S. laws.

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Body Recovered from Vessel in Hurricane Hole



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V.I. National Park Rangers and technicians from the medical examiners' office were spotted leaving Coral Bay dock on Saturday, September 11, for Hurricane Hole along the eastern coast St. John, above.

The body of a sailor, who had taken refuge in the area during Hurricane Earl, was reportedly found on board his vessel.

Caneel Bay Resort Saves the Day — Transports Critical Patient for MKSCHC

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

While most residents were assessing the damage from Hurricane Earl late last month, medical officials at Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center were dealing with a critical emergency, which could have been worse if Caneel Bay Resort had not come to the rescue.

On Tuesday afternoon, August 31, just a day after Hurricane Earl passed north of the territory, a patient at MKSCHC needed transportation to R.L. Schneider Regional Medical Center on St. Thomas.

With the island's emergency boat *Star of Life* out of operation, health center officials have been relying on a water taxi to transport patients to the St. Thomas hospital. On August 31, however, the water taxi was not available, explained MKSCHC's Dr. Joseph DeJames.

"When they opened the port back up on Tuesday afternoon, we had a critical patient at MKSCHC who needed to be transported to St. Thomas," said DeJames. "The water taxi has been the emergency

"The water taxi has been the emergency medical transport since *Star of Life* has been out. We had a critical patient that day and the water taxi wasn't available."

"Caneel did a great community service. It was an emergency situation and they were there for us."

— Dr. Joseph DeJames,
Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center

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After making a few phone calls, the doctor contacted Caneel Bay Resort's director of facilities Alvin Nazario, who, in turn, put DeJames in touch with Caneel Bay Resort managing director Nikolay Hotze.

"Nikolay gave us the okay and put me in contact with Captain Calvin Thomas and they let us use

a Caneel Bay boat called 'Peter Germain' to transport the patient," said DeJames.

Emergency Medical Technician Seneca Lindo, V.I. National Park Ranger Terry Rogaczewski and MKSCHC's Tonya Jackson also assisted with the emergency transport, DeJames added.

"I want to give all of those guys a big kudos," said the doctor. "Caneel did a great community service. It was an emergency situation and they were there for us."

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Vacationers Emil and Teddi Dameff and Ryan Lennon, above, show off the lionfish they nabbed off Chocolate Hole.

Determined Divers Catch Lionfish Off West Side of Chocolate Hole

By Alex Dedes and Corie Harder
Special to St. John Tradewinds

On Sunday, September 12, around 10 a.m., Emil Dameff and Ryan Lennon captured a large lionfish off the west side point of Chocolate Hole.

Dameff and wife Teddi, from Punta Gorda, Florida, have been visiting St. John for years, and are loyal customers of Cruz Bay Watersports. This year on one of his daily dive adventures, Dameff spotted something locals have been tirelessly hunting.

He nearly bumped into a lionfish measuring between eight and nine inches in the Chocolate Hole area. Excited with the buzz on island about the exotic and dangerous fish he was determined all week to capture it.

Emil and Teddi Dameff teamed up with Cruz Bay Watersports staff member Ryan Lennon in efforts to track down the stripped beauty.

Remembering landmarks and locating lionfish markers helpfully placed on Dameff's previous dives, the two descended to about 42-feet on the morning of Sunday, September 12. The pair needed help from "torpedos" to fight the strong current.

Once they located their target they carefully directed the fish into a net, using a lobster snare from a safe distance. After safely and successfully completing their dive, the group brought the fish to the Cruz Bay Watersports store.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Alex Dedes

Scientists fear the predatory invasive lionfish could potentially wreak havoc on local fish populations and, in turn, sensitive coral reefs.

Everyone was awestruck with the catch. Dameff was extremely proud that his determination had paid off and Lennon was all smiles. As for Teddi Dameff, she hoped they could now get back to their vacation.

Team River Runner Planning Third St. John Kayak Trip for Wounded Vets

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

While many travelers visit St. John for therapeutic getaways, for one group of wounded American service men and women, their Love City trip is also a time to rebuild self confidence and regain a sense of independence.

Team River Runner is planning its third trip to St. John this November, and while soaking up the rays is definitely on its agenda, so are adaptive kayak training sessions and long-distance snorkeling trips.

Originally launched at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in 2004 by D.C. area kayaker Joe Mornini, the adaptive kayak program TRR now boasts chapters at veterans' hospitals across the country.

The program has proven to be a popular and effective therapy for wounded veterans as adaptive kayaking is an inclusive sport while still being physically and mentally demanding.

In addition to the St. John travels, TRR leads numerous kayak trips and adventures across the country from the rushing Salmon River in Idaho to the calm waters of Key Largo. Participants in these trips master kayak skills while building relationships with fellow veterans and family members.

TRR is so popular, in fact, alumni of the program are taking leadership roles in the organization. This is the first time that TRR participants are organizing the Love City kayak trip, planned for the first week of November.

Two of TRR's three St. John trip team leaders were on island last week planning their upcoming kayak adventure.

"This is the first time that veterans are the team leaders for the Virgin Islands trip," said Leif Lange, one of the three veteran leaders for TRR's St. John trip. "There are so many different organizations out there, but this one is my favorite because they do so much to help

"We have to teach these veterans how to live again. A lot of these guys and girls, since they got blown up, aren't getting out there anymore. The sky, the water — these guys haven't been out in nature so we want to get them over the edge where they want to live."

— Veteran Leif Lange, team leader
Team River Runner

the guys and girls."

"It's really hard for some to adapt or find a network of other wounded veterans," said Lange. "Through TRR, they can come out here and really just enjoy it, but also meet other wounded vets. It really opens up a lot."

Twenty wounded veterans, along with one family member or guest each, will spend a week at Cinnamon Bay Campground from November 1 through 7. While ac-

commodations and many meals have already been taken care of for the group, they still need funding.

"The biggest part of this whole thing is raising the funds," said Lange. "It costs \$45,000 for 20 veterans for one week. We have so much support on the ground, but we need money."

Lange, along with Sean Lewis and Pete Rooney are the team leaders of TRR's St. John trip. Lewis and Rooney are also alumni of the

group's kayak trips to St. John and Lange recently completed TRR's training stateside.

Rooney is the team's veteran participation coordinator, Lewis oversees fundraising and project coordination while Lange is the team's kayak leader and he's looking to add some fishing to the outings as well.

While TRR's St. John trip offers veterans a tranquil Caribbean getaway, the time these team members spend on the island really means a lot more than just a vacation, explained Lewis.

"St. John is the perfect place for us to come because it's beautiful and the people are wonderful, but also the spirituality of it," said Lewis. "Think of it as being reborn in a way. A lot of these guys and girls are really being physically reborn into life."

"Can you pick a more beautiful place to be reborn than this," Lewis said.

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PENNIES FOR PUPPIES

Students Saving Pennies To Support ACC Puppies

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Students at the Giffit Hill School are pitching in their pennies to help the island’s abandoned animals.

The school’s “Pennies for Puppies” program kicked off this year after students from kindergarten through fifth grade read books about dogs during their summer break, explained GHS literacy coach Terri Parker.

“Each class had a book to read over the summer that had to do with dogs,” said Parker. “When the students returned this month, our back to school activities were related to those stories they had read over the summer.”

While younger students read stories about cute dogs and puppies, older students read books in which the dogs face difficult situations, explained Parker.

“The older kids’ books had something to do with an issue about pet care and pets,” said the literacy coach. “In addition to discussing the books, we wanted to relate what they had read to their lives. We also wanted to start a program so that all students would recognize how they are part of the community and that they could do something to help.”

“We talked about what we could do about these types of things that happen on St. John and one way was by supporting the Animal Care Center,” said Parker.

Stories like *Shiloh* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor, *Because of Winn-Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo and *A Dog on His Own* by Mary Jane Auch, detail how animals are sometimes abused and abandoned.

“*Shiloh*, a Newbery Medal winning book, is about a little beagle who is being abused by its owner and a young boy who is trying to protect the puppy,” said Parker. “Just like the boy in the story, we discussed what students could do to help an abused animal.”

While the “Pennies for Puppies” program was actually conceived in May before the summer break, recent news of the St. John Animal Care Center’s dire financial straits underscored the need to support the group, Parker added.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo File

GHS students are opening their piggy banks to help Love City’s no-kill shelter.

“As we were discussing with the students what we could do to help animals here on St. John, they decided they wanted to bring in their spare change to support the Animal Care Center,” she said. “This was all decided back in May before we knew that the ACC needed financial help. Now it’s certainly perfect timing.”

Students have been donating their spare change all month and will welcome a special guest this week when ACC president Diana Ripley brings her furry friend Marigold to the school.

GHS students will continue to collect their spare change for the “Pennies for Puppies” program for the next few months. The program will culminate on November 12 when the entire GHS student body will celebrate “Give Back Day,” explained Parker.

“November 12 is going to be our big ‘GHS Gives Back’ day where every student will be doing something for the community or having some kind of outreach,” said the GHS literacy coach. “That will be our closing activity for the program.”

In addition to working with Ripley, GHS lower school head Beth Knight and GHS parent, board member and Canines, Cats and Critters owner Joe Palminteri have been long time supporters of the St. John ACC.

For more information about the island’s no-kill shelter and how to help keep its doors open, call the ACC at 774-1625 or check out www.stjohnanimal-carecenter.com.

September 25 Is International Coastal Cleanup

St. John Tradewinds

Saturday, September 25, is International Coastal Cleanup Day, and also marks the beginning of VI Coastweeks, a three-week long period where community members rally together to remove debris from beaches and coastal shores.

This year the Ocean Conservancy is also celebrating its 25th Anniversary of the International Coastal Cleanups.

During this time debris will be counted and removed, not only to beautify the island, but also to protect marine species and habitats and collect valuable information on the amount and type of debris found.

This territory-wide event is supported by Friends of VI National Park, Ocean Conservancy, the V.I. National Park, V.I. Marine Advisory Service, V.I. Coastal Zone Management Program and V.I. Waste Management Authority.

Friends of VINP would also like to thank this year’s sponsors Estate Concordia Preserve, FirstBank, Just Beach!, Lana Vento Charitable Trust, Maho Bay Camps, RAVI St. John, St. John Community Foundation, VIMAS, VIRC&D and VI Ecotours.

During last year’s Coastweeks nearly 150 volunteers on St. John pitched in by removing more than 3,000 pounds of debris from 17 beaches and trails.

Be a part of the growing success of this event and join Friends’ sponsored beach cleanup of Drunk Bay on September 25 at 9 a.m., or consider joining the Adopt-A-Beach/Trail Program and adopt a beach or trail to clean throughout the year.

To find out more about VI Coastweeks, join the coordinated cleanups throughout the territory, or Friends’ Adopt-A-Beach/Trail Program, contact Audrey Penn at Friends of VINP at 779-4940 or email apenn@friendsvinp.org.



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JESS Students Enjoy Bookmobile

The Department of Libraries and Archives hosted a bookmobile on St. John Friday, September 10. Students from the Julius E. Sprauve School enjoyed reading inside the spacious bus, which was parked at the Winston Wells ball field from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Reichhold Center Hosts Business After Hours

By Jaime Elliott

St. John Tradewinds

The Reichhold Center for the Arts took over The Marketplace on Wednesday evening, September 15, as officials unveiled the center's exciting lineup for 2010-11 during a Business After Hours event.

Hosted by the St. John Chapter of the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with Reichhold Center, the BAH soiree drew a crowd of more than 40 residents who enjoyed snacks from La Plancha del Mar and Starfish Gourmet while listening to the sounds of Paradise People.

Reichhold officials took their team over to Love City to share their upcoming performance lineup and entice St. John residents to support the center and make the trip to St. Thomas to hear top-notch talent.

From platinum selling recording artist Chaka Khan and the imitable Michael Bolton, to legendary reggae superstar Jimmy Cliff and breakout solo artist Gramps Morgan, Reichhold's upcoming season includes something to entice everyone.

Previous complaints about the



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Reichhold Center for the Arts co-director Pamela Toussaint, at left, shares news about the center's exciting lineup with residents during the Business After Hours at The Marketplace.

time and expense to travel from St. John to Reichhold's site at the University of the Virgin Islands, were put to rest as officials announced a shuttle service from Red Hook to the center.

The free service is available for all St. John residents, but Reichhold officials do need advance notice to determine how many riders will need accommodation.

Reichhold co-director Pamela Toussaint shared an exciting video showcasing the new lineup, which

drew cheers from the crowd. Party-goers also had the opportunity to purchase tickets and memberships during the BAH event.

Reichhold's season kicks off on Saturday, October 9, with Rhythmic Circus: A Tap Dance Extravaganza, which part of the center's family series.

For a full list of performances or to purchase tickets, check out www.reichholdcenter.com or call 693-1559. Tickets are also available at Connections in Cruz Bay.

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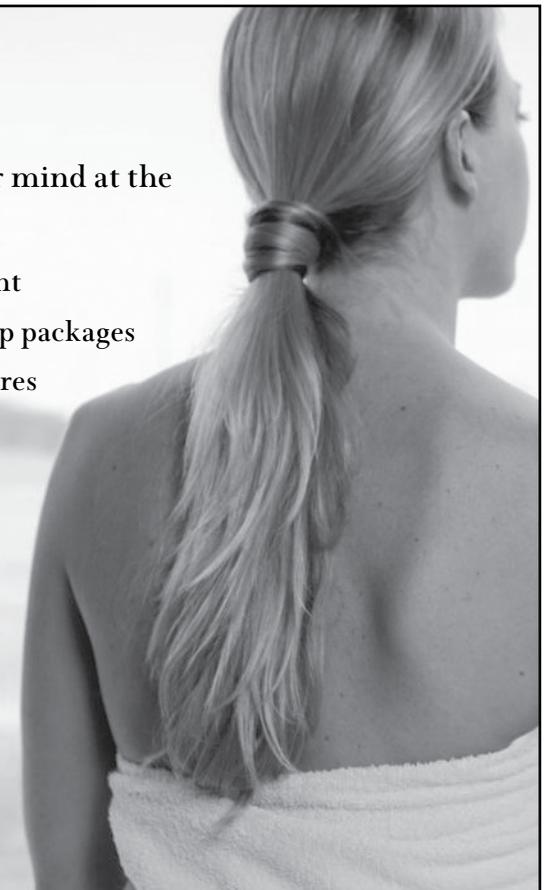
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Historical Bits & Pieces

by Chuck Pishko

Hurricane Time Is Here

St. John Tradewinds

Well, it happened again! As we all know by now, St. John was hit by Hurricane Earl traveling 65 miles north of us.

If you don't know the particulars see Jaime Elliott's excellent summary in the September 6 edition of *St. John Tradewinds*.

The hurricane and its aftermath were an excellent introduction for newcomers to the fury, not too

devastating, but enough to get a taste of what we can look forward to.

Our power was out from Monday until Friday. I have nothing but praise for the WAPA crews who worked so hard and so late to insure that as many homes as possible would be restored as quickly as possible. Well done!

The recipes that evolve and the quietude that prevails is amazing

but somewhat disconcerting.

This is nothing new on St. John and the help systems appear to get better with passing years. One system developed by Lutheran Pastor Philip Adam Dietrichs in 1726 is still observed in island churches.

On July 25, 1726, Pastor Dietrichs conducted the first "hurricane intercessory service" in which prayers that everyone would be spared in the upcoming

hurricane season were offered.

Around October 25, a "hurricane Thanksgiving service" was held. These services began when there was no warning of a hurricane except for a few learned enslaved Africans' innate feelings — to a time when a cannon shot and two red and black hurricane flags gave untimely warning, to today with the Weather Channel announcing the storms as they leave the Cape Verde Islands.

One of our friends, Mrs. Andro Childs, shared her grandmother's prayer book with us. Theodora Keating's book entitled *Lutheran Manual of Hymns, Liturgy, and Prayers* was printed in Copenhagen in 1904.

We were really honored that she shared this family treasure with us. We found a very timely prayer entitled "Under Hurricanes and Earthquakes" printed below. Change a few words if warranted and address it to your higher power.

The book was well used and the prayer pages have thumb prints in the lower corners, obviously where it had been gripped tightly during a storm. The book has witnessed many hurricanes over the last 100 years, including 1916 when a storm destroyed every building on St. John save one.

An account of the 1916 event is available on the internet in a book by Luther K. Zabriskie, *The Virgin Islands of the United States of America*, Chapter 27. (Google Zabriskie's full name and the book title.) It's a very chilling read.

And so after your shutters are fastened, your outdoor furniture secured, your loved ones accounted for, and the only thing you have to do is wait for an all clear, take a minute and relieve the stress.

O Lord, thou hast been our dwelling-place in all generations.

O Lord, being afflicted, we pray; we set our faces to seek thee in this day of trouble.

To thee, our God belong mercies and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against thee.

Lord, thou hast watched upon the danger, and brought it upon us. For every thing in which our heart is concerned is polluted.

If thou wert to deal with us according to our sin, thou wouldst sweep us away from the face of the earth. Our flesh trembleth for fear of thee, and we are afraid of thy judgments. Thou turned man to destruction, and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

O grant, in this terror, that we may be found in Christ. May he be all our righteousness.

Love us freely, be like the dew upon our souls. Teach us that he who holds the winds in the hollow of his hands, is the same who was nailed on the accursed tree for us. May afflicting time be quickening time.

Lord, increase our faith; Lord, teach us to pray. Make us willing to be in quiet, and willing to be exposed to the wrath of thy hand; willing to live, and willing to die; willing to depart and be with Christ, which is far better.

Give us peace and joy in believing. Make us more than conquerors through him that loved us.

Turn us, O God of all consolation, and cause thine anger to cease.

Revive us, O Lord, quicken our hearts, make us humble, holy, watchful, instant in prayer; seeing we know not when the time is, lest the Master coming suddenly should find us sleeping.

*O Lord, hear;
O Lord, forgive;
O Lord, save us, for Christ's sake.
Amen.*

Energy Office has moved

The Virgin Islands Energy Office has new locations on St. Thomas and St. Croix. The St. Thomas office is located in the Tutu Park Mall by the Food Court. Final arrangements are being made to open a satellite office on St. John. Watch the Tradewinds for the announcement of a grand opening.



Kinesha Sylvester
Administrative Aid, St. Croix

**Contact the Energy Office
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on St. Croix and 714-8436
on St. Thomas or visit the
website at vienergy.org
for more information.**



SJSA Registration Open Through September 24; Classes Start Sept. 27

St. John School of the Arts is hosting registration Monday through Friday until September 24 between 1 and 5 p.m. in the main office building next to the St. John Legislature.

Register now for classes in ballet, art, fiber art, yoga adventure, creative movement, contemporary dance, tumbling, theater, art of modeling and many more. Register for private instruction in violin, guitar and piano. Classes begin Monday, September 27.

Visit us on-line at www.stjohnschoolofthearts.org or call 779-4322 for more information.

Labor Day Celebrated in Coral Bay



St. John Tradewinds News Photos by Jaime Elliott

Governor John deJongh was among the politicians who attended the Labor Day festivities in Coral Bay on Monday, September 6. The governor, along with Senate President Louis Hill and Delegate to Congress Donna Christensen, talked with residents and enjoyed delicious local food and drinks in the Coral Bay ball field. While the annual event did not include a parade this year, children enjoyed the inflatable games and live music.



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Letters to St. John Tradewinds

Serious Form of Dengue Fever Must Not Be Ignored

There is a very bad form of Dengue here and it has been here for months. I strongly advise anyone with flu like symptoms — fever, headache, rash, muscle pain — go directly to seek medical help and get a complete blood count, including platlets.

There have been many deaths in Puerto Rico and several here. There are a lot of cases on St. John and St. Thomas. Take this seriously.

Do your mosquito control on your property, suit up and spray — I know I hate the smell and all too!

Please pass this along so we are informed. The health department has not been informing the public of this health threat.

Be Well,
Judith Whitley
Health Care Connection

Saving Social Security

On Saturday, August 14, America's most successful social program, the Social Security Administration, celebrated its 75th Anniversary.

Without a doubt, over the last 75 years the Social Security program has single-handedly taken American seniors out of poverty allowing them to live their golden years with dignity and purpose. And, in the Virgin Islands where our population is estimated at 101,000, over 20,000 individuals or approximately 20 percent of our residents receive \$18.2 million in monthly benefit payments that keep them from poverty.

While Social Security forms the bedrock of retirement income security for older Virgin Islanders, it is not just for retirees. In fact, in addition to the financial support it provides retirees, the Social Security program also gives financial support to retiree spouses and dependents, their survivors, the disabled and the spouses of the disabled. It is a self-funded program financed by money from hard-working people who make contributions throughout their working lives.

In the last decade policymakers in Washington repeatedly voiced concerns about Social Security "going broke." However, according to AARP's research, today Social Security is financially strong and in no immediate danger of "going broke."

In fact, over the years it has built up a surplus of \$2.5 trillion dollars. Even without changes, Social Security will be able to pay full benefits until 2037 and nearly three-quarters of promised benefits for decades beyond.

At AARP we feel that adjustments could be made to strengthen the system so that it can continue to pay the benefits that have been promised to current and future generations — our children and grandchildren. We feel these changes do not have to be drastic, but the sooner we act, the easier and more manageable the solutions will be.

Our greatest concern for the program is not the past discussions on solvency. Instead, we are far more concerned about the more recent Washington discussions about reducing the massive American deficit by cutting benefits to those dependent upon Social Security.

Already, the Deficit Commission appointed by President Barack Obama last December has gone on record and is zeroing in on Social Security as part of the solution to bringing down the deficit. At AARP we believe this line of thinking is flawed. Social Security has not contributed a single dime to the deficit, and therefore should not be on the table for deficit reduction.

AARP believes that targeting Social Security benefits as a means to close the budget gap would be unfair and unwarranted. Furthermore, we believe that Social Security benefits for future generations should continue to be earned, guaranteed, inflation-protected and last a lifetime.

For the last three-quarters of a century Social Security has been a guaranteed source of income security for working Virgin Islanders. After a lifetime of hard work, Virgin Islanders and their families should collect on the retirement benefits they've earned. Families in which workers die prematurely or becomes disabled should continue to have this measure of economic security.

If Virgin Islanders want to protect this vital program, they can make their voice heard in Washington by going to: <http://action.aarp.org> and signing a petition that tells Congress not to reduce the deficit by cutting Social Security benefits.

Social Security is a promise that all working Virgin Islanders depend upon. There is no good reason to break that promise.

Denyce Singleton
Senior State Director, AARP Virgin Islands

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Community Calendar

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Wednesday, September 22

After cancelling several meeting dates, the Board of Land Use Appeals is scheduled hear an appeal of the Bordeaux Mountain Villas' group dwelling permit on Wednesday, September 22, at the Government Employees' Retirement System Building on St. Thomas at 10 a.m.

Friday, September 24-Monday, September 27

St. John School of the Arts is hosting registration Monday through Friday until September 24 between 1 and 5 p.m. in the main office building next to the St. John Legislature.

Saturday, September 25

— Saturday, September 25, is International Coastal Clean-up Day, and also marks the beginning of VI Coastweeks, a three-week long period where community members rally together to remove debris from beaches and coastal shores.

— The St. John Animal Care Center is participating in "Responsible Dog Ownership Day" on Saturday, September 25, at the Marketplace.

Sunday, September 26

The St. John Land Sharks are hosting the 12th Annual Love City Triathlon on Sunday, September 26, at 7 p.m. The course starts at Maho Bay and in addition to the triathlon, there is also an aquathon for participants who wish to only swim and run.

Tuesday, September 28

The V.I. Public Services Commission special meeting, which was originally scheduled for Monday, September 20, has been re-scheduled for Tuesday, September 28, at Barbel Plaza at 5:30 p.m.

Monday, October 11

Using Sport For Social Change, in conjunction with the St. John Community Foundation and the St. John Parks and Recreation, will host its 2nd annual Just Play Day on October 11, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Cruz Bay.

Saturday, October 23

The St. John Animal Care Center "No Fleas, Please" event will be on Saturday, October 23, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

March 18-19, 2011

The 9th annual Johnnie Walker Blues Festival.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS 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 St. Ursula's Multi-purpose center.

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.

PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

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- 21 "With any luck!"
- 23 Assignments for FBI agents
- 25 Is charitable
- 26 "L.A. Law" fig.
- 27 Potter's oven
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- 30 Foul fixed practices
- 35 "My mama done — me ..."
- 36 Gentle
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- 51 Buckets
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- 106 Bray bit
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- 114 Hexes
- 118 Moon deity
- 119 "Telephone Line" gp.
- 120 Like nitrogen and neon
- 121 They get set up in racks
- 126 Took the rap
- 127 — a time (individually)
- 128 Like some tiny batteries, familiarly
- 129 The, in Tours
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- 132 "Old Mother" with a bare cupboard

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- 9 Specter
- 10 Suffix with riot or ruin
- 11 Rowing team
- 12 Hits upon the solution
- 13 One's forties and fifties
- 14 "Oops!"
- 15 MSG part
- 16 Aspires to something
- 17 " — to recall ..."
- 18 Sheriff's men
- 22 Tetralogy conclusion
- 24 Ad- — (wing it)
- 29 Computer session starters
- 31 Horn blasts
- 32 "You betcha!"
- 33 "48—" (Nick Nolte film)
- 34 Shark setting
- 39 12th graders: Abbr.
- 41 Elev.
- 42 Vintage Olds
- 43 Sheep's cry
- 44 Acid quality
- 45 Bad smells
- 46 Deserve
- 48 Actress — Dawn Chong
- 49 — -Mart (retail giant)
- 50 Reserved
- 51 — day now
- 53 Ho Chi —
- 57 Sensible
- 58 Buster Brown's dog
- 59 Hard, yellow cheese
- 60 Located
- 62 Arctic bird
- 65 Prefix for "soil"
- 66 Southern sib
- 67 Partner of Leopold

- 69 " — been better"
- 70 Author — Stanley Gardner
- 71 Like mosaics
- 72 Bugle noise
- 73 Ms. DeGeneres
- 74 Makes void
- 78 CBS series
- 79 Enactment
- 80 Big fuss
- 81 Some cut diamonds
- 82 Liquid-cooling refrigerators
- 83 Jacob's favorite wife
- 84 — -Z (complete)
- 86 Potato state
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- 113 "Such a tragedy"
- 115 French for "evening"
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- 125 Police dept. alert

Obituary

Ezekiel Wiltshire, 67, Passes

Services were Saturday, September 18, for Ezekiel Wiltshire, also known as "Zeke," 67, who died September 1 at Schneider Hospital.

The first viewing was Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. at Davis Funeral Home Chapel. The second viewing was on Saturday at the Calvary Baptist Church. Burial was in the Calabash Boom Cemetery.

He is survived by his mother, Mary Roberts Wiltshire; daughter, Sheniqua Wiltshire; brothers, Frederick, Alexander and Clarence Wiltshire; sisters, Mariel Matthias, Veronica Wiltshire, Florica Wiltshire and Ivania David; four grandchildren; and many other loving relatives and friends.

Arrangements were by Davis Funeral Home.

St. John Police Report

Friday, September 3

11:50 a.m. - A citizen r/ he was assaulted by a male. Assault on the third.

2:00 p.m. - A citizen r/ someone stole something from his truck. Grand larceny.

6:30 p.m. - An Estate Calabash Boom resident c/r that she is being harassed by her neighbor. Police assistance.

Saturday, September 4

4:30 p.m. - A citizen c/r an auto accident in the area of North Shore Road. Auto accident.

Sunday, September 5

10:25 a.m. - An Estate Carolina resident p/r that someone has been using her vehicle without her permission. Unauthorized use of vehicle.

4:35 p.m. - An employee of Bayside Mini Mart p/r his vehicle was struck while parked at the store. Auto accident.

No time given - A citizen c/ requesting police assistance with his dinghy. Police assistance.

7:06 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r having a verbal disturbance with her boyfriend. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

Tuesday, September 7

9:50 a.m. - An Estate Susanaberg resident r/ his vehicle was hit while parked. Auto accident.

11:37 a.m. - A citizen p/r that someone trespassed on her yard. Trespassing.

8:06 p.m. - A citizen c/r an auto accident in Estate Grunwald. Auto accident.

Wednesday, September 8

7:47 a.m. - A citizen c/r an auto accident in Estate Grunwald. Auto accident.

12:34 p.m. - A citizen c/r an auto accident in the area of Estate Susanaberg. Auto accident.

Thursday, September 9

1:45 p.m. - An Estate Carolina resident c/r a disturbance with her husband. Disturbance of the peace.

2:30 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r she hit a wall. Auto accident.

Friday, September 10

10:23 a.m. - A Bellevue Village resident p/r that someone spray painted in front of his residence.

10:45 a.m. - An United States Postal Service employe c/r finding drugs on the premises. Recovered narcotics.

3:30 p.m. - A St. Thomas resident p/r damage to her property. Damage to a vehicle.

9:55 p.m. - An Estate Adrian resident c/r her boyfriend took her ATM card and refused to return it. Police assistance.

Saturday, September 11

11:52 a.m. - An Estate Calabash Boom resident r/ her neighbor damaged her property.

Sunday, September 12

11:55 p.m. - A citizen p/r that his father threatened him. Disturbance of the peace.

Monday, September 13

1:46 p.m. - A citizen p/r he lost his wallet. Lost wallet.

10:14 p.m. - An Estate Grunwald resident c/r a disturbance. Disturbance of the peace.

Tuesday, September 14

12:19 a.m. - An Estate Bordeaux resident c/r his friend stole his vehicle. Police assistance.

11:00 a.m. - An Estate Contant resident p/r a petit larceny. Petit larceny.

12:26 p.m. - A citizen p/r a hit and run in the parking lot of The Marketplace. Auto accident.

1:47 p.m. - A nurse at My-

rah Keating Smith Community Health Center c/r that a patient left the center without permission. Police assistance.

Wednesday, September 15

12:40 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r an auto accident in the area of Gallows Point. Auto accident.

Thursday, September 16

12:31 a.m. - An Estate Zootenvaal resident c/r that a male threatened him at his establishment. Disturbance of the peace.

6:38 a.m. - A citizen c/r a disturbance with a vagrant at the Cruz Bay dock. Disturbance of the peace.

11:41 a.m. - An Estate Pastory resident r/ that his home was broken into and his roommate's laptop was stolen along with 10 rolls of quarters. Burglary in the third.

6:00 p.m. - Badge #108 and #1001 p/ at Leander Jurgen Command with one Teresa Marie Noe Arciniega of Estate Enighed under arrest and charged with DUI. Bail was set at \$1,000 by order of the court. She was detained at Leander Jurgen Command to later be transported to the Bureau of Corrections on St. Thomas. DUI.

8:56 p.m. - John Leet of Estate Enighed posted bail in the amount of \$1,000 for the release of Teresa Marie Noe Arciniega. DUI.

Friday, September 17

1:37 a.m. - Badge #255 and #734 p/ at Leander Jurgen Command with one Allen Lancaster Jr. of Estate Bordeaux under arrest and charged with DUI. Bail was set at \$1,000 by order of the court. He was detained at Leander Jurgen Command to later be transported to the Bureau of Corrections on St. Thomas.

St. John Church Schedule & Directory

Baha'i Community of St. John
For information on Devotions and Study Circles, please call 714-1641
7:30 p.m. Fridays;
Study Circles 9 a.m. Sundays
- 776-6316, 776-6254

Bethany Moravian Church
Cruz Bay, St. John
11 a.m., Sunday School 776-6291

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

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

Christian Science Society
10:45 a.m. Sunday- Marketplace
Wednesday Testimonials
7:45 p.m. on last Wed. of Month

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
Sun. 9 a.m., STT. 776-2379
Sun., 5 p.m., STJ, Lumberyard

Cruz Bay Baptist Church
Sunday 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
776-6315

Emmaus Moravian Church
Coral Bay, Sun. 9 a.m. 776-6713

Jehovah's Witness
7:30 p.m. Tuesdays; 7 p.m.
Saturdays (Español), 10 a.m. Sundays
340-715-0530

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

Nazareth Lutheran Church
Sunday 9 a.m., Sunday School 8 a.m.
776-6731

Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Sat. 6 p.m., Sun. 7:30 & 9:30 a.m.,
Spanish Mass 5:30 p.m.
Monday and Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Wednesday and Friday, 8:30 a.m.
776-6339

St. John Methodist Church
Sunday 10 a.m.
693-8830

Seventh Day Adventist
Saturdays
779-4477

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

St. Ursula's Episcopal Church
Sunday 9 a.m.
Bible Class, Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.
777-6306

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
9:45 a.m. Sunday
776-6332

Word of Faith Church
Word of Faith International
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VIRGIN ISLAND WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY SOLICITATION FOR PRICES

The Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority (VIWMA) is soliciting prices for:

SC-WMA-003-C-10 Soliciting prices for Tires and Batteries for the islands of St. Thomas/St. John and St. Croix.

Prospective submitters may secure a bid package for their use from the Authority's Procurement and Property Division, St. Thomas-St. John District Office at Wheatley Center II, Suite 2, St. Thomas, or from the St. Croix District Office at No. 1A La Grande Princesse, Suite BL1, Christiansted, St. Croix.

PROPOSAL DUE DATE and TIME: Monday, September 27, 2010 at 10:30am Atlantic Standard Time

On Monday, September 27, 2010 at 10:30am the St. Thomas Bid packages will be picked up and opened at the VIWMA's Offices at the Department of Public Works' Conference Room in Subbase. The St. Croix Bid Packages will be picked up and opened at the VIWMA's Williams Delight Office.

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PROPOSAL DUE PLACE:

Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority
#1 La Grande Princesse, Suite BL 1 9500 Wheatley Center II, Suite 2
P. O. Box 1689 P. O. Box 303669
Kingshill, VI 00851-1689 St. Thomas, VI 00803-3669

(Six Sealed Proposal Packages:
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NOTE: The proposal number must be placed on the outside of all Bid Packages.

DIRECT INQUIRIES:

Mrs. Cecile Phillip-Lynch
Director, Procurement and Property Division
Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority
#1 La Grande Princesse, Suite BL1, Christiansted, VI 00820 OR
P. O. Box 1689, Kingshill, VI 00851-1689
Email: clynch@viwma.org

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Employment

Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority
Job Vacancy Announcement
Environmental, Health and Safety Manager
Territorial

SALARY: Commensurate with experience

DEADLINE: Until Filled

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Develops and administers the environmental health and safety management system, along with environmental health and safety policies and procedures for the Authority.
- Develops and oversees the preparation and delivery of summary safety and health metrics, goals and organizational safety and health targets.
- Identifies the existence of hazardous workplace conditions, hearing protection areas, unsafe work practices, unsafe equipment and works with operations to eliminate the hazard.
- Investigates all accidents and environmental spills, releases or violations, develop and monitor corrective action/s.
- Reviews capital projects for environmental and safety impact and advises project team leaders as appropriate.
- Responds to regulatory inquiries and inspections of an environmental health and/or safety nature, and implement cooperative compliance programs, if necessary.
- Develops training materials and conducts safety and environmental awareness training for all Authority employees and contractors.
- Conducts periodic safety audits and/or compliance studies and ensures that appropriate corrective actions are taken to address any deficiencies.
- Coordinate all Worker's Compensation and Return-to-work programs.
- Prepares capital expense budget recommendations as needed to achieve environmental and safety management goals.
- Prepares request for environmental permits and develops required safety and environmental reports.
- Ensures that all internal and external environmental health and safety reporting requirements are met.
- Performs other related duties assigned

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

- A Bachelor's degree in Occupational Health and Safety, Safety Management, Environmental Science, or related field from an accredited college or university. Five (5) years of professional-level experience in the safety and health field. Strong knowledge of OSHA laws and regulations. Experience with a utility or a wastewater or solid waste authority is highly desirable. Professional Certification as a Certified Safety Professional (CSP) is preferred.

Submit a letter of interest along with a resume to: Director of Human Resources, Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority, P.O. Box 5089, Kingshill, St. Croix 00851

VIRGIN ISLANDS WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority
Job Vacancy Announcement
Environmental Enforcement Officer III
St. Thomas

SALARY: Commensurate with experience

DEADLINE: September 24, 2010

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Investigates resident's complaints relating to waste disposal and handling, and performs "windshield" inspections of business, public and private properties to ensure compliance with Title 19, chapter 56 and Title 29, Chapter 8 of the VIC and all related rules and regulations.
- Investigates incidents of illegal dumping of waste and seeks to identify the responsible party(s); conducts follow-up and subsequent closure of all assigned complaints and/or investigations.
- Serves violators Orders for Corrective Actions (OCA), Notices of Non-Compliance (NONC) and other Administrative Orders (AO).
- Identifies and recommends penalties for environmental damages caused by violators
- Initiates injunctive actions to halt and limit environmental damages, and prescribes remedial actions as necessary to restore appropriate environmental conditions.
- Review all Environmental Enforcement Officers work orders, investigates reports and complies and prepares monthly summaries of activities.
- Prepares work schedules for approval by Division Director and/or Senior Compliance Officer.
- Provides oversight, leadership, guidance and assistance to Environmental Enforcement Officers and trainee while in the field
- Perform other duties as assigned.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

- AA degree in Environmental Science, Environmental Planning, Criminal Justice or Political Science from an accredited college or university. A minimum of six (6) years serving in the capacity of a law enforcement officer. A minimum of five (5) years serving in the capacity of an Environmental Enforcement Officer II. Must be a Virgin Islands Police Department Academy Graduate. VI driver's license is required.

Submit a letter of interest along with a resume to: Director of Human Resources, P.O. Box 1689, Kingshill, St. Croix 00851 OR Email us at employment@viwma.org

VIRGIN ISLANDS WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Team River Runner Planning Third Island Kayak Trip for Wounded Vets

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Lange adopted a powerful motto for TRR's November trip — Fight to Live, Live to Serve.

"We have to teach these veterans how to live again," said Lange. "A lot of these guys and girls, since they got blown up, aren't getting out there anymore. The sky, the water — these guys haven't been out in nature so we want to get them over the edge where they want to live."

"But there is also a lot of guilt involved with living in a situation where other people get you physically on your feet," Lange said. "So when you're maintaining you cannot live for yourself, you have to live for your brothers and sisters. That is the purpose of 'Live to Serve.'"

As Lewis, Rooney and Lange work to make the upcoming TRR trip a success, the trio are also looking for local veterans to join November's kayak adventure.

"We want to expand next year to include a second week just for Virgin Islands veterans," said Lewis. "We know there are a lot

of veterans here, but they don't really get recognition. For our November trip we have one room set aside for a veteran from the U.S. Virgin Islands or Puerto Rico."

As TRR continues to expand, it never deviates from its original intent — to help wounded veterans through therapeutic kayaking. For his years of dedication, TRR founder Mornini was recently granted the Silver Helmut Award, the highest possible honor awarded to a civilian for serving veterans.

Lewis, Lange and Rooney are also working to expand the group's St. John trips in the future to include two additional weeks, one for TRR leadership training and the second for veterans from the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.

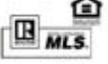
In addition to donating funds, the group can always use donations of kayaks, goggles and snorkel gear, Lewis added.

For more information about making a donation to TRR's St. John trip or to contact the group, check out www.teamriverrunner.org.



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● **Cruz Bay** - Enjoy year round sunset views from this multi-unit income producer. **\$1,199,000.**

● **REDUCED! Bonus!** Private well maintained home in Coral Bay with an EXTRA LOT! Only **\$382,500.**

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● **WHY RENT!** New 1BR 1BA with fantastic views and breezes. Priced to sell! Solid masonry construction! A/C in BR. Just **\$289,000.**



● **CONCH VILLAS** - Top floor 2 bedroom 1 bath w/ocean & sunset views. Common roof deck. Walk to town. Just **\$289,000!**

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"Adrian Villas" - New & affordable. Beautifully appointed 2 bedroom townhouses were completed in 2009 & are centrally located mid-island. Features include granite counters, solid wood cabinets, stainless appliances, tile floors, front loading washer & dryer & spacious rooms with two exterior decks. **Furnished - \$590,000 Unfurnished \$495,000**



"Ridgetop" is a two-story, two-bedroom private getaway vacation rental nestled in the hills overlooking Coral Bay. From it's locale in Eden Place, a small private neighborhood, it is an easy drive to the island's beautiful beaches, hiking trails, restaurants and entertainment. A shared swimming pool with deck and gazebo is located adjacent to the house and is used by only 4 other homes. Walk to the world famous Skinny Legs. **\$695,000**



"Cruz Views" Unit 7 - is a very popular rental, featuring beautiful views to St. Thomas and sunsets, proximity to the pool and deck, and walk to town. This unique air-conditioned corner unit has been recently refurbished including new tile floors, mahogany cabinets, furniture and bath. Lush, tropical landscaping adds the perfect touch. Tasteful furnishings are included in the sale. This is the only unit listed for sale at Cruz Views. **\$525,000.**



"Zootenvaal Cottages" - A unique St. John property with 850' of waterfront, including a white powder sand beach. Almost 5 acres at pristine Hurricane Hole, a National Marine Monument, on beautiful Borck Creek. There are 4 short term rental cottages on the property. Cottages are masonry construction and in excellent condition. One is right on the beach. There is room to add more cottages. **\$9.7M.** Adjoining 20 acre parcel is also available for **\$7M.** Perfect for developing with estate size lots.



"Fish Beach" - Brand New Mediterranean Style 2 bedroom luxury pool villa located in Cocoloba Beach Estates, a private waterfront neighborhood with community beach parcel & dock near Reef Bay and all the amenities of Cruz Bay. Villa features premium finishes including travertine floors, tile roof, antique brick & coral patios, cook's kitchen with stone countertops and stainless steel appliances and luxurious baths. Just Reduced to **\$995,000**



"Seashore Allure" - New waterfront condos set a higher bar for quality in St. John condos. Just completed, these are a "must see" with such features as travertine tiles, Brazilian hardwood floors, stone accent walls, graceful arches framing water views, solid mahogany doors, custom cabinets, spa jet tubs, high end appliances, & Brazilian clay roof tiles. The sounds of the surf, trade wind breezes and beachfront location make these condos a tropical dream come true. **\$1.97M to \$3.39M**



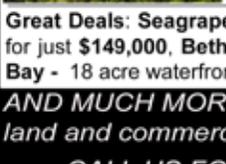
"Southern Cross" - This traditional Danish style stone home offers the utmost privacy yet only a ten minute drive to Cruz Bay Town. Features include large covered porches, beautiful custom mahogany cabinets and built-in bar, exposed concrete beams and window sills and tile floors - all combine to create an elegant atmosphere. Cooling breezes and water views on an almost level lot with room to add a pool or spa. **\$1.395M**



"Palm Terrace Villas" - Four of the most spacious condos to be found on St. John. Completed in 2005 with beautiful views, generous balconies, common pool, walk to town & Frank Bay Beach. The 3 bedroom penthouse units are over 2100 sq.ft. All feature lg kitchens, granite countertops, stainless appliances, private laundry & ample storage. **\$749,500 to \$999,000**



"Villa Hibiscus" - Masonry construction on a large corner lot in Estate Chocolate Hole just 1.5 miles from Cruz Bay dock on paved roads. Deeded beach rights to Hart Bay & Chocolate Hole & plenty of flat parking. Successful short term rental with two private units, with separate drive way. Live in one unit and rent the other or rent them both. **\$895,000**



"Home Port" - in Estate Hansen Bay on St. John's quiet East End has terrific views north over Long Bay, Rams Head & south to St. Croix. The cottage is on the lower section of the lot with a large, level site for a main house above. End of the road location insures privacy. **\$675,000.**

Great Deals: Seagrape Hill - \$95,000 & \$99,000, **Calabash Boom lot** with fantastic water views for just **\$149,000.** **Bethany** building lot over looking the Westin just reduced to **\$99,000.** **Hansen Bay** - 18 acre waterfront development with subdivision permit, great ocean views. **\$2.99M**

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CBR HOME LISTINGS

BORDEAUX MT. - **REDUCED!** - Well built home on Bordeaux Mt. with 3bd/2baths, large covered porch & south shore views. Bay rum trees abound on this lush, gentle sloping site with ample room to expand. **\$525,000.**

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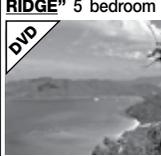
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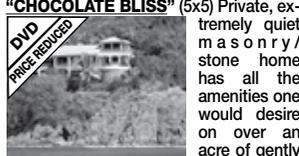
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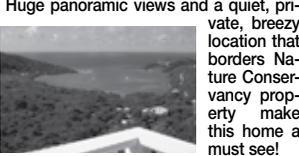
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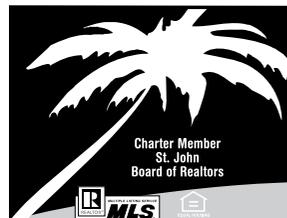
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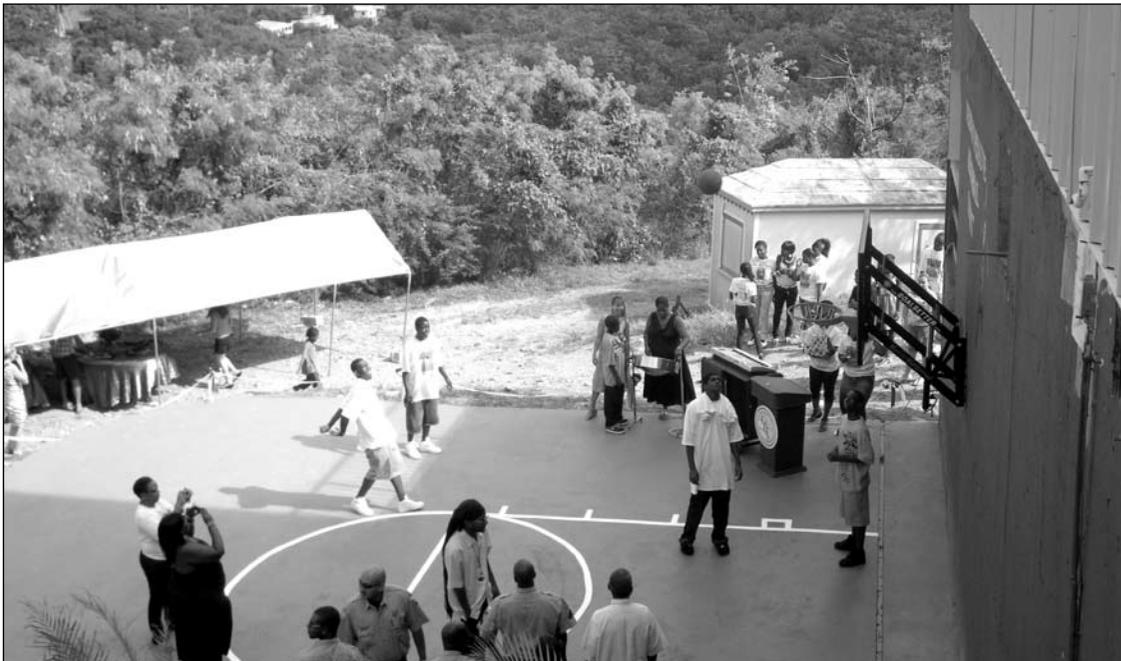
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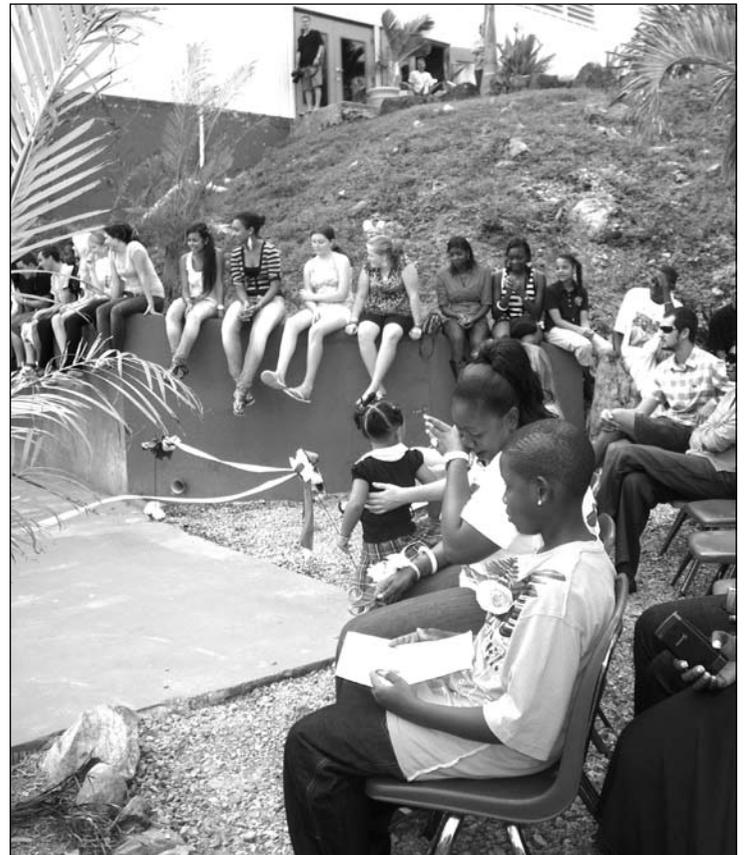
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Family members and classmates gathered to dedicate the Nekwan Sprauve Memorial Basketball Court, at right. Following the emotional ceremony, the Giff Hill School's basketball team hit a few layups on the new court, above.

GHS Dedicates Nekwan Sprauve Memorial Basketball Court

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

After a few months of intense work, the Nekwan Sprauve Memorial Basketball Court was officially dedicated to the young man in whose honor it was erected.

Friends, classmates and family members of the late Nekwan Sprauve gathered at the Giff Hill School on Friday morning, September 17, for an emotional ceremony dedicating the basketball half-court in the young man's honor.

Sprauve lost his long battle with sickle cell anemia on May 2, when he died a few months shy of his 16th birthday. Despite suffering from the genetic blood disorder for years, Sprauve never stopped enjoying life or touching the lives of those around him.

A member of the GHS flag football and basketball teams, Sprauve also played steel drum with the Love City Pan Dragons.

After his death, school officials unanimously agreed that building a memorial basketball court and establishing a scholarship fund in his honor would be the perfect way to keep Sprauve's memory alive.

"Any of you who are familiar with GHS will know that consensus doesn't come easy for us," said new GHS head Judy Chamberlin. "We celebrate each other's differences and agreeing on something often takes time. Such was not the case with the Nekwan Sprauve Memorial Basketball

"He always pushed his limits and was always courageous. He was a very competitive basketball player and this is something that Nekwan would have loved to have at the school."

— Angelita Bolques, teacher
Giff Hill School

Court."

"There was unanimous agreement and the decision was made to go forward with the project and things happened very quickly," said Chamberlin. "This is yet another example of Neko's ability to bring out the best in everyone."

The entire GHS Upper Campus student body gathered at the new basketball court along with Sprauve's mother Brenda Sonson, brothers Nekwante Sprauve and Nekhori Sprauve and community members.

GHS teacher Angel Bolques emceed the ceremony during which friends shared stories and read poems about Sprauve and played music in his honor — bringing most of the audience to tears.

GHS alumna Autumn Orlandini shared several personal and humorous stories about the young man and Sheniqua Davis read a touching poem about Sprauve titled "Best Friend" written by Kareem Albert.

Monique Edward and Nekhori Sprauve played a piece on steel pans and J'Keil Jacobs performed an original composition

on keyboard in honor of Sprauve.

"Nekwan was a very fun person," said Bolques. "He was quite the prankster and he was always smiling. He was just a really fun character."

"He always pushed his limits and was always courageous," Bolques said. "He was a very competitive basketball player and this is something that Nekwan would have loved to have at the school."

Sprauve was also a talented steel pan player and was like a son to his teacher Love City Pan Dragons musical arranger Samuel Lawrence.

"I taught Neko how to play steel pan and he wasn't like a player to me, he was like a son," said Lawrence. "My wife still can't believe he is gone, and neither can I. He might be gone, but he is not forgotten."

"His flesh has gone to the maker, but his spirit is here," Lawrence said. "Rest in peace."

Counselor Katie Cunningham, who worked with GHS students in the wake

of Sprauve's passing, is still available for anyone who needs her services, she explained.

"This is a day of joy and celebration of Nekwan's life," said Cunningham. "But sometimes to get to that point, you have to go through a process of grief. I just want you to know there is a safe place if you need to talk."

"If your heart is breaking, make it break open," Cunningham quoted from the Dalai Lama, urging people to honor their feelings.

"Honor Neko by honoring your feelings and honoring your grief," she said.

Following the ceremony, Sprauve's mother cut a ribbon around the court and thanked everyone for their support.

"Thank you all so, so much for all that you have done," said Sonson. "Nekwan loved you all."

Numerous people and businesses helped to make the Nekwan Sprauve Memorial Basketball Court a reality, including Andrew Barlas, Iowa State University, Iroquois Builders and GHS art teacher Rosemary Richards.

GHS officials continue to accept donations to the Nekwan Sprauve Memorial Scholarship Fund. To make a contribution to the scholarship fund established in Sprauve's name, go to https://secure.netsohost.com/giffthillschool.org/support_donate.html, or send a check to PO Box 1657, St. John, VI 00831.