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New JESS principal Dionne Wells is already transforming the Cruz Bay school, starting with changing the color of buildings on campus, above.

Wells Gets Jump Start on Julius E. Sprauve School Improvements

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Dionne Wells did not wait for classes to get underway before making obvious changes at the Julius E. Sprauve School.

The new principal at Cruz Bay's kindergarten through eighth grade school has already kicked off a painting project, which includes a bright new hue on the school itself

and new upbeat murals across the campus.

"First of all the color of the school was not as welcoming as I would have liked," said Wells, who was transferred from Guy Benjamin School to JESS at the end of last year. "It needed to be brighter and make students feel welcome. We wanted to stay in the school colors and we tried yellow first."

"But there are too many yellow buildings

in Cruz Bay, so we went with blue," said Wells.

Department of Education officials at first balked at Wells' request since painting was not scheduled as part of the school's summer maintenance projects.

"I got some flack about changing the color," said Wells. "They didn't know how

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Dept. of Agriculture Celebrates National Farmers Market Week August 14 on St. John

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The Virgin Islands Department of Agriculture and its partners invite the entire public to celebrate National Farmers' Market Week, which will be observed August 7 through 13.

National Farmers' Market Week is intended to promote awareness of farmers' markets and their contributions to the development of local food supply systems, including the agricultural and economic revitalization of local communities. Farmers' markets also provide important outlets for producers and create opportunities for farmers and consumers to interact.

As part of this year's observance, farmers' market activities will be hosted throughout the territory. On St. John the market will be on Sunday, August 14,

from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Old Lumber Yard Complex.

"We are proud to participate in these public/private sector collaborations," said DOA Commissioner Louis Petersen. "These partnerships help to leverage resources for the benefit of farmers, consumers, and the community in general. Furthermore, this initiative provides the ideal way to observe National Farmers' Market Week and National Health Center Week."

Petersen also commended private sector efforts on St. John to promote the marketing of local farm products and encouraged the public to support the farmers' market during the month of August on St. John.

Persons interested in participating in the St. John activity should contact Karen Samuel at 340-626-0725.

Penalty and Interest Waiver for 2007 Property Taxes To End August 16

Tax Collector Valencio Jackson advises Virgin Islands property owners that pursuant to Act. No. 7241, penalties and interest will be charged on the 2007 bills beginning August 16, 2011.

The 2007 property tax bills were issued in February 2011 and became delinquent on May 15, 2011.

Act 7241 states that: "Notwithstanding the penalty and interest provisions of Title 29 Virgin Islands Code, section 2494, no interest or penalty may be levied on any assessment for the property tax years 2006, 2007, and 2008 for six months after the date of issuance of the respective year's tax assessment."

Accordingly, Virgin Islands property owners are encouraged to pay their 2007 property tax bills before August 16, 2011 in order to avoid the assessment of penalty and interest. After that date, penalty and interest charges will be assessed.

For more information, contact the Office of the Tax Collector at 776-6737 on St. John.

New Student Registration at UVI's St. John Academic Center Is Aug. 16

The University of the Virgin Islands will begin offering classes at the St. John Academic Center for the Fall 2011 semester.

A total of 46 credit courses will be offered using video conference technology at the newly opened center on the third floor of The Marketplace. UVI's Fall 2011 semester starts on August 22.

New student registration at the St. John Academic Center will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on August 16. Online registration is underway for matriculated or current UVI students for fall semester classes.

A full list of courses being offered at the St. John Academic Center is available at www.uvi.edu.

Discount for 2008 Property Taxes

Lieutenant Governor Gregory Francis is encouraging Virgin Islands property owners to pay their 2008 tax bills before the due date of August 20, 2011 in order to take advantage of early payment discounts.

Property owners who paid their 2008 tax bill by August 5 were entitled to a 5 percent early payment discount. Persons paying their tax bill after that date and before the due date of August 20 will receive a discount of 2.5 percent.

Property owners with mortgages, whose property tax payments are held in escrow accounts, should also contact their lenders to make sure that they do not miss the discount opportunity.

The 2008 property tax bills become delinquent if not paid by October 20, 2011. Late payment fees will be charged after January 20, 2012. Property taxes can be paid at the Tax Collector's Office on St. John at the Islandia Building.

Payments can be made in person or by mail. Checks, cash, money orders, ATM, debit and credit cards (Visa and Mastercard only) are accepted. Persons submitting their payments by mail are advised not to send cash.

Volunteers Needed for Genealogy

Organizers of the upcoming Genealogy and Local History Section of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions, are seeking volunteers to assist with preparations and hospitality for the Satellite Conference, which will be August 10 through 12.

For more details, email Annice Canton annice66@gmail.com.

Ivanna Eudora Kean Alumni Kicks Off First Annual Devil Rays Reunion

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Alumni of the Ivanna Eudora Kean High School, home of the Devil Rays, are doing what no other high school has done before.

This Labor Day weekend, on Sunday, September 4, the DRays will be kicking off their 1st Annual Reunion at Magens Bay Beach starting at 11 a.m.

All alumni, current students, faculty and staff are invited to the reunion and are welcome to bring their family for a fun-filled day. There will be food, music, entertainment and activities such as volleyball, football, dominoes, tug-of-war, beach twister and much more.

Additionally, everyone is encouraged to wear gold, maroon, or pink to show homage to the alma mater.

The idea for the reunion was suggested by Jessica Edwards, class of 2000, who is an organizer, along with other alumni.

"Kean Wall-of-Fame, an alumni page created on Facebook that celebrate all things DRays, inspired the idea," said Edwards. "A group of alums decided to make the idea a reality and started organizing the event via Kean Wall-of-Fame."

This monumental event is bringing generations of alumni and current students together. Weekly meetings for planning the reunion are on Sundays at IEK under the bus shed at 4 p.m., with meet and greet at 3:30 p.m.

For more information or to make a contribution, contact Edwards at 626-6216, Amazia Francis at 642-1251 or contact Kean Wall-of-Fame via Facebook.

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Laura Jean Ackerson on St. John, above and at right, with Grant Haze, the father of her two children.

Former St. John Residents Arrested for Murder

Husband and wife allegedly kill and dismember mother of two in North Carolina

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

When former St. John resident Laura Jean Ackerson went missing on July 13 from her North Carolina home, friends feared for her safety, according to reports.

Those fears were realized on July 25 when human remains, which began washing up in a creek about 60 miles outside of Houston, Texas, were confirmed to be that of the 27-year-old single mother.

According to police, Ackerson was killed and dismembered by her ex-boyfriend and his new wife, Grant and Amanda Hayes, both also former St. John residents.

Musician Hayes, 32, who goes by the stage name Grant Haze, was a regular presence on the St. John nightlife scene, playing weekly gigs at Island Blues in Coral Bay before landing a regular gig at the Parrot Club in Cruz Bay.

Hayes and Ackerson, who were never married but had two children, aged 3 and 2, together, moved to St. John around 2008 with their elder son. Ackerson got pregnant with the couple's second son during the 10 months the couple lived on island. Sometime during their stay the two split and Hayes began a relationship with Amanda Perry.

Perry, 39, arrived on St. John from New York around 2007 and was hired as the director of the now defunct St. John Artists' Association (SJAA). In an interview



Grant Hayes



Amanda Perry Hayes

with *St. John Tradewinds* at the time, Perry described herself as a former actress and self-taught painter.

During her time with the SJAA, Perry opened an art supply store in the Lumberyard Complex. That store eventually closed as the SJAA dissolved and Perry then worked at several island businesses, including the Beach Bar, before moving back to the states with Hayes.

Perry and Hayes married and lived for a time in New York. The couple eventually moved to North Carolina to be closer to Hayes' two children with Ackerson, with whom he was involved in a bitter custody battle, according to nu-

merous reports.

Perry and Hayes also had a child of their own about two months ago, according to pictures posted on Hayes' Facebook page.

Hayes had primary custody of their children, according to reports, and Ackerson was last seen when she went to drop the two off with Hayes after her weekend visit on July 13. Which is when officials believe Hayes and Perry killed Ackerson, dismembered her body, packed the pieces into coolers and transported them in a rented U-Haul trailer to Texas.

The couple towed the U-Haul and drove — with all three children — to Fort Bend County Tex-

as, where Perry's sister lives and dumped the body parts in a creek about 100 yards from Perry's sister's house.

Hayes and Perry were arrested on Monday, July 25, at Hayes' parents house in Kinston, North Carolina. The two are charged with murdering Ackerson and are scheduled to next appear in court on August 16. Until then, the couple will remain in the Wake County, North Carolina, jail after being

denied bail. Perry's sister has not been charged with any crimes.

"Relatives of Amanda Perry Hayes in Richmond, Texas, told investigators that she and Grant Hayes had come to visit her sister after Ackerson was killed, said Craig Brady, chief deputy for the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office," according to a report in the Raleigh, North Carolina, *News Observer*. "While there, relatives

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St. John Gets Some Wind, Rain from TS Emily

Remainder of Hurricane Season Set to See More Activity

By **Andrea Milam**
St. John Tradewinds

St. John residents geared up for the potential threat of Tropical Storm Emily last week, only to see the storm pass south of the territory, bringing few winds and some rain to the islands.

With all eyes on TS Emily as she slowly crossed the Atlantic region, the storm took a long time to organize, and was finally deemed a tropical storm on Monday, August 1, the same day St. John started feeling TS Emily's few effects.

No damage was reported in the territory, which saw just a few inches of rain from the storm over a period of three days, and wind gusts of up to 40 miles per hour on St. Croix, and 30 to 40 miles per hour on St. Thomas and St. John.

The U.S. Coast Guard advised boaters not to go out to sea, as oceans were whipped into white caps by the passing storm. The territory was under a tropical storm watch as Emily passed south of the islands.

The Department of Human Services planned to open storm shelters territory-wide, but the opening

of shelters was canceled on Tuesday, August 2, when it became apparent that TS Emily would not directly hit the Virgin Islands.

Forecasters remained uncertain about whether the storm would grow in intensity, and even had trouble initially agreeing on a storm track, but TS Emily eventually grazed the southern end of Hispaniola on Thursday, August 4.

There have now been five named tropical storms during the 2011 hurricane season, none of which have developed into a hurricane.

In late June, Tropical Storm Arlene — the season's most damaging and deadly so far — struck Mexico, causing flooding and landslides, and 22 confirmed deaths.

In mid-July, Tropical Storm Bret formed north of the Bahamas and eventually dissipated north of Bermuda.

On July 20, Tropical Storm Cindy was born northeast of Bermuda from the same front that created Bret. The storm never made landfall, and dissipated three days later.

Tropical Storm Don, which threatened the Texas coast, was

named on July 27. The storm was quickly downgraded, however, as it made landfall, dropping less than an inch of rain.

Forecasts are calling for a total of 15 to 17 named storms for the 2011 season, with Philip J. Klotzbach and William M. Gray's Colorado State University team anticipating nine hurricanes and five major hurricanes.

Meteorologists are also calling for more storms to make landfall in the U.S. this year. Factors contributing to the anticipated above-normal activity include high sea surface temperatures, which are two degrees warmer than average.

"We continue to foresee well above-average activity for the 2011 Atlantic hurricane season," said Klotzbach and Gray in a June 1 report. "We continue to anticipate an above average probability of United States and Caribbean major hurricane landfall."

To stay up to date on storm activity in the Virgin Islands, visit the V.I. Territorial Emergency Management Agency's web site, www.vitema.gov, to sign up to receive alerts via text message.

Wells Gets Jump Start on Julius E. Sprauve School Improvements

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I was going to get it done. I said, 'Just get me the paint and I'll get the people to do it.'"

And sure enough JESS has been transformed from its drab mauve tone to a cheery blue building over the last few weeks. Wells is sure the project will be complete well ahead of the start of school at the end of the month.

Wells also enlisted the help of Claudine Daniel, whose artwork graces the walls of GBS, to paint uplifting murals with positive messages inside the school itself.

Returning to JESS as principal is a homecoming of sorts for Wells who taught at the school from 1993 to 2003. Wells served as the

school's assistance principal from 2003 through 2006 when she took over as principal at GBS.

Improving the appearance of the school building is the first step toward building school pride, Wells explained.

"As we brighten the campus, what we're doing is building school culture and building school pride," said the JESS principal. "We're also going to start character-building activities at the school. As we change the environment here, we're becoming more welcoming to our student body and to the community."

Another one of Well's first orders of business was deciding to consolidate the entire student body

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A fresh coat of paint will cover all walls at Julius E. Sprauve School, above, before school starts on Tuesday, August 30.

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Maho Bay Projects Wrapping Up This Month

New comfort stations, pavilion and parking come to Maho Bay



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The renovated pavilion at Maho, above, is just about complete and will be available with a VINP special use permit.

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Virgin Islands National Park contractors took advantage of clear skies late last month to finish pouring concrete walkways at the new facilities at Maho Bay beach.

Renovations and construction at the new facilities at Maho Bay are expected to wrap up this month. The project, which cost VINP a total of \$429,000 and was contracted to Florida-based OTAK Group Inc. — and local sub-contractors — includes new vault toilet comfort stations, a large open air pavilion, renovations to the existing pavilion at Maho Bay and new head-on parking spaces all connected via accessible poured concrete pathways.

VINP's facilities manager Keith Macneir collaborated with Inclusion By Design principal Rosanne Ramos to ensure the new facilities meet Americans with Disability Act requirements and to make sure the island's most accessible beach remains open for mobility impaired sun seekers.

Ramos, who also worked with Friends of VINP on the acces-

sible trails at both Francis and Cinnamon Bays, last week lauded VINP's project at Maho Bay as an inclusive design.

"It's great to finally see some significant work happening here in a short amount of time which will improve access to Maho," said Ramos.

Four head-on parking spaces and one accessible parking space were poured last week as well as the accessible pathway leading to the comfort station and pavilions.

"They utilized a really low slope path which will make accessing the pavilion really easy for all users," said Ramos.

Maho Bay Campground helped make the concrete pathways environmentally friendly as well by supplying contractors with recycled glass for the walkways, Macneir explained.

"We're also installing recycled glass counter tops in the renovated pavilion," he said.

Several new picnic tables have already been installed under the open air pavilion and Macneir expected the last few pieces of

equipment for the vault toilets to arrive last week. Three barbecues are slated for Maho Bay beach too, Macneir added.

One will be located on the beach side of the comfort station, another will be placed close to the sea grape tree near the old picnic tables and the third will likely be situated on the far side of the renovated pavilion, according to the VINP facilities manager.

The comfort station, as well as the renovated pavilion, will not have running water or electricity. Waterless hand sanitizers will be available at the comfort station, and VINP officials decided to remove the electrical and water capacity at the existing pavilion, explained Macneir.

"We had meetings about the water and electrical use at the new facilities and it was determined that it's too hard to control the water usage," said Macneir. "We can't buy water and it's difficult to regulate who uses how much. So there won't be any electricity or water at the facilities."

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SJLC Installs Posts at Haulover Bay To Protect Shoreline

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Since being purchased by the non-profit St. John Land Conservancy this spring, pristine Haulover Bay has been saved from potential development.

Now the newest improvements at the East End beach are saving the area from erosion.

“We’ve installed posts on the South Bay side of Haulover,” said SJLC president Lauren Mercadante. “We’ve done this to protect the beach from oil and tire damage, to stop the destruction of plant life and to stop the sand from being undermined by the cars causing erosion. The move will also stop commercial trucks from pulling up and using the beach to clean out their equipment, and provide a non-impact, natural environment for people to enjoy the beach.”

“The entire beach front at Haulover is now preserved and protected and remains open for all to use and enjoy,” said Mercadante.

SJLC officials have also cleared the bush on the opposite side of the road in order to accommodate

parking away from the sensitive shore line.

“We’ve cleared back some of the growth on the opposite side of the road to provide more parking and to enable cars to pull completely off the roadway,” said Mercadante. “Depending on how the cars park and their size, there is room for 15 vehicles.”

While Haulover is now a protected conservation area, it is privately owned by SJLC. The beach remains open to the public for swimming, hiking and boating, but there is no commercial use, overnight camping or fires allowed in the area, Mercadante explained.

“People can still access the beach for their boats, swimming, hiking, and any recreation as always,” she said. “Commercial use is prohibited as is overnight camping, signage, fires or storage of personal property.”

With the new wooden posts installed expected to go a long way toward making sure Haulover beach remains in its place and devoid of oil, SJLC will turn its at

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New Happy Fish owner Dave Trent welcomes suggestions as he keeps the establishment open all summer.

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Happy Fish Under New Ownership

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the St. John venue's previous owner, Nate Kulchak. Trent's own restaurant experience involves 15 years of working every position in every type of restaurant imaginable. This is the first time he's ever owned a restaurant.

"The experience I've had with sushi has been sitting at the Happy Fish bar [in Boise] for the last 10 years and getting a really good feel of the entire business, the culture, and the food just by being on the opposite side of the bar," said Trent.

Among the new things Happy Fish regulars can expect is a nightly happy hour from 5 to 7 p.m., where nothing will be over \$7. The popular recently-installed lunch special will remain, and the restaurant will not close during off season.

Mixologist extraordinaire Kevin Baker is working hard behind the bar to create delectable new concoctions, like a sparkling lychee lemonade with vodka and effervescent Spanish white wine.

"I'm going to be focusing on things that are floral, aromatic, light and delicious," said Baker.

Another enticing concoction Barker recently whipped up is a light basil gin sangria which hits all the right notes and pairs perfectly with fresh fish.

As for the food menu, diners can expect new items in each category, from appetizers to sushi rolls to desserts, and in each dish, patrons will find the light, simple flavors and attention to detail that Happy Fish is known for.

For an appetizer or light entrée, try the Caribbean red snapper, wrapped in shrimp mousse with ginger and sesame seed, which is dredged in seasoned flour and the pan fried. This dish comes with a chili plum glaze and grilled tomatoes.

A recent sushi special, the Godzilla, is a behemoth of a roll with spicy tuna, cucumber, avocado, wrapped in eel, then tempura fried. It's finished off with a de-



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Bartender Kevin Baker, above, continues to wow imbibers at Happy Fish.

lightful spicy crab salad.

And for dessert, in a departure from Happy Fish's traditional Asian Pear Flambe, try the coconut tempura mango and banana with a white chocolate and coconut dipping sauce.

From Monday, August 8 through Saturday, August 13, Happy Fish will be offering a free carafe of hot sake to each paying customer upon request.

Happy Fish is located on the second floor of the Marketplace. For more information, call 776-1717 or visit www.happyfishvi.com.

Chamber Members Fear “Tipping Point” in Face of Higher Fees and Taxes

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

St. John business owners are preparing for tough times ahead with an expected additional hike to the gross receipts tax as well as continuing Water And Power Authority increases.

Much of the discussion among the 15 people at the St. John Chapter of the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce meeting on Tuesday evening, July 26, at the Cruz Bay Battery centered on the difficulty of running a business in the face of increased fees and taxes with no relief in sight for sky rocketing power bills.

“We must declare a state of emergency because of this economic hurricane and tsunami combined,” said St. John Chamber Chapter representative Don Porter. “WAPA’s projected budget for next year is \$100 million more than 2011. There is no way we can survive with that kind of crushing, repeating increases year in and year out.”

Porter presented his suggestions for WAPA’s improvement at a July Town Hall Meeting on St. Thomas which was co-sponsored by the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce and the V.I. Legislature.

“We must get the government to understand how they are impacting business. The perception is that businesses can just take it. We need hard number to show that the tipping point is very close.”

— Kate Norfleet, St. John Chapter Representative
STT/STJ Chamber of Commerce

WAPA must be made to see how important this issue is to the community, Porter explained.

“We must incentivize WAPA to embrace solar and wind usage so they will quit being an obstacle to widespread usage of these alternatives,” said Porter. “If every home in the Virgin Islands installed solar or wind power we could create jobs and keep millions more of oil monies in the VI. WAPA must present a 20-year plan that we can openly discuss and debate as a community.”

Chamber chapter members have also been focusing on improving the existing noise ordinance laws currently in the Virgin Island Code. The group wrote a proposed draft representing what members hope to see included in the new law, which was sent

to Government House last month.

As the budget debate continues and government employees adjust to an eight percent pay cut, the noise ordinance law has been placed on the back burner, explained St. John Administrator Leona Smith.

“That bill is still pending,” said Smith. “Because of budget hearings, that bill has not been looked at yet. It’s still sitting on the Government House legal advisor desk.”

“I don’t know a time frame for when that will be looked at,” she said.

Residents must continue to be vigilant about the Waste Management Authority’s proposed user fee plan, Porter added.

“Several months ago we discussed a proposed Legislative bill to institute a tax of 1-cent per pound on everything import-

ed into the Virgin Islands except food and medicine,” said Porter. “The implications of this bill could be huge. This issue remains active even though VI Waste Management Authority were ‘no shows’ at the last Public Services Commission meeting in July. WMA still has plans to implement this user fee which is essentially another tax.”

“We must all be vigilant about this,” Porter said. “We will continue to follow this. It’s on the horizon as WMA looks at creating a revenue stream.”

New fees combined with increased taxes and higher costs, spell trouble for business, explained St. John Car Rental owner Lonnie Willis.

“We’re reaching a tipping point for tourists,” said Willis. “Tourists will choose to go to a different island. Each new fee and each increase brings that tipping point closer.”

“Senators don’t get that at all,” she said.

The recent closure of St. John Eye Care is a reminder of the difficulty of running a successful business in the face of additional fees and taxes, added Norfleet.

“We must get the government to understand how they are impacting business,” she

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Legal Notice

If You Purchased Municipal Derivatives from January 1, 1992 to the Present You Could Get a Payment from a Class Action Settlement

A partial Settlement has been reached with Morgan Stanley, one of the Defendants, in a class action lawsuit alleging bid rigging in the sale of municipal derivatives. The case, *In re Municipal Derivatives Antitrust Litigation*, MDL No. 1950, No. 08-02516, is pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Who Is Included in the Settlement?

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The Alleged Provider and Broker Defendants and Co-Conspirators are listed on the website referenced below.

What Does the Settlement Provide?

The Settlement affects only the claims against Morgan Stanley. The case is continuing against the other non-settling defendants. Morgan Stanley has paid \$4,950,000 for the payment of claims, plus an additional \$1,550,000 to pay certain administrative and litigation costs. Morgan Stanley will also provide information

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What Do I Do Now?

- Remain in the Settlement.** To remain in the Settlement Class and participate in the Settlement, you do not need to do anything now. If the Court approves the Settlement, you will give up the right to sue Morgan Stanley for the claims in this class action. To receive a payment, you will have to submit a claim form that will be available at a future date. Register on the website to receive a claim form when it becomes available. If you remain in the Settlement Class, you will still have the right to exclude yourself from any other class that may be certified in the case.
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Who Represents You?

The Court has appointed the law firms of Hausfeld LLP; Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP; and Susman Godfrey LLP to serve as Class Counsel and represent all members the Class. If you want to be represented by your own lawyer, you may hire one at your own expense.

When Will the Court Decide Whether to Approve the Settlement?

The Court has scheduled a hearing on **November 23, 2011**, at 9:30 a.m. at the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, 500 Pearl Street, New York, NY 10007. The Court will consider whether to approve the Settlement as fair, reasonable and adequate, and whether to approve Class Counsel’s request for reimbursement of litigation expenses.

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For more information on this lawsuit, your rights, or to obtain a list of defendants, call or go to the website shown below or write to Municipal Derivatives Settlement, c/o Rust Consulting, Inc., PO Box 2500, Faribault, MN 55021-9500.

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Training Camp Gives Teens a Taste of Life as a VINP Ranger

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

While many visitors enjoy the beaches and trails in the V.I. National Park, last month 12 teenagers learned what it would be like to have the park as an office.

Sponsored by Friends of VINP, Interpretive Ranger Cortney Balcer led a five-day, four-night Ranger in Training Camp at the V.I. Environmental Resource Station July 25 through 29.

The 12 campers from St. Thomas and St. John got hands-on experience from a variety of VINP personnel, explained Friends' summer intern Kerry Bracco, who helped out with the camp.

"The five days spent out at VIERS with the Ranger in Training Camp were incredibly rewarding," said Bracco. "The kids had the opportunity to learn about different jobs within the National Park Service including what it takes to be an Interpretive Ranger, Archaeology, Law Enforcement Ranger and work in Resource Protection."

Campers enjoyed an array of activities from hiking to Drunk Bay to mapping the ruins at Lameshur Bay.

"We're going over archaeology methods and getting the students to map the area and the ruin," said VINP's Kortney Donogue. "We're teaching them to map out the site and how to create an historic



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Students in the Ranger in Training Camp at VIERS learned about plotting archaeological ruins near Lameshur Bay, above.

sketch using a laser to be as accurate as possible."

VINP rangers also scattered several "artifacts" around the ruins for campers to find and identify, Donogue added.

"We set up an area where we placed several objects to be artifacts for the kids to locate," she said. "They had to look at the context of where they found the

artifact, map it out and plot the location and write down their observations."

The camp was open to students between the ages of 13 and 16 with a real interest in the park, and this year's group even impressed their instructors, according to Balcer.

"The camp has been going great," she said. "The kids are very interested in what we're do-

ing. They're really smart and are doing a great job keeping their journals."

Campers also learned about navigation, GPS plotting, soil sampling and more. The most popular activity by far, however, was when the campers got the chance to hit the waves, explained Bracco.

"Marine ecosystem lessons and subsequent snorkeling trips were,

by far, the favorite activities of the 10 boys and two girls who attended the camp," said the Friends' summer intern. "One of the highlights of the program was when one of the camp goers, who had limited experience in the water prior to the camp, learned to swim during our beach visits and snorkel trips."

In addition to being introduced to potential careers in the National Park Service, Ranger in Training Campers also had the chance to learn directly from professionals, Bracco added.

"The Rangers in Training had the opportunity to engage with college level professors and park professionals," she said. "Those who were interested were even offered the opportunity to shadow a Marine Biologist on future research trips and one camper with a passion for history and culture was encouraged to pursue an archaeological internship with the Park."

The camp was sponsored by Friends of VINP, with funding from Lana Vento Charitable Trust, Disney World Cruise Lines, VI-EPSCoR, MHW Associates, Glacial Energy VI, LLC, International Capital and Management Company, Innovative, Windward Capital and Rotary Club of St. John, according to Heather Ruh-sam, Friends' development direc-tor.

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Inner Visions Kick Off Stateside Tour

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Inner Visions Band has again left the shores of St. John to embark on yet another Stateside tour—Love 'n Harmony Tour 2011!

As they look forward to another rewarding experience, they keep reminding humanity that the essence of true happiness is to exercise the love we all possess. See tour dates and other info at : www.innervision-reggae.com.

2011 Tour schedule for Inner Visions Reggae Band

- 8/4 — Visions Bar and Grill (Lafayette, LA)
- 8/6 — Flamingo Cantina (Austin, TX)
- 8/10 — Club Viva (St. Louis, MO)
- 8/11 — Czars (St. Joseph, MI)
- 8/13 — Ya Maka My Weekend (Rock Island, IL)
- 8/16 — One Pelham East (Newport, RI)
- 8/19 — The Saint (Asbury Park, NJ)
- 8/21 — Sullivan Hall (Manhattan, NY)
- 8/24 — Harvey Cedars Town Park Series (Long Beach Island, NJ)
- 8/25 — Castle on the Crane (Ipswich, MA)
- 8/26 — Iron Horse (Northampton, MA)
- 8/27 — Club Helsinki (Hudson, NY)
- 9/1 — Higher Ground (Burlington, VT)
- 9/2 — The Grand Auditorium (Ellsworth, ME)
- 9/3 — Schooners Landing (Damariscotta, ME)
- 9/5 — Oneonta Theater Ballroom (Oneonta, NY)
- 9/9 — Plumms, (Beaufort, SC)
- 9/17 — The Gallery Bistro (Atlanta, GA)



Power Outages To Improve Service

St. John Tradewinds

The V.I. Water and Power Authority interrupted power in the Cruz Bay area of St. John, on Thursday, July 28, to allow WAPA personnel to install control voltage sensors on the new vault switchgear.

With the new switchgear, the Authority is able to tie St.

John feeders 7E and 9E together, when necessary, making service on the island more reliable.

This latest installation is part of the ongoing Cruz Bay Roundabout Underground Project, where WAPA has placed overhead power lines underground.

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VIERS Summer Science Campers Enjoy the Beach and Learn About What's Happening Under the Waves

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Seventeen teenagers from St. Thomas, St. Croix and St. John enjoyed the beautiful beaches of Love City's remote south shore last month while learning about the science under the waves as well.

The students took part in Science Camp at the Virgin Islands Environmental Resource Station (VIERS) at Lameshur Bay from July 25 through 29. Sponsored by Friends of VINP, with funding from the National Science Foundation and the Virgin Islands Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (VI-EPS-CoR), the students worked along with distinguished marine biologists and learned about the health of coral reefs.

California State University Northridge Professor Peter Edmunds has been studying corals in the Lameshur Bay area for 25 years and is one of the leading coral biologists in the country. Edmunds described his methods of photographing the sea floor to determine the number of corals.

"What we do when looking at the reef is photograph the sea floor to figure out how much coral is there," Edmunds said. "I first came here in 1987 and then we determined that 50 percent of the sea floor at Lameshur Bay was covered in coral."

Students tried to guess what that percentage is today, but none of the science campers guessed how

much things had changed.

"Now that figure is seven percent," Edmunds told the campers.

Factors like hurricanes and above normal sea temperatures over the years have contributed to the decline, Edmunds explained.

"Hurricane Hugo in 1989 started a lot of the decline in coral reefs out here," he said. "In 1995 there were two more hurricanes which continued to impact the corals. Then in 1989, and again last year, hot water pushed more corals to die."

What Edmunds, who spends about a month each summer at VIERS with CSUN graduate and undergraduate students, strives for is to document exactly what is going on under the sea at Lameshur.

"We generate facts and facts can not be disputed," he said. "We can use the facts to show the local government what is happening to coral reefs here. The difficult part is establishing why this happens; that's process."

Coral reefs took another hit last summer when two storms affected reef health in different ways, Edmunds told the Science Campers.

"Last year was another bad year for the oceans," said the CSUN professor. "We had two storms last year; one was wet and the other was windy with very rough seas. That combination left hardly any baby corals alive out here."

As the teenagers prepared to head out under the waves to get a first hand look at the coral in Lameshur Bay, Edmunds encour-



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Science Campers learn about the decline in coral reef health from Professor Peter Edmunds, above, at VIERS.

aged the campers to appreciate what VIERS offers.

"In a few years time you could be in college studying these out there," he said. "VIERS is an awesome lab. Our lab is the ocean and having somewhere like VIERS is priceless."

With little in the way of development, Lameshur gives scientists an idea of how the natural environment is quickly changing, Edmunds explained.

"It's amazing being out here," he said. "Being able to get a picture of what is happening to the natural environment without development is awesome."

For Science Camper Malik Francis, the decision to return to

VIERS this summer was an easy one.

"I signed up for Science Camp last summer and didn't know what to expect," said the 16-year-old Charlotte Amalie High School student. "I came back this summer because I had such a great time last year."

Working in VIERS' wet lab at Lameshur Bay and catching a glimpse of night-time excitement in the sea topped Francis' Science Camp highlights this summer.

"We got here on Monday and Nancy Prentiss showed us bioluminescents which was fun" said Francis. "Going to the lab is really cool too."

Working with VI-EPSCoR this

summer allowed Friends of VINP to welcome students from all three main U.S. Virgin Islands at Science Camp for the first time, explained Friends' development director Heather Ruhsam.

"The program was sponsored by VI-EPSCoR this year, who enabled five students to come from St. Croix to participate in the camp, marking the first time we have had representation from all three US Virgin Islands in the program," said Ruhsam.

By working alongside veteran scientists, campers are allowed a first hand look at actual research methods and an understanding of why the work is important, Ruhsam explained.

"The campers spent the week working alongside various researchers and professors who conduct their research at VIERS during the summer," she said. "The goal of the program is to give older children an opportunity to see natural and cultural resource research, protection and preservation at work, enlightening them to the potential careers available to them right here at home in the USVI."

"Programs like Science Camp nurture the next generation of our territory's stewards, ensuring that we will continue to protect and preserve this special place that we call home," said Ruhsam.

For more information about VIERS and the summer camps at the research station, check out www.islands.org/viers.

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Local Teens Learn Life Skills at Sisterhood/Brotherhood Program

St. John Tradewinds

This summer Sisterhood Agenda, with its Brotherhood Agenda division, implemented the Sisterhood/Brotherhood Career and Life Skills Training Program, made possible through a mini-grant by the V.I. Department of Labor.

Sisterhood Agenda president Angela Coleman, taught 13 students (ages 14 and 15) from St. Thomas and St. John to gain more insights about education, life skills, work and career opportunities. The program met for four weeks and ended with a program ceremony and field trip to the Westin Resort and Villas.

"We are very excited this year to have so many quality providers like Sisterhood Agenda serving both girls and boys through our mini-grant program. Together, they are serving over 200 kids in the Territory," said Fernando Webster, DOL program coordinator.

Program participants were visited by guest speakers and enjoyed daily activities including reading the newspaper, learning about ways to increase wealth and affluence, practicing public presentation and debate, budgeting, college preparation, leadership development, etiquette and more. The group also bonded in the spirit of sisterhood and brotherhood.

Program participants took field trips, including a visit to the East

End Medical Center where they received a tour, talked to nurses, administrative staff and Dr. Debra Francis the Center's Medical Director about professions in the medical field.

In addition, participants visited the University of the Virgin Islands, received information from the Admissions Office, toured the campus with Admissions Recruiter Campbell Douglas, and had lunch in the cafeteria.

On their final field trip to the Westin Resort and Villas, Joseph Paoli, Director of Human Resources and Eucil Worrell-Ashton, Human Resources Manager, gave the group a tour of the hotel's facilities where they were also greeted by staff and educated about different job positions.

Participants were treated to a shared lunch buffet with St. John Rotary as well.

"We are honored to have the students visit the property and support communities and schools in St. Thomas and St. John," said Paoli. "It's a great way to introduce hospitality career opportunities and we appreciate Ms. Coleman bringing the group to us, giving us the opportunity to participate."

"We're excited about the possibilities young people have now and how important the educational process is for them," said Bruce Munro, St. John Rotary President.

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2nd Degree Burglaries: 6

3rd Degree Burglaries: 23

Grand Larcenies: 39

Rapes: 1

Letters To St. John Tradewinds

Consumers Pay the Gross Receipts Taxes

The Executive and Legislative Branch of the Virgin Islands Government will vote in early August on whether to raise the gross receipt tax another half-percent to 5 percent. This tax was already increased this past May from 4 percent to 4-and-a-half percent.

We all recognize the USVI has a budget crisis and the lagging economy is hurting everyone. Raising gross receipts taxes again is not the solution.

Many of you believe that a gross receipts tax is a business tax that doesn't concern you but that is not true. You are indirectly paying these taxes on the price you pay for goods and services. It is a "hidden" tax — built into a price but not assessed to you directly.

Most U.S. states have sales taxes that consumers pay on goods and services purchased. This sales tax is clearly shown on store receipts and customers can see how much they are paying in taxes.

When the VI government raises the gross receipts tax — businesses are forced to adjust prices higher to account for the tax expense to the business. The consumer does not see this on a receipt.

Businesses do look for ways to be more productive to keep prices down, but it can't just absorb the cost of gross receipts taxes.

Consumers need to know that the prices they are paying are directly affected by gross receipts tax

increases. Please call or e-mail your legislators and tell them you can't afford more tax increases — and don't be fooled into thinking that gross receipts taxes are a business tax—it may seem like that- but you the consumer are paying the taxes and it does affect your wallet

**Thank You,
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St. John Roads Need Immediate Repair

Honorable Senator Ronald E. Russell,

The St. John Roadway Committee was authorized by Department of Public Works Commissioner Daryl Smalls in February 2009.

There is a concern that needed road repairs are going at a slow or nil pace. The damages done as a result of last November's storms are still in need of repair.

Of particular and immediate concern are the slides and embankment failures on the following main roads: Route 10 (Centerline Road) — between mile marker 6 and Coral Bay at eight locations; and on Route 1041 (Rendezvous Road to Fish Bay) at one location approximately 300 feet east of the intersection with Route 104.

These road sections are key to providing access to numerous residents and school children traveling between Coral Bay and Cruz Bay and between Fish Bay and Cruz Bay.

The above sections needing immediate repair are in danger of further roadway failure and are a dangerous safety hazard. With us now in Hurricane Season, time is crucial in completing these repairs and to find remedies to eliminate complete isolation of Coral

Bay and Fish Bay.

It has been said that St. John has always been treated as a step-child to both St. Croix and St. Thomas, getting the last ends of the entitlements given to the Virgin Islands. Minimal funds are being allocated for improving the infrastructure of St. John while the government continues to approve new developments and building permits over the objections of its residents. This approach is a path to disaster.

The committee still awaits constructive input and comments from those responsible for the completion of the above repairs and the implementation of construction of alternate access routes to serve Coral Bay and John's Folly, and/or providing facilities for health care, emergency response stations and water/air transportation facilities.

We invite you and your colleagues to come to St. John for a tour of our roads, especially those sections of roads needing immediate repair and rehabilitation.

We look forward to your response.

**Respectfully yours,
Norm Gledhill, chairperson
St. John Road Advisory Committee**

Crossword Answers — Puzzle on Page 20

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Letters To Tradewinds

Greener VI Looks To Save Coral And Turtles from Dumping of Raw Sewage

Citizens Unite! Please help www.GreenerVI.org to save coral and turtles and US Virgin Islands' coastal waters from the continued dumping of millions of gallons of raw sewage.

We have filed a Motion to Intervene/Citizen's Suit, suing V.I. Waste Management Authority and the Environmental Protection Agency because they have not stopped the dumping and have no plan to research and revitalize VI coastal waters, in direct violation of the Endangered Species Act.

Our solution will, with federal funding, fix our wastewater systems, have comprehensive recycling, composting, marine pump out stations, close our unlined dumps and enforce federal laws bringing many new jobs and extensive federal funding for the research and revitalization of VI coastal waters.

We ask everyone to please sign up for a \$25 membership, to help us with expenses to continue this work which benefits all, and please ask your friends and everyone you know who cares about coral, turtles, and saving VI coastal waters.

The higher the number of U.S. Citizen Members, the stronger our position with the Federal District Court. Please visit our website, see our extensive library of documents, and sections on Coral and Turtles, WAPA, (our next focus), Waste Management and more. Please tell us your issues and concerns. Together, united, we can make great, wonderful changes, and save our coral reefs, before it is too late.

Susan Wolterbeek, president
www.GreenerVI.org

Maybe They're Both Right

Maybe they are both right. We need a Federal government that will provide everything that every individual needs to live a good life, like an education, fire protection, health care system, police protection to provide safety from each other, and an army to provide protection from invaders, and provide it for each and every American.

That's it and no more. The rest is up to us and our local governments.

We also need a government which is responsible to control Capitalism so it does not limit our ability to grow as individuals and as a species.

If they can accomplish that, then we can use our Government to do a better job at helping us to grow and grow, cheaper and cheaper.

Greg Miller



1-800-222-TIPS (8477)

Correction

The photos accompanying the article "First St. John Lionfish Dive Search Nets Three Fish" in the July 25-August 7 issue of *St. John Tradewinds* were taken by Under St. John Photography.

University of the Virgin Islands Mourns Passing of Professor Gene Emanuel

St. John Tradewinds

University of the Virgin Islands President David Hall leads the UVI community in mourning the death of Associate Professor of Humanities Gene Emanuel, a member of the faculty of the UVI College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences.

Emanuel died Thursday evening, July 28.

Emanuel joined the UVI faculty in 1981, when the University was still the College of the Virgin Islands. Throughout his career, Emanuel stressed that learning involves more than acquiescing to the status quo — that the consciousness of students must actually be raised. An avid Pan-Africanist, Prof. Emanuel's passion for Afro-Caribbean history and culture was always evident.

He was one of almost 100 delegates of the African Union's (AU) African Diaspora Technical Committee of Experts to gather this past February in Pretoria, South Africa. The delegates set out to create a roadmap for the African Diaspora, which includes defining the Diaspora, organizing it through regular AU Diaspora Conferences and developing a program of action.

"The University of the Virgin Islands is not the same place today as it was yesterday because Professor Gene Emanuel is no longer with us," President Hall said. "We are saddened by his sudden death, and mourn with his family and this community, which he loved so much and served so well. He represented the cultural consciousness of the University, and we must now work even harder to carry forth his work and preserve his outstanding legacy."

A thought-provoking instructor, it was Emanuel's charismatic style that engaged UVI students in courses he taught, including the Freshman Development Seminar, World Literature, American Literature, Black American Literature and English courses "Perspectives on Contemporary Issues" and



St. John Tradewinds News Photo Courtesy of UVI

Professor Gene Emanuel

"Conscious Reader."

Social Science Professor Dr. Dion Phillips and Emanuel had been colleagues since the 1980s.

"He taught a cluster of courses. Because of his classroom charisma, which emboldened him to students, his classes were always in great demand," Dr. Phillips said.

Emanuel and retired UVI Humanities Professor Dr. Gilbert Sprauve annually led hikes to the Fortsberg historic site on St. John, where enslaved Africans led a rebellion against a garrison of Danish soldiers in 1733.

A former faculty representative to the UVI Board of Trustees, Emanuel spearheaded the Intercollegiate Debate Society at UVI and helped to create the curriculum for a Caribbean literature course at UVI. He was so beloved by UVI students that year after year he was selected to be the Commencement marshal.

"He's left indelible memories," Phillips said. "The challenge for those who are left behind and the next generation is to carry forth that torch."

"He was an excellent teacher and great mentor," said UVI student Shawna Ludvig, whose Summer Session II course with Prof. Emanuel ended on July 29.

"He became a friend — someone you can talk to, go to, anytime."

Ludvig, who took three Humanities courses with Emanuel, said she will remember him as someone who always emphasized the brilliance of Caribbean authors.

"He always wanted people to know about Caribbean authors, whether they were on other islands or in the Virgin Islands," she said. "I cried because I had this great mentor and now he is gone."

Stanley Jacobs, the bandleader of "Stanley and the 10 Sleepless Nights," remained Emanuel's lifelong friend. The two grew up in the Water Gut area of Christiansted, St. Croix, graduated from Christiansted High School and attended Lincoln University in Pennsylvania together.

Jacobs said Emanuel's interest was clear from the start.

"He was always interested in the cultural part of the Virgin Islands," said Jacobs.

"Prof. Emanuel was certainly one of our most beloved professors," UVI Professor Emerita of History Marilyn Krigger said. "This is a loss for both the University and the Virgin Islands community as a whole."

He is survived by his wife Mary and his children.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Cutline:

Husband and wife allegedly kill, dismember mother of two in North Carolina

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said, the pair carried coolers they brought from Raleigh to Oyster Creek. Investigators from Raleigh and Fort Bend County searched the creek Sunday afternoon and found parts of a torso they think is Ackerson's caught in the weeds growing in the creek, Brady said."

Divers also found a leg and head, which police used to identify Ackerson's remains, according to reports. Her hands have not been recovered. Investigators immediately expressed puzzlement about Hayes and Perry transporting the body through five states, according to the *News Observer*.

"It was puzzling, Brady said, that someone would kill, dismember the victim and drive more than 1,000 miles, past any number of secluded locations seemingly better suited for hiding a body, then dump it only 100 yards from the home of someone with whom they were so easy to link," according to the North Carolina newspaper.

"So they drove through, what, five or six states and over a 40-mile-wide swamp in Louisiana, all so they can bring the body here?" Brady was quoted in the *News and Observer*. "Fortunately for police, criminals just aren't very smart."

Officials found several coolers and a machete in Perry's sister's house. The body appeared to have been dismembered at least partly with a saw, according to reports.

The children were taken into custody by police and released to Hayes' parents, according to the North Carolina newspaper.

Last week Ackerson's father filed for custody of his two grandsons, according to charlotteob-

server.com.

"Rodger Ackerson said the two children need to be protected and taken care of," according to the report. "The boys are now in the care of the mother of the man accused of killing and dismembering 27-year-old Laura Jean Ackerson."

In Kinston, more than 100 church members at the Grace Fellowship Church, where Ackerson attended, hosted a memorial service last weekend for the murdered mother, according to abcnews.com.

ABC News' 20/20 website included a video interview of Ackerson's brother Jason Ackerson. He said that Laura Ackerson was scared of Hayes and feared for her safety.

"He was very controlling and very manipulative," Jason Ackerson said about Hayes in the interview with ABC News 20/20. "It was hard to contact her without her fearing for her life from her ex-boyfriend. We should have taken the threats more seriously."

In the interview, Jason Ackerson called Hayes and Perry "monsters."

"Grant Hayes and his wife are monsters," he said in the ABC News interview. "I hope anybody who knows them, follows them or enjoyed their music understands that."

The grisly murder was also covered by CBS News' 48 Hours Mystery and will likely be the subject of an upcoming news special on the network. CBS News officials reportedly called the Beach Bar last week asking for information about Perry.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

"Make today better than yesterday, and tomorrow better than today," was recently painted on the school's wall near the main entrance.

Julius Sprauve School Improvements

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at the main JESS campus. There will no longer be classes convening across the street at the Clarice Thomas Annex, which previously housed the elementary classes.

"There will no longer be any students at the annex," said Wells. "Everyone will be moved to our main campus. We'll use the annex for after school programs and community meetings."

"I think it's important to have everyone right here in one place instead of being separated and spread out across town," she said.

Wells also plans to finally utilize fitness equipment which was donated to JESS several years ago by the Westin Resort and Villas and has been sitting idle ever since.

"We'll set up the fitness center at the annex for use by the students, faculty, staff and hopefully the community too," said Wells.

As Wells moves ahead at full force to bring JESS up to her exacting standards, the principal's excitement was tempered by the lack of activity at her old school.

"I'm really excited about moving forward and making changes here, but it's mixed because nothing is happening out at Guy Benjamin School," she said. "I'm going to try to get out there to clean too. I can't have the students returning to a school that has been neglected all summer."

Luckily, Wells oversaw a major clean up at the Coral Bay school in December, so the cleaning projects

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should be minimal, the principal added.

"With the major clean up we did in December, it's not that bad out there," said Wells. "But the students need to know that the community cares and we are here for them."

The popular 21st Century after school program, launched at GBS last year, will continue at the school in Wells' absence, she added.

"We're also going to try to add some of the classes here at JESS too," said Wells. "I want to bring the English As a Second Language classes for our population here at school who needs it."

Anyone who wishes to help the painting and cleaning efforts at JESS and GBS should stop by JESS and talk to Wells.

“Tipping Point” in Face of Higher Fees Taxes

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said. “The perception is that businesses can just take it. We need hard number to show that the tipping point is very close.”

The St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce has made great strides with its Summer Employment and Youth Mentorship Program, explained chamber representative Kate Norfleet.

“The goal is to have each business assigned to one at-risk youth,” said Norfleet. “We’re working with UVI and the Department of Human Services on this program. The key is to reach out to the youth who need it.”

Fourteen students between the ages of 14 and 16 took part in the program this summer and enjoyed a tour and hike with Virgin Islands National Park Superintendent Mark Hardgrove, a tour of St. John and meeting with various chamber members, Norfleet explained.

“This is all a part of letting the kids know business is not bad,” she said. “We must bring these kids back into the fold. We need more young people getting involved with private businesses.”

“It takes each one of us to do one little part, either a couple of hours a week or a month,” said Norfleet. “It’s critical to building the future. We can’t continue to

lose our kids to the states; we need real good people to stay here.”

Chamber chapter members are also still hoping to move ahead with Glen Speer designed landscaping at the Cruz Bay roundabout, Norfleet explained.

The group’s hands are tied because it does not have the final projected cost of the project, according to Norfleet.

“We can’t go ahead with a fundraiser or anything until we have some idea of the whole plan,” she said. “Sorry for the delay.”

Landscaping at the recently renovated Frank Powell Park in Cruz Bay is still in the planning stages as well, according to Administrator Smith.

“We’ll be meeting with Department of Public Works to discuss that,” said Smith. “Some funding does remain for the landscaping. The park is not complete yet; it’s still a work in progress.”

The estimated cost of landscaping the park is \$15,000 for labor and plants, Smith added.

“The park is unofficially open,” she said. “An official ceremony to open the park is still pending. Contractors are continuing with landscaping and minor work.”

For more information about the Chamber’s mentoring program call 776-0100.

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

St. John Tradewinds

Crime Stoppers is asking the community’s help to solve the following murders. If anyone knows something, they should say something. Even the smallest bit of information may be just what law enforcement needs to identify and arrest the killers.

V.I. Police Department officials are seeking additional information on the murder of Juan Ayala who was murdered outside his home in Estate Pastory on January 5, 2009 at about 8 a.m. VIPD believe there may be two suspects, one of whom may be a black male with braided hair.

Continue to help make our 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. The minimum reward for the arrest of a homicide suspect is \$1,500. Only anonymous callers to Crime Stoppers are eligible for these cash rewards.

Crime Stoppers currently has 17 unpaid rewards totaling \$11,757 from tips received as far back as August 2009. Those who submitted tips should check to see if their tip qualifies for a reward, as unclaimed rewards expire six months after they are awarded.

Police Log

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

LAND LINE: 911 / ~~CELLULAR: 340-776-9110~~ / POLICE DEPT: 340-693-8880 / FIRE: 340-776-6333

Friday, July 22

1:15 a.m. - A Calabash Boom resident p/r that damage was done to her vehicle. Damage to vehicle.

11:08 a.m. - A nurse at Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center c/r that a patient had been assaulted. Aggravated assault and battery, D.V.

11:29 a.m. - An Estate Bethany resident c/r that someone broke into his residence. Burglary in the third.

3:40 p.m. - A visitor from Kansas c/r that he had an accident with his scooter which injured his girlfriend. Auto accident.

Saturday, July 23

2:05 p.m. - A St. Thomas resident p/r that he was assaulted by another male. Simple assault.

Sunday, July 24

8:57 a.m. - An Estate Bethany resident c/r that she was threatened. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

8:23 p.m. - A St. Croix resident c/r that his vehicle was damaged. Damage to vehicle.

10:45 p.m. - A citizen c/r loud music coming from a bar in Coral Bay. Disturbance of the peace.

Monday, July 25

10:42 a.m. - A Calabash Boom resident p/r that she is being harassed via the telephone. Telephone harassment.

1:25 p.m. - A citizen p/r that he was bitten by a dog in the area of Wharfside Village. Dog bite.

Tuesday, July 26

1:14 a.m. - An Estate Bethany resident r/ a man with no shirt on in her home at Freeman’s Ground. Unlawful entry.

7:07 a.m. - An Estate Contant resident p/r that someone stole property from his residence. Grand larceny.

8:42 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident r/ that someone stole a battery from his company vehicle. Grand larceny.

2:47 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident c/requesting police assistance to remove a man from his business. Police assistance.

Wednesday, July 27

10:07 a.m. - A Scotia Bank manager p/r that a resident deposited fraudulent money orders and a check. Forgery and counterfeit.

10:05 a.m. - A citizen p/r that an animal was lingering in the area of Lavender Hill. Police assistance.

3:55 p.m. - An Upper Carolina resident c/r that he was in a car accident. Auto accident.

4:20 p.m. - An Estate Grunwald resident p/r that a male is harassing and threatening her daughter. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

4:30 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r that her boyfriend kicked in her door. Destruction of property, D.V.

10:01 p.m. - A citizen c/r loud music coming from a bar in Coral Bay. Disturbance of the peace.

Thursday, July 28

1:25 p.m. - A Bordeaux resident p/r that an unknown male poked him in his chest. Simple assault.

Friday, July 29

8:34 a.m. - A visitor from Iowa c/r a burglary at her rental villa in Estate Enighed. Burglary in the second.

12:43 p.m. - An Estate Chocolate Hole resident c/r that someone broke into his villa. Burglary in the third.

11:43 p.m. - An Estate Giffit Hill resident r/ an altercation at Wharfside Village. Assault and battery.

Saturday, July 30

1:43 a.m. - A hospice worker r/ that her patient was not breathing. DOA.

8:02 a.m. - An employee of the Animal Care Center c/r a break in at the shelter. Burglary in the third.

Sunday, July 31

12:25 p.m. - A Bellevue Village resident p/r that she was in an auto collision in the Lumberyard parking lot. Auto collision.

Monday, August 1

10:02 a.m. - An Estate Bethany resident p/r that she had an altercation with WAPA employees. Police assistance.

7:35 p.m. - A Cruz Bay Apartments resident c/requesting police assistance in removing her boyfriend from her residence. Police assistance.

Tuesday, August 2

6:49 a.m. - An Estate Pastory resident r/ that she got into a verbal altercation with her boyfriend. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

7:45 a.m. - A St. Thomas resident p/r that she lost her SSN card, green card, health card and work permit. Lost documents.

5:07 p.m. - A visitor from Pennsylvania p/r that someone hit his rental vehicle with an egg in the area of George Simmonds Terrace. Disturbance of the peace.

9:48 p.m. - A citizen c/r loud music coming from a bar in Coral Bay. Loud music.

Wednesday, August 3

3:00 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident r/ that his dinghy was stolen from Great Cruz Bay. Unauthorized use of vehicle.

3:15 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident r/ that her plants were missing. Petit larceny.

Ferry Schedules - Cruz Bay and Charlotte Amalie

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Every hour on the hour from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.

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Every hour on the hour from 6 a.m. to 12 a.m.

CRUZ BAY TO DOWNTOWN CHARLOTTE AMALIE

Leaves Cruz Bay	Leaves Charlotte Amalie
8:45 a.m.	10 a.m.
11:15 a.m.	1 p.m.
3:45 p.m.	5:30 p.m.

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SJLC Installs Posts at Haulover Bay

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tention next to the north beach on Dreekets Bay, according to Mercadante.

"Next we'll be working on the best way to improve access to the north beach through the boggy area both for peoples' safety and to the protect the plants and animals," she said.

SJLC has also installed a new sign along the road near the South Beach, which boasts the group's bananaquit logo and tagline of "Conservation through Preservation and Appreciation," the ethos which has dictated the improvements to the land.

"These changes have improved and protected the beach and are the start in helping the environment repair itself in time," said Mercadante. "Its conservation will create a healthier and safer natural area."

SJLC is also not about to stop at Haulover Bay, the group hopes the beach acquisition is just the first of many projects to ensure the natural beauty of St. John is preserved, Mercadante explained.

The non-profit conservation group relies on donations of time, money and support. To find out how to help SJLC, check out the website www.stjohnlandconservancy.org.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

New wooden posts, above, spelled the end of parking on the shoreline at Haulover.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Department of Planning and Natural Resources invites you to participate in the following planning initiative:

The United States Virgin Islands Zoning and Subdivision Code Revision

When: Thursday, August 11, 2011
 Where: Nazareth Lutheran Church, Cruz Bay
 Time: 6:00 p.m.

In 2009 an assessment of the current Virgin Islands Zoning and Subdivision Code was conducted by Rutgers University Center for Government Services. This assessment helped identify conflicting regulations, vague definitions and standards that no longer fit the pace and style of development in the Territory. Rutgers University, upon completing the study, was contracted to draft a revised Zoning and Subdivision Code. In March of 2011, Module 1 of 4 was delivered to the Department and presented to the public during a series of meetings throughout the Territory.

Module 2 has been recently delivered to the Department and will be presented to the public during the above scheduled meeting. Module 2 deals with the standards and permitted uses in each of the Zoning Districts. This meeting will be a chance for you to ask questions, offer suggestions and provide feedback. Your participation is vital to the overall success of the code revision process.

In preparation for the meeting we encourage you to view the draft document by visiting our website and clicking on #16 in the publications section: <http://planning.dpnr.gov.vi/documents/pubs.htm>
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If you have any questions please contact Stuart Smith, Director of Comprehensive and Coastal Zone Planning at (340) 774-3320.

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Sunday, August 14

— The Virgin Islands Department of Agriculture and its partners invite the entire public to celebrate National Farmers' Market Week, which will be observed August 7 through 13. Farmers' market activities will be hosted throughout the territory. On St. John the market will be on Sunday, August 14, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Lumber Yard Complex.

Monday, August 16

— The University of the Virgin Islands will begin offering classes at the St. John Academic Center for the Fall 2011 semester. A total of 46 credit courses will be offered using video conference technology at the newly opened center on the third floor of The Marketplace. UVI's Fall 2011 semester starts on August 22. New student registration at the St. John Academic Center will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on August 16. Online registration is underway for matriculated or current UVI students for fall semester classes.

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 UVI-CELL Center on the St. Thomas Campus. For fees and more information, call 693-1100 or <http://cell.uvi.edu>.

Friday, August 19

— Parents wishing to enroll their children in St. Thomas/St. John District public schools for the 2011-2012 school year are advised of the second phase of registration for children residing on the island of St. John will be held on Friday, August 19, at the Julius E. Sprauve School from 8:30-11:45 a.m.

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 calendars for Sunday, August 28, at 1 p.m. for the St. John Chaotic Kayak 2011 at Oppenheimer Beach in support of Team River Runner's St. John program. Check out TRR's St. John USVI group page on Facebook for more information.

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

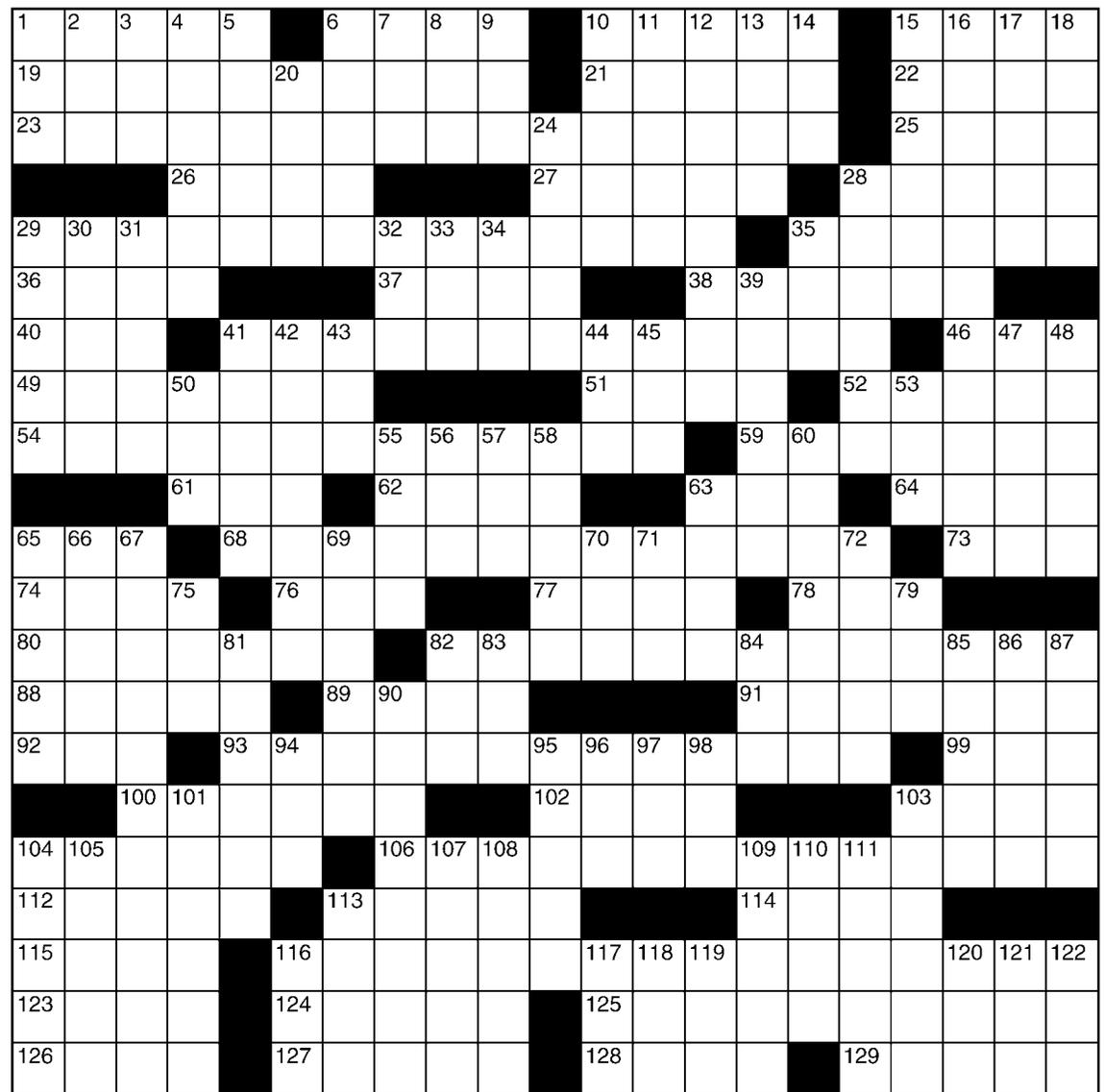
Narcotics Anonymous has open meetings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. every Saturday at St. Ursula's Church.

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



GOING FORMAL

ACROSS

- 1 Have faith
6 Alan of TV and film
10 Shish —
15 — Stanley Gardner
19 Pacific atoll belonging to the U.S.
21 "Spenser: For Hire" star
22 Brand for hair removal
23 Comedy club event for amateurs, formally?
25 Loretta of country
26 Unescorted
27 Like poison ivy rashes
28 Chair creator Charles
29 Do a boxing "dance," formally?
35 For no profit, perhaps
36 "Look what —!"
37 4, on some clocks
38 West German city
40 With 91-Across, tone oneself up
41 Supporter of drapes, formally?
46 "Dr." of hip-hop
49 List the particulars of, to a Brit
51 Zap with a stunning weapon
52 Opera house boxes
54 Owner of an online company, formally?
59 Digital music pastiches
61 Pollen eater
62 Away from the wind
63 Baby goat
64 Best draft status
65 Damone or Tayback
68 Its students learn road rules, formally?

- 73 Crafty
74 Heavy burden
76 Serpent or alp suffix
77 Ice skater Kulik
78 Tiny charged bit
80 Arctic Circle region of Europe
82 Aesthete's question, formally?
88 Depression
89 Defensive end Antwan
91 See 40-Across
92 Furry sitcom alien
93 Stuck to one's decision, formally?
99 Japanese dance-drama
100 Rock's — Tull
102 Suit part
103 Having left
104 "— & Juliet" (animated 2011 film)
106 Pay, formally?
112 Painting holder
113 Prefix with fan or jet
114 Resound
115 Site of bliss
116 Victor Hugo classic, formally?
123 Big Apple squad car abbr.
124 Often-dipped cookies
125 Bun or bagel toppers
126 Spa sounds
127 River to the Oise
128 Chaps
129 End on — note

DOWN

- 1 A pair of
2 Ice-T hit, e.g.
3 Guitar kin
4 Got a feeling
5 East — (nation since

- 2002)
6 Giant in foil
7 "— -di-dah!"
8 Forensic ID
9 Citrus drink
10 — Kinte
11 13th-century king of Denmark
12 Egotists have them
13 Throbbing
14 Food preservative inits.
15 Interweave
16 Sci-fi fryers, formally?
17 Creases
18 Painter Max
20 Nile deposit
24 Peaceful '60s protest
28 Antiknock fluids
29 Stiff
30 Poem title starter
31 Dog to avoid
32 — to pick
33 Day, to Juan
34 Xbox 360 competitor
35 King topper
39 Weak state
41 Referenced
42 Herald
43 Playa del —
44 I-40, e.g.
45 Sculler's tool
47 Force back
48 Analytic work
50 Wild bunch
53 "Well well!"
55 Bat's home
56 Corrida call
57 Sartre's sea
58 "Let — down. O Juno!": Cleopatra
60 Eighth-century pope
63 "The Bridge on the River —"
65 Long river in Russia
66 Totally
67 Java serving, formally?
69 Not al fresco
70 Yalie
71 Not dat?
72 Backs, anatomically
75 — -pitch
79 — power
81 Beer brand
82 Muscle mag display
83 Play caller
84 — Tac
85 Far Eastern capital
86 Once — time
87 Alter, as a skirt edge
90 Nitwits
94 Even if, for short
95 Role player
96 Tricycle rider
97 Bowl cheer
98 Suffix with Canaan
101 Makes corrections to
103 Orbs
104 "Angie" star Davis
105 "Octomom" — Suleman
107 "What the Butler Saw" playwright
108 Past portly
109 Bawls
110 2001 hit for Ja Rule
111 City in Tibet
113 Hatcher of "Soapdish"
116 Hawaii's Mauna —
117 Car ad abbr.
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"Colibri" - Superb sunset & water views from this 3 bedroom waterfront home in Great Cruz Bay. Features include native stonework, large pool deck with gazebo, masonry construction, air conditioning, water views from every room and pool. Deeded rights to beach and dinghy landing. A complete refurbishing has just been completed. **\$3,795,000.**



"Bella Vista"- a well maintained & beautifully decorated home, perched high atop cool Bordeaux Mountain. Views from Just Van Dyke to Virgin Gorda. Quality construction with hardwood floors & beautiful wood trim throughout. A large master suite, two spacious guest bedroom suites, large loft for additional guests, & an apartment entrance & Spa. **\$750,000.**



"Villa Lantano" - Has magnificent North Shore views over Peter Bay to Just Van Dyke from this spacious home in Upper Peter Bay. Features include custom kitchen with granite countertops and stainless appliances, travertine marble floors throughout, including decks, large pool deck with adjoining spa, water views from every room and the pool and lush professional landscaping. A beautiful new arched, native stone gazebo has been added that makes a very comfortable, shady outdoor seating area. **\$7.9M.**



"Villa Hibiscus"- All 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 and Chocolate Hole Bay and plenty of flat parking. Successful short term rental with two private units, separate storage building, plus big work shop/home office space below with separate drive way. Live in one unit and rent the other or rent them both. **\$895,000.**



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"Great Cruz Bay Land" with dual water views of both Great Cruz Bay and Chocolate Hole from this oversized 1.03 acre parcel with a very gentle grade allowing easy access and building. Popular rental area with paved roads & close to Cruz Bay town location. Established HOA with deeded beach access to Chocolate Hole and Hart Bay beaches. *Buyer and Seller to equally split stamp tax. **\$595,000**



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"Villa Meritage"- a private oasis nestled into the verdant hillside overlooking Hart Bay, Chocolate Hole and beyond to the island of St. Thomas and offshore cays. Facing west to capture stunning sunsets, the four bedroom, four bath pool home with Jacuzzi offers a separate one bedroom cozy cottage (built in 2000), with its own private Jacuzzi. Beautifully furnished and lavishly decorated with custom artwork, this home is a must see. **\$1.5M**

Mango Terrace Villas - Brand new and spacious condos on a hillside overlooking the turquoise waters of the Caribbean. All units have spacious interiors, ample decks from which to enjoy the cool easterly breezes & expansive water views. Amenities include private laundry, private decks, granite, counters, travertine floors, large shared pool and deck. Only six units in two buildings with proximity to Cruz Bay Town & Frank Bay beach. **Listed under recent appraised value, \$499,000 to \$900,000.**

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A pathway leads to the comfort station, above, new pavilion, center, and renovated pavilion, far right.



Maho Bay Pavilion Renovations

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The renovated pavilion boasts a new roof, new wooden decks, fresh paint and refurbished concrete walls. The existing pavilion will be available for use only with a VINP special use permit, while no permit will be required for use of the open air pavilion.

Once the counter tops and final pieces of equipment arrive on island, the facilities will be open to the public, Macneir explained.

"I don't want to put an exact date on it because things often change, but we should

have everything in place in the next few weeks," said the VINP facilities manager.

Across North Shore Road at the east end of the beach, VINP officials have made progress on the new parking area. Officials are moving the entrance to the parking area away from the corner of the roadway and should finish laying driving surface this week.

The biggest part of the project remains removing the old trailer at the parking area, which should be going out to contract soon,

according to Macneir.

Once the parking area is complete, VINP officials will no longer allow any parking on the beach side of North Shore Road at Maho Bay, Macneir explained.

"There will be enforcement action on all visitors who elect to park on the beach side of the road," he said.

The roadway itself along Maho Bay will also be looking different soon, the VINP facilities manager added.

"There will be more traffic arrows and we

are discussing installing a speed bump and rumble strips," he said. "We'll have a lane delineator which will make it clear that parking on the sand is not allowed."

The new and improved facilities at Maho Bay are a boon for the entire island, explained Ramos.

"It's great for the island to have a successful accessible project," Ramos said, who added that the next accessible project will be extending the walkway at Francis Bay to the beach.



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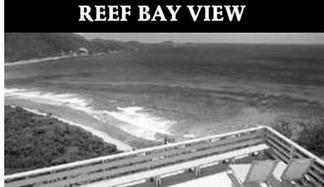
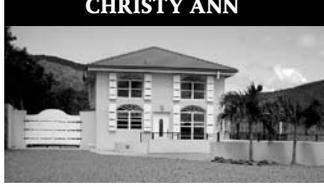
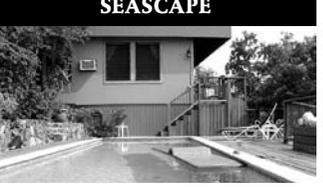
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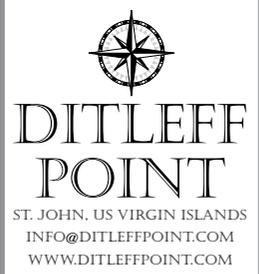
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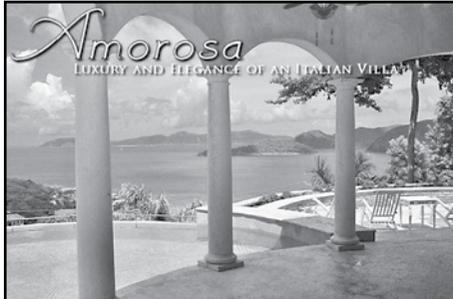
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Diners can still expect to enjoy their favorite rolls, above, at the sushi restaurant in The Marketplace.

Old Favorites, New Creations Featured on Happy Fish Menu Under New Ownership

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

Sushi lovers anxiously awaited news of Happy Fish's new owner last month.

Would he revamp everything? Would he keep the appetizers, rolls, entrees and drinks that the restaurant's loyal customers had grown to love?

Good news, Happy Fish fans — not only is the restaurant's new owner Dave Trent keeping menu favorites, he's giving his sushi masters, cooks and bartender the freedom to create new rolls, dishes and drinks to try out on patrons over the next few months.

"I'm giving a little bit more cre-

ative control for them to do different stuff each night, and we plan to print the menu in-house week by week, so we can change it up," said Trent. "We've had a lot of good reception from our clientele as far as nightly additions to the menu, specials we've been having, and new cocktails that people are really enjoying. We want to make sure our customers know that if there's anything on the menu that's been taken off, they can still ask for it."

Trent is new on island, but not new to Happy Fish. He's from Boise, Idaho, where the restaurant originated, and is good friends with

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Exciting new options include the King Kong roll, above, with spicy tuna and eel, topped with spicy crab salad.

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— Dave Trent, new Happy Fish owner

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