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Residents Claim Harassment, Intimidation by DPNR Enforcement Officers

Department of Planning and Natural Resources' Division of Environmental Enforcement officers swept through Coral Bay last week cutting legal mooring lines, tagging a non-profit program's vessels, boarding *Carolinian*, above, with guns drawn and intimidating residents, according to witnesses.

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Jackhammers Pound in Cruz Bay



Jackhammers pounded through several parking spaces in front of First Bank last week in the heart of Cruz Bay, spelling less parking and more noise and dust during the construction work.

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Photo by Jaime Elliott

DPNR Conducts Internal Investigation Into Multiple Allegations of Improper Enforcement Activity in Coral Bay

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Department of Planning and Natural Resources Commissioner Alicia Barnes last week announced that an internal investigation has been launched into allegations of intimidation and improper enforcement actions by DPNR Enforcement Officers.

“On Wednesday and Thursday of this week, my office received complaints from several St. John residents about DPNR officers brandishing weapons and cutting

mooring lines in the Coral Bay area,” said Commissioner Barnes.

DPNR Division of Environmental Enforcement Director Roberto Tapia confirmed that the division was involved in a week-long initiative in Coral Bay to rid the area of illegal moorings and to enforce regulations on the many unregistered vessels in that area.

This effort was initiated by written correspondence and verbal requests from the many St. John residents who have registered vessels

and legal moorings and by concerned Coral Bay residents who want to see increased enforcement in the bay, according to Tapia.

Barnes acknowledged that while the scheduling of the initiative may have been untimely, it was in no way connected to the proposed increase of mooring fees.

“I consider these allegations of intimidation to be serious, and have solicited the assistance of the Attorney General’s office to look into these claims,” said Barnes.

Waste Management Meeting Aug. 3

The Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority is hosting a town meeting on Friday, August 3, at 6 p.m. at St. Ursula’s Multipurpose Center. The public is invited to come and learn about WMA’s plans to construct a new wastewater pump station in Cruz Bay adjacent to the gravel parking lot. For more information call WMA’s Division of Engineering at 777-3073.

UVI Fall 2012 Orientation Aug. 13-17

Orientation for new and transfer students for UVI’s Fall 2012 Semester is scheduled to take place from Monday, August 13, through Friday, August 17.

Complete schedules for both campuses and important information on UVI policies regarding placement exams and student rights have been posted on the admissions section of the UVI website at <http://www.uvi.edu>.

Delinquent Real Property Tax Auctions Continue from August 22 to 24

The Division of Real Property Tax, Office of the Lieutenant Governor, has scheduled the third round of auctions for properties in delinquent payment status of 10 or more years.

In the St. Thomas/St. John District, the auctions will be from August 22 to 24 in the courtyard of the GERS Building on Kronprindsens Gade. Delinquent property auctions on St. Croix will take place from August 29 to 31, at the Virgin Islands Cardiac Center.

The property auctions will begin at 9 a.m. on each of the scheduled auction days. In the event the auctions do not conclude on the first day, it will continue on the second or third days.

Owners of delinquent properties can either pay their balances in full or enter into an installment arrangement in order to avoid the sale of their properties. Property owners interested in making arrangements are advised to contact the Office of the Tax Collector at 776-6737 on St. John. Property owners whose properties are in probate are reminded to file their cases with the Recorder of Deeds Office in their district.

A list of the properties that are slated for auction can be viewed at www.ltg.gov.vi.

Help Available for Home-Bound Seniors

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Dial-a-Ride Tea Party September 9

St. John Community Foundation officials are celebrating the St. John Dial-a-Ride program’s 20th Anniversary with a Tea Party on Grandparent’s Day, Sunday, September 9, at St. Ursula’s Multipurpose Center from 12 to 3 p.m.

Everyone encouraged to bring their special Grandparent for an afternoon of fun and refreshments, or just come and help honor island elders.

ACC Flea Market Set for October 9

The Animal Care Center’s annual flea market, “No Fleas, Please,” will be on Saturday, October 20, at the Winston Wells ball field. ACC Board member Jason Corley is the point-of-contact for the event. Corley can be reached at jrcorley5@gmail.com.

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DPNR Raising Fees Despite Lack of Services for Boating Community

“According to your proposed increase, I would have to pay 500 percent more for my vessel. I wish my business would increase by 500 percent too. We’ve already been hit by the increase in gross receipts and now you’re asking for more money too.”

– Dan Boyd, Lavongo Cay resident and commercial boating operator

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Despite the lack of a Mooring Plan, Water Use Plan or providing any services to the boating community — including dock maintenance, pump out facilities, security and trash services — Department of Planning and Natural Resources will raise mooring, anchoring and registration fees by as much as 700 percent over the next two years, officials told about 150 people at public meeting at the Westin Re-

sort and Villas on Thursday night, July 26.

It was standing room only in the Westin ballroom at the planned 6 p.m. start of the meeting, yet DPNR Commissioner Alicia Barnes didn’t arrive until 6:35 p.m.

When Barnes did arrive, the commissioner laid out “rules of engagement” for the well-attended meeting, in light of DPNR enforcement action earlier in the week which had riled Coral Bay residents (see sidebar below and related investigation on page 2).

“Tonight we are dealing with mooring fee increases only,” said Barnes, who had difficulty keeping the meeting on task during the evening. “We will provide an appropriate forum to address your concerns. This is not the forum for that.”

Mooring fees have not increased since 1986 and DPNR hosted a series of meetings last week across the territory to gather information about the proposed fee structure from stakeholders, Barnes explained.

“This is just the beginning,” she said. “This is the first series of meetings for information exchange and for us to gather input from stakeholders.”

While promising a minor increase in 2013 — which will raise mooring fees from \$5 per foot to \$8 per foot annually and hike anchoring fees from \$2 per foot to \$5 per foot monthly — followed by larger spikes in the fees the following year, Barnes said the proposed fees were “not written in stone.”

Any fee changes must ultimately be approved by the V.I. Legislature before going into effect, Barnes added.

The increased fees will not serve as a revenue stream for DPNR, but instead will sustain the department’s “initiative to endeavor to improve services provided to the boating community,” said Barnes.

When asked what services DPNR plans to provide, however, Barnes did not elaborate.

“Through this process we are endeavoring to comply with our mandate and provide infrastructure improvements,” said the DPNR Commissioner. “We will work with you to finalize a draft of a mooring plan by 2013 and with

these increases, when we roll out a mooring plan, we will have the finances to sustain that plan.”

The finances, however, will come on the backs of boaters who are being asked to pay more in mooring fees than homeowners pay for property taxes, pointed out Dick Burks, who was one of 14 residents to testify at the meeting.

“Looking at the annual cost you are proposing, a lot of people pay less for property taxes than what you propose for mooring fees,” said Burks. “How can mooring fees be more than property taxes?”

DPNR’s proposed fee structure also pins the highest cost on live-aboard boaters, Burks added.

“There are different fees for pleasure craft and live-aboard pleasure craft,” Burks said. “Are you discriminating against people who live aboard their boats and giving them a penalty?”

Commercial operators barely eking out a living are also being punished, explained Dan Boyd.

“According to your proposed increase, I would have to pay 500 percent more for my vessel,” said Boyd. “I wish my business would increase by 500 percent too. We’ve already been hit by the increase in

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DPNR Environmental Enforcement officers boarded this trimaran, above, with guns drawn during a sweep through Coral Bay harbor last week.

Coral Bay Residents Claim Harassment and Intimidation by DPNR Enforcement Officers

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Department of Planning and Natural Resources’ Division of Environmental Enforcement officers reportedly swept through Coral Bay harbor on Wednesday, July 25, with guns drawn, cut legal mooring lines, fouled other mooring lines and harassed several residents, according to numerous eyewitnesses.

While DPNR Commissioner Alicia Barnes tried to keep about 150 residents who attended a public hearing the next night on proposed mooring and anchoring fee increases (see related stories above and on page 2) from discussing the Coral Bay incident, residents would not be silenced.

“I love my home in Coral Bay; the community is nice,” 11-year-old Gabe Brooker said at the July

26 DPNR meeting at the Westin Resort and Villas. “I love my school and I love the KATS program. People are really nice and I feel safe in Coral Bay.”

“On Wednesday when I was walking down the dock, a man was waving a gun and I didn’t feel very safe,” said Brooker.

Brooker’s testimony got no response from DPNR officials, except for a large grin and audible laugh from DPNR Director of Enforcement Roberto Tapia, who sat at the front of the room during the meeting.

The Guy Benjamin School student was not the only person to share concerns at the meeting about DPNR Enforcement officers’ actions in Coral Bay earlier in the week.

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CZM Director J.P. Oriol, above, discusses suggested revisions to the CZM Act with residents during a public meeting, at right.

DPNR Should Eliminate Loopholes, Strengthen CZM Act, Residents Tell Officials

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

The Coastal Zone Management Act should close loopholes, be as transparent as possible and reflect what is really being constructed, according to residents who weighed in on how Department of Planning and Natural Resources' CZM Act should be revised at a Tuesday night, July 24, public meeting at the Julius E. Sprauve School cafeteria, which drew seven people.

"For a number of years, CZM has discussed ways the act and rules and regulations can be reenergized to benefit the regulatory side as well as users," said CZM Director Jean Pierre Oriol. "The CZM Act has not undergone complete revision since 1978 except for small changes in 1989 and 1991."

"We're at a period where we can take a look at the act and see in what ways we can revamp it to make it more useful," said Oriol.

CZM officials began the process of re-vamping the act in-house, conducting meetings with various divisions and employees,

explained Oriol.

"Now we're at the stage to go to the public and see if there are ideas we didn't think of or specifics that we've missed," he said.

The division has not prepared language for the CZM Act revision, which will come later during a draft recommendation period followed by additional public hearings, Oriol added.

The Tier I and Tier II designation — which separates the island into coastal and non-coastal areas — on St. John should be changed, according to Pam Gaffin.

"Tier designation should not be subjective," said Gaffin. "You could make it anything above 200 feet in elevation and that could be cast in concrete. We have plenty of examples about how to cheat and this should be not changeable or cheatable."

"These rules need to be crystal clear and not fuzzy at all," Gaffin said.

The Tiers should be based on distance from the coast, not elevation, according to David Silverman.

"I recommend a single Tier since all development has the potential to impact the

coastal waters," said Silverman. "Elevation does not mean it won't impact the coastline. The designation should be in distance from the shoreline, not elevation."

While some portions of the CZM Act make sense, there is room for improvement, Silverman added.

"There are large portions of the act that make good sense," he said. "You should revisit it to include climate change. But it seems like a good act; don't throw out the baby with the bath water."

Gaffin suggested closing some of the many loopholes in the CZM Act.

"We have private residences that are way larger than hotels," she said. "As long as you use the term 'residence' then you don't have to get a major permit. That is a loophole."

"We should not use definitions, but use square feet to set apart what needs a major permit or a minor permit," Gaffin said. "If the building is 20,000 square feet, I don't care what the purpose is, it has a huge impact. I don't care what you are building — how is it going to impact our land and our water."

DPNR officials should inform the public when a development has been issued a stop work order, Bob DeBonis explained.

"It would be useful to make stop work orders public information," said DeBonis. "That way if we heard work being done, we could call DPNR and inform them."

DPNR also needs to update its website in order to improve communication with the public, Silverman added.

"A better website is needed for the public to be able to access information," he said.

While DPNR officials noted all of the suggestions, the CZM Act is designed to balance environmental protection with a property owner's rights, explained legal counsel Winston Brathwaite.

"As much as we are talking about the environment, we are also talking about a fundamental right, the right to private property," said Brathwaite. "We have to keep that consideration in mind and respect those rights."

For more information about the CZM Act revision process, call the division at 774-3320.

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St. John resident Lina Guild gives the thumbs up on her new purchase from IGBA's ReSource Depot.

At 10,000 Pounds and Counting – IGBA's ReSource Depot Is Big Success

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On July 20, the Island Green Building Association's ReSource Depot program for recycled building supplies exceeded 10,000 pounds of materials kept in use and out of landfills.

"As we are only open on Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to noon, by volunteers, these are amazing results," said Karen Vahling, IGBA executive director. "We have been open 28 Saturdays since January, for an average of 180 pounds per hour. Savings for the community vs. retail costs are estimated in the high thousands — 60 to 80 percent less than retail."

"Savings for our environment in terms of sourcing, shipping, packaging and disposal of materials — priceless," said Vahling.

Anyone who hasn't stopped by the Resource Depot, located across from the Susanaberg Transfer Station on Giff Hill Road, should consider making a tax deductible donation, Vahling explained.

"We accept almost anything in good condition that can build or furnish a home or garden," she said.

Residents can now drop items off anytime in the open area between the first two containers on the right at the Resource Depot. Just stack the items neatly and call Vahling at 227-1110 to let her know about the donation. Residents are also invited to stop by on Saturday to get a tax deductible receipt and shop the wares.

IGBA always needs volunteers for the store, someone to do pickups with a truck, and wonderful donors



The ReSource Depot is open Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon, and is located just off Centerline Road on Giff Hill, above.

to Adopt-a-Box and pay the group's container rent, or Adopt-an-Ad and cover the cost of newspaper advertisements.

While the depot is only open for two hours each week, IGBA officials plan to extend those hours, Vahling added.

"We plan to add more hours soon," she said. "An inventory list has been updated on our website, which changes quickly. It will be updated every two weeks."

Check out www.igbavi.org for the inventory list.

"We are proud of what we've done and plan to do much more," said Vahling. "It's been so nice to hear the comments of shoppers like 'Thanks for doing this,' 'I would have paid three times that,' and 'Keep up the good work.'"



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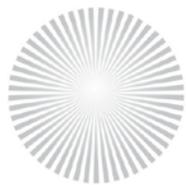
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U.S. Virgin Islands Olympic Sailors Ready for Action

Cy Thompson of St. Thomas and Mayumi "Mimi" Roller of St. John posed on their laser boats in southern England last week, showing off their new Olympic sails and ready to go head to head with the world's best sailors. Good luck Mimi and Cy!

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Raul Castro's Private Yacht Anchored off Caneel

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The 280-foot motor yacht, "Royal Scion," was spotted in the channel near Caneel Bay Resort.

This super yacht was built by Camper and Nicholson at their Portsmouth, England, yard in 1951. It was a very modern design for its time and was originally named "Fiona Mae." It was presented to Fidel Castro after it had been confiscated while at anchor in Havana by the Communist Party of Cuba in the summer of 1966.

It has been retrofitted many times with extreme luxury. The last update included three hot tubs, a tennis court, a modern library with over 150,000 e-books and a 1,200-square-foot galley designed by Emeril.

Asked about the name change, Raúl said that Fidel didn't think it proper to keep the name of the capitalist's wife on his private yacht. Also he wanted a more fitting, aristocratic name.

"You think the First Secretary of the Communist Party of Cuba should have to put up with a peasant fishing boat named 'Maria'? No way, José," said Raúl.

After a couple of years Fidel grew tired of it

and gave it to Raúl. With a staff of over 280, it has a minion for every foot.

An island dinner party is set for August 1. It will be hosted by Niles and Susan Chair, long-time Castro family supporters, with special guest, Elsa Engel, heiress to the Winnebago fortune.

"The last time 'Raul,' we call him 'Raul' at our house, was here he kept saying he wanted to shoot whales that were just outside Hart Bay," said Mrs. Chair. "He brought one of those Kalashnikov BB guns with a scope. Niles and I did what we could to divert his attention. We knew he'd be on to something else soon. He's such a dear."

According to Mrs. Chair, recent visitors to the yacht included Warren, Sunday and Jimmy Buffet.

"Hughie Chavez kept circling in a dingy, but Raul wouldn't let him aboard," said Mrs. Chair. "Chris Christie was there in his famous Speedo — he always makes such a splash — and George W. Bush who did a lot behind the scenes to keep the Castros in power."

"Poor 'Dubya,' we call him 'Dubya' at our house, was seasick the whole time," said Mrs. Chair.

Longest Recorded Nesting Leatherback Sea Turtle Returns To Nest

Leatherback returns to Sandy Point and sustains head injury

St. John Tradewinds

Scientists at the Sandy Point National Wildlife Refuge (SPNWR) were thrilled to encounter an old friend nesting on the beach this year.

Leatherback sea turtle number AAG322, first observed in 1981 returned 31 years later to lay another nest at SPNWR.

“Other projects studying nesting leatherbacks have recorded females returning to beaches for 18 and 19 years but none of them coming close to 31 years,” said SPNWR biologist Claudia Lombard.

AAG322 has returned many times through the years to lay a total of 59 nests at Sandy Point, a fact that is known thanks to the consistent monitoring efforts of many different scientists and volunteers.

Every leatherback that nests at SPNWR receives a flipper tag with a unique number so that scientists can track individual turtles through time as well as assess the population status.

“Although AAG322 is the turtle that has been coming to Sandy Point for the longest time, there are a couple of other turtles that are not far behind her,” said Jennifer Valiulis, director of the sea turtle project for Geographic Consulting, the group which currently does the sea turtle monitoring at SPNWR.

Each year between 90 and 200 leatherback turtles migrate from feeding grounds in the North Atlantic to nest at SPNWR on St. Croix. SPNWR hosts the largest nesting population within United States jurisdiction and in the Northern Caribbean.



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Rafe Boulon with “Snagglepuss,” first seen and tagged (AAG 347) on Sandy Point, St. Croix, in 1979 and last seen there in 1998, when the photo was taken.

The leatherback sea turtle recovery program at SPNWR began monitoring and protecting turtles in 1977 and has since developed into one of the most unique, long-term sea turtle research and recovery efforts in the world.

The number of nesting females has grown from under 20 in 1982 to more than 100 in most recent years. The 2009 nesting season set a record with 202 nesting females and over 1000 nests.

The endangered leatherback sea turtle is the largest, deepest diving, most migratory, and widest ranging of all sea turtles. The

leatherback turtle is distributed worldwide in tropical and temperate waters of the Atlantic, Pacific, and Indian Oceans.

It is also found in small numbers as far north as British Columbia, Newfoundland, and the British Isles, and as far south as Australia, Cape of Good Hope, and Argentina.

Throughout this entire range, the leatherback sea turtle is considered endangered. Adult female leatherbacks migrate to tropical sandy beaches to nest every two to three years.

Females emerge from the ocean at night and lay approximately 80 to 100 eggs deep

in the sand. They nest an average of 5 to 6 times each season, typically at 10-day intervals.

The excitement of this new record is diminished by the fact that the turtle later suffered a serious head injury. When scientists first saw AAG322 this year nesting on March 16 she appeared healthy.

Only two weeks later she emerged to nest again, but this time had multiple wounds to her head, mostly around her eyes. These wounds appeared to be caused by a boat propeller. She was able to lay one more nest about 10 days later, her last of the season, and scientists documented a rotten smell coming from her wounds.

“Wounds from boat propellers are not uncommon here, and her’s were especially severe,” said Valiulis.

A disturbing increase in the number of boat strike injuries to sea turtles has been documented at SPNWR.

All sea turtles spend time at the surface breathing, basking in the sun, and searching for suitable beach nesting habitat. At these times, sea turtles are very susceptible to boat traffic.

Sea turtles can be seriously injured or killed if hit by the hull of a boat or a boat propeller. Boats operating erratically or at high speeds do not allow turtles enough time to dive and avoid a boat.

Lombard and Valiulis urged boaters to operate boats responsibly and at safe speeds to protect sea turtles, especially when driving close to nesting beaches or foraging areas.

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Clothing Construction students, above, with instructor Caryl Johnson, center, and Extension Agent II Carmen Wesselhoft, far left, pose in their new frocks during a celebration last week.

“Last time I sewed was in high school about 50 years ago. My mother was a seamstress, but for me it never took. When she passed I said, ‘In her remembrance, I will take this class.’”

– Yvonne Wells, sewing class student

Clothing Construction Graduates Show Off Completed Garments in Fashion Show

**By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds**

After six weeks of hard work, six women strutted their stuff on Tuesday afternoon, July 24, showing off their tailored seams, perfect zippers and pin tuck pleats in recently completed garments.

The six women were most of the students who completed a Clothing Construction and Pattern Drafting class at the Cooperative Extension Services at the University of the Virgin Islands’ St. John Academic Center at The Marketplace.

The students, along with instructor Caryl Johnson, program supervisor of Family Consumer Science and 4-H for the St. Thomas/St. John District, hosted a fashion show and luncheon celebration to show off their work and share their excitement for the class.

“I learned a lot and really enjoyed working with everyone,” said Sonia Penn, who showed off an ankle length a-line maxi skirt. “It was really interesting and I’d like to do it again.”

Many of the students had not sewn in years, including Yvonne Wells, who showed off a flattering fitted waist dress with cap sleeves and impressive pleating around the yolk.

“Last time I sewed was in high school about 50 years ago,” said Wells. “My mother was a seamstress, but for me it never took. When she passed I said, ‘In her remembrance, I will take this class.’”

After completing the class, Wells admitted there was “room for improvement,” but was still pleased with her effort.

“I’m rather proud of myself,” she said.

Showing off a skirt, tunic and sash ensemble, Myrtle Callwood said she learned a lot and had a great time in the clothing construction class.

“I’m so happy to be here today,” said Callwood. “I would like to thank all the ladies. We all worked so well together and had a lot of fun.”

Rosa Samuel vowed to show off her recently completed short sleeved a-line maxi dress in church.

“I have to wear this to church because I’m so proud of it,” said Samuel. “The last time I made a dress was in the eighth grade. I didn’t remember how to thread a needle or put in a bobbin.”

CES should offer future clothing construction and pattern making classes, Samuel added.

“I hope you do this again because there has been a lot of interest in this,” she said.

Myrtle Isaac spun around in her a-line knee length skirt with almost completed cotton batik sleeveless top.

“My top is not quite finished, but I learned so much in this class,” said Isaac. “Sewing is a lot of fun and it eases your mind and makes you relax. I had a lot of fun in this class with all of these ladies.”

Wanda Burgos showed off an up-cycled vest with recycled earrings as buttons.

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Town Meeting

SJCF Community Garden Taking Root

Phase two kick off work day set for August 5

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

St. John Community Foundation officials recently celebrated the completion of phase one of work on the group's community garden, located on 2.5 acres on Giff Hill Road.

With phase one wrapped up, the community garden land has now been cleared, pathways have been created and 40 native trees have been planted, explained SJCF executive director Celia Kalousek.

But there is still plenty of work to do before the area is transformed into the garden park which Kalousek envisions, complete with butterfly and herb gardens. SJCF is hosting a phase two kick off work day on Sunday, August 5, from 1 to 5 p.m. on the site, according to Kalousek.

"Everyone is invited to grab their favorite garden tool or just a pair of gloves and come stake your claim at the community garden park on Giff Hill by adopting a designated area that you would like to help maintain with other community members," she said. "We plan to have a butterfly garden, an herb garden, a bush tea garden, a provisions garden similar to those planted by the property's homesteaders back in the 1700s, and more."

SJCF officials are also looking for experienced farmers to help in the effort and are hoping a local beekeeper will bring some hives to the property, Kalousek added.

"We are also looking for creative people to help us paint the temporary work container and brainstorm a name for this special outdoor community space," she said.

While there is plenty of work ahead, SJCF officials will also be celebrating how much progress has been made at the island community garden park, Kalousek explained.

"With funding from V.I. Department of Agriculture's Urban and Community Forestry Program and a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service, volunteers from SJCF, St. John Historical Society, Audubon Society, Giff Hill School's EARTH



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Paths are cleared and volunteers are needed to take SJCF's garden, above, to the next phase.

program and numerous community gardeners worked tirelessly to get us this far," said the SJCF executive director. "We now have an application in for an orchard containing Mamee Apple, Sour Sop, Guava and Sugar Apple trees, and a pending Community Development Block Grant for a community meeting pavilion space."

Volunteers were also careful to retain the historically and culturally rich area in its beautiful state, Kalousek added.

"The paths were swept clear and weeded weekly by hand, so the numerous pieces of pottery and other historically significant findings were not displaced," she said. "We are working around the ruins and are counting on the experienced local experts from the Historical Society to take the lead on any work near the ruins to make sure their integrity is not compromised."

Lee and John Horner made sure that the 40 native trees — which

were planted under the supervision of experts Eleanor and Alex Gibney — were watered all through the severe dry spell the island experienced, according to Kalousek.

Residents are already investing personally in the up-and-coming garden park, she added.

"Lee and John have adopted a space we call the Horner Corner," said Kalousek. "Paul Devine helped design a water catchment system we now call the Devine Water Source. We also have a donor who expressed an interest in a commemorative bench along the path looking out over one of the many beautiful vistas, in honor of his daughter."

SJCF officials plan to host an organized community work day the first Sunday of each month. To pitch in on one of the numerous garden park projects, call Kalousek at 693-9410 and be sure to attend the August 5 kick off work day from 1 to 5 p.m. and stay for refreshments.

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Historical Bits & Pieces

by Chuck Pishko

Why do we need a Constitution?

St. John Tradewinds

On Monday, July 23, the VI Legislature met on St. John as a Committee of the Whole to discuss how to complete the mission of the Fifth Constitution Convention.

The draft forwarded to the U.S. President and Congress was not approved. Nine specific areas need to be addressed and changed to pass Federal review.

If we continue without a Constitution voted on and accepted by the people, we are subject to the vagaries of the U.S. Congress. Theoretically, they could transfer the territory to another nation, like China!

With a Constitution in place, the people of the Virgin Islands are in control of their destiny. We've come a long way on the road to full citizenship but we're not there yet. The road has been rocky.

While the U.S. Naval Administration accomplished important health and educational programs, it failed to foster and grant those political and democratic freedoms necessary to attain full development.

The administration allied itself with the existing Danish government and Congress kept the Danish Colonial Law of 1906 in effect. Secretary of State Robert Lansing who negotiated the 1916 Transfer falsely observed the political incapacities and incompetence of the Afro-Caribbean people from his dealings with Haiti. (Langley p. 72)

Also the Navy and Marine Corps recently bloodied in Haiti brought a plethora of their Southern prejudice with them. This temporary government lasted in principle for some 20 years.

Initially V.I. patriots Rothchild Francis, Hamilton Jackson, Casper Holstein, and Ashley Totten petitioned Congress for citizenship. Congress was eventually moved to grant U.S. citizenship to most Virgin Islanders in 1927, a full 10 years after the transfer. Subsequently, a 1932 Act of Congress granted American citizenship to all natives of the Virgin Islands, regardless of their place of residence on January 17, 1917.

The Organic Act of 1936 called for two Municipal Councils and a Legislative Assembly to be made up of the two Councils and convened by the Governor at least once a year to enact legislation applicable to the whole VI. All property and income qualifications were abolished. Women were included in the franchise. Voters, however, had to be able to read and write English.

The Organic Act of 1936 was followed by elections to the Municipal Councils. In 1948 the first referendum on self-rule was held in which voters wanted to elect a resident commissioner to Congress. The Re-

vised Organic Act of 1954 extended the franchise to our Spanish speaking citizens.

It also established a unicameral legislature for the territory. However, Virgin Islanders still did not have full citizenship. In 1958, 3,000 Virgin Islanders marched on Government House demanding the removal of an appointed governor and declaring readiness for self-government.

In 1965 the First Constitutional Convention was held and the first draft Constitution was written. It was never adopted but several provisions were enacted by Congress.

Congress chose to address the matter of more self-government by dealing with specific legislation. For example, the Elective Governor Act of 1968 led us further down the road. It also contained provisions relating to the elimination of the Presidential veto of VI legislation and selective Constitutional safeguards: the writ of habeas corpus; forbidding bills of attainder; and ex-post facto laws. (Boyer p. 275). Incremental rather than radical change appears to be the law of the land.

The Second Constitutional Convention draft included the Congressional acts passed as a result of the First. However, the Second failed passing by a majority of the voters in the general election of 1972. Again Federal legislation was enacted to facilitate the process.

A Third Constitutional Convention (1978) included a system of local government. The turnout in March 1979 was low (38 percent) and 56 percent of those voters rejected it.

The Fourth Constitutional Convention in 1980 contained a controversial definition of a Virgin Islander; native-born or descended from one or more native-born residents. Also US citizen residents of longer than one year were Virgin Islands Citizens. At any rate, it was defeated in 1981 by a margin of three to two.

A further referendum on status in 1993 failed to attract a viable turnout, only 27 percent. The Fifth Constitutional Convention was convened in 2007.

The solution lies in the Fifth Constitutional Convention. Hopefully it's a sign of a serious attempt at a Constitution. We should all be embarrassed over the United States annually reporting USVI as a Non-Self Governing Territory to the United Nations. We need to determine our political status once and for all.

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JFLI Summer Camp Successful Thanks to Collaboration

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

The 18 students in John's Folly Learning Institute's summer program have been enjoying everything from swimming lessons to hikes in the V.I. National Park, organic gardening instruction and more thanks to an exciting collaboration.

Former JFLI summer instructor Crystal Fortwangler, who is now an assistant professor of sustainability at Chatham University in Pennsylvania, tapped current and former students as well as local St. John businesses to help make sure students are offered an enriching summer program, she explained.

"Earlier in the year, JFLI founder Alvis Christian contacted me to see if I would be able to get some graduate students down to teach during the summer program," said Fortwangler. "He thought it would be great if they could come down and teach at the school."

Fortwangler thought it would be ideal to have graduate students sharing their knowledge with JFLI summer program students, but didn't know where those college

students would stay on St. John. "Alvis approached Wayne Lloyd at Concordia who donated housing for the students," said Fortwangler. "We couldn't afford to house the students on our own, so it's a perfect situation. It's a win for Concordia who gets to help the community, a win for the institute to have the instructors and a win for Chatham which gets to collaborate on this program."

Lloyd, the resort manager at Concordia Eco-Resort, was happy to assist the JFLI summer program.

"JFLI and St. John Montessori School are sort of our adopted projects," said Lloyd. "We help them out whenever they call to be good neighbors. Also a lot of our staff have children involved with the JFLI program."

In addition to the donated housing, JFLI students have also been enjoying swimming lessons in the Concordia swimming pool.

"We have resources that they can use and we can share," said Lloyd. "We are happy to help. Whenever they need something, we contribute whatever we can."

The collaboration has resulted

in excellent instruction for the students, who also seem to be having a great time as well.

"The summer program is going great," said JFLI founder Alvis Christian. "The students who came down with Crystal are really doing well and we've had some other instructors as well."

"They've been doing swim lessons in the pool and last week we went to Trunk Bay to go snorkeling with Ranger Laurel Brannick," Christian added.

Making sure that each activity goes off without a hitch is JFLI summer program manager Aja Love, who said the students are learning and have been on their best behavior.

"The kids have been just great," said Love. "They have been doing so many different things and we try to keep it fun too."

In addition to the teaching gardening and sustainable water use to JFLI campers, the college students have also been able to conduct research, Fortwangler added.

"Seth Nyer is a student in the master's program of food studies," she said. "He's been working

with the kids and teaching them about soil and sustainable agriculture. He's also had the opportunity to do research on his own work as well."

"You can't ask for anything better than that," said Fortwangler. "For the graduate students, they get to do research and volunteer at JFLI and it's exactly what the residents hope for from the business community."

This summer is just the first in what Fortwangler believes will be a long and fruitful relationship between Chatham University, JFLI and Concordia.

"This is the plan we're looking for each summer," said Fortwangler. "I'm hoping for three or four students to be out there teaching next summer. And we hope to have those graduate students do even more focused research work as well."

"It's a great partnership," she said. "This is what you want; research, academic, community and businesses interests all working together. That is where you get really fruitful results and kids get exposed to all sorts of opportunities."

Love, Light and Levin Fundraiser Set for August 11 at Fatty Crab

Friends of Irene and the late Steve Levin are invited to a night of fine art and hors d'oeuvres with select wine and drinks on Saturday, August 11, from 5 to 9 p.m. at Fatty Crab.

The night will feature a silent auction featuring fine art and jewelry from Les Anderson, Kimberly Boulon, Michael Banzhaf Studio, Lisa Etre, George Hollander, Maho Bay Glassworks, Catherine Perry, R&I Patton Goldsmithing, Schnell Studio, Kat Sowa, Joy Stillman, Aimee Trayser, Tutu Much and Denise Wright.

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Boston Red Sox colors are on display at 420 To Center, above, which beckons sports fans of all stripes to Cruz Bay's newest spot where (L to R opposite page) Ryan Sharkey, Drew Cooper and April Delude are ready to serve up cold beer and hearty fare.

Can't Get to the Game? Watch It at 420 To Center

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

The "Fenway Park" green and red stockings give away this new Cruz Bay bar and grill as a die-hard Red Sox venue.

But Yankees fans need not be scared, one of the two owners is actually a Cubs fan, there are jerseys from several different teams hanging from the rafters and even a picture of Yankees third baseman Alex "A-Rod" Rodriguez hanging on a wall, albeit one where he is getting his face smashed.

Besides the baseball team affiliation, 420 To Center offers hearty, affordable fare, cold beer, a full bar and friendly help from owners Ryan Sharkey and Drew Cooper

as well as events planner April Delude.

The bar, located in the former Larry's Landing location across from Wharfside Village, boasts four televisions, a menu with nothing topping \$10 and a relaxed atmosphere with a great patio section.

Both Sharkey, who has called St. John home for five years, and Cooper, who has lived in Love City for eight years, used to man the bar at Larry's Landing before it closed last year, and had ideas for opening their own spot.

"We really wanted to have a comfortable place where everyone wanted to come and just hang out,"

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said Cooper. “We are both avid sports fans, so we had the idea to make it a sports bar type of place.”

“Before Larry’s closed we wanted to do something like this, but it just finally came about,” said Sharkey. “I’m from New England and I’m a big Red Sox fan, but it’s really for all sports and teams here. It’s for everyone.”

Despite “420” being linked to other, less than legal connotations, Sharkey and Ryan got the idea for the name of their new venture from Fenway Park; there are exactly 420 feet from home-plate to the center field wall at the venerable Boston ball park.

The guys have heard the jokes before and have a laminated information sheet about where the name of the bar originated for the curious.

What is unquestionable about 420 To Center is the comfortable atmosphere and great pub food. Enjoy lunch or dinner at the bar, food is served from 11:30 a.m.

to 1:30 a.m. Popular dishes include an authentic Philly Cheese steak — “complete with Chez Whiz a la Pat’s,” said Cooper — nachos, hot wings, chili, burgers and more.

Prices range from \$2 for a plain hot dog, to \$9 for homemade meatloaf or baked penne, a recipe from Sharkey’s mom.

Stop by for lunch or dinner and grab a seat the bar or on the open patio and enjoy a cold one while watching the game. 420 To Center is cash only and the guys are planning to start a weekly movie night soon.

Red Sox fans will also want to pick up one of the bar’s new baseball style three-quarter sleeve t-shirts with the 420 To Center logo inside a Grateful Dead “Steal your Face” logo. There is also a Cubs style baseball tee and regular short sleeve tees with the 420 To Center logo.

For more information check out the bar’s Facebook page or just stop by sometime. 420 To Center is open daily from 11:30 a.m. to about 1:30 a.m.



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On the Market

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

Views and Green Amenities Make St. John Livin’ Unique

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

With stunning views of the Coral Bay harbor and the jewel-like string of British Virgin Islands, it will be difficult to pull yourself away from the private plunge pool and expansive deck at St. John Livin’.

Located in an elevated portion of Estate Carolina, yet close to the dining and shopping of the quaint town of Coral Bay, the one-bedroom, one-bath home is for sale for \$649,000, explained Islandia Real Estate sales associate Jane Kelly.

While the view alone will make your jaw drop, St. John Livin’ boasts numerous amenities as well as the latest in green construction, Kelly explained.

“There are a number of great things about St. John Livin’,” said Kelly. “Part of what makes this a great purchase are the ‘green’ amenities; bamboo flooring, trex decking, and the photo voltaic system, to name a few.”

“The photo voltaic system (or PV system) is a system which uses solar panels to convert sunlight

into electricity,” Kelly said. “This feature significantly helps to reduce the cost of electricity for the villa.”

The outdoor space also includes a flat area which would be ideal for a buyer with a green thumb, Kelly added.

“This is a ‘picture perfect’ home with attractive, indigenous landscaping,” said the Islandia Real Estate sales associate. “And there is a large, flat lawn that would be perfect for a garden.”

This Caribbean cottage style home includes a great room, complete with a tiki bar, and open style kitchen with custom hard wood cabinetry. Open the sliders and stop out onto the 700-foot trex deck to soak up those views and enjoy the increased living space.

“This home has over 700ft of trex decking which totally enhances the livable outdoor space with the phenomenal Caribbean, down island and Coral Bay views,” said Kelly.

Designed by local Architect Bill Willegerod, the high quality home takes advantage of cooling trade winds and views while supplying

the perfect Caribbean charm.

Tucked on the hillside in the laid-back Coral Bay area, St. John Livin’ will sway you into a relaxed lifestyle.

“This sweet neighborhood has underground utilities, a gate to keep out the donkeys and a paved drive for easy access to the home,” said Kelly. “High quality construction, custom cabinetry, tasteful decor, a pool and a spa are what gives this villa value. Add that to the easily accessed drive to St. John Livin’ and it culminates in a very relaxing, low maintenance, stress free lifestyle.”

St. John Livin’ would be perfect for someone looking for their second home and, with its successful short term rental history, the villa could even off-set some of those second home costs, Kelly explained.

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Mike Kolb

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DPW Commissioner Darryl Smalls is generating income for his department by selling advertising space on VITRAN buses to clients like Choice Wireless, providing greatly needed funds to help maintain the infrastructure and transportation system of the government of the Virgin Islands.

"This is a project we have been looking into for some time," said Smalls. "By allowing advertising on strategic VITRAN buses, we are assisting the business community in getting their messages to the public, while contributing to government coffers. This is a 'win-win' situation for the territory."

DPW started the program with Bus 55 operating on St. Thomas'

busiest route.

"Thousands of motorists, pedestrians, both locals and visitors, will view the advertising messages every day," said Smalls. "The buses are very tastefully done with professional graphics."

Very visible on its route from the west end to Tutu Park Mall on St. Thomas, Bus 55 is decked out as the Choice Wireless bus. Tony Shepherd, CEO and General Manager for Choice Wireless, was proud to be the first ever corporation to wrap a full VITRAN bus in the territory with an advertising message.

"As a company that got its start with support from the community, Choice Wireless wanted to showcase local talent and culture in our message through the programs we sponsor; Cricket, Carnival, the 2012 USVI Olympic Team and soca artist Rudy," said Shepherd.

"Bus advertising is something that's done in many communities

in the United States and provides municipalities with thousands of dollars each year in extra revenue," said Smalls. "The advertising revenues can offset anticipated rises in gas prices and help us to hold bus rates at current levels to provide VI residents with affordable transportation."

Smalls retained local advertising firm MLB Creative to oversee sales and the application of graphics on the sides and back of the buses, or completely wrapping a bus with promotional messages, as Choice Wireless has done.

Another benefit to this project is that the advertising wrapping around the buses gives the vehicles a brand new feel, an aesthetic boost, explained VITRAN Operations Manager Steve Monsanto.

"We were able to see the entire transformation," said Monsanto. "When the first bus was finished, we couldn't believe it. It looked brand new like it just came off the assembly line."

The VITRAN bus which debuted to the community last week is the prototype for this public/private initiative. Similar buses are planned for the St. Croix district, and various major advertisers are approaching the commissioner to discuss the project.

Seeking additional funds from the private sector by offering advertising space on VITRAN buses is another way Smalls hoped to "make sure we can continue operating at a level that allows us to provide quality services to the people of the Virgin Islands."

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Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7 a.m.
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Tuesdays Prayer 7:30 p.m.,
Thursdays Bible Study 7:30 p.m.
779-1230

St. Ursula's Episcopal Church

Sunday Church Service, 9 a.m.
777-6306

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

9:45 a.m. Sunday, 776-6332

Word of Faith Church

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



Commercial boat operator Dan Boyd, above, testifies during last week's DPNR meeting on proposed mooring fee increases. DPNR's Director of Environmental Enforcement Roberto Tapia, at left, listens while an 11-year-old resident detailed dangerous actions by the division's officers in Coral Bay last week.

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Photos by Jaime Elliott

DPNR Raising Fees Despite Lack of Boating Services

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gross receipts and now you're asking for more money too."

DPNR doesn't provide security and officials do nothing about on-going dinghy theft in Cruz Bay harbor, Boyd added.

"We've had a lot of dinghies stolen in Cruz Bay," Boyd said. "DPNR has been no help at all."

Although proposing fee increases, DPNR has not detailed what the fee increases will fund, explained Jamie Brown.

"I feel like this is half of a proposal," said Brown. "I wish we saw where these fees are going. Has anyone looked at the economic impact of these fees?"

Although Barnes said her department had "endeavored to collect information about similar mooring programs," DPNR's proposed fee increases are no in like with nearby systems, explained Jason Hayman.

"The fees you are suggesting are not based on lo-

cal similar programs," said Hayman. "These fees are in line with an area like Key West, Florida, where the government owns the moorings and checks them every two weeks and maintains them. There are dinghy docks and pump out facilities there that justify those fees."

"Without even a plan, it is not realistic to charge these kinds of fees," said Hayman.

While DPNR expects to collect more money with the increased fees, that might not be the case, explained Larry Best.

"We all know that compliance with the mooring and registration system is probably about half," said Best. "With these huge increases, compliance is bound to go down. And with any organized boycott, that revenue increase will go way down."

Barnes encouraged anyone who wanted to comment on DPNR's mooring fee increase to email her at alicia.barnes@dpnr.gov.



Alternatives To Air Conditioning

Dear EarthTalk:

Has an alternative to air conditioning to keep rooms cool been invented that is significantly cheaper and/or that uses significantly less energy than traditional air conditioning?

Ashutosh Saxena, Allahabad, India

Unfortunately the modern day air conditioner, with its constantly cycling, energy-hogging compressor and environmentally unfriendly chemical coolant, still reigns supreme throughout the world — and increasingly so in rapidly developing countries like India and China where possession of air conditioning connotes middle class status.

And while the chlorofluorocarbon coolant widely used in air conditioners through the 1980s was phased out because its emissions were causing damage to the globe's protective ozone layer, the chemicals that replaced it worldwide, and which are now in use in hundreds of millions of air conditioners, are some 2,100 times stronger as greenhouse gases than carbon dioxide. We may have saved the ozone layer, but — whoops! — there goes the climate.

Just because people aren't using them much doesn't mean there aren't some good alternatives. The best known is an evaporative cooler (AKA swamp cooler). Better for hot, dry climates, these electrified units cool outdoor air through evaporation and then blow it inside.

They make for a nice alternative to traditional air conditioners, using about a quarter of the energy overall. They are also quicker and cheaper to install, and can be moved around to different rooms as needed. But swamp coolers can require a lot of maintenance and may not keep the interior space as cool as some AC-hungry inhabitants might like.

Apartment/condo and commercial/industrial buildings might consider augmenting their existing roof-

top air conditioning systems with the cooling power of ice. California-based Ice Energy makes and sells the Ice Bear system, essentially a large thermal storage tank that makes ice at night — when the cost and demand for energy is lower — and then doles out ice water into the air conditioning system during the day to efficiently deliver cooling when it's needed.

Since the air conditioner's energy-intensive compressor can remain off during peak daytime hours, the electricity required for cooling can be minimal, with some customers achieving 95 percent electricity savings using the system. And utilities across the country are starting to encourage its use by large customers.

Stanford University has been utilizing its own version of similar technology since 1999 to keep its campus buildings cool. Since upgrading to an ice-based cooling system, Stanford saves some \$500,000 a year on its campus cooling bill. If such technology could be adapted to augment home air conditioning systems, it could go a long way toward reducing air conditioning's environmental footprint overall.

Of course, let's not forget that a small investment in a fan or two to create a breeze or wind tunnel through inhabited interior spaces can go a long way to offset summer heat. Even better, get a professional to install a "whole-house fan," which draws in cooler air through lower level open windows and exhales hotter air through specially designed attic vents synced to open when the system is operating.

The race has been on in the air conditioning business for some time to find a coolant that doesn't destroy the ozone or add to global warming, but progress has been slow.

Meanwhile, global warming itself will beget the need for more air conditioning, which will only exacerbate an already dire situation, especially as the rest of the world starts to demand artificial cooling just like we've enjoyed in the West for decades.

Parents Reminded To File Notice of Intent for Home Instruction

St. John Tradewinds

Home instruction in the territory is governed by provisions in the V.I. Code that require parents or guardians to send children over five years old and under 18 years old to school regularly, or to educate them at home.

In order to home school a child, however, the following is required in accordance with the Virgin Islands Board of Education's policy:

- Parents shall file with the Commissioner of Education a "Notice of Intent: Instruction of Student at Home" form. The Notice of Intent will be effective for up to one year.

- Filing of a Notice of Intent must occur within 10

days of the start of the home instruction program.

- A parent, by filing a Notice of Intent, acknowledges full responsibility for the education of their child in accordance with the requirements of the Virgin Islands law.

Receipt of a Notice of Intent in no way constitutes approval by DOE of a program of home instruction.

Parents who wish to instruct their children at home need to complete the Notice of Intent form that can be obtained from the department's State Office of Curriculum and Instruction, located at 1834 Kongens Gade, St. Thomas.

Letter of Intent forms are also available on DOE's website at www.doe.vi and www.myviboe.com.

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This DPNR Environmental Enforcement officer standing on the Coral Bay dinghy dock, at right, clearly has his automatic rifle out.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Residents Claim Harassment, Intimidation by DPNR

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"Enforcement officers had their guns pulled and were demanding people's ID and taking pictures of IDs," said Colin Hanson. "They treated a lot of people like they were criminals. They were being downright dangerous."

"I am upset about DPNR being on the dock with guns," said John Costanzo. "Those are my grandchildren and my friends."

DPNR Enforcement officers were spotted around 9 a.m. in Coral Bay harbor on July 25 and were seen cutting a legal mooring line, according to eyewitnesses.

When DPNR's vessel got fouled in another mooring line, several boaters in the area laughed, which might have prompted the officer's Coral Bay dinghy dock gun display, according to witnesses.

"They were laughing when they cut a legal mooring line," said one eyewitness. "When they fouled their motor on a mooring line, we laughed. And then they drew their rifle and demanded to see everyone's ID."

There were several residents in the area and several small children, including Brooker and at least one toddler, who were present when the officers waved their guns around, according to eyewitnesses.

Several DPNR Enforcement officers also targeted Coral Bay Marine, which has been in business for more than 25 years, according to eyewitnesses.

When officers demanded, at gun point, to see Coral Bay Marine's business license, which had been



Gabe Brooker, 11, testifies during last week's DPNR meeting on increased mooring fees.

paid for but not yet received by Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs, the officers threatened to shut the business down, eyewitnesses explained.

While the officers eventually backed down from the threat, their business in Coral Bay was not complete.

DPNR Enforcement officers were spotted again in the Coral Bay area on Thursday morning, July 26, when they put removal stickers on St. John Kids and the Sea vessels (KATS) for not having proper registrations, according to witnesses.

KATS is a non-profit, volunteer-run youth sailing program which DPNR does not charge to register vessels. KATS officials have been trying to renew their fleet's registration for weeks and the stickers are still being processed, explained

Thatcher Lord.

"Enforcement officers stickered all KATS boats and threatened to remove them within 48 hours," said Lord. "We've been waiting for stickers to come, since they have been being processed for several weeks. We tried to tell them this, but it didn't matter."

Despite raising thousands of dollars to support the Emmaus Moravian Church, the local public elementary school and more, boaters in Coral Bay are routinely treated like second class citizens, explained Philip Stringer.

"We have a sense that we are considered second class citizens or worse," said Stringer. "We have raised large amounts of money to benefit the community. We've raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for the Moravian Church and Guy Benjamin School."

"We also organize twice yearly clean ups of the entire harbor area in collaboration with Department of Public Works," Stringer said. "We are not violent and we are not criminals. Yet we seem to get picked on."

Although Barnes refused to discuss DPNR Enforcement officers' actions during last week's mooring fee meeting, she said her office had started a preliminary investigation and had spoken to several residents about the incidents.

Barnes encouraged anyone who wished to file a complaint against DPNR Enforcement officers to call her St. Thomas office at 714-9504 or email her at alicia.barnes@dpnr.gov.vi.

Motorists Cautioned Against Violating Road Rules

St. John Tradewinds

St. Thomas/St. John/Water Island Police Chief Darren Foy last week cautioned the motoring public on St. Thomas that adhering to all rules and regulations while driving is the law, and offenders will be ticketed and fined when police encounter these violations.

"Laws against driving over the speed limit, using a cell phone without an earpiece, texting while driving and not obeying posted signs are all in effect to protect the public," said Foy. "Violating these laws can result in the injury or death of another person or yourself."

Recent reports circulating in the territory advising the public that police officers do not have ticket books and are not writing tickets is false, explained Foy.

"This is completely untrue, and for anyone to advise motorists to break the law is irresponsible," he said.

Although the Superior Court presently does not have ticket books to give St. Thomas police officers, the officers have reserve ticket books and are not in danger of running out of the reserves, explained Foy.

Traffic Enforcement officers have been active lately having recently ticketed for motorists for DUI and other violations, the VIPD Chief explained.

Foy also reminded the community that the VIPD is one department and if necessary, ticket books can be sent from St. Croix or St. John for St. Thomas officers.

Foy advised the community that traffic check points will be in force throughout the month and beyond.

Why do we need a Constitution?

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the jurisdiction to make many decisions related to the territory's governance, and it has only the sovereignty that the federal government allows it.

Incorporation is regarded as a permanent condition. Once incorporated, an incorporated territory can no longer be de-incorporated; that is, it can never be excluded from the jurisdiction of the United States Constitution.

Under our current status an unincorporated territory is an area under U.S. jurisdiction to which only certain "natural" protections (e.g. freedom of speech, due process) of the Constitution are provided, as well as any specific parts Congress has added apply.

If a territory has no constitution, the ultimate authority over the territory is not held by the territorial government, but rather by the U.S. Congress.

The right of self-government is supreme. Once Virgin Islanders create a territorial constitution, Congress, after initial approval, shall not have the power to override its provisions. The 10th Amendment restricts federal government intrusion upon the

reserved powers of the states. The adopted Constitution of the Virgin Islands would restrict similar national intrusion upon the powers exercised under its provisions.

Rather than the amended process recommended by the proposed legislation which may need additional legislation and time. Let the Fifth Constitutional Convention return to the table and develop an acceptable document.

I further believe that St. John residents should have meetings scheduled so that they don't have to wait for people to arrive a half hour after the meeting is scheduled to begin. This scheduled 6 p.m. meeting had to be delayed for a half hour for Legislators who came on the 6 p.m. ferry. Meeting schedulers take note!

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Police Log

Friday, July 20

12:45 p.m. - An Estate Glucksberg resident p/r that his tools were stolen from his tool shed. Grand larceny.

3:09 p.m. - A Westin Resort and Villas employee c/r that someone accidentally fell down. Accidental injury.

Saturday, July 21

9:05 a.m. - An Estate Contant/Enighed resident c/r a disturbance at his residence. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

10:56 a.m. - A citizen c/r hearing shots fired in the area of Estate Adrian. Illegal discharge of firearm.

11:00 p.m. - A citizen c/r suspicious activity in the area of Bellevue Village. Suspicious activity.

Sunday, July 22

11:40 a.m. - A citizen c/r being involved in an auto accident in the area of Estate Pine Peace. Auto collision.

No time given - A visitor c/r that he found a man sleeping in his villa. Unlawful entry.

6:05 p.m. - A citizen r/ that someone removed his iPhone from the area of Wharfside Village. Grand larceny.

10:33 p.m. - Badge #1205 p/ at Leander Jurgen Command with one Maxian Ashton of Es-

tate Grunwald under arrest and charged with Possession of Stolen Property. His 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 to be remanded.

10:43 p.m. - A citizen c/r loud music in the area of Coral Bay. Loud music.

Monday, July 23

5:25 a.m. - A Lumbeyard resident r/ that her boyfriend threw a rock and broke her window. Destruction of property.

5:58 a.m. - Badge #1049 p/ at Leander Jurgen Command with one Jose Bolques of Estate Chocolate Hole under arrest and charged with Destruction of Property, D.V. No bail was set by order of the court. He was detained at Leander Jurgen Command and later transported to the Bureau of Corrections on St. Thomas to be remanded.

9:08 a.m. - An Estate John's Folly resident c/requesting police assistance. Police assistance.

11:09 a.m. - A Pine Peace Minimart employee p/r a disturbance at the store. Disturbance of the peace.

Tuesday, July 24

12:45 a.m. - A Moorhead Point resident r/ that her boss'

vehicle was taken by her mechanic without her permission. Police assistance.

11:00 a.m. - An Estate John's Folly resident p/requesting police assistance. Police assistance.

1:00 p.m. - A citizen p/ to make an official report about her vehicle which was found in Estate Bethany. Police assistance.

3:00 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident c/r that she was assaulted in the area of Global Marine by another female. Simple assault.

Wednesday, July 25

5:08 p.m. - An Estate Carolina resident p/r a disturbance with another female. Disturbance of the peace.

5:30 p.m. - A visitor p/r damage to a vehicle. Damage to a vehicle.

Thursday, July 26

12:43 p.m. - An Estate Contant resident c/r that an unknown male was pounding on his door. Disturbance of the peace.

8:22 a.m. - A Department of Tourism employee c/r a possible break in at the Cruz Bay office. Attempted burglary.

6:31 p.m. - A Calabash Boom resident c/r a disturbance with her roommate. Disturbance of the peace.

Crime Stoppers U.S.V.I. Seeks 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 the help of the citizens. Even the smallest bit of information may be just what law enforcement needs to solve these cases.

St. John

On Sunday, July 15, at 2:45 p.m., a woman residing at #31L Estate Bellevue returned home and discovered that her residence had been burglarized. Items stolen included an Acer laptop computer, speakers and over \$3,000 in cash. The victim could not determine how the burglar(s) gained access to her home. The minimum reward for the arrest of a burglar is \$714 plus 10 percent of the value of all property recovered. The maximum reward is \$2,500.

St. Thomas

On Sunday, July 15, around 10 p.m., 9-1-1 received several reports of gunshots being fired in the area of Soto Town Mini-Mart in Contant. When police arrived on the scene they discovered Ali Yanes of Jerusalem had been killed. The minimum reward for the arrest of a murder suspect is \$1,500.

Continue to help make the community a safer place to live by submitting information on these or any other crimes at www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org or by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). Tips are completely anonymous, and the stateside operators speak several languages.

If a tip leads to an arrest or the recovery of stolen property, illegal drugs, or weapons, tipsters will receive a cash reward to be paid according to their instructions. Only anonymous callers are eligible for these cash rewards.

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.

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

— Friends of Irene and the late Steve Levin are invited to a night of fine art and hors d’oeuvres with select wine and drinks on Saturday, August 11, from 5 to 9 p.m. at Fatty Crab.

Friday, August 17

— Orientation for St. John Christian Academy School Year 2012-2013 will be Friday, August 17, at 6:30 p.m. School summer office hours are Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Application forms may be picked up during this time. Call 693-7722 for more details.

Monday, August 20

— St. John Christian Academy’s first day of school will be Monday, August 20.

Sunday, August 26

— The 2nd annual Chaotic

Kayak Race is set for Sunday, August 26, at Oppenheimer Beach.

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.

— Love City Triathlon and Aquathon is set for September 2

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 information, go to 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.

Saturday, October 20

— The Animal Care Center’s annual flea market, “No Fleas, Please,” will be on Saturday, October 20, at the Winston Wells ball field.

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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- 20 In a harshly insulting way, say
- 21 Opening installment of a series
- 22 Nebraska’s most populous city
- 23 Arrangement of a troop in war
- 25 Football great Grier
- 26 Have — (dine)
- 27 Celtic speaker
- 28 Cock-a- — (hybrid dog)
- 29 Rations (out)
- 30 Young guy
- 31 “— all good!”
- 33 It might be repaired in a hangar
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- 38 Hollywood’s Hathaway
- 39 — out an existence
- 40 “Come Back, Little Sheba” playwright William
- 41 Puck-pushing squad
- 46 Roast VIPs
- 48 “Just — you know ...”
- 49 Prior to
- 50 Prefix with marathon
- 53 Everything
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- 56 White-as-a-ghost look
- 59 Granters of three wishes

- 64 Molokai necklaces
- 66 It may have a helipad on its roof
- 69 Foist (upon)
- 71 — nous (between us)
- 72 Vitamin B3
- 73 Café or bistro, often
- 78 “Take — your leader”
- 79 Short line holding a fishhook
- 80 “The Bronze Bow” author Elizabeth George —
- 81 Appear on the horizon
- 83 Fish with bobbing bait
- 84 Occupy, as a table
- 86 Vegas action
- 87 Set — (aspire to something)
- 89 Ziti and rotini
- 93 Bird on a dollar bill
- 98 Maui, e.g.
- 99 Bleating female
- 102 Little — (“Hairspray” girl)
- 103 Throw out
- 104 Place for Broadway performers
- 107 Perch in church
- 108 Experiment site
- 111 Terre —, Indiana
- 112 Cry in Köln
- 113 Out there
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- 122 Upper sky
- 123 Old skating star Sonja
- 124 Phrase on an invoice
- 125 Climbs
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- 1 Plotting band
- 2 He defeated McCain
- 3 Toned down
- 4 This, to José
- 5 Pervade
- 6 “— got your number”
- 7 Match arbiter
- 8 Walks through mud
- 9 Fashionable Banks
- 10 Iridescent
- 11 Rebellion figure Turner
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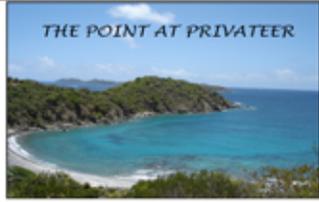
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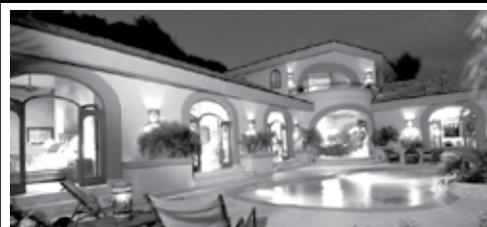
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Clothing Construction Graduates Show Off Completed Garments in Fashion Show

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"I made this vest by recycling pillows on my sofa," said Burgos. "I learned to make my own pattern and I had never even sat in front of a sewing machine before. I had a great time finishing this garment and seeing this through."

The class should also be offered to teenagers, Burgos suggested.

"It would be interesting to see if this class could be offered to teens," she said. "It's a great thing to start a project and see it through to the end and I think teens would really benefit from this."

Even Carmen Wesselhoft, extension agent II for CES, got into the fun and showed off her recently completed silk short sleeve shirt and wrap skirt.

"I've sewn before, but I decided to join the ladies and it has been wonderful working with them," said Wesselhoft. "I'm excited to see you all in church."

Last week's soiree celebrated the 10 students who completed CES' first clothing class in years, explained acting district supervi-

sor Carlos Robles.

"This is the first sewing class in donkey years we've had here," said Robles. "I've been hearing about the excitement around this class. This is one part of what we do at CES, extend services to the community."

"I am proud and happy you have had the opportunity to do what you did for the past six weeks at a nominal cost of \$10," Robles said. "Spread the word and let others know that we are here and we are here to serve you. Thanks for allowing us to serve you."

Wesselhoft vowed to offer additional sewing classes at UVI St. John Academic Center.

"Sewing will continue on St. John," she said. "There is more interest out there and the schedule is taking off here at the center. We'd like to hear about other ideas for classes as well."

Clothing construction instructor Johnson loved working with the students as much as the students enjoyed taking her classes, she explained.



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Clothing Construction graduate Rosa Samuel shows off her short sleeved a-line maxi dress during last week's fashion show.

"I really loved working with these ladies," said Johnson. "I am proud of this group. I would love to come back and do more classes."

CES and UVI's St. John Academic Center should play a vital role in the community, explained center director Kent Wessinger.

"We want you to know that

the center is about and is here for you and this community," said Wessinger. "There is a lot going on here in the fall, but it is my intention to make sure we establish more community classes that elevate St. John and bring us further as a community."

"Think about what we can offer to elevate the community and bring the community together," said the St. John Academic Center director. "It is the institutions of education which will help us hold onto our culture. We need you to help us to understand what we need to offer; we are listening."

In only four semesters, UVI's St. John center has grown from offering no accredited classes to offering 40 classes in the fall. Despite how busy the center is, there will always be space and time for CES.

"We will never be too busy to have classes for the community," said Wessinger. "It shows there is a hunger and a need for these classes. Let this be the first step toward the future."

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Students in Julius E. Sprauve School's Summer Program learned all about VIPD careers like K-9, above, traffic enforcement, at left, and being a sergeant, above left.

JESS Summer Program Students Learn about VIPD Careers

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Students in the Julius E. Sprauve School's summer program learned all about different law enforcement careers during a special presentation at the school's cafeteria on Wednesday afternoon, July 25.

Organized by V.I. Police Department officials and members of the St. John Citizen's Integration Team, the law enforcement career day opened students' eyes about what it takes to be a forensics officer, a member of the K-9 unit and a detective.

The presentation was also designed to promote law enforcement careers and help students feel comfortable with VIPD officers, explained St. John CIT chairperson Linda Bechstein, who is a retired police officer from Bowling Green, Ohio.

"We've been talking at our monthly meetings about how to get more St. John residents to become police officers," said Bechstein. "We'd also like kids to feel comfortable around police officers and not be afraid of them."

St. John CIT members hosted a summer youth fair in May, which is when the idea was planted for a career day, Bechstein added.

"During the summer youth fair we talked to JESS officials and decided this would be a great way to reach the kids," she said. "The career day will hopefully inform kids about law enforcement and how to steer their lives to one day have a career in the field themselves."

Students from five to 13 years old packed the cafeteria to

hear from VIPD's Sergeant Clayton Browne about the various divisions within the department.

"We all wear the same uniform but did you know there are many jobs within the police department," Browne said. "Today you will learn about some of those different jobs."

VIPD Traffic Officer Doralyn Charles explained the territory's laws regarding young children in vehicles and urged the students to always use their seat belts.

"Most of you don't buckle up when you are in a car," said Charles. "Most of the accidents in the territory where a child is killed is because that child was not buckled up properly."

Children under the age of 13 are required by law to sit in the back seat of a vehicle and all passengers should wear seat belts, Charles added.

"In the front seat it is a law, you must wear your seat belt," said the VIPD traffic officer. "When you are in the back seat, which you must be if you are under 13, then I suggest you buckle up. And if your parents don't wear their seat belts, tell them to buckle up too."

VIPD Detective Kenneth Smalls Jr. always wanted to be a police officer, he told the students.

"I grew up on St. John and I went to school right here at Sprauve," said Smalls. "I have always wanted to be a police officer and investigate crimes."

Detectives begin work on a case after it is sent by a control officer, Smalls explained.

"When the control officer forwards us a case, we start to investigate," Smalls said. "Investigations can take days, weeks or even months. But after we have gathered enough

evidence, we go out and arrest the bad guys."

Despite what is routinely shown on TV, it takes more than an hour to solve a crime, VIPD Crime Scene Investigator and Forensics officer Allen Las told students.

"I get called when there are bad crimes and very bad crimes," said Las. "I gather evidence by dusting for prints, lifting prints and analyzing those fingerprints. I pick up all the evidence a criminal leaves behind."

"It takes a little longer than an hour to solve a crime," Las said.

The most popular presentation of the day was the K-9 unit with VIPD officer Richard Dominguez accompanied by three year old German Shepherd Officer Aries.

"If you love animals, the K-9 unit is a great place to be," said Dominguez. "Aries works with me, lives with me and takes days off with me. He's a great officer and never calls in sick."

Police departments use dogs because of their keen sense of smell, Dominguez explained.

"The dogs smell better than we do, so when we are looking for someone they can find them," he said. "It takes six months of training every day for a dog to become a K-9 unit. They follow commands and protect and do a lot."

In order to become a VIPD officer, students must stay in school and work hard, Browne added.

"If you want one of these jobs, or any job, you must go to school and finish school," he said. "By the time you graduate, you will probably have to go to college for at least two years to get a job too. So study hard and get your diploma."

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