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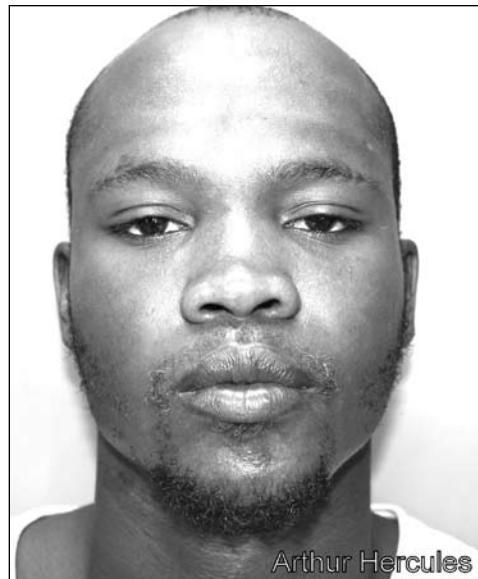


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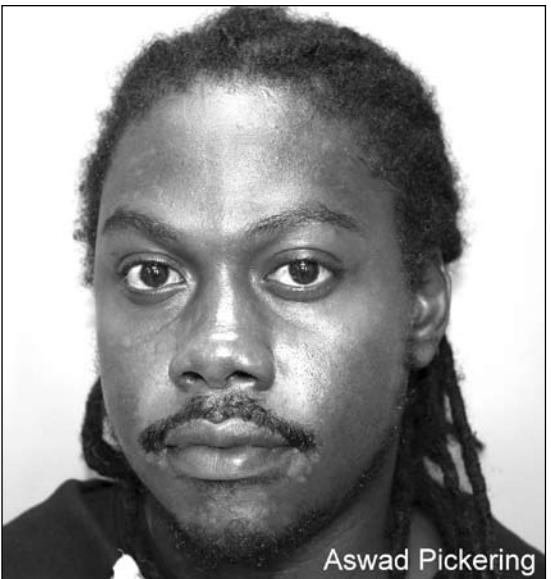


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Two St. John Men Exchange Gunfire in Daylight Estate Enighed Shooting

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V.I. Police on St. John arrested two suspects who shot at each other near Kilroy's Laundry and Dry Cleaning in Cruz Bay around 3 p.m. on Tuesday, July 19.

Although several people were in the area at the time of the afternoon gunfire exchange, no one was injured. Less than five hours after the 3 p.m. shooting, VIPD officials had located and arrested the suspects.

VIPD arrested Aswad Pickering, age 25, of Estate Enighed and 24-year-old Arthur Hercules, of Estate Carolina, at about 10:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 19, and charged both men with Possession of an Unlicensed Firearm, Illegal Discharge of a Firearm and Third

Degree Assault.

According to the police report, shortly after 3 p.m. July 19, concerned citizens reported that two persons were firing shots at each other near the high-traffic Cruz Bay laundromat.

The suspects fled the scene before police arrived and VIPD questioned several witnesses in the vicinity. Based on the descriptions of the suspects and the reports of ongoing feuds between the suspects, police searched several locations they were known to frequent. The suspects were eventually located in Estate Pine Peace and arrested without incident.

VIPD St. John Deputy Chief Darren Foy sent his congratulations to the community and po-

lice.

"Once again I would like to thank the general public for providing the information that led to the arrests of the individuals involved in this shooting that could have severely hurt many individuals," said Foy. "I also want to thank the St. John officers and the St. Thomas officers who came over to assist in capturing the suspects involved in this serious crime. It goes to show that the police department and public working together will always bring about positive results."

Bail for Pickering and Hercules was set at \$60,000 each by order of the court and they were remanded to the Bureau of Corrections pending further court action.

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STJ Chamber Chapter Meeting July 26

The St. John Chapter of the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce will host its monthly meeting on Tuesday evening, July 26, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Cruz Bay Battery.

The group will discuss the status of the noise ordinance, report on the July 13 town meeting on St. Thomas and discuss various landscaping projects.

Friends Join To Say "Proper Goodbye" Marianne "Mame" Mathews

Friends of Marianne "Mame" Mathews learned last week that Mamers was due to be interred on St. Thomas as an unclaimed person.

Her family of friends on St. John have swung into action so that she can be cremated with her ashes spread in the Caribbean Sea. Mathews' friends only need \$2,050 total to do so.

Anyone who would like to contribute anything toward the goal should send whatever they wish to The St. John Revolving Fund with Mame's name in the memo section of the check and mail to PO Box 37, St. John VI 00831-0037. Donations can be dropped off at both Connections, Quiet Mon Pub and Aqua Bistro.

Gathering in Honor of Nicole Robin Set for August 4 in Cruz Bay

Several boat captains are hosting a small gathering in Cruz Bay on Thursday, August 4, at 7 p.m. in honor of the *Nicole Robin*.

This is the 38th anniversary of the incident which saw the *Nicole Robin* in Cuban waters. The group will give thanks that no lives were lost and offer remembrance to those involved.

Pistarckle Theater Camp Starts

Students are invited to join a very talented group of young leaders at Pistarckle Theater in Tillett Gardens and find their place along the evolutionary path of urban music.

July 25th is the first day of this experience. Pistarckle is hosting its Summer Leadership Camp from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for four weeks. During the camp, students will work on their parts for the condensed version of "Follow the Beat," an original production written by director Larry Bryant.

The performance of "Follow the Beat" will be on Friday, August 19, and Saturday, August 20, at 7 p.m. The cost for camp is \$75 per week, plus a \$25 registration fee.

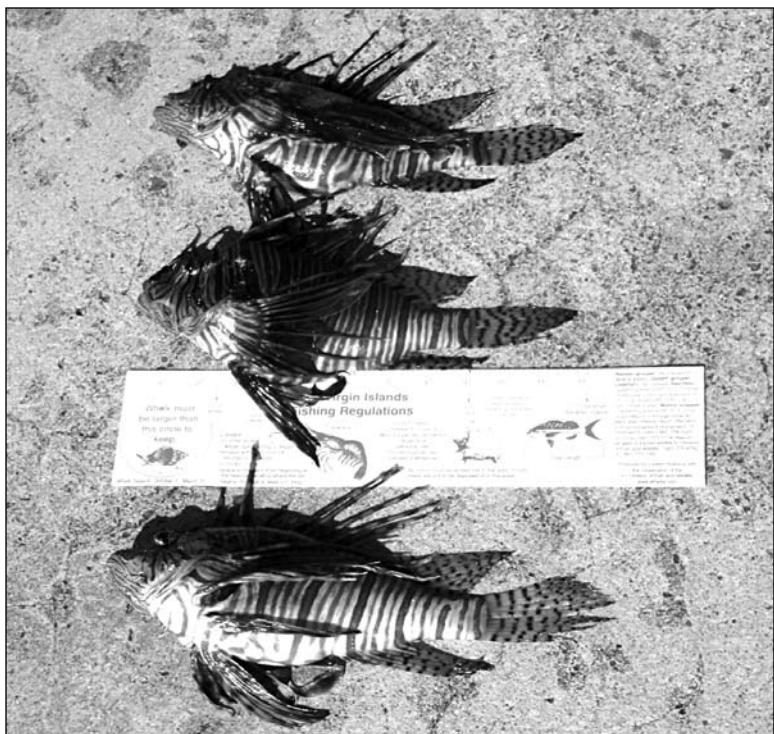
Students should bring a lunch daily or a separate \$6 to buy lunch from Jack's. Water is always available at the theater as well as other snacks and drinks. For more information call 775-7877.

St. John Landsharks Announce the Cancellation of Love City Triathlon

The St. John Landsharks, the host for the Love City Triathlon and Aquathon, regret to announce the cancellation of this year's race, which was scheduled for September 4, 2011.

It has been a difficult decision to make. Unfortunately, a number of the key members of the race committee have been or will be off-island this year. For this reason, the Landsharks feel that we are not able to provide the quality race our athletes have come to appreciate and expect from this event.

The race will continue again next year. However, organizers looked forward to their other events later this year, the Turkey Day 5K and the Reindeer Ramble.



St. John Tradewinds News Photos Courtesy of Leslie Charpentier

The group, at right (L to R bottom row) Steve Howell, Stephanie Rushing, Jason Beasley, Leslie Charpentier, Cindy Cunningham (L to R top row) Franklin Tulloch, Bill Cunningham, Jon Steele and the haul, above.



First St. John Lionfish Dive Search Nets Three Fish

Divers catch three lionfish off south side of Whistling Cay

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

After hearing reports of lionfish sightings in the Whistling Cay area a group of St. John divers headed under the waves on Sunday, July 10, to search for the invasive fish.

Although many swimmers keep an eye out for the fish while snorkeling in waters around St. John, the July 10 expedition was Love City's first organized lionfish search dive, explained veteran scuba instructor Leslie Charpentier.

"Many people look for lionfish when they are out snorkeling and diving, and they often mark the area and call in the sightings so that the volunteer CORE response divers can go remove the fish," said Charpentier. "What we did Sunday was an organized search dive for the first time from St. John. We hope to continue to do one each month or so."

The first lionfish was spotted in Virgin Islands waters in early 2010 when divers off St. Croix nabbed a juvenile. Snorkelers and divers off St. John first started seeing lionfish in local waters in March 2010 and

"Many people look for lionfish when they are out snorkeling and diving, and they often mark the area and call in the sightings so that the volunteer CORE response divers can go remove the fish."

— Leslie Charpentier, scuba instructor

volunteers have nabbed more than 100 since then.

Scientists believe the fish were introduced to the Atlantic Ocean in the wake of Hurricane Andrew when a tropical fish owner likely dumped his tank into the sea. Since then, lionfish have been spotted across the Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean Sea from the Bahamas to South America.

Native to the Indian and Pacific Oceans, lionfish are capable of severe destruction as seen already in wide swaths of dead coral in waters off the Bahamas. Female lionfish can lay 4,000 to 30,000 eggs in a brood, can eat up to 20 juvenile reef fish daily and have no natural predators in the Caribbean.

As the threat of the invasive fish continued to grow, a group of divers led by Joe Gulli formed the Caribbean Oceanic Restoration and Education (CORE) Foundation. The group is dedicated to managing the lionfish invasion by bringing together local volunteers and divers.

Karl Pytlak, who manages the Friends of V.I. National Park Store, is the St. John CORE coordinator and he organized the July 10 dive along with Charpentier.

Along with Pytlak and Charpentier, six local divers headed out on July 10 to search for lionfish in the Whistling Cay area. Dan Boyd allowed the group use of his new *Lovango Charters* vessel, which

used to be called *Sea Biscuit* and operated as a dive boat out of Caneel Bay.

The group started the day on the south side of Whistling Cay ranging down to about 40 feet, explained Charpentier.

"We had verbal reports that lionfish had been sighted in this area," she said. "On the first dive we picked up the furthest east white mooring ball and headed east on a dive that ranged up to 40-feet deep. There was lots of great habitat but no fish."

On the second dive of the day, the group headed west and spotted a lionfish almost immediately, Charpentier explained.

"On the second dive we headed west from the same mooring ball and spotted the first fish within minutes at about 40-feet and close to the reef edge," she said. "This fish did something very strange. I watched it lose its color and turn white from tail to head in seconds."

"A few minutes later, the color was back," said Charpentier. "It appeared to be an instant kill —

not a flinch when bagging it. We got two more fish between 40 and 50 feet deep."

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Two Men Natives Arrested on St. John on Assault and Drug Charges

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V.I. Police Department officers on St. John arrested two men on assault and drug charges Tuesday, July 19. Both suspects are St. Thomas natives.

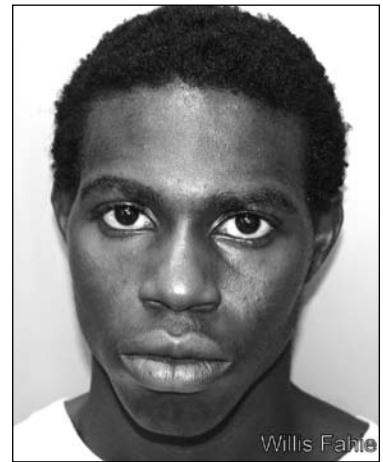
Willis Fahie, 19, of Estate Contant, was arrested shortly before 4 p.m. at Tamarind Court and charged with Simple Assault, Disobeying a Lawful Order and Resisting Arrest.

VIPD said Fahie was instructed not to walk through a crime scene where officers were investigating a discharging of shots by the laundry. Fahie ignored the police request. His bail was set at \$1,500.

About an hour later, shortly after 5 p.m. Hyacinth Ashly, Jr., age 18, of Estate Pine Peace, was arrested and charged with Possession with



Hyacinth Ashly Jr.



Willis Fahie

Intent to Distribute Marijuana. VIPD officers said Ashly had 14 small zip lock bags of a green leafy substance which field tested positive for marijuana. The arrest

happened on Centerline Road. His bail was set \$10,000.

Both suspects were remanded to the Bureau of Corrections pending further court action.

Hendricks Arrested for Hitting Man with Bat

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V.I. Police Department officials on St. John arrested 25-year-old Kamal Hendricks at about 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 19, and charged him with Third Degree Assault for hitting a 24-year-old St. John man in his upper back with a steel bat.

According to the police report, the victim was working at his place of employment, which is a welding shop located in Estate Contant Enighed, when Hendricks and another man pulled up in a truck.

Hendricks got out of the vehicle with the bat in his hand, approached the victim from behind and hit him with the bat on his upper back. The victim fell to the ground and the suspect fled in the vehicle.

The victims' back was cut and swollen. He was transported by private vehicle to the Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center for treatment.

Bail for Hendricks was set at \$25,000 by order of the court and he was remanded to the Bureau of Corrections pending further court action.

Burglary Suspect Arrested in Private Home

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Police on St. John arrested 29-year-old Eunice Patris at about 10:15 a.m. Monday, July 18, and charged her with Third Degree Burglary for breaking into a private residence in Estate Contant.

An officer who was already on the scene detained the suspect within minutes after the burglary was reported by 911 Emergency Communications dispatchers.

According to the police report, the homeowner told police her husband left the residence locked and secured at about 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 17.

When she returned to the home in the morning she saw the suspect, later identified as Patris, walking on her property. The homeowner noticed that a door to her home was open. The homeowner shouted inside the home, Patris came to the door and was detained by police.

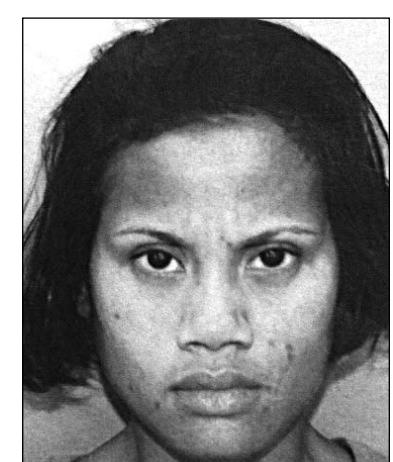
Police said Patris did not have permission to enter the residence.

Bail for Patris was set at \$25,000 and she was remanded to the Bureau of Corrections pending further court action.

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Eunice Patris



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A rare juvenile grey triggerfish, above, was recently spotted enjoying a snack on sargassum off Hawksnest Bay.

Abundance of Sargassum Seaweed Is Washing Ashore Across St. John

By Jaime Elliott

St. John Tradewinds

Don't worry about those large clumps of brown seaweed washing ashore across St. John.

Residents across the island have reported seeing a lot of sargassum floating around and accumulating at east- and south-facing shorelines.

Far from being harmful, those bunches of seaweed are actually home to a thriving community of marine life, explained U.S. Geological Survey marine biologist Caroline Rogers.

"Sargassum has been reported lately coming up on a lot of different islands," said Rogers. "These floating mats are naturally detached like this in the open ocean and they break up and float ashore. It's unusual that there is so much of it, but it's not harmful."

After hearing a report of a small triggerfish among the sargassum on the North Shore, Rogers went snorkeling at Hawksnest and was delighted to spot a rare juvenile grey triggerfish, she explained.

"And that is only one of several fish which are found with sargassum," said Rogers. "There is an amazing variety of really cool animals associated with this stuff. Sargassum support a thriving little eco-system of its own."

Sargassum has also been spotted across the British Virgin Islands and scientists' best guess is that different ocean currents are bringing a high concentration of the seaweed into local waters, according to Rogers.

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Island's Barbuto Makes History with Barnes at ISAF World Championships



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U.S. Virgin Islands sailors Nikki Barnes, left, and Love City's Agustina Barbuto, right, took bronze at the World Championships in Croatia this month.

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For the first time in the history of U.S. Virgin Islands' yachting, two sailors achieved a podium finish and neck-draped medals at the 41st Annual International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Youth World Sailing Championships, in Zadar, Croatia, July 7 to 16.

Nikki Barnes, 17, of St. Thomas, and Agustina Barbuto, 15, of St. John, won bronze medals in the Girls 420 event, defeating teams from 28 other nations and bowing out only to the winning team from Austria and second place team from the USA.

Light winds proved challenging during the five-day, 10-race regatta. A protest by the Italian team on the second to last day and the USVI's team disqualification in one race upped the tension going into the final day.

Yet, Barnes skippering and Barbuto crewing aboard this 13-foot 9-inch, two-person, spinnaker-flying dinghy came back with focus and determination to soundly earn their bronze medals with a 16 point lead over the fourth place finishers from Australia.

"We knew we wouldn't be able

to move up to second with only one race left because of the point spread," said Barnes, about her outlook going into the final day. "So, we went out to have fun, to enjoy it and to go fast rather than to worry about the outcome."

A key to the team's success from a crew standpoint, according to Barbuto, "was that I always was looking out of the boat, keeping an eye on the competition which was pretty intense."

Heidi Coyle and Alex Coyle, both of St. John, served as Team Leader and Coach, respectively, providing needed support to the girls in such an elite level sailing competition.

Barnes, Barbuto and the Coyles are all members of St. Thomas Yacht Club.

A total of 358 sailors from 59 nations competed in this regatta. In addition to both Girls and Boys divisions in the 420, other classes included Laser Radials, SL 16s, 29ers, and RSX.

Many former ISAF Youth Worlds medalists have moved on to achieve greatness in the Olympic Games, America's Cup and the Volvo Ocean Race, and the USVI girls sailors look to follow in these footsteps.

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Agustina Barbuto with parents Carlos and Maria Di Blasi, SJYC Commodore Scott Barnett and her sibling cheering section — brothers Alejo and Mateo.

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Photo by Barbara Hervy*

Two Young Sailors Awarded Grants by St. John Yacht Club

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The fathers of two young island sailors received a special gift on Father's Day, Sunday, June 19, when their children were honored with monetary grants by the St. John Yacht Club.

Island youths Agustina Barbuto and Scott McKenzie were selected for the \$1,000 grants, marking the first time that the SJYC has awarded funds to sailors who are not yet competing at a college level.

The grants will help support Barbuto's and McKenzie's competitive junior sailing careers. The grant winners were chosen based on their sailing resumes and essays.

"Sailing is my passion," McKenzie wrote in his essay. "A lot of people sail because it is exciting. I sail to win."

McKenzie, a sixth grader at Antilles School, has an impressive Optimist sailing resume, dating back to his first foray into the sport in 2006. The young sailor has competed extensively in local regattas, as well as in the southern U.S., Ontario, New York and Argentina.

McKenzie is the youngest on the U.S. Virgin Islands' Optimist Class sailing team, and applied for the grant in hopes of getting a new sail for the 2011 IODA World Optimist Competition in New Zealand, where he hopes to place in the top ten.

"We all went to the North American Optimist Championships in



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Barbara Hervy

Grant winner Scott McKenzie with his father, Ed, and SJYC Commodore Scott Barnett.

Kingston, Ontario this past summer where we won third place in team racing, defeating Canada, Mexico, Bermuda and USA Team #3," McKenzie wrote in his essay. "That is a pretty high honor. Team racing takes skill and strategy."

"We practiced a lot and that is why we got third place," McKenzie added.

Barbuto, who is 15 years old and attends Antilles School, started sailing Optimist at the age of seven. Not only does she hold high honors at Antilles, she also sails for the high school's sailing team in Club 420. Barbuto has sailed internationally in the 420 class for the VI for the past two years.

The 15-year-old entered her first international regatta in the 420

class last summer in Turkey at the ISAF Youth World Championship and the 420 Open World Championship in Haifa, Israel, where she finished 13 out of 80 boats.

She made Virgin Islands sailing history in her latest regatta, placing third along with teammate Nikki Barnes at the 41st ISAF Youth World Sailing Championships, in Zadar, Croatia, July 7 to 16.

Earlier in 2011, Barbuto finished sixth of 40 boats in the International 420 Open World Championships in Buenos Aires. She used the SJYC grant to help pay for her travel and equipment expenses for the regatta in Croatia.

Barbuto hopes to eventually represent the USVI in the 2016 Olympic Games.

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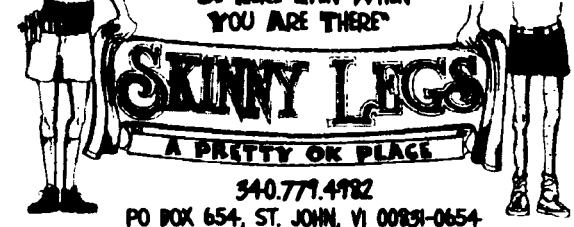
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Mimi Roller Pursuing Olympic Bid To Represent V.I. at London 2012

By Jaime Elliott

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St. John sailing sensation Mayumi "Mimi" Roller is cruising toward her goal of representing the territory in laser sailing at the London 2012 Olympic Games.

A graduate of Antilles School, Roller attends St. Mary's College of Maryland where she races double handers with the elite sailing team. She's taking the upcoming fall semester off in order to concentrate on sailing a laser in front of the Olympic crowds next summer.

Roller recently returned from a month of competition in Germany where she battled less than perfect conditions while racing against some of the world's top sailors.

Racing in Kiel Week at the end of June, Roller cruised to a finish in the middle of the pack, she explained.

"There was lots of wind and really big waves," said Roller. "Kiel Week is a big international regatta that is well-renowned, so there were a lot of top sailors there and a lot of different fleets. There were about 50 people in my class and I ended up about 13."

"We didn't sail the last day which was really disappointing," said the sailor. "It was the first day of really light wind, but the race committee thought it was too light to sail. I had some decent races and there were a few where I was on the brink of being in the top 10."

Making the transition back from double-handed collegiate sailing to single-hand laser racing, Roller was happy with her outcome at Kiel Week.

"I had some happy moments," she said. "Since I've been doing a lot of college sailing, I haven't had a lot of time to practice on lasers. So this was a good first regatta for me to get back into lasers."

Roller took memories of those happy moments along with her to Warnemunde Week, where conditions just before the regatta were perfect.

"When we arrived there it was really nice and sunny," said Roller. "As soon as the regatta started, the weather was terrible. The first day

"I'm going to London in August for the test event which will be at the Olympic site. All of the Olympic classes will be there and I'll race against all the people who will be at the Olympics plus a few hopefuls, like me. It will be a great way to see where you end up against the other top people from each country."

— Mimi Roller, sailor

we didn't sail at all because it was blowing 30 knots and gusting to 45 knots."

"The second day we only got two races in of the three that were scheduled," she said. "It was really foggy all morning long. We didn't sail out to the race course until 3 p.m. when the first race was scheduled to be at 11 a.m. but we couldn't get out there because there was too much fog."

The third day of the regatta only saw two of the planned four races go off as weather conditions continued to be a factor, Roller explained.

"It started out really windy again on the third day," she said. "We only got in two races and the first race got abandoned in the second half because we couldn't find the next mark in the fog. And the last day we didn't sail at all."

With only four races in four days, the regatta did not afford Roller the laser practice she was hoping for, but she still managed to finish in the top 15 — and second female overall — in a mixed fleet of about 120 sailors.

"I was the second girl finisher overall," she said. "The only girl who beat me is going to the Olympics for Germany."

Roller also made a connection in Germany which might prove invaluable in her Olympic bid.

"When I went to Kiel it was really crazy because I was going to rent a boat from a friend in the Netherlands who was going to bring the laser down," said Roller. "But then she didn't go to the regatta so I had to try to find a boat available at the regatta, and there was a slim chance of that. I ended up running

into a friend from India, who I've known since 2007, Rohini Rau."

"She was with her coach and there were three other Indian sailors who were supposed to come but couldn't make it," Roller said. "So I ended up getting one of those boats and training with Rohini's coach before the regatta."

If all goes well, Roller will be spending a lot more time with her friend Rau, she explained.

"There has never been anyone from India qualify in sailing for the Olympics before and Rohini's coach wants her train with other top sailors," said Roller. "The Indian Sailing Association is trying to get people to India to train with her and I'm one of the candidates."

Roller was hoping to finalize plans this week to spend the month of September in Chennai, India, to train with Rau and her coach. In the meantime, Roller is heading to London next month for the Olympic Test event.

"I'm going to London in August for the test event which will be at the Olympic site," she said. "All of the Olympic classes will be there and I'll race against all the people who will be at the Olympics plus a few hopefuls, like me. It will be a great way to see where you end up against the other top people from each country."

Roller is also hoping that the Virgin Islands Sailing Association fixes its mistake and gets her into the Olympic qualifying regatta in Australia in December. She also continues to accept donations helping her along on her Olympic bid. For more information about making a donation to Roller call 340-693-5579.



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Nancy Prentiss, above at left, looks on as Charlotte Watson from Australia observes a sample of sediment from Lameshur Bay.

Lameshur Polychaetes Survey Draws International Scientists to VIERS

By Jaime Elliott

St. John Tradewinds

Most people visit St. John for the beautiful beaches, fantastic sailing and amazing snorkeling opportunities. For Charlotte Watson, it was the abundance of minuscule marine worms which put her on a globe-crossing flight.

Watson, from the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory in Darwin, Australia, will wrap up her 10-day research stay at the V.I. Environmental Research Station this week.

She made plans to travel to the Virgin Islands and study marine worms or "polychaetes" in local waters after meeting Nancy Prentiss at the International Polychaetes Conference in Lecce, Italy, last summer.

Prentiss, a professor at University of Maine Farmington is conducting an on-going study of polychaetes at Lameshur Bay and had a poster display at the Italy conference which piqued Watson's interest.

"I'm interested in one particular family of polychaetes, Chrysopetalidae, which means 'golden petals' in Latin," said Watson. "I've been studying them for 30 years."

Polychaetes are segmented, bristled marine worms found in every sea and off every continent except Antarctica. There are more than 80 families of polychaetes, ranging in size from a few millimeters to several inches, and scientists continue to discover new

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New Owner, Same Great Collection at Best of Both Worlds

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

After visiting the island for a decade, Linda Gabriel decided the time was right to live her dream.

"My girlfriend moved here 11 years ago and I've been visiting ever since," said Gabriel. "I just fell in love with the island. We would come down once or twice a year or more if we could."

Last month the New Jersey resident packed up her bags and made the move from St. John visitor to resident and business owner. Gabriel bought Best of Both Worlds in Mongoose Junction.

A mother of two with a background in art and retail, Gabriel's new endeavor offered the opportunity to pursue both of her passions.

"I used to own a gift shop back east for years," said Gabriel. "It got to the point where Christmas-time wasn't fun anymore. I just didn't want to be around that anymore and my kids were really little so I closed the shop."

Gabriel grew up surrounded by art and artists, visiting her aunt Agnes Ainalian in Washington, D.C. often, she explained.

"My aunt was Agnes Ainalian who had the Ainalian Gallery in Washington, D.C. so I grew up around artists," said the new gallery owner. "I got to meet so many of her artist friends from potters to



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

New owner of The Best of Both Worlds Linda Gabriel smiles for the camera outside of her Mongoose Junction gallery.

glass makers."

With the hustle and bustle of her suburban home life wearing on her, Gabriel dreamed of living in paradise, she explained.

"We started talking about mov-

ing and what to do if we did actually move," Gabriel said. "This gallery has been for sale for a while and I knew about it. I was just waiting for the kids to get a little older."

With her two little ones in their toddler years, Gabriel and her family spent a month on St. John last year, which got the group hooked on island life.

"We came down last summer

for a month and the kids cried when we got home," she said. "We were all depressed when we got home we missed St. John so much. I decided, 'That's it, it's time.'"

Hitting the beach each afternoon is just one of the wonderful things about life on St. John, Gabriel explained.

"We're really happy to be down here," she said. "The kids love it. We go to the beach just about every afternoon — you can't beat that."

"I don't have to sit in rush hour traffic," said the new gallery owner. "I love that there is not one traffic light on this island. We are living in vacation-land."

Gabriel, along with Fifi her Chinese Crested dog, is also settling into running Best of Both Worlds with the help of long-time sales associates Jan Beaty and Pat Mulvihill.

"It's great here," said Gabriel about the Mongoose Junction gallery and gift shop. "I really love the shop the way it is. I'm going to be bringing in some of my aunt's artwork; there will be some originals and some prints."

"We have great jewelry, paintings and sculptures," she said. "When I look around, it's amazing that there are so many great pieces."

Paintings by Candice Great-
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Youth Employment Summer Students Clean Up Coral Bay

St. John Tradewinds

Coral Bay and other areas of St. John are looking cleaner than usual thanks to summer employees with the V.I. Waste Management Authority.

The Youth Employment Summer Program (YES) was founded 15 years ago by the Anti-Litter and Beautification Commission and has been carried on by VIWMA.

Students between the ages of 15 and 21 are hired for a five-week period and are trained prior to being assigned various landscaping and clean up projects during that time. A total of 72 students were hired through the YES program this summer, which wraps up on Friday, July 29.

The students were separated

into teams and assigned various projects weekly. YES employees also enjoy a week of environmental education and hands-on training, explained Stella Saunders, VI-WMA communications manager.

"The students are given a week of environmental education and hands-on field training on preserving and protecting the environment and on entrepreneurship skills," said Saunders. "On St. John, there is a collaboration for work determined with community and environmental leaders for areas needing attention."

The students also participated in a Reef Bay Trail hike and visited Maho Bay's glass recycling facility and VIERS facilities, Saunders added.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo Courtesy of CBCC

Students in the YES Program were busy last week directing traffic and cleaning up the roadway in Coral Bay, above.

2008 Property Tax Bill Coming Soon

St. John Tradewinds

The Division of Property Tax announced on Thursday, July 21, to Virgin Islands property owners that the 2008 real property tax bills are being issued.

The 2008 bills are issued to the property owners of record as of January 1, 2009.

Property owners paying their 2008 property tax bills before the due date of August 20, 2011 will receive early payment discounts. Persons who pay their 2008 tax bill by August 5 will be entitled to a 5 percent early payment discount.

Persons paying their tax bill after that date and before the due date will receive a discount of 2.5 percent. The bills become delinquent if not paid by October 20, 2011. Property owners are encouraged to pay the 2008 tax bill by January 20, 2012 in order to avoid late payment fees.

Property owners are also reminded to review their 2008 bill carefully. The tax bill now lists past due property taxes on the back and also reflects a prepayment credit for early payment of the 2007 bill.

For more information about the 2008 property tax bills, contact the Office of the Tax Assessor at 776-6737 on St. John. Questions regarding delinquencies should be addressed to the Tax Collector's office at 776-6737 on St. John.

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DOT Hosting Second Annual Small Hotels Conference Septs. 21 and 22

St. John Tradewinds

As part of the Department of Tourism's ongoing commitment to the destination's small hotels, DOT will host the 2nd Annual Small Hotels Conference to provide marketing and technical support to hotels in the territory with 50 rooms or fewer.

The two-day conference will take place on September 21 at the Windward Passage Hotel on St. Thomas and on September 22 at The Buccaneer Hotel on St. Croix.

The conference will offer five parallel seminars each day to present small hotels with important marketing techniques and operational information to help enhance their businesses. The seminar topics were selected based

on feedback from last year's conference attendees.

Led by social media marketing specialist Leon Thomas of Choice Hotels International, the Social Media seminar will instruct small hoteliers how to use Facebook, Twitter and other social media to increase business and build customer loyalty.

"Supporting our destination's small hotels with marketing and training is an important part of our strategy to enhance our tourism product and assist local businesses," said DOT Commissioner Beverly Nicholson Doty. "We are pleased to continue our support of the territory's small hotels as part of our dedicated marketing plan against this segment."

In 2009 DOT launched a comprehensive marketing plan to promote the small hotel segment, which included the development of the evergreen Inntimate Treasures package, a dedicated ad campaign, a small hotels section on the DOT's bi-monthly newsletter, separate identification for the small hotel segment on the DOT web site visitusvi.com, and a small hotels brochure featuring photos and descriptions of all of the small hotels in the territory.

To participate in the free conference, advance registration is required. Hoteliers in the St. Thomas/St. John district should contact Keezi Pinney at 774-8784 or email kjpinney@usvitourism.vi.



Starfish Market BBQ Draws Huge Crowd



While some party-goers enjoyed fresh grilled burgers, top left, melon-eating contestants waited for the contest before digging in, above and left.

St. John Tradewinds News Photos Courtesy of Starfish Market

By Jaime Elliott St. John Tradewinds

The first floor of The Marketplace looked more like someone's backyard on Saturday, July 9, when Starfish Market hosted a BBQ and melon-eating contests.

Grocery store officials grilled up hamburgers and hot dogs, but the eating contest contestants weren't about to fill up before trying to down as many watermelon slices as possible.

Five men squared off in the adult contest, which ended in a three-way tie. A second round "eat-off" among the three also ended in a tie. In the end all three of the melon-eaters earned \$50 gift certificates to Starfish Market for their impressive feats.

The kids division pitted six children against each other trying to down as many melon slices as possible. While only Jira Stapleton took home the grand prize of a \$50 gift certificate to the grocery store, all of the contestants in the division were awarded \$20 certificates to Starfish Market.

There was so much interest in the contests, Starfish officials even added a baby's division. While three little ones started out, all that attention drove one little guy to throw in the towel. Both Africa and Kierra McKenzie took home \$20 gift certificates to Starfish for giving the melon-eating contest a try.

BBQ attendees enjoyed fresh grilled burgers and hot dogs, live music by Lauren and Bo and fresh samples of sweet kiss melons, yellow melons and more.

Students Start Preparing for Future During SJCF's Life Skills Camp

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

As some teenagers take advantage of the summer break to soak up some rays on the beach, 10 St. John teens have been preparing for graduation by exploring possible career paths.

This is the first year the St. John Community Foundation is hosting the month-long Life Skills and Career Exploration Program with funding from the Department of Labor and support from the University of the Virgin Islands' St. John Academic Center.

"The program is geared to 14-year-old youth who want get some help as they start thinking about graduating high school and either going to college or directly into the workforce," said Celia Kalousek, SJCF executive director.

The group spent its first week examining their own goals and ambitions and practicing interview skills, Kalousek explained.

By the end of the first week of the program the students had chosen three to five potential job titles and started to discuss ways to stay focused on their goals in the face of home, school and personal pressure, she added.

Week two, which wrapped up last week, had the students focusing on their communication skills and effective response to life events, according to the SJCF executive director.

"The skills are explained in relation to the equation Event plus Response equals Outcome and how to

Press Pause between the E and the R," said Kalousek. "The students are taught to stop and think before responding because when you fail to press pause, you often rush to poor decisions."

Students also had the chance to hear from two different ends of the work force. Nineteen-year-old Evanna Chinnery talked to the group about the realities of the college experience on Thursday morning, July 21.

"I have been singing since I was five and that is what I wanted to study in college," said Chinnery. "I applied to two schools and got into my top pick Berklee College of Music."

"When I finished my first year, I had to come back home," she said. "I wasn't as ready as I thought I would be. I didn't have as many music classes in high school that I needed and I just wasn't prepared."

Chinnery returned to St. John and is currently pursuing a musical education degree at the University of the Virgin Islands, where she will start her junior year this fall.

Chinnery hopes to return to Berklee for her senior year and continues to sing at venues across the Virgin Islands. She recently took fourth place in the V.I. Idol competition.

After hearing from Chinnery, the Life Skills campers heard from 80-year-old Clarence Scipio, who is still in the work force, employed as a deacon.

Scipio has held several positions

throughout his career and discussed the importance of being open to career transitions with the students.

The final two weeks of camp will be dedicated to building professionalism and teamwork, explained Kalousek.

"Between guest speakers and job shadowing experiences, we will cover qualities that will make you valuable in the workforce," she said. "This includes the importance of punctuality and attendance, telephone etiquette and much more. We will introduce principles of good character and leadership, practice them using role play activities, and discuss how the skills and principles can be used on all areas of life — in and out of the working environment."

At the end of the month, students will have a real understanding of workplace skills and have a good idea of several career paths, explained Kalousek.

"At the completion of this program, participants will have gained knowledge of and practiced workplace skills," she said. "They will also have gained demonstrable knowledge of one or more occupational areas and will have started their Career Portfolio to be used as a tool throughout the remainder of their school years and beyond."

Kalousek is looking for residents interested in taking students along for job shadowing or speaking to the group about their professional experience. For more information about how to get involved, call Kalousek at SJCF at 693-9410.



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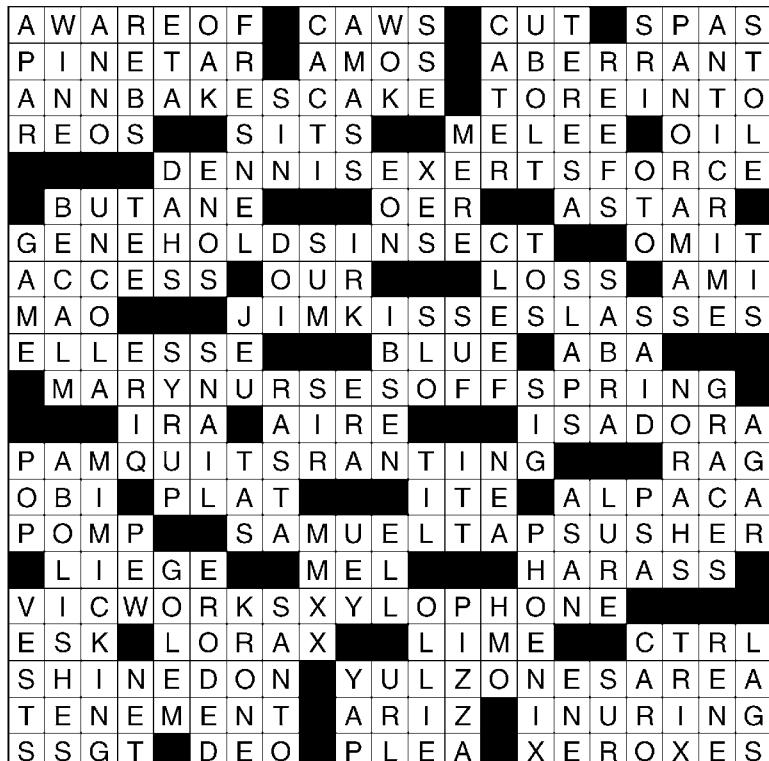
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Letters To St. John Tradewinds

The Script

If you are a salesperson, you know what the script is. It's basically a printed guideline on how to interact, promote and sell a product.

The more I observe life, it seems that we all are following a script. Maybe growing up, you were taught that the rich were greedy, religion was for the weak or real men don't cry. Whether you're at home, church, school or work, someone has a script for you to follow.

And they all expect you to fall in line. But how many of those guidelines actually benefit us? Is it always the one who goes to an Ivy League school that gets a high position? Is it the one who parties all night on payday?

Whatever script you're following, do you stop to think about the reasons why these laws are in place? It's one thing to sell an item, it's another to sell your soul. Many people are unhappy because they're living life according to someone else's expectations.

They are miserable because their joy has been snuffed out because of the limitations put upon them. Your life and those around you can be greatly affected by listening to that still voice. It may go against certain societal norms and preconceived notions.

For example, why can't a dad talk to his daughter about abstaining from premarital sex? It doesn't have to be a nail-biting experience or the dreaded talk.

Simply express the seriousness of the situation, the emotions involved and the consequences of such an act. In the end the daughter can feel assured of her dad's love and know that she can talk to him about anything.

There are many strings attached to your life, pulling this way and that. Make sure that you're headed in the direction God wants you to go. It's difficult living an unhappy life.

Please note: Some scripts are good and prevent you from harming yourself and others. There are some that we need to challenge concerning politics, skin color, class/status and church affiliation.

Spend a few moments each day analyzing yourself and question, "Am I doing this because it's right or because everybody else is doing it?"

Only then can we see the truth. If you come to the realization that something must change, please speak to a trusted person. Not everyone can handle a new thought. Start small and implement change.

Spend time with God to seek guidance and correction. Keep persevering and forgive others for not understanding and supporting you. Sometimes the future is a script waiting to be written.

**Third eye,
Emmanuel Prince**

Wedding Thank You's To Everyone!

Pat Brown, much love to you! Cid Hamling of Connections, always gracious, always outstanding.

Dana Bishop of Carolina Corral for making my "Wild Horses" dreams come true. Lauren, Bo and Kenny for the fantastic music. Elliot Hooper of Tall Ship Trading and Chris of World Class Anglers for their extreme generosity.

Jayne Meadow for giving us a "honeymoon." (I'm verklemp!) Cathy Noonan, Kaarin Wampler and all of Santa's elves —you rock! Thank you to MaLinda Nelson, Jaime Elliott and Tradewinds for all of their help.

There are too many people and businesses to thank which is how we know we are so blessed to be a part of this wonderful community. We love you all and thank you to all who gave so generously.

**Love,
George and Ray**

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Letters To St. John Tradewinds

EDC Should Start Paying Taxes

Members of the 29th Legislature of the Virgin Islands,

In the face of the economic reality in the territory, I urge you to pass an emergency law on the following.

Starting in January 2012, all EDC beneficiaries should pay full taxes. This could help the finances of the V.I. greatly.

As it is now, working people have to pay all of their taxes. It is time that the major companies pay their fair share as well. This would save workers

from being laid off, and help workers who are living from meal to meal.

It is time that the governor and the senate got together and worked for the people who elected them. People have to pay more for their food now because of the increase to gross receipts taxes.

And now many working people will also see their pay checks reduced by 8 percent, while there are companies that don't pay any taxes at all.

Norm Gledhill
“The good island” St. John

St. John Eye Care Moving to Red Hook Plaza

Unfortunately I am moving my Eye Care practice back over to St Thomas to Red Hook Plaza. I will dearly miss all of you.

I just wanted to thank you all for encouraging me to share in your community. Your smiles, thank you's, greetings, and warmth have touched my heart

in an enduring and positive way.
It has been my privilege to partake in the sincere caring that you share with one another on a daily basis. You have made me a better person for experiencing this.

Craig Friedenberg

Thanks for Finding Leo

Thanks to Jennifer D. and her sons for taking Leo to Canine, Cats and Critters.

Victor and Moriah Johansson

Requiem for Oscar

Almost 10 years ago, the Animal Care Center of St. John opened its doors to the new shelter built on the footprint of the old shack where Dr. Andy Williamson had treated the island's pets.

The shelter was built through the tireless efforts of Betty Gerhardt who gave two years of her personal time to oversee its construction. One of Betty's first administrative actions was to advertise for a Shelter Manager, and I was chosen.

On furlough for two years as Senior Flight Attendant for Delta Airlines, I was delighted to serve the island's animals, and one of my earliest clients was Oscar.

One day early in my tenure, a local woman came into the shelter carrying a cat in a bag. She told me that it was a feral cat who was eating the plants in her garden, and she didn't want it around.

I was thrilled to know that word of ACC and the shelter was already spreading around Cruz Bay. I took the bag and asked the woman to wait while I took the cat back to one of the cages. I expected the feral cat to be wild and difficult to handle, so wanted to make sure that the area was secure while I tried to transfer him from the bag into a cage.

When I opened the bag, this wonderful kitty simply blinked up at me as if to say, “What am I doing here?” “Where am I?” “Is this a safe place?” “Is there food here?” As I lifted him out, he calmly looked at me and let me stroke him. This was no

feral cat.

I returned to the waiting room and asked the woman how come she told me it was a feral cat. She simply shrugged and walked out of the building. Such was my introduction to the sweetest kitty in the world.

I named him “Oscar” for no particular reason, and he was well-behaved throughout his stay at the shelter. When the shelter closed its doors in late 2004 for lack of funds, I returned to New Hampshire and to my job with Delta Airlines. I took dear Oscar with me.

Oscar has been my companion and housemate throughout the ensuing years. I brought other homeless cats home — several more from St. John — and Oscar welcomed each and every one, showing them the ropes of how to become a house cat. He has slept with me every night until this past month when he died from cancer. I miss him so much.

He has been the inspiration for my new life as the founder of Pampered Paws Sanctuary, a home for life for special needs and elderly cats. Pampered Paws is now approved and licensed by the State of New Hampshire and is currently housing almost 30 kitties.

But Oscar was the first and he is a bit of St. John that will live in my heart for the rest of my life.

Johanna Chawziuk-Fisk
Farmington, New Hampshire

Poem

Tires

Life in the islands
can be so good
but you must have
forethought
humor
patience
and a strong sense
or what will be
an early morning drive
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and making one wonder why
there is an 18 mm lug nut
and only 17 and 19 mm lug wrenches
for gods sake why?!

— Kate Norfleet

Correction

The photo which ran with the “Animal Shelter Introduces New Internship Program” article had the wrong photo credit. The photo was taken by Tropical Focus Photography.

New Owner, Same Great Collection at Best of Both

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house and Jennifer Robinson, jewelry by Barbara Heinrich Studio and Barbara Herche and photos by Steve Vaughn are just a few of the great finds at Best of Both Worlds. The gallery and shop is chock full of everything from glass sculptures to decorative trivets.

"We have a lot of local artists and artists who have a feel for the island and share that island flavor," said Gabriel about the shop's eclectic collection.

Best of Both Worlds can ship anywhere, Gabriel added.

"The best thing is that you can come in here and pay and leave," she said. "We ship it wherever you want and you don't have to think about it again."

The new Best of Both Worlds owner is interested in carrying more local artwork and encouraged artists to stop with a sample



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Glass sculptures, paintings and more can be found at the Mongoose Junction gallery.

of their creations.

During the summer, Best of Both Worlds is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to

6 p.m. The shop's hours will expand in the high season. For more information call the gallery at 693-7005.

Lameshur Polychaetes Survey Draws Scientists to VIERS

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species with some regularity.

Watson noticed that Prentiss had observed her particular polychaete family of interest living in a small amount of sediment at the bottom of a vase sponge in Lameshur Bay and was excited to come and see for herself, she explained.

"Nancy has been surveying the area and recording all of the different polychaetes found here," said Watson. "The water and rubble here are full of invertebrate life. It's extraordinary."

"There is this whole micro world that none of us see," Watson said. "When you pick up one tiny bowlful of sediment, it's just full of life. Also in the sediment that Nancy was studying, there were sometimes 12 different families of polychaetes living in one cup of sediment."

Watson is in the middle of a grant which grew out of the decade long Census of Marine Life, that enabled her to make the trek to St. John.

"I knew I'd love to come here and collect," said Watson. "I'm on top of most species, but there are a lot of them. I'm particularly interested in the morphology and DNA of this family of polychaetes."

Watson is studying cryptic species as well, polychaetes that look exactly alike, but are in fact different species entirely, she explained.

The polychaetes expert has already found a few specimens which have more than made her trip worthwhile, she added.

"On my first day, I went snorkeling and took a sample which had a genus that I've been looking for years," said Watson. "I have seen it in muse-

ums before but I had never seen one in nature. It was absolutely amazing."

Watson is also seeing polychaetes in Lameshur Bay which she has observed on the Great Barrier Reef, raising interesting questions.

"It's important to get the morphology of these species to see where they differentiate," she said. "There is still so much to learn about these creatures."

Watson's work will also be added to Prentiss' ongoing study of polychaetes, she added.

"Working with Charlotte has been fantastic," said Prentiss. "I've learned so much from her and she's contributing so much to my general survey."

While studying the polychaetes for the pure enjoyment of them surely motivates these scientists, the creatures are also an important part of the food web — polychaetes are found in more than half of all reef fish — and a good barometer for the health of oceans in general.

"First of all, we should all care about all living things," said Watson. "Everything in our world is connected and linked to everything else. The way things are connected is something we rarely understand until, sadly, after something crashes."

"Polychaetes can tell us a lot of information about the health of reefs and oceans," she said.

And Watson is just the latest international scientist drawn to VIERS through Prentiss' polychaetes survey. In May, two scientists from Greece's Hellenic Center for Marine Research spent two weeks with the University of Maine scientist studying polychaetes in near-shore areas.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo Courtesy of Leslie Charpentier

The dive group hauled in three adult fish during the first organized St. John lionfish search dive.

St. John Lionfish Dive Search

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All three of the lionfish nabbed by the group measured between 12 and 13 inches, Charpentier added.

With three lionfish bagged, the dive was a success and the group hopes to head back under the waves next month to clean up another area, according to Charpentier.

"Many dive shops on St. Thomas and St. Croix have been doing these search dives and they are a good way to clean up a particular area," she said. "We have cleaned up Whistling Cay now and during our next dive we will target a new area — whatever area we get the most sightings reported from."

While the dive group is dedicated to doing what it can to eradicate the lionfish threat, it's still important for swimmers to watch for the species and report all sightings.

Charpentier, who operates the sailing and diving charter *Cloud 9 Sailing Adventures* with Jason Beasley, has removed more than 30 lionfish from local waters this year alone.

Last week, the two returned to Whistling Cay and caught three more lionfish, Charpentier added.

"A few days later, Jason and I found and removed three more fish from the south side of Whistling Cay," she said. "These fish ranged in size from 10, 11, and 11.5 inches."

Cruz Bay Watersports and *Cloud 9 Sailing Adventures* provided the group's tanks, weights and dive gear.

For more information about the local lionfish effort and CORE, or to report a sighting, call Pytlik at 340-201-2342 or email nolianfish-stj@yahoo.com.

Government House Points Finger Back at Senate in Financial Disaster Blame Game

St. John Tradewinds

Government House last week commented on the recent politically driven statements that have been in play on the public airwaves recently regarding the overall economic state of the territory and the steps that have been taken to avoid a complete financial collapse of the Virgin Islands government.

Government House Director of Communications Jean Greaux said the administration fully understands the expressions of concern by the union leaders as all in the government's workforce have been called upon to undertake a shared sacrifice as the lingering effects of the Great Recession continue to wreak havoc on the government's fiscal health.

"What is beyond all understanding, however, is that at a time when many Virgin Islanders realize the need to sacrifice for the overall good of the territory, some senators, clearly motivated by petty politics, would take aim at the administration's efforts," said Greaux. "It is beyond reason that

Senator Neville James would criticize the eight percent cut in pay to all government employees. This is the same senator who thumbed his nose at the administration's proposal to dismiss employees and implement unpaid holidays, while also thumbing his nose at his colleagues who developed the 8 percent pay reduction that we will experience on next Thursday's payday."

"Given his lack of effort and the fact that he didn't approve any proposals, he appears comfortable firing government employees," said the Government House director of communications.

"No matter how Senator James spins his criticism, we cannot get away from the fact that the governor is obligated by law to present a balanced budget," Greaux said. "We have to bridge the \$17 million shortfall in revenues by September 30. The Senate rejected the administration's proposals to reduce the shortfall and what we have today is the product of the 29th Legislature."

CRIME STOPPERS U.S.V.I. Organization Seeks Information

St. John Tradewinds

Crime Stoppers needs the community's help to reduce crime in the territory. If anyone knows something, they should say something, as law enforcement cannot control crime without help. Even the smallest bit of information may be just what law enforcement needs to solve these cases.

On Tuesday, January 11, at 2:02 p.m., police were dispatched to Merchants Commercial Bank on St. John in response to a robbery. Sources stated that two armed masked men stormed into the bank, robbed it of more than \$20,000, and escaped in a blue GMC Jimmy. One of the robbers was wearing a blue jump suit and white sneakers.

Let's continue to help make the community a safer place to live by submitting information on these or any other crimes at www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org or by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). Tips are completely anonymous, and the stateside operators speak several languages. If your information leads to an arrest or the recovery of stolen property, illegal drugs, or weapons, you will receive a cash reward of up to \$2,500.

Crime Stoppers USVI is run entirely by volunteers and is financed by membership dues and sponsor contributions. To join us in the fight against crime visit our website at www.CrimeStopper-USVI.org and become a dues-paying member.

Police Log

Friday, July 15

10:07 a.m. - An Estate Contant resident p/r that his neighbor was throwing dirt against his fence. Police assistance.

12:10 p.m. - A visitor from Tennessee p/r that \$300 was stolen from his wallet. Grand larceny.

12:19 p.m. - A citizen c/r that he was assaulted. Simple assault.

Saturday, July 16

12:05 a.m. - An Estate Contant resident p/r that her minor son was missing and he was last seen at home. Missing minor.

12:05 p.m. - An Estate Bethany resident c/r people trespassing on her land. Police assistance.

5:00 p.m. - A citizen c/r shots fired in the area of Giff Hill. Illegal discharge of firearm.

10:41 p.m. - An Estate Bethany resident r/ an auto accident on Centerline Road. Auto accident.

Sunday, July 17

12:17 a.m. - An Estate Zoutenvaal resident p/r that he was threatened. Disturbance of the peace.

12:30 a.m. - An Estate Grunwald resident p/r an incident with his wife. Police assistance.

11:29 a.m. - A citizen c/r an auto collision at The Marketplace. Auto collision.

1:49 p.m. - An Estate Glucksberg resident p/r that he is being harassed. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

3:24 p.m. - A Bellevue Village resident r/ an auto accident. Auto collision.

5:23 p.m. - A citizen c/r that she gave a ride to two males and her wallet was stolen. Grand larceny.

11:40 p.m. - A citizen c/r a vehicle fire on Hill Street. Vehicle fire.

Monday, July 18

1:17 a.m. - A visitor from Virginia r/ that her wallet was stolen. Grand larceny.

5:33 a.m. - An Estate Contant resident c/r a burglary at Deli Grotto in Mongoose Junction. Burglary in the third.

10:18 a.m. - A citizen c/r a burglary in progress. Burglary in the third.

1:17 p.m. - A St. Thomas resident p/r that she was assaulted by her boyfriend. Aggravated as-

sault and battery.

3:48 p.m. - The owner of Sam's Welding r/ that someone struck his employee in the back with a steel bat. Assault in the third.

5:25 p.m. - An Estate Cocoloba resident p/r that he was struck in the back with a steel bat. Supplement.

Tuesday, July 19

3:11 p.m. - An Estate Bethany resident p/r that an Estate Pine Peace resident fired about five shots at him. Illegal discharge of firearm.

3:40 p.m. - Badge #124 p/ at Leander Jurgen Command with one Willis Fahie of Estate Contant under arrest and charged with simple assault and resisting arrest. Bail was set at \$1,500 by order of the court. He was detained at Leander Jurgen Command and later transported to the Bureau of Corrections on St. Thomas.

4:05 p.m. - An Estate Adrian resident p/r that someone slandered his name. Slander.

4:50 p.m. - Badge #90 p/ at Leander Jurgen Command with one Hyacinth Ashly Jr. of Estate Pine Peace under arrest and charged with possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute. Bail was set at \$10,000 by order of the court. He was detained at Leander Jurgen Command and later transported to the Bureau of Corrections on St. Thomas.

7:30 p.m. - Badge #1105 p/ at Leander Jurgen Command with one Kamal Hendricks of Estate Contant under arrest and charged with assault in the third. Bail was set at \$25,000 by order of the court. He was detained at Leander Jurgen Command and later transported to the Bureau of Corrections on St. Thomas.

7:50 p.m. - A minor p/r that she hit her head on the dashboard of her father's vehicle. Police assistance.

10:30 p.m. - Badge # 1105 p/ at Leander Jurgen Command with one Aswad Pickering of Estate Enighed under arrest and charged with assault in the third, possession of an unlicensed firearm and illegal discharge of firearm. Bail was set at \$60,000 by order of the court. He was detained at Leander Jurgen Command and later transported to the Bureau of Corrections on St. Thomas.

12:12 p.m. - An Estate Bethany resident c/r that several electricians were on her property doing illegal work. Police assistance.

4:40 p.m. - An Estate Carolina resident c/ requesting police assistance in removing her son from her residence. Police assistance.

6:33 p.m. - A Calabash Boom resident c/ requesting police assistance in a situation between her and her neighbor's minor children. Police assistance.

Friday, July 22

7:20 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident c/r that his company vehicle was damaged. Damage to a vehicle.

Ferry Schedules - Cruz Bay and Charlotte Amalie**CRUZ BAY TO RED HOOK**

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1 p.m.
5:30 p.m.

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776-6316, 776-6254

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11 a.m., Sunday School 776-6291

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Sunday evening 6 p.m., Thursday 7 p.m.

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Inter-Denominational, Sunday 8:30 a.m.

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Wednesday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. 776-6339

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Thursdays Bible Study 7:30 p.m.
779-1230

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777-6306

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Public Notice



GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES

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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND NATURAL RESOURCES

No. 45 Estate Mars Hill, Frederiksted
St. Croix, Virgin Islands 00840

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Department of Planning and Natural Resources has received a renewal application for a Title V Operating Permit for a Major Source from:

**The Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority
Krum Bay, St. Thomas USVI 00804**

The Department of Planning and Natural Resources tentatively intends to approve the renewal application.

The application is for the operation of the following:

- one (1) 2.5 MW diesel engine generator

This facility produces electricity on its property in Estate Cruz Bay. During operation, this unit will have a potential to emit 167 tons per year (tons/yr) of nitrogen oxides (NO_x), 10 tons/yr of sulfur dioxide, 42 tons/yr of carbon monoxide (CO), 4 tons/yr of volatile organic compounds (VOC), and 3 tons/yr of particulate matter 10 (PM₁₀) microns and particulate matter 2.5 (PM_{2.5}) microns into the atmosphere.

Copies of the application and draft Title V permit are available for public review at the DPNR office in Cruz Bay, St. John located adjacent to the Elaine Ione Sprauve Library beginning June 27, 2011 between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, except holidays, for thirty (30) calendar days.

WRITTEN COMMENTS, should be sent to:

Director

The Department of Planning and Natural Resources
Division of Environmental Protection
8100 Lindberg Bay, Suite # 61
Cyril E. King Airport, 2nd Floor
St. Thomas, USVI 00802

Comments will be accepted no later than Tuesday, July 28, 2011. The public hearing will be held on Friday, July 29, 2011 at 6:00 P.M. in the office of Department of Planning and Natural Resources Cruz Bay, St. John.

Additional information may be obtained by calling Mr. Vernill E. Roberts, Jr. at 774-3320, ext 5216 or Ms. Verline Marcellin, Air Pollution Control Program Manager at 773-1082, extension 2274.

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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.

Tuesday, July 26

The St. John Chapter of the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce will host its monthly meeting on Tuesday evening, July 26, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Cruz Bay Battery.

Starts Saturday, July 30

The Department of Human Services will host a series of free workshops for non-profit organizations on board development, resource/fund raising development, and use of social media. Workshops are scheduled for St. Thomas on Saturday, July 30, through Tuesday, August 2, at the Sugar Estate Head Start Complex. Workshops will begin at 9 a.m.

Thursday, August 4

Several boat captains are hosting a small gathering in Cruz Bay on Thursday, August 4, at 7 p.m. in honor of the *Nicole Robin*. This is the 38th anniversary of the incident which saw the *Nicole Robin* in Cuban waters. The group will give thanks that no lives were lost and offer remembrance to those involved.

Starts August 16

The Real Estate Sales course will be offered by the University of the Virgin Islands – Community Engagement and Lifelong Learning (UVICELL) Center. On St. Thomas, classes will be from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning August 16, at the UVICELL Center on the St. Thomas Campus. For fees and more information, call 693-1100 or <http://cell.uvi.edu>.

Sunday, August 21

The 27th annual Texas Society of the Virgin Islands Chili Cook-Off will be Sunday, August 21, at Brewer's Beach. Come join the fun for a day of live music, dancing, a U.S. Coast Guard rescue demonstration and fly-by, games for children and adults and lots of spicy chili on the beach.

Sunday, August 28

Mark those calenders for Sunday, August 28, at 1 p.m. for the St. John Chaotic Kayak 2011 at Oppenheimer Beach. Brandi and John Schuld are organizing this zany kayak race to support Team River Runner's St. John program.. Check out TRR's St. John USVI group page on Facebook for more information.

ALCHOLICS 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

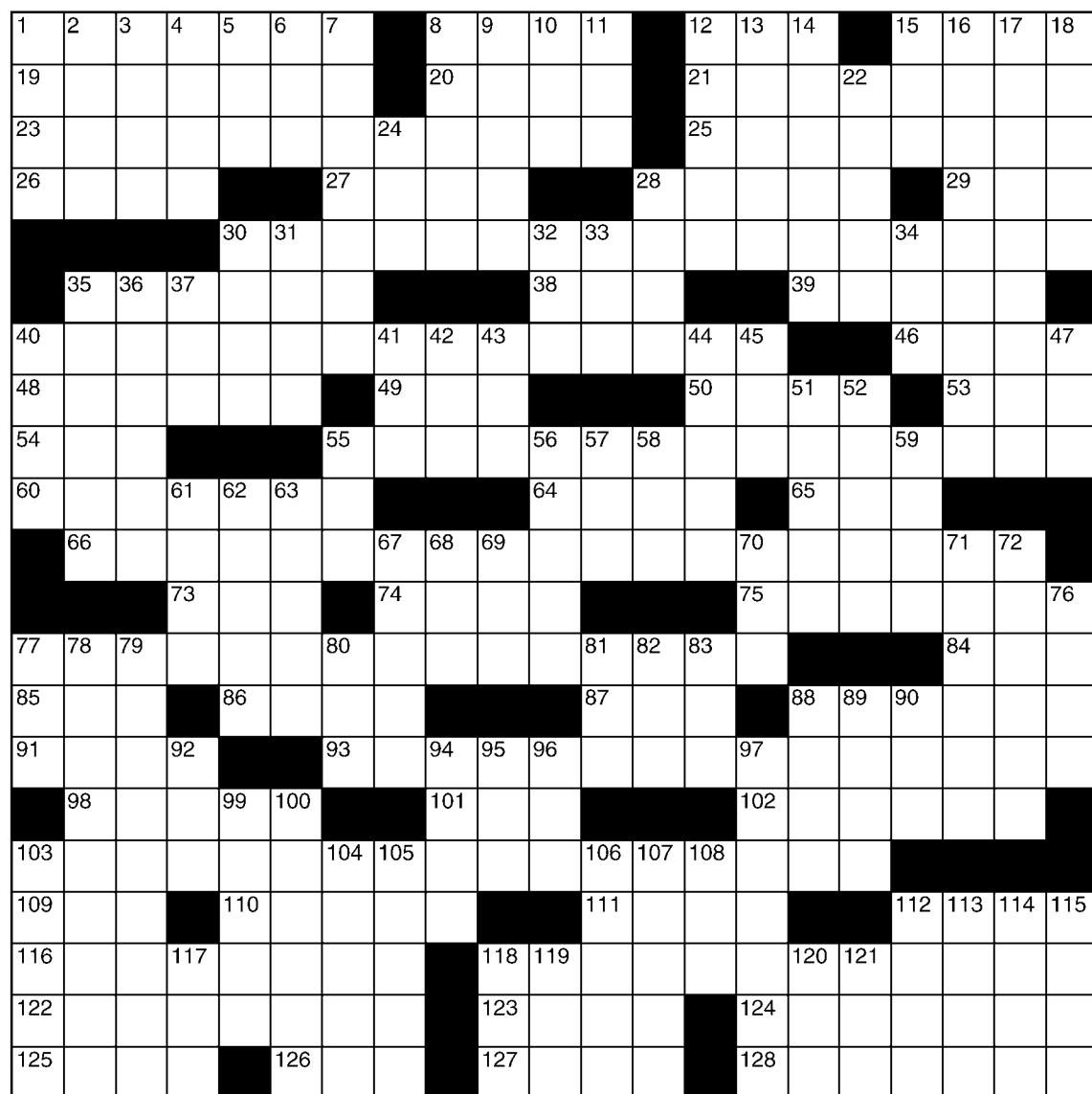
Narcotics Anonymous has open meetings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. every Saturday at St. Ursula's Church.

AL-ANON MEETINGS

Al-Anon meets on St. John every Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the picnic table at the VINP ball field.

PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo



ALPHABETICAL ACTS A-TO-A

ACROSS

- 1 Wise to
- 8 Raven calls
- 12 Salve target
- 15 Vacation facilities
- 19 Sticky stuff on a bat
- 20 Andy's radio sidekick
- 21 Abnormal
- 23 Curry does a patisserie job?
- 25 Ripped open
- 26 Olds antiques
- 27 Gains a lap?
- 28 Big scuffle
- 29 Petroleum
- 30 Hopper lifts weights?
- 35 Lighter fuel
- 38 Atop, to poets
- 39 "Swinging on —" (1944 hit song)
- 40 Wilder picks up a bug?
- 46 Forget to mention
- 48 Gain entry to
- 49 — Lady of Fatima
- 50 Setback
- 53 — right?"
- 54 "Little Red Book" writer
- 55 Carrey is amorous with gals?
- 60 Big name in sportswear
- 64 Like Smurfs
- 65 Justices' org.
- 66 Astor feeds her infant?
- 73 Lyric-writing Gershwin
- 74 Ending for billion
- 75 Duncan of dance
- 77 Shriver gets off her soapbox?
- 84 Tattered cloth
- 85 — Wan Kenobi
- 86 City map
- 87 Suffix with krypton
- 88 Llama's kin
- 91 Ostentatious display
- 93 Alito gets an arena worker's attention?
- 98 Lord of a manor
- 101 Tillis of song
- 102 Really annoy
- 103 Damone plays a percussion instrument?
- 109 Alaskan lang.
- 110 Dr. Seuss title creature
- 111 Sour fruit
- 112 Key near Alt
- 116 Directed light rays at
- 118 Brynner divides a site into districts?
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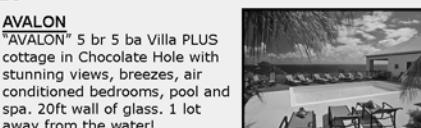
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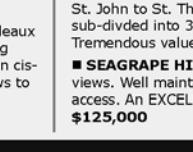
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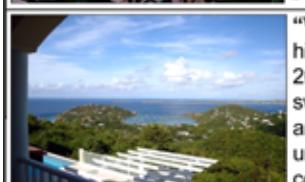
"L'Autre Monde"- Extraordinary water views, sunsets & lights of St. Thomas with endless boat activity between the islands. This unique, gated, custom villa was built with entertaining in mind. The main house has 4 bedrooms, 4.5 bathrooms with gourmet kitchen, outdoor dining, pool & barbecue area. There is a separate guest house with 3 bedrooms & open air kitchen & living/dining area and a heated indoor pool. \$6.8M

"Plumeria" - a well-appointed & successful short term rental villa with 2 bedrooms & loft offering panoramic views of Pillsbury Sound & St. Thomas with beautiful sunsets every night. Features a gated design for ultimate privacy at the pool & outdoor living areas, lush tropical gardens, a FLAT yard & a large storage area below the deck can store two cars or a boat. Adjoins common owner's parcel. \$1.249M

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"Villa Tramonto" - Is an elegant, contemporary styled villa located high atop the gated community known as Virgin Grand Estates. Built in 2010, the stately, fully air conditioned four bedroom home offers sweeping water and sunset views from Great Cruz Bay to St. Thomas and beyond. Amenities include large pool and entertainment deck, underground utilities and paved access roads. Solid masonry construction and the finest finishing materials. \$2.395M



"Carolina Cottage" - Really cute two bedroom house with nice water views of Hurricane Hole and boats anchored in Coral Harbor. The house faces east to catch the cooling trade wind breezes. There is a paved driveway and parking area. Partial furnishings included. This is a nice location close to Coral Bay with large deck and room to expand or add a pool. On the lower level there is a laundry room and space to add another bedroom. A great price at just \$575,000.



"Ridgetop" - Is a two-story, two-bedroom private getaway vacation rental nestled in the hills overlooking Coral Bay. From its 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 & is used by only four other homes. \$649,500.



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as much as \$300,000. Seller is looking for a quick sale. Unit #6, a two bedroom ground floor condo with over 1100 sq ft was just reduced to only \$499,000 Call for more information

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"All Ah We" Community Portrait Project Open Through August at CMCA

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The Caribbean Museum Center for the Arts opens Michael Nissman's photography exhibit "All Ah We: A U.S. Virgin Islands Community Portrait Project" on Friday, July 29.

Presented in the CMCArts upper gallery, a public reception will be from 5 to 8 p.m. This portrait series includes 40 black and white portraits that answer the question, "Who is a Virgin Islander?" The exhibit is funded in part by the Virgin Islands' Council on the Arts.

The unique diversity of the U.S. Virgin Islands is the driving force for Nissman to produce a one-of-a-kind portrait collection of the people of this historical territory. From the most well-known to the least, this photo collection of portraits seeks to find a cross-section of Virgin Islanders, including people of all walks of life,

backgrounds, skill sets, ages, origin and history.

"This is a very personal story for me," Nissman said. "As someone with a mixed background, I've often wondered about this question of identity and how we identify with our background, birthplace, culture, ideas."

He set out on St. Thomas, St. John and St. Croix to find images to go with the concept of a Virgin Islander. A short description in each subject's words of what in his or her view constitutes a Virgin Islander accompanies each portrait.

Award-winning photojournalist Nissman was born in Oregon, but moved to St. Croix as a small child. He started his journalism career at age 16 while working for The St. Croix Avis.

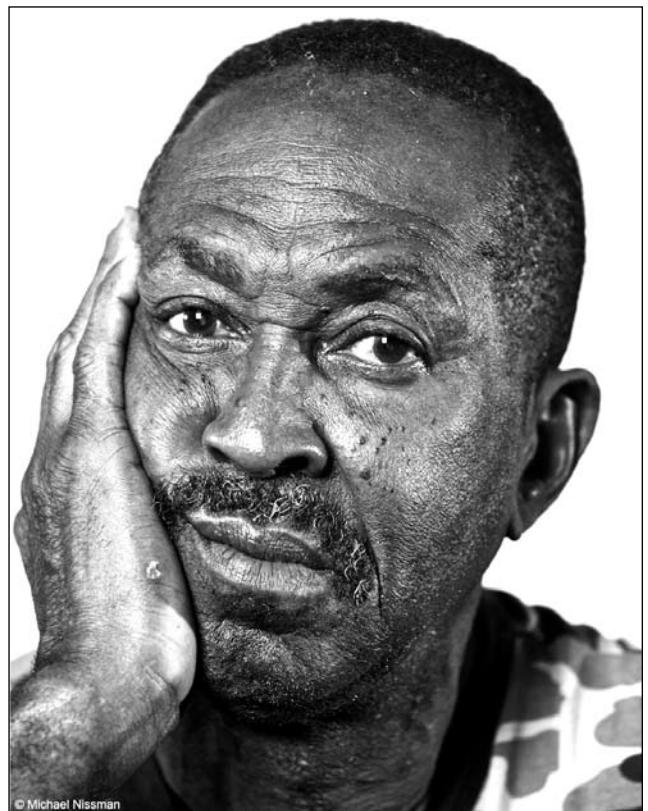
Since then he has been a contract photographer for numerous publications including Sports Illustrated. He

is the recipient of more than 20 state, regional, and national awards. His work has appeared in exhibits in the U.S. and Caribbean including photographs he produced in New Orleans in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

In 2010, Nissman co-founded Aqua Media, a multimedia company located on St. Croix. His documentary credits include producer/creator of "Hurricane Hugo: The Longest Night" and "V.I. Playmakers," a new sports show, profiling Virgin Islands athletes.

The opening reception is from 5 to 8 p.m. on July 29. Admission is free. There will be light refreshments and a cash bar.

The exhibit will be open Thursday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. throughout August. Admission to the museum is by goodwill donation. For more information, call the museum during business hours at 772-2622.



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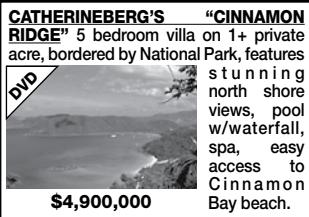
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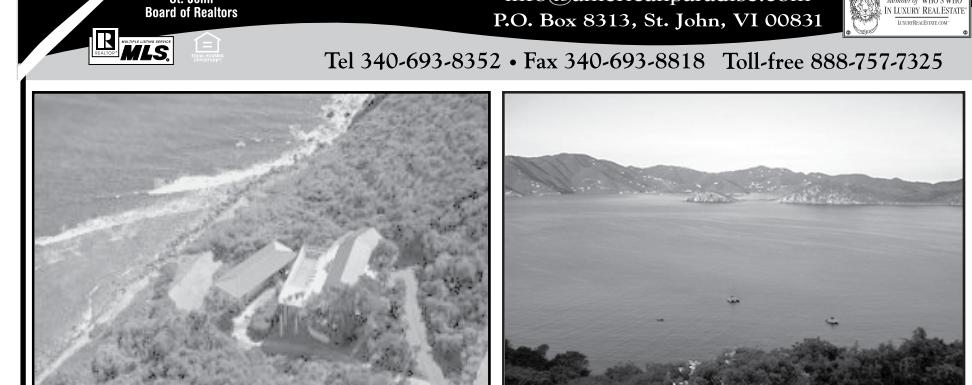
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VIPD officers on St. Croix seized more than 1,000 marijuana plants from both indoor and outdoor crops, at left.



VIPD Seize Outdoor and Indoor Marijuana Fields on St. Croix

St. John Tradewinds

V.I. Police Department officials on St. Croix conducted a live training operation on Monday, July 18, with the support of other law enforcement partners on the ground and in the air.

VIPD confiscated more than 1,000 marijuana plants from various outdoor locations on the island. One person was arrested for cultivating an indoor marijuana grow.

The operation began about 8 a.m. with a helicopter in the air, VIPD Special Operations Bureau officers, DEA, U.S. Marshalls, and Customs and Border Patrol agents on the ground. Officers spanned the island from east to west.

"Since the bird is in the air, if we spot any thing we'll dispatch the officers on the ground," said St. Croix Police Chief Christopher Howell, who led the operation.

More than 1,000 marijuana plants were uprooted and seized from plots in Estates Tortola,

Smithfield, Hogensberg, Tipperary and La Grange. No arrests were made in these seizures, police said, adding that investigations are still on going.

Officers in the helicopter observed suspicious activity in Estate Grove Place and requested a search and arrest warrant from the Attorney General's office.

As a result, 63-year-old Bertran McIntosh was arrested and charged with cultivating an indoor grow. Approximately 35 marijuana plants at least 7 feet tall each and growing equipment were confiscated.

McIntosh was charged with Possession of Controlled Substances with intent to Distribute. His bail was set at \$10,000 and he was remanded to the Golden Grove Adult Correctional Facility pending further court action.

Chief Howell said the operation was a success and the partnership of local and federal law enforcement was an "effective cooperative effort."