St. John Thoughts and Efforts Rally Around Hometown Musician Grasshopper Pickering

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EASTER EGG MADNESS – Several local businesses including Sea Glass Vacations, Waterfront Bistro and Mr. Pipers Jeeps sponsored an Easter egg hunt for the children of St. John on Saturday, April 4, with nearly 200 St. John youngsters of all ages in attendance. Put on by the St. John Administration Office at The Battery in Cruz Bay, volunteers ran snow cone and popcorn machines offering free snacks, Sea Glass employees cooked hamburgers and hotdogs for everybody in attendance and there were games and a story time for the kids. The volunteers “hid” more than 1,500 eggs around The Battery which the scores of children searched out in several age-specific search areas. The Easter bunny showed up on a fire truck running lights and sirens and delighted the children, albeit scaring a few.
The CNN story about the St. John pesticide poisoning featured aerial views of the Sirenusa condominium project and Cruz Bay.

**Sirenusa Pesticide Poisoning Investigation Makes National News With CNN Report**

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Cruz Bay — “A trip to paradise turned nightmare.”

“A family of four now fighting for their lives.”

The negative publicity feared in the aftermath of the accidental poisoning of a vacationing Delaware family when a neighboring condominium in Cruz Bay was fumigated with a deadly pesticide was reignited on Saturday, April 4, when CNN aired a two-minute story on the aftermath of the tragic incident.

Two weeks after the Delaware family members were taken ill in their vacation condominium in the early hours of Friday, March 20, the two boys 14 and 16 remain “in comas in critical condition,” CNN reported in the short piece replete with dramatic promotional shots of the condominium project perched above Cruz Bay which aired several times.

The parents condition improved after the family, repeat visitors to St. John, was airlifted back to the states, and the mother, Dr. Theresa Devine, has been released from the hospital. The father Stephen Esmond, a private school teacher and administrator, is reportedly conscious but unable to talk. Their two teenage sons remain in induced comas.

**EPA Opens Criminal Investigation**

The U.S. Justice Department has now opened a criminal investigation into the incident, “working to determine what happened,” according to the CNN report.

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 SJFS Screening “Tie It Into My Hand”
The St. John Film Society will present *Tie It Into My Hand* on Tuesday, April 7, at the St. John School of the Arts in Cruz Bay. Director Paul Festa will be on hand for questions and answers following the screening. A $5 donation is requested at the door.

**Town Hall Meeting Set for April 9**

While he has been meeting with small groups for some time, Senator-at-Large, Almando “Rocky” Liburd will host a series of town hall meetings, with the first being on Thursday, April 9, at 6 p.m. at the Legislative Annex in Cruz Bay.

Property taxes, Cruz Bay traffic, St. John Rescue, V.I. National Park issues and other matters will be discussed.

**Moravian Prayer Breakfast April 11**
The Bethany Moravian Board of Stewards is hosting an Inspirational Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, April 11, from 7:30 to 10 a.m. Come and be spirit-filled by a powerful woman of God, Sister Marie Luke of the Cavalry Baptist Church of Coral Bay.

Tickets are $12 and are available from church members or call (340) 776-6291 or e-mail opti93@yahoo.com.

**Free Vegetarian Cooking Class April 12**
The Cruz Bay Seventh-day Adventist Church Health Ministries is hosting a free community vegetarian cooking class on Sunday, April 12, at 6 p.m. at the lower level of the church.

The cooking class will be presented by Nature’s Way Health Food Store. For more information, call 340-513-8503.

**Cid Hamling To Speak at UUF Service**

Join Cid Hamling at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (UUF) of St. John Service on Sunday, April 12 at 10 a.m. at Gifft Hill School Lower Campus for the topic: The Phoenix Rises.

Hamling will share the history and experience of being raised in the Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Atlanta in the 1950s and 1960s. UUCA was the first integrated church in Atlanta. A documentary entitled “The Phoenix Rises” depicting the struggles of a liberal religion in the conservative South will be shown.

**SJHS End-of-Season Potluck April 14**
The St. John Historical Society will wrap up its 2014-15 season with a potluck gathering on Tuesday, April 14, at 6 p.m. at the Bethany Moravian Church Hall. Board member and noted Virgin Islands historian George F. Tyson will present his findings on maritime marronage — a strategy of resistance in which enslaved people permanently fled the plantations where they worked — on St. John.

Before freedom-seeking St. Johnians began escaping bondage by flight to the British Virgin Islands, they fled in numbers to Puerto Rico by a clandestine maritime “underground railroad” operated largely by free people of color. Tyson’s presentation, drawing on a rich cache of archival documentation, will focus on events and individuals involved in this little-known dimension of St. John’s rich maroon heritage.

Bring a dish to share. All are welcome to attend what is sure to be a fun social event, with a fascinating presentation by George and the election of next year’s officers and board representatives. This will be a wonderful evening of fellowship, good food and continued documentation of the rich history of this special island.
By JUDI SHIMEL
St. John Tradewinds
Cruz Bay — When word got around that a popular musician and well-loved son of St. John had fallen to a sudden illness, there were many who quickly mounted a mission of the heart.

Within one week, efforts were rolled out to help Phillip “Grasshopper” Pickering, leader of a popular reggae band that had made a name for itself long enough to produce a new generation of talent.

The famous bandleader, singer, guitarist and community activist has been moved from intensive care at the Roy L. Schneider Hospital on St. Thomas to the Veterans Administration Hospital in Puerto Rico on Sunday and is in stable condition.

The St. John Recovery Fund, a Go Fund Me Internet account and a radio telethon are among the different ways friends and supporters of Pickering and the Inner Visions Band have chosen to rally around the stricken artist. (The exact nature of the malady that sent Pickering to intensive care was not disclosed by family members speaking to St. John Tradewinds over the weekend.)

“He’s stable right now, that’s all the doctor is telling me,” said Irma Pickering, his mother.

What some friends and supporters have described are circumstances that have befallen many on St. John who make their lives as self employed persons in a tough, seasonal economy: A devastating illness or injury met by limited resources and little to no access to health insurance.

Fundraiser Now Beneficiary

They’re the kind of circumstances friends say have moved Grasshopper to lead his band onto stages, onto beaches, into concert venues and block parties to help people and institutions in need. Some of the first people to step forward on his behalf said for that reason and many more, they were raising enough money for Pickering to get transport off island and the best chances to get well at a Veterans facility.

Cid Hamling, owner of Connections Secretarial Service spoke about the efforts six days after word first got around. Hamling activated the Recovery Fund along with Perdita Stapleton and got in touch with the Office of Veteran’s Affairs.

“They’re working on it,” she said, with a note of frustration. The four and a half day Easter holiday weekend was slowing things down.

“Yesterday Akibo (Grasshopper’s son) was playing guitar in the room and Grasshopper was tapping his foot, and that’s a good sign,” she said.

But others are stepping up as well. Inner Visions’ booking agent April Steyert said the Go Fund Me page on Pickering’s Facebook page (Facebook/Phillip Hopper Pickering) had amassed $10,500.

Steyert praised the telethon run Friday and Saturday by a local Internet radio deejay, Daddy Lion Chandell, dubbed “Operation Grasshopper.” The sum grew by almost $3,000 on Friday.

With the individual donations came messages of encouragement: “Healing thoughts Grasshopper,” said one.

From Tampa, Florida: “Praying for a speedy recovery.”

Closer to home: “What’s happening here? I hear ur in need, brother...”

Fans posted a photo of a lighthouse at sunset and a performance shot from a club called the Wild Hare. There was a You Tube performance of an Inner Visions song, “My Father’s Prayer,” and more messages from the heart:

“Grasshopper, sending healing thoughts your way. The world misses you.”

Sentiments online for Pickering’s recovery “have been overwhelmingly positive,” said Steyert who first met Grasshopper in an online reggae chat room around 2000. They formed a friendship, which grew into a business relationship in 2006 when Inner Visions travelled to Asheville, NC to perform.

With no idea of what was involved in booking a reggae band on tour, Steyert took the task on, sending Inner Visions on to the college circuit, where they gained in popularity. That popularity even took the band to the famed Stone Pony Bar is Asbury Park, New Jersey, musical home to the state’s most famous son, Bruce Springsteen.

“You can’t help but have a lot of respect for him and his compassion and understanding of people,”

— April Steyert, Inner Vision’s booking agency

St. John Revolving Fund Returns To Assist “Grasshopper” Pickering

Cruz Bay — Donations for Phillip “Grasshopper” Pickering may be made to St. John Revolving Fund and dropped at or mailed to Connections, PO Box 37, St. John, VI 00831. When writing checks please put “Phillip Pickering” on memo line. All donations are tax-deductible and every cent goes to Phillip. We all wish him the best and encourage assisting this wonderful individual.

— The Board of the St. John Revolving Fund

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Phillip “Grasshopper” Pickering

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Kate Norfleet To Be Honored April 18
With LaMotta Award for Public Service

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CHARLOTTE AMALIE — Kate C. Norfleet, owner of Kate N Design, Inc. is one of four women being honored as 2015 recipients of the Wilbur “Bill” LaMotta Community Service Award at the St. Thomas-St. John Chamber of Commerce 2015 Annual Awards Banquet on Saturday, April 18, at the St. Peter Greathouse during this year’s gala, “An Ole Time Fete.”

The Chamber presents the Wilbur “Bill” LaMotta Community Service Award to outstanding Virgin Islanders and deserving organizations. The award was established in 1983, to recognize the contributions to the U.S. Virgin Islands of public officials and private citizens whose achievements reflect the commitment and dedication exemplified by the life and work of LaMotta.

Prior to his death in 1980, LaMotta was President of the St. Thomas-St. John Chamber of Commerce, a Small Businessman of the Year, a civic leader and renowned Caribbean composer and musician.

The award is presented to individuals who exhibit dedication, sincerity, forthrightness and ethics in the performance of his or her duties or in the practice of his or her business or profession.

In addition to Norfleet, the 2015 Wilbur “Bill” LaMotta Community Service Award recipients are: Katina E. Coulianos, Chief Executive Officer, I. Levin Properties; Karishma C. Jagtiani, Co-Owner, Bobby’s Jewelers; Shirley G. Monsanto, 33-year owner of Monsanto Travel Agency.

In addition to managing their successful businesses, these women have contributed to the success of many groups on St. Thomas and St. John including: Rotary, United Way, the Girl Scouts, Partners for Health, Gifft Hill School, Historic Preservation Commission, St. John Historical Society, Friends of the V.I. National Park, St. John School of the Arts, All Saints School, and the St. Thomas-St. John Chamber of Commerce. There will be a feature story on each honoree in the Awards Booklet.

In 1999, the Board of Directors added the recognition of an individual involved in the leadership of a non-profit or charitable organization or an organization for the service it provides to the community and the 2015 honoree is Corinne Lockhart of the Dinner and a Cause charitable organization.

The April 18 event will begin with cocktails at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:45 p.m. Attire is colorful island elegant. Tickets are priced at $140 per person and include a gourmet dinner, complimentary wine and an open bar. Please call 776-0100 to reserve your tickets.
FWS Pulls Boating Infrastructure Grant Funds from Summer’s End Group

By JAIME ELLIOTT
St. John Tradewinds

After months of formal complaints, bureaucratic red tape and a Freedom of Information Act request which netted hundreds of pages of internal and external emails, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service officials yanked a portion of a $1.27 million grant from Summers End Group recently.

The grant was awarded in December 2013 to V.I. Department of Planning and Natural Resources with SEG as the sub-grantee. FWS distributes the funds as part of its Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) program available to projects which construct, renovate and maintain facilities for transient boaters. The BIG program is funded by the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund with allocations that will be lost if they are not spent by regional FWS offices.

FWS Southeast Regional officials issued a letter to DPNR March 17 rescinding the BIG program grant. Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program Chief Michael Piccirilli wrote that SEG’s marina was not eligible because of the harm it would cause the environment.

“One requirement for BIG program grant projects is found under 50 CFR Boating Infrastructure Grant Final Rule, Subpart B 86.21, which states: ‘What activities are ineligible for funding?’ Piccirilli wrote. ‘Your project is ineligible for funding if you propose to: (c) ‘Significantly degrade or destroy valuable resources or alter the cultural or historic nature of the area.’ After receiving information concerning potential impacts of the marina project to the environmental and cultural resources of the area, we revisited our initial decision to fund this award in light of 50 CFR 86.21.”

‘Consequently, we have decided to discontinue this award based on our analyses of the information received,’ he wrote.

While SEG has not received any funding to date, FWS authorized the expenditure $176,449 of federal funds for the developers “to complete the required environmental, economic, cultural compliance, and permitting documentation (‘soft costs’),” Piccirilli wrote.

“The Service also authorized the grantee to expend up to an additional $127,366 of the federal budget if additional funds were needed for the permits and compliance studies, thus allowing for a total of $303,815 for ‘soft costs’,” the FWS official wrote to DPNR Commissioner Dawn Henry. “After one year, minimal progress has been made on the grant project.

Piccirilli’s letter enumerated 21 issues which need to be addressed about SEG’s marina project ranging from addressing pile driving and quantification of potential acoustic impacts to sea turtles to analyzing impacts to the resources of the Virgin Islands National Park and the Virgin Islands Coral Reef National Monument from increased vessel traffic.

SEG principals Chaliese Summer’s End, pictured in an artist’s rendering, above, did not respond to an email request for comment on the federal decision.

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First Practice Swim Is April 12 for Annual Beach to Beach Swim

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CRUZ BAY — The 12th annual Beach-to-Beach Power Swim is only seven weeks away on Sunday, May 24, and organizers want to help hopeful participants prepare.

To help swimmers train for the event, Friends of Virgin Islands National Park has scheduled three practice swims, with the first one this Sunday, April 12. The schedule for the practice swims is as follows:

- April 12: Maho to Cinnamon
- April 26: Maho to Cinnamon or Trunk
- May 10: Maho to Cinnamon, Trunk or Hawksnest

The practice swims will all start at 8:30 a.m. (please note that on race day the swim will start at 8 a.m.) from the north end of Maho Beach.

As always, safety is of utmost importance and Friends will have kayaks, SUPs, and safety boats accompanying the swimmers.

For swimmers coming from St. Thomas, they should take the ferry that leaves Red Hook at 7:30 a.m. The Friends will have a vehicle meet the ferry and transport swimmers to Maho.

Four Simultaneous Events

The Beach-to-Beach Power Swim contains four simultaneous events:

- Short course (solo) from Maho Beach to Cinnamon Beach (1 mile)
- Intermediate course (solo) from Maho Beach to Trunk Beach (2 ¼ miles)
- Long course (solo) from Maho Beach to Hawksnest Beach (3 ½ miles)
- Long course (three-person relay teams) from Maho Beach to Hawksnest Beach.

The relay team transition points will be at Cinnamon Beach and Trunk Beach.

In each of the events, swimmers may compete using snorkels, fins, and/or exposure suits in a separate category of “assisted” swimmers. However, swim paddles, webbed (training) gloves and other swim aids are not permitted.

Registration Is Now Open

There are reduced registration fees for swimmers 17 years and younger; as well as reduced registration fees for early registration (thru May 1).

Please visit www.friendsvinp.org/swim for complete information on this event and to register. Swimmers can also register by phone by calling 340-779-4940.

Or in person on:

- St. John at The Friends of the Park Store in Mongoose Junction or Connections in Cruz Bay or Coral Bay
- St. Thomas at Caribbean Surf Co. in Havensight or Red Hook
- St. Croix at SCUBA in Christiansted

Joe Kessler, president of the Friends and the race director, reminds interested swimmers that registration will be limited to 350 swimmers, the largest Power Swim to date, and that registration typically sells out.

Registration has been very strong so far, so please register soon to be sure you get a place, he reminds those that are interested in participating.

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Town Hall Meeting for Property Owners and Stakeholders

ST. JOHN
Wednesday, April 8, 2015
6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.
ST. JOHN LEGISLATURE CHAMBERS

TOPICS:

- Exemptions and Tax Credits
- The Appeals Process
- Tax Rates
- Understanding the Value of Property

For more information, call 340-774-2991 ext 4117.

Come out and voice your concerns and get your questions answered.
Villa Tesori in Rendezvous Supports Animals

–Owners Lisa and Brian Duelfer Donate to ACC

By RAVEN PHILLIPS
St. John Tradewinds

RENNDEZVOUS BAY — With their Villa Tesori overlooking the beauty of Fish Bay, Reef Bay and Monte Bay, owners Brian and Lisa Duelfer do all they can to look out for the well-being of the St. John Animal Care Center.

The Duelfer have announced they will make annual donations to the ACC and have pledged to donate a percentage of the annual revenue from their villa rentals to the St. John animal shelter and want to encourage other island vacation homeowners to join them.

“We are people who have been given an ability to help and believe it is our responsibility to do so,” Lisa explained. “We normally hide from publicity, but the beauty of the islands and the generosity and kindness of its people overwhelmed our need for privacy.”

The couple is encouraging other villa owners to follow their example.

“We are blessed and believe we should pay it forward,” said the Duelfers. “We have chosen to donate a percentage (two percent) of the gross revenue from Villa Tesori to the ACC, with a guaranteed minimum dollar amount.”

The guaranteed minimum is $5,000 and the proceeds will be dispersed monthly.

The couple is involved in several charities that focus on donating percentages from business proceeds, but they opted to focus on the Animal Care Center because of their previous involvement.

“As I make it a point to visit the ACC on every visit and walk the dogs as often as possible it makes sense for us to support them,” said the Duelfers. “Further we have agreed to donate a week at Villa Tesori (seven nights, off-season, maximum 10 guests) for next year’s fundraising auction for the ACC.”

The weekly rental value of the home is $7,600

“To us pets are furry children. No matter how bad your day, when you walk in the door you are greeted by unbounded love and joy,” the Duelfers explained as they reflected upon their motivation for this donation effort. The couple remarked on the joy animals can give people.

“From the moment that they see you come to get them, they know they are going for a walk,” the couple added of their ACC friends. “No matter how bad your day, those first few steps make your heart sing.”

The Duelfers also disclosed the other ways they support the Animal Care Center.

“While in Pennsylvania I am shameless in asking my friends and others for support of the ACC. It is not uncommon for us to bring down a suitcase or two of items for the shelter,” explained the Duelfers. “A number of pet-related businesses have been kind enough to give us items to share with the shelter.”

“It is our hope that with the help of our contribution and that of others, shelter manager Ryan Moore at the Animal Care Center.

Brian and Lisa Duelfer, left and center, with local animal shelter manager Ryan Moore at the Animal Care Center.

support for their decision.

“Laura and John Brego of Destination St. John, our property managers, were not only supportive but quickly offered to waive their fee for the donated week,” explained Lisa Duelfer.

“It turns out that Laura had been closely involved in the ACC previously and is very supportive of our effort on their behalf,” she added. “She will arrange for donations guests leave at Villa Tesori to make it to the ACC if the guest is unable to get to the shelter on their own.”

“Brian’s employer Ameriprise is matching a portion of our donation,” she continued.

To those interested in giving back to the islands, the Duelfers had this to say:

“While we have chosen to publicly adopt the ACC, we also support other worthwhile causes in the Virgin Islands. We would hope that every Villa owner choose at least one worthy cause in the islands to help maintain and support its beauty and people.”
A St. John resident has pledged a $20,000 donation match for an aluminum can crusher.

**IGLA Extends Deadline To Match Funds For Purchase of New Island Can Crusher**

**St. John Tradewinds**

**RENDEZVOUS BAY** — With more than a million visitors a year, St. John’s population is hundreds of times greater than its number of residents.

Tourism is good news economically but there are consequences to being a “Tropical Paradise.”

Solid waste is a major threat to the VI National Park and the island as a whole. The absence of an island-wide recycling program and the significant cost of trash disposal have long been issues that endanger St. John’s fragile eco systems.

Enter Island Green Living Association (IGLA). IGLA, which has prevented more than 120,000 pounds of building materials from going to the beleaguered landfill through its ReSource Depot and now has partnered with the St. John Community Foundation to purchase an aluminum can crusher.

The can crusher uses 59,000 lbs. of compaction force to crush 600 cans at a time and provides a first step in recycling St. John’s waste. But there are considerable startup expenses and operational costs to get this program up and running.

**Resident Pledges $20,000 Match**

In honor of Earth Day, a resident of St. John has pledged $20,000 in matching donations made by April 24 toward preserving St. John, starting with the can crusher. If the $20,000 goal is reached by April 3, he will donate an additional $5,000.

Once operational, the income from the aluminum will help fund the program and IGLA will then start recycling plastic, paper and glass.

These efforts will be a significant positive force in Preserve St. John efforts. However the cooperation and financial support of the community is vital. To donate, please visit www.iglavi.org or call William Willigerod at 340-643-5313 or Harith Wickrema at 340-714-2086.

**Donations by April 24 Will Be Doubled as IGLA Seeks Support for Island Recycling**

**St. John Tradewinds**

**CRUZ BAY** — To date, IGLA (Island Green Living Association) and the St. John Community Foundation have raised $16,900 toward Preserve St. John recycling efforts, including the purchase of a can crusher.

A generous donor has agreed to double the funds raised and will add another $5,000 if $20,000 is reached, for a total of $45,000! The deadline to reach $20,000 was originally April 3 but has now been extended to April 10.

Love City Pan Dragons Welcomes Adult Players In Mission To Become Community Steel Orchestra

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CRUZ BAY — Want to be a Pan Dragon? But you’re not a kid? No problem!

The Love City Pan Dragons is ready to grow its original mission and become a community steel orchestra with members of all ages.

There is a strong tradition throughout the Caribbean of steel bands that are a happy mixture of adult and youth players, according to Pan Dragon board president Elaine Penn.

Steel pan, like any musical instrument, can be a lifelong pursuit, Penn points out. But that message has not been getting across in the Virgin, Penn admits.

St. John currently provides no opportunity for adults to be part of a steel band and Pan Dragons youth members drop out at younger and younger ages each year, as they perceive steel pan orchestras here in the VI as only a children’s thing, to be abandoned as soon as schedules tighten up and pre-college demands heat up, said Penn, a long-time Pan Dragon member.

“We want to fight this sad trend,” said Penn. “We want to show our children that steel pan is not just something you do because your mom is at work or you need community service credits for high school, but something that you start as a child and pursue joyfully through your whole life.”

The Pan Dragons are not abandoning their mission as a safe, educational, character-building and culturally-enhancing after-school and weekend youth program, but they are welcoming adults to join the Pan Dragons in becoming musicians from scratch or to reconnect with their steel pan roots, Penn explained.

Adult Mentorship

“We want you there not only to learn and play terrific music, but by your very grown-up presence to be mentors and examples for our children of discipline, commitment, and a lifelong love of music, steel pan and service to our Virgin Islands culture and community,” she added.

“We have openings in all sections of the orchestra and will work with you to find your best fit. Did you grow up as a Pan Dragon? Well, time to come home. Are you a newbie? If a third-grader can do it, so can you!” she enthused.

The Pan Dragons have a terrific instructor/arranger, Ikema Dyer, who has a lifetime of experience with groups of all ages, and whose patience, determination and skill transforms children as young as seven into real pan players, according to Penn.

“You can expect not only to learn to play the instruments, but how to handle, set up and care for them, as any musician does who is part of an orchestra or ensemble,” the Pan Dragon official explained. “However deeply you want to immerse yourself in the steel band experience, we are ready to help take you there.”

“We will expect you as adults to have the capability to pay a modest monthly fee to help defray the costs of our professional instructor, tuning and maintenance of the pans,” Penn added. “Know also that we are a federally recognized 501c(3) nonprofit corporation; our board members have always served as volunteers.”

“Our doors are open from NOW for you to come and check us out,” the Pan Dragon official said. “Our regular practices at the Parks and Rec Youth Center across from the Cruz Bay fire station, are Fridays 5 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays noon to 3 p.m. These hours can evolve based on demand and need.

Call or text board president Elaine Penn, at 340-998-3726, or email pandragons@unitedstates.vi. You can also talk to other board members, Greg and Josephine at Courtesy Car Rental, Ann Monsanto at BMV, Catherine Lee at Tunic, or Ruth and Hubert Frett.
**To The Rescue**  
by Bob Malacarne, NR-EMT, ASHI, NAEMT

**U.S. Sen. Kaine Visits St. John Rescue, Gets Briefing on Sirenusa Poisoning**

St. John Tradewinds  
CRUZ BAY — Greetings to all our friends and neighbors in the US Virgin Islands. The month of March has been one of great changes for St. John Rescue. On March 5 at our annual meeting a new Board of Directors was sworn in. For the first time in the history of St. John Rescue the board is comprised of non rescue members.

Our new board members are: President Martha Toomey, Secretary Cindy Edge, Treasurer Casandra Moore and Liaison Amy Raymond.

The following officers who are not on the board were chosen at the April meeting: Training Officer Bob Malacarne, Chief Pete Hassen and Deputy Chief John Fitzgerald.

On Monday March 16 Administrator Paris called a meeting of all government agencies who deal with emergency services on St. John. Representatives from Police, Fire, EMS, Health Department, Department of Justice, Public Works, and of course, St. John Rescue were in attendance. The two-hour meeting discussed all issues of importance to St. John visitors and residents. There will be more meetings to address the issues that are pertinent to St. John.

Our latest EMR class is winding down and will conclude with a three-hour testing session on April 16. Five candidates for EMR certification and four candidates for re-certification are participating in this class. The course is comprehensive and should prepare our newest members for the task of saving lives on St. John.

GoFundMe for “New Jaws”

We are still working on raising funds to purchase a new set of “Jaws”. Our old set sustained damage during that grueling six-hour extrication emergency last month. We hope to purchase a new Holmatro set of extrication equipment since it is the same type used by Coral Bay Fire. All the tools will be interchangeable with their set.

Now, if there is another large vehicle accident or building collapse the island should have sufficient equipment to rescue anyone who is trapped.

If you can help us with a donation please look us up on “GoFundMe” or simply mail a donation to St. John Rescue. P.O.Box 1225 St. John, VI 00831

St. John Rescue thanks Love City Welding, St. John Botanica, Boopy Excavating and St. John Repair Shop for loaning equipment and donating material and time that were instrumental in rescuing a victim of the crane crash on Kings Hill Rd February 20.

Please thank them for their donation next time you patronize their business.

United States Senator Tim Kaine (Democrat from Virginia) was in town on March 29. St. John Rescue President Martha invited the Senator to meet with Training Officer Bob Malacarne regarding the tragedy at Sirenusa. Bob briefed Senator Kaine on the events that happened, and the Senator praised both St. John EMS and St. John Rescue for their brave work.

Senator Kaine related some information about the family members. Bob gave him a St. John Rescue shirt.

Once again the fact that we train regularly was evident.

St. John Rescue continues to offer CPR classes on the second Saturday of each month. If you are interested in learning this critical life saving skill please call St. John Rescue training officer Bob Malacarne at (340)626-5118 or email at stjrescue9@gmail.com.

**Mikey Kent**

Our featured St. John Rescue member of the month is: Mikey Kent.

Mikey came to St. John 3 and a half years ago from San Diego, California. He attended UVI and is working as a National Park Diver. Mikey joined St. John Rescue a year ago because he wanted to give back to his community and to help out friends and neighbors in need. He also joined to keep current on the latest rescue skills.

Mikey is a CPR and First Aid instructor, scuba instructor, lifeguard, Emergency Medical Responder and is trained in wilderness first aid. Starting a public safety dive team is on his agenda for the coming year. Mikey has also taken in two rescue dogs. If you see Mikey please let him know that you appreciate his dedication to St. John Rescue.
April 15th Event on St. John Will Mark 50th Anniversary of Vietnam Conflict

St. John Tradewinds

There will be three events throughout the territory recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemoration throughout the territory in April, the V.I. Office of Veterans Affairs announced. The St. John event is set for Wednesday, April 15, starting at 3 p.m. at the Westin St. John Ballroom.

All Virgin Islands Vietnam Veterans are asked to come into the Veterans Affairs office closest to them and submit their names and mailing addresses to make sure they are on the invitation list or call 340-776-0774 on St. Thomas.

Next of Kin for deceased Vietnam Veterans are also encouraged to submit their names and addresses so that they can be sent an invitation to this event to be presented a certificate on behalf of their loved one as well. All Virgin Islands Vietnam Veterans that register will receive individual recognition.

2015 Storm Refuge Permitting Process for Hurricane Hole Announced by NPS

St. John Tradewinds

CRUZ BAY — Virgin Islands National Park and Virgin Islands Coral Reef National Monument have announced procedures for mariners wishing to register their vessel for storm moorings in Hurricane Hole for the 2015 hurricane season.

Vessel owners who were permitted to use a storm mooring in Hurricane Hole during 2014 and who wish to retain their storm mooring berth for the 2015 season may contact Esther Francis at esther_francis@nps.gov or (340) 693-8950, ext. 232, to obtain a 2015 application.

The NPS will issue a new permit upon receipt of the application and verification of the 2014 berth assignment. Completed applications may be sent via e-mail, U.S. Mail, or delivered in person at the park visitor center between 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and must be received by the park by May 22, 2015. Applications may be mailed to Virgin Islands National Park, 1300 Cruz Bay Creek, St. John, VI 00830.

A drawing will be held for all open berths on June 6 beginning at 9 a.m., at the pavilion in front of the NPS Visitor Center in Cruz Bay. Any vessel owner who was issued a temporary permit last year may contact Ms. Francis if interested in retaining the storm mooring berth for which they were issued the temporary permit, in the event that the original permittee decides to relinquish the berth for another year.

Should the original permittee elect to utilize that berth this year, the temporary permit holder would need to participate in the June 6 drawing to compete for open berths.

If a vessel was sold or transferred during the past year, it is the vessel that retains the storm mooring berth and not the past owner. Ms. Esther Francis at (340) 693-8950, ext. 232, can be contacted with any questions.

St. John Singers’ Spring Concerts April 17 and 19

St. John Tradewinds

CRUZ BAY — “It’s a grand night for singing!”

So goes the old tune by Rogers and Hammerstein in the show State Fair, and the St. John Singers will try to prove it when they present their annual tribute to Broadway at their spring concerts on April 17 and 19.

Broadway show tunes are a departure for the choir, which has been known for its classical repertoire.

“We want to showcase our versatility,” said director Janice Ballard. “We’ve done classical, multicultural and spiritual music; this time we’re doing Broadway.”

Tests Clear Rescue Members of Pesticide Contamination

St. John Tradewinds

CRUZ BAY — While members of St. John Rescue are searching for donations to replace their two pieces of outdated and damaged Jaws of Life extrication equipment, they might want to add a few pieces of emergency breathing apparatuses.

Members of St. John Rescue waited until early April for the results of blood tests taken to determine their exposure to potential fatal exterminating chemicals they may have sustained in responding to the apparent accidental pesticide poisoning of a Delaware family at the Sirenusa condominium complex overlooking Cruz Bay in mid-March.

Test results were negative for exposure to the pesticide by the first responders, which included V.I. Emergency Medical Service (EMS), according to one official.

St. John Rescue already spends $5,000 each year to service its oxygen equipment and provides oxygen at no charge for the V.I. Fire Department, the National Park Service and the Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center without charge, Malacarne noted.

EMS is in the process of signing a contract for the free oxygen service, Malacarne said.
St. John Tradewinds  
CRUZ BAY — The Best of Both Worlds Fine Art and Craft Gallery is pleased to invite the public to a special Friday Night Fête with Beach Gurl Designs, Friday, April 10, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Mongoose Junction, St. John.

Originally from Nashville, Tracy Andersen moved to Destin, Florida, for life at the beach, but her love for the islands brought her with her husband and young daughter to live on St. John eight months ago where she is fulfilling her dream of handcrafting Beach Gurl Designs.

They now reside in Cruz Bay and feel so blessed to be making her dreams a reality. Inspired by the love of the ocean, her goal is to give leather and pearl jewelry a chic and modern makeover that has been long overdue. Tracy creates a custom delicate balance of artistry, elegance and value with ocean inspired designs.

Beach Gurl Designs are elegant, simple, chic and very versatile to reflect the natural beauty of the sea. They can be dressed up for an evening out on the town or dressed down for a day at the beach.

Come and discover unique exotic awe-inspiring treasures that will instantly transport you to the beach or island that you love.

Best of Both Worlds is constantly changing displays to highlight the eclectic and diverse art and jewelry offered. Come and explore many new items and enjoy a glass of wine as Tracy discusses her designs.

To go with the wine that will be served in the gallery, Virgin Fire will be providing a delicious selection of appetizers to enjoy. Best of Both Worlds will be contributing 10 percent of the entire evening’s sales to the St. John Revolving Fund in support of Phillip “Grasshopper” Pickering, of the band Inner Visions.

For more information, please contact Best of Both Worlds at 340-693-7005 or by e-mail at thebestof@optimum.net.

Best of Both Worlds Celebrates April 10 Surprise Fete with Beach Gurl Designs

St. John Tradewinds

Lyle Divinsky and his band of brothers, Model Airplane.

Lyle Divinsky and Model Airplane Return To Bring Funk, Soul and Smiles to St. John

St. John Tradewinds

CRUZ BAY — Rising New York City soul star Lyle Divinsky and his band of brothers, Model Airplane, return to St. John to bring soul, funk, and good vibes in April.

Whether you caught them last year or not, you’re in for one spirit-fulfilling ride. All aboard the funkiest flight on the island!!!

It was exactly one year ago when Lyle Divinsky & Model Airplane realized they were April Fools for living in a place where the snow is still falling in the fourth month of the calendar year.

“How can you sing about groovin’ on a Sunday afternoon when you’re still freezing? It’s time to get out!” said the Maine-born soul-singing, song-slinging Brooklynite.

The rest of his band agreed whole-heartedly, and they immediately bought their tickets to paradise. There ensued four days of jam-packed soul and funk on the beaches and bars of St. John.

Touring Tradition Is Born

After falling in love with the people, the place, and the way of life, the boys recognized that a tradition had been born. One year later and one year wiser, Lyle & Model Airplane are back with nine chances for you to come get down!

The past three years have brought Lyle Divinsky from subway platforms to elite stages with living legends. This unsuspecting soul man continues to prove that he owns any stage that he walks his bare feet onto. His powerful presence brings love and light to even the most sterile crowd.

Lyle has graced the stages of some of the most renowned clubs/theatres in the northeast, has been featured on national television as one of FuseTV’s artists to watch, and was awarded the Songwriters Hall of Fame Abe Olman Scholarship (of which John Legend received in 2002).

In 2014, Divinsky brought together an all-star team of soul music’s rising stars for his highly anticipated full-length release due this year. Divinsky, aka the Sasquatch of Soul, is the barefoot, boisterous, big-voiced Mainer who “doesn’t front: he sings soul and R&B, and that’s that. There are no tags or modifiers needed.”

With a voice that silences a room and a band that grooves so hard they’ve been called photosynthesis to wallflowers, Divinsky & Model Airplane’s music is sure to get the whole island dancing and singing along.
Heaven’s Gate overlooks protected Hurricane Hole in the V.I. National Park.

**Enjoy Breath-taking Water Views of Hurricane Hole at Heaven’s Gate**

**By JAIME ELLIOTT**  
**St. John Tradewinds**

**ESTATE ZOOTENVAAL** — Sipping a refreshing cocktail on the expansive deck while soaking up the cooling trade winds and watching the stars twinkle to life in the tropical evening sky and you’ll know exactly why this home is called Heaven’s Gate.

Perched on a hillside overlooking the pristine waters of Hurricane Hole, the four bedroom, four and a half bathroom Estate Zootenvaal villa Heaven’s Gate is for sale for $5.75 million, explained Sandra Mohler of Holiday Homes of St. John.

“Heaven’s Gate is located at the top of a hill overlooking the Hurricane Hole National Monument, with unspoiled natural beauty to compliment the lush tropical gardens surrounding this well-built, luxurious four bedroom villa,” said Mohler.

While you will certainly feel worlds away from it all, the laid-back hamlet of Coral Bay is only a few minutes away. You won’t have to go far from Heaven’s Gate to find great spot for snorkeling and sunning. The quiet beaches of the island’s ruggedly beautiful East End are right nearby.

But you might find it difficult to leave your own private Shangri-la at Heaven’s Gate.

Nestled on the end of a road, the home affords peaceful privacy, Mohler explained.

“The end of the road privacy insures relaxing poolside days enjoying the vistas of the Caribbean Sea and multiple islands beyond,” said the Holiday Homes of St. John sales agent.

The large lot size, a total 1.036-acre parcel, features lush tropical landscaping, Mohler added.

“The gardens are spectacular with multiple orchids and exotic tropical flora,” she said.

Inside, find an open plan, gourmet kitchen with custom hardwood cabinets, stainless steel appliances and granite counter tops. The spacious great room with a Caribbean style exposed beam ceiling, offers plenty of space curl up with a book. You’ll never tire of entertaining friends with dinner parties at the indoor dining area or outside overlooking those stunning water views.

The four spacious bedrooms all boast en suite bathrooms and private outdoor seating areas, explained Mohler.

“The four large en suite bedrooms opening to private lanais give the guests their own place to relax and enjoy the fantastic views,” she said.

A unique feature at Heaven’s Gate is the stone windmill replica on the property which houses the ancillary generator, explained Mohler.

“The stone windmill replica in the yard serves as the sound enclosure for an auxiliary generator, and a tower for enjoying a cocktail and the views,” said the Holiday Homes of St. John sales agent.

The home is also popular on the short term rental market, Mohler added.

“This popular short term rental generates a good income to make owning a Caribbean vacation home rewarding on many levels,” she said.

For more information on Heaven’s Gate, call Mohler at Holiday Homes of St. John at (340) 774-8088 or on her cell phone at (340) 514-5968.
Letters to St. John Tradewinds

Cruz Bay To Start Seeing Orange

Thank you from the Animal Care Center of St. John (ACC), to B.J. Harris and St. John Properties, for supplying new orange vests to identify the ACC dog walkers.

The ACC staff and volunteers exercise the shelter dogs every morning and afternoon with walks about town. Not only does this routine help in socializing the dogs to better prepare them for adoption, it also adds to their health in general.

The ACC staff and volunteers are dedicated to proper community service and are vigilant about picking up dog waste during these walks. Unfortunately other dog owners are not. With all the ACC dog walkers identified with these organ vests, it will be obvious to the community just who is guilty of not picking up waste left by their dogs.

The ACC is a good neighbor and desires our neighborhoods to be dog poo free! If you are a dog owner, please feel free to come by the shelter to pick up dog poo bags so you too can contribute to poo free neighborhoods.

Responsible dog ownership includes cleaning up after your pet.

Animal Care Center of St. John

Hills Volunteers To Return to Short-handed CZM

Dear Governor Mapp:

I am writing this letter in regards to the status of the CZM Commission on St. John.

As you may recall, the night before the election, you and I spoke about current CZM problem on St. John. There are only three current CZM Commissioners on a Commission that is supposed to have five members. I offered to serve again.

Recently I sent an email to the new DPNR Commissioner alerting her that the Sirius Marina project was progressing, and that two of the three Commissioners potentially have conflicts, leaving the St. John Commission without a quorum.

Last week there were significant announcements from multiple federal agencies very strongly disapproving the proposed SEG Marina for a host of environmental reasons, including a denial from the EPA. The Army Corps of Engineers has received all of these letters, along with approximately 15,000 letters from across the U.S., all against the SEG Marina.

Also last week, we received news that Fish and Wildlife has rescinded the Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) that was previously awarded to DPNR and sub-grantee SEG. Twenty-one specific environmental issues were raised that the developers needed to address — issues that FWS believed were not covered adequately in the documentation provided by either SEG or DPNR.

On Wednesday of this week, I read in the Daily News that the new Commissioner of DPNR is standing behind the analysis and recommendations of the CZM staff to approve the SEG Marina.

I cannot understand this. The project was analyzed by a number of full-time Federal Government Scientists who are specialists in this field, and they unanimously recommended denial for a host of reasons, most citing damage to the Coral Bay environment.

NOAA, National Marine Fisheries, Fish and Wildlife, National Park Service, EPA, Mission Blue, the Sierra Club, etc., along with 15,000 citizens all wrote recommendations to deny. It appears that DPNR is alone in approving.

A few months prior to the Public Hearing for the SEG Marina, knowing there was going to be a quorum problem, I wrote to Governor deJongh and volunteered to again serve on the Commission. This could have been easily accomplished in time to create a legal quorum. Governor deJongh sent me a letter with his refusal. My Pond Bay Club “NO” vote and their subsequent complaints were possible reasons why he did not want me to serve. The result of the SEG hearing was a 2-person vote, which has raised questions as to its legality.

After reading the comments from the new DPNR Commissioner defending the staff recommendation, in the face of a mountain of contradictory evidence from every single knowledgeable source that was requested/required to comment, I have reconsidered. Please remove me from the list of candidates for CZM on St. John.

Here is the current St. John CZM status:

Two more St. John Commissioners are needed. At least two qualified candidates have volunteered.

I hope and trust nominations can be made in the near future. The likely alternative is having only one person able to vote on the upcoming Sirius Marina proposal. Immediate action is needed from you to benefit the residents of St. John.

Please call or write if you want to discuss. We’re all looking forward to having a full St. John CZM Commission.

Sincerely,

Gerry Hills
St. John, VI

Guest Opinion

St. John Property Tax System Fails a Basic Validation Test

Property Tax on St. John is calculated using a Mass Appraisal System (MAS) developed by Bearing Point in 2006. The International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO) recommend it as the basis for Property Taxation in a jurisdiction such as the Virgin Islands. Many States and Municipalities on the U.S. Mainland use an MAS with great success.

For example, Nantucket Ma, an island about twice the size of St. John but with the same population density, has successfully used Mass Appraisal for years. (Also, like St. John, a large share of their residential properties are Vacation Rentals.) Using this system, a Model is developed that calculates the Tax for every property on St. John and elsewhere. The Tax Assessors website explicitly states that their Model has been developed using the IAAO Guidelines.

These Guidelines recommend that the Model be tested to ensure that it is being correctly and fairly applied. It us uniformly acknowledged that this is where Bearing Point failed. Their Model produced ridiculous results and these results were challenged in Court by the Unity Day group. The lawsuit was dismissed in February 2011. As reported by the Daily News, the Judge stated that the Complaint was now moot because the Model had been updated by the Tax Assessors office and was no longer using the Bearing Point developed parameters and data. This has been confirmed by the Tax Assessors Office.

The 2013 Property Tax Bills are based on a new Mass Appraisal System (MAS) developed by Bear -

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Model developed in 2014 with new parameters developed by the Tax Assessors office. For many on St. John these new results are as inaccurate and unfair as the results from Bearing Point. In spite of multiple requests the Tax Assessor has not published the methodology or parameters used in this new Assessment. The Unity Day group has gone back to Court for new injunction.

The Tax Assessors Office says that their Model is an accurate representation of the St. John property market and that the new Tax Bills are fair. But how do we know? The IAAO Guidelines recommend a basic set of Validation Tests to ensure the Model is accurate and fair. Other Municipalities publish the results of these tests to avoid the controversies that we have seen here on St. John. At this Website the Tax Assessor for Nantucket explains their testing procedure and criteria for accuracy and fairness. He states that if the Model fails these Tests, their Commissioner of Revenue will not send out the Tax Bills until the Model is corrected.

I have applied these Validation Tests to the new St. John Assessments and they fail badly. If this were Nantucket, the Commissioner would not have issued the current Tax Bills. Instead, the Tax Assessors would be working to correct the problem.

All the information that I use is available publicly so anyone who wishes can check my arithmetic. This is the process that I used:

The Model used for the 2013 Tax Bills is supposed to be accurate as of January 1, 2013. The IAAO guidelines say that, if you have Residential Sales data for 2013 and 2014, they can be used in a Validation Test. This data is also available on the web. (See, for example, Cruz Bay Realty). For each property listed there, you can find the Assessed value at the Tax Assessor's Website.

The Validation procedure recommend by the IAAO is as follows:

- For each property that was sold, divide the Assessed Value by the Sales Price and multiply by 100. This is called the Assessment Ratio (ASR). An ASR of 100 means that the Assessment was accurate. An ASR of 110 means that the Assessment was 10% too high, an ASR of 90 means that the Assessment was 10% too low. Perform this calculation for all the properties that were sold in 2013 and 2014.
- From this list of ASR's calculate the Median ASR ( the number that divides the list in half. Exactly half the properties will have an ASR higher than the Median, half will have number lower than the Median. This is the overall Median ASR.
- Repeat this calculation for all subgroups used in the Model. The St. John Model has a different subgroup for houses in Coral Bay versus houses in, for example, Fish Bay. It has a different subgroup for “Luxury/Mansions” versus “Standard” houses.
- In Nantucket, the Median ASR for each subgroup has to be between 90 and 110. If this is not true, the Model fails the Test. This is also the IAAO standard.
- The second Test is the Dispersion Test. A test for “Horizontal Equity”. If all Properties were valued to high or too low, the results would be wrong but they would be fair. Everybody is either paying too much or too little. But if the numbers are all over the place (some way too high, some way too low etc.) the Tax Assessment is not fair. Some people get lucky and pay less than they should, others are unlucky and pay more than they should. The IAAO measure used to Test for this is the Coefficient of Dispersion (COD).
- According to the Guidelines, Urban Clusters such as Nantucket and St. John, should have a COD range of 5-15%. Nantucket holds itself to a higher standard. On Nantucket, the COD for each subgroup must be less than 10%, otherwise the Model fails the Test. The Model for St. John fails this second basic test and it is not even close.

What follows here are the numerical results for two subgroups on St. John.

The “Standard” subgroup is of most interest to St. John residents. Their homes have between two and five bedrooms and are probably valued between $500,000 and $1 million. There were 32 such properties sold in 2013 and 2014. The majority of these sales occurred on the Cruz Bay side of the island (the Cruz Bay Urban Cluster). So let’s look at the results for these subgroups:

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St. John Film Society
St. John Historical Society
St. John Montessori School
St. John Recycling Association
St. John Relay for Life
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Community Calendar

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

Tuesday, April 7
The St. John Film Society will present Tie It Into My Hand on Tuesday, April 7, at the St. John School of the Arts in Cruz Bay. A $5 donation is requested at the door.

Thursday, April 9
— While he has been meeting with small groups for some time, Senator-at-Large, Almardo “Rocky” Liburd will host a series of town hall meetings, with the first being on Thursday, April 9, at 6 p.m. at the Legislative Annex in Cruz Bay.

Saturday, April 11
— The Bethany Moravian Board of Stewards is hosting an Inspirational Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, April 11, from 7:30 to 10 a.m. Come be spirit-filled by a powerful woman of God, Sister Marie Luke of the Cavalry Baptist Church of Coral Bay. Tickets are $12 and are available from church members or call (340) 776-6291 or e-mail Opti93@yahoo.com.

Sunday, April 12
— Join Cid Hamling at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (UUF) of St. John Service on Sunday, April 12 at 10 a.m. at Giff Hill School Lower Campus for the topic: The Phoenix Rises. Hamling will share the history and experience of being raised in the Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Atlanta in the 1950s and 1960s.

Saturday, April 18
— Former John’s Folly teacher and long-time island educator Melville Samuel will be honored at the annual meeting of the John’s Folly Learning Institute on April 18 at noon.
— The St. John Historical Society will wrap up its 2014-15 season with a potluck gathering at the Bethany Moravian Church Hall. Board member and noted Virgin Islands historian George F. Tyson will present his findings on maritime marronage—a strategy of resistance in which enslaved people permanently fled the plantations where they worked—on St. John.

Saturday, May 9
— The Animal Care Center’s Wagapalooza fundraiser will be on Saturday, May 9, from 5 to 8 p.m at the Winston Wells ballfield in Cruz Bay.

Sunday, May 24
— The 12th annual Beach-to-Beach Power Swim will be on Sunday, May 24, in the protected waters of Virgin Islands National Park along the north shore of St. John.

— submitted by brian bell

Tight Quarters in Enighed-Contant

Construction on a small lot in the Enighed-Contant neighborhood is wreaking havoc on neighbors and guests as a giant hole has been opened behind “Joe’s Apartments” for the foundation of new construction in a neighborhood of three-story residential buildings. Owners of neighboring short-term rentals have been forced to find alternative units for guests due to dust during heavy excavation activity, but neighboring property owners hope on-going construction will take place during reasonable hours and not disturb guests.

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— Submitted by Brian Bell

ALCOHOLIC ANONYMOUS MEETINGS
All meetings are now open. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 6 p.m. Nazareth Lutheran Church, Cruz Bay; Thursday 7 a.m. Nazareth Lutheran Church, Cruz Bay; Sunday 9:45 a.m., Hawksnest Bay Beach; Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 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.

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

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Internal Revenue Designee Pickering Has Taxpayer Tips for Income Tax Filing

**St. John Tradewinds**

**CHARLOTTE AMALIE** — Marvin L. Pickering, EA, PHR, Director Designee of the Virgin Islands Bureau of Internal Revenue, issues the following tax tips for taxpayers.

File all tax returns by the due date. Filing a return by the due date will prevent imposition of the failure to file penalty on any balance owed. April 15, 2015 is the filing deadline for the 2014 individual income tax returns.

Include current mailing address. Include your mailing address, not your physical address, on the income tax return.

Make sure that social security numbers are provided for the taxpayer, spouse, and all dependents. An incorrect or missing social security number will delay the processing time of the refund and may increase the tax due or reduce the refund. If you have a change in your name due to marriage or divorce, please contact the Social Security Office to update your records.

Attach Copy B of Form W-2VI to the tax return. Also attach a copy of any Form 1099 that shows tax withheld.

Make sure all schedules and related forms are securely stapled to the return. Tax returns that do not have the appropriate forms attached delay the processing of the return.

If applicable attach Schedule EITC (Earned Income Credit) and Schedule 2 or Form 2441 (Child and Dependent care expenses).

Sign all tax returns. A return that is not signed is not a valid return for tax purposes.

All income tax, withholding, gross receipts and other tax returns must be signed by the taxpayer and spouse, if applicable, or an appropriate officer of the company.

All checks in payment of income or local taxes must be made payable to the Bureau of Internal Revenue. To ensure that the payment is properly posted, all payments should be accompanied by the proper tax return or a document describing the type of tax being paid, the period to which the payment relates and the taxpayer’s Social Security number or Employer Identification number.

Taxpayers are reminded to ensure that there are sufficient funds in their account. The Bureau is enforcing its bad check penalty, and taxpayers who pay the Bureau with two or more dishonored checks will be prohibited from paying with personal checks. The bad check penalty is 2 percent of the tax owed or $15, whichever is greater.

File Form 1040SS with the IRS. Self-employment tax returns (Form 1040SS) should be filed with the Internal Revenue Service. Virgin Islands self-employed taxpayers should not use the Form 1040 SE to satisfy their self-employment taxes with the IRS.

Saturday Taxpayer Assistance Program continues on St. Thomas and St. Croix. Assistance is available from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for taxpayers who have simple tax returns. Please walk with W-2s and 1099s, as well as copies of your social security cards to expedite the process.

Extended office hours for tax week. On Tuesday, April 14, 2015, the Bureau’s Red Hook office and the St. Croix office will be opened from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. On Wednesday, April 15, 2015, we will extend our working hours from 7 a.m. until 9 p.m. at the St. Thomas locations at Nisky and Red Hook and the St. Croix office. Taxpayers with questions about filing their income tax returns are asked to contact Tamarah Parson-Smalls, Chief Counsel at (340) 714-9312.

Community Foundation of V.I. Offers Summer Enrichment Scholarships

**St. John Tradewinds**

**CHARLOTTE AMALIE** — Summer is around the corner! The time every student counts down to... but perhaps what parents fear! After all, it means the arduous task of figuring out “How do I take care of my children this summer while I’m at work?”

The Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands (CFVI) wants to help families answer that question — by offering Summer Enrichment Scholarships.

The main goal of the Community Foundation is to enhance the quality of life for V.I. youth and to open up opportunities that would not otherwise be available. This year, CFVI is accepting applications for V.I. students who are applying to high-quality summer programs, both on or off-island. Funds for these offerings are provided through the generosity of donors who give to unrestricted funding – CFVI Angels.

“Every year CFVI receives an influx of letters and calls from students needing assistance to attend a quality summer program and it’s not easy to say no to that type of request,” said CFVI President, Dee Baecher-Brown. “But we haven’t always had the funding or the donors to make that available.”

“This year, the CFVI Board decided we needed to find a way to tell these young people, Yes’,” Baecher-Brown said.

This offering is available to students of all ages, up through the grade of a current High School Junior. Decisions will be made on the basis of financial need, quality of the program, with preference going to children currently in foster care and children for whom this will be first time attending a summer program.

The maximum award amount is $2,500. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis with a final deadline of May 15. Decisions will be announced individually to students on a rolling basis as well. Students can apply for this scholarship before they are accepted into their selected program. However, CFVI will not disburse any funds until proof of acceptance to the program is supplied.

The Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands will be awarding summer scholarships based on the following criteria requirements.

An applicant must:
• Be enrolled in a school in the US Virgin Islands;
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**V.I. Department of Health Takes Measures To Assess Pesticide Release at Sirenusa**

**St. John Tradewinds**

**Cruz Bay** — The Acting Commissioner of the Virgin Islands Department of Health (VIDOH), Duane Howell, has submitted a request to the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry’s and Center for Disease Control and Prevention’s (ATSDR/CDC) to conduct an epidemiologic investigation on the release of methyl bromide at the Sirenusa Condominium Resort on March 18.

During this incident, the substance was released causing acute health effects to four occupants of a condominium unit at Sirenusa. VIDOH has requested to collaborate with ATSDR/CDC to coordinate the following activities:

- Contact residents of the condo complex who stayed in any of the fumigated units either during or after the application of methyl bromide;
- Contact condo complex employees who may have worked in any fumigated units either during or after the application of methyl bromide;
- Contact emergency responders, law enforcement, or other people who may have entered treated units;
- Provide these groups with situational awareness of the potential symptoms that may have presented as a result of exposure to methyl bromide;
- In questioning those potentially affected, assess and record any reports on health effects consistent with methyl bromide exposure during the time periods during and after the fumigation activities;
- Determine if they have received treatment from a physician for symptoms consistent with methyl bromide exposure, or a documented health effect from an actual methyl bromide exposure; and
- Other actions necessary to complete the assessment effort.

If you frequent an area where gases, such as methyl bromide, may have been applied in a residential setting please take caution and report any symptoms to a medical care provider immediately. Symptoms of poisoning vary widely. Soon after inhalation of large doses, symptoms may include headache, dizziness, nausea, chest and abdominal pain, and a dry throat.

To prevent potential poisoning always remember to contact the Poison Control hotline: at 1-800-222-2222.

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**Sen. Jackson Praises St. John Rescue and Hospital in Pesticide Poisoning Response**

**St. John Tradewinds**

**CHARLOTTE AMALIE** — Senator Myron D. Jackson “joined the community in issuing heartfelt prayers to Steve Esmond, his wife Therisa Devine, and their two children,” in a statement issued concerning the family who was exposed to a deadly pesticide during a March stay at the Sirenusa resort on St. John.

“I commend the swift action taken by St. John Rescue and the professionalism of the staff and doctors of the Schneider Regional Hospital in rendering care to the family,” Jackson said. “It is imperative that we, the government of the Virgin Islands, are timely and responsive when the health of our citizens and our visitors is threatened.”

“I am truly saddened by this event,” Jackson said. “No family should have their island getaway interrupted by such an avoidable issue.”

“I am extremely disappointed in the off hands approach that the Sirenusa condominium resort management has taken,” Jackson continued. “Additionally, it disappoints me that the contracting entity may stand in violation of EPA guidelines regarding the use of this substance.”

“Although I remain frustrated with the Sirenusa’s involvement in this issue, I encourage their involvement in mitigating the damaging after effects to our tourism product.” Jackson concluded.

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**Pesticide Poisoning Investigation Makes National News**

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Terminix issued a statement that the company was “… looking into this matter internally and cooperating with authorities. We’re thinking about the family and we join the community in wishing them a speedy recovery.”

Stephen Esmond was found unconscious and the boys and their mother were having severe seizures when first responders reached the condominium in the early morning hours of Friday, March 20.

The family was transported to Schneider Hospital on St. Thomas on Friday morning and airlifted to Delaware early the following week.

**Units Tested and Ventilated**

Federal Environmental Protection Agency investigators tested and ventilated the upper and lower units of building J at the condominium project, which contains the Villa Capri condominium rented by the Esmond family, during the first week of April, according to EPA spokesman Elias Rodriguez.

The results of the testing will be forwarded to the V.I. Department of Health, the EPA official said.

Meanwhile, air quality tests indicated that venting the air inside the residential units to the outside could begin and the venting began on Tuesday, March 31, according to the EPA’s Rodriguez. EPA officials opened the windows or the units and circulated the air with exhaust fans, they said.

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The ventilation is being done during the day because there are fewer residents around at that time, according to Rodriguez. The areas are marked off with caution tape and residents of a neighboring building are “urged” not to occupy their units between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., EPA officials added.
Thoughts and Efforts Rally Around Hometown Musician Grasshopper

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John Cancer Fund shared that thought.

“He’s a founding member of the St. John Cancer Fund,” Bartolucci said. “He’s been with us from the beginning. He certainly has been generous, donating his time with the band, with emceeing the event and with working on the music committee.”

Bartolucci, Pickering and a small dedicated band, including Cynthia Smith, had first formed around the American Cancer Society’s St. John Relay for Life event in the three years it appeared. They stayed together through the formation of the island’s cancer fund, which they say helped more than 40 people in 2013 with medical costs and costs associated with diagnosis and treatment of cancer.

Although she did not express what role she was playing in the current effort to pay for medical transport and stateside treatment for Grasshopper, Bartolucci forecast a shining outcome.

Adonis Morton, this year’s cancer walkathon emcee, said he was answering the call to help, having been called by Patty Nolan at Caravan Auto to host a fundraising block party.

The benefit fundraiser, he said, is scheduled for April 11.

Benefit Block Party April 11

“We’re raising some funds and we’ll be happy to do it,” Morton said. “We haven’t gotten the official word to officially turn it into a block party;” he said, adding that Nolan was working the details out and the event, in whatever form, would take place in the area of the Caravan shop and garage.

“Any effort to help Grasshopper, I’m 100 percent there,” Morton said.

Back at Connections, Hamling’s counter sidekick, Mary Pat Brown, said a $10,000 loan was offered to the recovery fund, in anticipation that generous support would cover the figure and surpass it. All donations to assist in meeting the medical costs, she said, were welcome.

“He’s just such a fine, upstanding man and a great human being, all around,” said Brown.

And as the mission grew in numbers and strength, there were those who sounded the same note as Bartolucci.

“I have always felt very strongly that he is going to recover fully. Because he has more work to do,” she said.

FWS Pulls Boating Infrastructure Grant Fund from SEG

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As another part of Save Coral Bay’s effort, Coral Bay residents Gerry Hills and Barry Devine decided to take a closer look at the SEG’s BIG program funding.

“SEG got the grant in December 2013 but it wasn’t announced to anyone,” said Hills. “FWS was supposed to publicize it and get community input. We heard about it in September just before the CZM hearing.”

After Devine wrote several emails to FWS’s Southeast Regional Office with no response, Hills got involved and sent a Freedom of Information Act request to the agency.

Hills received the FOIA information in October 2014, a package of about 400 pages of FWS internal and external emails pointing to a lack of oversight of SEG’s BIG program grant.

“After reading through the FOIA documents, I found the BIG Grant regulations,” said Hills. “Section 86.21 of their own regulations states, ‘Your project is ineligible for funding if you propose to . . . significantly degrade or destroy valuable natural resources or alter the cultural or historical nature of the area.’ So I wrote a complaint, based on that clause and a whole lot else.”

In November Hills and Devine filed a formal complaint to FWS requesting the agency retract SEG’s BIG program funds.

“Essentially we could find no evidence of any scientific studies involved in the decision to award the grant, and nothing done by FWS to study impact on the environment,” said Hills.

Their 11-page complaint details numerous instances of the lack of scientific study on SEG’s project and alleges that FWS awarded the funds only to spend federal money.

“The FOIA request produced no evidence of any scientific analysis of this project at it pertains to the FWS statute 86.21(c),” according to the FWS complaint filed by Hills and Devine. “The BIG Grant appears to have been awarded by FWS as a way to use available Federal monies, with no involvement or input from the community. However, there is considerable evidence that this project fails to meet the criteria of FWS statute 86.21(c), for environmental, historical, and cultural reasons, and FWS is in possession of this evidence.”

Hills did not work alone on the FWS funding, he explained.

“The BIG program grant was actually rescinded as a result of effort from 15,000 people who wrote letters [to ACOE] against the marina, a number of federal agencies, and the Office of the Inspector General,” said Hills. “A few of us were closest to the action, but everyone contributed.”

Crimes of the Week

Crime Stoppers USVI

Cruz Bay’s Coal Pot Restaurant Burglarized

St. John

On Monday, February 23 at 8:30 a.m. an individual reported that the business, De Coal Pot, had been burglarized. An officer traveled with the individual to the business and observed two window louvers on the northern side window had been removed. The business had been locked and secured on Sunday, February 22 around 9:30 p.m. and returned to on Monday, February 23 at about 7 a.m. One hundred dollars in cash was stolen.

St. Croix

J’Wa “Bala” Charley is wanted for homicide in Richmond, Virginia. Mr. Charley is charged with the shooting death of a woman in a Richmond hotel room in November of 2014. J’wa Charley is a 20-year-old black male, six feet tall, weighs 160 pounds and is believed to be on St. Croix at this time. Mr. Charley has made statements that he is not going back to jail alive. Recent intel suggests that he was armed in St. Croix recently and may have been involved in a shooting near Concordia.

St. Thomas

On March 25 at approximately 8:50 p.m., officers observed a vehicle that was reported stolen from Cyril King Airport earlier in the day. While attempting to stop the vehicle in the area of Barbel Plaza, the occupants of the stolen car fired shots at the officers and struck the police unit. Other officers attempted to intercept the vehicle while traveling up Mafolie Road and again the occupants fired shots at the police unit. The suspects abandoned the vehicle in the area of Agnes Fancy and fled. No one was injured. The stolen vehicle is a gray Jeep Patriot with tag # TEL-705.

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