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Natural Wonder: Whale Shark

This whale shark was recently spotted in Great Lameshur Bay, near Tektite, on the south side of St. John. While this particular shark was about 15 feet long, they are the largest known species of fish in the ocean and can grow to more than 50 feet in length and tip the scales at 20 tons. Despite their enormous size, whale sharks feed almost exclusively on small planktonic organisms. Their range covers the entire tropical belt, from the Caribbean to the Indian and Pacific Oceans.

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Gonzalez Wins 60-Second Shopping Spree at Starfish

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Starfish Market looked like the set of the old TV game show "Supermarket Sweep" on Thursday, July 30, and Suhail Gonzalez looked like she knew what she was doing.

Gonzalez won a one minute shopping spree at Starfish when her name was pulled after the store's Carnival customer appreciation celebration last month.

As customers gathered around the check-out aisles on July 30, Gonzalez didn't waste one of her 60 seconds. She immediately starting filling her shopping cart without moving more than 50 feet.

Positioned near the front of the store, Gonzalez filled her entire cart with fresh meat and produce, all within an arm's length. The strategy of not losing time going from aisle to aisle definitely paid off as Gonzalez piled up a total of \$358.74 worth of groceries.

"I feel very grateful that this happened on St. John," said Gonzalez. "I'm a good customer and I really appreciate this."

Gonzalez' friend Sylvia Amparo helped her prepare for the shopping spree, but more family members and friends were in for quite a treat as the two planned to cook up the winnings.

Gonzalez's \$358.74 total was more than \$100 more than the last 60-second shopping spree winner took home.

Starfish management picked one name out of hundreds of people who signed up for "Super Saver Cards" over the winter and the winner enjoyed the same 60



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by William Stelzer

Gonzalez wasted no time piling groceries into her cart during the shopping spree.

seconds of free shopping in the store. That time, however, the winner walked away with \$249 worth of groceries. Look out for the next Starfish shopping spree give-away, and be sure to have a strategy.

Positive Summit and Rally for Peace and Change August 14 at VINP Field

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The St. John Youth Committee is hosting a "Positive Summit and Rally for Peace and Change" on Friday, August 14, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at the V.I. National Park ball field.

The rally will provide an open dialogue for the community to come together and show the youth that they are loved — and are needed to identify the solutions to the issues that must be addressed by the community. This is a call for all youth to speak their truth in a positive manner to create more peace and change on St. John.

Community members can support the rally by buying a sign for \$150, donating drinks or food for the "village pot luck," volunteering and coming out the night of the summit. The keynote speaker will be Lieutenant Governor Gregory Francis' wife Cheryl Francis of the "Stop the Bleeding" campaign.

Various community members, businesses, and social groups will be hosting tables and dispersing information to the youth of the island. This "networking" session will begin at 4:30 p.m. and last for the remainder of the event.

The St. John Villagers are very excited to share their wealth of knowledge, skills, and opportunities

with the youth of the island. Scotiabank, Coral Bay Community Council, Friends of V.I. National Park and many others have agreed to reach out and show the youth that they care about them. Everyone is invited to come out and get involved.

The event will also feature a panel. Members of the St. John Youth Committee are selecting people in the community whom they feel are best equipped to engage the youth in a positive, candid discussion about topics like: sex and health education; safety and non-violence; education; career planning; sports; recreation; personal development and more.

Following the rally, Scotiabank is hosting a "You've Got the Power" Free Financial Seminar at the St. John branch on Wednesday, August 19, at 4 p.m.

The seminar will include discussions on how to prepare for a financial future, how to discover the many perks of a career in banking and more. The youth will also be able to engage in a question and answer segment so that the attendees can have total clarity on the information provided.

For more information or to make a donation to the St. John Youth Committee's Rally for Peace and Change, call Hadiya Sewer at 344-2106, Bonny Corbeil at 693-5874 or Paul Devine at 693-9410.

Next Recycling Association Meeting is August 18

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Recycling Association of the Virgin Islands, St. John Chapter, is hosting its next monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 18, at 6 p.m. at the St. John Community Foundation Office on the third floor of The Marketplace. Volunteers are needed. For more information call Paul Devine at 693-9410.

FEMA and Human Services Hosting Town Hall Meeting August 12

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The Federal Emergency Management Agency and the VI Department of Human Services, in partnership with other emergency response agencies, will host town hall meetings to provide information on assistance programs available after a territorial and/or federal disaster is declared.

The town hall meeting on St. John will be on Wednesday, August 12, at the Legislature building in Cruz Bay at 6 p.m. For more information contact Rose Christian at 774-0930 ext. 4163.

Christian Academy Orientation is August 21

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Orientation for the St. John Christian Academy will be Friday, August 21, at 6:30 p.m. at Cruz Bay Baptist Church. The first day of school for St. John Christian Academy will be Monday, August 24.

SJCCC Offers Conflict Resolution and Empowerment Program

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The St. John Community Crisis Center is offering free "Conflict Resolution and Healthy Communication: A Personal Empowerment Program," for women 18 years and older on Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m.

The program was designed to offer women the tools for overcoming issues of conflict and promote healthier ways to communicate. The series will also focus on the necessity of balanced communication and self-care in relationships.

The program's goal is to improve communication skills, thereby, empowering women to have healthy dialog between themselves and individuals with conflicting interests. Free baby-sitting is available during the sessions. The program will run for six to eight weeks. For more information or to reserve a spot in the group, call 693-7233 or stop by the SJCCC office in the Lumberyard.

The program is funded by grants through LEPC, Human Services and Housing, and Finance.

Woodstock in Coral Bay August 15

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Woodstock is coming to Coral Bay on Saturday, August 15, when the folks at Tourist Trap host a day-long party with food and drink specials.

Celebrate the 40th anniversary of the three-day love fest at the funky out-door restaurant near Estate Concordia. The fun starts at 11 a.m. when the full-length Woodstock movie will start. Prizes will be awarded for best costume.

Boston and Thomas Get 12+ Years, Ward Gets New Trial in Cockayne Case

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Two men convicted of assaulting James “Jamie” Cockayne before he was stabbed to death in June 2007 were each sentenced to 12 and a half years behind bars while the man convicted of murdering the 21-year-old was granted a new trial by V.I. Superior Court Judge Brenda Hollar.

Hollar handed down the sentences and ruling for a new trial on Monday, July 27, in V.I. Superior Court in front of family members of the victim and defendants.

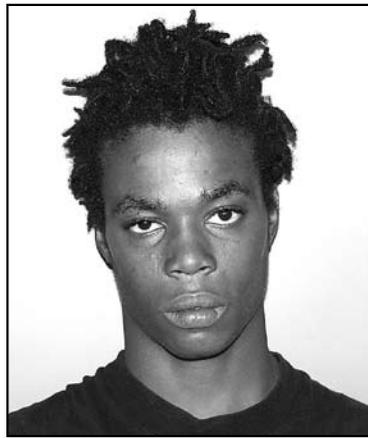
After a five day trial in October, a jury found Boston and Thomas guilty of two counts of third-degree assault with associated weapons charges for beating Cockayne. Twenty-one-year-old Jahlil Ward was found guilty of murder in the first degree for stabbing the Pennsylvania man to death in downtown Cruz Bay just after midnight on June 19, 2007.

In a memorandum of opinion issued last month, Hollar adjusted the charges against Boston and Thomas, dropping one of the third-degree assault charges to simple assault which eliminated one of the associated weapons charges.

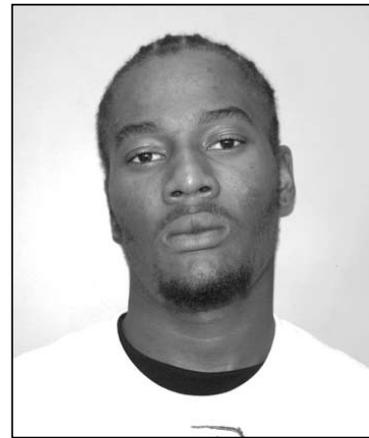
Both St. John men were ordered to serve the same sentences: six months for the one count of simple assault; 48 months with 18 months



Anselmo Boston



Kamal Thomas



Jahlil Ward

“As Jamie’s father, I am the victim of the beatings that took place on my son. He was helpless at that time.”

— William Cockayne

suspended for the third-degree assault to be served concurrently with the simple assault sentence; and 12 years for the weapons charge with two years suspended to be served consecutively to the assault sentences.

Both men face 12 and half years in prison along with \$11,500 in fines and \$75 in court costs. They were immediately remanded to the Bureau of Corrections.

After sentencing Boston and Thomas, Hollar issued a ruling for a new trial for their co-defendant.

Ward’s attorney Michael Quinn

discovered in April that prosecutors had not revealed a piece of evidence during the trial. The evidence was a statement from a prisoner who was in jail with Thomas who said the St. John man admitted to killing Cockayne.

That admission was not revealed to defense attorneys until four months after Ward was convicted of murder. Quinn filed a motion for a new trial based on the discovery of the jail house admission, which Hollar said was crucial to Ward’s defense.

Along with the failure to share

all evidence in the case, a number of bizarre questions were raised during the July 27 hearing regarding the government’s dealings with Ward before he was arrested for murder in June 2008.

The most startling fact was that Ward was supposed to still be behind bars on June 19, 2007 — the night Cockayne was murdered.

In August 2006, Hollar had sentenced the then teenager to 15 months in jail, under mandatory sentencing provisions, for unlawful possession of a firearm.

Instead of serving his full sen-

tence — which wouldn’t have had him on the streets again until September 2007— Ward was released on June 2, 2007. The order to release him did not come from the judge, Hollar explained.

“There is a one year minimum mandatory for unlawful possession of a firearm,” said Hollar. “There is no way he could’ve been out at the time of the murder. Even with six days per month for good behavior, he shouldn’t have gotten out until August 2007.”

“I didn’t file any motion to reduce his sentence,” Hollar said. “Who is letting these prisoners out before their sentences are up? This is ridiculous.”

Assistant Attorney General Renee Gumbs Carty said her office had attempted to subpoena the Golden Grove warden who was in charge at the time of Ward’s release, but the man had since left the position. She offered no explanation as to why Ward was out on the streets two months before his sentence was completed.

Hollar’s questions for the prosecutors didn’t end there. Before Ward was sentenced to his own jail time in 2006, he was the victim of gunfire himself.

Shortly after Ward was released early from the St. Croix jail, he was the government’s key victim

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Crime Stoppers USVI Crimes of the Week

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Crime Stoppers is asking the community to help the V.I. Police Department solve the following crimes, and reminds everyone that any information, no matter how insignificant, may be just what the police need to solve these cases.

St. John

Police are asking the community’s help in identifying the person or persons responsible for the homicide of Juan Ayala, owner of Cap’s Place in Cruz Bay, who was found dead on January 5, 2009 at his home in Estate Pastory. He had been shot multiple times about the body.

St. Thomas

VIPD officials are looking for any information that will lead to the arrest of the person or persons who shot Maurice Oliver on June 7, as he and his wife were leaving their place of business in the Tutu Park Mall. Oliver died on June 30 from his injuries.

St. Croix

Police are seeking the community’s help in identifying the person or persons responsible for the homi-

cide of 20-year-old Iver James Jr. who died on Sunday, July 27, from multiple gunshot wounds near the Carambola Hotel and Resort.

Community members can submit tips to Crime Stoppers USVI at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). The tips are completely anonymous, and the stateside operators are bilingual. Tipsters can also submit tips online at www.crimestoppersUSVI.org or by texting “USVI” plus your message to CRIMES (274637).

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10th Reward Issued

Crime Stoppers is pleased to report we paid our tenth reward this past week. The amount of the cash reward was \$1,750. Crime Stoppers USVI is run entirely by volunteers and is financed by membership dues and sponsor contributions. To join us in the fight against crime, visit www.crimestoppersUSVI.org

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Average YTD Rainfall

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Beulah Dalmida-Smith Named Director of DPNR's Fish and Wildlife



St. John Tradewinds News File Photo

Beulah Dalmida-Smith

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

St. Johnian Beulah Dalmida-Smith was named director of the Department of Planning and Natural Resources' Division of Fish and Wildlife last week.

"Mrs. Dalmida-Smith comes to the department with great academic credentials and a vast amount of experience all essential to leading this division," said DPNR Commissioner Robert Mathes in a prepared statement.

"I've always worked toward conservation and protecting our local resources and I look forward to being able to make a real difference"

— Beulah Dalmida-Smith
Director Division of Fish and Wildlife

Dalmida-Smith is a home-grown talent in every sense of the word. A graduate of the Guy Benjamin School, Julius E. Sprauve School and Charlotte Amalie High School, Dalmida-Smith went on to earn a bachelor of science degree in marine biology from the University of the Virgin Islands.

She also has a masters degree in environmental science and conservation biology from Yale University, School of Forestry and Environmental Studies and is currently a PhD candidate in land use planning at the University of North Carolina.

A former commissioner of DPNR, Dalmida-Smith most recently worked for the V.I. National Park Service on St. John and Christiansted Historic Sites on St. Croix. She takes over a position vacated in March 2008 by David Olsen.

DPNR's Division of Fish and Wildlife, completely federally funded, is charged with monitoring, assessing and implementing public awareness and other activities that help to enhance and safeguard fish and wildlife resources in the territory.

The agency is composed of three bureaus: Bureau of Fisheries; Bureau of Wildlife; and Bureau of Environmental Education.

Dalmida-Smith, who will be overseeing all three branches within the division, is excited to be back home and working to protect local resources, she explained.

"I'm ecstatic," she said. "I've definitely been looking forward to coming back home and working in this position. The Division of Fish and Wildlife has always been near and dear to my heart."

"I've always worked toward conservation and protecting our local resources and I look forward to being able to make a real difference," said Dalmida-Smith.

While the new Division of Fish and Wildlife director will spend a lot of time ensuring federal grant deadlines are met, Dalmida-Smith is also hoping to attract additional funding resources and protect local fishing interests, she explained.

"Since we're 100 percent federally funded, working on the grants and meeting deadlines will be a major focus for us, and I'm hoping to work on additional grants to hopefully expand our funding," Dalmida-Smith said. "There are also several things on the burner right now with the division. We're working with the Caribbean Fisheries Management Council."

"There will be some voting activity in September for annual catch limits and there may be some changes so I hope we can make the changes that will best suit us," said Dalmida-Smith. "We want those changes to not take more away from fishermen, but really to sustain what is there."

Dalmida-Smith is also enjoying being back home with her three children, she added.

"There is nothing like getting back home," she said.

For more information about DPNR's Division of Fish and Wildlife call 775-6762.

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New Francis Bay Accessible Boardwalk Ready for Use

By Jaime Elliott
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Friends of V.I. National Park put out a call, St. John residents responded and about 650 feet of boardwalk was installed near Francis Bay over the past two weeks.

As part of an on-going move to make St. John more accessible for people with mobility problems, the local non profit agency launched the first part of its Accessible Trails Project on July 29.

The seeds of the project were planted several years ago when an accessibility conference "Making a Destination for All" was hosted at Maho Bay Campground. Since then, Friends officials identified the lower portion of the Francis Bay walking trail as one potential site to make accessible for people in wheelchairs and those with mobility issues with the installation of a wooden boardwalk.

With about \$20,000 of lumber and materials donated by MSI and financial support from Maho Bay Camps and Maggie and Al Day, Friends still needed volunteers to come forward and help install the boardwalk.

After putting a call out to for help, about 20 volunteers came



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Volunteers, at right, including Jeff Chabot, above, pitched in to help complete construction of the wheelchair accessible boardwalk at Francis Bay.



forward donating a total of more than 400 hours, laying concrete pads and installing a sturdy wooden walkway.

"Many people who came were skilled craftspeople who knew what they were doing," said Friends president Joe Kessler. "A

lot of the volunteers came back several days in a row to make sure we got things done. It's been great."

Workers wrapped up the Francis Bay walking trail boardwalk on Saturday, August 8, after putting in six full days of construction, Kes-

sler explained.

The group originally intended to lay 700 feet of boardwalk, but due to material shortfalls, only 650 feet was installed.

Volunteers also built a new dock by the salt pond where an old wooden dock had fallen down and

become a hazard.

The next phase of the project will take place at the Cinnamon Bay loop trail where a permeable concrete walkway will be installed. That project will likely be put out for bid in the next year, according to Kessler.

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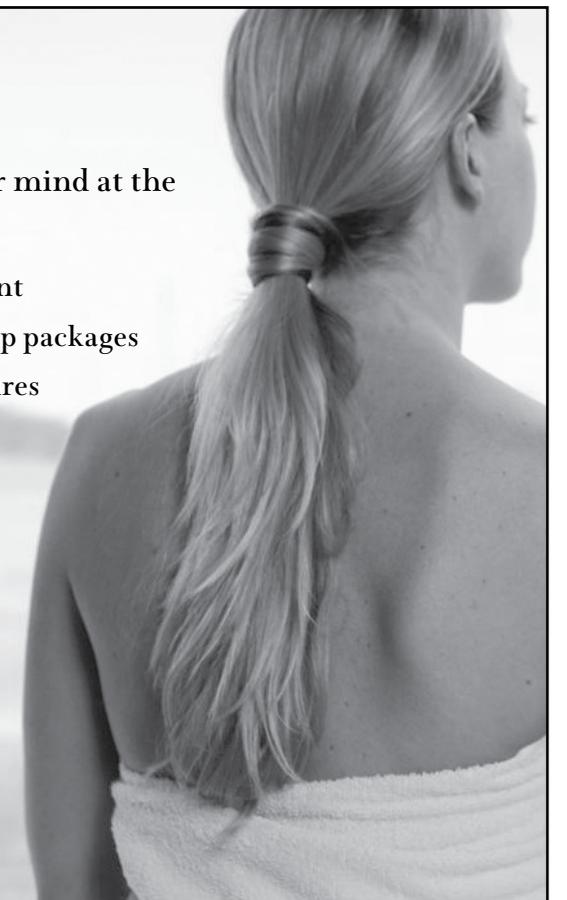
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Wha's Happ'nin'

by Sis Frank

Jean Mason Passes

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I'm not sure how long Jean and her husband, John, had been on St. John, but it's a long time.

They were great sailors who lived on their boat "Six Pence" in Cruz Bay. In those early years it was so quiet that every little sound could be heard across the bay from the cemetery to beyond the Battery.

I can remember some very funny conversations in the Treehouse at Gallows Point that the Masons could hear from their boat. (I don't think I should repeat them). The Treehouse was the last cottage built before the area was sold for the present condos.

John died several years ago, but Jean has enjoyed life on St. John with her many friends who liked to reminisce about times from the 60's when St. Johnians had time to relax.

Jean, Brenda and Martin Fairbairn and I had a delightful visit recently over lunch. The Fairbairns are Mars' parents who spent their honeymoon here. I shall always think of remembering our many laughs over those "good ol' days."

Yes, the island has changed, so many old-timers have gone, but the beauty of the island is still here.

We will miss Jean, and are grateful for her positive attitude and strong character.

Alicia Brown Passes

Mrs. Alicia was Orville "Chopper" Brown's mother. She was a dedicated cook at Sprauve School for

many years, a true St. Johnian who had been married to Sgt. Brown of the original police force.

"Chopper" cared for his mother faithfully during her last remaining years. He inherited her kind personality and desire to help others.

My sincere sympathy to "Chopper" and other members of their family.

New Blood at The Beach Bar Sunday Jazz Jam

Steve and Helen are dividing their time between used cars in Charlotte, N.C. and V.I. Crime Stoppers. Their active minds need a new challenge now and then.

Andrew Cameron, Joe Ramsay, Dale Harrigan, Conrad Lehfeldt and Rhett Simmonds continue to play with the gifted Louis Taylor on keyboards.

Sunday night's performance was full of pep and good music. There were a lot of smiles on-stage and in the audience.

Don't miss the Jazz Jam on Sundays 4 to 7:30 p.m. — other musicians are welcomed to sit in. We are grateful to Steve and Helen who brought us the Jazz Islanders for so many years! I have a feeling that Steve is about to take a trip to Japan to entertain the troops with some top jazz stars!

Jodie Tanino Running Again

She doesn't give up! A friend saw her on the road this week — what courage after her terrible bike spill! Good luck and best wishes to a strong lady!

Innovative Preps for Hurricane Season

St. John Tradewinds

This week Innovative will take part in a second week-long disaster preparedness drill that will encompass all employees and all of the Innovative companies beginning Monday, August 10.

The company participated in a similar drill staged on St. Croix two weeks ago.

Beginning August 10 through Friday, August 14, Innovative employees will simulate an impending hurricane aimed in the direction of St. Thomas and St. John. The drill may have some impact on field service response times from Wednesday through Friday as the field staff simulates actual storm "field assessment" activities.

"The goal and purpose of the hurricane drill is to provide general training for all Innovative employees," Innovative Telephone President Clarke Garnett said. "We are going to establish our roles and responsibilities before, during, and after a disaster. This drill will test our action plans when planning for an

emergency, communicating with our employees and customers about the coming storm, and confirming we've done everything we need to ensure securing company assets prior to the disaster."

"This drill will also evaluate our preparedness regarding the restoration process following the passing of the storm," said Garnett. "Finally, we will be ensuring that our preparation plan enables our employees to prepare their homes and families for the storm since it is impossible for our employees to focus on fixing our network if they are concerned about their family and their property."

Company officials wanted to inform all Innovative customers of the drill so they will be completely aware of the process and wanted to also notify customers of the potential minor impact on field operations response times during the last three days of the drill. The drill should not have a negative impact on our Business Office operations or the 912 repair service center.

JESS Orientation Is August 24-28

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Department of Education Acting Superintendent advises parents of students who will be attending the Julius E. Sprauve School for the 2009-2010 school year of important dates related to orientation.

Beginning Monday, August 24, through Friday,

August 28, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. parents and guardians can come into the school to clear all past obligations and pay fees for the opening school year. JESS staff will be available to answer any questions related to the school and all applicable programs and initiatives.

Bordeaux Villas Takes Center Stage at Governor deJongh's Neighborhood Meeting

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

Residents shared their concerns regarding everything from potholes to public housing at a Monday evening, July 27, neighborhood meeting at Giff Hill School with Governor John deJongh and his cabinet.

But the one issue that came up again and again was Bordeaux Mountain Villas, a proposed 16-unit development on more than five acres in Estate Carolina.

The meeting, called for residents of George Simmonds Terrace, Estate Adrian, Bellevue, Catherineberg and Bordeaux, was the third of its kind hosted by deJongh on St. John this year and drew more than 100 people.

Catherine Fahy, who spoke on behalf of a group of Bordeaux Mountain residents, expressed surprise at learning that the development's group dwelling permit



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Residents packed the Giff Hill School to share concerns with Governor John deJongh.

had recently been signed by Department of Planning and Natural Resources Commissioner Robert Mathes.

"We are very, very concerned," Fahy said of the development,

which has faced a great deal of opposition from nearby neighbors. "I want to know how this happened without us knowing about it. We shouldn't have to have attorneys to deal with our government."

"Everybody knew we were concerned," Fahy continued. "That permit was signed in the dark, behind closed doors. We strenuously object to that; it's not fair."

It is not DPNR's policy to announce when each permit is approved, Mathes explained.

St. John resident Pam Gaffin, who said she emailed Mathes just five days prior to the May 21 signing of the permit and never receive a response, hand delivered an appeal to the DPNR commissioner as he sat at the front of the room with deJongh and other government heads.

The DPNR commissioner reassured residents that several more permits must still be obtained by the Bordeaux Mountain developers.

"A group dwelling permit does not require a full set of construction drawings," said Mathes. "With a group dwelling permit, you're

permitting a concept. We've been negotiating with the developer for more than a year and have gone through a very rigorous examination with them."

One Bordeaux resident expressed his concern over large construction trucks using Bordeaux Mountain Road to access the project. The road is barely big enough for two cars and is full of potholes, explained the resident.

"Conditions of the group dwelling permit address all those issues," said Mathes. "This was not just some blank check permit."

The V.I. zoning and subdivision code is currently under review at Rutgers University, and the V.I. government hopes to eventually have the code rewritten, Mathes added.

The DPNR commissioner acknowledged that the Bordeaux Mountain site is "challenging and

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V.I. Young Writers Camp Celebrates Success

By Susan Mann
St. John Tradewinds

This year's Virgin Islands Summer Writing Camp (VISWC) "Unearthing the Pieces Lost in the Past" was jam-packed with activities to help participants conjure up new story ideas and improve writing skills by exploring island history.

The VI Young Writers Camp, now in its third year, began on July 13 and concluded with a celebration on July 31 at the St. John School of the Arts.

The 18 campers, ranging in age from six to 16 years old, recited their poems, performed a skit about the art of story telling and acted out a play. Also, local storyteller enthusiast Faye Fredricks assisted children with a very entertaining oral story-telling skit.

Gilbert Sprauve Shares Stories

Dr. Gilbert Sprauve, who is well known far and wide for his story telling abilities, also took the stage and told an old-time tale that led to enthusiastic interaction between him and the listeners.

The camp celebration was attended by more than 50 family members, friends and community members. The VISWC experience is the brainchild of St. Johnian Coreen Samuel, who currently teaches at the University of Houston Charter School, in Texas.

This summer's curriculum,

written by Samuel and her university colleague Treva McKissic, consisted of storytelling, folklore, nature writing, play writing and drama arts, historical writing, poetry, personal narrative, and memoir and fiction writing.

The writing curriculum portion of the camp was hosted during the morning hours and the afternoon extended day program focused on developing the students' dramatic talent and creative expression, explained McKissic.

Reclaiming Story Telling Skills

"We focused on all the old stories," said McKissic. "Children went home and collected stories from their families."

From the wealth of work completed, there was obviously no shortage of parents, grandparents, other family members and Love City community elders to share "back time" stories with the writing campers.

The assignment helped young participants to capture the nearly lost art of story telling, explained Samuel.

Honing the Writing Process

Writing camp leaders also helped participants put into practice the necessary steps to hone their writing processes, leading to a final written story or poem which expressed what they wanted to share in their own written words, Samuel explained.

The children selected a final piece of work to be included in a booklet, which is currently being completed for Love City distribution. (See page 9 for examples of some of the campers' works and photos from their July 31 celebration at St. John School of the Arts.)

Developing Expressiveness

Seven St. John children enrolled in the afternoon drama program, ranging in age from six to 10 years old. SJSA instructor Thia Muilenburg, who has a master's degree in Expressive Therapies and is a board certified music therapist, led the afternoon drama portion of the camp.

"We focused on developing body and vocal expressiveness, team building exercises, developing characters, with each child selecting a difficult person in history or at present to portray, as well as developing stories and their meaning," said Muilenburg.

The drama program campers were eager to speak up about their favorite aspects of the experience.

"It teaches us more about how to act out our emotions — instead we act it out and Miss Muilenburg is the best teacher ever," said Shevon Sprauve.

"I think it is helping us to act out as people," said A'feyah Smith, who chose to portray the character of Sojourner Truth in a camp dra-

matization exercise.

Original Play

To the audience's delight the camp thespians wrote a short play which they performed as a part of the final day celebration.

Writer mentoring opportunities also took place for adults in the community during the three week camp. Fourteen teachers and school administrators benefited from a workshop led by Tiphonie Yanique.

Yanique, a professor of Creative Writing and Caribbean Literature at Drew University, has been the recipient of several prestigious awards including a Pushcart Prize.

Heavy rain dampened the first of two writing workshops hosted for adult writers at Hawksnest Bay, but not the second, which was attended by four adults. The two adult workshops were led by published writer Tregenza Roach of St. Thomas. Dr. Gilbert Sprauve also facilitated the training by making his extensive expertise available.

McKissic was clearly pleased with her leadership role in writing camp, and hoped to be asked to continue being a part of it in the future.

"In just three short weeks for a few hours each day the campers made good use of their time," said McKissic. "I was honored to be here and look forward to many

more summers."

Parents of the campers were also enthusiastic about what their children accomplished.

Helping Children Focus

"It helped my daughter become more focused and to organize her thoughts," said one proud parent. "She loves writing."

"My girls have benefited from the program and seemed to really enjoy it," said another parent. "I hope it is available to them next year because it seemed to open their minds and will help them during the school year."

This was the first year the SJSA sponsored the program and school director Jan Kinder told the audience she was very pleased with the decision to do so, and looks forward to doing so next year.

"The camp is a great opportunity to expose young writers to the craft," said V.I. Humanities Counsel representative Ayesha Morris, who attended the closing celebration performance.

"Students focus on oral history as it relates to their past," said Nicholas Childs, who sponsored two of the writing campers this summer and plans to sponsor a third child next summer.

For more information about the Virgin Islands Summer Camp Writers Program email Coreen Samuel at viswpyoungwriters@yahoo.com.

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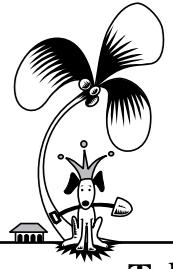
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VISWC Student Writing



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Campers listened as VISWC leaders shared stories, above, and below right.

Beautiful St. John

I am from the Caribbean Sea,
where a beautiful grassy hilltop island rises upon me,
feeling the beaches bright coral sand,
rushing to Trunk Bay,
listening to jazz as I write,
and feeling the vibration of the steel pan music,
dancing Quadrille,
planning picnics on a hot summer day,
looking at the peaceful rain outside,
hearing children romping and playing,
eating edible fruits, such as mango-
this grassy, turquoise island is so free,
it is set for me.

Ohemmaa Lambertis

The Way I See Love City

In St. John,
I smell the salt water washing on the shore,
as I slowly walk along the shore.
I hear the humming birds
talking to each other by the hibiscus tree.
I feel the water rocking me slowly
as I go on the barge.
Mother nature provides us with juicy papayas,
overripe Julie mangos,
tart passion fruit,
and sweet genips.
I see the mango trees
swaying in the breeze.
I wait under the mango tree,
until one drops in my hand.
I peel it open, take a bite,
and I feel a spark.
As I take a bite,
the juice rolls down my cheek,
to my hand,
then to the ground.
This is the way
I see Love City.

Monique Edwards

My Beautiful Homeland...My Island

I am from a land of hills,
pools of grassy coconut trees,

and aquamarine waters
Here you can inhale the sweet sea breeze
and hear the beautiful mango trees,
while they rustle in the wind.
You can feel the salty Caribbean waves brushing
against you,
You can see tourists laughing
and examining the island.
You can taste the edible mango
and scrumptious yellowtail
at the local restaurants.
You can touch the warm reflecting waters,
this is my island
perfectly made.
A'Feyah Smith

The Only Place You'll Ever Find Me

The Caribbean Sea
The one and only place
You'll ever find me
The places on the beaches
You'll always want to lie on
The morning, you might see me
Watching the sunrise
The only place you'll ever find me
The Caribbean Sea
I'll Always Be
Where I am from
The mango trees are tall
When mangoes are ripe
They always fall
The Caribbean Sea
The one and only place
You'll always find me
Khalid Smith



My Home Sweet Home

I come from a place where trushies sing.
You can inhale beautiful smells,
like beef pates and barbeque chicken.
You can see barracudas swimming in the sea.
You can see pelicans gracefully flying in the sky.
You can see tourists laughing and viewing different
sights,
like jewelry stores and beaches.
See the big, long aquamarine blue or scarlet ferry
boats sailing in the turquoise waters.
My island is so unique—
My home sweet home
Shevon Sprauve

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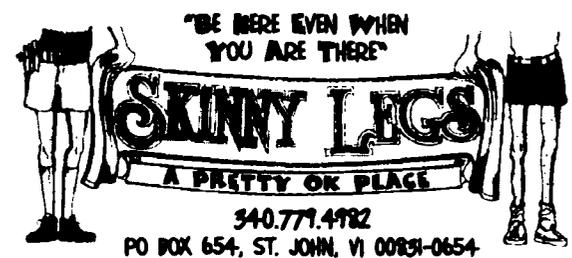


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Senator-at-Large Reports Property Taxes

St. John Tradewinds

St. John residents are concerned about property taxes. Many received exorbitant tax bills for 2006 that they could not possibly pay.

The Lieutenant Governor's office has been slow to acknowledge the distress this has caused. The situation is complex, but at the root it is simple. In 2003, the District Court told the government of the Virgin Islands that the property tax system was a mess and needed to be revamped.

That triggered the "re-valuation," done by the Bearing Point contractor. Bearing Point did not get accurate values. They were way off. Therefore, the tax bills we received on St. John were unreasonable. For example, on St. Thomas property improvements were valued at \$93 per square foot while on St. John the improvements were valued at \$360 per square foot.

This means that a St. John resident was to pay four times as much tax as for a similar house on St. Thomas. There is no way to maintain cultural continuity under such a system.

I have told the Governor, the Lt. Governor and his entire cabinet: St. John residents want to pay their tax, but only their fair tax. St. John cannot, and will not, pay property tax based on incorrect values or an unfair tax system.

The Unity Day Group has filed a lawsuit asserting that the Bearing Point revaluations were inaccurate. I believe that the cause is just and that they will prevail. But it could take 5 to 10 years to resolve this lawsuit.

Therefore, I am introducing legislation to bring relief to St. John residents. This will in fact be good for all Virgin Islanders, because no property tax can be collected anywhere in the V.I. until the District

Court determines that the problems with the property tax system are corrected.

This bill, No. 28-0078, along with amendment No. 28-506T, will be heard on Tuesday, August 11, in St. Thomas during the day. Please call Beverly or Catherine at my office at 693-8061 for more information and help arranging transportation if you would like to attend the hearing. I have asked that subsequent hearings on this bill be hosted on St. John.

A copy of my property tax bill is available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday in my office at the St. John Legislature building.

Some of the specific reasons we are bringing this legislation follow.

The small number of sales on the island of St. John during the revaluation period 2004-2005 was only 15. It is insufficient to accurately measure St. John's property value. This is a statistical problem that is not easily remedied.

Furthermore, the kind of homes sold in St. John during this period was heavily biased toward high-end rental properties and the average homes in which residents live were not represented.

St. Thomas/St. John is one district, in which the costs of construction is intrinsically similar, and therefore a similar value should be used for the per-square-foot values of improvements and structures on St. Thomas and St. John; the values used by the Bearing Point contractor of \$93 for St. Thomas and \$360 for St. John are an aberration.

The Bearing Point contractor never shared its "model" used determining values on the island of St. John with any competent authority.

There was a "bubble" of eco-

nomnic activity during the evaluation period that has burst; the valuations from this period are intrinsically flawed and cannot be used as a basis for taxation because they reflect speculative investment value, rather than the value that a potential resident would pay for the privilege of living in the property as a lifelong resident.

The intent of the Legislature is for property tax to be levied on the stable value, and to affirm the principle that no Virgin Islander should be driven from their home by property taxes that rise much faster than inflation.

The blistering condemnation of the Government's property tax system by the United States District Court and the string of lawsuits have created a situation in which the Virgin islands cannot collect property taxes.

By remedying the cited problems, it may be possible to settle the lawsuits and resume the collection of fair and reasonable property taxes.

Failing that, we may just as well abolish property taxes as there is no end in sight for the court battles.

For the foregoing reasons, The sum of \$150,000 is appropriated in order to hire certified appraisers to form a basis for calculating the correct real property tax in the Virgin Islands, particularly on the island of St. John.

Furthermore, the real property located on St John must be valued by using the values of property on St. Thomas and St. John similarly situated and using the resulting valuation for property tax purposes.

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Teens Make a Difference on Vacation



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Illinois teens vacationing on St. John painted signs for the local recycling group.

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

While most visitors to St. John spend their time soaking up the sun and enjoying the sea, four Illinois teenagers spent their recent Caribbean vacation volunteering for local non-profit organizations.

Nicole Bradley, Paige Powell, Nina Powell and Hunter Novosad painted signs for the local recycling group, assisted the St. John Community Foundation and repairs trails in V.I National Park.

The seeds of the volunteering vacation were planted when a family member of one of the teens met a rock climbing guide in Arizona who turned out to also be a mentor and life coach, explained SJCF executive director Paul Devine.

“Megan Evans is a guide and mentor and she arranged to pick up the teenagers and take them to St. John and be a chaperone,” said Devine. “Megan saw the St. John Community Foundation on line and contacted me.”

Devine arranged for the high school freshmen to attend a Recycling Association of the Virgin Islands St. John Chapter meeting, where they were asked to paint “Adopted By” signs for the group’s recycling bins.

With wood in hand — donated by Paradise Lumber — cut to size — thanks to workers at Carlson Construction — the teens got down to business on Saturday, July 25, and Sunday, July 26.

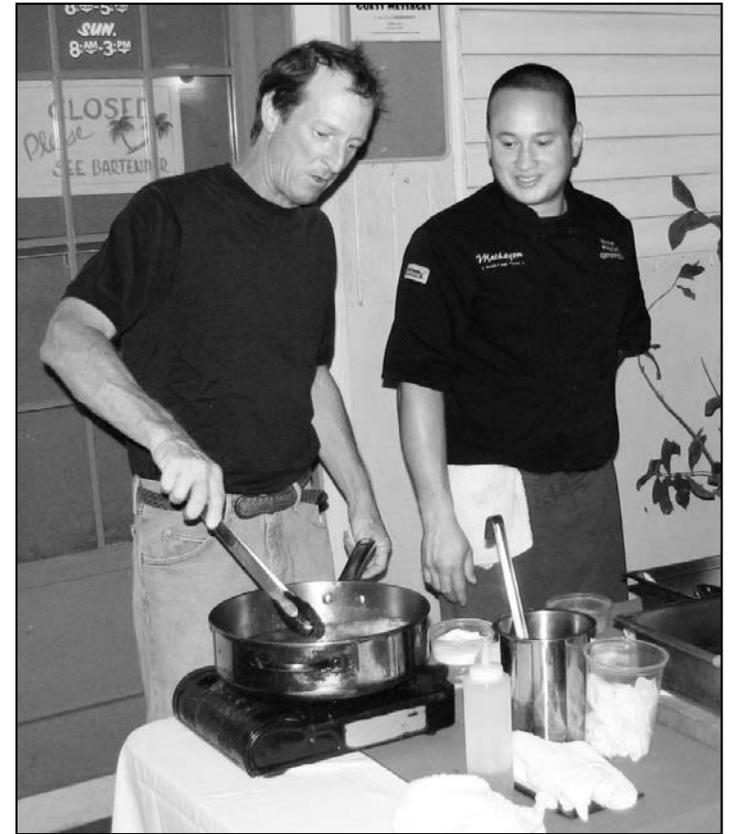
“We’ve been wanting to recognize people who help the recycling group by adopting the bins and never really got around to it, so this was a good opportunity to show that recognition,” said Devine. “Now every green recycling bin on St. John has an ‘Adopted By’ sign.”

After helping the St. John recycling group, the girls weren’t even close to be finished with their community service. Next up, the foursome helped Devine mark St. John Community Foundation-owned land adjacent to Bellevue Village on Gift Hill.

“We’ve had the two-and-a-half acres up there for a while and we’ve noticed several squatters on the property lately, so we wanted outline the property,” said Devine. “We had the girls post the entire property with ‘No Trespassing’ signs and they were very careful to not install any fasteners into trees and they used baling wire so as not to harm any plant or animal species.”

After spending a few days with Devine, the teens also worked with Friends of V.I. National Park volunteer Jeff Chabot maintaining trails in VINP, Devine added.

“The girls took one day off to enjoy the island but other than that, they worked the entire time they were here,” said Devine.



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Local chef Mathayom Vacharat of Mathayom Private Chefs hosted the first of a series of cooking classes last week at the Inn at Tamarind Court. With help from a volunteer, Vacharat, above right, whipped up a white wine glazed chicken tanjine and discussed affordable protein options.

The cooking classes will continue on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. at Tamarind through the end of September. Classes cost \$30 each, which includes a lecture, cooking demonstration and dinner. For reservations call Tamarind at 776-6378.

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V.I. Zoning Code Needs Total Overhaul, Researchers Say



Clarence Payne, standing at left, asks a question during the public meeting with researchers who assessed the local zoning code.

St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

**By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds**

The V.I. Zoning and Subdivision Code is outdated, confusing and lacks an overall vision for local development, researchers told about 15 people who attended a Department of Planning and Natural Resources public meeting on Thursday night, August 6, at the Cruz Bay Legislature Building.

“One of the first recommendations we made was to reorganize the entire code completely and consolidate everything into a single document,” said Stuart Meck of Rutgers University’s Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy. “Underlying everything is the lack of a clearly articulated vision of what the code is trying to do. That is a problem because you can’t tell what the objectives are.”

The St. John meeting was the second of three public meetings DPNR officials hosted across the territory last week for residents to hear from Meck and Marya Morris of Duncan Associates, who were contracted by DPNR to assess the local zoning code, which was adopted in 1972.

The researchers spent more than year pouring over the code, case files, Coastal Zone Management Commission permits, Board of Land Use Appeals cases, and conducting interviews with residents. They composed an almost 80 page report detailing the code’s many shortcomings and offering recommendations for improving it.

“I read these things for a living and I had real struggle figuring out what some things meant in this document,” said Morris. “It took me a long time to make sense of the document.”

The code has no clear definitions outlining basic development concepts and lacks a clear general purpose, Morris explained.

“I heard from a lot of people about problems with definitions like what is a mezzanine, what is a story,” she said. “These things need to be defined clearly because they affect how buildings are built. Many people were concerned about willful misinterpretation of the code.”

The document’s different zoning districts, and the large density increase from one designation to another, were major areas of concern for the researchers.

“The problem with a lack of purpose for the code is really apparent in the zoning districts,” said Morris. “The jump in density from an R2 to and R3 is too large a difference. It doesn’t really smack of solid policy.”

Administration, enforcement and appeal procedures was one of the strongest sections of the code, but could still be improved, according to Meck.

“The issuance of zoning permits, which are different than building permits, needs to be clear,” said Meck. “Right now the legislature has the authority to issue use variances, which is basically an administrative procedure. The legislature has a lot on its plate and shouldn’t have to deal with administrative matters.”

The researchers recommended the formation of some type of planning commission or commissions, which could oversee development.

“You should consider the establishment of a territory-wide planning commission,” Meck said. “They have been around since the beginning of planning and we think they’re a good idea.”

While most residents at the meeting welcomed the researchers’ report, questions raised about the legality of the territory’s open shorelines law drew criticism from citizens. Local law requiring public access to all beaches violates a 1983 Supreme Court ruling, Meck explained.

“A provision in this code we think violates the U.S. Constitution,” he said. “In Nollan vs. the California Coastal Commission, the court struck down a permit condition to provide public easement to pass across their beach as a condition of replacing their small bungalow on the Pacific Coast. No one has challenged the provision yet, but they could.”

The territory’s open shoreline act, however, is vital to the fabric of the community, according to Sharon Coldren.

“It is a long standing tradition that beaches belong to the people and I would like to see the part of your report about changing that taken out of the final document, because it will make people turn against this,” said Coldren.

The complete report is available on DPNR’s website, www.dpnr.gov.vi.

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Students Make a Splash at VIERS Summer Camps



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Students from St. Thomas and St. John, above, far left and middle, enjoyed snorkeling and scientific studies at the first VIERS science camp.

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

As the morning sun glistened off the crystal clear azure water at Lameshur Bay a group of teens were anxious to jump in and get busy as research assistants.

The morning snorkel and fish collection was just one of many exciting and educational activities 16 teenagers from St. Thomas and St. John took part in last week during the first science camp hosted at the V.I. Environmental Resource Station.

While VIERS, located at the island's remote south shore near Lameshur Bay, has hosted summer weekend eco-camps for lo-

cal youngsters for the past nine years, last week was the first time the camp was opened to students between the ages of 13 and 16 for a four-night, five-day adventure.

"We weren't really sure what kind of response we were going to get," said Hilary Maynard, VIERS environmental educator, who has worked at the eco-camps for three years and run the show for the past two. "Originally we intended to have 12 kids for the science camp, but we got probably 50 inquiries. So we ended up taking 16."

For many teens, the August 3 through 7 science camp wasn't their first time camping at VIERS.

"This is my third year at VIERS," said Zola Roper, a 14-year-old St. Thomas resident. "I come back each summer because it's fun. I like swimming and studying things under the microscope."

C.J. Scatliffe, a 14-year-old St. John teen, has been at VIERS more times than he can remember.

"I've been a lot of times," said Scatliffe. "It's something to do."

Other campers were enjoying the great outdoors at VIERS for the first time.

"I heard it was a lot of fun out here so I wanted to come and check it out," said Kwasi Browne, a 13-year-old St. John stu-

dent. Both veteran and first time campers agreed on the best part of science camp — swimming. Hiking, scavenger hunting and tie-dyeing also topped the list of favorite activities at the camp last week.

VIERS science camp, however, isn't all scavenger hunts and games. Campers also took part in some serious scientific studies.

On Wednesday morning, August 5, the teens were busy snorkeling around Lameshur Bay and collecting fish for Donna Nemeth with the University of the Virgin Islands, who is researching parasitic fish.

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Arsons: 0
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Solved: 0

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2nd Degree Burglaries: 18
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3rd Degree Burglaries: 67
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Grand Larcenies: 68
Under Investigation: 68
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Rapes: 0
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2nd Degree Burglaries: 14
Under Investigation: 14
Solved: 0

3rd Degree Burglaries: 43
Under Investigation: 41
Solved: 2

Grand Larcenies: 44
Under Investigation: 43
Solved: 1

Rapes: 1
Under Investigation: 1
Solved: 0

Letters to St. John Tradewinds

English Gentlemen

Editor,

Three elderly English gentlemen are sitting in their club reading the paper.

One of them speaks up, "Dear friends forgive me for bothering you, but I have to share with you a problem, that is seriously worrying me. It's my sight. I can't read even with my glasses, I will need a cataract surgery which I am very much afraid of and it causes depression."

The second gentleman says, "My friend, I have a bigger problem. My hearing is rapidly deteriorating. I always think that people are talking about me behind my back and I am getting paranoid over it."

The third gentleman chimes in, "My friends your problems are nothing compared to mine. Last night I had a little cognac before dinner, white wine with my fish, red wine with my steak and another cognac with my espresso and I got in a great condition."

"So I said to my wife 'darling come, let's go to bed and make love.' My wife replied, 'but darling, we made love after breakfast, we made love after lunch and now you want to make love again?' You see my friends, my memory is gone!"

Z. Hruza
St. John

Come On St. John

Editor,

When is something going to be done about the drag racing on St. John? Do we need to kill a few pedestrians, our livestock or the rest of our island animals before something is done to stop this dangerous activity?

This activity takes place in Adrian, Mandahl, Coral Bay and probably other places as well. Why hasn't it been curtailed? Where are the police?

Oh, that's right, one member of the police department is directly involved in car racing in Coral Bay. One employee of the fire department has been seen cheering on the racers. I am ashamed and embarrassed that the people we should be looking up to are behaving this way.

There is something terribly wrong with a society that doesn't teach its young about safety, about compassion, about right from wrong. I see example upon

example on St. John of people not caring about anything or anyone but themselves, with total disregard for others.

We have noise pollution with blaring music from cars, litter, reckless driving (passing on curves, drag racing), rudeness to others in everyday situations. We are letting our young people and ourselves down with our uncaring attitudes.

When are we going to do a better job of parenting, of teaching and demonstrating how to be decent citizens, to care about what is going on on our island? How are the young people going to learn what is acceptable and decent behavior if we are not teaching them verbally and by example?

Wake up St. John, and let's become better citizens, all of us!

Name Withheld Upon Request

Steady Revenue Stream Needed for Ferry Legislation

Dear Editor,

This letter is in regards to the "Senator-at-Large Reports" column which ran in the July 27-August 9, 2009, edition of *St. John Tradewinds*.

For the record I would like to take this opportunity to correct the suggestion that I supported the senator's proposal, since I was never given the opportunity to read said proposal because it was handed out during the hearing. To infer that I support something I never read is preposterous.

I do remember testifying and placing on the record that investigations as to cost and other factors needed to be determined. Most importantly, what in the revenue stream will support any subsidies by the Virgin Islands government? Are you working on taxing us

some more?

For years, the people in the Virgin Islands are told they are to get certain services only to be told no monies exist. For the ferries to survive, a revenue stream must be constant, effective and reliable.

Please, Senator Barshinger, when drafting legislation consider where the funds will come from, what cost expenditures exist, and do not hand out legislative drafts at meetings, (the public has the right to read the document, however not during the meeting process.)

Sincerely,
Lorelei Monsanto
President VI Unity Day Group

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Letters to St. John Tradewinds

Clarifying Linguistic Urban Legends

Editor,

I enjoy the occasional joke or humorous comment from M. Hruza, and the "pluck yew" story in the July 27-August 9 issue of *Tradewinds* is amusing and interesting. It is also, alas, entirely fictitious.

This and many other linguistic urban legends may be found in David Wilton's excellent book, "Word Myths", (Oxford Press, 2004). This particular myth, which was probably intended by its original author as a joke, has been circulating on the web in one form or another since about 1996.

In March of 1996 it got a boost in popularity when it was included as part of a Puzzler on Car Talk, the NPR talk show. Back then, it was a V for Victory sign that the English bowmen were flashing at the French, who offered to cut off one of their fingers in retaliation. Ray and Tommy had some fun speculating

which finger would be removed, and shortly thereafter the "pluck yew/pheasant feather" bit was added by an unknown punster. No historical reference to this story can be found previous to the mid-1990s.

Wilton also debunks the, "Eskimos have 500 words for snow" tale, the, "ring around the rosie refers to the black death" story, and many other word myths, including an entire chapter refuting the "life in the 1500s" hoax that still pops up in my inbox occasionally.

I highly recommend this book to all who prefer to know the facts. Wilton's introduction alone is worth the price of admission, as he delineates such issues as where these tales come from, why we enjoy telling them, and how to ferret out the truth

Michael Beason

Family Away from Home

Editor,

As a resident of the territory for over 15 months now, I have reflected on some of the people that have made my time here much more like home.

I first moved here from Alabama and came straight to Peter Bay. Miss Elsa Hall was my landlord in my eco-shelter for the first five months. I was commuting to Red Hook at the East End Café where I worked.

There were many people who were gracious enough to stop and give me a ride into town when I needed it most. The trip back to Peter Bay was always a little more difficult. I walked home many nights, but on the other nights, my friend Leon Santos would be waiting on me for his last taxi run to Peter Bay. I will always remember my friend Leon Santos.

It was right before Christmas and my father had come to visit me. We rented scooters and rode all over St. John. Unfortunately I was driving carelessly and had a wreck. I fractured my shoulder blade and cracked a rib.

I went to the clinic and they told me to come back Monday. My father had to leave the next day and fly three thousand miles back for work. I was all alone

and left with the worry of financial bills and a lonely Christmas.

Well, on Monday I was coming back from the clinic and was hitchhiking back to town. I was having no luck getting a ride until a nice, attractive lady pulled over to offer me a ride.

I was upset and started to tell this stranger about my situation and the financial worry ahead of me. She began to explain that she worked at Connections in Cruz Bay and that there was a nurse named Laurie Tittle who many years ago started a revolving fund.

This fund was for people who had a medical hardship while struggling financially. So since I qualified for the fund I was loaned \$400 interest free! I was able to pay my doctor bills in St. Thomas and over time paid the loan off.

The St. John Revolving Fund helped me emotionally and financially while I was many miles from home. I appreciate the employees at Connections, the East End Café and will never forget the nice people who made a home away from home.

**Sincerely
Cody Dixon**

Suppose We Had a Wise Latina Supreme Court

Editor,

If there were presently six wise Latinas, one wise black woman and one wise Latino on the highest court in the land, don't tell me every person now questioning Judge Sotomayor's objectivity wouldn't welcome a wise white male nominee to provide greater diver-

sity of experience and perspective from which to interpret our laws and freedoms.

Or that the one wise Latino wouldn't be glad for the company. Or should I say empathy? What's good for the gander is good for the goose.

Nicholas Childs

Starfish Watermelon Bash Set for August 15

Starfish Market management is celebrating the dog days of summer with a watermelon bash on Saturday, August 15. The fun starts at 2 p.m. outside the store on the first floor of The Marketplace when watermelon eating contests will be open to participants in two age groups.

All participants in the youth contest will take home

back to school supplies and the winner will take home a special treat. The winner of the adult group will receive a \$100 gift certificate to Starfish, second place will take home a \$50 gift certificate and third place will walk away with a \$25 gift certificate to the store. The afternoon will include giveaways and lots of fun. See you there!

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Boston and Thomas Get 12+ Years, Ward Gets New Trial in Cockayne Case

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witness in its successful case against Denzil Stevens — who was sentenced to 15 years in prison after his conviction.

After the Stevens conviction was handed down on September 22, 2007, Ward claimed there had been threats on his life and he was placed in the Department of Justice's witness protection program, according to Special Agent William Curtis Jr. who testified at the July 27 hearing.

The threats to Ward placed him in the lowest level of the government's program and he was given a one-way ticket to Florida which closed his case, Curtis testified.

Ward, however, remained in contact with Curtis and, in June 2008, asked the special agent to help him return to the territory, Curtis explained.

At that time Ward was a murder suspect in the Cockayne case. The government paid for a first-class one-way ticket for Ward to fly back to the Virgin Islands in late June 2008 and he was arrested when he landed at Cyril E. King Airport on St. Thomas.

Curtis said he was in school in the states and was unaware that there was a warrant for Ward's arrest at the time the government paid for the first-class return plane ticket, the special agent said on the stand.

Curtis testified in response to several questions Hollar posed to prosecutors regarding Quinn's motion for a new trial.

The questions arose after the defendant joined October trial, during which prosecutors alleged all three men were bent on teaching Cockayne a lesson for kicking Boston's girlfriend's Jeep on June 18, 2007.

Lat that night, Cockayne ran into Boston and Thomas at the Front Yard Bar where a

melee broke out and Boston broke pool stick over Cockayne's head, according to prosecutors.

Boston, Thomas and Ward then followed Cockayne up the street, surrounded him and beat him, prosecutors alleged during the trial.

Sometime after that, Ward followed Cockayne to the Fashion Palace where he stabbed the young man before fleeing to a friend's house nearby, prosecutors alleged.

Before Hollar issued sentences for Boston and Thomas, Cockayne's father and brother both took the stand and urged the judge to issue the maximum sentences to defendants.

"As Jamie's father, I am the victim of the beatings that took place on my son," said William Cockayne. "He was helpless at that time. To surround him and beat him with sticks and leave him at that point in time. Not notifying anyone 'we just beat this guy up' — that might of increased his chances of surviving."

Boston and Thomas could have stopped the fight, drastically changing the events of the night, said Cockayne's brother.

"You had the ability to continue or to stop the fight," said Jeff Cockayne, the victim's brother. "There was time between each of the 14 swings you took to stop. But you didn't care."

Speaking for the first time in court, both Boston and Thomas also addressed the judge before their sentences were issued.

Thomas said all he was guilty of was chasing Cockayne up the street, while Boston alleged he only swung a pool stick once at the young Pennsylvania man.

Ward's new trial date had not been scheduled as of press time.

Miss V.I. Senior Hopes to Represent on National Stage



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Ina Lee, above, is hoping for donations to help her travel to a national pageant in New Jersey.

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Anyone who has seen a beautiful mature woman with a tiara and dark sunglasses around St. John has been in the presence of royalty.

Ina Lee was crowned Miss Virgin Islands Senior on June 19 at the St. John Senior Variety Show. With her sash and tiara in tow, Lee took part in the St. John Festival Celebration parade and is looking forward to welcoming a large crowd at the Coral Bay Labor Day parade in September.

In addition to her local responsibilities, Lee will be heading to New Jersey this October to represent the territory on the national stage. But she needs the community's help.

In order to travel to Atlantic City for the Ms. Senior America National Pageant October 4 through 8, and pay for several designer outfits by St. Johnian clothier Karen Samuel, Lee needs financial assistance.

"I know times are tough right now, but any little contribution will help," said Lee.

The national pageant will pit Lee against Miss Seniors from all 50 states where she'll compete in interview, talent and evening wear segments. Gearing up for the big show, Lee has been strutting her stuff all over St. John, wearing her shiny tiara and bright silken sash. At 76, the retired nurse might not be working full time anymore, but she hasn't slowed down.

"I do a lot of community service," Lee said. "I'm really into helping and giving back to the community that did so much for me. I work with Department of Tourism and help out at the senior citizens' center."

Lee's natural outgoing demeanor made her a shoe-in for entering the Miss V.I. Senior pageant, she explained.

"I've always been outgoing and I love the Virgin Islands," Lee said. "I just love people and I love being out there. If you stop, you drop."

To make sure the St. John senior singing sensation will be able to strut her stuff on stage at Atlantic City, drop donations — checks should be made to Ina Lee — at the *St. John Tradewinds* office on the third floor of The Marketplace in office suites two.

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Bordeaux Villas Take Center Stage at Governor's Neighborhood Meeting

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steep," and he reassured residents that the developer's stormwater permit will be heavily conditioned.

"The developer will have to come in with rigorous engineering," said Mathes. "We will endeavor to exchange with the community so you can all see how the developer plans to deal with the stormwater issue."

Another issue discussed at the meeting was one that has long plagued St. John. Local craftswoman Sonia Sprauve shared her opinion that Love City needs a vendor's plaza.

"I am dying to have somewhere to go permanently to display my craft," said Sprauve. "Every island you go to has a vendor's plaza. It's important to the island."

The Department of Public Works has begun a study of the island for the construction of a parking garage, with plans for the garage to house a vendor's plaza, according to DPW Commissioner Darryl Smalls.

Smalls was also questioned by several residents

who were concerned over the lack of guard rails and striping on St. John roads.

Two road striping machines have been purchased — one for each V.I. district — and once the striping material has arrived in the territory and training has been completed, residents can expect to see local roads being striped, Smalls explained.

"St. John will not be left for last," he said. "Once we have everything in place, I won't have any more excuses."

DPW plans to collaborate with the V.I. Police Department to determine, based on accident reports, where the striping is needed most.

Also present at the meeting were Housing, Parks and Recreation Commissioner St. Claire Williams; VIPD St. John Deputy Chief Darren Foy; Waste Management Authority's Chief Operating Officer Steve Aubin; Tax Assessor Bernadette Williams; St. John Administrator Leona Smith; and a representative from the Housing Finance Authority.



St. John Tradewinds News Photos by William Stelzer

Dr. Caroline Rogers talks to young fans during a book signing celebrating her new publication "Coral Reef Stars" on Friday night, August 7, at Every 'Ting.

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St. John Tradewinds

Saturday, July 25

10:05 p.m. - A citizen p/r that someone burglarized his residence at Bellevue Village. Burglary in the third.

10:05 p.m. - A citizen p/r that someone punctured the tires on his vehicle. Damage to a vehicle.

10:06 p.m. - A citizen c/r that someone broke into her place of business and stole money and clothing. Burglary in the third.

10:25 p.m. - An Estate Pastory resident p/r that someone is trespassing on his property. Trespassing.

Sunday, July 26

3:30 p.m. - A citizen p/r that he was involved in an auto accident on 7/25/09 in Estate Upper Carolina. Auto accident.

Monday, July 27

9:25 a.m. - A citizen c/r a loose dog in the area of Estate Bethany. Police assistance.

Tuesday, July 28

8:57 a.m. - Dispatch c/r a break-in at the Lime Inn Restaurant. Burglary in the third.

10:00 a.m. - A citizen p/r that someone took a gold chain from her minor daughter. Grand larceny.

11:00 a.m. - A citizen c/r that someone was trespassing on her neighbor's property. Trespassing.

1:15 p.m. - A citizen c/r an auto accident in the area of Maho Bay. Auto accident.

6:05 p.m. - An employee of Bougainvillea r/ that several items were stolen from the store. Police assistance.

6:05 p.m. - A visitor r/ that the villa she was staying in was broken into. Grand larceny.

9:30 p.m. - An Estate Pastory resident requested police assistance to carry her son to the clinic. Police assistance.

Wednesday, July 29

2:26 a.m. - An Estate Chocolate Hole resident r/ he was robbed by three men in the area of Jacob's Ladder.

4:06 p.m. - A citizen r/ that a vehicle struck a WAPA police in Estate Pastory.

5:20 p.m. - Officer D. Callwood p/ with one Michael Dickinson under arrest and charged with DUI, reckless endangerment and destruction of property. Bail set at \$11,500.

9:58 p.m. - An Estate Bethany resident r/ that someone broke into his house.

Thursday, July 30

11:15 a.m. - A citizen p/r that he is being harassed. Telephone harassment.

Friday, July 31

3:45 p.m. - A citizen p/r that someone removed his wallet from his job site.

7:50 p.m. - A citizen p/r that he found his wallet in a garbage bin at the job site. Recovered wallet.

Saturday, August 1

6:10 p.m. - A citizen r/ that a male jumped off the ferry boat into the water in Cruz Bay. Police assistance.

7:45 p.m. - Officer Callwood p/ with one James Rudolph under arrest and charged with delaying, obstructing and interfering with an officer in the discharge of his duties and disobeying a lawful order.

Sunday, August 2

11:13 a.m. - A citizen c/r an auto accident. Auto accident.

Monday, August 3

9:00 a.m. - A citizen r/ that his vehicle was stolen from the area of Inspection Lane. Unauthorized use of vehicle.

11:49 a.m. - A citizen p/r that someone was trespassing in the area of Peter Bay. Trespassing.

12:10 p.m. - A Cruz Bay resident r/ that several vagrants are trespassing. Trespassing.

Tuesday, April 4

10:50 a.m. - A citizen p/r that her cellphone was stolen. Grand larceny.

12:30 p.m. - An Estate Gift Hill resident p/r that he lost his wallet. Lost wallet.

6:30 p.m. - A citizen c/r that he lost his wallet. Lost wallet.

11:30 p.m. - A citizen r/ that someone came into her home and stole her bag which contained her laptop. Burglary in the third.

Wednesday, August 5

1:10 p.m. - A citizen c/requesting police assistance with her ex-boyfriend. Police assistance.

Thursday, August 6

8:45 a.m. - A citizen p/r that he needs a tenant removed from his property. Trespassing.

10:30 a.m. - A Bellevue Village resident c/requesting police assistance. Police assistance.

8:10 p.m. - Badge #90 p/ with one Jah-wada Jones under arrest for violation of a court order. Violation of a court order.

11:00 p.m. - A citizen p/r that his house was burglarized by an unknown person. Burglary in the third.

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.

Wednesday, August 12

The Federal Emergency Management Agency and the VI Department of Human Services, in partnership with other emergency response agencies, will host town hall meetings to provide information on assistance programs available after a territorial and/or federal disaster is declared.

The town hall meeting on St. John will be on Wednesday, August 12, at the Legislature building in Cruz Bay at 6 p.m. For more information contact Rose Christian at 774-0930 ext. 4163.

Thursday, August 13

The Reichhold Center for the Arts will host the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce business after hours on Thursday, August 13, at 5:30 p.m. Live music will be provided by Top Notch Band, with a free buffet catered by Amalia Cafe. Enjoy the chamber's \$2 bar and enter for a chance to win tickets to upcoming Reichhold shows. People who sign up for a season subscription during the business after hours will receive priority processing of their applications. For more information call 693-1550.

Thursday, August 18

Recycling Association of the Virgin Islands, St. John Chapter, is hosting its next monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 18, at 6 p.m. at the St. John Community Foundation Office on the third floor of The Marketplace. Volunteers are needed. For more information call Paul Devine at 693-9410.

Friday, August 21

St. John parents wishing to enroll their children in public school for the 2009/2010 school year are advised of a change in the date of registration, which has been re-scheduled for Friday, August 21, at the Julius E. Sprauve School from 8:30 to 11:45 a.m.

Friday, August 21

Orientation for the St. John Christian Academy will be Friday, August 21, at 6:30 p.m. at Cruz Bay Baptist Church. The first day of school for St. John Christian Academy will be Monday, August 24.

AA Meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous meets as scheduled: Sundays, 9:45 a.m. at Hawksnest Bay Beach; Closed meeting for alcoholic only at Nazareth Lutheran Church at 5:30 on Tuesdays; Open meetings on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 6 p.m. at Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cruz Bay; Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 6 p.m. at Emmaus Moravian Church, Coral Bay.

NA Meetings

Narcotics Anonymous has open meeting from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. every Saturday at St. Ursula's Church.

Al-Anon Meetings

Al-Anon meets on St. John every Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the picnic table at the VINP ball field, and every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at Our St. Ursula's Church. *Meetings will resume in September.*

Alateen Meetings

Alateen will meet on Mondays at St. Ursula's Church from 6 to 7 p.m. and is open to anyone interested in attending. *Meetings will resume in September.*

PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

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"The kids are helping to collect fish with plastic baggies and nets and then they're going to study and dissect the sick fish and help count parasites," said Maynard. "They're doing some really incredible stuff. They're excited to not be in school, but still learning some amazing things."

The older students offered a unique opportunity to bring together the many researchers who use VIERS and its wet lab as a base and local students, explained Maynard.

"We have the researchers here and the kids here, and rarely is there much interaction between the two groups," she said. "With the younger kids, you can only rely on them for so much. But with the older kids you can rely on them to count parasites correctly, for example."

In addition to helping Nemeth, VIERS science campers also assisted Dr. Sara Gray's sedimentation studies, aided Mike Fox in collecting mangrove mud and filtering the sediment samples and heard about Peter Edmund's 22 year long coral degradation studies in the bay, Maynard added.

The science camp was the last weekend of summer camps at VIERS, where staffers also hosted 84 youngsters between the ages of seven and 12 during four two-night eco-camps through June and July.

"We taught six kids how to swim this summer," said Maynard. "The kids were really excited about the camps and had a great time."

Making their summer experiences even better, all of the campers enjoyed VIERS free of charge, thanks to support by Disney, Graystone, Innovative, International Capital and Management Co., and Vento Trust, through Friends of V.I. National Park.

Friends officials are dedicated to giving local students marine science opportunities, explained the group's development director Noreen Cavanaugh.

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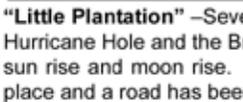
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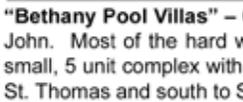
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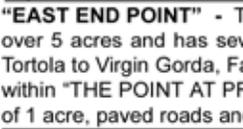
"Sunset Pointe"- Enjoy beautiful sunset views from this breezy mountaintop location easily accessed by paved public road in Estate Glucksberg. The main home is masonry with stone accents featuring two bedroom suites, central living and kitchen area and dipping pool. Separate one-bedroom cottage of mixed construction offers flexibility in form of caretaker's quarters or added rental space. **\$1,295,000**



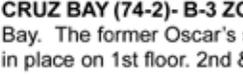
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