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By Andrea Milam
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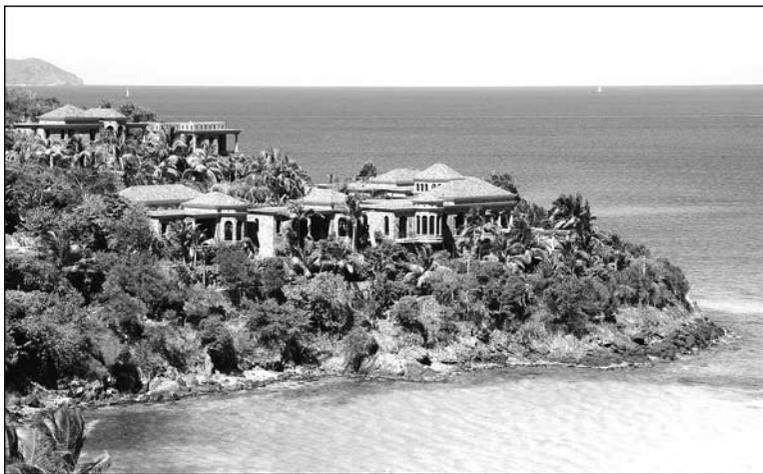
Presidio del Mar, the sprawling Peter Bay point lot estate with six bedrooms, each with en suite bathroom and veranda, has sold for \$12 million.

The Virgin Islands Recorder of Deeds lists the new deed grantee as Stephan H. Deckoff as of August 19.

The home, built on 1.63 acres by former Qualcomm executive Robert Blakeney, was completed in 2008. It was originally listed by Holiday Homes on January 15, 2009, for \$32 million, according to the St. John Multiple Listing Service. The price never changed during its 529 days on the market, and the listing with Holiday Homes ended on June 28, 2010.

Presidio was listed for sale less than a month later on July 19, 2010, by Diana Beam, broker/owner of RE/MAX Island Paradise Realty, at \$24.95 million. By the time the home went into contract approximately one year later, its listing price had dropped to \$18.95 million. The final sale price was \$12 million, according to the St. John MLS. Beam handled the sale.

"The new owners were attracted to the stunning views of Peter Bay, surrounding cays and the turquoise waters of the Caribbean," said Beam in a written press release. "The landmark home, with its 648 feet of pristine shoreline, has detailed craftsmanship and extensive finished outdoor space with a tiled, heated pool and a poolside bar."



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After years of construction and two years on the market, Rob Blakeney's Estate Peter Bay home Presidio del Mar, above, sold last month for \$12 million.

The home was featured in a 2010 episode of the Real Housewives of New York City, when the housewives stayed at Presidio during a Virgin Islands vacation.

Beam utilized an extensive international marketing plan during Presidio's year on the market with her, she explained.

"The home was seen by many potential buyers through printed publications, a dedicated web site, four-page color brochure, an internet video and DVD and mass mailings to real estate agents and rental companies," said Beam.

Blakeney purchased the Peter Bay point lot in 1999, and took extraordinary measures to prevent runoff and make the site as eco-friendly as possible during the years-long construction process.

In addition to hosting the Real Housewives, Presidio del Mar was the site of the 2009 Friends of the V.I. National Park gala.

The \$12 million sale represents an upswing in the St. John market, which had grown stagnant following the 2009 world-wide economic collapse.

"The market on St. John is on the upswing, with a 25 percent increase in home sales so far this year," said Beam.

The sale of Presidio fell \$2 million short of the Peter Bay sales record. In 2007, real estate broker Debbie Hayes sold a four-bedroom, four-and-a-half bath home on 2.8 acres for \$14 million. The gated-community home was formerly owned by Starfish Market owner David Mugar.

Man Arrested for Choking, Stabbing

V.I. Police Department officers on St. John arrested a man who stabbed a male victim in his upper body when he tried to stop the suspect from choking an 18-year-old woman at a Cruz Bay restaurant.

The suspect, Rupert Walters Jr., 36, a St. Thomas native residing in Estate Pastory was arrested shortly after 4 p.m. Wednesday, August 31, and charged with Aggravated Assault and Battery Domestic Violence and Third Degree Assault.

According to the police report, officers were dispatched to a stabbing in the area. The victim said he saw the suspect, later identified as Walters, choking the woman.

When he told Walters to let the woman go, Walters pulled a knife from his pocket, swung it at the victim and stabbed him in the back of his head. Police said the woman and Walters are involved in a romantic relationship.

Walters' bail was denied due to the domestic violence law and he was remanded to the Bureau of Corrections on St. Thomas pending further court action.

Coral Bay Labor Day Parade Sept. 5

The St. John Festival and Cultural Organization invites the public to celebrate Labor Day, September 5, at the annual Coral Bay Parade and Fun Day. The parade starts at 11 a.m. from Cases By The Sea and will finish at the Coral Bay Ball field.

There will be games and activities for children, and food and drinks will be on sale. DJ music and steel band music will be provided.

Join friends and neighbors in Coral Bay for an end of summer celebration and afternoon of family fun. All vendors that are interested in vending should contact Sonia Sprauve at 779-4718 or Natalie Thomas 690-1725. Parade participants should contact Jackie Clendinen at 514-5355.

Zone Change Request on September 7

The Department of Planning and Natural Resources has scheduled a public hearing on Wednesday, September 7, at 6 p.m., at the Guy H. Benjamin School, Room 6, in Coral Bay.

The Whitman Family Limited Partnership has proposed a zoning map amendment to the Virgin Islands official district maps for Parcels Nos. 13-A and 13-B Estate Carolina, No. 1 Coral Bay Quarter, St. John from W-1 (Waterfront- Pleasure) to B-2 (Business-Secondary/Neighborhood). The purpose of the request is to convert use of an existing building into a guesthouse.

Files can be reviewed on St. Thomas at DPNR's Division of Comprehensive and Coastal Zone Planning, Cyril E. King Airport, Terminal Building Second Floor or on St. John at DPNR's Office (in front of the Elaine Sprauve Public Library,

SJSA Hosting Open House on Sept. 10

The St. John School of the Arts invites the public to come and see what the school will be offering for the 2011-12 school year.

There will be an open house and early registration on Saturday, September 10, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Class demonstrations and discussions will be presented throughout the day as well as parent orientation, student handbook and financial assistance and fellowship study applications.

SJSA is excited to offer new classes and group ensembles as well as to introduce five new faculty members.

Those who are unable to attend should visit www.stjohn-schoolofthearts.org for information regarding class schedules and descriptions and registration dates and times. For more information, call 779-7322.

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ABOVE: Governor John deJongh greets students at JESS on the first day of school. **LEFT:** (Back Row) Ms. Nyiesha Smalls - spanish teacher; Ms. Noellise Powell, science/social studies teacher; Ms. Dionne Wells, principal; (Front Row) Abigail Alfred, 3rd grade; Emelin Reynoso, 3rd grade; Amaan Raimer, 8th grade.

Principal Wells Looks To Improve School Culture and Achievement for Students at Julius E. Sprauve School for 2011/12 School Year

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

The new blue walls at the Julius E. Sprauve School are just the first indication that the Cruz Bay public elementary and middle school is in for changes this academic year.

New JESS principal Dionne Wells, who was transferred to the school from Guy Benjamin School at the end of last school year, has been busy all summer getting the campus up to her standards.

With help from parents and the JESS Fundraising Gala Committee, Wells was able to get all of her planned infrastructure projects wrapped up by the time she welcomed students to their first day of class on Wednesday morning, August 31.

"The painting all got finished before school started which was great," said Wells. "All the labor done on the school for the painting this summer was paid for by the JESS Gala Fundraising Committee. They really, really helped me a lot."

Governor John deJongh made JESS one of the eight schools he visited on the first day of classes in the territory. The students were thrilled to see the Virgin Islands' chief executive and Wells was complimented by the gover-

"I'm really excited. I'm ready to get things in place for the students and to push their academic achievement to the place where it needs to be."

Dionne Wells, JESS Principal

nor as well, she explained.

"The governor came by on the first day of school and one thing he mentioned to me was that he'd been to every first day at JESS since he's been in office and this year was the most organized he's seen," said Wells. "That felt really great, even though personally I thought we could have been even more organized."

Coming from GBS, where she oversaw a school of 115 students, Wells will be helming JESS' roughly 215 member student body.

"We don't have the final count yet because some students haven't arrived, but we're looking at around 215 students," said the JESS principal.

One of the first things Wells changed at JESS was the location where students report. Elementary school students used to attend classes at the Clarice Thomas Annex across the street from the main JESS campus. This year, all stu-

dents will be attending classes on the main campus in order keep the school unified, Wells explained.

"It's still early and right now we're trying to get things in place with schedules and all that," said Wells. "It's working out very well having everyone on one campus. The kids are in the process of learning the campus fully since they have to utilize the whole campus now."

Wells is keeping the different grades in separate areas of the campus, she added.

"I have it sectioned off in divisions with all secondary classes in the main building upstairs, and downstairs we have the primary classes," said the JESS principal. "Over on top of the home economics building we have all the intermediate classes. We're trying to keep the students in central locations so they are self-contained."

Looking ahead toward the

school year, Wells will focus her attention and resources on three main areas, she explained.

"Right now we're just getting organized into different teams but we have three main focuses — student achievement, school culture and teacher leadership effectiveness," said Wells. "Everything we do will be tied into one of those three categories."

The bright blue paint adorning the walls at the school has given Wells a head start in the school culture department, she added.

"We have a jump start with culture thanks to the painting and murals on the walls," said the JESS principal. "The students look at the atmosphere at the school and feel more appreciated. They say, 'oh you did all this for me.'"

"They don't want to lean against the walls so they don't get them dirty or mess up the murals," Wells said. "It's really sweet."

Wells is excited for the

2011/2012 school year and is looking forward to meeting challenges and raising the bar at JESS, she added.

"I'm really excited," said the principal. "I'm ready to get things in place for the students and to push their academic achievement to the place where it needs to be."

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D'Amoi Martin, sixth grade, Gabe Brooker, fifth grade, and Simon Brooker, first grade, were excited to get back to classes at Guy Benjamin School after their summer break.

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Guy Benjamin School Welcomes Students and New Principal to New 2011-12 Year

By Jaime Elliott
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While Dr. Whitman Brown appreciated the warm welcome extended to him by the faculty and parents at Guy Benjamin School, the new principal was still struggling with Department of Education officials as classes got underway on Wednesday, August 31.

Brown was transferred to GBS in Coral Bay at the end of last school year from Marcelli Elementary School on St. Thomas. While Brown, a St. Thomas resident, was impressed with his reception at GBS, he still sees the transfer as punishment.

"The commute is a real problem," said Brown. "I have to begin my day before 5 a.m. and I arrive late. This is not a positive thought in education, to send me from St. Thomas here."

After the announcement of the transfer was made, DOE officials repeatedly denied that Brown's transfer was politically motivated. The new GBS principal, however, remained unconvinced last week.

"It's punitive," said Brown about his transfer. "It's vindictive. The students in Coral Bay shouldn't be limited because I have to come late and leave early."

"It's sad to me that they're using the school this way," said the GBS principal. "They must not use the school politically like this."

Adding to Brown's issues with the DOE, the principal was notified last week that he was placed on leave without pay for four days. Brown tried to attend a hearing on St. Thomas regarding the closing of Marcelli School on the August 30, which he missed.

"I thought it was very important for me, the principal, to be there," said Brown. "It was also important for me to be here, so I came over here and then I returned to St. Thomas."

Brown's pay was docked for that as well as for issues regarding files from Marcelli, files which had been ready for DOE officials for days, he added.

While the principal vowed to continue to fight to be transferred back to a St. Thomas school, Brown was positive about the new school year at GBS.

"Right now I'm in the observation phase still," he said. "I've heard good things about the school and I met with teachers and parents. I really appreciate the welcome attitude extended to me."

"Parents have assured me that they are here to help," said the new GBS principal. "I have also been approached by private individuals from the Coral Bay Community Council and the Rotary Club of St. John, who have pledged their support to the school as well."

The positive attitude at GBS is something of which the entire community should be proud, Brown added.

"The teachers have been very supportive of me and the attitude is positive which is what you want in a school," said the principal. "There are a lot of independent thinking people here. We're building our own support team here at the school."

Despite what was transpiring between Brown and DOE officials, GBS students were all smiles as they kicked off a new school year on August 31.

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St. John Weathers Tropical Storm Irene

By Andrea Milam
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Branches and trees were downed and portions of Centerline Road were slightly washed out, but overall, St. John came through Tropical Storm Irene relatively unscathed.

An August 19 V.I. Territorial Emergency Management Agency press release predicted the storm would pass 100 miles south of St. Croix.

"We are urging everyone to be vigilant and to monitor the progress of this system as it moves across our region," said VITEMA Director Elton Lewis.

As of Saturday afternoon, August 20, it appeared that TS Irene would indeed pass south of the territory, bringing some light rains and winds. By late Saturday night, and early Sunday morning, August 21, however, it became apparent that Irene had jogged north a bit and was passing directly over the Virgin Islands.

The territory experienced tropical storm conditions, with sustained winds of 40 miles per hour and gusts to 67 miles per hour and a little more than 4 inches of rain reported on St. Thomas.

The storm's disorganized eye passed right over St. Croix Sunday afternoon, August 21, and power, internet and cell phone service went in and out throughout the afternoon,



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

The salvage vessel *Jaws* was tossed ashore in Coral Bay, above, when Tropical Storm Irene passed just south of the territory last month.

night and into Monday, August 22.

A flash flood watch was issued by the National Weather Service from Sunday morning to Monday afternoon, and the terri-

tory eventually came under a tropical storm warning and a flash flood warning. At noon on Sunday, the Coast Guard closed St. Croix ports to incoming and outgoing vessels, and

all U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico ports were shut down at 6 p.m. the same day.

Storm shelters were opened at 3 p.m. Sunday on St. Croix, and at 6:30 p.m. Sunday on St. Thomas and St. John. Both the St. Croix and St. Thomas airport closed at 5 p.m. Sunday.

Governor John deJongh imposed a curfew in the territory from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. on St. Croix, and 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. on St. Thomas and St. John.

"As the winds and rains intensify, road conditions in the islands will deteriorate causing hazards for the general public," said acting V.I. Police Department commissioner Raymond Hyndman. "It's best that residents remain indoors for their safety and pay attention to the updates provided by VITEMA, as well as follow all instructions as it relates to shelters and the curfew."

A press release issued by VITEMA in the early morning hours of August 21 dubbed Irene a "serious threat."

The Office of the Governor, VITEMA and the National Weather Service urged citizens to quickly complete preparations for the protection of life and property.

"Despite the preparations that have been made, I must take a moment to encourage everyone to pay attention to the updates that are provided by VITEMA, my office and

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Oppenheimer Beach was packed with supporters for TRR, at left, ready to get wet to help wounded veterans, above.

Kayak Race Raises \$25K for USVI Wounded Vet Program

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

It was practically standing room only on Oppenheimer Beach on Sunday, August 28, as the St. John community came out in force to support Team River Runner's Wounded Veterans USVI program fundraiser.

A total of 16 teams took part in what was the first annual St. John Chaotic Kayak race at 1 p.m. on Oppenheimer Beach. After four heats of competition, it was Team Arawak who walked away the day's champion.

But it is the 30 wounded warriors who will enjoy a week of healing in St. John waters this November, along with their spouses, who were the real winners of the day.

TRR, founded at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in 2004 by Washington, D.C. area kayak enthusiast Joe Mornini, has been hosting trips to St. John for members since 2007. While the group was forced to cancel its 2008 trip due to lack of funds, that will not be the case this year.

With \$150 minimum entry fees, a private donation, raffles and additional fund raisers at several St. John bars and restaurants, the Chaotic Kayak race garnered about \$25,000, and money is still coming in, explained race organizer John Schuld.

"At the end of the day we had raised \$15,000 when at the last second a resident came down and handed me a personal check," said Schuld. "Lisa de Kooning donated a \$10,000 check to TRR which

made our total \$25,000. I couldn't believe it."

"That moment was very emotional because everyone was there gathered around and watched it unfold," Schuld said. "It was a surprise to everyone."

The final donation capped a wonderful day at Oppenheimer Pavilion, which exceeded all expectations. Organizers at first were hoping to just cover their expenses and raise awareness, explained Schuld.

"We started out with the idea for four boats and a little BBQ," he said. "We were hoping to raise maybe \$1,000. Joe [Mornini] said if we broke even it would be enough for raising awareness."

Schuld organized the event along with his wife Brandi and Amy and Tom Larson of *Sadie Sea*, along with many other helpers. While the day's fundraising total was a success, the outpouring of support was the most exciting part of the event, explained Brandi Schuld.

"It was an absolutely amazing day," said Brandi Schuld. "It was more than we could have ever imagined. The support of the St. John community was overwhelming."

"It was amazing how many people were on the beach from participants, to spectators, sponsors, musicians, everyone," she said.

As a premier kayak guide company on St. John, it's not a surprise that Arawak Expeditions took home the grand prize of a 37-passenger sunset cruise on *Sadie Sea* and a gold oar. In addition to the

team's kayak skills, Arawak also used a brilliant strategy, Brandi Schuld explained.

"Arawak used their mad kayak skills and employed the ingenious strategy of using a child in the boat to lighten their load," she said.

Other standouts of the day included Team High Tide, who showed their spirit with face paint and uniforms, the Beach Bar, which hosted a Jukebox for GI's fundraiser before the event and Cafe Roma, Brandi Schuld added.

"Cafe Roma was hands down the most chaotic boat of the day," she said. "They dumped three times before they even started the course."

Food donations from Skinny Legs and Michael Garbo, Bloody Marys from Woody's, refreshments from St. John Brewers and transportation assistance from St. John Community Foundation all contributed to the event's success, Schuld added.

The Schults are already looking forward to next year's race, which is scheduled for the last Sunday of August and will take place at Maho Bay.

"This was the first annual race and we are already looking forward to next year," said Brandi Schuld. "It's going to be even bigger and better so we're going to move it to Maho Bay to accommodate the larger crowd."

TRR, which hopes to expand its St. John program to two weeks in the future, continues to need donations of all kinds. To find out how to help the organization, check out www.teamriverrunner.org.



It was all smiles for Team Arawak, above, while event organizer John Schuld got emotional after accepting a \$10,000 personal donation from Lisa de Kooning, below.



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— Laura Lopez, Hawkins International PR



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Although Caneel Bay, above, is under new ownership, guests can still expect unparalleled service at the resort.

New World Hospitality Purchase of Rosewood Will Not Affect Guest Experience at Caneel

**By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds**

The July 29 purchase of Rosewood Hotels and Resorts by Hong Kong-based New World Hospitality for a reported \$229.5 million will not affect operations at Caneel Bay Resort.

While New World Hospitality now counts Rosewood’s properties as part of its portfolio, Rosewood will continue to manage Caneel.

“Rosewood Hotels and Resorts will remain the operator of Caneel Bay,” said Laura Lopez of the hotel’s PR firm, Hawkins International PR. “There won’t be any changes to how the resort is managed.”

Rosewood Hotels and Resorts, a privately owned ultra-luxury hotel management company based in Dallas will operate as the ultra-luxury brand within New World

Hospitality’s portfolio.

“Rosewood will continue to operate as it has and nothing will change with its portfolio of properties,” said Lopez. “New World Hospitality’s resources will allow Rosewood to expand in new destinations, particularly Asia, so the Rosewood brand will become increasingly well-known in parts of the world where it lacked presence. The increased brand awareness will help Caneel Bay and all Rosewood properties.”

Rosewood was previously owned by Rosewood Corp. and Maritz, Wolff & Co. The hotel management company was established in 1979 by Caroline Rose Hunt. Its first hotel, The Mansion on Turtle Creek in Dallas, opened in 1980.

“Mrs. Hunt’s vision was to create luxurious, residential-style

hotels that offer unparalleled attention to detail and exceptional personalized service,” according to Rosewood’s web site.

There are now 20 hotels and resorts in seven countries in the Rosewood collection.

New World Hospitality opened its first hotel, the Tsim Sha Tsui in Hong Kong, in 1979. Prior to purchasing Rosewood, New World’s portfolio consisted of 10 properties.

The big-time business deal won’t affect the tranquility that Caneel is so well-known for, Lopez reiterated.

“Guests will continue to enjoy the peaceful resort as they always have,” she said.

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Pytlik Spearheads Crusade To End Turtle Hunting in BVI

By Andrea Milam
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Friends of the V.I. National Park store manager and Caribbean Oceanic Restoration and Education St. John coordinator Karl Pytlik knows a lot about the ecology of Virgin Islands waters. But Pytlik was both surprised and appalled to discover recently that turtle hunting is still allowed in the British Virgin Islands.

Fishermen in the BVI are allowed to take 24-inch and larger green turtles and 15-inch and larger hawksbill turtles from December 1 through March 31. Turtles of this size are still juveniles, Pytlik explained.

"I am appalled that this is allowed," he said. "These turtles are endangered and share our waters and contribute to our tourist dollars."

Turtles tagged in the BVI have been found as far away as Aruba and St. Barths, meaning their impact is wide-reaching.

Pytlik first learned about the BVI's turtle hunting season during a conversation with a Department of Planning and Natural Resources employee regarding the disruption of pelican nests on Congo.

"He happened to bring it up to me, and I just couldn't believe it," said Pytlik. "I knew obviously that we really ruined a lot of the turtle populations here by fishing them a long time ago, but I thought it had been done away with. I've worked with conservation people in the BVI before and it was never mentioned."

Pytlik confirmed the existence of turtle hunting season in the BVI by speaking to a friend who works at the Department of Conservation and Fisheries in the British territory.

"I said, 'tell me this isn't true,' and she confirmed that it is," he said. "These turtles are obviously endangered, and it blew my mind that this was still going on."

Estimates range from 150 to 200 turtles killed each year during season. This figure includes leatherbacks, which are extremely



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A green sea turtle, with a remora on its back, rests on the bottom of the ocean floor to feast on seagrass.

endangered and illegal to fish but very valuable due to the fatty oil they produce, which fishermen say they catch by mistake.

Green and hawksbill turtles are likely caught for consumption, and Pytlik believes the shells may be shipped out of the territory to be used elsewhere.

"There's a lot of different reasons to save them," said Pytlik. "They like to eat up jellyfish, and it's a natural resource that we really shouldn't lose."

In addition to their ecological importance, the value of turtles in the territory can literally be translated into dollars and cents, Pytlik explained.

"We used to have a scale where we could put a dollar amount on specific animals based on tourists coming to the territory," he said. "Every tourist that comes down here wants to see a turtle. Just think how many families come here each year wanting to come out and snorkel with the turtles."

Pytlik estimates each turtle to be worth more than \$100,000 annually based on the tourists they bring to the territory.

And while turtle hunting is not legal in the U.S. Virgin Islands,

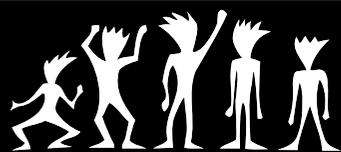
the proximity of the BVI to the USVI ensures that turtle hunting in the British territory undoubtedly affects turtle populations on and around St. John.

"We're so close to the BVIs, and the populations have dwindled," said Pytlik. "It makes absolutely no sense to allow that to continue. There's no real need to do it."

At this point, Pytlik is still trying to garner support and feel out different channels to help save turtles in the BVI. He's already affected change in the BVI by convincing them to allow diving operations to carry spear guns in an effort to eradicate the lionfish, and Pytlik is confident he can bring turtle hunting season there to an end.

"If we have a chance to save them, we should keep them around," he said. "Right now I'm really just looking for ideas and help. It's more or less about people becoming aware at this point because it's going to take a little while."

Pytlik has set up a End Turtle Hunting Season in the British Virgin Islands page on Facebook. He can also be reached at the Friends of the VINP store at 779-8700, or via email at karl@friendsvinp.org.



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Sargassum seaweed, above, has been inundating shorelines across the Virgin Islands.

Influx of Sargassum Seaweed Washing Ashore

St. John Tradewinds

There is an extended and unusual influx of seaweed on the territory's shores, according to the Department of Planning and Natural Resources. The presence of this Sargassum seaweed is typical in Atlantic and Caribbean waters, but the amount and distribution this year is not typical for this region.

The floating mats of Sargassum seaweed originate from the Sargassum Sea, which is an area of around 2 million square miles of calm waters in the Atlantic Ocean stretching from the Caribbean to the Azores.

Prevailing wind, storms, and currents disperse the weed from this area, and it is a common annual summer occurrence along shores of the Gulf of Mexico. This seaweed is a floating species that reproduces asexually and does not require any connection to a land surface.

The Sargassum seaweed is an important oceanic habitat for marine organisms, particularly juvenile fish and sea turtles that use it to shelter from predators. It is also an es-

sential source of food for many off shore species. The seaweed is important for the sport-fishing industry, as the floating mats attract big game fish.

The seaweed itself is high in nutrients, and provides important enrichment to nutrient-poor beaches when it washes up. It provides nutrients needed by beach vegetation that in turn helps to stabilize the beach from erosion.

The seaweed is non-toxic, but as it decays on land it produces a strong odor. The decay process can begin as the seaweed builds up into bays. Not much can be done while the seaweed is in the water, but when it comes ashore it can be cleaned up using rakes.

Any mechanical removal requires a permit from DPNR. The seaweed can be added to a compost pile or disposed of at the landfill, although it should not be added to plants directly as mulch.

For more information on the Sargassum seaweed call the Division of Fish and Wildlife at 775-6762 on St. Thomas.

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Sunny Rock Construction crew, left, at work on Sugar Bird Hill. The end result, above, will direct water back to its original path.

NOAA Staff Visiting St. John This Week as CBCC Wraps Up Grant Projects

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Coral Bay Community Council officials this month are wrapping up the last of their 18 projects aimed at stemming the tide of sediment runoff in Coral Bay.

The projects, which range from Hansen Bay on the East End to John's Folly on the South Shore, were funded by a multi-million-dollar competitive grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Admin-

istration.

CBCC will welcome NOAA officials, who will be on island inspecting all of the grant-funded projects this week, at a reception open to the public on Thursday evening, September 8, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at John's Folly Learning Institute.

"Daphne MacFarlan, the NOAA project manager from the Restoration Center, and Julia Royster, also with NOAA's Restoration Center, will be here to view in detail all

of the projects we have done and the ones we are completing now," said CBCC president Sharon Coldren. "We worked with numerous government agencies and community groups on the projects and we're inviting everyone to the reception so they have a chance to meet the NOAA officials and talk with them. It's an opportunity for residents to talk with the NOAA staff about what they think about what we've done and what we can do in the future."

Light refreshments will be served at the informal reception, Coldren added.

CBCC launched its first watershed restoration project last summer and look forward to completing its final projects this month, explained Coldren.

"The recent projects we've been working on the last few weeks are out at the John's Folly area," she said. "We've done work at Sugar Bird Hill near the Tourist Trap where

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Luscious Lawn: Former Resident Harvests Front Yard To Feed Hungry

By Mauri Elbel
St. John Tradewinds

Former St. John resident Liberty Bryer is making a big impact from her front lawn in Portland, Maine.

Bryer, who sold her Coral Bay home in May 2010, has converted the 50- by 70-foot space on her new property in South Portland's Meetinghouse Hill neighborhood into a source of fresh food and local inspiration.

"I wanted to have the opportunity to give back and encourage other people to grow as much of their own food as they could and they desired," said Bryer, who moved to St. John in 1985. "I wanted to grow things as well, and I don't see much point in grass quite frankly."

Teaming up with Wayside Food Program, Bryer turned over her lawn's soil in early May and planted crops the first and second weeks in June. Bryer's former lawn is now a fruitful garden brimming with 48 tomato plants, several rows of green beans, 30 sunflowers towering over eight feet tall and an array of herbs including cilantro, basil and parsley — crops which benefit the local organization's four soup kitchens.

The idea was first conceived this past December when Bryer was volunteering at a local food drive and met Carly Milkowski, Wayside's program and resource coordinator. After hearing about a similar project that fell through, Milkowski said Bryer generously offered up her lawn for the garden.

"I think it is an unusual project which has brought a lot of attention to what we are doing — and hopefully this has inspired some people," Milkowski said. "We are showing people how they can grow their own food. Liberty tore up her whole lawn, but people can use a much smaller space to give back to the community in the same way."

The produce also benefits Wayside's Community Meals Program, which provides free supplemental meals to low income families in Portland and neighboring Westbrook, and also gets distributed among a multitude of the community's mobile food sites that don't

have access to established food pantries.

"One of our goals is to increase access to fresh and nutritious food to our clients — and there are pretty significant barriers to that sometimes," Milkowski said of the Wayside Food Rescue program which redistributes food that would normally go to waste. "Traditionally, food pantries have been heavy on non-perishables and light on fresh foods so that is one of the things we are trying to change."

Bryer's garden is a huge step in that direction. Wayside receives fresh food donations from many surrounding farms, but Milkowski said tomatoes and green beans are two universally-liked crops the organization often lacks. Although harvesting began just two weeks ago, Bryer's green beans are prolific and the tomatoes are turning fast — Milkowski said she picks an entire bushel several times a week and student volunteers show up weekly to do the same.

Bryer couldn't be more pleased with the way the project has developed — and remains modest about its success — claiming she's been a mere conduit to grow food for those who don't currently have the ability to do so.

"It's been absolutely wonderful and more than I ever thought it would become," Bryer said. "I just provided the space, but Wayside has really done most of the work."

While Bryer sold her Coral Bay home 15 months ago, she said she hasn't fully moved away from the island.

"My heart is still there big time," admits Bryer, who has already been back several times and plans to spend the winter there. "But I wanted to do other things in my life. As we all know, St. John is wonderful but has its limitations."

With a passion for eating healthy, the quarter-century St. John resident said one of the biggest drawbacks about living on the island was the lack of access to fresh food and natural barriers to growing her own produce. She said her Portland garden gets full sunlight all day long and there's never a need to fret about water.

"I had this lot the house was on, and knew I wanted to grow food to give away but couldn't do it all

myself," Bryer said. "With Wayside's access to volunteers and distribution areas, this was the perfect way to satisfy my desires, not only to grow things but to give back."

Discussions are already underway between Milkowski and Bryer to get the funding to build a cold frame and create a mini-greenhouse of sorts which will enable them to grow crops during the early months. But her real dream is for this type of project to take place in other parts of the world.

"It would be wonderful if it would be possible to do this type of thing on all islands in every part of the world so people everywhere could have access to fresh food," Bryer said.



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Liberty Bryer shows off some of the fruits of her labor and big smile.

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New tall, white parking delineation strips, above, were recently installed along the shoreline at Maho Bay in the Virgin Islands National Park, making it clear to all motorists to not park along the beachside of North Shore Road.

Low Key Relocating to New Building on Waterfront



Low Key Watersports, a long-time anchor tenant at Wharfside Village, announced its plans to move down to Roger Harland's new building along the beach in Cruz Bay. A banner on the building, above, announces a November 2011 opening date for the new store. Big Planet owner Pretlow Majette will take over Low Key's former Wharfside Village space, located next to the Beach Bar. Shoppers can expect great clothing, surfing and Stand Up Paddle goods at the new store.

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Shoppers at the ACC's annual Flea Market fund raiser scoop up great deals.

ACC Seeking Items for No Fleas, Please Flea Market

St. John Tradewinds

The Animal Care Center of St. John will host its annual flea market on Saturday, October 22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Winston Wells ball field in Cruz Bay. While the event is still two months in the future, ACC volunteers are collecting quality, clean, unbroken merchandise now.

In order to offer the wide variety of goods at reasonable prices at "No Fleas, Please," volunteers must dedicate their time to assemble a large selection of household items, tools, sporting equipment, furniture, decorative items, clothing and books. Every dollar collected at the flea market goes directly to caring for the island's homeless dogs and cats.

Thanks to the generosity of the Caneel Bay Resort, a 40-foot container has been donated for permanent use by the ACC. The container is located on the Giffit Hill School property thanks to the kindness of the school. The container is currently only 50 percent full of goods to sell at the flea market.

ACC board of directors member Oriel Smith has offered to pick up any large donated items to be stored in the container until the day of the flea market. He can be reached to arrange pickup at 643-2998.

A handsome collection of furnishings from Gallows Point resort has already been collected, including a glass top dining room table with four chairs, two end tables, a double-size headboard and several mattresses.

St. John villa and resort managers frequently refurbish their properties, meaning tropical-themed chairs, mirrors, lamps, tables and decorator items in excellent condition are usually available at the flea market.

Smaller items can be taken directly to the shelter on the library road in Cruz Bay. Shelter administrator Sally Nelson and kennel technician Kimber Marnen can accept these items on Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Once again, Storage on Site will donate a small container, conveniently located close to the shelter's entrance, to store small goods. The ACC greatly appreciates the generosity of Hank Slodden, who has always been a faithful supporter of the shelter by donating two color pages of ACC information in the front of the St. John Phonebook each year and by helping with the flea market storage and transportation.

The ACC is an approved 501(c)3 charity, and significant items donated to the flea market may be considered charitable deductions on federal income tax returns.

Further information about the flea market will be published in *St. John Tradewinds* over the next two months.

Iguana Grill Serves Sizzling Burgers, Fried Foods in Cruz Bay

By Mauri Elbel
St. John Tradewinds

Texas natives Ric Ortiz and Nile Wright packed up a few recipes from the Lone Star State to serve at their new Cruz Bay hotspot – Iguana Grill.

“We are trying to bring a little bit of Texas to the island so every one can get a little taste of what we have back home,” Ortiz said.

The two owners took on a complete remodel of the centrally located space that formerly housed the governor’s campaign headquarters and Subway to create a family-friendly establishment in the heart of Cruz Bay that serves up specialty burgers, happy hour specials and a slew of fried delights.

“We wanted it to be a family restaurant with a great feel and a nice view of Cruz Bay,” Ortiz said. “It’s got the same happy hour vibe as Woody’s — it’s just higher up and fenced in so there is no need to worry about kids running in the street.”

Four garage doors create Iguana Grill’s open-air feel, transforming the restaurant into one giant deck when reeled up and providing a bird’s eye-view of the downtown happenings.

“We are just a burger joint with ice cold beers, hamburgers, milkshakes and hot dogs right in the heart of Cruz Bay,” Ortiz said.

Iguana Grill’s owners have a friendship stemming back from their days in Texas. Ortiz came to St. John from Corpus Christi two years ago to help Wright open his other Cruz Bay business, Cactus



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

The former Subway location in Cruz Bay, above, was transformed into the tropical bar and casual eatery Iguana Grill.

on the Blue. Wright, who has lived on St. John for five years, hails from San Antonio where his culinary roots run deep — his family owns Jacala, one of the city’s oldest Mexican restaurants.

Iguana Grill serves up nine specialty burgers — and the owners say the deliciousness lies in the secret patty recipe brought all the way from Texas. With the Blazing Burger, featuring Tabasco-fried onions, sautéed jalapenos and habanero peppers, the Swiss Ba-

con Mushroom Burger, a sizzling concoction of Applewood bacon, sautéed mushrooms and Swiss cheese, and a daily burger special, Iguana Grill already has garnered a following.

“People are liking the hamburger patties — they love our recipe for it,” Ortiz said. “But we are keeping it a secret. No one can know.”

The secret patty recipe is not the only thing Ortiz and Wright brought back from their home

state. Among Iguana Grill’s specialties are its fried pickles, fried mushrooms, fried macaroni and fried Oreos — tributes to the Texas State Fair in Dallas, which prides itself on its ability to fry anything including butter and beer, and Wurstfest, New Braunfels’ annual 10-day-long German festival which coined many of the fried delicacies.

Aside from an array of fried food, Iguana Grill also boasts a kids’ menu with smaller portions



Ric Ortiz outside his new Cruz Bay hot spot.

of its specialty hamburgers, mini corndogs, hot dogs and chicken fingers.

While the owners are still testing out price points, they said they want to remain an affordable restaurant. Currently Iguana Grill’s burgers are \$12, \$15 will get you a burger and fries, and you can add any appetizer as a side for just \$1 more.

The restaurant, which opened its bar on June 28 and began serving food on August 25, will stay open year-round. With daily hours from 11 a.m. until midnight on weekdays and 1 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, Iguana Grill also features a 4 to 7 happy hour with \$1 Budweiser products and \$2 wells.

“Business has been good — we’ve already got a great local clientele,” said Ortiz. “We just want to make everybody happy, to remain consistent and make sure everybody has an enjoyable time.”

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Letters To St. John Tradewinds

Crack Down on Labor Day Drag Racing Is Welcome

I was pleased to read that V.I. Police Department Commissioner Hyndman was going to crack down on the drag racing in Coral Bay over the Labor Day weekend. This seems like a sensible thing.

I believe that if he could persuade his officers to just get out of the station house at night and into their cruisers (with the windows open) that they could find plenty of opportunities to curb racing in Cruz Bay most every night, unless this is against the union rules or some other excuse.

Believe me, late night TV is not interesting enough to justify staying in the station watching when they could be out making arrests.

And while I'm making suggestions to the police it would be remiss of me not to suggest that they start stopping at stop signs and ticketing the myriads of others who do not.

And while they are at it, they could collect bundles of money for illegally tinted windows, tinted license plates and other violations, maybe even take some guns off the streets as it seems that every third traffic stop results in confiscation of illegal weapons.

The legislature recently raised the fines for almost every violation. To what end if they are not enforced? This is a potential cash cow for a cash-strapped VI Government. Please tell me that there is some reason that they are not doing this?

I remember the old days when an officer stood next to the Catholic Church in Cruz Bay and racked up numerous citations for running the stop sign. Nowadays you hardly ever see brake lights from a car going through the turn.

**John Fuller
Cruz Bay**

Break In Victim Thankful for Fast VIPD Response

I would like to take this time to thank the St. John Police Department for their outstanding services during a recent break in at my home.

This is the first time in 25 years that something like this has happened.

Your officers acted quickly and dispatched 6 police cars to my home within 10 minutes of the 911 call. The following day you sent an outstanding Forensics Team to check for fingerprints and any leads. You came that afternoon and walked the property and during the following days you sent a squad car to cruise the area nightly.

Because of your exceptional response to this horrible crime my guests, and myself, were allowed to feel less traumatized and more secure knowing you were there.

Since this break in I have added additional security to the property including lighting, motion detectors and cameras. It is my intent to insure there will not be a second time.

With much appreciation to Sgt. Foy and the entire St. John Police force.

**Sincerely,
Debbie Hayes**

Long-time Winter Resident Keeps Up with St. John

As a long time winter visitor — over 40 years — I subscribe to the print version of *St. John Tradewinds* newspaper. The August 22 issue has so much to comment on, and though it includes a report of the arrest for murder of former residents, I want to speak about all of the items that made me smile and feel good.

Bob and I watched for years as the Muilenburgs built *Breath*, and we had some great sails with them. Building code revisions lest there be repeats of the too big developments that are now abandoned and eyesores.

Team River Runner's return trip for the vets. St. John Rescue stepping out to get a headquarters for their heroic and essential service. Lincoln Liburd's leadership of young people with the VI Scholars program.

The promise that the bread at Deli Grotto will still be available. The Voyages building, too long vacant, will welcome visitors and cease to be a sad remnant of a once lovely dining and dancing place. And so on.

And although there was news of the horrific murder, there were many fewer reports of young men with guns and dope. You go St. John! A wonderful place of beauty and great people with great values. Hoping to see you all in January.

Post-hurricane Irene report: intermittent outages of land phone and internet, but we are among the lucky few to have power! I know you all empathize with those in the North who are still powerless and subject to more flooding and devastation.

Sybil Lefferts

Thanks for Team River Runner Donations

I would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for the generous donations to the fundraiser conducted last year for disabled veterans wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan. The money was raised for an organization called Team River Runner, locally run

by combat vet John Schuld who brings vets to St. John for therapeutic activities.

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Letters To St. John Tradewinds

ACC Feral Cat Program: Can We Use Some Common Sense Please?

On Sunday evening, August 21, I picked up one of your cats from your feral cat feeding station you placed in our neighborhood. This badly injured cat required emergency surgery Monday morning which cost me \$412.

This is NOT a feral cat, but someone's tame, loving pet that you have abandoned in our neighborhood. Several times in the last few weeks you have been told about this tame cat at this feeding station but you refused to help it in anyway and refused to take it into your shelter.

This is one of the numerous cats you have dumped in our neighborhood at your supposed "feeding station." This has created a filthy situation at our dumpster attracting large numbers of rodents, chickens and many unaltered aggressive feral cats that have all kinds of diseases. These ferals are constantly producing pitiful sickly kittens.

To make matters worse, this feeding station is located right beside a very busy road and within a few feet of Centerline Road where the cats you dump are killed by cars on a regular basis. If they are not hit by cars, killed by dogs or the rampant diseases spread at this crowded, filthy feeder, they have their eyes pecked out by chickens (like the cat I picked up on Sunday.)

I myself and my neighbors have to see this filthy, pathetic situation of sick, neglected, abandoned animals every time we drop off our trash. Yet, on a regular basis you dump more cats there to a miserable fate.

Now, I was told by your shelter manager that you have stopped feeding this large number of animals you have dumped in our neighborhood and have made no effort to remove and relocate them. Unbelievable as this is, it must be true.

One of the houses near the dumpster suddenly had a large number of starving cats arrive at its doorstep. When he went to the shelter begging for food for these animals abandoned by you, he was offered no help of any kind.

Creating an unhealthy, filthy, inhumane situation in our neighborhood just so you can call yourself a "no kill" shelter is completely unacceptable. You know as well as I do you would never be allowed to do this in the states. The Department of Health as well as ordinances against "maintaining a public nuisance" would have you up on charges in no time. Why you couldn't also be charged with animal neglect and cruelty, I don't know.

At this time I am requesting you immediately remove this feeding station from our neighborhood and trap and remove the cats you have dumped there and abandoned. I also need to be reimbursed the \$412 medical care I paid for this tame cat you dumped in our neighborhood.

This loving cat is in foster care and recovering well but may need additional surgery which I expect you to pay for if it's necessary. Efforts are also being made to locate his family.

Perhaps it's time to reexamine your spay/neuter feeding program for "feral" cats? Here are the issues I have with it:

— Cats are trapped by you (and anyone else who can come in and borrow traps) then dumped at these feeding stations without being kept at the shelter to give their owners a chance to claim them. Are they even checked to see if they have avid identification chips? Apparently no effort is even made to return them to where they are trapped. Even kill shelters have to keep animals a number of days to be claimed.

— Placing hundreds of pounds of food around the island which is available without any kind of control or limit to rats, roaches, chickens and unaltered feral cats is not a healthy situation. It's not only unhealthy for the cats at these stations, but for people's pets in the area as well as the people.

— You are breeding cats! Feral cats at the station in our neighborhood are constantly producing pitiful, sick kittens. I have trapped many and taken them to the shelter as have other people here. I thought the purpose of a spay/neuter program is to reduce the number of unwanted animals, yet, it appears you are breeding more cats than anybody else. I hear your shelter is flooded with kittens right now. How many of them are coming from your own feeding stations? (As a volunteer at your shelter for some time, I know the answer to that question.)

— Many of these feeding stations are located in completely unsafe areas by dumpsters and by very busy roads like Centerline for example. I realize it's very convenient for the "volunteers" to dump large amounts of food off at the same time they drop off their trash, but is this a safe place for the animals?

— In an effort to call yourself a "no kill" shelter you are just passing the buck. The cats you dump (some of which are people's lost pets) are for the most part condemned to a short, miserable life and traumatic, painful death. Run over by cars, killed by dogs, rampant diseases or poisoned/shot by neighbors who won't put up with the filth and noise. Amazingly, some are even left to starve. I have recently heard of at least one other station where you just stopped feeding the cats without removing them. Unbelievable.

Finally, I want to state this fantasy you are promoting that you are a "no kill" shelter is not true and you know it. You euthanize healthy cats and dogs. I know it's true and so do you. You need to step out of your dream world and make responsible decisions. How your operating now, you are part of the problem, not the humane solution.

Patty Mahoney

It's Time to Change the Economic Development Commission Regs

Senator Louis Patrick Hill,

I am one of many St. John residents who believe that tax exemptions granted by the Economic Development Commission over the years have cost the government materially more in revenue than the value of the contributions made by the grantees to our island's economy. I favor helping new businesses, but in a way that fosters growth, encourages entrepreneurs and does not materially invade government revenues.

I believe the following plan will do more than EDC grants have done and cost a lot less. It also contains a built-in impartiality by making it available to any new business, rather than to selected businesses as under the present system.

I suggest we amend the tax code to exempt any businesses from all V.I. taxes, including income, gross receipts, property and excise, from the date of issuance of its business license. The exemption will be for 100 percent the first year, declining to none in the sixth year.

Failure of a business to file any tax return in a timely fashion will result in loss of the exemption retroactively to the date of issuance of the business license.

I also suggest an immediate audit of all present grantees and the cancellation of any grant whose terms have not been fully complied with, or whose grant applications are incomplete or misleading.

Norm Gledhill,
The good island of St. John

Fern LaBorde Bids Farewell To American Cancer Society

I write to inform you that on August 2, 2011, I submitted my resignation as Executive Director USVI effective September 2, 2011. After 22 years with the American Cancer Society (ACS), it is time for me to move on. I take this opportunity to thank you for your support and commitment over the years. For those of you who have worked along with me for the past four years or those who have known me for the past 22 years, my heartfelt thanks and appreciation for all of your endeavors.

Over 10 years ago, I introduced the Relay For Life to the Virgin Islands. I was trained by Sam Nowell, a volunteer from the New Jersey ACS. In conjunction with the Division in PR and with persons in the V.I. eager to bring some relief to those affected with cancer, the first event took place on the islands of Thomas and St. Croix in 2002. This year, the 10th anniversary of RFL V.I., St. John held its first event. Your commitment and support has made the vision a reality.

I wish that I could write each person personally, but unfortunately that isn't possible. To those persons who have made these events a success and for having brought energy and commitment to your many responsibilities, I extend my deepest gratitude to you for remaining imaginative and resilient in these challenging times. To all of you, short timers or long timers, thank you, thank you, thank you. I give God thanks for the ability to serve and I thank you for the joy of serving with you. I could not have accomplished my goals for this territory without you.

As I step into a new phase of my life, I will remember you with fondness and will hold you always in my prayers. May the light of our Lord continue to shine in your life and may you always find peace, contentment, joy and love in the sharing of your talents.

Blessings,
Fern LaBorde

WEEKLY PUBLISHING WILL RESUME ON OCTOBER 3RD.

Obituaries

Beatrice G. Hunt: 1912-2011

St. John Tradewinds

Beatrice G. Hunt, 99, died on June 28 in New York. She was born in Corning, NY, on February 28, 1912.

Bea lived in Niagara Falls most of her life and graduated from Niagara Falls High School. She received her bachelor's degree in Education from Sergeant College of Boston University in 1934 and her masters degree from the University of Wisconsin.

She taught Physical Education in the Niagara Falls Public Schools and became assistant to the director of Physical Education at New York State University at Cortland.

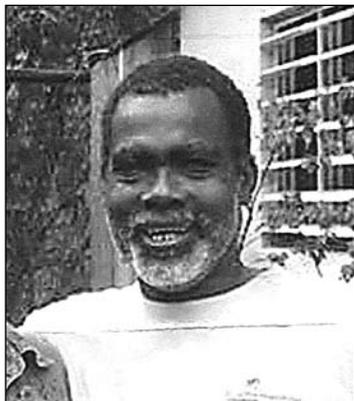
She was a former member of the First Baptist Church in Niagara Falls for 60 years. After moving to Plattsburgh, NY she became a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

Bea lived on the island of St John for 18 winters. She was one of the first recipients of the National Park Service Volunteer of the Year award in 1988.

Survivors include two cousins, Margaret Nelson of Longview, Texas, and Ruth Wolf of Farmington, NY, as well as lifelong friends, Nancy and Thelma Douglas and Katie Trout, who became her surrogate family.

She was predeceased by her sister, Rhea Hunt.

Memorial donations may be made to the First Presbyterian Church in Plattsburgh NY. Online condolences may be made at www.rwalkerfh.com.



Wilmoth George Small: 1949-2011

St. John Tradewinds

Wilmoth George Small was born on May 16, 1949 in Nevis, BWI and passed away on August 26, 2011 in Bronx, NY.

He was an electrician and enjoyed his music and gardens all over St. John and many family and friends.

Small is survived by his mother, Esther Small of North Carolina; son, Euen Small of England; brothers, Leonard Flaharty, and David (Jenny) Small, of St. Thomas, Carlyle Small of North Carolina; sisters, Carrie Small of North Carolina, Jean Brooks of NY, Bernadine (Walford) Brandy and Ruth (Evan) Brandy of England; brother-in-law, Philip Lincoln of NY and many nephews and nieces and friends in St. Thomas, St. John and Nevis.

He was predeceased by his father, Samuel Small of Nevis; sister, Flora Lincoln of NY and sister-in-law, Kathleen Flaharty of St. Thomas.

Extended family in St. John, Nancy Hedlund, Marcia and Scott Hedlund, Aisha Christian, Niyah and Tanjiah Potter and Raeshawn Gregoire; Special friends, Norris Joseph, Ivan Mills, Rudolph Bente, Irving Monsanto, Julietta Mason, Stephanie King and many, many more. He lived life with a smile.

Funeral arrangements are in New York.

Turtle Facts:

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the number declined to about 50 nesting turtles nightly. Today, the number averages a mere 10-20.

...In 1947, 40,000 female sea turtles came ashore to lay their eggs in the Gulf of Mexico? In 1960 the number was down to 5,000, and further reduced to 700 by 1989.

...Fifty years ago, thousands of nests were counted each year in the state of Terengganu Peninsula, Malaysia? In 1991, the number was down to 207 and was further reduced to a mere 19 in 1998. In recent years, the numbers have dropped to less than 10 nests per year and the population is considered virtually extinct.

...With every single egg and hatchling that is saved today, we contribute to the chance that nests will be built and eggs will be laid again at the same site in about 10 to 20 years time?

NOAA Staff Visiting St. John This Week as CBCC Wraps Up Grant Projects

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we altered the drainage so that the water does not drain down to John's Folly Bay via the culvert. We removed the culvert and put the drainage into its original natural path which leads down to a fresh water pond below Concordia."

CBCC contractors Sunny Rock Construction also paved a portion of Sugar Bird Hill to ensure that the water flow remains on its original path, Coldren added.

On the other side of John's Folly Bay, CBCC oversaw repairs to ditches and installation of rock check dams, Coldren explained.

"The work on the two guts was so that the water coming down the guts will be slowed down allowing the sediment to drop out which will stop eroding the gut and dump less sediment into the bay," said the CBCC president.

With the passing of Tropical

Storm Irene, residents in the area have already seen a difference in the amount of sediment flowing into the bay, Coldren added.

"Residents are already telling us that during Tropical Storm Irene, they saw a big difference in that much less sediment flowed into the bay," she said. "We're really excited about that."

CBCC is also focusing on a second phase of road work in the Calabash Boom area as well as restoring natural gut flows along lower Bordeaux Road, Route 108.

Rain from Tropical Storm Irene allowed CBCC officials to see the fruits of their labor first hand, Coldren explained.

"Even though the rains from TS Irene were not heavy, we were able to see that everything was performing as intended," she said.

St. John Weathers Tropical Storm Irene

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others regarding the impact of the storm on the territory," the governor said in a press release. "The storm's projections are constantly changing and it is important that we heed and respect the warnings so that we can effectively protect life and property. This is of great importance during the hurricane season."

As Irene passed through the territory, the Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs imposed a price freeze, ordering merchants to keep prices at existing levels on all items of food, general supplies and services.

By Monday morning, August 22, deJongh ordered government employees to report to work at 10 a.m., the University of the Virgin Islands announced it would operate on a normal schedule and both Innovative and the V.I. Water and Power Authority issued press releases stating they were working on fully restoring service throughout the islands.

Both airports reopened Monday at 7:30 a.m., and an inbound flight had already arrived in the territory by midday. Regular ferry service began again midday on Monday after the Coast Guard assessed local ports and channels.

"As of 9:30, 10 a.m. this morning they were conducting their assessments to determine whether there were any obstructions, and I assume service will resume by early afternoon," said Government House spokesperson Jean Greaux on Monday morning.

Government House reported that WAPA fared relatively well on St. John, and that there were no major problems on Love City roadways.

"The most significant damage was seen on St. Croix, which suffered the back end of the storm," said Greaux. "It's there that the greatest challenges lie with restoration of power and flooding, which is being addressed right now."

In the wake of the storm, the V.I. Department of Health urged residents to take precautions regarding food safety, sanitation and hygiene and to make efforts to remove standing water, reducing mosquito breeding sites.

The V.I. Waste Management Authority reminded residents that green waste is not to be placed in public bins, but rather delivered directly to the Susannaberg transfer station.

By 5 a.m. Monday, as Irene's center moved across San Juan, the storm was upgraded to a category 1 hurricane, the first named hurricane of the season.

Irene went on to wreak havoc in Hispaniola, where several people were killed by the storm. She strengthened to a Category 3 while passing through the Bahamas, leaving extensive damage in her wake.

Irene then made landfall in North Carolina on August 27 and moved up the coast through New Jersey, causing considerable damage and flooding across New England. The storm had caused a reported 54 deaths as of press time.

Letter To Tradewinds

Thanks for TRR Donations

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Baked in the Sun Deli, Carlson Construction, St. John Catering, Grapevine Hair Salon, Paul Devine, *St. John Tradewinds* Newspaper, Storage on Site, Fabric Mill, Frames of Mind, Sugar Birds, The Tap Room Bar, Arawak Kayak Tours, Best of Both Worlds, R&I Patton, Banana Deck Restaurant, Into The Blue/Silver Iguana, St. John Spice Co., St. John Bracelet, Cruz Bay Realty, Rhumb Lines Restaurant, Cimmaron Property Management, Ronnie's Pizza, St. John Dental, Carefree Getaways, Viva Villas, Calypso Catamaran Charters, Michael Banzhaf Gallery, St. John Properties, Deli Grotto, Ocean Grill Restaurant, Zo Zo's Restaurant, Cactus on the Blue, Pink Papaya, Papaya Café, BGM Engineering, Westin Resorts, Jim & Maura Metcalf, Donald Schnell Studios, Lime Inn Restaurant, Woody's Bar & Grill, La Tapa Restaurant, La Plancha Restaurant, Now & Zen Importers, Alfredo's Garden Center & Landscaping, J.J.'s Texas Café, Mumbo Jumbo, Town & Country Realty, Aqua Bistro Restaurant, Full Moon, Crabby's Water sports, Coral Bay Computers, Keep Me Posted Mail Center, Dave Witham, Wayward Sailor, Turquoise Turtle, Solar Jeff (Candy), St. John Solutions, Island Masonry, Richard Baranowski, Joe Mornini, Drift Away Day Spa, High Tide Restaurant, Doug DesJardins

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- A grateful American

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

Crime Stoppers is asking the public's help to solve the following crimes. If you know something, say something. Even the smallest bit of information may be just what law enforcement needs to identify and arrest these criminals.

On July 10, a 12-foot Caribe inflatable boat was observed to be securely docked with its black 15 horsepower Mercury outboard motor mounted on it in the area of the customs dock in Cruz Bay. On July 14, at approximately 3 p.m., the owner discovered that the vessel was on dry dock and the engine, fuel tank, a one kilogram chrome Bruce anchor, and a foot pump were missing.

On Monday August 8, at around 2:15 a.m., police were dispatched to a burglary in progress at Isla Vista Villa in Estate Pastory, which was occupied by a couple. The husband had been investigating a noise on the lower level, and encountered an intruder who was entering the villa through the northwestern door. While his wife called 911, the husband struggled with the intruder who hit him on the head with a black handgun and then fled. The intruder was described as a black male, 5' 5" tall, 130 pounds, wearing dark clothing and a dark bandana or doo-rag.

Please 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).

Your tips are completely anonymous, and the stateside operators speak several languages. If your tip 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. The minimum reward for the arrest of a murder suspect is \$1,500. For the arrest of a burglary suspect, it is \$714 plus 10 percent of the value of any property recovered. Only anonymous callers to Crime Stoppers are eligible for these cash rewards.

Police Log

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

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

Friday, August 19

1:55 p.m. - An Estate Chocolate Hole resident p/r that someone removed several documents from his vehicle. Petit larceny.

Saturday, August 20

8:45 p.m. - A St. Thomas resident p/r that she ripped her pants on the seat of a VIPD unit. Accidental injury.

12:33 p.m. - A visitor from Illinois p/r that her vehicle's rear windshield was damaged. Damage to a vehicle.

Sunday, August 21

4:49 a.m. - EMS c/requesting police assistance with an intoxicated male bleeding from the head. Accidental injury.

3:15 p.m. - An Estate John's Folly resident r/ that someone broke into a villa and removed three TVs. Burglary in the third.

Monday, August 22

9:30 p.m. - An Estate Chocolate Hole resident p/r marks on the door to his residence. Attempted burglary.

Tuesday, August 23

10:24 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident c/r an accident in Cruz Bay in the area of DMV. Auto collision.

11:53 a.m. - An Estate Bethany resident p/r that her vehicle's paint was scratched and tires cut. Damage to a vehicle.

1:28 p.m. - An Estate Chocolate Hole resident r/ that someone took a camera out of her vehicle. Grand larceny.

2:45 p.m. - A citizen r/ a disturbance in the area of Estate Grunwald. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

Wednesday, August 24

3:07 p.m. - An Estate Adrian resident r/ an auto collision. Auto accident.

4:20 p.m. - An Estate Carolina resident r/ a stolen sailboat from Cruz Bay harbor. Unauthorized use of vehicle.

5:18 p.m. - A citizen r/ a disturbance in the area of the Cruz Bay Customs Lot. Assault and battery.

5:51 p.m. - A citizen r/ a court order violation. Violation of a court order.

Thursday, August 25

10:43 a.m. - An Estate Contant resident c/r an auto accident on North Shore Road. Auto collision.

3:30 p.m. - An Estate Glucksberg resident p/r that between 15 and 20 tires were stolen from his business. Grand larceny.

11:16 p.m. - A citizen c/r loud music in Coral Bay. Disturbance of the peace.

Friday, August 26

12:30 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r that he was in an auto collision on 8/25/11. Auto collision.

Saturday, August 27

1:15 a.m. - A citizen p/r a simple assault in Cruz Bay. Simple assault.

1:22 a.m. - An Estate Pastory resident r/ a domestic violence situation. Disturbance of the peace.

No time given - An Estate Glucksberg resident c/r shots fired in the area. Illegal discharge of firearm.

3:55 p.m. - An Estate Giff Hill resident r/ that a male threatened to shoot him. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

Sunday, August 28

4:45 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r that she was assaulted by her boyfriend. Assault in the third, D.V.

5:04 p.m. - An Estate Pastory resident c/r that she was assaulted by her boyfriend. Assault in the first.

5:25 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r that \$1,600 was stolen from her bedside table in her residence. Burglary in the third.

5:38 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r that her boyfriend damaged her kitchen window and splattered paint in her kitchen. Damage to property, D.V.

Monday, August 29

11:22 a.m. - An Estate Giff Hill resident p/r that a male came to his place of employment and threatened to shoot him. Disturbance of peace, threats.

2:15 p.m. - A Bellevue Village resident c/r an auto collision. Auto collision.

Tuesday, August 30

11:32 a.m. - A Power Boyd Plantation resident c/r that someone was tearing down her land with a backhoe. Boundary dispute.

1:00 p.m. - A Power Boyd Plantation resident p/r that someone was tearing down her land with a backhoe. Boundary dispute.

1:30 p.m. - A St. Thomas resident p/r that her ex-boyfriend destroyed her cell phone. Destruction of property, D.V.

Wednesday, August 31

4:18 p.m. - Badge #1150 p/ at Leander Jurgen Command with one Rupert Walters Jr. of Estate Pastory under arrest and charged with assault in the third, aggravated assault and battery, Domestic Violence. No bail was set. He was detained at Leander Jurgen Command and later transported to the Bureau of Corrections on St. Thomas to be remanded.

Ferry Schedules - Cruz Bay and Charlotte Amalie

CRUZ BAY TO RED HOOK

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

RED HOOK TO CRUZ BAY

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
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3:45 p.m.	5:30 p.m.

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For Devotions and Study Circles, call 714-1641
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776-6316, 776-6254

Bethany Moravian Church
11 a.m., Sunday School 776-6291

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

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

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

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

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

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

Jehovah's Witness
7:30 p.m. Tuesdays; 7 p.m.
Saturdays (Español), 10 a.m. Sundays,
340-715-053

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

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Sunday 9 a.m., Sunday School 8 a.m.
776-6731

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Sat. 6 p.m., Sun. 7:30 & 9:30 a.m., Spanish Mass
5:30 p.m.; Monday and Tuesday, 7 p.m.;
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Sunday 10 a.m, 693-8830

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Saturdays, 779-4477

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Sunday 11:05 a.m., 6:30 p.m.
Tuesdays Prayer 7:30 p.m.,
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779-1230

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Sunday 9 a.m.; Bible Class, Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.
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FOR ST. JOHN U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

Guy H. Benjamin Elementary School
Coral Bay, St. John
Wednesday, September 7, 2011
6:00 pm

Application

ZAJ-11-2: Witham Family Limited Partnership (*Karen Vahling, authorized agent*) for Parcels Nos. 13-A and 13-B Estate Carolina, No. 1 Coral Bay Quarter, St. John from W-1 (*Waterfront- Pleasure*) to B-2 (*Business-Secondary/Neighborhood*). The purpose of the request is to convert use of an existing building into a guesthouse.

Files can be reviewed on St. Thomas at DPNR's Division of Comprehensive and Coastal Zone Planning, Cyril E. King Airport, Terminal Building Second Floor or on St. John at DPNR's Office (*in front of the Elaine Sprauve Public Library, Cruz Bay*) between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday except holidays.

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"Bordeaux Mountain House" a spectacular mountain top location with cool breezes, exceptional BVI views, privacy & tranquility, yet this custom designed villa is only a short ride to Cruz Bay, Coral Bay and the north shore National Park Beaches. This gated estate residence features an elegant stone & masonry main house plus a large guest house, pool & spa all on level terrain. **\$2.495M**



"Limin' Time" - The perfect Caribbean cottage with a sandy pocket beach on Great Cruz Bay & a very large pool & deck. Completely redesigned & refurbished in 2009, Limin' Time is better than new with high end fixtures, furnishings and the perfect location in this well established neighborhood. Keep your yacht moored within sight & swim and snorkel without driving. Easy parking & good storage. **\$1.75M.**



"El Cielo" - This new masonry home has an ideal location in every way. Midway between Cruz Bay & Coral Bay this 4 bedroom home is perched on a flat ridge just above Upper Peter Bay & has National Park land to the north and east to insure quiet and privacy. Graceful arches frame the sweeping views from Lovango Cay to Just van Dyke. A large deck with pool is accessed from the living room & master bedroom. Features include custom mahogany doors & windows, air conditioned bedrooms, & an office. **\$2.39M.**



"Calypso by The Sea" - is a charming Caribbean style beachfront villa with an impressive rental history located in tranquil Johnson's Bay Estates - a truly picturesque & idyllic tropical site. Two master suites separated by a central great room which includes kitchen, dining and living areas, all opening up to an oversize deck with covered outdoor dining and a sunken spa. Located right on a sandy beach with good snorkeling. **\$995,000**



"The Point at Privateer" - The eastern most point of St. John in the U.S. Virgin Islands is the location of St. John's newest upscale subdivision with minimum lot sizes of 1 acre, paved roads and underground utilities. All building sites have great breezes and unlimited views to the British Virgins from Tortola to Virgin Gorda, Fallen Jerusalem, Salt Cooper, Ginger, Peter and Norman Islands and many are waterfront. This is a sub-division for the more discerning buyer. Prices range from **\$575,000 to \$9.15M.**



"Fish Beach" - a brand new Mediterranean Style two bedroom luxury pool villa at Cocoloba Beach Estates, private waterfront neighborhood with community beach parcel & dock bordering the National Park near Reef Bay yet near all the amenities of Cruz Bay. Villa features premium finishes and cook's kitchen with stone countertops and stainless steel appliances and luxurious baths. Beaches are just a stroll away. **\$995,000.**



"Cloud 9 Villa" - Spectacular sunsets and breathtaking views over Pillsbury Sound to St. Thomas and south over Great Cruz Bay are highlights of this masonry home with pool, spa, air conditioning, Wi-Fi, & large, new sun deck with gazebo. The lot is almost flat and tropical landscaping abounds. Two bedrooms adjoin the pool deck and a comfy loft is accessed from the living room. A cool location high on Gift Hill and access is paved all the way. Cloud 9 Villa is a very popular vacation rental. **\$1.35M**



"Glucksberg Gazebo" - a wooded lot with large trees & a nifty large gazebo type structure with hip roof, 12 volt solar panels, screened walls & sturdy floor. This is a great spot for gardening and growing orchids. All wood components are pressure treated, rafters are oversized 2 x 12, all joints & footers are lag bolted & Hurricane ties at the rafters. Included are brand new solar panel system with power inverter and USB and other adapters. **\$159,000**



"Mango Terrace Condos" - Michael Milne designed condos just completed in Cruz Bay. Two, three and four bedrooms available, A/C, walk to Frank Bay beach and town. Water views, large rooms, private laundry, high quality appliances. These are some of the most spacious condos on St. John. Bank financing with 20% down. Just Completed in late 2009. **\$499,000 to \$1.2M**

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"Rendezvous Development property" Group Dwelling permit for 6 apartments and a driveway permit have been issued. Colorful sunset and water views to St Thomas from this large, gently sloping lot. A great parcel for development or for a single family home with lots of privacy. Just minutes from Cruz Bay with paved roads all the way. **\$549,000**

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Virgin Islands Scholars Celebrate Convocation



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Yelena Rogers

V.I. Scholars students celebrate their convocation at the Westin on Saturday, August 22. The students completed three weeks in the V.I. Scholars inaugural annual program, which aims to craft Virgin Islanders into future leaders. (L to R): Daniel Smith, Shahara-Ann Donastorg, K'yon Louis, Mary Buendia, Gabrielle Bailey and Kernizean Casey.

Ambulance Boat Scheduled for First Six-Month Routine Maintenance

St. John Tradewinds

Department of Health Acting Commissioner Dr. Marc Jerome announced Wednesday, August 31, that the *Liston "Huntie" Sprauve* Ambulance Boat will be dry-docked beginning Thursday, September 1, to undergo its first routine maintenance check.

"This will be the ambulance boat's first checkup since it was dedicated and began operations six months ago, April 2011," Jerome said. "The Department of Health will work closely with Gold Coast Yachts to ensure that this state-of-the-art ambulance boat is appropriately maintained."

The left St. John on Thursday, September 1, to sail to St. Croix, where Gold Coast Yachts Inc., the company which built the 55-foot catamaran-hull design, is based.

The ambulance boat, which was built to specifications and in accordance with U.S. Coast Guard mandates, ensures a highly stable working platform and is capable of high speed and able to oper-



Liston "Huntie" Sprauve Ambulance Boat

ate in all types of weather and off-shore conditions.

Jerome said the Ambulance Boat will be back in service within the next week. Until that time, the Department of Health has retained the services of a private company to provide transport services.

The Department of Health EMS staff will provide their normal duties on-board. The back-up boat will be positioned on the island of St. John, Jerome added.

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