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KICK IT Camp Films On Location

Students in St. John School of the Art's KICK IT Camp strutted their stuff on Cinnamon Bay beach, above, last week during a live shoot of their self-written and scripted music video.

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Carlyle Sampson Honored for 25 Years of Service to Nazareth Lutheran Church

By Chuck Pishko
St. John Tradewinds

On Sunday, July 8, Pastor Carlyle O. Sampson was honored for his 25 years of service to the Nazareth Evangelical Lutheran Church.

The service included tributes by his fellow pastor from the Lutheran Churches on St. Thomas including the Reverend Dr. Harvard Stephens, Jr, pastors from local churches here on St. John and Father Neil Scantlebury, Pastor of Holy Family Catholic Church on St. Thomas, representatives from the Masonic Lodge, and other church members and friends.

Pastor Sampson is a native of Trinidad and Tobago and a graduate of the United Theological College of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica.

Ordained on August 24, 1969, Pastor Sampson began his first call on September 1, 1969, at the Bethany/Emmaus Moravian Churches on St. John. He was next called to serve at the Nisky/New Herrnhut Moravian Churches on St. Thomas and as Superintendent of the Virgin Islands Conference.

Pastor Sampson attended the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia for a Lutheran Emphasis Year, and was installed at Nazareth on June 7, 1987.

Over the years he has served at local, synod, and national levels in the ELCA on various boards



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Members of Perfect Ashlar Lodge including Fleming Lewis, far left, give tribute to Pastor Sampson, center, for his years of service.

and committees. He continues to sing in the New Herrnhut Men's Chorale which performed at the

service as well as singing recently for the memorial service for Guy Benjamin on June 19.

DPNR Hosting St. John Town Meeting on CZM Management Act on July 24

Department of Planning and Natural Resources Commissioner Alicia Barnes announced last week that the Division of Coastal Zone Management will host a series of Town Hall Meetings throughout the territory, in an effort to receive public input and feedback on the department's efforts to update and amend Title 12 Sections 901-914, of the Virgin Islands Code, the Coastal Zone Management Act.

Meeting will take place on St. John on Tuesday, July 24, at 6 p.m. at the Julius E. Sprauve School cafeteria. Barnes welcomes all persons interested in the CZM development application to attend and participate.

Governor's Chief of Staff Resigns

Governor John deJongh said last week that he has accepted the resignation of Government House Chief of Staff Pamela Berkowsky.

"Ms. Berkowsky has tendered her resignation as my Chief of Staff effective the close of business on July 9, 2012," deJongh said. "I thank Pam for her tremendous service to our territory over the past six years during which time she has been a devoted and hardworking public servant on behalf of the people of the Virgin Islands; I wish her nothing but the best in the pursuit of her future endeavors."

Berkowsky assumed the position of Chief of Staff on October 1, 2011 following the retirement of Louis Penn, Sr. Prior to serving as Government House Chief of Staff, Berkowsky had been the Deputy Chief of Staff to the Governor since January 1, 2007.

"How to Apply" Grant Workshop Set

Virgin Islands Council on the Arts (VICA) is conducting a series of "How to Apply" workshops in preparation for the August 31, grant submission deadline.

Information on project and budget development will be discussed in detail. First time applicants are encouraged to attend.

The workshop on St. Thomas is scheduled for Friday, July 27, at 5:30 p.m. at the VICA office at 41-42 Norre Gade.

For more information contact Betty Mahoney at 774-5964.

Fun(d)Raiser for Steve Levin Aug. 11

A silent auction of fine art by St. John artists and raffle fun(d)-raiser for Steve Levin's family is planned for Saturday, August 11, from 5 to 9 p.m. at Fatty Crab.

Wines will be showcased with hors d'oeuvres and music. All are welcomed to join in the event. Raffle tickets are available at both Connections for \$10 or six tickets for \$50.

Anyone interested in volunteering, should contact Cid Hamling at Connections. Organizers are looking for friends to dream up interactive raffle packages which can be offered like a home improvement project, or providing a child with a birthday party.

Aguilar Match Race Set for Dec. 5-9

The 5th Annual Carlos Aguilar Match Race (CAMR), presented by Ulysse Nardin/Trident Jewels and Time, will set sail in the scenic Charlotte Amalie harbor on December 5 to 9.

The St. Thomas Yacht Club and the Virgin Islands Sailing Association are organizing authorities for the CAMR. For more information and to download photos of last year's event for editorial use, visit: www.carlosmatchrace.com

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DPNR's Division of Enforcement Looking To Raise Mooring Fees

Department of Planning and Natural Resources Seeks Fee Hikes of 60 to 700 Percent

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Without much fanfare or public notice, Department of Planning and Natural Resources' Division of Enforcement officials plan to increase vessel registration and mooring fees in the territory by between 60 and 700 percent.

The proposed fee changes have not yet been "written in stone," according to Director of Enforcement Roberto Tapia, and officials want to hear from the public at a Thursday evening, July 26, meeting at the Westin Resort and Villas at 6 p.m.

The proposed changes are supposed to be available on DPNR's website, but were not posted as of press time. A copy of the proposed fee changes can be obtained at DPNR's office in Cruz Bay or the Division of Enforcement office at the Cyril E. King Airport on St. Thomas.

The current registration fees range from \$35 to \$300 depending on the length of the vessel and whether it operates as in a commercial or noncommercial capacity. The proposed changes would increase those fees to between \$45 and \$325.

The proposed mooring fees are a little more confusing. Currently boaters pay an annual mooring fee of between \$125 to \$600 to DPNR's Division of Enforcement based on the size of the vessel and whether it is used for a pleasure craft, a live-aboard or a commercial vessel.

The new fees would see increases of up to 700 percent and no lower than 60 percent. A person living aboard a vessel between 26-

and 40-feet in length who currently pays an annual mooring fee of \$195, would have to pay \$1,170, a 500 percent increase. The fee for a live-aboard pleasure boat greater than 65 feet would rise from \$600 to \$4,800, a 700 percent increase.

The proposed mooring fee scale would give incentives for people to pay month by month, which currently does not exist. Under the proposed mooring fee scale a person living aboard a vessel between 26 and 40-feet in length who paid month by month would end up forking over \$780 to DPNR each year.

The month-to-month pay structure was designed to stop boaters from paying \$195 for the year to DPNR and then renting that mooring out to someone for a higher amount, according to Tapia.

"What is happening is that they are paying a mooring fee for \$365 for the year and then going out and renting that mooring for \$500 a month and we are trying to combat that," Tapia said.

These fees are for the use of moorings which the boat owner pays for, installs and maintains by his or herself.

"We don't provide any services right now except inspection and regulation," said Tapia.

DPNR's Director of Enforcement expected the new fees to allow the division to hire additional enforcement officers to be able to conduct additional inspections, he added.

The fee changes as they are currently proposed, however, are not finalized and would not go into effect until 2014, according to Tapia.

VESSEL REGISTRATION FEES					Virgin Islands Code	
CLASS	LENGTH	TYPE	CURRENT	PROPOSED	TITLE TWENTY-FIVE Navigation Chapter 25. Motorboats	
CLASS A	Less than 16'	Non-commercial	\$25.00	\$45.00	§ 293 (n) Notwithstanding any other law, any boat owner who fails to renew a registration or certificate of number, as provided under the provisions of this section, and has not documented with the Division of Enforcement Boat Registration Office of the Department of Planning and Natural Resources that their vessel will not be operated on territorial waters shall be subject to a fine of twenty dollars (\$20) for each violation of this section. For vessels not more than 15 feet in length, and fifty dollars (\$50) for vessels more than 15 feet in length for each registration year or for vessels sold to new owners must be cleared of all fines assessed under this section.	
		Commercial	\$37.50	\$60.00		
CLASS I	16' to less than 26'	Non-commercial	\$50.00	\$70.00		
		Commercial	\$75.00	\$90.00		
CLASS II	26' to less than 40'	Non-commercial	\$100.00	\$120.00		
		Commercial	\$150.00	\$170.00		
CLASS III	40' to less than 65'	Non-commercial	\$150.00	\$170.00		
		Commercial	\$225.00	\$250.00		
CLASS IV	Greater than 65'	Non-commercial	\$200.00	\$225.00		
		Commercial	\$300.00	\$325.00		

Propose: Change fine for failure to renew registration to 1 registration month missed."

VESSEL MOORING FEES			FEE per foot (Length over all)				RANGE		
CLASS	LENGTH	TYPE/USE	CURRENT*		PROPOSED#		ANNUAL COST		MONTHLY
			Low	High	\$ INCREASE	% INCREASE	Low	High	Low
CLASS A	Less than 16'	Pleasure		\$75.00	\$5.00	0%		\$75.00	
		Commercial		\$75.00	\$8.00	60%		\$120.00	
CLASS I	16' to less than 26'	Pleasure	\$80.00	\$125.00	\$10.00	100%	\$160.00	\$250.00	\$13.33
		Pleasure-Live Aboard	\$80.00	\$125.00	\$25.00	400%	\$400.00	\$625.00	\$33.33
		Commercial	\$80.00	\$125.00	\$20.00	300%	\$320.00	\$500.00	\$26.67
CLASS II	26' to less than 40'	Pleasure	\$130.00	\$195.00	\$15.00	200%	\$390.00	\$585.00	\$32.50
		Pleasure-Live Aboard	\$130.00	\$195.00	\$30.00	500%	\$780.00	\$1,170.00	\$65.00
		Commercial	\$130.00	\$195.00	\$25.00	400%	\$650.00	\$975.00	\$54.17
CLASS III	40' to less than 65'	Pleasure	\$200.00	\$320.00	\$20.00	300%	\$800.00	\$1,280.00	\$66.67
		Pleasure-Live Aboard	\$200.00	\$320.00	\$35.00	600%	\$1,400.00	\$2,240.00	\$116.67
		Commercial	\$200.00	\$320.00	\$30.00	500%	\$1,200.00	\$1,920.00	\$100.00
CLASS IV	Greater than 65'	Pleasure	\$325.00	\$600.00	\$25.00	400%	\$1,625.00	\$3,000.00	\$135.42
		Pleasure-Live Aboard	\$325.00	\$600.00	\$40.00	700%	\$2,600.00	\$4,800.00	\$216.67
		Commercial	\$325.00	\$600.00	\$35.00	600%	\$2,275.00	\$4,200.00	\$189.58

*All owners of vessels shall pay an annual fee of five dollars (\$5.00) per foot of vessel, based upon the deck length, to the Department for the use of the mooring

The proposed mooring fee increases include "low" rates for monthly payments and "high" rates for yearly payments, above.

"This is not going to happen overnight," said the Director of Enforcement. "This process is going to start in 2014."

The proposed increases were created by DPNR's Division of Enforcement personnel, according to Tapia, yet they have not been finalized.

"This is something that is not written in stone," he said. "This is why we are having public meet-

ings; to let the public know what we are doing and to get input from the public."

"We are increasing the fees and we want to hear what the public has to say," said Tapia.

DPNR's Division of Enforcement will host a public meeting on the proposed mooring fee changes on Thursday evening, July 26, at 6 p.m. at the Westin Resort and Villas.

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- Roberto Tapia, Director of Enforcement, Department of Planning and Natural Resources

Public Invited To Tell DPNR How To Change CZM Act at July 24 Meeting

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Department of Planning and Natural Resources officials want to hear how the St. John community thinks it can improve the Coastal Zone Management Code.

The act has not be significantly updated or changed in more than a decade, and next week CZM officials are hosting a series of town hall meetings across the territory to get recommendations from the public on improving it.

The St. John CZM town hall meeting will be at the Julius E. Sprauve School on Tuesday night, July 24.

“The CZM Code hasn’t been substantially updated in quite some time,” said Jean-Pierre Oriol, Director of CZM. “What we are doing is on the front end, we’re asking the public for their opinions. We’re especially inviting those who have a lot of interaction with the code, like architects, engineers, environmental consultants and attorneys.”

CZM officials have already been conducting internal interviews with staff and consultants, and are ready to hear from the public, Oriol explained.

“This process has been on-going,” he said. “We have a legal intern who is a recent graduate from Howard Law School and she has been working with us for a little over a month now.”

“We’ve been doing one-on-one interviews with staff and committee members and now we’re ready to go to the public and see if there is anything that we haven’t yet considered,” said Oriol.

One section of the act Oriol is targeting is the fixed price difference between what constitutes a major and a minor CZM permit, he explained.

“The difference is currently set at \$75,000,” said the CZM Director. “If it is less than \$75,000 it is a minor and if it is more than that, it constitutes a major permit. But we all know that you can barely build a retaining wall for less than \$75,000 these days.”

“That is one thing we know will have to change and there are others,” said Oriol. “Building professionals will be able to provide input into something

like that.”

Oriol is also looking at areas of the code which could be changed to make the act work more efficiently, he added.

“Another thing for myself in terms of making the act work a little better under the act is where a permit is required,” said Oriol. “The only time a permit is not required is if the work is maintenance work or if the work is emergency in nature and specifically emergency toward public services.”

“Let’s say for Reef Fest, for example, there is going to be a band and they need a stage for 48 hours,” he said. “Technically under the code that is considered development and needs a permit. We could change the code to say that structures temporary in nature standing no more than 14 days can be under an activity that doesn’t require a permit.”

“There are little things that we are trying to incorporate to make the act work better for us management-wise and better for users too,” said the CZM Director.

After collecting and analyzing information from the public, CZM officials will create a draft of proposed revisions to the CZM Code and host another series of public meetings, Oriol explained.

“Several months from now, after we’ve gone through all the input that is given to us throughout the territory, we’ll come up out with a draft document and draft revision of the code and rules and regulations,” he said. “Then we’ll host public meetings and hear from the public about the proposed changes.”

CZM officials will not be sharing their proposed changes at the July 24 hearing, but want to hear what the St. John community thinks, DPNR spokesperson Jamal Nielson explained.

“People should come with suggestions,” said Nielson. “The meeting is open to everyone, but specifically to those who are familiar with the current code like architects, engineers and builders.”

Be sure to share those ideas with CZM officials on Tuesday night, July 24, at 6 p.m. at the Julius E. Sprauve School cafeteria.

Five Percent Early Discount on Property Taxes Through July 20

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Lieutenant Governor Gregory R. Francis announced last week that the five percent early payment discount for 2010 property taxes has been extended until Friday, July 20, 2012 in order to allow more Virgin Islands property owners to participate in the discount opportunity. A discount of 2.5% will apply to payments made after July 21st through the bill due date of July 30th.

The positive response from taxpayers prompted the extension of the five percent discount period, which was originally scheduled to end on July 16th. “We are hopeful that property owners will take advantage of this opportunity to save,” stated Lt. Governor Francis. “Our office continually strives to be responsive to the needs of our customers. Extending the discount period and installing collection drop boxes are just two examples of our efforts to improve our service to the community.”

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- St. Thomas: Builders Emporium (collection box available)
- St. Croix: 1105 King Street (Government House, Christiansted)
- 1131 King Street, Suite #101 (Christiansted)
- Dept. of Finance, Sunny Isles (collection box available)
- #1 Lagoon Street, Frederiksted (collection box available)

Property owners are reminded that they do not need to have their tax bill if they plan to pay their 2010 bill in person. Staff cashiers at all Tax Collector Office locations can access the tax bill information at their workstations in order to facilitate payment. Persons making their payment by mail are encouraged to enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope to have their payment receipt returned by mail. Property owners utilizing the drop boxes are asked to include the bottom portion of the bill in the payment envelope. In addition, drop box users who would like a receipt are asked to include a self-addressed stamped envelope with their payment in order to receive a stamped receipt.

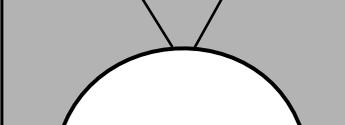
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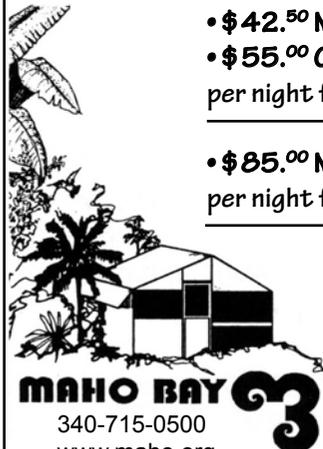
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Island Resorts and Hotels Report Higher Occupancy Than Last Summer

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Despite a lingering lagging economy, tourists are still flocking to Love City.

From Great Cruz Bay to the far southern shore on St. John, from large resorts to small inns, hoteliers across the island recently reported an up-tick in business this summer.

Both Westin Resort and Villas and Caneel Bay Resort officials posted higher numbers this summer than last off-season.

“This summer was very good,” said Westin general manager Mike Ryan. “June was up pretty significantly over last year and July is always a good month for us. Looking ahead, August is going to be up as well compared to last year.”

Westin saw an occupancy rate in the mid-80 percentile for June and that number crept up to the high-80 percentile for July, according to Ryan.

“You have Carnival that first week and half of July and that always drives a lot of business for us,” he said.

August numbers look strong for the beginning of the month, Ryan added.

“By the time August rolls around, we’re looking at just below 80 percent,” he said. “We have a good first half of the month and then things start to wind down.”

Despite a perhaps slow August, Westin officials are smiling, Ryan explained.

“We’re definitely up from last year, so we’ve got no complaints at this point,” said the Westin Resort and Villas general manager.

Westin Resort will remain open all summer long, barring any tropical storms or disturbances, Ryan added.

Over at Caneel Bay, things are looking brighter too, according to general manager Nikolay Hotze.

“For June we finished at 10 percent ahead of last year,” said Hotze. “July is looking strong too. I think we’ll finish July about 10 percent up from last year too.”

August is projected to be a bit slower at Caneel Bay, A Rosewood Resort, but Hotze is seeing a trend



St. John Tradewinds News Photo File

Cruz Bay Boutique Hotel, above, is enjoying a robust off-season as are other hotels and inns across St. John.

of last minute bookings, he added.

“We’re seeing a lot of last minute bookings for summer” he said. “They are booking this week for next week.”

Caneel Bay has enticed more visitors by dropping rates a bit and offering some incentives before the resort closes on August 26, Hotze explained.

“The rate dropped a little bit from last year in order to be a little more competitive through the summer months and that has really helped us,” said the Caneel Bay Resort general manager. “The week before we close, we’re giving a guaranteed upgrade so we hope that drives more people here too.”

Caneel Bay Resort will close its doors on August 26 and reopen on November 1 for season.

In Cruz Bay, all three small inns

reported increased business over last year and last minute bookings.

“It’s looking a little slow for the summer, which is normal,” said Inn at Tamarind Court general manager Stephanie King. “But we’re getting a lot of last minute bookings and a lot of walk-ins, which is making a big difference.”

June was steady for the Inn at Tamarind Court and the hotel was fully booked for the St. John Fourth of July Festival events, King added.

“June held pretty steady for us this year compared to last and we were full for the fourth,” said King. “We have some big weddings in August which is great and I expect we’ll continue to get a lot of walk-ins.”

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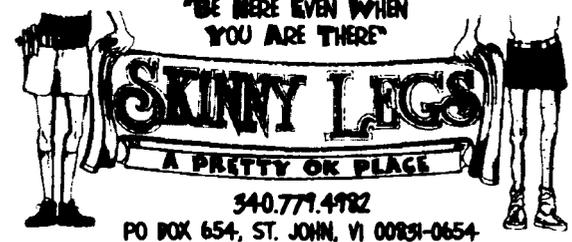


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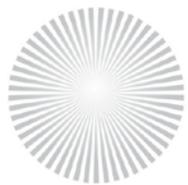
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"I enjoyed being able to help and feeling like I was doing a valuable service. I had a little background in real estate, but mostly I was concerned about the environment and over development."

— Former St. John CZM Committee member Gerry Hills

Island Resident Gerry Hills Resigns from St. John CZM Committee

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

After seven years of service — five years more than his original two year appointment — Gerry Hills recently resigned from his post on the St. John Coastal Zone Management Committee.

CZM Committees are citizen filled advisory boards which exist on St. Thomas, St. Croix and St. John.

When a development is proposed in the CZM zone — basically the waterfront and coastline areas — the island specific CZM Committee analyzes information provided by Department of Planning and Natural Resources' Division of CZM staff, has the authority to pose questions to the developer and ultimately rules to adopt staff recommendations or not, either in favor or against granting a permit for the project to move forward.

Over the last seven years on the St. John CZM Committee, Hills proved himself to be a defender of the environment who made sure the Division of Fish and Wildlife knew what was going on along the Chocolate Hole waterfront during Pond Bay Club's approval process.

"With Pond Bay I was able to get Fish and Wildlife involved to protect the beach," said Hills. "I kind of took initiative on that and made them realize that the beach plan they were doing was totally bogus."

Hills also made his mark by insisting that construction vehicles park on-site and not impede nearby areas, an addendum which now routinely appears in CZM staff recommendations.

"One of the things that I always pushed for was when there was a project in the past, the construction vehicles would park anywhere willy-nilly near the project," said Hills. "I started making the staff



St. John Tradewinds News Photo File

Gerry Hills, above at left, recently resigned from the St. John CZM Committee. Madeline Sewer, above at right, also recently stepped down from her post on the committee as well.

include a clause that all vehicles, including contractors' trucks and delivery trucks, have to park on the job site."

"They started putting the clause in on all St. John projects because I kept insisting on it," he said. "And now they've started putting that clause in across the territory. It's pretty much a standard now."

There is no pay for CZM Committee members, but they do get a \$75 stipend for each meeting. Members can spend hours reading through material from CZM staff and making site visits before the public meeting convenes. But for Hills, who enjoyed his tenure on the committee, the post was more about civic duty, he explained.

"I am stepping down for personal reasons," Hills said. "I enjoyed being able to help and feeling like I was doing a valuable service. I had a little background in real estate, but mostly I was concerned about the environment and over development."

"You do it for civic duty," he said.

Hills' resignation is the latest

change up on the St. John CZM Committee. Former Committee Chairperson Madeline Sewer recently stepped down due to medical reasons. She was replaced by Attorney Brion Morrisette, himself a former member of the St. John CZM Committee. Committee member Andrew Penn is now acting chairperson and the third member is Edmund Roberts.

Each CZM Committee is supposed to be composed of five members and three members are required to form a quorum, which is needed in order for the committee to take action.

CZM Committees are vetted by the Governor's Office and must also undergo questioning by the V.I. Legislature before being appointed to two year terms, which often turn into seven or more year tenures.

Anyone interested in joining the St. John CZM Committee is urged to call St. John Administrator Leona Smith at 776-6484, Senator at Large Craig Barshinger at 693-3603 or DPNR Commissioner Alicia Barnes at 773-1082.

“Bring Your Bag” Campaign Aims to End Plastic Bag Use on St. John

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

With the vision of a needless marine death in his mind, Doug White is a man on a mission — to eliminate the use of plastic bags on St. John.

“It seems like such an innocent thing, using a plastic bag,” said White, a local architect and member of the Rotary Club of St. John and Island Green Builders Association. “About a year ago there was an article about a whale which washed up on shore and had died of starvation from 10 pounds of plastic in the stomach.”

With the image of that whale — along with the knowledge of documented cases of similarly affected sea turtles — White was motivated to kick-start a grass roots movement to eliminate the use of plastic bags on St. John.

“By the unconscious act of taking a plastic bag home from the store, using it once, or maybe twice to send your trash to the landfill, we initiate a process where we lose control of that plastic bag, which will live forever in the environment,” said White. “Should it get into the ocean, it breaks down into smaller and smaller pieces. We have documented proof that plastic bags kill whales, turtles, other fish and sea birds and eventually may end up back in our stomachs, harming us also.”



“We, the residents and visitors on St. John, perform this act over 500,000 times a year,” said White.

White is partnering with the Rotary Club of St. John to launch a “Bring Your Bag” campaign targeting local businesses and villas to encourage customers to stop using plastic bags. Rotary Club officials sourced an American-made, heavy duty, organic cotton reusable shopping bag and hired Tall Ship Trading Company in Coral Bay to print the “Bring Your Bag” and Rotary Club logos on them.

“We wanted a bag that was making a positive statement; not one that was made out of toxic materials,” said White. “We have to buy the bags in 500-lot quantities to get a good rate on them and St. John Printing created our logos which are being printed by Tall Ship Trading in Coral Bay.”

“We’re trying to keep it as local



St. John Tradewinds News Photo Courtesy of Doug White

After being used once or twice, plastic bags often end up in the stomach of marine animals, eventually causing death.

as we can,” he said.

There are two ways to get involved with the Bring Your Bag program; either through direct sponsorship or an exclusive printing run, White explained.

“We developed a system where if you contribute \$300 you get your logo printed on all 500 bags and it takes 12 different businesses to finance a 500 bag order and printing,” said White. “There are 12 logos on one side of the bag and on the other side is the ‘Bring Your Bag’ and Rotary Club of St. John logos. The \$300 contribution also gets you 40 bags which you can

sell to recover some or all of that cost and even make a profit.”

The other program with the Bring Your Bag campaign is aimed at getting tourists who rent villas to use the heavy duty shopping totes, White explained.

“For villas, we have a program where just their logo is printed on the bag,” he said. “You pay \$300 and you get three dozen bags with just your logo on the bag.”

The idea is that if these bags are in the villa waiting to be used, tourists will gladly take part in this effort which has the potential to make a huge impact, White add-

ed.

“We’re trying to get people into the habit of using their own bags,” he said. “Once you train yourself, it becomes second nature. It might take a while to get to that stage, but I think everyone who learns about this issue wants to help.”

Through the Bring Your Bag campaign, White is also trying to raise awareness about the impact of plastic bags on the environment; hoping that once those dots are connected people will embrace the program.

“We’re trying to create awareness about this,” he said. “It seems like an innocent thing, but that innocent thing is going to kill a whale or a turtle. We have documented proof that these bags kill whales and turtles.”

“Although people don’t intend for that to happen, there is a real possibility that simply by taking a plastic bag, it will kill a whale or turtle,” said White. “So bring your own bag and become a speaker for the whales and the turtles, who can’t speak for themselves.”

To sponsor a Bring Your Bag run, email White at dougwhite@gmail.com or call 690-0217.

To learn more about the impacts of plastic bags, White suggested viewing “The Majestic Plastic Bay: A Documentary Video” www.youtube.com/watch?v=GLgh9h2ePYw

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Historical Bits & Pieces

by Chuck Pishko

National Prohibition in the Islands: 1920-1934

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The 1920 Volstead Act, which defined how Prohibition was carried out under the 18th Amendment, outlawed the manufacture, sale, or transportation of "intoxicating liquor".

The Volstead Act was riddled with loopholes, including a lack of criminal penalties for possession and consumption of alcohol. The Anti-Saloon League kicked off its drive for a constitutional amendment in 1913 with a march on Washington and a massive letter-writing campaign that flooded Congress with mail.

The amendment failed in 1914 but the League raised the stakes by associating beer with the German-American brewers. The anti-German hysteria during WW I sealed the deal on the 18th Amendment and Prohibition became the law of the land.

The Volstead Act only applied to the 48 states, not the territorial possessions. Regulations had to be written by the U.S. Treasury Department to include Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Thousands of people on St. Thomas protested the new regulations. They marched and signed petitions. The residents had not been made U.S. citizens and therefore shouldn't be subject to the 18th Amendment.

Even the Governor protested in his dispatch to the Secretary of the Navy. The Danish corporations, the West Indian Company and the National Bank of the Danish West Indies, appealed on the grounds that the regulations violated the Transfer Agreement since Congress changed the laws adversely lessening the rights of Virgin Islanders.

In this land of rum punch and painkillers, it's hard to imagine that the United States applied the National Prohibition Act of 1920 to the U.S. Virgin Islands in light

of the tough economic conditions at that time.

World War I had literally shut down international commerce that was just coming back. Foreign ships entering Charlotte Amalie harbor had their stores of liquor confiscated and fines levied for violations of the regulation.

Also, the bay rum industry was the one bright spot in the economy. St. John Bay Rum had an international reputation as a bath rub and aftershave lotion. Markets existed in Europe, the West Indies, Central and South America and the United States.

There were setbacks when the Hamburg-America steamship line pulled out of St. Thomas (they had carried bay rum to Europe); Michelsen moved his bay rum business to New York City; and a devastating hurricane severely damaged the St. John bay trees.

Initially, Prohibition was administered by the Puerto Rican Director, Mariano R. Pasquera. The Governor of the Virgin Islands petitioned the Secretary of the Navy to transfer the administration of the National Prohibition Act to the VI and President Harding issued an Executive Order effecting the request.

Black-strap molasses, the residue from sugar-making, had no market since rum production ceased. A group of American investors obtained a permit from the Governor to establish a small distillery for the manufacture of industrial alcohol and related products.

The distillery, called the Virgin Islands Products Corporation, was located in Frederiksted where they converted the black-strap molasses into alcohol which was sold to local pharmacists and bay rum manufacturers as well as into secondary products such as candy glaze, rose perfume spray, and virginol spray.

Unfortunately, these alcohol products were being diverted into illegal channels. The spray products became potable alcohol with little manipulation.

The Prohibition laws failed as a reaction against the powers of the federal government, a rejection of the effort to legislate social reform, and a fear that society would lose respect for all of the law. Also, in the states people had had enough of the gangsters in control of the liquor industry and the corruption of government enforcement officials.

The government also lost \$11 billion in liquor excise taxes. Prohibition had to go. It was officially repealed by the 21st Amendment. However, just as the Congress had to pass a special act to apply Prohibition to the Virgin Islands, they had to pass a special act to end it a few months after the 21st Amendment.

At that time, seven permits were issued to manufacture rum. The permits were issued to Isaac Paiewonsky, Josephine and Marie Hoffmann, Santa Cruz Distillers, Bornn Distilling Company, the Diamond Rum Company, and the St. Croix Distilling Company. Six permits to import liquors were issued to Waldemar A. Miller, A.H. Lockhart, A. Lugo and Company, the West Indian Company, Daniel Valls, and M.E. Trepuk.

Thus the noble experiment ended almost like it started.

N.B. Information on Prohibition in the Virgin Islands is almost non-existent or simply anecdotal. The only reliable source I could find is an essay by Isaac Dookhan published in the Journal of the College of the Virgin Islands, No. 5, May, 1979 entitled Volsteadism or National Prohibition in the United States Virgin Islands. The only copy is in the Ralph DeChabert Collection at UVI on St. Croix. I borrowed very heavily from it.

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Travel + Leisure Magazine Readers Rank St. John Among World's Best Destinations

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The readers of one of the world's leading travel magazines have picked the island of St. John in the United States Virgin Islands among the Top 5 destinations in the Caribbean, Bermuda and the Bahamas.

Following the results of the "Travel + Leisure" 2012 World's Best Awards readers' survey, St. John — with its tranquil beaches, stunning vistas and history preserved among the many sugar plantation ruins found throughout the island — was ranked number five in the vast region, sharing the spotlight with neighboring Vieques in Puerto Rico (1), Harbour Island in the Bahamas (2), Virgin Gorda in the British Virgin Islands (3) and the Grenadines in the Southern Caribbean (4).

"St. John continues to be a top-of-mind destination in the Caribbean region and we appreciate the confidence travelers have placed in our territory," Department of Tourism Commissioner Beverly Nicholson-Doty.

Nicholson-Doty thanked the magazine and its readers for their appreciation of the island's assets.

St. John had already been listed in Arthur Frommer's Top 10 favorite travel spots for 2012, a testament to the quality of the vacation experience in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Reinforcing the case were the top mentions in this year's Travel + Leisure survey for The Ritz-Carlton, St. Thomas and Caneel Bay, A Rosewood Resort on St. John, which were both listed among the Top 25 resorts in the Caribbean, Bermuda and the Bahamas.

"We are very proud of these resorts and encourage all of our partners in St. Thomas, St. Croix and St. John to continue striving for excellence in today's competitive environment," said Nicholson-Doty.

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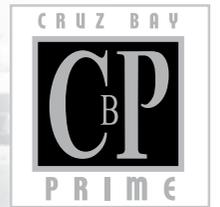
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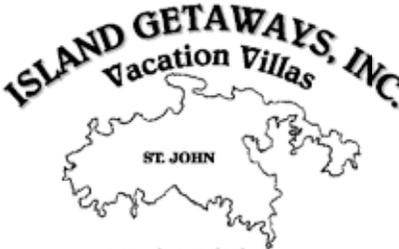


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It's back! Love City Triathlon and Aquathon Is Set for September 2

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Is it 13th or the 14th? Is it bad luck to repeat the 13th annual Love City Triathlon? Who cares, the St. John Landsharks are just happy to be back.

The group will host the race this year. Brush off those bikes, get out the WD40, and start getting ready for the triathlon. Anyone who doesn't have a bike can sign up for the aquathon, no bike required. Can't swim but want to race? Then form a team; relays are allowed in the triathlon only.

New Course

For the first time this year the events will all be staged from Maho Bay. The triathletes will swim a half mile in Maho Bay, then bike to Cruz Bay, back up Centerline Road to the Colombo Yogurt stand and go down Kings Hill to finish back at Maho Bay! Competitors will then run a new and challenging four-mile course and return to Maho Bay!

The Aquathoners will swim the same half-mile course, and run a new and challenging three miles and return to Maho Bay! And no one needs to worry; the stairs are still on the running course, and a few hills have been added.

Participants in the triathlon can do all three legs competing as an individual or form a relay team with one or two other athletes and each compete in one or two legs. Please note - participants cannot compete as an individual and be a member of a relay team as well,

nor can a participant be a member of more than one relay team.

Triathletes and aquathoners will pay a \$40 entry fee. Competitors will get a t-shirt, a finisher's award, and support on the course, a beach picnic and awards for the top five finishers.

Relay teams will pay a \$35 entry fee and they will get a t-shirt, a finisher's award, and support on the course, a beach picnic, and awards for the top three finishers.

The inter-island competition is open to all residents of the Caribbean. A team must have three members doing the triathlon as individuals, and the team must have a female. The top three combined times will be declared the winner and will have their island's name mounted on a trophy which is displayed in the establishment of a sponsor. The last race, in 2010, had no-inter island winner, but St. Croix so far has the most wins historically.

Registration Fees

Love City triathlon and Aquathon is only taking 100 participants in total, so please don't wait until the last minute to sign up. If the race is rescheduled due to bad weather, there will be no refunds.

Individual triathletes - \$40

Aquathon - \$40

Relay Triathletes - \$35

Online Registration will open on July 9. Go to www.stjohnlandsharks.com, and follow the directions. For those registering online, fees may be paid the night before

at the pre-race meeting at Maho Bay Camps.

Alternatively, registration forms can be picked up on St. John at the Tap Room on July 16. There will be no registration the morning of the race.

Maho Bay Camps

Registered participants can take advantage of a complimentary night stay at Maho Bay Camps the night before the event, September 1. The complimentary night applies to the tent cottages. For more information about Maho, go to www.maho.org. However the complimentary night cannot be booked online. To make a reservation, contact Maho Bay Camps directly at (340)715-0500 and mention participation in the triathlon. The deadline to take advantage of this offer is Thursday, August 30.

Race Check-in and Pre-race Meeting'

At Maho Bay Camps

Race numbers and t-shirts can be picked up on Saturday, September 1, at Maho Bay Campgrounds from 4 to 5:30 p.m. This is also the last opportunity to sign up for the race, if space is still available. Following the race check-in, there will be a mandatory pre-race meeting at 5:30 p.m.

For more information on the Love City Triathlon and Aquathon email Louise Wearmouth at Louise@surfbvi.com, or Jude Woodcock at woodjudecock@hotmail.com.

BIR Announces Fuel Tax Increase

St. John Tradewinds

All gasoline and diesel importers that effective Monday, July 16, the fuel tax rate will increase from 7 cents to 14 cents, Director of the Virgin Islands Bureau of Internal Revenue Claudette Watson-Anderson advised last week.

"The fuel tax will be collected at the time of importation into the territory," said Watson-Anderson. "In St. Thomas, importers must pay the 14 cents tax at the Excise office in the Nisky Shopping Center before clearing the shipment. In St. Croix, importers must pay the 14 cents tax at Gallows Bay and the Airport."

"Importers are reminded that there is no cash collection at the ports of entry on both islands," said Watson-Anderson. "Credit cards and checks are ac-

cepted for payment of the fuel tax."

Importers will be required to confirm the gallons of gasoline or diesel being imported in order to calculate the tax due each and every time there is a shipment to be released. A new tax form has been implemented to assist with this process.

In addition, the monthly fuel tax return has been revised to allow for the up-front payments of this tax to be treated as a credit towards each month's tax liability. Fuel tax returns are due 30 days following the close of each month.

Revised forms are available at the excise tax locations and also on the bureau's website at www.vi-irb.com. Questions concerning the fuel tax increase should be directed to Tamarah Parson-Small at 714-9310.

NOAA Expects Bleach-Free Summer for Corals in Northern Hemisphere

St. John Tradewinds

NOAA announced last week a major advance in the ability to predict mass coral bleaching — providing the probability of bleaching up to four months into the future — with a newly developed global seasonal outlook system.

Using the new seasonal ecological forecast system, unveiled at the International Coral Reef Symposium in Cairns, Australia, NOAA's Coral Reef Watch does not anticipate any large scale coral bleaching events in the Northern Hemisphere through October 2012.

"This advance in bleaching warning systems represents another milestone in our efforts to save the world's critically important reef systems," said Jane Lubchenco, Ph.D., under secretary of commerce for oceans and atmosphere and NOAA administrator, in the symposium's keynote address. "The state of reefs today should raise concerns for everyone."

"Reef ecosystems are globally important, and healthy reefs are the life-line for local communi-

ties," said Lubchenco. "Their continued existence is a moral imperative for the global community. NOAA is firmly committed to bring new scientific efforts to change the current trajectory of loss of reefs and the services they provide."

Every week, the new system uses 28 runs of NOAA's latest climate model to warn coral reef managers, scientists, stakeholders, and the public of large-scale bleaching events. It builds upon the first global seasonal bleaching outlook system, released by NOAA in 2008.

The new system uses sea surface temperature forecasts from NOAA's operational climate forecast system, the same system used for predicting El Niño and seasonal temperature and precipitation forecasts. Coral bleaching occurs when stress, usually high temperature, causes corals to expel their symbiotic algae (zooxanthellae) and, if prolonged or particularly severe, may result in coral death.

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St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Dr. Caroline Rogers

Bleaching (paling) occurs when the coral skeleton is visible through the coral tissue after loss of the symbiotic algae, according to *Mysterious Magical Mangroves of St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands*, by Caroline S. Rogers, PhD.

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Broadway professional Rhonda Miller leads KICK IT campers during a run through of the group's dance moves.



Students Learning Music, Dance, Acting and More at SJSA KICK IT Summer Camp

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Singing, dancing, writing lyrics, playing music and acting has filled the days of 17 St. John youngsters for the past three weeks and they couldn't be more excited about it.

"My favorite part has been the dancing and acting, but it's all been really fun," said John Ovcina, a 13-year-old Giffit Hill School student. "The best part is that you get to take part in all these different things you didn't know how to do before."

Ovcina is one of 17 St. John students between the ages of nine and 15 who have been taking part in St. John School of the Arts' Kids Impacting and Connecting with Kids through Informative T.V. (KICK IT) summer day camp program.

"We are trying to show other kids that there is a better choice and a positive choice out there," said Kim Wild, SJSA director. "There are so many positive things kids can do after school and do with their lives and that is our message."

Not only are the students in KICK IT embracing that message, but they are poised to share that positive sentiment with their peers through a professional, three-minute music video.

Starting off with the traditional Caribbean music "Hold 'Em Joe," several students learned the tune on steel pan, while others chimed in on the horn and rhythm sections. Still other KICK IT students composed lyrics to go with the music, while other students helped create a story board for the video shoot, explained Wild.

"Every single student took part in multiple aspects of the project," said Wild. "Either through playing instruments, writing lyrics, creating the story board, and then dancing and acting, all of the students worked on different facets of the video."

Students were in charge of the entire video making process through KICK IT, from conceiving the idea for the song and video, writing the lyrics, performing the music and singing the words, acting and dancing in the video, and they even learned about production and editing, explained Wild.

"I don't think the kids realized how much work goes into the videos they watch on TV," said the SJSA director. "They've all been pretty wiped out by the end of the day."

KICK IT also incorporated basically SJSA's full staff from director of music Eddie Bruce, who taught drumming, Mike Sorzano, who led steel pan instruction, and Luba Dolgopolsky, who taught voice class, to Jeune Provost and Bill Stelzer, who both taught the students about producing and editing the video.

After students perfected the song, Carlie Powell recorded the number so the KICK IT campers also experienced a professional recording session, Wild added.

"This was a really an entire staff effort," said Wild. "There are so many different facets of the project, which is why it's so amazing, but it's also taken a lot of work from a lot of people."

SJSA's KICK IT camp students also enjoyed in-



Bill Stelzer and Rhonda Miller, far right, film students on location at Cinnamon Bay.

struction from Broadway professionals Michael Shawn Lewis and Rhonda Miller, who are no strangers to SJSA or St. John. Both Lewis and Miller were part of the four-person team who brought the beloved SJSA fundraiser "Broadway Comes to St. John" production to the Westin for the past two years.

This time, Lewis and Miller spent several days creating and teaching choreography as well as leading the dance and shooting footage during live taping last week at Cinnamon Bay beach, the Catherineberg ruins, Dolphin Market and SJSA.

The interdisciplinary aspect of KICK IT — from story conception to final production — is exactly what makes students work together so well, Wild explained.

"What this program does is give the kids a sense of responsibility for themselves as individuals and a sense of responsibility as a group," said the SJSA director. "They know that if one of them goofs up, it will make the entire shoot messed up and they will all have more work. So they are really looking out for each other and working together."

For Wild, the camp is also the realization of a dream she has been fostering for years, she added.

"It has been a dream of mine for years to put all of the arts together in a project like this," said Wild. "This is really a dream come true for me."

Judging from the smiles on students' faces during the video shoot at Cinnamon Bay beach last week, they were enjoying the camp as much as Wild had dreamt.

"My favorite part has been learning to play steel pan," said Maia Ginther, 13. "It was my first experience playing steel."

"It's been so much fun," said nine-year-old Lilly Schutt. "I loved the acting most of all."

KICK IT camp wrapped up on Friday afternoon, July 13, and the students performed a live version of their song before an audience at SJSA on Saturday afternoon, July 14. SJSA officials are hoping to have the video completed by the end of July and will plan a screening in the future.

Registration for fall classes at SJSA begins on September 4. For more information about the arts school, check out www.stjohnschoolofthearts.org.



St. John Tradewinds News Photos

Views, privacy and potential abound at Estate Zootenvaal property.



On *the* Market

A feature dedicated to special homes on the market listed with *Tradewinds* real estate advertisers*

Stunning Views and Quiet Serenity Beckon from Estate Zootenvaal

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Enjoy amazing views of Hurricane Hole and be enveloped in the quiet serenity of the East End from a two-bedroom high quality-constructed home in Estate Zootenvaal which is for sale for \$950,000.

A great option for new buyer would be to live upstairs in the one bedroom, one and a half bathroom unit in this built by owner home while renting out the downstairs unit, "Winter Moon" which already enjoys high volume as a short term vacation spot, explained Islandia Real Estate broker agent Lynn Giovanna.

The Zootenvaal home could also be converted into two short-term rentals, Giovanna added.

"This property has some options," she said. "It is a great investment property and a buyer could have the entire property in short term rentals. Or it is ideal for someone who would like to live in the one bedroom main house, or keep it available for their private use, and continue to rent the lower one bedroom apartment 'Winter Moon' for supplemental income."

Like to hike? Excellent trails through the Brown Bay area are a short walk away. Or just sit on the deck and soak up the stunning views of the calm waters of Hurricane Hole.

You're sure to feel a million miles away from the stresses of everyday life, yet the funky town of Coral Bay with its dining and

shopping is only a few minutes away, explained Giovanna.

"The property is located in Estate Zootenvaal where you are only minutes to Coral Bay dining and shopping," she said. "There is easy access to a stony beach below and you are walking distance to Brown Bay hiking trail."

"There is plenty to do or just relax and enjoy the tranquil setting," said the Islandia Real Estate broker agent.

The home was constructed with the best materials, expertly built and a loft area upstairs could be converted into an office or even an additional bedroom. The home is located on a full half-acre parcel with plenty of space to add a pool or spa.



"If you are looking for quality construction, then this is a must see," said Giovanna. "This property was built by owner and is constructed above and beyond building code with plenty of room to expand or add a pool."

With the potential of one or two income producing units, top-notch construction and easy access to water and land sports, this Estate Zootenvaal home offers tons of

options to a new buyer. But the most impressive feature is by far those views, explained Giovanna.

"What really stands out about this home is those amazing views of Hurricane Hole and beyond that are mostly V.I. National Park land," she said. "So you will always have unspoiled views."

For more information about 3A-6, 3A-7 Estate Zootenvaal call Giovanna at 344-1825.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Send your letter to editor@tradewinds.vi

**NEXT DEADLINE:
THURSDAY, JULY 19th**

Keeping Track of Crime

2011	2012-TO-DATE
Homicides: 0	Homicides: 0
Shootings: 0	Shootings: 0
Stabbings: 0	Stabbings: 0
Armed Robberies: 0	Armed Robberies: 1
Arsons: 0	Arsons: 0
1st Degree Burglaries: 2	1st Degree Burglaries: 3
2nd Degree Burglaries: 8	2nd Degree Burglaries: 2
3rd Degree Burglaries: 51	3rd Degree Burglaries: 19
Grand Larcenies: 58	Grand Larcenies: 41
Rapes: 1	Rapes: 0

Letters To St. John Tradewinds

American Politics

Watching the news it all sounds pretty exciting — Politics: the Rich People, versus the Good People. The Rich People were able to get all kinds of small high energy groups on their side. The Good People are sure they are right but they don't know why, or what to do.

Look at what we are doing to this planet, this is our home and we are severely damaging it. This could be a very critical election for all of us. Hopefully the Good People will begin to understand how important it is.

The Rich People have all the money so they can tickle all our hot buttons — salt, sweet and fat, fear, greed, sex, drugs and rock-n-roll and all the others. The Good People have to start telling us what they are going to do to help us change the direction of the way we live. To enable us to become a species that can thrive (or survive) in this country and on this planet. Guess we will see in a few months.

Our country has had quite a shock during the last 10 years. We went from a balanced budget, being friends with almost everyone in the world and a good world leader; to starting two wars, heightened tensions with other countries and a world-wide financial crash — all of which we created. We are still spinning from the shock of it but its time to slow down and look at what we are doing.

We have stopped being the leader in the world of what is good — democracy. We got stuck on money and we made it into what is not good. This has been a very difficult time after it was so good for us. When I was growing up, we were all improving, we could see ourselves having a bright future. If you wanted to go to college you could or if your parents thought you should, you could. This last 10 years was a shock to that feeling of tomorrow will be better. The majority of us don't feel that way anymore.

We have not done well as leaders of the world. We have shown the world that by making things for money you can get more things for the thing that you make. Whatever your thing happens to be.

The only problem with the system is that as soon as that happened, the guys gambling with the world's money started to really have fun. They found that money could buy you love. At least with the guys who make the rules, or the guys you can pay to cancel the rules. So our leaders are being bought and we are

being sold by the money changers.

What is really sad is while we are doing this we are disrupting billions of people who are still in the "tomorrow will be better" mode. It is time that we make the transition to a species that cares about the wellbeing of the rest of life on this planet.

Once upon a time we were all one with the cosmos. There are very few peoples left that are one with the cosmos today. We left the garden of Eden to see what we could do. But the step was traumatic and we have been trying to find ways to connect with the cosmos ever since.

Some ways worked for a while, but we turned them into religions and then we out grew the religions. Religions can all be taught to us by celebrant priests or great orators but we are capable of much more than what they can teach us.

We can all get to the point that we care about all other life, and the planet in general. It is not that hard, do what Christ said to do. Be nice to each other. Keep doing it until everyone is nice to you. It really will not take very long.

We really have to allow that some people are not yet into the capitalism system and maybe that's OK and we should try to help them survive in their way of life while we decide if we are going to self destruct or change the way we live on this planet.

We were almost at a point where America could lead the world towards trying to resolve differences and then everything switched — you couldn't go to college anymore unless you got a scholarship or were rich, or came out owing tens of thousands of dollars to someone, jobs don't offer stability or retirement programs, the only jobs that kept up with the rising cost of living were government jobs and now everyone wants to level the field by taking it away from them too.

That is quick change. I thought that my grandfather's life "from riding horses to a man on the moon" was a giant step; a giant step for mankind. Now we seem to be headed in a non-sustainable direction and going as fast as we can.

Did you know that you can probably survive 30 days or so without eating, but that you can only go about two days without water? Make sure your survival kit has plenty of clean water.

Greg Miller

Crossword Answers — Puzzle on Page 20

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Find True Customer Service at Chelsea Drug Store

On our small island we often lament that we pay way too much for health care. Last fall I was diagnosed with a bizarre auto-immunity disease and spent about seven weeks in Atlanta for medical care. My prescriptions were being filled at a major pharmacy so I was sure I was getting the best prices.

Three months into a six month medication plan, my non-automatically renewable insurance policy expired and I had to pay for everything out-of-pocket.

Upon returning to St. John, I took my prescriptions to Chelsea Drugs and explained that I would like to buy locally, keeping the money on St. John. The pharmacists there researched generics, dosages and prices which has helped me tremendously.

How refreshing it has been!

Thank you, Chelsea Drugs for true customer service.

Cid Hamling

Letters To St. John Tradewinds

Failure Is Not an Option

We wait to read about someone's child being a victim of gun violence or assault. We are constantly asking for our government, our teachers, our police department and our churches to intervene.

The worst thing that I am hearing is this defeatist attitude coming from us adults. We talk about our children as though they are so powerful that our love and attention cannot break through their walls. Do we understand that we made them create the walls (barriers to positive communication) in the first place?

First take responsibility for the role you played or didn't play in their lives and then strategize your love attack. That is all they need.

I don't mind us stating the facts, but I want us to continue seeking solutions, not give up! When our forefather's were enslaved they kept the belief that they would "one day" be free. We have thrown our

hands up on something simple like raising our children. I know some of us want to say that raising children was and is difficult, but I beg to differ.

Anything worth having is difficult and challenging but we selectively choose what we call difficult and what is worth fighting for. We go after whatever we want bad enough and if you look at our lives we've gotten whatever we were determined to fight for. So why aren't we determined to fight for our children, our marriages, our families and a better community.

Our past had its problems, but with the growth of our population our problems have magnified. Community fixes are still simple; it is like eating an elephant. We must start with our family and our children and then ask God to give us the wisdom to deal with every circumstance "one day at a time."

Ronnie Jones

Please Help St. Ursula's Multi-purpose Center Fix Its Van

The St. Ursula's Multipurpose Center wishes to thank you for your assistance in helping us with our appeal to the general public.

We are asking the people of St. John to help us with our transportation needs. Since December, the Human Services van assigned for our use has been out of service. The mechanic says it has a transmission problem that needs to be fixed.

The estimated cost of repair, plus tune up and oil change, amounts to about \$2,500.

Since 1986 St. Ursula's Multipurpose Center has served the senior citizens of St. John, providing congregate meals at two locations on island, and through the Meals on Wheels program for the home-bound.

Once the van is fixed we can help those seniors who wish to attend the congregate meal centers but don't have transportation of their own. It also allows us the means to take part in social events, workshops and an occasional shopping trip. All of these are important for helping our seniors to thrive.

Here is how the public can help: Please visit one of our participating merchants. You will find a canister on the counter for the St. Ursula's Transportation Fund. Drop in some spare change.

That's all it takes!

Participating merchants include:

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Santo's Laundromat
Connections in Cruz Bay
Baked in the Sun
St. John Spice
Starfish Market
Caravan Auto
Chelsea Drug Store

The staff and management at St. Ursula's Multipurpose Center thanks all of them, and you, our generous friends and neighbors, for supporting our efforts.

We also invite other St. John businesses, villa managers and property owners who wish to help to contact the center at 693-8580.

For those who wish to contribute by check, we welcome your donations. Please send your contributions to St. Ursula's Multipurpose Center Transportation Fund, P.O. Box 199, St. John, VI 00831.

And once again, we thank you.

Judith Freeman-Shimel
Executive Director

St. Ursula's Multi-purpose Center

Thanks to the St. John Revolving Fund

I would like to thank the St. John Revolving Fund organization and all the people who have given donations or volunteered their time towards its cause.

The St. John Revolving fund provided me with funds this past month allowing me to have surgery and enabling me to now walk without pain. After recovery, I will be able to continue to pursue my dream of opening my own business in Coral Bay, which I have been working towards for four of my nine years

here.

Once opened, I will have jobs available and will be part of the community providing service for tourists and locals.

The funds given to me will continue to benefit many.

Thank you and God bless.

K. Granitz
St. John

Obituary



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Jeff pictured here with his parents Jim and Dixie.

Jeff Brown Oct. 2 1964 - July 9, 2012

St. John Tradewinds

Jeff Brown was born in Illinois to James and Dixie Brown on October 2, 1964. He moved from Colorado to St. Croix in 1989 where he worked in construction.

He had an opportunity to help build the water tower in Cruz Bay, St. John. Later he moved St. John permanently in 1995 in time to help repair the damage of Hurricane Marilyn.

Jeff worked with several notable builders including Bill and Susan Osborne and Jim Phillips in Coral Bay until joining forces with Dana at the Carolina Corral.

His love for animals was obvious as well as his appreciation for people of all walks of life. He didn't shy from hard work, giving his all to everything he put his hand to. His pastimes were many including fishing, swimming and reading.

Jeff's presence was well known in Cruz Bay, especially in the park where he lived homeless for over 12 years. His struggles and victories were witnessed by many, bringing to the forefront an appreciation of life.

Unfortunately it was one of those struggles that eventually took his own life. All who knew him well will miss his general spirit and smile.

A memorial service is being planned at Nazareth Lutheran Church for the end of the month. Details will be announced shortly.

ATTENTION:

St. John Tradewinds Newspaper
will begin its Summer Publishing Schedule next month.

**August 6th and 20th
September 3rd and 17th**

Church Directory

Baha'i Community of St. John

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

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11 a.m., Sunday School 776-6291

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

Christian Ministry

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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.
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9:30 a.m. Sunday Services, 10:45 Worship,
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777-6306

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Word of Faith International
Christian Center, Sundays 7:30 a.m.
Giff Hill School 774-8617



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Chief Warrant Office Juan Harrigan directs a combined band of members from the Virgin Islands' 73rd Army Band and the District of Columbia's 257th Army Band Saturday at National Harbor in Maryland.

V.I. National Guard 73rd Army Band Entertains Crowd at National Harbor

By Army Sgt. Athneil Thomas
St. John Tradewinds

The Virgin Islands National Guard's 73rd Army Band emptied the seats to fill an impromptu dance floor during their final performance in Washington, D.C. at National Harbor in Maryland on Saturday.

Virgin Islanders from throughout the D.C./Maryland/Virginia area came out to support their hometown band, which featured a steel band and calypso combo. One special dignitary in attendance thoroughly enjoyed the steel band performance.

"And they were really cutting style out here too, you know," said Delegate to Congress Donna Christensen. "Dancing around and moving from pan to pan. I was really enjoying it."

Christensen squeezed her visit to National Harbor into her busy personal and professional schedule to see the concert.

"I know I'll enjoy it, Christensen said. "My National Guard playing? I've got to enjoy it; this is going to be fun!"

The Delegate did indeed have fun as she was whisked onto the dance floor by Brigadier General (Retired) Timothy Lake, as they cut a rug to Sgt. 1st Class Francis Callwood's arrangement of Lambada.

"That was definitely a treat to us Virgin Islanders here in the Washington, D.C. area, as well as many of the patriots here at the new National Harbor," Lake said of the steel band's performance. "Absolutely wonderful and totally well-received."

Lake and other Virgin Islanders sent text messages and used other social media to spread the word of the

band's appearance.

"We have sent out a net call to all of the Virgin Islanders here in the Washington, D.C. area to come on down to the National Harbor," Lake said.

The retired general saw great value for the Virgin Islands through the 73rd Army Band's performances.

"This is what you call being ambassadors of the Virgin Islands," said Lake. "True ambassadors. Lots of respect for what the 73rd Army Band is doing and the V.I. National Guard and its leadership as a whole."

Members of the District of Columbia's 257th Army Band enjoyed the week-long merger with the V.I. musicians.

"Just to hear the steel band and the calypso band, it's just been great," Sgt. Alicia Coleman said. "A great experience."

Coleman, a clarinet soloist and saxophone player with the 257th said that if she had to choose between the steel band or the calypso band she would be a saxophonist in the calypso band.

Trumpet player Sgt. Jessica Yocom also enjoyed the experience.

"Our product has been amazing and our audience loves the show," Yocom said. "We're really going to miss that."

When asked about the rumor of the 257th Army Band planning a trip to the Virgin Islands for performances, Yocom said she was prepared.

"My bags are packed actually," said Yocom. "I'm ready at a moment's notice. My biki..., I mean my gear is ready!"



Is Natural Gas the Automotive Fuel of the Future?

Dear EarthTalk:

I recently saw an article extolling the virtues of natural gas as an abundant, inexpensive and domestically produced automotive fuel. Is this going to be the automotive fuel of the future and how green is it?

Jason Kincaide, New Bedford, MA

It is difficult to say which of the growing number of fuel options will power the cars of the future. But natural gas, given its domestic abundance, low price and lesser carbon footprint, is certainly a contender, at least as far as researchers at the federally funded Argonne National Laboratory are concerned.

Some of the same engineers there who developed the batteries now used in electric cars have been tasked with improving natural gas powered engine technologies, thanks to anticipated consumer demand for vehicles powered by something cheaper and greener than gasoline but without the hassles of other alternative fuels.

“Our conclusion is that natural gas as a transportation fuel has both adequate abundance and cost advantages that make a strong case to focus interest in the technology as a real game changer in U.S. energy security,” Mike Duoba, an engineer at Argonne’s Transportation Technology Research and Development Center outside of Chicago, told the Talking Points Memo news blog.

“In terms of consumer ownership and use costs, the case to make a switch from current fuels to compressed natural gas (CNG) is much more compelling than for other alternative fuels like ethanol and electricity,” wrote Duoba.

Given this promise — in addition to a February 2012 Department of Energy announcement of a \$30 million competition aimed at finding ways “to harness our abundant supplies of domestic natural gas

for vehicles” — Duoba and his colleague have been ramping up vehicle systems analysis and engine research and testing around CNG as a way to wean ourselves off of foreign fuel sources.

Their goal is to improve the efficiency of the CNG combustion process so that it can fit into a new line of engines that can run on gasoline or CNG equally as well, giving consumers the flexibility of choice without any trade-offs.

Duoba thinks such a vehicle would have significant consumer appeal, especially in light of sluggish sales of the latest round of electric vehicles from the major automakers.

“At least for some time, compared to plug-in vehicle batteries, CNG storage offers lower weight, higher energy storage and lower costs — as well as faster refueling/recharging,” he wrote.

And while CNG vehicles would generate emissions from their tailpipes, the Argonne team believes that their overall emissions footprint would be smaller than that of an electric vehicle drawing power from the fossil-fuel-based electric grid.

But to Duoba the appeal of CNG is more about reducing America’s dependence on foreign oil sources than on saving the planet.

“Various technologies have been successful at reducing the environmental impact (criteria pollution) over the decades,” Duoba wrote. “To the extent that consumption of foreign petroleum has not been reduced to acceptable levels, this could be viewed as the principal motivation.”

But CNG faces the same major hurdle to becoming widely accepted as any other challenger to gasoline as king of the road: a lack of refueling stations.

Whatever does finally unseat gasoline will no doubt have to have a system for refueling that rivals the convenience we’ve come to expect from our corner gas stations.

white print, but starting in August, they will be produced in full color, Richards added.

The new billing format will be more cost effective, she explained.

In future months, the utility will be able to include informational inserts with the billing statement as part of its public education campaign. WAPA is also working on an electronic billing format for customers who would prefer that option.

Customers are urged to make payments online at www.vi.wapa.vi. Payments can also be made by check or money order into the drop boxes at WAPA business offices, at most local banks and via the mail service.

For more information, call (340)774-3552.

WAPA Unveils New Bill Format This Month

St. John Tradewinds

Beginning this month, V.I. Water and Power Authority customers will notice a change in the format of their monthly electric and water bills.

“The new design eliminates the use of the carbonized monthly statement and displays the billing information in a simpler, more customer-friendly way,” said WAPA Customer Service Director Monique Richards.

Customers will still be able to access the same information displayed on their previous electric or water bill, including account number; service period; kilowatt and kilogallon usage; and last payment amount.

For the first month the bills will feature a black and

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Hotels Report Higher Summer Occupancy Than Last

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The Cruz Bay Boutique Hotel has only been open for a year and a half, but occupancy looks strong all summer long, according to owner and manager David Guidi.

"The summer is looking really good," said Guidi. "We're about 90 percent for this month and last month we were at about 95 percent."

While August at Cruz Bay Boutique Hotel is looking a bit slower, Guidi expects that number to only increase.

"August is a little slower; we're at 88 percent," Guidi said. "But we're not there yet. We're getting a lot of last minute bookings and I think by the time August comes around, we'll finish probably in the low 90 percent for sure."

Guidi plans to keep Cruz Bay Boutique Hotel open all summer long.

Over at the St. John Inn, co-manager Mary Kay O'Madigan en-

joyed a busier than normal June.

"Actually June was really pretty busy for us," said O'Madigan. "We saw a 35 percent increase over last June and July is shaping up to be quite well too. The bookings for the next two weeks are turning out to be a lot better than last year too."

St. John Inn is also seeing a lot of last minute reservations, O'Madigan added.

"The trend has been people calling one to two weeks ahead of time and making a reservation," she said.

Both Maho Bay Campground and Estate Concordia Preserve have also seen steady and slightly better occupancy numbers compared to last summer, explained general manager Adrian Davis.

"At Maho we're not full, but we're not down either," said Davis. "Our numbers have been pretty steady. For June we were about 75 percent and that is what we're

looking at for July as well."

"That's about average for us for this time of year," Davis said.

Concordia seeing more bookings this summer over last, Davis added.

"Concordia's numbers are definitely up over last summer," he said.

Estate Concordia was at 55 percent full last week, according to bookkeeper and personnel employee Kim Hayward.

"We're at 55 percent right now which I would say is about 10 to 15 percent up from last year," said Hayward. "We're getting a lot of last minute bookings and a lot of Virgin Islands reservations since we're doing a great local rate."

Maho will remain open throughout the summer, but the eco-resort's sister property Estate Concordia will close for the month of September with both its kitchen and rooms open by the beginning of October.

Bleach-Free Summer Expected for Northern Hemisphere

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NOAA has also significantly advanced near-real time satellite monitoring of the high ocean temperatures that can cause coral bleaching. A new generation version of NOAA's product suite now provides daily 5-km satellite monitoring of coral bleaching thermal stress for reefs around the world. This represents 100 times finer resolution, more frequent observations, and more data than the current twice-weekly 50-km global satellite coral bleaching monitoring.

The new products use a blend of data from NOAA and international partner environmental satellites that orbit the globe with data from geostationary weather satellites, providing 10 to 50 times more observations each day than the old products.

NOAA has been providing the current coral bleaching products to U.S. and international coral reef communities since 1997. These products have been very successful in detecting the thermal stress typically associated with mass coral bleaching.

During most mass bleachings, high ocean temperatures usu-

ally occur over a broad area that includes both coral reefs and adjacent open ocean waters. Since coastal water temperatures over reefs often are higher than those in other areas, NOAA's old products often underestimated the thermal stress associated with a bleaching event or missed small-scale features found right over reefs. The new 5-km products should correct for this.

"Advances in coral reef management practices have driven the need for higher resolution monitoring and enhanced prediction of coral bleaching," said C. Mark Eakin, Ph.D., coordinator of NOAA's Coral Reef Watch program. "Higher resolution products, which is the improvement to Coral Reef Watch products most requested by scientists and resource managers, allow us to more accurately predict mass coral bleaching events, as well as more accurately account for episodes of minor or no coral bleaching."

Healthy coral reefs support commercial and subsistence fisheries as well as jobs and businesses through tourism and recreation. Local economies also receive billions of dollars from visitors to

reefs through diving tours, recreational fishing trips, hotels, restaurants, and other businesses based near reef ecosystems.

NOAA's Coral Reef Watch partnered with the NOAA National Centers for Environmental Prediction to develop the next-generation global seasonal bleaching outlook.

Research and development of the high-resolution, 5-km coral bleaching thermal stress monitoring products has been a partnership between Coral Reef Watch, NOAA's Center for Satellite Applications and Research, NASA, the University of South Florida, the United Nations Environmental Programme's World Conservation Monitoring Centre, and the Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Science. Both new products were supported by funding from the NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program and are now available on the Coral Reef Watch website.

NOAA's mission is to understand and predict changes in the Earth's environment, from the depths of the ocean to the surface of the sun, and to conserve and manage our coastal and marine resources.

Missing Teen Returned To St. Croix DHS

St. John Tradewinds

Missing teen Manuel Davis was returned unharmed to the custody of the Department of Human Services on the evening of Tuesday, July 11, according to the staff of the Youth Rehabilitation Center.

The 15-year-old resident of YRC escaped custody on the evening of Wednesday, June 6, while attending The Strength Project treatment program at the Village Partners in Recovery in Sion Farm. Detectives of the V.I. Police Department received a tip about Davis' whereabouts in Williams Delight, where he was apprehended.

Crime Stoppers US Virgin Islands Seeking Information

St. John Tradewinds

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

St. John

On Thursday, June 14, at 11 p.m., a woman left her brown backpack in her vehicle at the Westin Resort and Villas parking lot area near the tennis courts. When she returned to her vehicle two hours later she discovered that her backpack was missing. The backpack contained a silver MacBook Pro, five checks payable to her, and her wallet. The wallet was found and turned in to the resort with its contents intact.

St. Thomas

On Monday, April 9, police received several calls from concerned citizens about hearing shots fired and a vehicle driving into the bush, all in the area of Pillsbury Heights near the National Guard Armory. Upon arrival officers found 21-year-old Lincoln Lewis unresponsive in a red Suzuki Vitara. The victim had been shot several times. Help put an end to all of the senseless killings.

St. Croix

Police on St. Croix are asking for help in identifying the person(s) responsible for the rash of burglaries that have plagued the residents of Estate Whim in recent weeks. Please report any unusual or suspicious activities, individuals or vehicles in the area. Be a nosey neighbor, look out for other neighbors' wellbeing and remember the next house you save from being burglarized might be your own.

Tell us what you know about 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 of up to \$2,500.

The minimum reward for the arrest of a burglary suspect is \$714 plus 10 percent of the value of any property recovered. For the arrest of a homicide suspect it is \$1,500. Only anonymous callers to Crime Stoppers are eligible for these cash rewards.

Police Log

EMERGENCY NUMBERS!

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FIRE STATION: 340-776-6333

Thursday, July 5

9:25 a.m. - A citizen p/r that she was assaulted by a male. Simple assault.

11:15 a.m. - An Estate Chocolate Hole resident p/r that her ex-boyfriend is harassing her via telephone. Telephone harassment.

4:40 p.m. - A citizen c/r hearing shots fired in the area of Coral Bay. Illegal discharge of firearm.

7:46 p.m. - A citizen c/r hearing shots fired in the area of Coral Bay. Illegal discharge of firearm.

Friday, July 6

1:18 a.m. - An Estate Contant resident r/ that she needed police assistance with her father. Police assistance.

8:38 a.m. - A citizen p/r that she was attacked. Aggravated assault and battery.

9:29 a.m. - A citizen c/r that a mental patient was creating a disturbance in Cruz Bay. Disturbance of the peace.

1:15 p.m. - Badge #1003 p/ at Leander Jurgen Command with one Cleston Wyatt under arrest and charged with Disturbance of the Peace, Threats. Bail was set at \$1,000 by order of the court. He was detained at Leander Jurgen Command and later transported to the Bureau of Corrections on St. Thomas.

1:21 p.m. - An Estate Giff Hill resident c/r that a male was unresponsive and not breathing. D.O.A.

1:30 p.m. - A citizen c/r that a mental patient was creating a disturbance in Cruz Bay. Disturbance of the peace.

6:07 p.m. - A Cinnamon Bay Campground employee c/r a possible drowning. Police assistance.

Saturday, July 7

12:23 a.m. - A Coral Bay resident c/r loud music. Loud music.

8:48 a.m. - A citizen c/r a disturbance in the area of Cruz Bay. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

10:54 a.m. - An Estate Mandahl resident p/r that she was assaulted in Cruz Bay. Simple assault and battery, D.V.

5:32 p.m. - An Estate Carolina resident c/r an auto collision in the area of Bordeaux Mountain. Auto collision.

Sunday, July 8

3:00 p.m. - A citizen p/requesting police assistance to retrieve his minor son. Police assistance.

5:52 p.m. - A citizen c/r a male creating a disturbance in Cruz Bay. Police assistance.

8:10 p.m. - An Estate Carolina resident p/r that a female was creating a disturbance in Coral Bay.

Disturbance of the peace.

Monday, July 9

12:50 p.m. - Government of the Virgin Islands r/ an auto collision in the area of Centerline Road. Auto collision.

1:17 p.m. - A citizen p/r that a male hit him in the head with a plastic box. Simple assault.

6:40 p.m. - A citizen p/r that a mental patient was grabbing his private parts in Cruz Bay. Police assistance.

6:44 p.m. - A Calabash Boom resident p/r that a minor removed her boundary post. Police assistance.

10:33 p.m. - A St. Thomas resident p/r that his child's mother violated a joint custody order. Police assistance.

10:39 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident r/ that a male was unresponsive and not breathing. D.O.A.

Tuesday, July 10

6:00 a.m. - A citizen r/ that a male was unresponsive and not breathing in the Cruz Bay park. D.O.A.

11:33 a.m. - A citizen p/r that a man was trespassing on his property. Trespassing.

7:01 p.m. - A citizen c/r that a vehicle was parked in the road impeding traffic. Police assistance.

7:10 p.m. - A citizen p/r that a male struck him in the face. Simple assault.

10:14 p.m. - An Estate Fish Bay resident c/r a disturbance at her residence. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

10:53 p.m. - A citizen c/r loud music in the area of Coral Bay. Loud music.

Wednesday, July 11

8:48 a.m. - A citizen c/r an auto collision at the Cruz Bay roundabout. Auto collision.

9:25 a.m. - A Calabash Boom resident p/r a disturbance. Disturbance of the peace.

10:00 a.m. - An Estate Contant resident p/r a disturbance. Disturbance of the peace.

10:37 p.m. - A citizen c/r loud music in the area of Coral Bay. Loud music.

Thursday, July 12

12:12 a.m. - A citizen c/r loud music in the area of Coral Bay. Loud music.

3:26 p.m. - An Estate Contant resident p/r a disturbance with his neighbor. Disturbance of the peace.

3:55 p.m. - An Estate Hard Labor resident p/r a disturbance. Disturbance of the peace.

11:20 p.m. - A citizen c/r that a male was creating a disturbance in Cruz Bay. Police assistance.

Community Calendar

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

Tuesday, July 24

— Department of Planning and Natural Resources Commissioner Alicia Barnes announced last week that the Division of Coastal Zone Management will host a series of Town Hall Meetings throughout the territory, in an effort to receive public input and feedback on the department's efforts to update and amend Title 12 Sections 901-914, of the Virgin Islands Code, the Coastal Zone Management Act. The St. John meeting is Tuesday, July 24, at 6 p.m. at the Julius E. Sprauve School cafeteria. Barnes welcomes all persons.

Friday, July 27

— Virgin Islands Council on the Arts (VICA) is conducting a series of "How to Apply" workshops in preparation for the August 31, grant submission deadline. Information on project and budget development will be discussed in detail. The workshop on St. Thomas is scheduled for Friday, July 27, at 5:30 p.m. at the VICA office. More details call 774-5964.

Sunday, August 11

A silent auction of fine art by St. John artists and raffle fun(d)-raiser for Steve Levin's

family is planned for Saturday, August 11, from 5 to 9 p.m. at Fatty Crab. Raffle tickets are available at both Connections for \$10 or six tickets for \$50.

Sunday, August 26

— The 2nd annual Chaotic Kayak Race is set for Sunday, August 26, at Oppenheimer Beach and last year's winner is already talking smack.

Sunday, September 2

— The Ivanna Eudora Kean High School Alumni Association is hosting the 2nd Annual Devil Ray Reunion Beach Party Sunday, September 2 at Magens Bay Beach shed #4 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday, October 7

— A fundraiser for the 4th Annual Using Sport for Social Change "Just Play!" event aboard the *Kekoa* catamaran is set for Sunday, October 7, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$100 per person. For more info: visit <http://www.usingsportforsocialchange.com>.

Monday, October 8

— Using Sport for Social Change is hosting the 4th Annual Free "Just Play!" day event on Monday, October 8, at Winston Wells field in Cruz Bay.

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.

Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

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FIRST LETTER BEFORE YOU

ACROSS

- 1 See a therapist, say
- 8 Harvard's city
- 17 Sleeping site
- 20 Grave robber, e.g.
- 21 Outfitted and equipped
- 22 Summer, to Henri
- 23 Activity of a ghost in a flat?
- 25 Zenith competitor
- 26 Seating tier
- 27 Sci-fi space vehicles
- 28 Crooner Orbison
- 29 Ham-and- — (average Joe)
- 31 Bigoted title journalist of film
- 33 He played Mowgli in "Jungle Book"
- 35 — -Packard
- 37 Didn't just talk
- 40 Develop a potbelly faster than?
- 43 Somewhat
- 45 — -Apple (Ocean Spray flavor)
- 46 Daisy variety
- 47 Rivaling actress Adams in intelligibility?
- 50 Sets loose
- 51 "Big Blue" co.
- 54 Word of woe
- 55 Honda model
- 56 Varieties
- 57 Take a pic of
- 58 — -12 Conference
- 59 Filmy strand
- 60 Capital of Ukraine

62 "Pride — before ..."

63 Why NASA requires continual funding?

- 69 Torridly hot
- 70 DJ part
- 71 BBQ fare
- 72 The girl
- 74 Nickelodeon "explorer"
- 75 Using base 8
- 78 Poem of 17 syllables
- 80 Bohr's study
- 81 "— takers?"
- 82 Disguise
- 83 Cite baseball player Rusty for speeding?
- 85 McCain mate Sarah
- 86 Newscaster Huntley
- 87 Bern's land, in French
- 88 Doting too much on a goatish god?

- 94 More clever
- 95 Terrapins
- 96 Becomes sickly pale
- 97 Drink to
- 99 Nebraska's largest city
- 100 Always, to a sonneteer
- 101 "Now, where — ?"
- 102 Syllable tripled on a dance floor
- 105 Quipping sort
- 106 Oz creator's cry when he first realized what family he was born into?
- 113 Prefix with system
- 114 Hester Prynne of "The Scarlet Letter," e.g.
- 115 "Laredo" co-star Brand
- 116 Germany's — Spiegel
- 117 Requirement
- 118 Keats' "Ode on a — Urn"

DOWN

- 1 Bike "speed"
- 2 Large fair
- 3 Unfreeze
- 4 "Ben- —"
- 5 Rescue squad VIP
- 6 Monkey's kin
- 7 Factory-made home
- 8 Lynxes, e.g.
- 9 Herr's cry
- 10 1988 buyer of Motown
- 11 Whiskey type
- 12 Get used up
- 13 Bitty lead-in
- 14 Soft & —
- 15 — Xer
- 16 With a side foremost
- 17 Actress Candice
- 18 "And so on and so on": Abbr.
- 19 Scarcity
- 24 E flat, e.g.
- 30 Bonding stuff
- 31 Hellenic B's
- 32 Kitchen lure
- 33 Discovered black gold
- 34 Very little
- 35 Put a spell on
- 36 Olympics swords
- 37 Songwriters' org.
- 38 Task after printing out sheets
- 39 Traitor's act
- 41 Exotic berry in juices
- 42 It gets tooted
- 44 Prima — evidence
- 48 "Yes, yes, Pedro!"
- 49 League VIPs
- 50 Ten halved
- 51 Rapturous
- 52 Cabana, e.g.
- 53 Speed limit abbr.

- 56 Square head scarfs
- 57 Cain, to Adam
- 59 Twisted, as humor
- 61 Suppositions
- 62 Film director Van Sant
- 64 Momentous period
- 65 Bismarck loc.
- 66 TV's Estrada
- 67 Analogous to
- 68 Lies against
- 69 Rx overseer
- 73 Live coal
- 75 Col. North
- 76 Pennies, say
- 77 Zesty flavor
- 79 — part (role-play)
- 80 At an angle
- 82 Dirty Harry's last name
- 83 At that time
- 84 Figure (out)
- 85 Essence
- 86 Dickens or Darwin
- 88 In storage
- 89 Abrasive stone stuff
- 90 Keynote speaker, e.g.
- 91 Bird calls
- 92 Jazz's state
- 93 Snooping (around)
- 98 One seeing the sights?
- 100 Glamour or Vogue rival
- 101 Cautious (of)
- 102 Metropolis in Colombia
- 103 Island dance
- 104 "So right!"
- 107 Lemon or lime drink
- 108 Jean- — Picard
- 109 Mystifying Mr. Geller
- 110 Swift plane
- 111 NYC's Park, for one
- 112 Big name in ballpoints

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Joan C. Oat, 03-cv-00115 Plaintiff

April 12, 2012

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"Beach Cottage" - Nestled into the wooded hillside overlooking Great Cruz Bay, this cozy and handsome two bedroom cottage features a flexible layout with separate one bedroom apartment on lower level. Stroll across the grassy landscaped lawn to the beach access directly below for boating. Additional access is deeded at the community beach and dinghy landing just steps down the road. Near the Westin Resort and just minutes from downtown Cruz Bay. **\$945,000**

"Squire's Cottage" - Is a delightful and whimsical stone cottage with separate guest quarters in Chocolate Hole West, a short drive from Cruz Bay. Features include fine local stone and brick work, Turkish travertine floors, brick courtyard, custom light fixtures, large closets, custom hard wood doors & windows, stainless appliances, cathedral ceilings, slate roof and deeded rights to two beaches. The one level main house is handicapped friendly. **\$1.299M**

"Carolina Cottage" - Really cute two bedroom house with nice water views of Coral Harbor and Hurricane Hole. Faces east to catch the cooling trade wind breezes. Paved driveway and parking area. Partial furnishings included. A nice location close to Coral Bay with large deck and room to expand or add a pool. There is a laundry room on the lower level and space to add another bedroom. Paved drive way with easy turn around. **\$575,000.**

"Casa Del Palmas" - Is a completely rebuilt, large, comfortable West Indian style home with pool and spa, nice water and sunset views, easy access with paved circular driveway, established landscaping with many palm trees, colorful hibiscus, and good breezes. Upper level is 2 BR and the spacious lower level has 3 bedrooms, a private entrance, complete kitchen, and adjoins deck with a pool. **\$650,000.**

NEW

"Picture Point" - One of the most beautiful lots on St. John, this parcel is high on Bordeaux Mountain at "Picture Point" - aptly named because it has the most breathtaking views on St. John and it is hard to drive by without snapping a few photos. See all the way from Jost Van Dyke to Tortola, Virgin Gorda and Peter and Norman Islands. Over one acre with a moderate slope & paved access for an easy build. High elevation & easterly trade winds will keep you cool. Adjoining half acre also available. Brand new on the market and listed at just **\$550,000**

"Palm Terrace Villas"- Some of the most spacious condos to be found on St. John. Completed in 2005 with beautiful views, generous balconies, common sun deck and pool area, walk to town and Frank Bay Beach. The two bedroom unit is over 1100 sq. ft. All feature large kitchens, granite countertops, stainless appliances, large closets, private washer and dryer and ample storage. These condos have it all. Excellent short term rentals. **\$599,000 to \$975,000.**

"Cruz Views Condos"- Convenient to Cruz Bay, nice water views, quiet area with lush landscaping and large pool and deck. One and two bedrooms. Excellent rentals. From **\$325,000 to \$549,000**

DEVELOPMENT/COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES: Hansen Bay 7A is an 18 acre parcel with studies done and a 15 lot subdivision permit. All lots have water views and breezes and 4 lots are on the flat top of a ridge with almost 360 degree views. Reduced from **\$3.18M to \$2.8M.** Estate Zootenvaal 20 acres overlooking the marine preserve at Bork Creek and Hurricane Hole, just east of Coral Bay **\$7M.** Maho Bay - 13 acres in the middle of the National Park with a beautiful white sand beach, suitable for a small hotel or high end estate development - a real gem of a property for **\$19.5M**

Estate Pastory - near Cruz Bay. Three adjoining lots at Estate Pastory with possible water views and gentle grades. Great spot for a contractor to build some spec homes or a family compound with several homes. Seller financing possible. **Starting at \$200,000 each or \$375,000 for all three!!!!**

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Division of Personnel Sets Civil Entrance Exam Dates for Police and Correction Officers

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Division Personnel Director Kenneth Hermon announced last week that the scheduled entrance examinations for police and correction officers in the St. Thomas/St. John district will take place during the week of August 6 to 10.

"This is an opportunity to fill critically needed vacancies to ensure the safety of our community and to aid the government of the Virgin Islands in moving into compliance with the Consent Decree," said Hermon.

While the administration is mindful of the tough financial times facing the territory, Governor John deJongh remains committed to fully staffing agencies such as VIPD and the Bureau of Corrections, two law enforcement agencies which provide the most basic of services to the residents of the Virgin Islands — public safety.

To qualify to sit the respective examinations, all candidates must have:

- Accredited high school diploma or high school equivalency diploma;
- Proof of US citizenship;
- Be at least 20 years of age with no criminal record and;
- Have a valid driver's license or be able to qualify for a motor vehicle operator's li-

cense.

All interested candidates must sign-up and submit a completed application package at the Division of Personnel in the St. Thomas/St. John district before July 20. Office hours are between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Applications are available at the Division of Personnel, GERS Complex, 3rd floor, Kronprindsens Gade, St. Thomas or can be downloaded from the website at www.dopusvi.org

Candidates that met prior qualifications are required to visit the Division of Personnel to confirm interest, verify and pick up the study guide (police only) by the established deadline date. A study guide will be distributed to candidates the same day that the entire package is received by the Division of Personnel once deemed eligible.

Additionally, applicants who have earned a degree in the following areas will be affixed a waiver from sitting the examination, but are still required to meet all the other criteria for qualification. Those areas are police science, fire science, criminal justice, social science, criminology, forensic science, accounting, public and business administration.

For more details, call Millicent Aubain, or Loretta David at 774-8588.

New Gas Station Construction Continues



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Construction of a new gas station on Jacob's Ladder near Palm Plaza continues to rise. A towering retaining wall is almost complete at the site, above, as construction workers continue excavation.

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"PETER BAY GATEHOUSE", an exquisite 2 bedroom villa on large lot in Peter Bay Estates has great views and breezes. Michael O x m a n plans available for expansion. Incredible Value!

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"VILLA MARBELLA" Own this stunning 3 bedroom and 3.5 bath custom Virgin Grand Estates villa. View pool and large veranda. Great rentals & sunsets over St. Thomas & Pillsbury Sound. One level living w/ fabulous Great room!

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"CORAL POINT BEACH HOUSE" for the active waterfront lifestyle. Ridgetop, waterfront, open air solid masonry 3 bedroom home. Must be seen to be appreciated.

\$810,000

"VILLA INTIMASEA" a beautiful newer Chocolate Hole 4 bedroom pool villa has 180 degree water views! Great rental or residence with potential for family compound. Access to 2 beaches & dinghy landing.

\$1,825,000

"POINCIANA" is an island classic home on 1.24 acres of prime waterfront overlooking Hart Bay. 3 bedroom popular rental with one of the best views of the south shore.

\$1,250,000

"SEA TURTLE VILLA" is a contemporary Skytop home with amazing water views, 2 master suites, 3 baths, tropical landscaping, pool, & open architecture set amidst secluded privacy. Great vacation villa or island home!

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"PARADISE ON THE ROCKS" Tropical living, big views & masonry home—centrally-located on Ajax Peak. Two units: - 2 bedrooms, 2 baths & Great Room upstairs; private entry 1 bedroom apartment downstairs. Rent one, live in the other!

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"SEABISCUIT" is a winner! Charming 2x2 Caribbean style masonry villa with panoramic views, very private pool & hot tub. Breezy location convenient to Coral Bay. Walk to shoreline watersports.

\$895,000

"SEA BLOSSOM" A Caribbean style 3.5x3 home in peaceful Fish Bay. Solid masonry construction, pool, and turn-key short-term rental capabilities make this a great value in today's market.

\$810,000

"VILLA MIMOSA" IS A BEST BUY! 4 bedroom private rental home—awesome down island & Coral Bay views! Turn key! Originally \$1,700,000 now priced to sell.

\$635,000

"UPPER CAROLINA COTTAGE" 2 bdrm-2bth well-built & maintained home. Nice mountain views & breezes, comfortable wrap-around deck. Adjacent view parcel also available. Live in cottage while building main house. Deeded access to common beach parcel.

House alone \$609,000. With land \$825,000.

"VILLA BAMBOO" - charming 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom cottage features views to the South shore & to sunsets over the cays, a generous floor plan and decks, well-maintained, tastefully decorated, and spacious grounds with unique Danish ruins.

\$499,000

"VILLA MOLLO" A nature lovers dream, walk to 2 beaches! 3BR/2BA villa sits on the water's edge of a salt pond and features custom stone and wood work and amazing Caribbean views.

475,000

"GALLOW'S POINT" Unit 9C—one bedroom, 1.5 bath loft with private deck/patio, common beach, pool and spa. Restaurant and concierge services on property. Walk to town!

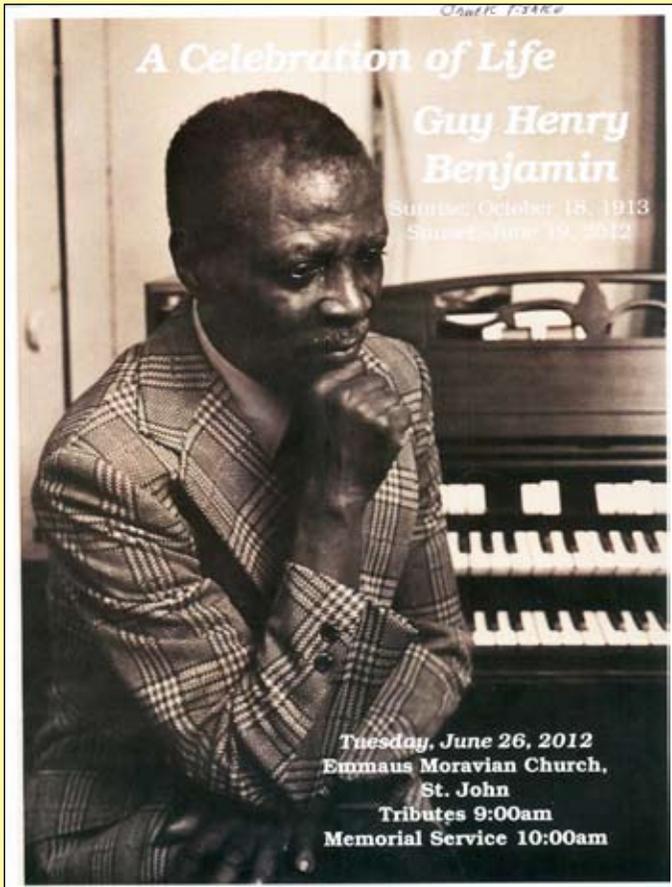
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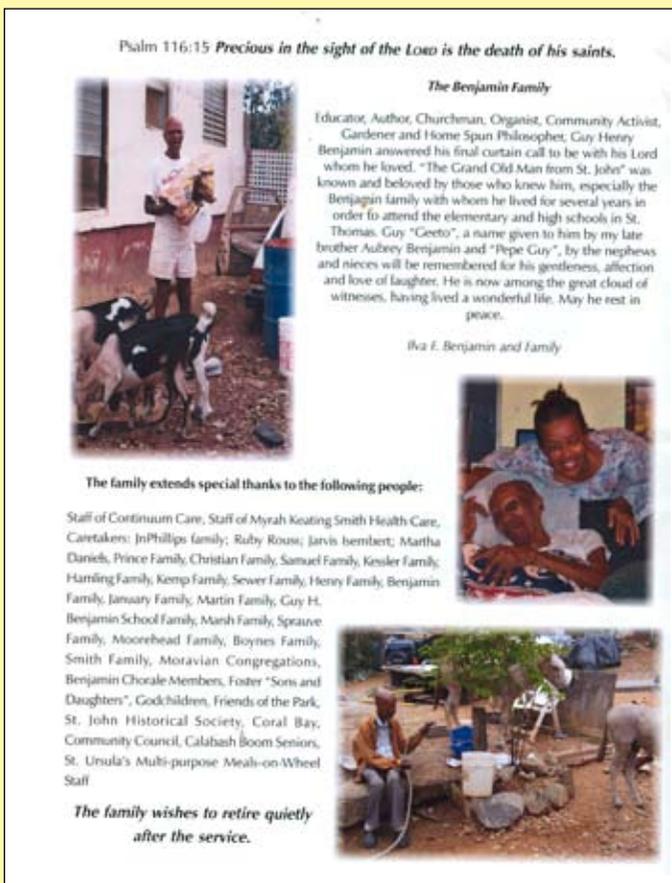
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A Funeral Booklet for the Books

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