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VINP Superintendent Mark Hardgrove's vehicle was badly damaged after he was struck head-on by a vehicle driving in the wrong lane.

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VINP Superintendent Hardgrove in North Shore Road Head-on Collision

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Sometimes trouble heads right for someone.

V.I. National Park Superintendent Mark Hardgrove learned that lesson the hard way last week when he was involved in a head-on collision on his way home.

Hardgrove had worked late and was driving home in uniform around 9 p.m. on Thursday night, January 5, when he saw headlights coming at him in the wrong lane near the Cruz Bay overlook on North Shore Road.

"I saw the lights and I didn't think anything really because there is often traffic up near Asolare," said the VINP Superintendent. "Then he just creamed me."

The other driver, who owns a home on St. John and spends a few weeks each year on island, had just finished dinner at Asolare and was driving a local car

down the hill, Hardgrove explained.

"I guess he stays here three weeks each year and wasn't used to driving," he said. "I slammed my brakes when I realized he was coming straight at me, but it was too late; he crashed right into me. Luckily the air bags did not deploy."

VIPD officers were quick to respond, Hardgrove added.

By the looks of Hardgrove's vehicle, which was parked in the VINP Maintenance Yard last week, the superintendent is lucky to have walked away from the accident.

"I'm a little older today than I was yesterday," he said the day after the head-on collision.

While Hardgrove had set a goal of zero accidents in VINP for the year, sometimes there is nothing one can do, he explained.

"Accidents are not always avoidable," said Hardgrove.

Meet New Commissioners January 10

The public is invited to meet Acting V.I. Police Department Commissioner Henry White and Acting Department of Health Commissioner Mercedes Dullum on Tuesday, January 10, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Cruz Bay Battery.

Don't miss this opportunity to meet the commissioners and engage in personal conversations. Light appetizers and soft drinks will be served. For more information call St. John Administrator Leona Smith at 776-6484.

College Workshop at Library Jan. 11

Anyone interested in saving thousands of dollars on their child's college education should mark their calendars for Wednesday, January 11, when Friends of the Elaine I. Sprauve Library host a free educational workshop beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Stop by the library to learn how to send children to college without going broke with the "Taming the High Cost of College" workshop. Participants will learn how to qualify for need-based financial aid; how to apply for financial aid; how to use tax scholarships to pay for expenses; and how to get money from schools.

The "Taming the High Cost of College" workshop will help families save money and time while reducing stress. To register go to www.BaldrigeCollegeSolutions.com or call 414-529-9400.

Dan Boyd To Share Solar Knowledge at IGBA Meeting on January 12

The Island Green Building Association will host a public presentation on "Solar, Wind and Saving Energy" on Thursday, January 12, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on the second floor of The Marketplace.

The night will also be IGBA's annual meeting to elect board members.

Dan Boyd, who lives off the grid on Lovango Cay, will share his experience with sustainable electrical systems and how to conserve energy wisely. Boyd will also give a glimpse into "Living Green on Lovango" and show the group how to do it here on St. John.

Boyd is living proof that WAPA bills are optional, and that everyone can have a comfortable lifestyle using renewable, sustainable energy. Don't miss this interesting story about Boyd's life on a neighboring island, and learn about renewable energy, and power-saving tips that save money and the environment.

The public is welcome to this free seminar. Call 227-1110 for more information.

GHS Students and NEYT To Present "Godspell Junior" January 13 and 14

Giffit Hill School and New England Youth Theater present "Godspell Junior" directed by Stephen Stearns, Alki Steriopoulos, Shoshanna Bass and Doran Hamm of NEYT.

Performances will be on Friday, January 13, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, January 14, at 2 and 7 p.m. GHS Upper Campus students will be performing as part of a special "mini-mester" program in conjunction with NEYT. Tickets are available at the door for a suggested donation of \$10 for adults and \$5 for students/children. Call 776-1730 for more information.

Relay for Life Stickers for \$5

The official St. John American Cancer Society Relay for Life car stickers have arrived on island.

The stickers are available for a \$5 donation and can currently be obtained at Connections and Woody's and other locations!

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The *Lady Caneel I* ferry collided with a dinghy last week en route to tranquil Caneel Bay Resort, above.

Caneel Bay Ferry Collides with Dinghy Driver Sent Overboard with Serious Head Trauma

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

It was likely still dark at 6 a.m. on Friday morning, January 6, when the *Lady Caneel I* ferry, en route to Caneel Bay Resort, collided with a dinghy just off Lind Point, seriously injuring Russ Kerr, who was piloting the dinghy.



Russ Kerr

The captain of the *Lady Caneel I* — whose name was not available as of press time — said he left the shipyard and piloted the vessel toward the Caneel Bay Resort when he heard a loud noise, according to initial reports.

“When he inspected the water around him, he noticed they had collided into a 12-foot dinghy and there was an injured male aboard,” according to a VIPD release. “The dingy was towed to shore by another small vessel that was in the area.”

The collision threw Kerr, who operates an information booth across the street from the Cruz Bay U.S. Post Office, into the water with broken ribs, a broken arm and severe head trauma, according to the victim’s friends.

The 61-year-old Kerr was taken to the Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center for treatment of his injuries, the press re-

lease continued.

Kerr was eventually transferred to R.L. Schneider Hospital on St. Thomas where he had to spend Friday night as doctors did not think it was safe to air-lift him to medical facilities in Florida or Puerto Rico in his condition, according to friends.

He spent Friday night at the St. Thomas hospital where family members were cheered when he was able to move his legs and even woke up and spoke a few words, according to friends.

The incident was reported by the *Lady Caneel I* captain — whose name was not available as of press time — and U.S. Coast Guard officials and V.I. National Park Acting Chief Ranger Ludric Smith responded, according to

V.I. National Park Superintendent Mark Hardgrove.

“The collision must have been pretty strong because it threw him in the water,” said Hardgrove. “It’s a good thing they were able to find him and get him out of the water.”

The only people on the ferry were the captain and first mate, neither of whom were injured, according to Caneel Bay Resort Managing Director Nikolay Hotze.

“We had an accident this morning and it’s still under investigation,” said Hotze. “USCG and V.I. Police Department officials are reconstructing what happened. Our captain and first mate are being questioned.”

“They were the only people on board the ferry and they were not injured,” Hotze said.

Circumstances surrounding the early-morning marine accident remained unclear last week and USCG officials did not immediately return *St. John Tradewinds* phone calls requesting comment.

Friends and family members were hoping Kerr’s condition would improve enough by Saturday or Sunday to be able to air lift him to a larger medical facility for treatment.

Ward Sentenced To 10 Years Behind Bars for Murder of James “Jamie” Cockayne

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

After three-and-a-half years, two trials and two convictions, Jahliil Ward was sentenced to 10 years behind bars last week for stabbing 21-year-old Jamie Cockayne to death on a Cruz Bay street.



Jahliil Ward

Cockayne had spent a few months on St. John in 2007 waiting for British Virgin Islands officials to clear his paperwork before taking a sailing instructor job on Virgin Gorda. The Pennsylvania resident had recently celebrated his 21st birthday when he had a run-in with Ward and two other St. John men the night of June 19, 2007.

Cockayne got into an altercation with Ward, Anselmo Boston and Kamal Thomas outside of the Front Yard Bar in Cruz Bay shortly after midnight on June 19, 2007.

During two trials, prosecutors alleged that the three men followed Cockayne up the street from the bar to the area near Fashion Palace in Estate

Enighed where they beat and stabbed him to death before fleeing.

Cockayne suffered eight stab wounds including one to the femoral artery and he bled to death on the Cruz Bay street before emergency responders arrived.

Boston and Thomas were arrested in late 2007 and Ward was nabbed by VIPD on June 27, 2008. All three defendants faced a jury in a joined trial in October 2008. Jurors in that trial found Ward guilty of first-degree murder, third-degree as-

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2011 RAIN DATA at Trunk Bay

DECEMBER

3.08 inches

AVERAGE

3.52 Inches

TOTAL Y-T-D

55.04 Inches

AVERAGE Y-T-D

43.83 Inches

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Workers load a beautiful wooden stairway being donated to IGBA's ReSource Depot.

Before Heading to St. Thomas, Check Out IGBA's New ReSource Depot for Affordable Construction Materials

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Constructing a new home or in the middle of a renovation project and looking to save some serious money while helping to reduce the island's waste stream?

Look no further than the Island Green Building Association's new ReSource Depot, located at the Storage on Site container on Giffit Hill Road across from the Susanaberg Transfer Station.

The depot accepts donations of quality construction materials and since IGBA is a 501(c)3 organization, donors can receive receipts for tax deductions. The program is truly a win for the builder, the donor and the environment, according to information from IGBA.

"Homeowners will find affordable materials, contractors pass savings on to their customers, and the landfills and waste stream are reduced," according to the information from IGBA. "Since IGBA is a non-profit organization, receipts for donations will be given to all donors for tax purposes. Proceeds fund the Depot's operations and educational outreach to promote green building and environmentally responsible island living."

The concept for the depot, which offers new or like new construction materials at deeply discounted rates, arose from a similar shop located in IGBA executive director Karen Vahling's former town of Ft. Collins, Colorado.



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IGBA members Will Willegerod, left, and Rob Crane, right, with Harith Wickrema.

"My husband and I shopped and donated at a similar store when we lived in Ft. Collins, Colorado," said Vahling. "It saved us lots of money on remodel projects and we got a tax deduction for leftover donated items."

Vahling and other IGBA board members, however, took that concept one step further, she explained.

"The ReSource Depot idea was further developed by the IGBA board over a year ago, as part of a larger plan for a Green ReSource Center, which will offer educational programs and demonstrations in green

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Disturbance of the Peace at Castaways Bar Results in Injury

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V.I. Police Department officers on St. John responded to a Disturbance of the Peace on Thursday, January 5, at about 3:45 a.m.

Two males were being treated for superficial injuries but they refused to make any report to police. The disturbance occurred at Castaways Bar in Cruz Bay.

VIPD officers said two men were involved in a fight and went to the Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center for treatment of their injuries.

One man had a wound on his left forearm and the other victim had a wound on the left side of his forehead. They were treated and released.

Genealogy Expert Speaking at Next St. John Historical Society Meeting

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The St. John Historical Society will host its annual monthly membership meeting on Tuesday, January 10, at 7 p.m. at the Bethany Moravian Church Hall.

The meeting will feature a presentation by the president of the Caribbean Genealogy Library on St. Thomas, Rob Upson, who will discuss the organization's ever-expanding resources for historical and genealogical studies. Thanks to the CGL, local residents no longer have to journey off island to access many of the important Virgin Islands research materials located in archives and institutions abroad.

VINP and ACC Agree on Safe Removal of Cats, Dogs

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

Stray cats and dogs who find themselves within V.I. National Park boundaries will now be turned over to the St. John Animal Care center for a little TLC, and either a reunion with their owners, or adoption to a new home.

The VINP and the ACC signed a memorandum of understanding last month, ensuring that stray cats and dogs will not be relocated or destroyed, but rather turned over to the island's only animal shelter.

"A lot of folks come to Trunk Bay to renew their wedding vows, and the National Park Service and the ACC renewed ours by signing this agreement," said VINP Superintendent Mark Hardgrove. "We've had this agreement for many years, but when I arrived on island, we didn't have the kind of relationship with the ACC that we used to."

Interest began to rekindle upon Hardgrove becoming acquainted with ACC board president B.J. Harris, who he met in yet another of her leadership positions with the St. John Rotary. The issue of stray animals in the park came to the forefront when park officials attempted to bring to the ACC cats it had trapped within VINP boundaries, but were turned away.

"When we first started to trap some of the stray cats, we went there and they didn't want to take them," said Hardgrove. "B.J. came to me and said that the person working there that day just didn't know, and to make sure B.J. was made aware every time we were trapping strays. In the long run, we decided it was better to sign an agreement that will outlast both her and me."

The memorandum of understanding will also al-

leviate concerns of pet owners whose dogs and cats have gone missing. Cats have been trapped within park boundaries and relocated elsewhere on the island, never to be recovered, Harris explained.

"In an effort to avoid that and make sure it never happens again, the park was more than happy to do this with us," said Harris. "We're really excited about it."

The majority of the animals trapped within park boundaries are cats, as populations grow at the island's various bush cat feeding stations, and some of the felines have to turn elsewhere for food. Stray dogs are found from time to time, usually after being set free by owners who choose to no longer care for their pets.

Management of non-native species within park boundaries is important to the well-being of the plants and animals that call the VINP home, Hardgrove explained.

"If it's turtle season, we'll try to remove the bush cats that are using any of the beach areas, because they'll impact turtle nesting," he said. "The turtles will head back out to sea if they see the cats. It's just not safe."

"The whole reason for managing pets is so natural species aren't disturbed," Hardgrove continued. "You've got ground nesting birds that use the shoreline for feeding, and they see these animals as predators. It's just disruptive."

Hardgrove encouraged the public to report suffering, sick, or growing animal populations within the VINP to park officials.

"Inside the park, we'll try to control and keep the natural ecosystem as intact as we can," he said.

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Broadway Comes to St. John with “World of Dreams” on January 27

By Jaime Elliott
 St. John Tradewinds

Get ready for Love City’s pre-eminent musical production of the year on Friday, January 27, at the Westin Resort and Villas when Broadway Comes to St. John for the second year in a row.

Five professional actors, dancers, choreographers and singers return to Love City this week for the second annual St. John School of the Arts fundraiser. Last year’s original production “Dream, Wish, Believe” was a jaw-dropping spectacle with fourth graders from all three of the island’s schools, as well as SJSA students, putting on a professional Broadway-caliber performance.

This year is sure to impress as well with a brand new original musical production and a new cast, but with the same professional New York mentors and the same level of excitement.

“We’re really looking forward to the second annual Broadway Comes to St. John,” said SJSA board of directors vice president Ronnie Lee. “Last year’s show was such a smashing success and this year we have a complete new group of fourth graders who will get the opportunity of furthering their arts education.”

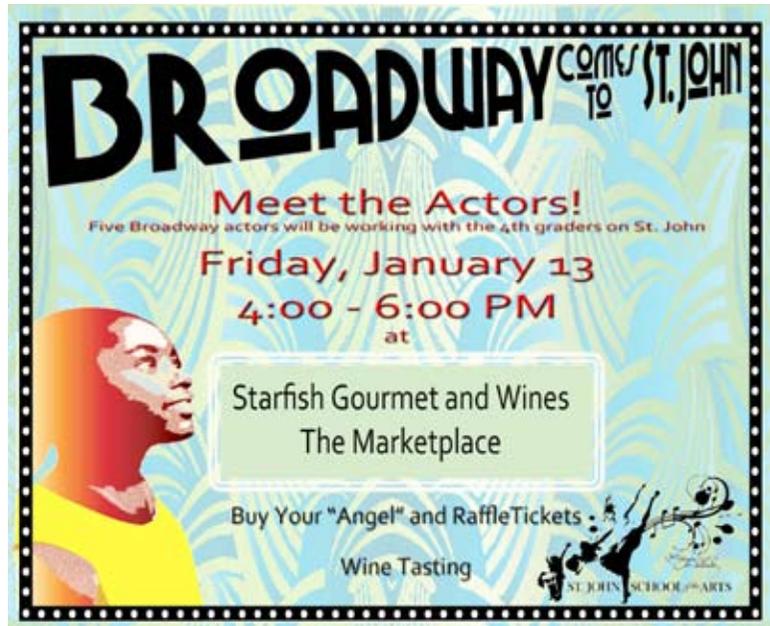
Laura Barnao, Donna Drake, Michael Shawn Lewis, Rhonda Miller and John Tartaglia, all with impressive performing credentials on Broadway and beyond, will be back on St. John this week to



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The team will work with students on songs, narration, puppetry, choreography and dance as they teach the numbers to the brand new production “World of Dreams.”

Fourth grade students at Guy Benjamin School, Giffit Hill School and Julius E. Sprauve School will start their training on Monday, January 16, for the musical.

“The actors and singers are working with the kids for three weeks this year; one week longer than last year,” said Lee. “They felt the opportunity would be served even better with three weeks of rehearsals. It’s a real heartwarming experience.”

Also new this year is an an-

anticipated solo performance, Lee added.

“This year I know they are hoping to have a fourth grade girl who will sing something special,” he said. “It should be a jump up from last year and we hope that all of the fourth grade parents and parents of all kids in school will come out for the show.”

The students will train in intensive lessons until the big opening night on January 27 at the Westin Resort when the cast will perform two shows.

SJSA will sell 100 tickets for the first show, at 6 p.m., for \$200 each, which gets one a champagne reception and dinner at one of Love City’s finest restaurants — Da Livio, Fatty Crab, Fish Trap, La Tapa, Lime Inn, Morgan’s Mango,

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On Line Relay Supporters Form Wannabes Team To Help St. John Relay for Life Effort

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

A love of St. John combined with a deep connection to American Cancer Society's Relay for Life recently added up to one very exciting new team for Love City's second annual 18-hour fundraiser.

Leslie McKibben and her husband first fell in love with St. John in 1996. A few years later she got involved in a Relay for Life fundraiser in her hometown of Melbourne, Florida.

"I first got involved with Relay for Life with my children," said McKibben. "I was the coach of our high school soccer team and we had a team the first year. Then I was a part of the planning committee after that."

"That year the event really touched by heart," she said. "I dedicated my Relay to someone I had met through our travels to St. John. He had cancer and he was such a kind person I dedicated my Relay to him."

A change in venue of her local Relay for Life prompted McKibben to forgo the annual all-night event, which strives to drive home the message "Cancer never sleeps" by having team members walking a track throughout the night.

"Relay for Life has become a very special event for me, but this new venue gave us concern," said McKibben. "Since we weren't going to be involved with our school's Relay for Life, I was wondering how I could still be involved."

Which is when it occurred to McKibben that she could possibly combine her two big passions, Relay for Life and St. John.

After taking several cruises around the Caribbean, McKibben and her husband took a day trip to St. John during a St. Thomas port call back in 1996.

"From that first trip, my husband and I knew that St. John was for us," she said. "Since then, we've been coming down for one to two weeks once, and whenever we can, twice a year. Our hearts are on St. John."

McKibben is also a regular contributor to the popular reader's forum on the website www.virginislands-on-line.com, where she



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Leslie McKibben smiles with a patient during her most recent Relay for Life in Florida. McKibben is joining the St. John event virtually.

heard about the St. John Relay for Life, set this year for February 11 and 12.

"The forum attracts a lot of people who share a love for St. John and we try to help other people by sharing our experiences," said McKibben.

After reading about the Love City Relay for Life, McKibben was inspired.

"This is an amazing way to combine by two big passions — St. John and Relay for Life," she said. "I contacted the planning committee and asked if there was any way we could have a virtual team. I wasn't sure how it would work out, but it's been great."

The new St. John Relay for Life team, called the Wannabes, had four members last week and McKibben was expecting more people to sign up over the weekend. While McKibben won't be on island during the February event, one member of the team will be on the track, she explained.

"I just got a personal message about a new team member who will be on St. John February 11 and 12 and will walk on the track for our virtual team," said McKibben.

As for McKibben, she already has plans on February 11, but is still planning on logging plenty of miles as part of the virtual Relay

team Wannabes.

"I'm going to be walking here in Florida for the entire 18 hours," she said. "My husband and I have another commitment the weekend of the St. John event, so I'm going to walk the last weekend of the month instead."

Walking on a different track at a different time are the only differences between McKibben's involvement and the hundreds of residents who are expected to take to the Winston Wells ball field make-shift track starting at 4 p.m. on February 11.

"I'm still doing fundraising up here," said McKibben. "I'm hosting a bake sale and a garage sale type of thing and asking family members and friends for pledges."

McKibben is also dedicating her Relay this year to someone close to her heart.

"We have a family member Uncle Bill who has been suffering with lung cancer for three years and he's not doing well," she said. "It's suspected that there's not much more they can do for him. We're all at a point where we know that everyone is doing the best they can, but it's time to dedicate the Relay to Uncle Bill."

McKibben's husband and friends will be cheering her on and documenting her 18-hour walk,

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Calypso Charters recently added another Bad Kitty to its fleet, above.

Calypso Charters Unveils Second Power Catamaran *Bad Kitty 2*

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Anyone who has spotted a second sleek new power catamaran cruising around St. John was not seeing double.

Calypso Catamaran Charters recently unveiled *Bad Kitty 2*, an exact replica of *Bad Kitty 1*, both of which were built by St. Croix's Gold Coast Yachts.

The 49-foot wave piercing catamarans with 33 passenger capacities offer plenty of seating both for those wanting to soak up rays and stay out of the sun. The first charter boat proved so reliable and popular, it was a no-brainer to order a second one, explained Calypso Charters owner Sheree York.

"The boats can carry up to 33 guests, but there are so many seating areas that you never feel crowded," said York. "On a lot of charters you get a seat and that's it, you're there for the day. But on *Bad Kitty* you can move around and be indoors in the shade or outside on the back or up on top."

"And the design is great because it's

a very smooth riding and a very fast boat," said York. "The boats can really cut through the water and we rarely have to cancel any trips."

While, *Bad Kitty 1* and *Bad Kitty 2* were both designed and built by Gold Coast Yachts, York's husband and Calypso Charters co-owner Scott York designed the interior layout of the vessels.

"My husband designed the layout of the inside of the vessel with the open bar area and seating," said York.

Now with two wave-piercing catamarans, Calypso Charters can offer smaller groups custom-tailored trips on *Bad Kitty 2*, York added.

"The second boat allows us to accommodate guests with smaller parties and we can really create any kind of day charter they want," she said.

From half-day to full-day, guided and sunset sails, Calypso Charters offers an array of cruising trips from St. John. For more information check out www.calypsovi.com or call York at 777-7245.

Merry Stockwell Is Next UU Guest Speaker

The Unitarian Universalists of St. John meet at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday in the Great Room at Giffit Hill School.

The guest speaker for January 15 is Merry Stockwell, who will speak on "It is what it is...or is it?" For transportation from Cruz Bay call 776-6332. Childcare is available upon prior request. For more information visit www.uufstjohn.org.

Ward Sentenced To 10 Years for Jamie Cockayne Murder

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sault and weapons charges. The jury acquitted Boston and Thomas of murder, but found both men guilty of assault and weapons charges.

In July 2009, V.I. Superior Court Judge Brenda Hollar tossed Ward's murder conviction because prosecutors had not shared a piece of evidence. Hollar overturned the convictions of Boston and Thomas in September 2009 after learning that Cockayne's family had paid several witnesses who testified during the trial.

The second time around, Hollar ordered Thomas and Boston's trial to be separate from Ward's trial. In March 2010, Boston and Thomas faced their second jury, which convicted both men of third-degree assault and weapons charges again.

Hollar sentenced both men in November 2010 to about eight years in jail. They are currently serving those sentences.

Ward faced his second jury in December 2009 and that time around he was convicted of second-degree murder. In July 2010, Hollar threw out that conviction on grounds that prosecutors had prevented a defense witness from returning to the territory to stand trial.

Instead of facing a third trial this month, Ward accepted a plea deal of one count of voluntary manslaughter, which carries a maximum sentence of 10 years. Ward used what is known as an Alford Plea, which allowed him to submit a guilty plea in court while still maintaining his innocence.

Hollar handed down the maximum sentence of 10 years in prison for the 24-year-old St. John man in V.I. Superior Court on Thursday, January 6, according to a report in the *V.I. Daily News*.

Ward's sentence includes time served and he was ordered to pay \$10,000 for Cockayne's funeral expenses, according to the report. Before announcing Ward's sentence, Cockayne's parents Bill and Jeanie Cockayne, his bother Jeff and uncle, Peter Goetz, gave statement impacts to the judge, according to the report in the *V.I. Daily News*.

Ward's sister and a family friend also addressed the court during last week's sentencing, according to the report.

Now and Zen Shop Moves to New Wharfside Location

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

After more than a decade in its old location, Now and Zen recently moved across Cruz Bay to Wharfside Village.

Now and Zen owners Lolita Bratten and Ric Hathaway opened the doors to the shop's new spot in the former Dreams and Dragonflies location late last month.

"We were in our location for 12 years, ever since we opened the store in Cruz Bay," said Bratten. "Now we're in the old Dream and Dragonflies spot which is a great place. I really like how it's an individual little building in the middle of an open-space mall."

The new store is more spacious than Bratten's old location across from Cafe Roma, allowing the store owner to share even more exciting finds from her world travels.

"This summer went to Thailand and Bali and brought back these amazing wood carvings," Bratten said. "The new store is a lot bigger so we've been able to bring those carvings in and it's so much fun. We have these big Komodo dragons, lizards and carved mahogany fish and Buddhas."

In addition to the Asian wood carvings, Now and Zen still offers an array of locally crafted goods like clothing from Carolyn Roust's Planet Carolyn, wood carvings from Herman and body butter by Nazeema, Bratten added.

"We still have our local artists and our jewelry," she said. "We haven't taken anything out. We just added some really cool new things thanks to our larger space."

Bratten also opened a Now and Zen outpost in Coral Bay last year which also gives shoppers the chance to pick up finds from Bratten's far-flung adventures



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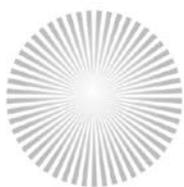
Now and Zen's larger new store enabled owners to add large wooden carvings like the one of Buddha, above.

and artwork created right on St. John.

Now and Zen in Cruz Bay is open daily from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and the Coral Bay store is open daily from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information call Bratten at 714-1088.

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Paddle Boarding Sport Exploding in Popularity on St. John

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

When Karen Jarvis first saw a stand up paddle board she didn't even want to try to it out.

"About a year ago a friend of mine got a paddle board for Christmas and we were out at Ditliff swimming and people were taking turns trying to use it," said the long-time St. John resident. "They told me to try it, but I was not a particularly athletic person and said, 'No way; I can't do that.'"

"At the end of the day, I finally got on the board and proceeded to fall off a few times," said Jarvis. "But I got home that night and thought, 'That was really cool.' The feeling was amazing."

Since that first experience, Jarvis has bought several boards, competed in several regional stand up paddle competitions, started her own Love City Paddle Boards business and shed more than 50 pounds along the way.

And Jarvis isn't alone. After emerging as a West Coast fringe sport about a decade ago, paddle boarding has exploded in popu-

larity. Paddle boarding around St. John was even featured in an article in the *New York Times*' Sunday Travel section last month.

In addition to Jarvis' business, Arawak Adventures, Cinnamon Bay Watersports and Pretlow Majette's soon-to-open watersports emporium at Wharfside all rent boards and offer lessons.

Jarvis was bit by the paddle board bug so hard, she decided to start Love City Paddle Boards as a way to cover competition costs and travel.

"After I went out a few times, I just couldn't get enough of it," said Jarvis, who has owned and run a child care center on St. John for years as well. "Whenever I wasn't working I was running out to the beach and paddling until dark and getting out there every weekend."

The appeal of paddle boarding seems to be twofold. There is the exercise element of the sport; and, especially here on St. John, the unique opportunity to get up close and personal with nature in a serene, non-threatening environ-



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Jarvis, above at far left, competed in a windy race on St. Thomas recently.

"It's really wonderful," said Jarvis. "It's a wonderful way to clear your mind and you are amazed by the nature you see here. Sting rays, tarpon, sea turtles

have all skimmed right under my board."

"It's so beautiful," she said. "It made me fall in love with St. John all over again and really appreciate the beauty all around us."

Putting one on top of the water, the sport also offers a new perspective to many who are used to swimming in local waters.

"I was trying to find a new sport because I can't run anymore," said Jude Woodcock, a personal trainer on St. John who has also competed in local paddle board competitions. "I like paddle boarding because it's like an adventure and since I've been swimming here for the past 15 years, I get to stand on top of the water. It gives you a whole new perspective and suddenly Maho Bay looks totally different."

Paddle boarding is also a great workout, working the core muscles to stabilize oneself on the board and using arm strength to paddle.

"It's great for your arms and your legs and it's a good all-over body workout," said Woodcock.

"Every muscle in your body is required to stabilize your board before you even lift that paddle," said Jarvis.

An easy sport to approach, paddle boarding can also be tailored to different physical abilities and ages, Woodcock added.

"It's pretty easy to learn," she

said. "Just about anyone can do it. And it can be as physical or as easy as you want to make it."

"You can be casual and actually sit on the board or you can be aggressive and make it very challenging," Woodcock said.

"You have to be able to swim, but then it's suitable for people of all ages," agreed Jarvis. "I've seen kids as young and four years old out there and I have taught 60-year-olds how to paddle board. I would recommend paddle boarding for anyone really at any age and any ability."

Jarvis, Woodcock and several other St. John paddle board enthusiasts have been representing Love City well, placing at the top of the pack in several local competitions. Up next is the second of the three-race SUP Cup on Tortola in Brewer's Bay in February. Jarvis is heading over for the race and would be happy to bring more competitors along, she explained.

Since boards can run upwards of \$1,000 and paddles will put one back a few hundred dollars, many novice paddle boarders start by renting at first. Jarvis offers paddle board rentals for \$25 an hour and one-hour lessons with the board for \$40. Rentals are also available through Arawak Adventures and Cinnamon Bay Watersports as well.

From being "not particularly" an athletic just a year ago, Jarvis has her sights set even higher than local short-course races.

"My dream is to do open ocean long distance racing," she said. "For me to fall in love with this at the age of 41 and feel like I feel now, it's amazing."

While Love City Paddle Board will hopefully allow Jarvis to realize her open ocean racing dream, she also loves simply being able to share her favorite sport.

"A lot of people are intimidated, but it's really not as hard as some people think," she said. "It takes a little bit of patience and persistence, but once you have it, you have it. I have such a great time sharing paddle boarding with people."

For more information about Love City Paddle Boards or for rentals and lessons, call Jarvis at 340-642-9419.

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Parking Fee at Caneel Increases



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Caneel Bay Resort officials unveiled a new sign last week announcing the increase of parking fees from \$10 to \$20 for 2012. The fees will help Caneel cover operation costs, explained resort managing director Nikolay Hotze.

“We have increased the price of car-parking in 2012 for day visitors to Caneel Bay as a response to the increasing costs of running the operation,” said Hotze. “The charge allows the Caneel Bay management to maintain the parking facility, rest rooms and other areas used by the increasing number of day-visitors welcomed daily to the resort. The parking fee is waived upon proof of meals and refreshments purchased in either of the resort restaurants, to an equal or greater value of the parking charge.”

SJHS Clearing Annaberg School Jan. 14

The St. John Historical Society’s monthly activity will be a bush clearing at the Annaberg School ruins on Saturday, January 14, from 9 a.m. to noon.

SJHS has been clearing the important historical site since its rediscovery and identification by Society members in 1982. Everyone is encouraged to uphold the Society’s long tradition of responsible stewardship by helping bring the surrounding bush under control.

Those joining the activity should bring a pair of clippers or a machete. Light refreshments will be provided.

ACC Annual Meeting Set for Jan. 18

The Animal Care Center of St. John will host its annual meeting on Wednesday, January 18, at 6 p.m. at the Giff Hill School lower school great room. The public is invited to attend to hear the President’s Report.

Christmas for Animals Set for Jan. 21

The St. John Animal Care Center’s Annual Christmas for the Animals fundraiser gala will be Saturday evening, January 21, at A La Mer villa overlooking Great Cruz Bay.

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Armed Robberies: 0

Arsons: 0

1st Degree Burglaries: 2

2nd Degree Burglaries: 8

3rd Degree Burglaries: 51

Grand Larcenies: 58

Rapes: 1

2012-TO-DATE

Homicides: 0

Shootings: 0

Stabbings: 0

Armed Robberies: 0

Arsons: 0

1st Degree Burglaries: 0

2nd Degree Burglaries: 0

3rd Degree Burglaries: 0

Grand Larcenies: 2

Rapes: 0

Letters To St. John Tradewinds

Beatrice G. Hunt

How many remember “The St. John Bird Ladies” of the 1980s and 90s?

Bea Hunt and Thelma Douglas were named such for all they did for St. John, especially with their feathered friends.

Bea died June 28, 2011 in Plattsburgh, New York, at the age of 99. Without these two ladies, and others interested, the Frank Bay Bird Sanctuary would never have been accomplished. They would be proud to know of the peaceful place folks can now come and sit and watch the birds in their natural habitat.

Bea and Thelma started the first of many Sunday morning bird walks in Francis Bay. It was they who

trained Laurel Brannick Bigrig of the National Park Service, to take over when they were stateside.

Bea was one of the first to receive the NPS Volunteer of the Year Award. They could be seen daily walking the streets of Cruz Bay picking up trash to help beautify the town.

Bea taught physical education and health programs in the Niagara Falls, NY, public school system from 1949 to 1972. She lived here on St. John for 18 winters and used her days wisely and generously.

Bea Hunt was one of the many who come to St. John as a stranger and leave a friend.

- Submitted by Beverly Biziewski

Moving Mountains

I’m writing to call attention to a huge mountain of solid trash building up on a hillside on St. John. The Susannaberg Transfer Station is supposed to be a transfer station — where employees work hard all day filling containers with the junk cars, refrigerators and other dead appliances, tires, and all the other ugly stuff we take there — and then the containers are taken off St. John, to wherever they go.

I can’t be the only one who has noticed that the once manageable pile of solid waste has turned into a gigantic mountain, growing daily, and not going anywhere. In fact, a new area has been cleared and a second mountain has been started!

I’m politely asking the VI Waste Management Authority, Public Works and the EPA — whoever is responsible — to respond to the public with the plan of attack upon this burgeoning problem, and to make a serious effort to remove this waste immediately.

Senator Barshinger, I emailed your office on December 12, can you help? The long-term health and safety of our island residents, and the beauty of this island, depend on it. If I am under-informed or misinformed, I will appreciate the clarification. I’m asking

you all to move mountains, and I hope more residents will take up the crusade.

Meanwhile, I want to publicly thank VIWMA and/or Public Works for heeding my request to pick up all that awful, unsightly municipal trash that had blown or rolled down over the hill from the transfer station onto Giffit Hill Road. Now, please have your guys at the trailer keep it cleaned up, as the private trash haulers do at the dumpsters. (I used to do it but it’s not my job, man.)

I know I’m not the only person who drives by there every day and is disgusted by it, watching escapees from the nearby pig farm nosing around in it (one little piggy lost a battle with a speeding vehicle recently — someone did pick him up). Or a better idea: simply replace the fencing which used to restrain all this trash from falling down. Then the piggies would have to enter the same gate we do when dropping off trash!

I know this is just one of many serious issues facing St. John and our government agencies, but I thank you for your attention to these matters.

Nancy J. Brown

Crossword Answers — Puzzle on Page 20

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Santa Sighting on St. John

T’was the night before Christmas
All quiet on Reef Bay
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A big loaded sleigh

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All dressed up in red
Wearing his shiny black boots
And obviously well fed!

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In need of a dip

Before his hard work
And his all night trip.

Off came the fur coat
And his pants to match
To dip in the cool water
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He had a great swim
Midst the coral and fish
Where was his camera?
A good pic was his wish.

Back up on the sand
Quick on with the clothes
Jumped back in the sleigh
Whoops! Forgot his red hose.

Away went dear Santa
Who promised to remember
To once again visit St. John
When it comes next December.

Submitted by
the Muse of Reef Bay

Correction

The article “DeJongh Approves Basement Law and Spells End to St. John Dial-a-Ride” in the January 2-8 issue of *St. John Tradewinds* included incorrect information. The Department of Human Services informed St. John Community Foundation of the Dial-a-Ride funding cuts which were mandated by the V.I. Legislature.

Letters To St. John Tradewinds

Time to Wake Up and Meet Today's Challenges

We have reached a watershed moment in the political and economic life of the Virgin Islands, and it is time for all across our community to wake up and approach the challenges that we face with a new maturity and a seriousness of purpose.

Since the onset of the global financial crisis and the ensuing recession, communities like ours across the United States have been devastated by employment losses and reductions in local economic activity. And since the onset of this crisis, we have seen the disintegration of our politics into increasingly divisive and ineffective wars of words.

In the Virgin Islands, as in our nation's capital, this deteriorating rhetoric highlights our inability as a democracy to come together in this moment of our greatest need to assure a strong and vibrant future in the years ahead.

Here at home, the political war of words between the Governor and the legislature must end. It is time for our political leaders — if they are to continue to bear that mantle with any degree of seriousness — to cease the unending pursuit of political advantage and work instead to assure the economic viability of our community.

The current administration has consistently sought to focus the attention of our entire community on the danger of the path that we have been on. And the danger it pointed out was very simple. Our government has for years, if not decades, spent more than it takes in.

This simple reality has been masked by the consistent under-funding of worker pensions, and ignoring long-standing issues of deferred maintenance, retiree healthcare, solid waste management and other costs. And, of course, this situation has been mirrored by the performance of WAPA, whose under-maintenance is legend, and for which all who lack water can now attest.

It is time for each of us to acknowledge that the Governor's actions to keep government employees working through the recession sustained an economy that otherwise would have collapsed, if the mantra of balanced budgets had been upheld. Last week, Commissioner of Finance Angel Dawson laid out the numbers, and they were stark indeed.

In our small economy, the Government spent over three quarters of a billion dollars to keep demand up across our economy. It is time that business and union leaders alike take a hard look in the mirror and recognize that but for that spending, thousands of government workers would have gone home, layoffs across the private sector would have been staggering, business failures would have been rampant, our banks would have faced dire consequences as individual and corporate loans would have gone bad.

But now, as Commissioner Dawson stated, the time has come to put the ship of state back on solid fiscal footing. And tough measures must be taken.

Here are the stark numbers. Over the past three years, Government personnel costs have averaged more than 100 percent of total tax and fee revenue.

This compares to 60-65 percent on average over the years preceding the financial collapse. And it bears repeating that the 60-65 percent was without regard to the pension underfunding.

Therefore, even as Dawson noted that the Government workforce headcount has declined by 7 percent since the beginning of the current administration, the path to fiscal stability will require substantial and continued cost reduction, as well as sustained efforts to increase revenues.

We understand that to balance the budget this year simply by reducing costs would require drastic and economically damaging cuts, and accordingly we are supportive of efforts to increase revenues, and encourage the administration to accelerate the collection of back-due property taxes and to make good on its longstanding commitment to go after tax avoidance, tax collection and tax discovery.

We remain opposed to increasing the gross receipts tax, as that tax is economically destructive, and every effort must be made to pursue pro-growth strategies, now more than ever. We call on the legislature to finally understand the gravity of the issue and end its diversionary focus on bank account access codes and cellphones. All of the nickel-and-dime proposals that have come out of the legislature or been talked about on the radio do nothing to deal with the magnitude of the problem. You simply cannot address this problem by eliminating government cars or cellphones, or eliminating capital projects. And each step of the way the Senate has rejected other small steps that would have reduced the pain we all feel today, such as non-paid holidays and furloughs.

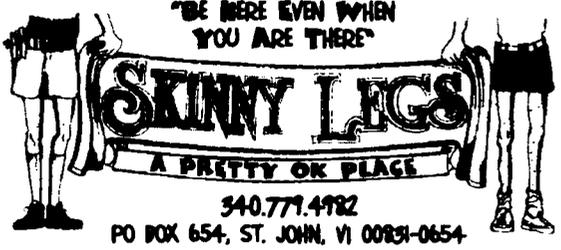
Accordingly, we suggest that the proposed legislation include the following provisions and commitments:

Essential to public support is a transparent and verifiable initiative to reduce the tax gap and tax cheating across the territory. We understand that the administration has taken initial steps for a tax discovery and collection program, but these efforts must be fully funded and aggressively implemented. In our view, tax avoidance is rampant across the territory, and this is a problem that saps the credibility of legitimate government.

No one likes to pay taxes and everyone would rather that someone else bear the burden of the costs of the real public services that are essential to our community. But we are all willing to pay our fair share to assure that needed services are adequately funded, but this public consensus quickly dissipates if people believe that others are cheating and that the burden is not fairly and equitably shared.

The need to reduce the cost and size of government must continue to be addressed. We understand that the administration has cut back on the use of cellphones and cars, and we further understand that the costs of these items and other are insignificant in the scheme of things. But these costs and perks have become symbolic of an attitude of Government em-

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BIR Reminds Taxpayers of Hotel Tax Increase*St. John Tradewinds*

Director of the V.I. Bureau of Internal Revenue Claudette Watson-Anderson, CPA, last week reminded all hoteliers, time share developers and innkeepers that the hotel room tax has increased from 8 to 10 percent effective January 1, 2012.

The hotel room tax is 10 percent of the gross room rental, and will apply to every guest that resides in the hotel, time share, inn, or any other sleeping accommodations for a period of less than 90 days.

"The 10 percent hotel room tax should

be separately stated on the invoice to avoid any appearance of collecting more tax than is allowed by law," said Watson-Anderson. "It is imperative that this particular tax not be lumped with any other hotel charges. Taxpayers should be able to easily identify the tax charges on their bill."

Hotel room tax returns are due on the 30th day after the end of each month. Questions concerning the hotel room tax should be directed to the Office of Chief Counsel at 715-1040, ext 2249.

Time to Wake Up and Meet Today's Challenges*Continued from Page 13*

ployees who are indifferent to the impact of their conduct on the public. It is important that our political leaders acknowledge the importance of addressing the costs as part of an overall effort to reduce the cost of government.

Across the Government, the Governor must take the lead in an effort to put the word public back into public service. Government workers have lost any sense of where their salaries are paid from: the taxes paid by people across the economy, and most notably from the private sector. Without a thriving private sector, there would be no public employment. That simple fact needs to be reiterated as workers and their union leadership alike continue their perpetual efforts to drain the public purse on their own behalf.

We do not endorse the attacks on public employee unions that have become popular across the country. We are a small community, and we do not believe that we can sustain the vitriol that is engendered by such attacks. At the same time, it is in the workers own interests that costs of government be reduced so that a strategy can be put in place for the full funding of government employee pension costs, and it is high time that union leadership play a constructive role in addressing the critical problems we face.

We have been stunned at the indifference of so many across the political spectrum to the problems at GERS. Simply stated, the union leadership has abdicated their responsibility to their members by not standing side by side with the Governor in his efforts to restore fiscal stability to the Government and address this issue. This looms as the greatest threat both to their workers down the road, and to the broader economy.

Based on the data presented at the Governor's summit on this issue, GERS will run out of money within a decade, and there will be little recourse to fixing it. Workers and union leaders who believe that taxes will be raised or essential services will be cut at that time to make good on those pension claims

are living in a fantasy world.

That said, if this package is to go forward, the Government workers must acknowledge and share the burden of achieving fiscal balance. In our view, the simplest and fairest step is to rescind the sunset provision on the 8 percent salary cut. Alternatively, as Commissioner Dawson has noted, there will need to be deeper cuts in government employment. This is a simple fact of life, and it is one wherein the government workers have the most at stake, as only by restoring fiscal balance will their retirement benefits be assured.

Finally, it is time for our politics to reflect our commitment to building a better future. Each Senator must be held accountable for their own demonstrated understanding of and support for strategies that are realistic and sound. For too long we have all watched as Senators have passed unreasonable budgets and ignored their responsibilities as stewards of our future.

It is no longer acceptable for any of us to use the easy political rhetoric of opposition to mask our pursuit of our own self-interest, and for no one is it less acceptable than for our political leaders, who for too long have been satisfied to stir up public anger and resentments as an easy path to political office.

As members of the business community, we look forward to meeting on a regular basis with members of the administration to understand the steps being taken as we move forward. At least as important are the meetings that must be held between business leaders and members of the legislature, as it is time to assure that those who are elected to represent us fully understand our stance on these critical issues, and that we communicate to them our seriousness of purpose in the weeks and months to come. We believe that all stakeholders have a responsibility to understand the situation and provide constructive feedback, as all of our futures are at stake.

STT/STJ Chamber of Commerce

Broadway Comes to St. John with "World of Dreams" on January 27

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Ocean Grill, Rhumb Lines, Spyglass or ZoZo's.

"Those are angel tickets," said Lee. "That is as near as you can get to becoming a Broadway angel, which is an investor. People who buy angel tickets are investing in the fourth grade students of St. John."

Proceeds will go to support SJSA's many arts programs both at the art school at all three island schools.

The second performance of the night, at 8 p.m. is free and open to the public. SJSA would appreciate any donations of support for that performance, but they are not mandatory, Lee added.

The "World of Dreams" performance promises to be something special and the funds raised through the show will ensure that island children continue receiving critical arts education.

"This is really a rare opportunity on St. John," said Lee. "What SJSA does extends far beyond the number of students who come to the school for classes. It extends

into all three schools and the entire populations of GHS, GBS and JESS."

"We have programs in all three schools which involve all students," he said. "There are hundreds of kids on St. John getting some form of arts education through the school and this show will help us be able to continue to do so."

Also back this year is the exciting raffle drawing for St. John Goes to Broadway. Raffle tickets are \$100 each and only 150 tickets will be sold for the chance to win two round-trip tickets to New York City, three night's hotel stay, tickets to "Priscilla Queen of the Desert", "Chicago" and a third show to be announced, back stage tours of one show and dinner at Sardi's and Etcetera Etcetera, worth a total of \$5,000.

Stop by Starfish Gourmet and Wines this Friday, January 13, from 4 to 6 p.m. to meet Barnao, Drake, Lewis, Miller and Tartaglia and purchase those raffle and angel tickets. For more information, call SJSA at 779-4322.

On Line Supporters Form Wannabes Team To Help St. John Relay for Life

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she added.

"To make sure I'm not falling asleep and to keep me going, my husband will be doing some short video clips and taking pictures," she said.

McKibben is still accepting donations and team mates for team Wannabes. She and her husband will be on island next in June to celebrate her 50th birthday. Until then, McKibben is delighted to be able to help the island's American Cancer Society fundraiser.

"St. John provides us with such joy and pleasure that we really want to give back anyway we can," she said. "Our last trip in October, we got to participate in Just Play which was amazing. We just hope

we can continue to give back to a place that we have loved since the moment we stepped foot on it."

"We love the people, the land, and of course, underwater," she said.

For more information or to support the Wannabes, email McKibben at lmpt@earthlink.net. For more information about the St. John Relay for Life, check out www.relayforlife.org/stjohnvi. For information about registering a new Relay for Life team, call Doug Bean at 690-2186.

The second annual St. John Relay for Life runs from Saturday afternoon, February 11, at 4 p.m. to Sunday morning, February 12, at 10 a.m.



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Police Log

Friday, December 30

3:25 p.m. - An Estate Pastory resident r/ a disturbance. Disturbance of the peace.

Saturday, December 31

12:12 a.m. - A citizen r/a dog bite. Allowing vicious animals to stray.

8:20 a.m. - A citizen c/r an auto accident on North Shore Road near Maho Bay. Auto accident.

10:20 a.m. - A VIPD Officer r/ a man bleeding in the area of The Lumberyard. Police assistance.

Sunday, January 1

1:37 a.m. - A VIPD Officer r/ an unresponsive male in the area of Cruz Bay. Police assistance.

2:27 a.m. - A Cruz Bay resident r/ being robbed in Cruz Bay. Robbery in the third.

7:59 a.m. - A Cruz Bay resident r/ an aggravated assault and battery. Aggravated assault and battery.

3:45 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident r/ a disturbance of the peace, threats. Disturbance of the peace.

6:15 p.m. - A visitor from Kentucky r/ a simple assault. Simple assault.

8:00 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident r/ an assault. Assault.

8:13 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident r a disturbance. Disturbance of the peace.

8:56 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident r/ a disturbance. Disturbance of the peace.

9:36 p.m. - A visitor from New York r/ an assault. Simple assault.

10:08 p.m. - A Coral Bay resident r/ a disturbance. Disturbance of the peace.

Monday, January 2

11:09 a.m. - A citizen c/r shots fired in the area. Illegal discharge of firearm.

3:20 p.m. - A Lumberyard resident p/r receiving threatening phone calls. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

8:21 p.m. - A citizen r/ a brush fire in the area of Chocolate Hole. Brush fire.

8:40 p.m. - Badge #1035 and 1042 p/ at Leander Jurgen Command with one Jeffrey James under arrest and charged with assault in the third and violating a restraining order. Assault in the third.

Tuesday, January 3

12:26 a.m. - A citizen r/ loud music in the area of Coral Bay. Disturbance of the peace.

4:26 a.m. - A citizen c/r a fire near Lind Point. Structural fire.

3:30 p.m. - A citizen r/ that she wants her tenant out of her establishment. Landlord/tenant dispute.

4:35 p.m. - A citizen p/r that his car was broken into and his amp, car computer and speakers were stolen. Grand larceny.

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

Wednesday, January 4

2:50 p.m. - A Lumberyard resident p/r that he was robbed of \$1,500 on St. Thomas. Robbery in the first.

7:33 p.m. - A citizen c/r a vehicle in the ditch near the old cement plant on Centerline Road. Police assistance.

Thursday, January 5

12:44 a.m. - A visitor r/ a stolen iPhone and cash. Grand larceny.

3:47 a.m. - A citizen r/ a disturbance in the area of Castaways Bar in Cruz Bay. Disturbance of the peace, fight.

9:50 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident r/ a disturbance with her boyfriend. Disturbance of the peace.

10:07 a.m. - A Cruz Bay resident r/ that he was assaulted by a male in the area of Frank Powell Park. Simple assault.

7:03 p.m. - A citizen p/r that he was involved in a fight at Castaways Bar in Cruz Bay. Assault in the third.

10:20 p.m. - A citizen p/r that she was threatened over the phone. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

11:20 p.m. - A citizen c/r that she was assaulted in Coral Bay. Disturbance of the peace.

Friday, January 6

No time given - A citizen c/r a collision involving the *Lady Caneel* ferry near Lind Point. Marine vessel collision.

CRIME STOPPERS U.S.V.I.

Organization Seeks Information on Crimes

St. John Tradewinds

Crime Stoppers is asking the community's help to solve the following crimes. If anyone knows something, they should say something, as law enforcement cannot control crime without the help of the community.

St. John

On Wednesday, November 30, a home at 16-23 Estate Adrian was burglarized. The husband locked and secured the house at 7:24 a.m. The wife and son came home several times

during the day, up until 3:30 p.m. No one saw any signs of a burglary during those times. A total of \$3,235 in cash plus eight items were stolen. See our website for a list of the stolen items. The minimum reward for an arrest is \$700 plus 10 percent of the retail value of all property recovered.

Let's continue to help make the community a safer place to live by submitting information on these or any other crimes at www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org

or by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). Tips are completely anonymous, and the stateside operators speak several languages. If a tip leads to an arrest or the recovery of stolen property, illegal drugs, or weapons, tipsters will receive a cash reward to be paid according to their instructions.

VIPD detectives would like to tell everyone they are very appreciative of the assistance throughout the years and want to continue to receive support.

Community Calendar

St. John Tradewinds welcomes notices of community-oriented, not-for-profit events for inclusion in this weekly listing. Call 776-6496, e-mail editor@tradewinds.vi or fax 693-8885.

Tuesday, January 10

— The public is invited to meet Acting V.I. Police Department Commissioner Henry White and Acting Department of Health Commissioner Mercedes Dullum on Tuesday, January 10, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Cruz Bay Battery.

Wednesday, January 11

— Anyone interested in saving thousands of dollars on their child's college education should mark their calendars for Wednesday, January 11, when Friends of the Elaine I. Sprauve Library host a free educational workshop at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 12

— The Island Green Building Association will host a public presentation on "Solar, Wind and Saving Energy" on Thursday, January 12, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on the second floor of The Marketplace. The night will also be IGBA's annual meeting to elect board members.

Saturday, January 14

— The best in old-school comes to the Reichhold Center for the Arts on Saturday, January 14, 2012 at 8 p.m. The Commodores, the Grammy Award-winning musical group

and legends of Motown, will be live in concert singing classic hits such as "Three Times a Lady," "Easy," and "Brickhouse." Get tickets today to groove to these favorite hits! Call 693-1559 or purchase online at www.reichholdcenter.com. Tickets are available on St. John at Connections and St. John residents should call 693-1550 to sign up for the discount shuttle.

Friday and Saturday, January 13 and 14

— Giffit Hill School and New England Youth Theater present "Godspell Junior" on Friday, January 13, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, January 14, at 2 and 7 p.m. GHS Upper Campus students will be performing as part of a special "mini-mester" program in conjunction with NEYT. Tickets are available at the door for a suggested donation of \$10 for adults and \$5 for students/children.

Saturday, January 21

— The St. John Animal Care Center's Annual Christmas for the Animals fundraiser gala will be Saturday, January 21, at A La Mer villa. The "Snow Ball" will be island fancy and will feature a live band.

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 Monday at Scandic Executive Service's meeting room in Mongoose Junction from 6:30 to 7:30pm; and every Tuesday from 1 to 2 p.m. at the VINP ball field bleachers. Warm line: 340-642-3263.

PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

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CREEPY MOVIE

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- 6 Huffed and puffed
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- 16 Letters after C
- 19 Puccini work
- 20 Lady — Chaplin
- 21 Actor Lon of chillers
- 22 Yale Bowl yeller
- 23 Start of a riddle
- 26 Actor Affleck
- 27 Work units, in 11-Down
- 28 BlackBerry device, e.g., for short
- 29 Floppy parts of a beagle
- 30 Youth's opposite
- 32 Partner of neither
- 33 Puccini's "O — babbino caro"
- 34 Miss the mark
- 35 Adherent: Suffix
- 38 I's, in Athens
- 39 Riddle, part 2
- 44 Retired female professor
- 45 Metropolis of Japan
- 46 Funny Johnson
- 47 Biblical song
- 50 One sparring
- 52 Rio's car maker
- 54 Actor Tony
- 57 Riddle, part 3
- 64 Suffix with pay or play
- 65 Bread buy
- 67 Shoulder of a road
- 68 Hooting baby bird
- 69 Hollow between hills

- 71 Riddle, part 4
- 76 Entwined
- 77 Behave theatrically
- 79 Feline cry
- 80 Kosovo resident
- 82 Vote "for"
- 83 Riddle, part 5
- 88 Revised, as text
- 90 Dove noise
- 91 Unbusy bee
- 93 Sloppy
- 94 Ladder part
- 98 Explorer — da Gama
- 101 Hockey great Mario
- 104 End of the riddle
- 110 Trendily dated
- 111 Woodcutting tool
- 112 "So nasty!"
- 113 Pindaric poem
- 114 A fire sign
- 115 Melodious
- 117 Actress Olin
- 119 Haloed Fr. woman
- 120 Spurt
- 121 Abbr. in co. names
- 122 Riddle's answer
- 127 Leisure shirt
- 128 Bee or flea
- 129 Axel or lutz
- 130 Word with city or circle
- 131 Part of OS: Abbr.
- 132 Capital of Kansas
- 133 — terrier
- 134 Feats of skill

DOWN

- 1 Ivanhoe's ladylove
- 2 Screenwriter Nora
- 3 Scant, to a Brit
- 4 Part of M.A.

- 5 "— Man Fever"
- 6 Woman's bedroom
- 7 Former Vegas star
- 8 Terminus
- 9 Passenger-transporting motorboat
- 10 Champagne bucket
- 11 Nobel Prize category
- 12 — Solo
- 13 — scale of 1 to 10
- 14 Sci-fi mariner
- 15 It has lashes
- 16 Participant in an arguing contest
- 17 Posh
- 18 Savoir-faire
- 24 Voice a view
- 25 Rabbit kin
- 31 TV "explorer"
- 33 Warm-blooded one
- 34 Consume, Bible-style
- 36 "Na Na" lead-in
- 37 Chicken — masala (Indian dish)
- 40 Fuse
- 41 1997 sci-fi spoof, briefly
- 42 Projecting window
- 43 Milk, in Metz
- 47 Innocent until — guilty
- 48 Deli staple
- 49 Alternative to digital
- 51 Person jostling someone
- in jest
- 53 — -Z (thorough)
- 55 Park place?
- 56 "Well, — -di-dah!"
- 58 Hear legally
- 59 Medical ins. plans
- 60 "So nasty!"

- 61 Big London insurer
- 62 Flood zone structures
- 63 Unwavering
- 66 U.S. disaster relief org.
- 70 Ordinal number ending
- 72 Stitch up
- 73 Ratted out
- 74 Doctor's charge
- 75 It has triceps
- 78 List finisher: Abbr.
- 81 Mystify
- 84 Harbor inlet
- 85 Lion sounds
- 86 Attendance-checking routines
- 87 Skulk around
- 89 Subsequent
- 92 They precede ens
- 94 Narrow ship passages
- 95 "Laura" star Gene
- 96 Leads on
- 97 Firebug
- 99 Org. issuing nine-digit IDs
- 100 Unruly patch of hair
- 102 Related element form
- 103 Quilt stuffing
- 105 Small, sticky note
- 106 "If it — broke ..."
- 107 Like Swiss peaks
- 108 Not optional
- 109 High-rises
- 116 "How awful!"
- 118 Jazz singer James
- 119 Totter
- 120 Clearheaded
- 123 Sci-fi talent
- 124 Director Spike or Ang
- 125 "I see mice!"
- 126 Prefix with life or size

Legal Notice

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
DIVISION OF ST. THOMAS AND ST. JOHN**

JOAN OAT) CIVIL
Plaintiff,) ACTION
)
)
vs.)
SEWER ENTERPRISES, LTD. et al.,)
Defendant.) No. 03-115

ORDER

AND NOW, this 18th day of February, 2011, having reviewed the Motion to Quash or Amend Writ of Execution filed by Movants David and Joan Condon (Document 458), and the responses thereto filed by Plaintiff Joan Oat, and having heard oral argument on the motion on January 19, 2011, it is ORDERED the motion is GRANTED.¹

¹On June 7, 2007, following four years of litigation, Oat received a judgment in her favor in this case of \$641,074.08 against Defendant Sewer Enterprises. In its judgment, the court also ordered that "(j)udgment of foreclosure (be) entered in favor of (Oat) and against defendant Sewer Enterprises, Ltd. f/k/a Sewer Dolin Associates, Ltd. on December 30, 1990 Second Priority Leasehold Mortgage." Mem. and Order of June 7, 2007, 14.

Oat now seeks to enforce this judgment through a Writ or Execution against three parcels in St. John — Parcels 3h, 3i and 3Ae in Estate Enighed. To that end, she filed an Amended Writ of Execution against all three parcels on September 20, 2010. The Condons have a 30-year lease and operate an inn on Parcel 3Ae, the parcel which is the subject of the instant motion. On November 29, 2010, after a "No Trespassing" sign was placed on their property by U.S. Marshals, the Condons moved to amend Oat's writ of execution, arguing that Parcel 3Ae should not be included in the writ because it is not included in the Second Priority Leasehold Mortgage and because Oat has already settled any claim she has against Parcel 3Ae.

In response to the Condons' motion, this Court temporarily amended the writ of execution to exclude Parcel 3 Ae, so that a hearing could be held regarding whether this Parcel should be included in Oat's writ of execution. The writ was so amended and, in the meantime, Oat was permitted to foreclose on Parcels 3h and 3i.

After reviewing the convoluted ownership history of the subject parcels, this Court has determined Oat is not entitled to execute on Parcel 3Ae. Parcels 3Ae, 3h, and 3i were originally leased by Hulda, Victor and Llewellyn Sewer to Sewer-Dolin Associates, Ltd. (SDA) on March 26, 1987. The lease states that Parcel 3 Ae was owned by Hulda Sewer, Parcel 3h was owned jointly by Hulda and Victor Sewer, and Parcel 3i was owned by Llewellyn Sewer. On July 1, 1987, SDA executed a leasehold mortgage of the three parcels in favor of the Carperteria, Inc. Employees' Pension Plan (Carperteria) in exchange for \$100,000. A leasehold mortgage is secured by the mortgagor's leasehold interest in a property. See *Black's Law Dictionary* 1033 (8th ed. 2004). On August 6, 1987, SDA purported to surrender its interest in the original lease to Hulda, Victor, and Llewellyn Sewer, to the extent the lease pertained to Parcel 3Ae. The surrender was purportedly accepted by Hulda, Victor, and Llewellyn Sewer. SDA's surrender to the lease, however, was not valid because Carperteria did not consent to the surrender. By the terms of SDA's lease, "(no) agreement of surrender or to accept a surrender (would be) valid unless and until the same (was) reduced to writing and signed by the duly authorized representatives of the Landlord, Tenant, and the holder of the leasehold mortgage." March, 26, 1987 Lease P. 18. Movants provided this Court with certified copies of both the surrender of the lease and the landlords' acceptance of the surrender. Neither of these documents was signed by Carperteria, the leasehold mortgagee; thus, it appears SDA's surrender of Parcel 3Ae was not valid.

Following SDA's purported surrender of its lease on Parcel 3Ae, on August 3, 1987, the Condons entered into a 30-year lease of Parcel 3Ae and another property, Parcel 3Ag, with Hulda Sewer as their landlord. On September 6, 1988, Carperteria assigned its leasehold mortgage on Parcels 3Ae, 3h and 3i to Oat's husband, Don Oat for \$1.00. When Carperteria assigned its leasehold mortgage to Don Oat, Oat received an interest in the leasehold on Parcel 3Ae.

Apparently Hulda, Victor and Llewellyn Sewer were aware of the deficiency in SDA's surrender of its leasehold, and were concerned that such surrender was not valid, because they drafted a belated "Consent to amended Lease Agreement" (Consent) which Oat asserts the Sewers endeavored to have her husband sign, but which he did not sign. The Consent stated that Don Oat "now wishes to confirm his consent to the Partial Surrender and the Amended Lease Agreement" wherein SDA, the mortgagor to Oat's leasehold mortgage by assignment, surrendered its interest in the lease. Don Oat never signed this document, and Oat asserts she continues to own a leasehold mortgage on Parcel 3Ae.

The Condons argue Oat released any claim she had against Parcel 3Ae in a mediated settlement in a separate lawsuit over that property. Oat submitted evidence of this settlement which shows she released any claim she had against the Estate of Hulda Sewer with regard to Parcel 3Ae in a previous lawsuit. In this settlement agreement, which was signed by Oat, the Estate of Hulda Sewer, and the parties' respective attorneys, Oat agreed to release "any claim... against the Estate (of Hulda Sewer) with regard to Plot 3A(e), Estate Enighed(d), St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands." Pl.'s Mot. to Strike Emergency Mot. to Quash, Ex. 7, at 4. Oat's release of claims, however, pertained only to Hulda Sewer's interests in the parcel itself, and does not constitute a release of Oat's interests in SDA's unextinguished leasehold interest in Parcel 3 Ae.

On December 30, 1990, SDA, now doing business as Sewer Enterprises, Ltd., executed a Second Priority Leasehold Mortgage in favor of Don Oat on Parcels 3h and 3i. Parcel 3Ae was not included in this Second Priority Leasehold Mortgage. Because the judgment entered on June 7, 2007, only states Oat is entitled to foreclose upon the Second Priority Leasehold Mortgage, she can foreclose on Parcels 3h and 3i; but not 3Ae. Although Oat may have an interest in SDA's leasehold interest in Parcel 3Ae, this Parcel was not addressed by the June 7, 2007, Judgment and Oat has presented no evidence showing that foreclosure on Parcel 3Ae is an appropriate method by which she can collect on her judgment against Defendants.

The Amended Writ of Execution is permanently AMENDED to omit any direct or indirect reference to Parcel 3Ae, Estate Enighed, St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands.²

It is further ORDERED Oat's Motion to Strike Emergency Motion to Quash (Document 496) and Motion for Sanctions, Punitive and Actual Damages, and Fees and Costs (document 495) are DENIED.

BY THE COURT:
/s/ **Juan R. Sanchez, J.**

²This Court temporarily amended the Writ of Execution by Order of December 13, 2010, following the Condons' filing of the instant emergency motion to amend. After a hearing held on January 19, 2011, this Court finds the Writ of Execution should not include Parcel 3 Ae and permanently grants the Condons' motion.

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"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. **\$138,500**



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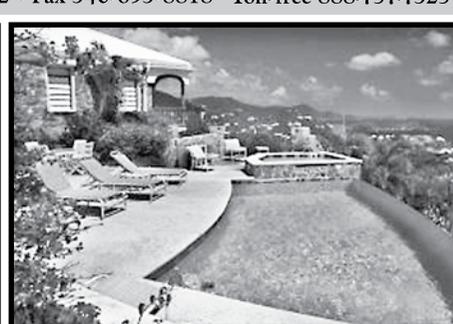
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building, new green building and erosion control materials, native plants, and workshops on sustainable living," she said. "Revenue from the ReSource Depot will be put towards this goal and our programs that promote responsible, sustainable development on St. John."

IGBA has already received multiple donations with many new items coming from Harith Wickrema's renovated villa Eco-Serendib, according to Vahling.

"Right now we have about 80 percent brand new items, thanks to a donor who renovated his villa, Harith Wickrema of Eco-Serendip villa," said Vahling. "It is so nice when people give back to the community and help keep materials in use and affordable. The materials don't need to be extracted from the earth again, manufactured and shipped if they are already here and at a fraction of the price."

"Nor do they need to go to our overburdened landfills," said the IGBA executive director. "We currently have windows, doors, plumbing, electrical, fixtures, tile, roof tile, and even a beautiful new mahogany staircase that would be a lovely addition to an island home."

For now the depot is only staffed by volunteers and only open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. or by appointment. Residents can also view IGBA's entire inventory at its virtual ReSource Depot on the website www.igba-stjohn.org, under Programs.

Residents support the depot by dropping items during the Saturday hours, according to Vahling.

"People can donate by dropping off items during our Saturday hours or by appointment," she said. "A call ahead is appreciated, to be sure items are acceptable and that we have space reserved. Pick-ups can be arranged too."

IGBA will accept pretty much any kind of construction material — and IGBA membership is not required — so don't overlook anything as a possible donation, Vahling added.

"We want to make building and repairs affordable and accessible for all, and keep materials in use once they are here," she



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IGBA's ReSource Depot already has a lot to offer builders looking to save some money.

said. "We accept lumber, tile, brick, block, rebar, windows, doors, fixtures, sinks, plumbing, electrical, tools, garden items and even marine supplies. Pretty much anything that makes a home."

"We do not accept chemicals, beds, broken or very damaged items," said Vahling. "IGBA membership is not a requirement; ReSource Depot is a 'ReSource' for everyone in the community. Items are priced at half of retail or less

and without ferry fares or shipping to get it."

To ensure the depot's success, residents are needed to volunteer for a variety of roles, explained IGBA's executive director.

"We need volunteers for Saturdays from 10 to noon, to pick up donations, inventory and organize, help write grants and assist with fundraising activities," she said. "We need an accountant's (hopefully volunteer) time. And of course we need those items people have left over from their own projects, so we can get things into the hands of someone who needs it for their home, and give you a tax receipt for it."

Looking ahead, Vahling foresees a time when IGBA's ReSource Depot is the first stop for construction and building materials.

"The ReSource Depot could turn into a way to build/repair homes for those in need after hurricanes or fire, and we will give special consideration to those who demonstrate financial hardship," said Vahling. "The Depot could serve as a model and be done throughout the territory. For now, the Storage on Site container is a good place to start, with low overhead and a great location, and they can give us more or less containers as our inventory supply changes."

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