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## Leander Jurgen Command Honors Fallen Officer



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Yelena Rogers

V.I. Police Department stations across the territory, similar to Leander Jurgen Command in Cruz Bay, honored the memory of fallen Officer Colvin Georges, above, who was shot on St. Croix in May and succumbed to injuries in a Miami-area hospital last week. Georges' remains were returned to the Virgin Islands on Friday, October 5, and his coffin was met by Lt. Governor Greg Francis and fellow VIPD officers. In addition to the territorial-wide memorials, flags throughout the Virgin Islands were hung at half-mast in honor of the fallen officer. [SEE PAGE 19.](#)

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*St. John Tradewinds* News Photo

An impressive catch, but by whom? This photograph, taken by Guy Benjamin, captured three proud fishermen, whose names have not been determined.

## *The Blue Marlin Mystery*

**By Jaime Elliott**  
*St. John Tradewinds*

It's an impressive catch, but who reeled it in?

That is the question *St. John Tradewinds* and several residents have been unable to answer about this photograph.

The picture was taken by Guy Benjamin in June 1963 and the

slide was recently expertly converted into high definition digital format.

V.I. National Park Chief of Resource Management Rafe Boulon identified the fish as a Blue Marlin, and it looks to be at least six feet long. The photograph might have been taken in front of the Dalmida store or at a different location in

Coral Bay, according to several residents.

Yet the question about who these men are who were photographed proudly showing off their catch remains a mystery.

Anyone with information about the photograph is welcome to call *St. John Tradewinds* at 776-6496 or email [editor@tradewinds.vi](mailto:editor@tradewinds.vi).

## **St. John Singers To Begin Rehearsals**

Rehearsals for the St. John Singers' Christmas holiday concerts begin on Monday, October 8, at the Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cruz Bay.

This season the group will be directed by Janice Ballard. Men and women rehearse together at 6:30 p.m. every Monday evening and new members are welcome — just bring a desire to sing.

## **Vouchers for Free or Discounted Mammograms Available from ACS**

It's not too late to pick up vouchers from the American Cancer Society for free or discounted mammograms.

The original program offered the vouchers to St. John residents throughout the month of September. Now residents have until the end of October, or until the vouchers run out, to pick them up.

Since there is no American Cancer Society office on St. John, the vouchers are available at the St. John Community Foundation office on the third floor of The Marketplace, by appointment.

Call SJCF Executive Director Celia Kalousek at 693-9410 to make an appointment.

## **ACC Flea Market Set for 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. ACC Board member Jason Corley is the point-of-contact for the event. Corley can be reached at [jrcorley5@gmail.com](mailto:jrcorley5@gmail.com).

## **Junior Tennis Tourney Set for Nov. 2-4**

The St. John Racquet Club will sponsor a V.I. Tennis Association Junior Tennis Tournament at the Cruz Bay tennis courts November 2 to November 4.

This tournament will once again honor and say thanks to Vic Ebbesen for his dedication and commitment to the development of junior tennis on St. John.

The event is for girls and boys ages 8 and under to 18 and under. The entry fee is \$15 and the deadline for entries is Tuesday, October 30. Off-island players can check with VITA for the limited availability of funding for travel. For more information contact Pat Harley at 776-6643.

## **GHS Gives Back Day Set for Nov. 16**

Giff Hill School announced the 3rd Annual "Giff Hill School Gives Back" Community Service Day will be Friday, November 16, at various locations across St. John.

The school is organizing teams of faculty and students (ranging in age from preschool through 12th grade) to do service projects in the community throughout the day, and would like to understand how best to assist any St. John organizations.

Last year's projects included: beach clean-ups; office help; cleaning and maintenance projects at the Library, fire station, churches, and St. John School of the Arts; visit to the senior centers to provide companionship and singing by the youngest students; and gardening help at Julius E. Sprauve School.

Giff Hill School is the only preschool through high school program on St. John, currently serving over 160 students. Community service is an important part of the GHS curriculum as well as a graduation requirement, and this day of service has become a tradition to which students and staff look forward.

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# DeJongh Authorizes St. John Car Rental Quota to Double to 1,250

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

Last week, Governor John deJongh authorized Bureau of Motor Vehicles Director Jerris Browne to increase the total quota of rental cars on St. John from 625 to 1,250.

The quota has not been increased in 17 years and St. John rental car agencies have been begging for the ability to offer more cars for rent. Last week, those pleas were heard.

“There are 19 car rental agencies on St. John and they have been begging for this for years,” said Browne. “We finally did it, but it doesn’t mean that we are giving out this quota all at once.”

Of the 19 existing car rental agencies on St. John, 16 of those companies have requests pending to increase their quotas, according to Browne.

“There are pending requests and we’ll fill those first,” said the BMV Director. “Those requests are for 270 additional cars and then there are some new businesses who have requested and we’ll also fill their quota requests.”

While Browne has no jurisdiction to rule on the controversial inter-island rental car issue, he hoped this quota increase would help St. John companies compete on a fairer footing with St. Thomas companies.

“I have no jurisdiction about the cars going back and forth,” said Browne. “I know there were some complaints and a number of years ago the Attorney General issued an opinion related to the federal



St. John Tradewinds News Photo File

Following years of complaints about the 17-year moratorium on the number of rental cars on St. John, agencies were granted an increase in the quota last week.

Commerce Clause. There is a new request that the AG is supposed to be looking at to see if there is anything different now.”

“I have no control over that right now,” Browne said. “But they have been complaining for years about the influx of cars coming over from St. Thomas. Hopefully let’s see what happens now that they can meet their demand.”

Whether this car rental quota increase results in fewer people renting cars on St. Thomas and taking them on the barge and instead renting their vehicles on St.

John remains to be seen.

“I think St. John companies could get some relief through this,” said Browne. “We have helped with what we could have helped with. Those businesses have been stymied for almost 18 years.”

Browne thanked the St. John car rental companies for their patience.

“It’s been so long that they have been asking for this,” said the BMV Director. “Throughout that time they have continued to do their jobs and continued to be patient. They asked for an opportu-

nity to compete [with St. Thomas car rental companies] and that’s what we’ve given them.”

Browne has already issued letters to each car rental business which had a request pending, he added.

BMV Assistant Director Myrna

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— Jerris Browne,  
Motor Vehicles Director

George was on island last week meeting with business owners to ensure their records and requests were in order, Browne explained.

“We are happy to be able to meet those requests,” said Browne. “With peak season coming up, this will give those businesses that extra asset they might need. I think this is the best thing.”

For more information, contact George at 776-6262 or 643-5110.

## St. John Vendors Plaza Advisory Council Meets

St. John Tradewinds

Senator at Large Craig Barshinger announced that work has begun on the advisory phase of the St. John Vendors Plaza.

Representatives from the Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs along with the Advisory Council for the Vendor’s Plaza met Tuesday, October 2, at the Cruz Bay Battery for the first time.

Barshinger sponsored Bill No. 29-0072, now Act 7267, which appropriated \$300,000 from the St. John Capital Improvement Fund

to the Department of Public Works for the construction of a vendors’ plaza on St. John.

The Act specifies that items sold at the plaza must be made, grown or harvested in the Virgin Islands. Section 2 of the Act commissions the DLCA to establish an advisory council which would advise and assist DLCA, in conjunction with the Department of Property and Procurement in finding a location, establishing vending rules, and developing policy for the plaza, among other things.

“This initial meeting was for

the members of the advisory council and agencies involved to meet and familiarize themselves with each other,” Barshinger said.

The council will meet on a monthly basis until all plans and policies are finalized, he added.

“I am excited that we are moving along towards the construction of this much needed vendors’ plaza,” said the senator at large. “It is my desire to see St. Johnians retain their culture and pride, and showcase it to the world. We have a lot of local crafts, produce and talent to offer right here on St. John.”

### 2012 RAIN DATA at Trunk Bay

**MONTH: SEPTEMBER**

2.16 inches

### SEPT. AVERAGE

6.05 Inches

### TOTAL Y-T-D

25.05 Inches

### Y-T-D AVERAGE

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(L to R) St. John Cancer Fund Committee members Hank Slodden, Cynthia Smith, Phillip "Grasshopper" Pickering and Mary Bartolucci smile for the camera with Rotary Club of St. John President Joan Bermingham, center.

## Island Rotary Club Members Hear from St. John Cancer Fund Committee

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

Four members of the fledgling St. John Cancer Fund explained the group's mission and inspiration at a Rotary Club of St. John meeting on Wednesday, October 3, at the Westin Resort and Villas.

Founding St. John Cancer Fund committee members Hank Slodden, Cynthia Smith, Phillip "Grasshopper" Pickering and Mary Bartolucci assured local Rotary members that, while they have launched a new group to support St. John cancer patients, they support the local chapter of the American Cancer Society 100 percent.

"We absolutely support the American Cancer Society and believe that we can work in concert with them," said Slodden. "They do great work and anything that can help local people suffering from this terrible disease is just a great thing. We whole-heartedly support the American Cancer Society."

Far from being a splinter group, the founding committee members of the St. John Cancer Fund were inspired to form the organization as an additional way to help Love City residents facing cancer diagnosis.

"People living on this small island who often have to travel great distances for treatment have many needs," said Smith. "We were looking for a way to just meet more of those needs."

"We felt there might be a way that we could more efficiently meet those needs," said Pickering.

The group's mission is to provide "monies for prevention, treatment and supportive services in the fight against cancer on behalf of the community of St. John," according to information provided by the group.

The St. John Cancer Fund currently has empty coffers, but that is about to change. There were three

events planned in the month of October, cancer awareness month, which promise to give the group an influx of donations to help it start meeting its mission statement.

High Tide Bar and Grill and Noah's Little Arks hosted a Dinghy Poker Run on Sunday, October 7, which found boaters picking up poker cards at different locations and returning to High Tide to play their hand. Supporters without boats were welcome to join the poker game as well, for the price of a buy-in. As of press time, the amount raised by the Poker Run was not available.

Some People on St. John are hosting a Charity Golf Tournament on Wednesday, October 17, at Mahogany Run Golf Course on St. Thomas to benefit the St. John Cancer Fund as well.

Teams of four or individuals can register for the tournament by October 12. Officials are also still accepting donations for raffle prizes. Email somepeopleonstj@gmail.com for more information.

The final October fundraiser for St. John Cancer Fund might be the largest one planned. Woody's Seafood Saloon will be hosting its Third Annual Save Second Base Block Party on Saturday night, October 26, in Cruz Bay.

This year the party will snake around the corner as Cafe Roma and Castaway's Bar will be joining the festivities as well. St. John reggae sensations Inner Visions will provide live entertainment and there will be drink specials and raffle tickets and T-shirts for sale.

Once the group has some funds in its coffers, the fund will be managed by the Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands.

"When we decided to form the group, we knew

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## Rotary Gearing Up for Another Flavors

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

It's almost time for the most exciting night of cuisine on St. John — the annual Flavors fundraiser is set for Saturday, November 24, at the Westin Resort and Villas.

As the premier event for the Rotary Club of St. John, the annual Flavors fundraiser offers the group a way to support its scholarships and community service projects.

This year, members are gearing up to make the exciting St. John culinary event better than ever, explained organizer Bruce Munro, a past president of the Rotary Club of St. John.

There are already 14 local restaurants and caterers signed on to compete for best appetizer, best entree, best dessert, best drink and crowd favorite.

"And we expect even more restaurants to be on board soon," said Munro.

In addition to the fantastic food available in the ballrooms of the Westin, Flavors will also feature fine wines, the details of which were still be worked out as of press time.

But rest assured a ticket to Flavors, \$90 in advance, \$100 at the door and \$75 for residents with food handlers' cards, will get one entrance to a great night of food and fun.

An exciting silent auction will also be featured at Flavors. Last year's auction featured the chance for attendees to bid on packages ranging from car repairs to clothing, gift certificates and fine art.

"Expect another amazing silent auction this year," said Munro.

The annual event actually began as a dance in honor of Paul Harris, the founder of Rotary, explained members. After that first dance, members decided to turn the night into a fundraiser to help support its scholarship fund, which awards funds to local students pursuing higher education.

This year, funds will also help the group finance additional community service projects as well, Munro explained.

"We have decided to use the funds for scholarships and also to allow us to meet more needs locally through our community service projects," he said.

Keep an eye on future *St. John Tradewinds* which will announce a list of participants, their planned menus and more exciting details of the upcoming Flavors Rotary Club of St. John fundraiser.

## Giff Hill School Hosting Shoe Drive

St. John Tradewinds

Giff Hill School is pleased to announce a shoe drive beginning Monday, October 8, and ending on its 3rd Annual community service day Giff Hill School Gives Back on November 16.

GHS is partnering with Soles4Souls as well as collecting shoes for needy St. John families in addition to students at the GHS partner school in Uganda.

Shoes will be collected until November 16, when a team of students and faculty will clean, organize and pack donated shoes for delivery.

Soles4Souls has distributed more than 19 million pairs of shoes around the world with the help of partners like Giff Hill School. With one in every four adults in the world living in extreme poverty, basic necessities like shoes are simply unavailable.

In developing nations like Haiti, Honduras, and Tanzania, walking is the main form of transportation, and shoes can protect a person's feet from cuts and infections. Also, children in other parts of the world cannot attend school without a pair of shoes.

GHS is the only preschool through high school program on St. John, currently serving more than 160 students. Community service is an important part of the curriculum as well as a graduation requirement, and this day of service has become a tradition to which both students and staff look forward.

Collection boxes will be located at both the Lower and Upper Campuses of GHS. Any style of new or gently used shoes will be accepted. Donations of \$1 per pair of shoes are greatly appreciated to help with the cost of shipping.

For more information call the school at 776-1730 or email [mollymurrill@giffhillschool.org](mailto:mollymurrill@giffhillschool.org) for more information.



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Other places the Energy Office will be during the month St. Croix Cost U Less Oct. 15 and St. Thomas Chamber of Commerce After Hours on Oct. 25



## Clothing and Toiletries Donations Needed for Project Homeless Connect

The Department of Human Services and the St. Thomas/St. John Chapter of the United Way are hosting the second annual Day of Caring/Project Homeless Connect in Cruz Bay on Friday, October 26.

To help ease the suffering of those living without homes, the groups are asking for donations of clothing and toiletries. Especially in demand are men's shorts sized 28 to 32, men's shirts sizes medium, large and extra large, hats, belts, shoes and flip-flops.

Residents are also asked to donate canned goods and toiletries like toothpaste, deodorant, soaps, shampoo and razors. Donations of clothing can be dropped off at Kilroy's Laundry. St. John Community Foundation Executive Director Celia Kalousek will accept all other donations. For more information or to schedule an appointment with Kalousek call SJCF at 693-9410.

## ReSource Depot Expanding Hours

The Island Green Building Association has announced that beginning Monday, October 15, residents and contractors will have five additional hours to browse building materials and housewares at the ReSource Depot.

In addition to the Depot's regular hours of Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon, it will now also be open on Mondays from 7 a.m. to noon for donations and purchases. Additional hours are available by appointment.

The ReSource Depot offers a wide selection of new and gently used building materials for new builds and home renovations, sold at 50 to 80 percent below retail value. It's located on Giff Hill Road right off Centerline Road, across from the Susannaberg Transfer Station. To view a partial list of the ReSource Depot's inventory, please visit [www.igbavi.org](http://www.igbavi.org).

## Applications for Carnival Queen 2013

Applications for the 2013 Carnival Queen Competition Pageant are now available for pick up from the Virgin Islands Carnival Committee's office located across from the Department of Finance or from any of the St. Thomas public or private high schools.

The Committee is encouraging community groups and schools to send their best, brightest and most-talented to vie for the title of Queen of Carnival 2013.

Applications can be picked up between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. and must be completed and returned no later than November 14. For more information contact the Carnival Committee at 776-3112.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo File

The free classes include ballet, above, as well as drumming, dance, choir, tap and theater.

## Don't Miss Out on Free Arts Classes at SJSA

By Jaime Elliott  
*St. John Tradewinds*

For the second year in a row, St. John School of the Arts is offering free dance, music and theater classes for local children.

In conjunction with the V.I. Department of Housing, Parks and Recreation, SJSA is offering six free after school arts classes for students between 7 and 12 years old.

The program offers free Drumming and Dance, Contemporary Dance, Choir, Tap, Ballet and Theater classes which meet once a week at different times and locations after 3:15 p.m.

While the classes are free, there is a \$10 fee for insurance for each class and parents must register their children at SJSA. Classes are

limited in size and space is filling up quickly, explained SJSA Executive Director Kim Wild.

"These classes are filled on a first come, first served basis and they are filling up already," said Wild.

Last year's program was successful, but the school has expanded its offerings this year and is hoping more parents will take advantage of the free classes.

"We did the partnership last year and wanted to expand it for this year," said Wild. "So we now have six classes that we are offering under this program with the Department of Housing, Parks and Recreation."

Parents must fill out a form and register their children for the classes offered in the program. SJSA

will not accept cash, but parents are welcome to pay with a money order or check. Immunization cards are also required for enrollment, Wild added.

SJSA is excited about being able to offer these classes free of charge to the public, explained the SJSA director.

"What is not to like about free arts classes," she said. "It's a great way for children to get some quality arts classes and you're only paying \$10 [insurance fee] for that experience. This is great opportunity for families and more parents should take advantage of this program."

"This is something that you don't want to see go unused," said Wild.

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# Second Annual Charity Golf Tournament Set for October 17

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

It's time to dust off those golf clubs and pull out those knickers, the Second Annual Charity Golf Tournament hosted by Some People on St. John is set for Wednesday, October 17, at Mahogany Run Golf Course on St. Thomas.

Organized by Meaghan Enright and Tim Hanley, the second annual tournament will be full of fun holes, exciting sponsorships and the chance to win some big bucks, all while supporting the fight against cancer.

This year's tournament will benefit the newly formed St. John Cancer Fund, which provides money "for prevention, treatment and supportive services in the fight against cancer on behalf of the community of St. John," according to the group.

It's still not too late to sign up for the tournament. Register by October 12 as an individual for \$125, or form a foursome for \$500. The fee includes 18 holes of golf, golf club rentals for people who don't have their own set, use of a golf cart, transportation from Red Hook to the course, a T-shirt, and light refreshments at the 19th Hole After Party.

The tournament kicks off at 11 a.m. and will be a four-person shotgun scramble format, which should make for some exciting golf action.

Local businesses have sponsored holes along the course, with the most exciting being Hole #8, a par three. If some lucky golfer plunks a hole in one on that hole, she'll take home a cool \$25,000, courtesy of High Tide Bar and Grill.

There are also prizes for closest to pin, the best dressed team and a bevy of raffle prizes up for grabs. Enright and Hanley are still accepting raffle prize donations as well.

Any non-duffers out there are welcome to come out just for fun on the course, volunteer or join the crowd at High Tide, which is hosting the 19th Hole After Party starting at 7 p.m.

The after party is open to everyone and will feature DJ Adonis, an



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Hit the course for a good cause on October 17 with Some People of St. John.

entire separate raffle drawing and additional prize giveaways. Attendees are asked to wear golf attire if possible to keep the tournament theme going. A portion of the proceeds from the 19th Hole will also be donated to St. John Cancer Fund.

While Hanley and Enright are planning an exciting tournament sure to be a seriously good time for all, supporting cancer patients is their true motivation.

"My brother passed away from a brain tumor 13 years ago," said Hanley. "So my family has always supported the fight against cancer. Cancer touches so many lives; if not your immediate family, then your friends or someone you know has been affected."

"I have been blessed that no one in my family has been diagnosed with cancer, but being here on St. John, there are so many people whom I love dearly who have been affected," said Enright. "It's a great feeling to be able to help out in any way."

Some People on St. John decided to donate to St. John Cancer Fund this year because of the group's commitment to distributing funds on Love City, explained Hanley.

"We really liked the fact that the funds would be donated locally and help people here on St. John," said Enright.

"The group also can fund a lot

of different needs, not just transportation and things like that," said Hanley. "It's a great cause to help meet the needs of local people here on St. John."

Last year's tournament, which was the brainchild of Vic Brocato who is off-island this year, netted the group \$6,000. This year, with months of additional planning, Hanley and Enright are hoping to top that amount.

There are already 14 teams signed up and the duo are expecting their radio ads on 103.5 the Buzz, which were donated by the station, to help draw additional teams from St. Thomas.

And Love City can expect more fun fundraisers planned by Some People on St. John in the future, explained Enright.

"We have some really good ideas for fundraisers and we'd like to do quarterly events to raise money for St. John Cancer Fund," she said.

To stay on top of all the Some People on St. John happenings, be sure to "like" the group on Facebook.

Don't miss the fun at the Second Annual Charity Golf Tournament hosted by Some People on St. John. Register teams by October 12, volunteer or donate a raffle prize. For more information about registering for the tournament or making a donation, email somepeopleonstj@gmail.com.

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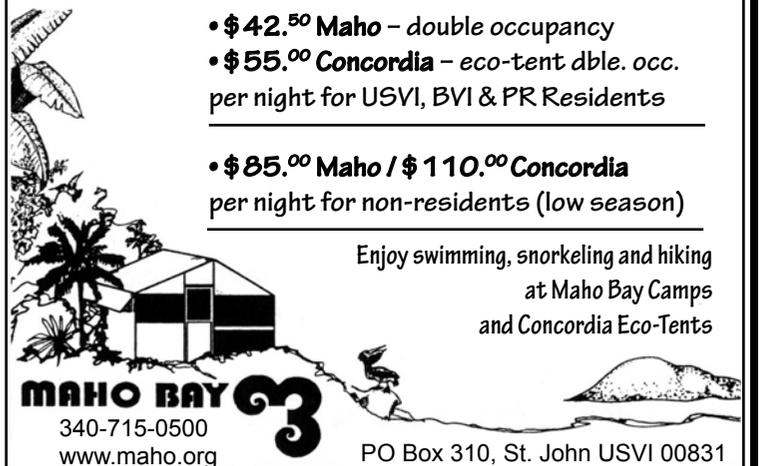


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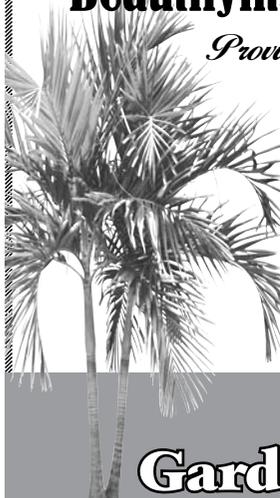
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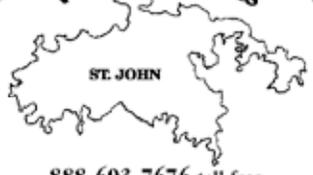
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Winston Wells ball field will be the place to be on Saturday, October 20, for the ACC Flea Market.

## ACC Flea Market Set for October 20 at Cruz Bay's Winston Wells Ball Field

*St. John Tradewinds*

The annual Animal Care Center flea market scheduled for Saturday, October 20, is all set to go.

The banner reminding St. John visitors and residents is up on the fence of the Winston Wells ball field in Cruz Bay where the flea market will run from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. on October 20.

Jennifer Troisi, creator of ACC's special caterer, "Top Dogs," promises that good, old-fashioned fair foods will be available in abundance like icy cold drinks, fresh salad and designer hot dogs.

Troisi thanked Starfish Market for donating \$100 towards food supplies for the flea market. She also thanked Merchants Market for giving Top Dogs and ACC a 15 percent discount above its wholesale prices to help out with ACC's expenses for hosting the fundrais-

er. Top Dogs Sally Nelson, Kate Norfleet, and Karen Radke will be helping Troisi prepare food and serve it on the day of the event.

Island residents who have goods to donate for sale at the market can still bring them to the ACC shelter on the library road in Cruz Bay. Kate Webster, ACC's Shelter Manager, said she still has space for storing smaller donated goods.

ACC Flea Market Chairperson Jason Corley thanked Sky Blue Development for donating storage space for overflow at their property above Kilroy's Dry Cleaners.

ACC Director Oriel Smith is now back on island after his September holiday and can be contacted at oriel.smith@att.net for pickup of larger donated items.

Although this year's "No Fleas, Please" will not be selling used clothing, ACC is working with

Celia Kalousek of St. John Community Foundation to see that any donated clothing which comes to ACC will be distributed at the forthcoming Homeless Connect.

The ACC is suffering from a \$20,000 funding shortfall this year to date. Expenses have been high with primary costs going to veterinary fees and for salaries of the shelter's two full-time and two part-time staff members.

ACC is hoping that the flea market will bring in money to help defray the shortfall. Last year's flea market netted \$8,000, and if that sum can be matched this year, ACC can continue providing food, shelter, and medicine for the island's homeless cats and dogs.

Every penny cleared at the flea market will go directly to caring for the island's needy companion animals.

## Ten and Under Tennis Play Day Successful

*St. John Tradewinds*

The first 10 and Under Tennis Play Day was hosted on St. John on Friday, September 28, from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Cruz Bay Tennis Courts.

Fourteen youngsters took advantage of the free tennis instruction as they were coached and encouraged by eight tennis enthu-

siasts. Parents were also in attendance, sitting in the stands while their children threw and hit tennis balls, learned the forehand, played games, identified court lines and had fun.

At the end of the three hours, the young players were asked to recall one item they learned and were all rewarded with a local treat called

a "special." The successful Play Day ended with the players asking for the instructions to continue the following Friday.

Free Tennis instruction will be available on St. John each Friday from 3 to 6 p.m. and each Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information contact Pat Harley at 776-6643.

# Friends of VINP Looking for Unique Auction Items

## St. John Tradewinds

Friends of V.I. National Park officials are gearing up for the group's 4th Annual On-line Auction and looking to make this year's event memorable.

The organization is marking its 25th anniversary and seeking unique items for its signature online auction, which raises money to support programs and projects in VINP.

"We're seeking unique items from the community and businesses of St. John," said Karen Vahling, Friends of VINP's development director. "This year we are reaching out to the community as well as businesses to find unique, special-interest items that can be auctioned online to benefit the park."

In addition to retail goods and services such as jewelry, dining, hotel and villa stays and excursion packages, Friends is also calling upon people to see what they might have around home that would help with the auction, Vahling explained.

"Friends is calling on people to look around home for a unique item that is special enough to auction for this important cause," she said. "Whether it's a piece of original artwork, historic item, a unique collection of some sort — or even something popular like airline miles, a car or a boat, it can benefit the national park through the online auction."

Potential auction items must be of excellent quality and condition and with as much "history" as possible, so details can be described correctly online. Donations are also tax deductible as allowed by law.

The popular online auction features items and packages for bidding in time for holiday



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Unusual items like this bracelet from Caravan Jewelry, above, are just what Friends of VINP are hoping to offer in their upcoming online auction.

gift giving. This year's auction will open for bidding on November 16, at 9 a.m. and will run until December 9, at 8 p.m.

This year's goal is to raise \$30,000 to

support Friends' mission of the protection and preservation of the natural and cultural resources of VINP and to promoting the responsible enjoyment of this unique national

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Friends of VINP's development director

treasure.

"If you have a business you would like to promote, or a special item you'd like to make someone happy with, and want to do some good at the same time, please get in touch to donate," said Vahling.

Friends will be accepting donations through Monday, November 13. For more information or to make a donation, call Vahling at 779-4940 or email kvahling@friendsvinp.org.

Residents can also donate directly through the auction site as well at [www.biddingforgood.com/friendsofvinp](http://www.biddingforgood.com/friendsofvinp) or visit [www.friendsvinp.org](http://www.friendsvinp.org) for the link.

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# Government To Complete 2010 and 2011 Tax Refunds by Last Month

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Acting Governor and Commissioner of Finance, Angel Dawson said last month that the Department of Finance would complete the payment of all income tax refunds submitted for processing by the Bureau of Internal Revenue by Friday, September 28.

“This is in keeping with promises that we made to aggressively pay outstanding income tax refunds upon closing the Series 2012 Working Capital Bonds,” Dawson said. “We closed on the sale of these bonds in New York just two

weeks ago and, working together with the Bureau of Internal Revenue, we have almost completed the payment of all pending income tax refunds.”

According to figures provided by Dawson, in Fiscal Year 2012 the Department of Finance has processed refund payments for tax years 2010 and prior totaling \$38.2 million to approximately 15,500 taxpayers.

For 2011, the latest tax year for which refunds are due, the Department of Finance will have processed payments totaling \$56.8

million to approximately 23,500 taxpayers.

Altogether, \$95 million will have been paid to approximately 39,000 taxpayers in Fiscal Year 2012. Of this amount, \$73.9 million was processed in just the last two weeks alone, representing payments to approximately 31,000 taxpayers.

“This is a tremendous amount of money to hit the streets of our territory at one time,” said Dawson. “And we trust that it will help to stimulate our economy, as residents give a much needed boost to

our local merchants.”

Governor John deJongh, who is presently off-island, commended Dawson, BIR Director Claudette Watson-Anderson and their respective staffs for working diligently to ensure that all pending income tax refunds were processed and paid before the close of Fiscal Year 2012.

He also echoed Dawson’s hope that the almost \$74 million of income tax refunds paid out in the last two weeks will greatly assist the territory’s residents and businesses.

DeJongh noted, however, that according to information received from the Bureau of Internal Revenue, over \$30 million of income tax refunds paid in 2012 are attributable to tax credits, such as Earned Income and Childcare, that are contained in the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

“While these are well-intentioned mechanisms utilized by

the Federal Government to assist families, they amount to unfunded mandates under our Mirror Tax System,” deJongh said.

Dawson also indicated that by Monday October 1, all income tax refund checks processed by the Department of Finance will be in the mail and encouraged persons expecting a check to allow a reasonable period of time for delivery.

Should a check not be received by the end of next week, Dawson encouraged taxpayers to first contact the Bureau of Internal Revenue, as there may be a specific reason that their income tax refund has not yet been processed and transmitted to the Department of Finance for payment.

He also encouraged refund recipients to exercise caution as large amounts of cash circulating in the community become a tempting target for the criminal element.



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## Giff Hill School Seeks Featured Artists for 27th Annual Auction Fundraiser

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Paintings, pottery, glasswork, wood workings, sculpture, photography, furniture, etc. are welcomed.

This is a wonderful opportunity to support Giff Hill School, showcase work in a gallery setting and to network with other artists and clientele. Featured Artists will be given the opportunity to receive a commission for the sale of their work or receive a tax benefit for making an outright donation to GHS.

Giff Hill School plays a vital role as the island’s only preschool through high school program. Giff Hill School’s Annual Auction serves as the school’s largest fundraising event each year and draws an audience of over 200 guests. Auction guests enjoy the Art Auction, Silent Auction, and Live Auction with dinner. All proceeds benefit the Scholarship and Tuition Assistance fund at Giff Hill School.

For more information about becoming a Featured Artist, contact Tina Petitto at 305-299-4411 or hurricanestjohn@yahoo.com.

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# Historical Bits & Pieces

by Chuck Pishko

## From the Depths of Depression

### St. John Tradewinds

Economic depression had begun in the Virgin Islands in 1922 with the extension of the Prohibition Act in 1921, long periods of severe droughts, a drop in sugar prices, increasing unemployment, an inadequate revenue system, a large recurring budget deficit, and substantial emigration of Virgin Islanders (Boyer, 2010).

Times were extremely tough on all three islands but as the 30s progressed, life became more livable.

A woman could earn \$3 to \$4 a month cleaning houses, you could buy a strap of fish for 10 cents, coal sold in heaps or butter pans for 2 to 5 cents, a pound of flour or rice was 3 cents, and a heap of vegetables cost 5 cents. Fish was also sold in large chunks and referred to as Junk.

On St. Thomas, farmers from the country would bring their fruits and vegetables into town to sell every Saturday morning. Meats, fish and fruits were shipped into

St. Thomas from Tortola. Real delicacies were grapes, apples, peaches, and plums.

The majority of people rented houses. The average rent was \$2 a month which provided for one 12-foot by 12-foot room partitioned either by screen or curtain. Entire families lived in this one room.

Water was always a concern. It was collected in empty salt pork rain barrels, cisterns, and by catchments. Mosquitoes were a problem and were controlled by burning cornmeal in a coal pot to smoke them out.

On St. John, pieces of termites nests were burned. Some homes had hand pumps for water but most islanders would carry pails of water from the wells. In times of drought, you would buy water for 5 cents to 10 cents from people with large cisterns.

One of the leading sources of income was on the West Indian Company docks. St. Thomas was a fuel stop for ships from all over

the world. Ships put into port to load on coal, water, fruits, and vegetables. Islanders could earn 2 cents a basket for carrying 98 pounds of coal, on their heads from the dock, up the gangway, dropping it into the ship's hold. Men worked as "trimmers" in the ship's hold spreading the coal for 40 cents a day.

Everyone knew when ships were coming into port by a system of signal balls on Signal Hill on Hassel Island. A lookout was stationed there to watch for ships. When one was spotted, the town, through the combination of "balls" on the yard-arm, would know if the ship was motor, schooner or Navy, as well as the ship's nationality.

People in town needed to know which ships were coming so that they could report to work if the ship was to be coaled at their station. Coal had to be carried on board by the basketful. Several St. Thomians have proudly told me of their relatives who worked coaling



Photo Collection of Jane Sheen

Workers do the hard work of transporting coal to ships on St. Thomas.

ships.

Most of the ships coming in were Navy ships and women would do the laundry and sewing for the crew. You could get 12 pieces of laundry done for 40 cents.

There was some electricity on St. Thomas but most people used lamps and lanterns. The real poor used flambo; a bottle of kerosene with a rag on top that was burned for light.

While prohibition stopped the processing of rum for export, it did not stop West Indians from making their own cane rum or anison (similar to Anisette today).

Dances were a primary entertainment. Gentlemen were required to pay 10 cents to 25 cents to get in, but women didn't have to pay. Calypso from Trinidad

and other islands was popular. Steel drum music had not been invented, but the "Bambula" drum was popular. Special balls like the "Bluebell Dance" were hosted, where everyone dressed in blue. It sounds like the forerunner of our Valentine Dance where everyone here wears red and white.

I heartily recommend reading the book "Legacies of UpStreet," by Ruth Moolenaar which contains a lot more information on day-to-day life in these arduous times, as well as "Harlem's Danish-American West Indians 1899-1964," by Geraldo Guirty which vividly recalls the attempts by the "powers" to keep Virgin Islanders separated into small groups to limit their political effectiveness as well as the local day-to-day life in the islands.

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Four handguns were recently removed from the St. Thomas/St. John streets thanks to the VIPD.

## V.I. Police Department Seize More Weapons on St. Thomas, Arrest Four

### St. John Tradewinds

More deadly weapons were removed from the St. Thomas community last month as a result of proactive patrols and traffic stops by St. Thomas V.I. Police Department officers.

Three persons, and a minor, were arrested and charged with possession of firearms. Another suspect was charged with possession of controlled substance.

VIPD officers from the Special Response Team patrolled high crime areas with increased visibility Friday, September 28, into the early morning hours of Saturday, September 29. They later conducted several traffic infraction checkpoints.

At about 12:30 a.m. September 29 on Raphune Hill officers stopped a green BMW for traffic violations. There were three passengers inside the vehicle. An officer noticed one passenger, later identified as 20-year-old Jahani Joseph, had a firearm on his lap and was attempting to cover it with a baseball cap.

VIPD officers seized the weap-

on and ordered the passengers out of the car. Another passenger, later identified as a 17-year-old minor, was acting in a suspicious manner, police said. The minor was searched and was found to be carrying another firearm in this waist.

Police also found two small bags of marijuana in the vehicle. VIPD officers confiscated a loaded Taurus .45 caliber weapon from the minor, a loaded Smith and Wesson .38 caliber revolver from Jahani Joseph.

Both were arrested and charged with possession of unlicensed firearms. Jamal Joseph, 30, the third occupant of the vehicle, was also arrested and charged with possession of marijuana and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

At about 1:30 a.m. VIPD stopped a green Chevy Malibu for traffic infractions in the same area. That driver, identified as Dmari Heyliger, was searched by officers and found to be carrying a fully loaded Glock handgun.

Heyliger was arrested and charged with possession of an unlicensed firearm. Police confiscated

a second weapon found inside the vehicle and arrested Gerald Lewis, who was a passenger in the car. Lewis was charged with constructive possession of a firearm. Both suspects are 20-years-old.

VIPD St. Thomas/St. John Chief Darren Foy commended the work of the Special Response officers.

“Our officers remain on heightened alert and are taking all precautions to remain safe as they protect the public from persons carrying illegal weapons,” said Foy. “Officers seized four loaded weapons this weekend and four weapons were taken off the streets last week in Contant Knowles.”

“Officers will continue to make traffic stops and persistently patrol our streets,” Foy said. “Every weapon taken off the streets prevents further loss of life, injuries and robberies.”

Chief Foy urged the community to continue to call police and report criminal behavior.

“Let’s move forward with one purpose in mind, that is a safer Virgin Islands for all of us,” Foy said.



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## On the Market

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

### Casa Tua Makes those Waterfront Dreams Come True

By Jaime Elliott  
*St. John Tradewinds*

If the idea of living a mere stone's throw from the calm waters of a crystal clear lagoon is a dream come of yours, look no further than Casa Tua.

This two-bedroom home with a separate private guest cottage — perched directly on the Lagoon Point waterfront, between Coral Bay harbor and the V.I. National Park's south shore beaches — is for sale for \$2.1 million, explained Islandia Real Estate sales associate Jane Kelly.

The home, with a total of three bedrooms and three and a half baths, is located in Estate St. Quaco and Zimmerman, just a short drive from the quaint town of Coral Bay, explained Kelly.

"Casa Tua offers someone the perfect dream of living on St. John," said Kelly. "It's a classic island style villa with phenomenal waterfront views. This choice property is located in St. Quaco & Zimmerman Estates, a short drive with fetching coastal views from Coral Bay."

"The home is situated at the end of a long, well maintained drive from Route 107, affording you solitude, privacy and easy accessibility," Kelly said.

Constructed in 2009 by local builder Jim Phillips on a little more than a third of an acre, Casa Tua's location is simply stunning and literally no detail was overlooked, Kelly added.

"This masonry constructed designer home includes

stone floors, an open kitchen, tasteful contemporary furniture, soothing colors and textiles that are in perfect balance with the phenomenal views of the turquoise Caribbean waters," she said.

Find hard wood cabinets and stainless steel appliances in the open-plan kitchen which leads right to a comfortable living and dining area. Spacious decks, both shaded and open to sunning, on two levels and an expansive pool area allow for plenty of space to soak up those tropical sunsets and cooling trade winds.

With views from each room and large windows, one is never far from the amazing water views at Casa Tua, explained Kelly.

"A wall of sliding glass doors open to your spacious brick floored porch which boasts a conversation area seating and a second dinning table," she said. "Downstairs are two of the en suite bedrooms, both having full water views and sliding door walk-outs to the brick paved lower level, which includes a large sunbathing area and an iridescent blue tiled pool."

"The expansive pool area separates the main house from the idyllic guest house, which itself is equipped with a living room and kitchenette in the upper level and an en suite bedroom below," said the Islandia Real Estate sales associate. "Both upper and lower levels open up to full water views and private porches."

Stretching out on that deck and gazing out at the reef-fringed water, it will surely be difficult to drag

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## Keeping Track of Crime

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Armed Robberies: 0

Arsons: 0

1st Degree Burglaries: 2

2nd Degree Burglaries: 8

3rd Degree Burglaries: 51

Grand Larcenies: 58

Rapes: 1

### 2012-TO-DATE

Homicides: 1

Shootings: 1

Stabbings: 0

Armed Robberies: 1

Arsons: 0

1st Degree Burglaries: 3

2nd Degree Burglaries: 3

3rd Degree Burglaries: 34

Grand Larcenies: 56

Rapes: 1

## Letters To St. John Tradewinds

### Rothschild Francis Constitution and Convention 5.5

This letter on behalf of Virgin Islanders for a Better Community commemorate the work and dedication of civic leader Rothschild Francis who was born on October 5, 1891. He died on April 25, 1963.

Francis was the first V. I. Legislator to introduce a bill to create a permanent form of civilian government. His foray into politics was borne from consideration of the plight of the people. To address the needs he engaged in diligent study of various government ideals of people as diverse as Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglas and Karl Marx.

His design was founded on the idea of greater self-government to address social oppression and economic development. It was to minimize the inherent autocratic political powers in order to maximize the social and economic wellbeing in the Islands.

In comparison, the current constitution initiative which appears to be void of ideals and due diligence failed to perform critical needs assessment that considers the social, historical and cultural as well as operational, organizational, and economic factors that need to be resolved in the process of improving the government. Consequently, many difficult questions have not been identified or resolved. Therefore, Constitution Conventions 5, and 5.5 should be laid to rest.

The new constitution should not be a frivolous endeavor. Therefore, professionals in the field of public administration should assist with the development and presentation of constitution options that are suitable for the current and future Virgin Islands. The design teams could objectively evaluate the economic, social and political needs by assessing the history and culture, island logistics, population demographics, intergovernmental relations, budgeting, taxation, human resource management, natural resource management, zoning, environmental protection, planning and efficiency and effectiveness in government operations. The complexity of issues in the Virgin Islands requires a comprehensive approach.

Due to a legacy of colonialism in government, the current system is unable to produce an objective process. The new constitution should include all provisions necessary to establish a government that is capable of responding to current and future internal and external dynamics that may occur in the progression of globalization.

The current approach to developing a constitution is misguided because it lacks adequate preliminary research, objectives, and guidelines that come from a needs assessment.

Adequate consideration of Virgin Islands history and culture as well as evaluation of the failures of the previous conventions could have provided valuable insight for the successful development of a new constitution. Policy analysis is a tool that enables organizations to learn. Five failed constitution conventions confirm that the government is not learning.

Second, the organization of the convention did not

include the input or guidance of organization design and change, and policy analysis professionals. According to modern public management standards, these are amateur attempt to produce an official document that represents the Virgin Islands.

Surely, a government with more than 150 thousand people, complex island logistics, and historic baggage would start such an important initiative with research and development performed by public policy institutions such as state research universities, or qualified county or city management staff. But, the Virgin Islands colonial government format has no county or city manager system. It operates without research, development and planning systems.

Third, 5.0 only considered the political aspects of government and the legality of implementing it. Government is much more than a political and legal system. The political and legal authority should be secondary to the desired social and economic structures and framework. In other words, they "put the cart before the horse."

In sum, the Virgin Islands already have a constitution named the Organic Act. A new constitution should be significantly better and be free from unintended harmful effects.

Rather than perpetuating political symbolism, it would be better to change the name of the Organic Act to the Constitution until there are elected officials who are willing and able to address the complex issues in the interest of the people of the Virgin Islands. In colloquial terms, the 5.5 is a 6 for a 9.

Unfortunately, 5.5 would only provide a dose of nostalgia for doing what the founding fathers did more than 200 years ago, and provide the political symbolism that comes with having a constitution. It does nothing to move the Virgin Islands forward out of the era of colonialism. It revisits it.

If 5.5 passed the low level of scrutiny it has been given and is certified legal by the squad of lawyers, it would do more harm than good. There would be far reaching and irreversible negative social, political and economic impacts for the foreseeable future. The 5.0 convention failed to perform proper impact studies and assessments on the applicable initiatives in the document.

Finally, 5.5 is a waste of government funds that could be better used to contract research universities to produce the research and development needed to create viable constitution options. Hopefully, the politicians would see it fit to stop the tail chasing protocols.

The ideals of greater self-government to address social reform and economic development championed by Rothschild Francis cannot be achieved via the 5.5 Convention. As the elders would say, let sleeping dogs lie.

**Dale Francis**

*A management consultant/public policy analyst with Virgin Islanders for A Better Community.*

### Crossword Answers — Puzzle on Page 20

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## Letters To St. John Tradewinds

### Don't Pay!

Tired of feeling you're being ripped off by WAPA?

If you really want to do something about WAPA's 25 percent increase in electric bills (average increase per ratepayer will be \$38.35/month) or 10.2 percent (\$6.84/month) in water bills, do something that will make them pay attention.

Don't pay your electric/water bills!

Don't fall for the "they're going to shut off my electric/water" scare. How can WAPA shut off many services when some government agencies owe millions in delinquent bills? Why should you, in effect, be expected to pick up the tab for these delinquent

government agencies?

A few years ago many St. John residents refused to pay outrageous increases in their property tax bills and eventually it was resolved.

By paying your WAPA bills, you're enabling WAPA to continue down the road of the economic misery.

Be prepared as they'll try to scare you with the usual excuses like "WAPA finds itself in a position of a severe cash crisis," WAPA's Georgetown Consulting analysis. Excuses only lead to misery. Aren't you tired of being subjected to WAPA's misery?

Gerry Londergan

### Making Progress As a Community, But We Need Districting

I went to New Hampshire for a few days. I listened to the political fights going on all over the country. PACS are funding campaigns for State Governors, State Senate and Legislatures and even judges. Money is buying the government on all levels. It's going to be really interesting if they win. I thought a least we don't have to put up with that.

Then I got home and the headlines read, "LEAC: How Can The Fuel Surcharges Rise 783 percent While Fuel Goes Up Only 281 percent."

Also on the front page was, "WAPA officials, V.I. regulators and expert consultants find pervasive failures of technology, administration and math."

How much do you think this lack of bothering to do maintenance has and is going to cost us? This is a burden that we cannot afford in this economic environment.

What if the leaders of this community tried to make things work instead of making excuses for why it doesn't? There was a time when people wanted to sell WAPA and there were buyers ready but the leaders of the community did not want to disrupt the job environment at WAPA and they did not want to have to pay their electric bills.

If WAPA had been sold, the employees would either have to learn to do their jobs and perform or have to leave and find a job that they like. Sounds like a win-win to me. It would have cost us much less for electricity and lots of people would learn to do their jobs. Some employees might have been able to teach the new company employees and maybe even its bosses.

Instead we are stuck with this mess. The same leaders are doing this all over the island...responding

to political pressures from all kinds of groups. A lot of the things they do for the groups hurt the rest of the people that live here.

Some of the Bournfield people are getting their house fixed up. At least the Senators didn't give them away. My plan was to tell everyone these buildings do not pass any kind of life safety codes and we cannot lease them to you because the risk is too high to the government.

Regarding Bournfield, I would tell the owners that if you want to fix this place the first thing you have to do is to get rid of the junked cars and other trash that people are leaving around their property so the PA can mow the grass. Then we will have electrical and plumbing inspectors come in, inspect and go from there.

Another option is that the government will give you these houses and we will keep a lease on the land, and you can pay the V.I. government \$100 per year. You have five years to move them (or just move). If you leave now we will give you \$10,000, next year \$8,000 etc. and if you stay the five years you get \$5,000. No one liked my idea.

Just because this is a political group the members should not be living in homes that cost almost nothing to live in and that are not safe and that the leaders want us to start paying to fix them up because they could not figure out a way to give them to the inhabitants. This kind of politics is not good for this community. It is bad enough that they steal \$6.8 million on top of the \$19 million that they cost us last year. We should pay them that and tell them to stay home. It would be a lot cheaper in the long run.

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### Correction

The "On the Market" feature in the October 1-7 issue of *St. John Tradewinds* included the wrong villa name. The villa is "Sunset Vista." The property is managed by Cimmaron Property Management. *Tradewinds* apologizes for the error.

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## Obituary



Frankie Smith, above, with his mother Iva Smith, nee Frett, who passed away on October 2.

### Ms. Iva E. Smith, 70, Passes Away

#### *St. John Tradewinds*

Ms. Iva E. Smith nee Frett, 79, passed away Tuesday morning, October 2, at home with her son, Frankie by her side.

Ms. Iva was born on June 4, 1933, on Tortola to Laurence Frett and Sarah Mercer.

She is survived by seven sisters and three brothers, Elice, Renelda, Rehena, Aldin, Carol, Adelita, Beryl, Steadwin and Louis; sons Franklin and Leslie; daughters Theresa and Patricia; daughter-in-law Valerie; grandchildren, Dontrell, Inzinga, Rakhim, Raheem, Ramiah, Zyheem, Zah'Quan, Z'nique and Zah'keem

and many friends whom she loved dearly. Her loving husband Arnold Smith precedes her in death.

Services will be conducted at Bethany Moravian Church on Saturday, October 13th, 2012. A viewing will begin at 9 a.m., followed by a funeral and burial at 10 a.m. Flowers can be sent to the church or donations can be made in Ms. Iva's name to Bethany Moravian Church.

Ms. Iva lived simply, in faith, love and gratitude for her bountiful life. She was known to have a sparkle in her eyes and smile on her lips. We will miss you and your memory will be eternal in our hearts.

## Letters to St. John Tradewinds

### Making Progress as a Community, But We Need Districting

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This place is getting better and better, and as bad is WAPA is, the sooner we start to make things work, the better for all of us. We have a lot of good things going on here including the weather.

WAPA even allowed privatization our water system. This is the only place that I have been in the world that I thought privatization of a community water system is a good thing. Our supplier will never dry up and if they charge us too much we can just make our own again.

That was a great decision for the community and some WAPA employees may even go to work for them. If they don't, maybe 7 Seas will train them to do something else if we ask them to. The police are getting better and better and they are getting friendlier. Schools are getting better. Public Works is filling pot holes. It seems to me that we are making great progress as a community.

I think that we would be better off if we asked the senators to stay home. It would be a lot cheaper and we would get a lot more done. Or we could just keep

working at it and let them do what they want to do, hoping that we will get there sometime; if we are lucky.

I would like to hear some suggestions on how to make the leaders of the community begin to really try to help the community. Districting is my proposal. It's like the village representative who goes to the meetings of all the village leaders in the area. It's an old American Indian way for villages of a tribe interacting with each other and it has been used in lots of places in the world. In America they call it Democracy.

I have told many of my friends that since I moved here I have watched the VI get better and better, while America is going the opposite direction even faster. I think that we could really progress if we got the leaders of the community to help us.

Who has another idea? Maybe if we keep trying we can make the community a lot better and the leaders will get on board. Hope it doesn't turn the other way and we have to resort to a revolt.

Who are they accountable to?

**Greg Miller**



## Impact from Over Population

### Dear EarthTalk:

*The world added its seven-billionth person in 2011, but the news came and went quickly while Charlie Sheen news kept on and on. But isn't population growth the "elephant in the room" that needs serious attention? Can you outline the major impacts of unchecked population growth and what if anything is being done to try to arrest it?*

**Aaron Rodriguez  
Tucson, AZ**

Unchecked human population growth could be a recipe for doom for the planet and its inhabitants. And it has reached staggering levels in recent years — the number of people on the planet has doubled from 3.5 billion to seven billion in just a half century.

While great strides have been made in educating people around the world about family planning and birth control, the global fertility rate still hovers around 2.5 children per woman. At that rate, population will grow to 11 billion by 2050 and nearly 27 billion by 2100.

While such a scenario is unlikely given that fertility rates tend to decline as countries develop and modernize, the prospect of a planet with tens of billions of people on it is scary indeed.

The first widely published pundit on the potential impacts of too much human population growth was Englishman Thomas Malthus, whose 1798 "An Essay on the Principle of Human Population" warned that violence, genocide, nasty weather, disease epidemics and pestilence would be precursors to widespread famine in a world with too many humans.

"The power of population is so superior to the power of the earth to produce subsistence for man, that premature death must in some shape or other visit the human race," he wrote.

History views Malthus as an extremist and many would argue that, despite population having swelled

some seven times since his day, we have so far managed to avert a planet-wide "Malthusian catastrophe" whereby population has simply outpaced our ability to feed ourselves.

Nonetheless, a 2007 UNICEF report indicated that 10.9 million children under age five die each year around the world, with malnutrition and other hunger-related diseases responsible for 60 percent of the tragedy.

And a 2009 World Health Organization and UNICEF study found that some 24,000 children in developing countries were dying each day from preventable causes like diarrhea resulting from lack of access to clean water for drinking and sanitation.

The most obvious issue with seven billion of us here is our profligate consumption of dwindling natural resources and the waste and pollution generated in the process. A recent joint study by the World Wildlife Fund and the Worldwatch Institute found that humans now use 20 percent more renewable resources than can be replaced each year.

And while many would say that climate change has eclipsed overpopulation as the major issue of the day, others counter that atmospheric temperatures wouldn't be growing nearly as much if there weren't so darn many of us burning so many fossil fuels.

Human population numbers are predicted to trend downward around the world within a few generations. This so-called "demographic transition" is already underway in the U.S. and other developed countries where fertility rates have dropped due to lower infant mortality, increased urbanization and wider access to contraceptives.

Given that fertility rates drop as countries develop, and that lesser developed countries have begun to leapfrog ahead in their urbanization and adoption of technology, the United Nations Population Fund predicts that population may peak in the late 21st century and then begin to shrink.

**"We in the Virgin Islands are currently challenged by limited energy resources, but this provides us with great incentive to embrace the technologies that can assist us in utilizing energy more efficiently and in harnessing the great potential benefit from the sun, wind and sea that surround us."**

## October Is Energy Awareness Month

### St. John Tradewinds

Governor John deJongh proclaimed October 2012 as "Energy Awareness Month" in the Virgin Islands to champion territory-wide awareness and implementation of energy conservation and renewable energy alternatives.

"We in the Virgin Islands are currently challenged by limited energy resources, but this provides us with great incentive to embrace the technologies that can assist us in utilizing energy more efficiently and in harnessing the great potential benefit from the sun, wind and sea that surround us," deJongh said.

This month has been set aside for residents, energy vendors, students, and the Virgin Islands Energy Office to recognize the significance and essential importance of energy conservation methods to our quality of life.

The celebration of Energy Awareness Month, both territorially and nationally, promotes awareness of energy issues, appliance efficiency, environmental protection, and practical sources of renewable energy.

Throughout the month, the Energy Office will conduct a public awareness campaign to provide information to low-income residents about its weatherization program — through outreaches, door-to-door visits in various neighborhoods and newspaper advertisements.

The Energy Office has also planned seminars on energy efficiency at the Small Hotel conferences scheduled for October 10 and 12, and will host, along with WAPA and the EPA, Energy Star Days on St. Thomas and St. Croix.

Representatives of the Energy Office will distribute energy conservation and other important information at the Mon Bijou Community Center Grand Opening, and will make presentations at Rotary Clubs and the American Legion in October in both districts.

DeJongh called upon all Virgin Islands residents, students and organizations to join him in observing and participating in the activities scheduled for Energy Awareness Month.

## DeJongh Declares Period of Mourning To Honor Memory of Late VIPD Officer Colvin George

### St. John Tradewinds

On Monday, October 1, Governor John deJongh ordered a period of mourning in the territory following the death of V.I. Police Department Officer Colvin Georges.

In addition, deJongh directed that flags on all public buildings in the Virgin Islands be flown at half-staff through sunset on the day of Officer Georges' interment.

Declaring a period of mourning and lowering the flags to half staff are a fitting tribute to the memory of Officer Colvin Georges who succumbed to the injuries he received in a gunfight with the criminal element in May,

Gov. deJongh explained.

"Officer Georges was shot in the line of duty and today our community comes together to honor his memory," said the governor.

On Saturday, September 29, Gov. deJongh expressed condolences to the family and friends of VIPD Officer Colvin Georges.

"As I said a couple of days ago, we will remember Officer Georges for his service to the community during his career with the VIPD and perhaps, more importantly, we will remember his fight to overcome the grave injuries he

sustained on that fateful night in May," deJongh said.

Officer Georges and a fellow police officer, Aaron Hodge, were shot on the night of May 26 after approaching a group of men loitering in the Contant area.

While Officer Hodge continues his recovery on St. Thomas, Officer Colvin Georges, the most critically-injured, remained paralyzed and undergoing treatment at various hospitals and health-care facilities in the state of Florida.

He died from complications of those injuries early Saturday morning, September 29.

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## Rotary Hears from St. John Cancer Fund Committee

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that we didn't want to deal with the money part," said Bartolucci. "We realized we are all really good at raising money and hosting events, but we had no interest in managing the fund."

The group interviewed several different organizations before unanimously deciding to have CFVI take care of logistics, Bartolucci explained.

"They have zero administrative costs because angels take care of that," said Bartolucci. "Once a request comes in, and the requests are anonymous, they fill out the simple paperwork which includes a note from a doctor. Then we sign off on it and they can cut a check within 24 hours."

It was exactly that type of efficiency which prompted the group to form in the first place, explained Pickering.

"Honestly, we wanted to be able to make a difference for St. John residents as efficiently as possible and we thought we could do that through this group,"

he said.

While committee members of the St. John Cancer Fund are not actively planning this year's American Cancer Society St. John Relay for Life, the members completely support the society and the event.

After hearing from the committee members, who were able to clear up several misconceptions about the St. John Cancer Fund, Rotary members expressed support for the group and its events.

Rotary Club of St. John is also enjoying a few new tweaks this year. For the first time since its founding in the late 1990s, the group is meeting in Cruz Bay on Wednesdays instead of Fridays. The local Rotary group now meets each Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. at the Westin Resort and Villas beach-side cafe.

The group also recently began meeting in Coral Bay. A portion of the Rotary Club of St. John now meets each Friday at Chateaux Bordeaux at 12 p.m.

For more information about the group, stop by either the Cruz Bay or Coral Bay meetings.



Idyllic island life can be a reality with Casa Tua's waterfront location.

## Casa Tua Makes those Waterfront Dreams Come True

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yourself to one of the easily accessible beaches nearby. Don't feel like driving? Just follow a path right from Casa Tua to the shoreline, Kelly added.

"There is an easy walking path which leads to the water to enjoy excellent snorkeling, bonefishing and beachcombing right from the home," said Kelly.

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"Amazing views abound from this home," said

Kelly. "You can just loose yourself looking down at the crystal clear water and the wide variety of fish to the expansive Caribbean view of the East End, the British Virgins and beyond."

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For more information or to view Casa Tua call Kelly at 941-544-5855.



VIPD Special Operations Bureau escort the body of late Police Officer Colvin Georges to a waiting hearse following its arrival on St. Thomas Thursday afternoon.

## Francis and VIPD Brass Receive Body of Fallen Officer Georges

### St. John Tradewinds

Acting Governor Gregory Francis led a brief ceremony on the tarmac of the Cyril E. King Airport Thursday as the remains of the late Police Officer Colvin Georges were returned to St. Thomas for funeral services and interment on Thursday, October 4.

Joining Francis were V.I. Police Department Commissioner Henry White, St. Thomas/St. John Police Chief Darren Foy, Deputy Chiefs of Police Maria Jones and Dwayne de Graff, and a number of Georges' fellow officers.

A large number of Georges' family and friends were also present when the body arrived on American Airlines Flight 505 from Miami, Florida five days after he succumbed to his injuries.

During a solemn moment before Georges' body was removed from the aircraft, Officer Aaron Hodge, who was also shot on the night of May 26, climbed into the plane's cargo bay to assist airline personnel in draping the transfer case with an American flag.

The body was later lowered from the aircraft and escorted by six members of the VIPD



Gregory Francis, Police Commissioner Henry White and VIPD top brass salute as the body of Officer Colvin Georges is loaded into a hearse on the tarmac of the Cyril E. King Airport on Thursday.

Special Operations Bureau to a waiting hearse. Georges and Hodge's last assignment were as members of the department's Special Operations Bureau.

The hearse traveled under police escort to Turnbull's Funeral Home. Funeral services for Officer Colvin Georges, a two year veteran of the department, are scheduled for Saturday, October 13.

Earlier Thursday, South Florida law enforcement paid tribute to Officer Georges with a police procession from a funeral home in Hollywood to the Miami International Airport.

## Police Log

### EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

EMERGENCY LAND LINE: 911 EMERGENCY CELLULAR: 340-776-9110

POLICE DEPT: 340-693-8880

FIRE STATION: 340-776-6333

#### Friday, September 28

3:20 p.m. - A St. Thomas resident r/ an auto accident. Auto accident.

6:08 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident c/requesting police assistance to retrieve money from a friend. Police assistance.

7:01 p.m. - An employee Uncle Joe's BBQ r/ that she was assaulted by a customer. Simple assault.

11:57 p.m. - A citizen c/r loud music in the area of Coral Bay. Loud music.

#### Saturday, September 29

10:09 a.m. - A Cruz Bay resident p/r that her ex-boyfriend threatened to kill her. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

2:39 p.m. - A citizen c/r hearing shots fired in the area of Coral Bay. Illegal discharge of firearm.

4:55 p.m. - A St. Thomas resident p/r her rental car glass was shattered by an unknown object

in the area of Kings Hill Road. Damage to a vehicle.

#### Sunday, September 30

11:47 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident c/requesting police assistance with a customer. Police assistance.

9:29 p.m. - An Estate Upper Carolina resident c/r a disturbance with his neighbor. Disturbance of the peace.

#### Monday, October 1

1:45 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r that she was assaulted with a rock by her neighbor. Assault in the third.

8:10 a.m. - A citizen c/r that someone burglarized her home. Burglary in the third.

11:10 a.m. - A citizen p/r that her ex-boyfriend came by her residence and created a disturbance. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

6:49 p.m. - A citizen c/r someone screaming in the area of Great Cruz Bay. Suspicious

activity.

#### Tuesday, October 2

8:05 a.m. - An Estate Contant resident c/r that he found his mother unresponsive. D.O.A.

1:56 p.m. - A citizen c/r that a vagrant fell and sustained injuries. Accidental injury.

2:40 p.m. - An Estate Pastory resident p/r that his ex-girlfriend came to his house and created a verbal altercation. Disturbance of the peace.

10:22 p.m. - An Estate Carolina resident p/r that her iPhone was stolen from her bag. Grand larceny.

#### Wednesday, October 3

12:20 p.m. - Estate Contant resident p/r that someone cut down trees on his property. Destruction of property.

#### Thursday, October 5

10:29 p.m. - An Estate Emmaus resident p/r that his son's mother violated their custody order. Violation of court order.

## Crime Stoppers U.S. Virgin Islands

### St. John Tradewinds

Crime Stoppers is asking the community's help to solve the following crimes. If anyone knows something, they should say something, as law enforcement cannot control crime without your help. Please note, technology makes it impossible for anyone to trace a tip. To learn how it works, visit [www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org](http://www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org).

#### St. John

On Saturday, September 15, at 4:30 p.m. in the Annenberg area, a man locked and secured his vehicle. Later, before going to dinner he returned to his vehicle and although he noticed that the vehicle door was not closing properly, he did not realize it had been burglarized until later that evening. Items stolen include \$140 in cash and several documents. Help police identify the burglar.

#### St. Thomas

On Friday, September 7, at 10:30 p.m. in the Anna's Retreat area, a black male, identified as 30-year-old David Payne, was found lying motionless and unresponsive near the entrance to his resi-

dence. Payne died from multiple gunshot wounds. Tell what you know about this murder.

#### St. Croix

On Saturday, September 22, in the vicinity of Morena Bar to the rear of the Watergut bus shanty, police responded to reports of shots fired and a man down. Upon arrival they found a man, later identified as 26-year-old Shawn Ian Drew, on the ground and unresponsive. Tell what you know about this senseless murder so police can identify the killers.

Be part of the solution. Continue to help make the community a safer place to live by submitting information on these or any other crimes at [www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org](http://www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org) or by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or by texting "USVI" plus the message to CRIMES (274637).

Tips are completely anonymous, and the state-side 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 reward to be paid according to their instructions.

# 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](mailto:editor@tradewinds.vi) or fax 693-8885.

## October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

— The American Cancer Society United States Virgin Islands reminds the community that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The ACS encourages all men and women over the age of 40, to get a mammogram from October 1, through October 31, at a low cost for those with insurance and no-cost for those without insurance. Call Celia Kalousek at 693-9410 to make an appointment at the St. John Community Foundation office at The Marketplace.

### 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.

— Giffit Hill School is pleased to announce a shoe drive beginning Monday, October 8, and ending on its 3rd Annual community service day Giffit Hill School Gives Back on November 16.

### Wednesday, October 10

— The local Rotary group now meets each Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. at the Westin Resort and Villas beach-side cafe.

### 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.

### Friday, October 26

— The Department of Human Services and the St. Thomas/St. John Chapter of the United Way are hosting the second annual Day of Caring/Project Homeless Connect in Cruz Bay on Friday, October 26.

### November 2-4

— The St. John Racquet Club will sponsor a V.I. Tennis Association Junior Tennis Tournament at the Cruz Bay tennis courts November 2 to 4.

### Friday, November 16

— Giffit Hill School is proud to announce the 3rd Annual “Giffit Hill School Gives Back” Community Service Day on Friday, November 16, at various locations across St. John.

## 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

For Al-Anon meeting location and times, please call (340) 642-3263

# Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

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## SWISHING SOUNDS

### ACROSS

- 1 Apple Store computers
- 5 Shocked
- 11 “Adieu!”
- 14 Locale
- 18 Retro hairdo
- 19 Like soup liquid
- 20 Stack
- 21 Reflect (on)
- 22 Gorgeous check redeemer?
- 24 Not banned
- 26 Stephen of “Danny Boy”
- 27 — Spumante (wine)
- 28 Old “Tonight Show” host studying ethnic groups?
- 30 Prefix with physicist
- 32 With 78-Across, on the double
- 34 Fed. agency enforcing gun laws
- 35 Successor of FDR
- 36 Part of the farm where sheep are clipped?
- 41 Falafel holders
- 45 Actor — Rhames
- 46 Bit of land in la Seine
- 47 Homer Simpson’s next-door neighbor
- 49 Rural repository
- 50 Most prudent
- 53 Acclamation for a harvest bundle?
- 57 Make — for it (try to flee)
- 58 Oomph
- 60 Bias against seniors
- 61 Mex. madame
- 62 Saintry ring
- 63 Decompose

- 64 Game cubes
- 66 Mild yellow cheeses
- 68 Spin a different Arab leader around?
- 74 Facet
- 76 Clears (of)
- 77 Neighbor of Braz. and Arg.
- 78 See 32-Across
- 81 Charged 86-Across
- 82 Is right for the club
- 86 Molecule unit
- 87 Burial place
- 88 Eligible beer-brewing mixture?
- 92 Very valuable violins
- 94 “Once more — the breach”
- 95 Fluish, say
- 96 33 1/3, for an LP
- 97 “What’s going — there?”
- 98 Utopias
- 100 “Dark Lady” singer after pigging out?
- 107 Amer. troops
- 109 Biblical verb suffix
- 110 “What’s the —?” (“So?”)
- 111 Sergio of film
- 112 What you have when you own footwear?
- 118 Tart plum
- 120 Secretive U.S. org.
- 121 Against
- 122 Appointed time to hope for things?
- 125 Skyrocket
- 126 Shows on television
- 127 Los Angeles community
- 128 City in Utah
- 129 Professional org.

- 130 “Don’t blame — voted for ...”
  - 131 “Misery” director Rob
  - 132 Gets married to
- ### DOWN
- 1 India’s Chennai, formerly
  - 2 Anew
  - 3 Manufacture
  - 4 “— wise guy, eh?”
  - 5 Basic skills
  - 6 Rubbing the wrong way
  - 7 Cheating, slangily
  - 8 Part of NCAA: Abbr.
  - 9 “Like, fer —!”
  - 10 Model Banks
  - 11 Singer Harry
  - 12 Pronoun in the South
  - 13 Era
  - 14 A bit brainy
  - 15 British bars
  - 16 Norse hub
  - 17 Adolescent
  - 20 Caribbean country
  - 23 Natives of New Zealand
  - 25 Flying stinger
  - 29 Alley hisser
  - 31 Very hungry
  - 33 Tibetan, e.g.
  - 37 Hospital trainee
  - 38 Yalie
  - 39 Animation bit
  - 40 Soda brand
  - 42 Finishes lacing up
  - 43 Fill with panic
  - 44 Settees
  - 48 — Moines
  - 50 Toddler cry
  - 51 Roth —
  - 52 Brunei, e.g.
  - 53 Possesses, biblically
  - 54 Indy gauges

- 55 Double-curved arch
- 56 Captain Hook’s mate
- 59 Filming site
- 64 Not merely talking
- 65 “— be a pleasure!”
- 67 Length
- 69 Mortgage option, briefly
- 70 St. Pat’s land
- 71 Batting Babe
- 72 “Seats sold out” abbr.
- 73 Benevolent
- 74 Excite
- 75 Beagle, e.g.
- 79 Pal, in Caen
- 80 Ad-free network
- 83 “— Only Had a Brain”
- 84 Soap actress Hunter —
- 85 Film scorer Alan
- 86 “That’s clear —!”
- 89 Kind of cattle or beetle
- 90 Wife’s title
- 91 Given (to)
- 93 Knee’s area
- 97 Not Internet-connected
- 99 Is in a pew
- 101 Spirit of a community
- 102 Pi follower
- 103 “Gone —” (1997 film)
- 104 Writer — de Balzac
- 105 Followed
- 106 Gives new guns to
- 108 Radiator emission
- 112 Santa —
- 113 NYSE debuts
- 114 Nos. on college transcripts
- 115 Dog in “Garfield”
- 116 Jug type
- 117 Math ratio
- 119 — about (around)
- 123 — -fi movie
- 124 — -to book

## Classifieds

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  - Three bedroom, two bath, w/d \$1800
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**"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.**

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## Dockside Safety Exams for Most Commercial Fishing Vessels Becomes Mandatory Oct. 16

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U.S. commercial fishing vessels operating beyond three nautical miles offshore will be required to have a U.S. Coast Guard dockside safety examination as of October 16.

"The commercial fishing fleet in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands has been made aware of the new requirements and many vessel operators have been proactive and requested to receive Coast Guard safety exams on a volunteer basis," said Lt. j.g. Juan Ramirez, Sector San Juan commercial fishing vessel safety specialist.

The examination is free of charge and covers regulatory topics including: lifesaving equipment, communications, firefighting and various other operational readiness measures.

Vessels that pass the exam are awarded a decal noting compliance with applicable regulations, which remains valid for up to two years. If discrepancies are found during a required examination and

not corrected on the spot, they could result in the vessel's operations being restricted until the vessel complies with all applicable safety requirements.

"Conducting a dockside safety examination is all about saving lives and improving the safety of our commercial fishing vessel fleet," said Cmdr. David Berliner, Sector San Juan chief of prevention. "Commercial fishing is the most dangerous maritime occupation in the United States. We want every commercial fisherman to come home safely."

Commercial Fishing Vessel operators in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands are asked to contact their nearest Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety representative to schedule an exam:

- St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands: 340-772-5557

Commercial fishing vessel owners and operators can review information about the new regulations at the Coast Guard's commercial fishing vessel safety program website, [www.fishsafe.info](http://www.fishsafe.info).

## VIPD and Residents Participate in Customer Service Training

*St. John Tradewinds*

In two high energy presentations, police and civilian employees of the V.I. Police Department were given tips on improving their customer service recently.

The presentations were hosted by the Department of Tourism at the Sugar Bay Hotel and Resort on Thursday, September 27, and the UVI Great Hall on Friday, September 28.

More than 150 VIPD personnel attended and agreed that the presentation was timely, needed and taught several valuable skills.

The presenter was St. Thomas born Bryan Williams, a former Ritz-Carlton Hotel employee turned motivational speaker and author of the book "Work Like You Own It!"

His approach to customer



Bryan Williams, standing, hosts the customer service training.

service is to always perform a job with pride, passion and professionalism. The presentation included role playing and collaborating in teams to find the best way to deliver good service with a good attitude.

VIPD personnel have attended Customer Service

training in the past, explained VIPD Commissioner Henry White, who acknowledged that since then some employees have left the department or have been reassigned. He was very pleased that DOT Commissioner Beverly Nicholson-Doty made this training available to the VIPD staff, White explained.

"We are making all efforts to provide our officers and civilian personnel with the tools they need to impart good customer service skills," said White. "I am aware that even in such a high stress environment as the police department our officers know that tourism is the life blood of our economy. It is imperative that we foster good community relations where ever and when-ever we can."

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# Department of Tourism Hospitality Training Draws Big Crowd

## St. John Tradewinds

More than 600 Virgin Islanders participated in a series of Depart-

ment of Tourism training events hosted last week on St. Thomas and St. Croix.

As part of its ongoing campaign to raise customer service standards in the territory, DOT hosted cus-

tomers service workshops in both districts aimed at the service industry and law enforcement in the

territory.

These free events attracted approximately 400 members of the general public and 150 members of the V.I. Police Department. Concurrent to the customer service workshops, DOT hosted its 3rd Annual Small Hotels Conference which provided marketing and technical support to small hotels and businesses throughout the territory. About 100 participants attended the free full-day conference hosted both on St. Thomas and St. Croix.

"We are thrilled with the level of participation in last week's events," said DOT Commissioner Beverly Nicholson-Doty. "The large showing demonstrates the strong interest in professional development of our workforce in the Virgin Islands and a commitment by VI business owners to enhance their product through customer service, organizational efficiencies and creative marketing."

Topics covered in the Small Hotels Conference included marketing and public relations, energy efficiency, safety and security, property enhancements, hospitality research and customer service. Discussions were led by expert panelists from both the Virgin Islands and abroad.

The customer service workshops were conducted by VI native and service expert Dr. Bryan Williams of BW Enterprise. The workshops focused on techniques to deliver world-class service by engaging customers in a consistent manner.

"Anyone can decide to provide excellent service on any given day," said Williams. "But providing world-class service requires a commitment to consistently giving excellent service at each and every opportunity."

At the close of each workshop Williams led participants in the USVI customer service pledge. Virgin Islanders interested in taking the pledge can do so online at [www.usviservicepledge.com](http://www.usviservicepledge.com) or contact the DOT.



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