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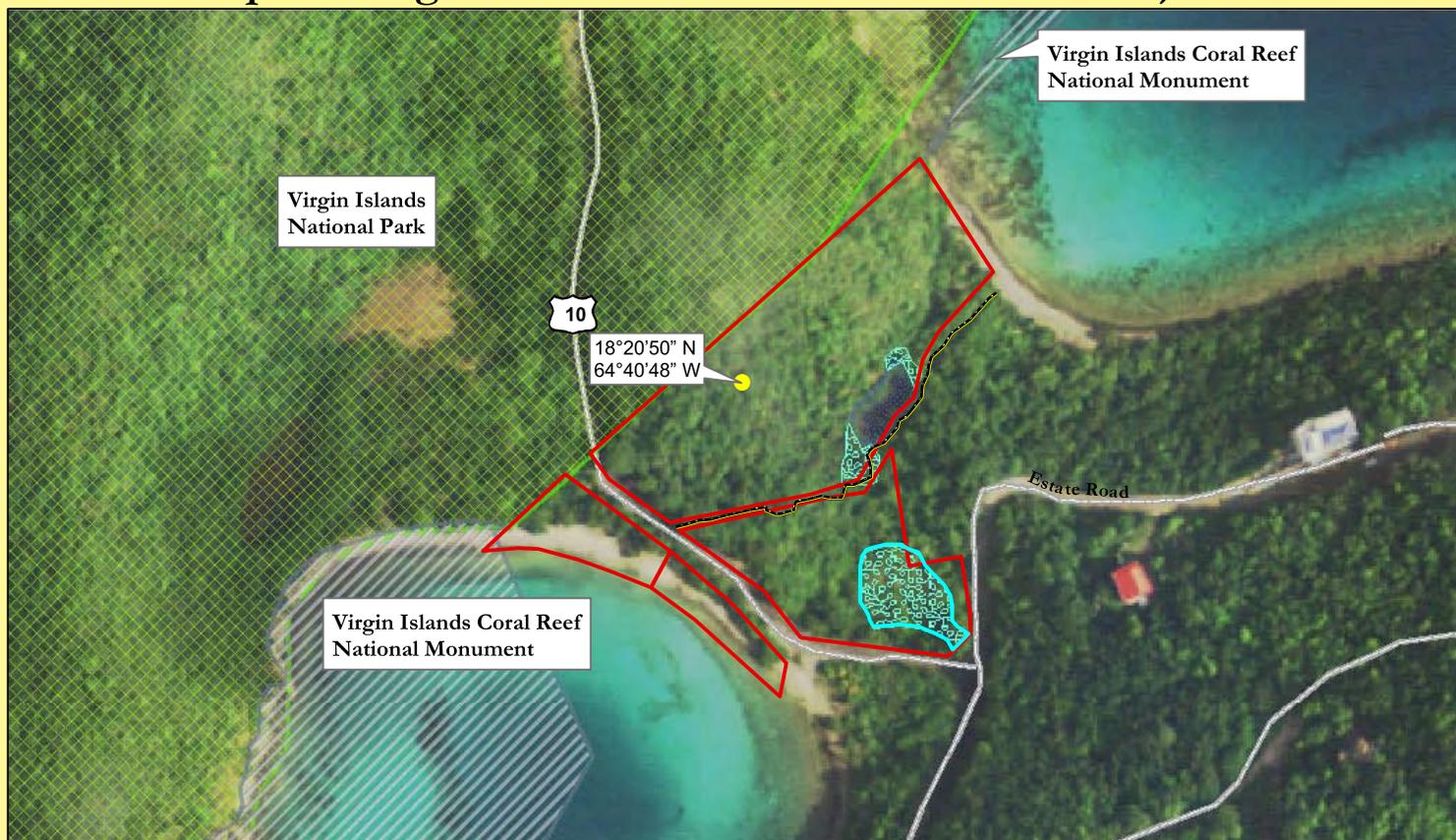
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FBI Leads Task Force Drug Sweep of St. John — Eight Arrested, Drugs and Weapons Confiscated

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Federal Bureau of Investigation agents led a sweep across St. John by air and land on Friday, May 6, arresting eight people and seizing weapons and drugs.

Low flying black helicopters awoke several residents in the Coral Bay valley area around 6 a.m. on May 6 while on land other residents witnessed a black SUV pull over a red Suzuki Jeep on Centerline Road.

The Love City rumor mill was working over-time over the weekend, but details from the FBI remained sketchy as of press time. A short press release obtained late Saturday night was posted to the website www.stjohnsource.com on Sunday, May 8.

Citing information from FBI San Juan Special Agent in Charge Luis Fraticelli the on-line news site confirmed the arrests of Jerome Potter, Herbert Mason Ferguson Sr., Herbert Mason Ferguson Jr., Marisol Ferguson, Terrance Martin, Robert Shinnors and Earl Skelton in connection with “violations of various narcotic trafficking charges” and remain in custody.

“Cocaine, marijuana and weapons were seized as the result of related search warrants, the press release indicated,” according to the *St. John Source*.

Potter, the Fergusons and Shinnors were identified as St. John residents in the release. Potter was shot in the leg during his apprehension, according to widespread rumors.

Shinnors is part-owner of Low Key Watersports and several residents reported seeing FBI agents descend on Wharfside Village as he was taken into custody.

A picture from the *St. John Spice* webcam at the Loredon Boynes Ferry Dock in Cruz Bay on Friday afternoon and posted to Facebook, showed sand writ-

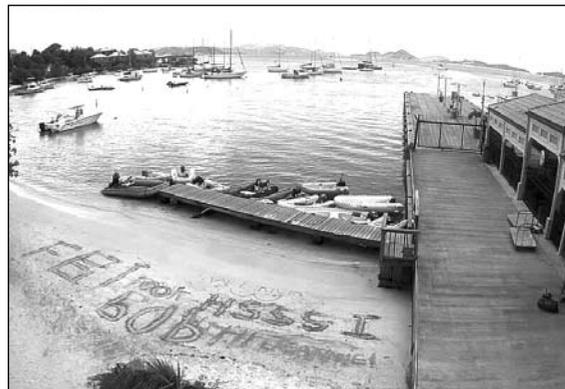


Photo Courtesy of St. John Spice Cam

A St. John resident wrote, “FBI took Bob” in the sand on Cruz Bay beach.

ing spelling out “FBI took Bob” apparently about Shinnors, who was often referred to as “Low Key Bob.”

The FBI did not work alone on last week’s Love City drug sweep. The case was a joint federal investigation involving the U.S. Attorney’s Office, the FBI, U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency, U.S. Marshal Service, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the U.S. National Park Service, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Border Patrol, V.I. National Guard, British Virgin Islands Police Department, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Customs Air Marine Branch and V.I. Police Department, according to the *St. John Source*.

The men were scheduled to be arraigned on Monday, May 9, when more details about the sweep were expected. See next week’s *St. John Tradewinds* for more details on the arrests and FBI-led operation.

BIR Announces Gross Receipt Tax Hike

Bureau of Internal Revenue Director Claudette Watson Anderson informed gross receipts taxpayers that Act No. 7248 was signed by Governor John deJongh on April 9.

This law increases the gross receipts tax rate from 4 percent to 4.5 percent. The increased tax rate will go into effect on May 1, and apply to receipt collections in May of this year.

The applicable May 2011 gross receipts tax return is due on June 30, 2011. Revised forms will be available on the Bureau’s website at www.viirb.com beginning on Monday, May 2. Taxpayers with questions should call Tamarah Parson-Small, Chief Counsel at 714-9312.

Planning Discussion Series on May 9

Coral Bay Community Council is hosting the next session of its Planning Series on Monday, May 9, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Guy Benjamin School in room 6.

The group will discuss possible public infrastructure uses for Parcel 6-4 Carolina: Infrastructure Land Use Planning for Coral Bay’s Future. Departments of Parks and Recreation, Public Works, WAPA and WMA all have possible uses for this site. Where should necessary services and infrastructure be located? Is more publicly owned land needed in Coral Bay?

Join CBCC May 9 to discuss the new proposal to put a V.I. Waste Management Authority recycling and household garbage collection “Convenience Center” on this site. Another proposal for a WAPA water tank and standpipe for water trucks to support a proposed reverse osmosis water plant on the bay will be discussed in detail at an upcoming meeting.

Be part of this public planning discussion. More information is available at www.coralbaycommunitycouncil.org/Land-use.htm. For more information call the CBCC at 776-2099.

Next IGBA Meeting Set for May 12

The Island Green Building Association will host a public presentation on Thursday, May 12, on the second floor of The Marketplace with refreshments beginning at 5 p.m. and the speaker and discussion from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Bobi Stallbaumer of Agave Design Group, Inc., will lead an informative discussion about what makes island landscaping eco-friendly. Topics will include native plant alternatives, water management, invasive exotic plants and insects. Homeowners and others with an interest or background in eco-friendly landscaping are encouraged to join in discussion and Q&A during this meeting. All are welcome to this free seminar. Call 227-1110 for more information.

Commodore’s Cup May 14 and 15

St. John Yacht Club and Coral Bay Yacht Club will host the annual Commodore’s Cup Regatta on Saturday and Sunday, May 14 and 15, in Coral Bay.

The regatta is a fundraiser for the volunteer youth sailing program Kids And The Sea, St. John (KATS). Captains’ meetings will be hosted at Skinny Legs as well as the awards ceremony after Sunday’s race.

Raffle tickets, for the chance to win a Caribe inflatable dinghy with a 15-horsepower Yamaha outboard motor, are available for \$5, or five for \$20, from KATS students.

SJSA Instrumental Recital Is May 26

St. John School of the Arts will host its year end instrumental recital on Thursday, May 26, at 6 p.m. at the school. Music students will perform on piano, guitar, violin and voice.

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Land Conservancy Saves Haulover from Development

After reading article in Tradewinds, St. John Land Conservancy purchases three acres

By Jaime Elliott

St. John Tradewinds

The sight of condos will never mar the landscape of Haulover Bay thanks to one woman's desire to give back to the island which has been a part of her life for decades.

Since falling in love with St. John during family vacations as a teenager, Lauren Mercadante introduced her own husband and children to the island.

The family purchased a home in the Coral Bay area and spend a large portion of the year on Love City. While Mercadante has long volunteered for Friends of V.I. National Park doing trail maintenance and as a docent at Annaberg Sugar Mill, this winter she made an impact on the island which will be appreciated for generations.

Although she didn't plan on creating a conservation trust during her winter months on St. John, after reading about the possible fate of pristine Haulover Bay on the island's East End — which was on the market with a motivated seller — in *St. John Tradewinds*, Mercadante formed the St. John Land Conservancy and purchased more than three acres of property on the isthmus, saving it forever from development.

"I wasn't planning on this, but we had talked about doing something of this sort for St. John," said Mercadante. "I assumed wrongly that this niche was taken and I didn't want to tread on anyone's toes. But we had talked about doing something to give back to St. John, which we love so much and is such a huge part of my life and my kids' lives."

"When I read the article, I was surprised that Haulover was for sale," she said. "I read the story and that is what started this. I called Raf Muilenburg and we got the ball rolling."

Attorney Rafael Muilenburg, of Morrisette and Muilenburg, represented the owner of the property, Family Properties Caribbean (FPC) LLC, and its principal David Prevo. FPC was looking into a variety of options for the 3.6 acres of land spread over four parcels, one of which was applying for a

"I'm so happy to have been able to do this. When people come up to me and say, 'Thank you,' it makes me realize that I am doing something good."

"I really feel that St. John needs to preserve the land and the open space that it has and that is being over built. A lot of these places we all enjoy are disappearing before our eyes and something needs to be done. Everyone needs to be involved in this, it's not just about me."

— Lauren Mercadante, president
St. John Land Conservancy

Group Dwelling permit to realize the "highest and best use of the land," Muilenburg previously told *St. John Tradewinds*.

Possible development for the undisturbed land included up to 28 condominium units on both sides of the narrow Haulover isthmus, which abuts V.I. National Park property. South Haulover beach on Round Bay and North Haulover on Dreekets Bay were both potential sites for condo units.

The developer was, however, open to selling the land to a conservation trust at a reduced price, Muilenburg previously explained.

"David [Prevo] is a longtime fan of the Park, and is intrigued about the benefits for FPC's nearby development at Dreekets Bay of dedicating this piece as conservation property," Muilenburg previously said. "As such, FPC would be willing to sell it for conservation at the amount they paid for it about 10 years ago, plus property taxes and other costs incurred, approximately \$800,000 total, which is half or less of the likely market price."

Thanks to Mercadante, that is exactly what happened. She contacted Muilenburg in February and the two immediately set to work creating the non-profit conservation trust St. John Land Conservancy.

"I expected to come down and work for Jeff Chabot again doing trail maintenance," said Mercadante. "I did not expect to be running to Raf's office and running to government offices, but when this came up we said, 'We

have to jump on this.'"

The process of incorporating the trust went surprisingly smoothly, Mercadante added.

"Everything happened just right," she said. "The whole process was surprisingly smooth and easy. Raf was wonderful to work with and the V.I. Government was great."

"It was like this was meant to be," said Mercadante. "It's been a joy."

Mercadante is president of the board of St. John Land Conservancy with Muilenburg the secretary and George Mercadante treasurer. The group is fully incorporated and working on its website, which should be complete soon. Both Mercadante and Muilenburg celebrated the group's achievement last week.

"I'm so happy to have been able to do this," said Mercadante. "When people come up to me and say, 'Thank you,' it makes me realize that I am doing something good."

"I am thrilled," said Muilenburg. "I am so excited that a property that is so unique and has so much history and resources is going to be saved forever from development. I am speechless."

The group's impact is sure to be felt far from East End. Having saved Haulover from development was only St. John Land Conservancy's first project, according to Mercadante.

"This is just the first project," she said. "We hope to talk to land owners about their land and how we can help through conservation

or any alternative ways. We'll work with land owners in any possible way to keep the land from being developed so people can use it and access it and enjoy it just the way it's always been."

"What I am particularly excited about is that St. John Land Conservancy has been formed and will be able to do other things on St. John where there is a development threat to property that is really in need of conserving," said Muilenburg. "There is really a lot of potential support for something like this."

The group is hoping to attract support from the St. John commu-

nity, both financially and through volunteers.

"I really feel that St. John needs to preserve the land and the open space that it has and that is being over built," said Mercadante. "A lot of these places we all enjoy are disappearing before our eyes and something needs to be done. Everyone needs to be involved in this, it's not just about me."

"I really hope to have the entire community behind this effort either through volunteering or donating," she said. "I feel like everyone I know on St. John feels the same way that I do and I think this is really going to take on a life of its own."

Donations of any kind are welcome by St. John Land Conservancy, Muilenburg added.

"We are open to anything people can offer — any amount of financial donations or volunteer hours," he said. "We've gotten a lot of positive feedback and we're really excited about the upwelling of support from the community."

To find out more about St. John Land Conservancy and how to help the group call Mercadante at 252-774-0792. The group's website is still under construction, but should be complete soon.

2011 RAIN DATA at Trunk Bay

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Magic of V.I. Advertising Fêted at Addy Awards MaLinda Media Wins "Best of Print" Award

St. John Tradewinds

It was a magical evening of awards and recognition this past weekend at The 2011 ADDY Awards, "The Magic of V.I. Advertising," presented by the American Advertising Federation of the U.S. Virgin Islands, and sponsored by The V.I. Lottery, The Virgin Islands Daily News and Ackley Media Group.

The award show recognizing the best in local advertising took place on Saturday night, April 30, at Prior-Jolleck Hall. Reminiscent of Hollywood, attendees entered the walkway to the theatre which was adorned with gold ADDY statuettes, and piped musical classics from Frank Sinatra.

Attendees then made their way to the red carpet leading to a large outdoor cocktail area complete with an ADDY backdrop, where AAF paparazzi snapped photos of the night's glamorous guests.

The rhythmic sounds of world renowned jazz musician, Louis Taylor and his band were the main attraction in this area, under several large elegantly lit tents, which



MaLinda Media's St. John Magazine (Issue No. 5) won "Best of Print" Donald Plantz Honorary Award.

housed an impressive lounge area with plush seating and carpeting, along with the food and beverage area with hors d'oeuvres and champagne.

The four major awards of the night were awarded to the following: The Donald Plantz Award Print – Malinda Media for St. John Magazine Issue Number Five;

Best of Television – MLB Creative for The Virgin Islands Lottery "Thousands of Dollars are On The Line"; Radio – Austin Advertising for Guardian Insurance "Even If" Jingle; The Peter DeBlanc Award – MLB Creative for Choice Wireless, Choice-Wireless.com.

The big award of the show, The Overall Best of Show for 2011, went to MLB Creative for The Virgin Islands Lottery, "Thousands of Dollars Are On The Line" Local TV.

"This TV spot represents the tradition of the Lottery," said Terri Brown of MLB Creative. "We thank the Lottery for imagining the possibilities of what this spot could be and trusting us to create it."

A major feature of the evening was the presentation of the AAF USVI Lifetime Achievement Award, to Athniel "Addie" Ottley of Ottley Communications and WSTA Radio and The AAF USVI Emerging Leader In Media Award presented to Rashidi Clenance of Sunstroke Promotions and 105

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Tiger Shark Hunt Video Causes Outcry Against Charter Boat Operation

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

A video showing a Coral Bay man hooking a tiger shark in water off Le Duc Island with several scuba divers went viral last week, prompting outcry from people horrified by the footage.

The more than nine-minute video showed Andy Greaux, owner of SharkBite Charters based in Coral Bay, hooking into two tiger sharks. One of the sharks gets away; the other one did not fare so well.

The video, filmed by Karl Callwood — who happens to work for Senator Celestino White — and posted on YouTube, shows the hooked tiger shark swimming in circles, bleeding from the gills and mouth and eventually being hauled to shore and dumped in the back of a pickup truck.

The YouTube video includes dramatic instrumental music and zooms in on plumes of blood from the tiger shark, who seems to be doing belly rolls as the creature

nears death.

The footage was gathered and emailed to a host of officials last week after first making waves on Facebook. Greaux's SharkBite Charters business page on the social media website garnered many comments from outraged shark enthusiasts and marine officials, as well as encouraging comments from supporters of the fisherman.

The full content of the comments on the Facebook business page can not be read as Greaux has been deleting threads, and it remains unclear if the charter company's aim is to offer sightseeing tours or shark hunts.

"Presently taking folks out on the smaller boat to sportfish, diving, snorkel tours and sightseeing tours," according to SharkBite Charter's Facebook page. "Fixing larger boat with two shark cages to view the tiger sharkes [sic] in their own environment, in the water a few feet under the boat. Scuba gear supplied."



A video showing Shark Bite Charters hauling in a tiger shark, like these above, caused a commotion from residents aghast at the killing.

What Greaux is doing is not illegal since tiger sharks are not on the Endangered Species List and he is not catching them in V.I. National

Park waters. To catch them legally, even for recreational purposes, a fisherman does need a Highly Migratory Species permit.

Commercially fishing the animals would require additional permits and licenses and even then operators are only allowed to catch one per day, according to Bryan DeAngelis, a scientist with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

What is worrying officials in the marine industry about Greaux's operation is the potential impact of targeting a key part of the food chain and ecosystem and propagating old misconceptions about tiger sharks.

"They are an important part of the ecosystem and food chain," said DeAngelis. "Like other top predators they have an important role to play. They control the food web from the top down so if they are being eliminated the next level increases and you can continue to follow that link all the way down to level of our coral reefs."

"It's also a continuation of what we were hoping was an out-

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The KATS St. John Optimist fleet sails a course near Johnson Bay during the 2010 Commodore's Cup.

Commodore's Cup Supports Local Youth Sailing

By Jim Furneaux
 St. John Tradewinds

The organizers of this year's Commodore's Cup Regatta, being hosted May 14 and 15, are calling on the community to support what is annually the largest fund raiser for the Kids And The Sea St. John program.

"KATS is the single most important program on island to promote development of our youth through hands on education of sailing and the sea," St. John Yacht Club Commodore Scott Barnett said. "We are calling all hands to participate by sailing, buying raffle tickets and attending the pre- and post-race activities."

The regatta will be this weekend using Skinny Legs in Coral Bay as its base of operations. The Skipper's Meeting will start there at 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 13, with the start of the race scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, May 14, just off Johnson's Bay.

There will be an after race party at Skinny Legs on both Saturday and Sunday afternoons with an awards ceremony as well on Sunday. The Regatta is organized by the St. John Yacht Club, Coral Bay Yacht Club and Nauti Yacht Club and major sponsors include Budget Marine and Cruzan Rum. Entry forms are available at Connections East and West, St. John Hardware or by calling Barnett at 626-0702.

All of the money raised by the regatta goes entirely to KATS,

an all volunteer nonprofit group which has been in existence since 1988. KATS formula is simple — put motivated community volunteers in a structured sea based educational program and out comes more confident, knowledgeable youth.

St. John kids as young as 8-years-old start with basic rowing and seamanship and progress through several levels which reach all the way to advanced skills that prepare young people for college sailing teams, careers in the marine industry and even as far as a track to the Olympics.

The program gives local children an activity while introducing them to their environment, explained Jennifer Robinson, secretary-treasurer of KATS.

"Kids need activity — what better way than fun on the water," said Robinson. "KATS prepares kids for life through meeting the challenges of knot tying, boat maintenance, and racing technique and strategy. They develop self confidence and an ability to think on their feet."

Robinson talked about the accomplishments of a number of recent KATS graduates which include members of college sailing teams Sarah Swan (Eckerd), Ian Beam (Tufts), Neil Ford (Old Dominion), Matt Ford (Eckerd) and Angelo Raimondi (Texas), as well as those earning their living in the marine industry like Revel Boulon and Dane Tarr, and even an Olym-

pic hopeful, Mimi Roller.

Roller is a wonderful example of the impact of KATS on kids. She was kind enough to interrupt her finals preparation at St. Mary's College of Maryland to share her thoughts on KATS and what the program has done for her.

"I started KATS first when I was 8 or 9 and initially quit because I had been frightened by the big boats and my lack of understanding of the elements. My brother had started at the same time as me, but he kept up with it, and soon he began competing in regattas. Since Hugo and I are so close in age, there has always been a lot of sibling rivalry between us, so once he started doing well in regattas, naturally I wanted to start sailing again.

"I went back to KATS when I was 10, and my desire to beat my brother definitely fueled my passion for sailing initially. But the more I went to KATS, I began to appreciate sailing for more than a means in which I could try to be better than my brother. The highlight of each weekend for me was getting to go to KATS.

"Everything from the morning meeting, to the motor boat ride from Skinny Legs to Johnson's Bay where all of the kids would rush out of the boat in the hopes to get the best equipment of all the boats, to the sailing itself, is something I will always remember. The instructors were always so friendly help-

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CBCC Meeting To Focus on Uses for Five-Acre Parcel

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Coral Bay might be seeing a new reverse osmosis plant, water storage tanks and standpipes.

Or the area might see a “convenience center” where residents would be able to drop off waste, recyclables and compost. Or both.

The future of a five-acre parcel of government land located at 6-4 Carolina just off Centerline Road, will be the focus of a Coral Bay Community Council planning session on Monday night, May 9, at 6 p.m. at Guy Benjamin School.

The group will be discussing proposed uses for the five acres of unused government land, explained CBCC president Sharon Coldren.

“Parcel 6-4 Carolina is currently being used by Department of Public Works for storage of landslide fill and other materials,” said Coldren. “Just recently, two proposals have been made for the land. There are probably about three acres of usable land on the site, given that the main gut is one the western portion — where CBCC is doing the sediment detention



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by CBCC

Parcel 6-4 Carolina, above, will be the focus of CBCC's planning series meeting on May 9, when the group will discuss proposed uses for the five-acre site.

work — and some of the land is very steep.”

The parcel is not zoned, but is

located below residential areas zoned R-1 and R-2. While many residents believe the land was ear-

marked for recreation purposes when the Marsh family donated it to the government, no such restric-

tions exist, according to Coldren.

“While a number of people in the community are under the impression that this government owned land is ‘deed-restricted’ to be used for parks and recreation, a review of the deed and the legislation for the government purchasing the property in the 1960s shows that there are no restrictions on the Government’s use,” said Coldren. “Within the V.I. Government, Parks and Recreation has the management control, but ‘sign off’ authority is Property and Procurement.”

Water And Power Authority is proposing to use a roughly three-quarter-acre portion of the site for a water storage tank and standpipes in anticipation of a Reverse Osmosis plant being constructed in the Fortsberg area of the Coral Bay waterfront, explained Coldren.

WAPA is in the process of applying to Department of Planning and Natural Resources, Division of Coastal Zone Management to construct a roughly 50,000 gallon RO plant on flat land in the Fortsberg area, Coldren explained.

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Volunteers combed the mangrove area of Coral Bay, above, during a recent clean up effort to spruce up the neighborhood, hosted by Coral Bay Community Council.

Ten Volunteers Help CBCC Clean Up Coral Bay Mangrove Area at Dumpsters

St. John Tradewinds

The Coral Bay Community Council hosted a two-hour clean up of the mangrove area behind the dumpsters in Coral Bay on Saturday, April 30.

More than 10 volunteers turned up to pull plastic and other trash out of the mangroves. Most trash had been blown there from the overloaded dumpsters, although some — like two television sets — appeared to have been placed

there by people!

Thanks to the volunteers who pulled the plastic and fabric from the mud so that the land crabs can burrow again. Thanks to the people who picked up plastic containers. Dengue mosquitoes — which only breed in artificial containers, not natural swamps or ponds — will have few breeding places now!

CBCC thanks: Bill Fisk; David Silverman; Raf, Thia and Allegra Muilenberg; Carey Mercurio;

Karen and Rob Vahling; Bruce Swanson; and Mary Ladner who gave their time and backs to this clean up.

Thanks also V.I. National Park for the bags, Love City Minimart for cold drinks, Friends of VINP for gloves and Steve Hendren of Sunny Rock Construction for hauling the debris.

Let's help maintain Coral Bay's wetlands and mangroves as beautiful wildlife habitats.

Enighed Parking Lot Is Open

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Go ahead and park, it's open!

Although there was no fanfare, the Enighed Pond Marine Facility parking lot is officially open, Senator at Large Craig Barshinger was assured by Department of Public Works Commissioner Darryl Smalls last week.

During the swearing in ceremony of Department of Planning and Natural Resources Commissioner Alicia Barnes and V.I. Territorial Emergency Management Agency Director Elton Lewis on Tuesday, May 3, Barshinger questioned the head of DPW about the \$998,450 parking lot.

"I told Mr. Smalls that I had observed that the barricades were down at the Enighed lot and I asked him if it was open," said the Senator at Large. "He said, 'Yes.' I asked if there would be a ribbon cutting ceremony to commemorate this important event."

"He said, 'I will have to work on it,'" said Barshinger. "He said, 'It's open — you can park there.'"

The 151-space gravel parking lot on V.I. Port Authority land was designed by St. Thomas-based architecture firm deJongh and Associates and the almost \$1 million contract was awarded to Wharton Smith.

Although the bulk of work on the parking lot was completed several weeks ago, issues with handicapped parking, fencing, drainage and lighting delayed the opening of the lot to the public.

The gravel ground cover of the lot, including the seven designated handicapped parking spaces, did not meet Americans with Disabilities Act requirements, according to officials. The six-foot fence surrounding the area did not comply with Department of Homeland Security regulations which require an eight-foot structure, and the solar lighting erected in the area was deemed too dark, according to government officials.

The area is also prone to flooding, with the issue apparently stemming from inadequate drainage pipes in the roadway adjacent to the lot, according to officials.

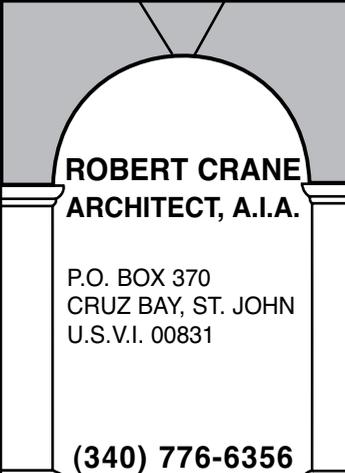
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VINP Okays CORE To Use Modified Spears in Certain Park Waters for Fight Against Predator Lionfish

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

V.I. National Park officials gave the go-ahead to allow limited modified spear fishing in park waters in order to boost the fight against Lionfish.

Caribbean Oceanic Restoration and Education (CORE) Foundation was issued a permit last week by VINP to allow for modified spear fishing to remove Lionfish in certain areas, explained VINP's Chief of Resource Management Rafe Boulon.

"It's not spear fishing," said Boulon. "We've permitted CORE, and probably just the principals of CORE, to use a modified spear to remove Lionfish in cryptic-type water where you can't use a net. Where nets are easy to use, there will not be any use of modified spears."

CORE was formed in 2008 in St. Croix by avid scuba diver Joe Gulli to fight the spread of Lionfish in local waters. Since likely being dumped into the Atlantic Ocean in the wake of Hurricane Andrew, Lionfish — which are native to the Pacific Ocean — have wreaked havoc on coral reefs from Florida to the Bahamas.

The fish have no natural predators in the Atlantic Ocean or Caribbean Sea and feed on reef fish with a voracious appetite. The fish decimate reef fish populations, which leads to degradation of the reefs as seen in vast swaths of damaged corals in the Bahamas.

CORE was formed to organize the effort to eradicate Lionfish across the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and the Caribbean. Karl Pytlik is the St. John CORE coordinator and he has trained dozens of volunteers to search for and remove the fish.

Pytlik monitors messages from people who report sightings of the fish and has helped VINP manage the invasive species, explained Boulon.

"Karl has been instrumental in removing 90 plus percent of Lionfish from park waters and all around St. John," said Boulon. "He's a real go-getter in terms of the Lionfish. We don't have the time or the people to be out there following up on every report without sacrificing our other projects."

"Karl and CORE have been an incredible help to us and we just wanted to legalize the modified spear use in order to enable them to use the spears," said Boulon.

The permit comes with strict restrictions detailing when the modified spears are to be used and the permit must be on the swimmer at all times, Boulon added.

VINP's issuing of the permit itself highlights the severity of the threat posed by Lionfish.

"We are doing everything we can to remove Lionfish from the area," said Boulon. "Our focus is to protect fish habitats, mangrove areas and shallow reef areas. We can't cover everything obviously, but CORE has been a huge help."

Even with CORE's help, however, the fight against the Lionfish will not be an easy battle, Boulon added.

"The best we can hope for is to keep the numbers low enough in critical areas so they are not doing significant damage," said the VINP Chief of Resource Management. "But unless something really dramatic happens — some viral epidemic sweeps through or a new predator comes around — the Lionfish problem is going to be forever more."

The new permit to use modified spears in VINP waters will go a long way to help CORE's effort, Pytlik explained.

"The permit is great," he said. "There are a lot of times where you can't use a net. This will absolutely help the fight."

Since Pytlik joined CORE's Lionfish eradication effort a year ago, the group has removed more than 150 fish from local waters, he explained.

"To date, we're well over 150 fish," said Pytlik. "The first Lionfish was found a year ago March. The largest Lionfish we've caught is no more than 10 inches."

"We just got an eight-inch fish out of Peter Bay two days ago and we are generally finding fish measuring five to eight inches," said Pytlik. "Usually if they are smaller than nine inches, they are not mature and can't breed. Most of the ones we are still finding are under that which is great because it means we are still facing a lot of juveniles."

"I would say there are very little, if any, eggs being laid here in St. John waters," he said.

While the task is daunting, Pytlik remains optimistic about the battle.

"I believe we have a fighting chance," he said. "There are a lot of people who work in the park and on charters who still haven't seen one. We are doing a good job and we can tell because the areas where fish have popped up, we go and take them out and then go back and they're not there anymore."

Pytlik responds to calls reporting sightings of the fish at least several times a week, he explained.

"I guess I really got going on this in August and since then I get calls easily several times a week," said Pytlik. "It started slow, and then we got a really big push in January and February and then it slowed down again. But we consistently get at least two to three sightings a week and very rarely do I get anyone who misidentifies a fish."

Snorklers should carry Lionfish markers, available at Friends of the Park Store and island dive shops, with them at all times and call CORE at 340-201-2342 to report sightings.

Pytlik continues to give presentations on the fish at Maho Bay Camps twice a month. Call the eco-resort at 776-6226 for the date of his next presentation. As the territory and the region continue to face the Lionfish threat, the stakes should not be underestimated, Pytlik added.

"It's very simple, we have to protect what we all live off which is the environment," he said. "This is a tourist destination and the least anyone can do is make a phone call."

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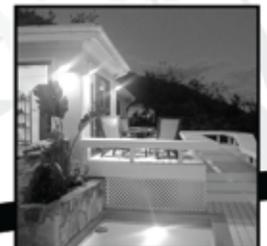
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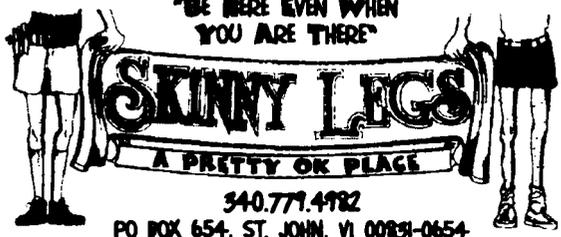
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Eighth Annual Power Swim Expecting 200 Swimmers; Competition Coming from Off-Island

By Andrea Milam
 St. John Tradewinds

If the numbers from early registration are any indication, this year's Beach to Beach Power Swim could be one of the biggest yet.

It's safe to say the word is out about the event — 40 off-island competitors from as far away as Hawaii, Spain and Trinidad had already registered for the Sunday, May 29, Friends of the V.I. National Park fundraiser as of last week.

The eighth annual Power Swim will see swimmers race from Maho Bay to Cinnamon Bay in the one-mile short course; Maho Bay to Trunk Bay in the two-and-a-quarter-mile intermediate course; and Maho Bay to Hawksnest in the three-and-a-half-mile long course. Swimmers will compete in the assisted category, where fins, mask and snorkel are permitted, and in the unassisted category, where they rely solely on their own bodies to do the job.

While aspects of the race have been fine-tuned over the years, thorough planning during the race's inception ensured that few major changes have been necessary.

"It's pretty much what people have grown to expect over the years," said Friends of the VINP President Joe Kessler. "Back at the beginning we took a lot of time in trying to get it right. It's a fun, really cool event."

Aside from showcasing the VINP's waters and beaches, the event raises money for the VINP's Learn to Swim program.

The Beach to Beach Power Swim is fun for spectators too thanks to the three different finish lines where onlookers can cheer swimmers on, and the after party at Oppenheimer, where awards are doled out.

Such a big event simply couldn't take place without volunteers, and the Friends relies on nearly 100 people, from timers at the finish lines to kayakers in the water, who help ensure the swimmers' safety.

"As always, we devote a lot of attention to safety," said Kessler. "We'll have 25 kayaks in the water along

"We devote a lot of attention to safety. We'll have 25 kayaks in the water along with several standup paddle boarders. Then we'll have five or six power boats, a couple National Park Service patrol boats, the St. John Rescue boat, and Rescue volunteers on other boats and the beaches."

— Joe Kessler, president
 Friends of the Virgin Islands National Park

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Race organizers expect upwards of 250 swimmers at this year's event. Everyone who completes the race will receive a medal, and everyone who registers receives a shirt and goody bag. Trophies for those who place near the top have been provided by Maho's glass blowing program.

As an additional fundraising aspect of the race, the Friends are encouraging swimmers to seek out sponsors who will donate a certain amount per mile completed, or simply if the swimmer finishes the race. This "Race for a Reason" component of the power swim was introduced last year, and organizers are expecting an even better response this year.

The third and final practice swim is scheduled for May 15 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Maho Bay, and the prerace meeting will be on May 28, at the Maho Bay Camps restaurant at 5 p.m.

To donate, volunteer, or sign up to compete, contact Friends Program Manager Audrey Penn at 779-4940.

Deadline To Renew Storm Refuge Permits May 28

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The Management of V.I. National Park and Coral Reef National Monument last week reminded all boaters holding 2010 storm refuge permits to contact the Park immediately in order to keep the permitted spot in Hurricane Hole for the 2011 hurricane season.

VINP management will assume the boaters who have not contacted the Park by May 24, do not intend to utilize the spot that was permitted in 2010. Boaters are asked to send an email to Esther_Francis@nps.gov and let her know their intentions, and receive an application for renewal.

Boaters can also send or drop off a letter stating their desire to retain their spot from 2010. Boaters must fill out an application for the 2011 season in order for the Park to have up-to-date information on

boat owners as well as their vessels.

In the email or letter, please provide the owner's/captain's name, vessel's name, and the location of the 2010 permit (example - Otter-3). For those, who had temporary permits for a portion of last year, a park official will let them know if the original permit holder elects to not use the spot this year, thus forfeiting their spot.

Once Park Management knows how many spots are to be retained by 2010 permit holders, a drawing for the remainders will be conducted at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 28.

Park Management is asking boaters to spread the word regarding this notice for 2010 permittees who don't check their email, or whose email has changed to contact the Park. Contact Rafe Boulon at 693-8950, ext. 224 for more information.

VINP Hosting 2011 Summer Youth Conservation Corp

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V.I. National Park Superintendent Mark Hardgrove announced that VINP will be hosting the Annual Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) Program again this summer.

The YCC Program provides an opportunity for youths to be employed for an eight-week period while gaining an understanding and appreciation about the conservation mission for the National Park Service.

The program will employ five youths and a Youth Leader. Participants will be involved in a variety of duties associated with park operations and earn \$7.25 an hour. The eight-week program will begin on June 27 and end on August 19.

Applicants must be between 15 and 18 years of age and a U.S. citizen, or have permanent residency status. Interested youths may pick up an application at the VINP Visitor Center in Cruz Bay between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. until May 18.

Applicants will be chosen based on their responses from an interview. For more information contact Vanessa Taliaferro-Robinson, Administrative Officer, at 776-6201, ext. 260.

Experts Call for Another Active Hurricane Season

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

The 2011 hurricane season is just around corner — the season officially starts on June 1 — and experts are calling for an active one.

Bill Gray and Phil Klotzbach of Colorado State University's Tropical Meteorology Project released their latest predictions for the 2011 hurricane season in April and the data warns of another above-average season.

"We estimate that 2011 will have about nine hurricanes (average is 5.9), 16 named storms (average is 9.6), 80 named storm days (average is 49.1), 35 hurricane days (average is 24.5), five major (Category 3-4-5) hurricanes (average is 2.3) and 10 major hurricane days (average is 5.0)," according to the Extended Range Forecast of Atlantic Seasonal Hurricane Activity and Landfall Strike Probability for 2011.

Meteorologists with CSU's Tropical Meteorology Project have been issuing predictions for 27 years and use 29 years of data to make their predictions.

"We believe that seasonal forecasts must be based on methods that show significant hindcast skill in application to long periods of prior data," according to the report. "It is only through hindcast skill that one can demonstrate that seasonal forecast skill is possible. This is a valid methodology provided that the atmosphere continues to behave in the future as it has in the past."

The scientists also predict the probability of landfall along the U.S. coastline and the Caribbean. While the report does not include data for the U.S. Virgin Islands, landfall

2011 Hurricane Names

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rising CO2 levels with SST [sea surface temperature] increases during the late 20th century and say that this has brought on higher levels of hurricane intensity," according to the report. "These speculations that hurricane intensity has increased due to CO2 increases have been given much media attention; however, we believe that they are not valid, given current observational data. "It has been tempting for many who do not have a strong background of hurricane information to jump on this recent increase in major hurricane activity as strong evidence of a human influence on hurricanes."

"It should be noted, however, that the last 16-year active major hurricane period of 1995-2010 has not been more active than the earlier 16-year period of 1949-1964 when the Atlantic Ocean circulation conditions were similar to what has been observed during the last 16 years," according to Gray and Klotzbach's report. "These earlier active conditions occurred even though atmospheric CO2 amounts were lower during the earlier period. Although global surface temperatures increased during the late 20th century, there is no reliable data to indicate increased hurricane frequency or intensity in any of the globe's other tropical cyclone basins since 1972."

Gray and Klotzbach will issue their next forecasts for the 2011 hurricane season on Wednesday, June 1, and August 1. From August through October, the meteorologists will issue two-week forecasts. A verification and discussion of all 2011 forecasts will be issued in late November. All of these forecasts are available at <http://hurricane.atmos.colostate.edu/forecasts>.

probability for Puerto Rico is spelled out.

"For the island of Puerto Rico, the probability of a named storm, hurricane and major hurricane tracking within 50 miles of the island this year is 50 percent, 26 percent, and 8 percent, respectively," according to the report.

The report also includes data which dispels the notion that global warming is to blame for increased hurricane activity.

"Some researchers have tried to link the

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VINP officials will be looking into possibly dredging the Cruz Bay Creek area, above and left, in order to remove built up silt and install a floating pier.

VINP Launching Environmental Assessment for Construction of Floating Pier in Creek

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The Virgin Islands National Park Visitor's Center is located in Cruz Bay and includes a bulkhead and finger pier where park vessels are docked. As a result of commercial barge and ferry boat traffic in Cruz Bay Creek, sediment has built up reducing the depth of water near the Visitor Center. Due to the sediment buildup, over one third of the park service bulkhead is no longer accessible by boat.

The National Park Service is proposing to dredge Cruz Bay Creek and construct a floating boat pier adjacent to the park's boat ramp. An Environmental Assessment is being prepared to analyze the potential for impacts of the proposed project on the human, physical, and natural environment.

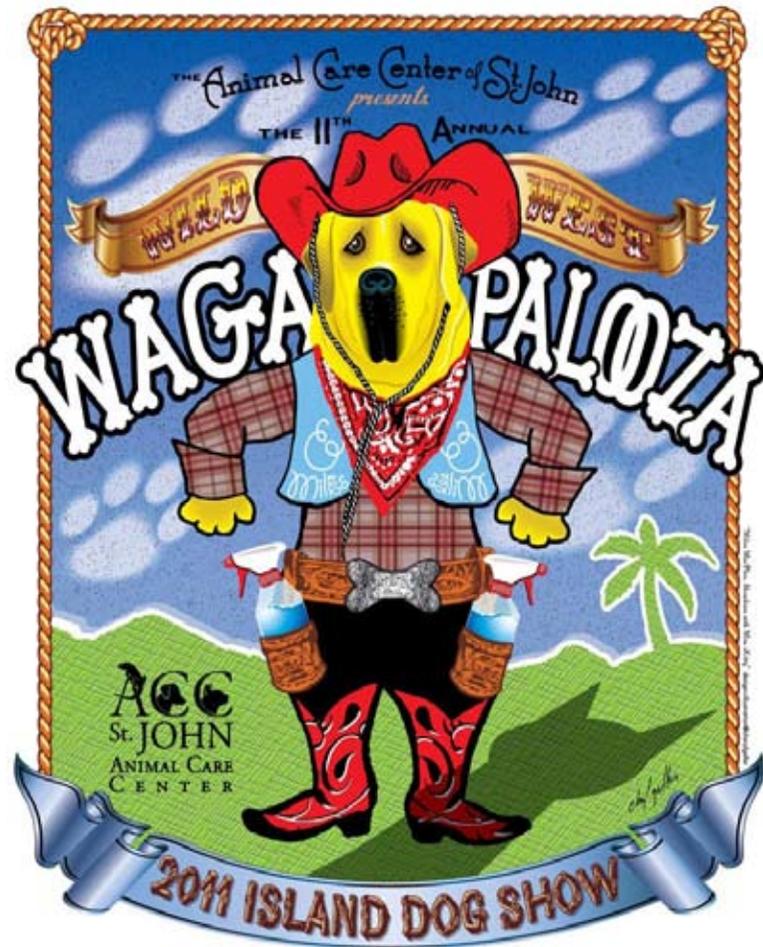
The dredging project would include the removal of approximately 8,300 cubic yards of sediment. The sediment would be dried on

the park's property and ferried to the Bovoni Landfill on St. Thomas. Three conceptual design alternatives are being considered for the proposed floating boat pier. A scoping newsletter has been prepared to solicit public comments on the proposed project.

Copies of the scoping newsletter are available at the VINP Visitor Center at 1300 Cruz Bay Creek in Cruz Bay, St. John. The newsletter will also be available on the National Park Service's Planning, Environment, and Public Comment website <http://parkplanning.nps.gov>. Under "Choose a Park" click on "Virgin Islands National Park" and follow the link to "Dredge Little Cruz Bay EA."

The public is asked to submit comments by June 13. It is NPS practice to make all comments, including names and addresses of respondents who provide that information, available for public review.

Individuals may request that the NPS withhold their name and/or address from public disclosure. To do this, commenters using the website can make such a request by checking the box "keep my contact information private." If submitting written comments, please state this request at the beginning of the comment. The NPS will honor such requests to the extent allowable by law.



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Historical Bits & Pieces

by Chuck Pishko

Annaberg...the Rest of the Story

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From time to time, I review the descriptions of St. John written for tourist publications in order to see how accurately they portray our island to our visitors.

One of my pet peeves is the number of publications that misspell Laurance Rockefeller's first name. Granted the spelling is

unique but it is his family's and should be honored as such. Laurance was named after his beloved maternal grandmother Laura Spelman, hence Laurance.

Another pet peeve is identifying a property or plantation with only one of the owners. For example, the Annaberg Plantation is referred to as James Murphy's property

even though he only held it for 10 years.

His Annaberg claim to fame is that he combined a number of plantations into one "super" plantation. He developed an economy of scale including specialized teams of workers (slaves) who would be moved from plantation to plantation to concentrate and refine their

efforts. Murphy, a former notorious slave trader, built a super-killing machine that worked scores of enslaved Africans to death.

Annaberg is a stellar attraction within the Virgin Islands National Park and is noted for the size and relative completeness of the factory complex. Murphy constructed a state-of-the-art processing facility.

The laborers' village is said to offer a rare glimpse at the life-ways and living conditions of the "individuals of African descent" who physically constructed the complex, cultivated the fields, and operated, serviced and maintained the factories (D. Knight, Annaberg, p 50). N.B. "Individuals of African descent" would better read "enslaved Africans stolen from their homes and lifeways." While it's true that all the physical structures you see were developed

under Murphy's tenure, it doesn't tell the whole rich story.

For example, not much has been reported on Owen Sheridan, the "overseer" of Annaberg. He was in fact the manager. Sheridan was wealthy in his own right owning a plantation in Botany Bay, St. Thomas, which he willed to Janus Murphy, the son of James Murphy.

Sheridan was also a principal in the auction sale of Haulover Estate. He purchased Haulover for Seth Smith, Jr. He referred to James Murphy in his will as "my worthy friend". (WI Test. Book 1802-07. P. 785). An interesting bequest in the will was "100 pieces of eight (\$100) yearly to John, son of wench Martha belonging to James Murphy, Esq. until his apprenticeship is out when he will

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Wagapalooza To Feature New Attractions for Kids and Adults

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The main feature of Wagapalooza, the St. John Animal Care Center's annual spring fundraiser being hosted this year on Saturday, May 21, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Winston Wells ball field in Cruz Bay, has always been the island-style dog show.

Waga (as it's popularly known) features zany categories like Best Spot, Best Tail, Best Lap Dog, and, this year, Best Cow Hound.

Another major attraction in recent years has been the food stall. "Top Dog," ACC's catering crew, features innovative, delicious food and beverage choices. Jennifer Troisi, Top Dog's top dog, announced that this year's Waga culinary selections will include beef, chicken, and vegetarian shish-kebobs. As usual, the servings will be enormous and scrumptious.

A big Waga attraction will be the Pet Photo Opp. The booth will offer free high-quality photographs of dog and owner Waga attendees taken on the spot. A number of the island's well-known photographers are also offering candid photos via the web without charge.

Bob Schlesinger of Tropical Focus Photography is spearheading the photography staff with Laurence Maultsby and Emily Rose Caspe of Accidental Photography

in front of the green screen. And island newcomer, Yelena Rogers, who has contributed her expertise to ACC's Facebook parade of dogs for adoption, will make her public debut at the 2011 Waga.

New attractions to include children in the festivities are also being created. An example is a children's table at Waga where the Wild West hound dog will be printed out for coloring. Completed artwork will be signed and displayed at the show.

ACC is hoping to have a designated volunteer available at the table at all times and perhaps ever provide cold lemonade and cookies to the hard-working artists.

Last, but not least, will be a Grand Finale parade of any children attending Waga with their dogs (on leashes). Boys and girls up to the age of 18 will be invited to form a procession to march around the fairgrounds. ACC is reviewing suggestions for favors to be given to each and every parade participant.

Waga is only two weeks away so finish training those dogs for their tricks and putting final touches onto those costumes.

For more information about Waga and for on-line registration of show dogs, log into <http://wagapalooza.com>.

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Armed Robberies: 0

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3rd Degree Burglaries: 7

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Crossword Answers — Puzzle on Page 20

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Letters To St. John Tradewinds

Governor Created Financial Crisis

Dear Governor deJongh,

After reading the piece in the May 2-8 issue of the *Tradewinds* re: you, our Governor, dissing our Senate for our financial crisis, I felt compelled to write this.

It is bewildering to me that you can't see that our financial woes are

due, in large part, to your inane decision a while ago to illegally send us property tax bills based on the absurd "new" valuations, when all along, you could have been sending them out based on the 1998 valuations. Instead you wait until we are in a financial crisis.

Had you had the sense to do this we wouldn't be in the bind we're in now. Passing the blame onto the Senate is cowardly!

And this situation is pretty much why I chose NOT to vote for you in the last election!

Deborah Ramsay

Performing Miracles Everday

Christ tried to teach us that we have to be "born again as little children" to become part of God. Being born again means to be without an ego that controls us, to be able to use our knowledge and understanding without being controlled by our emotions.

To be able to react to every circumstance, every aspect of our lives guided by our knowledge of good and evil and to practice it until we automatically choose good as a way of being. Christ tried to teach us that giving to, helping, and honoring each other is a way to get to that state of being.

This way works and you can begin today to practice it during every encounter you have with another person. You may fail some of the time, but as you keep doing it, it will become more natural and you will begin to have a much greater appreciation of others and of yourself.

All religions and other forms of personal help programs try to teach the same thing: live your life helping others; live in the present moment; and have total control over yourself — very simple.

There are many "ways" or tools such as praying, mediating, fasting, talking, some cultures even use mind altering drugs but the goal is the same; to create an environment in our consciousness that allows us to be totally connected

and in harmony with everything in this cosmos, or to be one with God.

To get to this point we must be able to overcome the emotional control that our ego has over us, the ego puts us in the position to have to evaluate whether to choose good or evil in every circumstance in our daily lives and often allows us to choose the opposite of good. Jesus fasted for 40 days and 40 nights in the desert to be "one with God." The Buddha fasted until he almost died, gave up fasting and then meditated for 49 days to become "enlightened." We each have to find our own "way."

Whether we consider wrong ways of living evil or just consider them wrong, human beings cannot continue to live on this planet in the way we are living today. We are totally out of synchronicity with all other forms of life and the rest of the cosmos and there is no possibility that we will be able to survive in this way.

We live in a very unique community in many ways. We are a small insular community and people in general are very accepting of each other. When I left New Hampshire when I walked down the street as I approached someone we each looked away, no one said "good morning" to someone that they did not know.

In this community people ex-

pect you to say "good morning" even if you don't know them. If you say good morning to the people you meet and actually care if they are having a good day and if you direct your actions towards helping them to have a good day you make a huge positive impact on your own well being.

There is nothing we can do that brings greater real pleasure than helping other people. We really can perform miracles and we can do it in our daily lives. There really does not seem to be a limit to the powers that human beings have and the things that we can do if we begin to live our lives individually in synch with our cosmos, which is being one with God.

Most scientists agree that we are going to experience more and more changes in our weather and our environmental conditions. We will be seeing more erratic weather, higher tides, possible rises in sea level, more intense storms and severe environmental degradation of our oceans.

These changes could have a huge impact on this community long before they do in other parts of the world. These changes can provide us with an opportunity to really begin to live our lives in a very different way if we choose to begin now to really help each other and to grow ourselves.

Greg Miller

There's a Consignment Shop

...at The Lumberyard complex and it's just what St. John needs.

It's perfect for new arrivals. They can get pretty much anything they want to outfit an apartment and without going to St. Thomas.

The store is also run by a savvy business woman. Her name is Lori and she's a pleasure to deal with. I

like her because she is ethical.

I literally gave her some items to consign without asking anything in return, she noticed some items of value and insisted that I take a cut.

Yes, those who are leaving the island can also consign items there. The merchandise that is for

sale is priced comparatively to K-mart and of higher quality.

Let's support a local vendor; check out the consignment shop at The Lumberyard complex. Buy and sell what you need on St. John.

Grateful Resident

Letters To St. John Tradewinds

Caneel Bay Resort Is Largest Employer on St. John and Key To Marketing Territory as Tourism Destination

As Managing Director, I would like to respond on behalf of Caneel Bay Resort, to the *St. John Tradewinds* article in your April 25 to May 1 2011 edition entitled "Sen. Hill Calls for Investigation of Caneel Bay Resort Employment Practices."

In the past, we have hosted Sen. Hill for meetings at Caneel Bay with our key team members and we wanted to address some of the points included in the article.

Our resort is a seasonal business that relies on travellers to St. John, and hotel occupancy levels that fluctuate throughout the year. Sadly, the entire hospitality industry suffered from the global economic downturn that began in 2009 and the U.S. Virgin Islands, and specifically Caneel Bay was not immune to these adverse effects.

Contrary to the *St. John Tradewinds* article that stated "Caneel Bay closes its doors several times a year unassociated with seasonal activity," the record will substantiate that Caneel Bay suspended business operations only during the traditionally slow business months of September and October in 2009 and 2010 due to the economy and a sharply lower number of visitors to St. John.

These temporary business suspensions were used by Caneel Bay as an opportunity to make capital improvements to the resort to help with future business. Employee benefits continued during the temporary suspension of hotel guest operations and slightly more than 100 employees were retained on Caneel's payroll as part of the improvement process and grounds team.

To complete the capital improvements during the closure, Caneel Bay worked with a locally licensed contractor. Individuals with specific skills were needed to accomplish certain aspects of the work. While we recommended to the contractor that it consider using those of our employees who had the required skills, ultimately the composition of the workforce used to complete the work on time and budget was determined by the licensed contractor.

Caneel Bay is one of the largest contributors to

the economic well-being of the territory in terms of dollars returned to the Virgin Islands economy. Our annual number of employees at Caneel Bay ranges between 450 and 460; with almost 95 percent being residents of the Virgin Islands. Eighty-nine percent of the employees represent a core employed on a regular full-time basis.

All full-time employees are eligible to participate in the benefits provided by the resort, including health and life insurance, paid vacation, paid sick leave, paid bereavement leave, retirement income benefits, discounts, and other ancillary benefits.

Not only is the resort the largest employer on St. John and one of the largest employers in the entire U.S. Virgin Islands, a recent analysis conducted by the staff of the V.I. Economic Development Authority concluded that for every \$100,000 in tax abatements that Caneel Bay receives from the Virgin Islands Government, the resort contributes approximately \$3.5 million dollars into the Virgin Islands economy.

Moreover, Caneel Bay's reputation as a world class resort is a key to marketing the U.S. Virgin Islands as a tourism destination by the V.I. Department of Tourism.

As we have in the past, we would be pleased to welcome Sen. Hill to Caneel Bay in order to continue an open dialogue.

We are as committed to the well-being of our loyal and dedicated employees that work with us every day at the resort as we are to providing a fully satisfactory experience to our guests.

Thank you for allowing us to share this letter with your readership.

**Yours sincerely,
Mr. Nikolay Hotze**

Editor's Note:

The article mentioned above was a press release issued by Senator Louis Patrick Hill's office, and "Caneel Bay closes its doors several times a year unassociated with seasonal activity," was a direct quote taken from Sen. Hill's letter to EDC Director Percival Clouden.

Pistarckle Theater Hosting Auditions for "Annie"

St. John Tradewinds

Pistarckle Theater will host auditions for their summer, musical theater production camp "Annie" for children between the ages of 9 and 17 on June 11.

Auditions will take place from 1 to 6 p.m. Interested participants are required to present a short song and monologue of their choosing. The camp runs from June 13 to July 16.

Save \$25 by registering early on May 14 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Award winning director Erica Sutherlin from last years camp "The Wiz" will be returning this summer to keep you on the edge

of your seats once again with this classic production.

"Annie" is the classic story of a little girl who dreams of life outside her dreary orphanage. One day, Annie is chosen to stay for one week with the famous billionaire "Daddy" Warbucks. One week turns into many, and the only person standing in the way of Annie's fun is Miss Hannigan, the gin-soaked ruler of the orphanage. Featuring hits like "It's a hard knock Life" and "Tomorrow" this is a show no one will want to miss.

To purchase advance tickets before it sells out, go to pistarckletheater.vi.

MS Support Meeting on May 10

Great News for people living with a Multiple Sclerosis diagnosis. Join a support/focus group at the next meeting on Tuesday, May 10. Contact Florence at 774-7188 for meeting location or more information.

CBCC May 16 Planning Series: WAPA's Coral Bay R/O Proposal

The Coral Bay Community Council's planning discussion series continued on Monday, May 16, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in room six of Guy Benjamin School.

The group will discuss a proposed use for Parcel 6-4 Carolina. Parks and Recreations, Public Works, WAPA and WMA all have possible uses for this site. At the meeting, CBCC will look at another proposal for use of part of the site: a WAPA-owned water tank and standpipe for water trucks to support a proposed reverse osmosis water-making plant on the bay with a presentation by Tracy Roberts of Springline Architects and Amy Dempsey of BioImpacts.

Be part of these public planning discussions! Look for more information on <http://www.coralbaycommunitycouncil.org/Land-use.htm>. For more information call the CBCC office at 776-2099.

Bureau of Internal Revenue Issues Advisory to Employers on Withholding Taxes

St. John Tradewinds

Virgin Islands Bureau of Internal Revenue Director Claudette Watson-Anderson last week reminded employers of the requirements for filing withholding taxes in the Virgin Islands.

Form 941 VI, Employers Quarterly Virgin Islands Tax Return, is due on the last day of the month following the end of each quarter. The actual due dates are April 30, July 31, October 31 and January 31.

Employers must report all wages paid during the quarter on the quarterly returns. Employers must also pay the withholding tax deposits throughout the quarter, based on the appropriate deposit schedule. Employers are monthly, semiweekly, or next day depositors based on the schedule. All deposits should be made when they are due to avoid the imposition of penalties and interest.

BIR began mailing withholding tax bills to employers, including those employers who may have paid the withholding tax in full, but did not do so in a timely manner. These employers will be subject to failure to deposit penalties and interest, and the bills will reflect these amounts.

Taxpayers who have properly and timely filed and paid these taxes, but receive a bill, are advised to contact the Bureau's office immediately to ensure that records are updated.

Employers who withhold income taxes from the employees and fail to remit them to the Bureau will also be subject to failure to file and failure to deposit penalties, interest and a trust fund recovery penalty.

The trust fund recovery penalty is assessed against the responsible person or persons who the Bureau has determined is responsible for collecting, accounting for, and paying the withholding taxes, but who have willfully failed to remit these payments. All persons who are in such positions are cautioned that these penalties can be assessed against them personally.

Questions concerning withholding taxes should be directed to the Yvonne Nisbett, Chief of Delinquent Accounts and Returns, at 773-1040.

Advertising Feted Addy Awards

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Jamz Radio/Ackley Media Group.

Both men were hailed as pioneers and visionaries for their contributions within advertising and beyond, by ADDY Master of Ceremonies and AAF USVI President Kevin Hughes.

Ottley expanded on the need for setting the tone for the next generation, and the importance of giving back to the community which is key in his work and life. Clenace spoke to his contributions and work specifically targeting the young people of the Virgin Islands, through his popular community shows, events and programs. Both men received standing ovations, and were well received by the audience.

"I am definitely pleased with this year's show, as we have taken this event to another level," said Hughes. "We delivered a high quality, polished show, with lots of deserving winners. However, more importantly we recognized advertising and media greats Athniel 'Addie' Ottley and Rashidi Clenace which demonstrates our organization's continuing commitment to recognizing local trailblazers who through their diverse efforts contribute to advertising, media, and our community."

The theme of the show the "Magic of Advertising" was cleverly captured throughout the night, by visual and audio representations from the popular Harry Potter films interwoven throughout the show. The show's theme song "Magic" by B.O.B. opened and closed the show, and got the audience in a magical party mood.

The night came alive with the presentation of the Student Award Gold ADDY Award which went to UVI Student Ad Club President Recaldo Richardson, who invited the entire Student Ad Club on to the stage, where they were recognized and also received a standing ovation, as representatives of the next generation of V.I. advertising leaders.

"The UVI ad club, the students, and the younger generation in general are very important to us as a club," said Lisa Jamil, V.P. AAF USVI. "In fact, a portion of the proceed from the ADDY's will go towards our support of our Internship Program, where the organization assists students with finding meaningful internships and ultimately jobs within their chosen fields of interest."

"It was a great evening, and I want to thank everyone for attending, everyone had a great time," said Jamil.

Nationally, the American Advertising Federation has 200 member clubs in 15 districts within the U.S. and the Caribbean. The A.A.F. U.S. Virgin Islands is a part of the 4th District, which also includes Florida.

Addy Awards Winners from St. John

BEST OF PRINT - DONALD PLANTZ HONORARY AWARD

MaLinda Media
St. John Magazine Issue No. 5
Magazine Design
The MaLinda Media team:
photographers, writers, graphic design

MAGAZINE DESIGN

Gold ADDY
MaLinda Media
St. Thomas Magazine Issue No. 2
The MaLinda Media team:
photographers, writers, graphic design

Gold ADDY

MaLinda Media
St. John Magazine Issue No. 5
The MaLinda Media team:
photographers, writers, graphic design

Silver ADDY

Red Sunset Publishing LLC
The Sun Times Magazine
Eloise Anderson, Owner
Colin Green, Art Director
Tony Judge, Art Director
Chiara Bajardi, Art Director

PUBLICATION EDITORIAL FEATURE DESIGN

Gold ADDY
MaLinda Media
St. Thomas Magazine
Island Cooking With Three Great Chefs
Steve Rockstein, Writer/photographer
MaLinda Nelson, Graphic design

Gold ADDY

Red Sunset Publishing LLC
Dirt-y Girls
Eloise Anderson, Creative Director
Chiara Bajardi, Art Director
Laurence Maultsby, Photography

Silver ADDY

MaLinda Media - St. Thomas Magazine
Paradise Found
Carol Bareuther, Writer
Richard Gibson, Photographer
MaLinda Nelson, Graphic design

Silver ADDY

MaLinda Media - St. Thomas Magazine
Discovering Paradise Below
Steve Simonsen, Photographer
MaLinda Nelson, Graphic design
Mauri Elbel, Writer

PUBLICATION COVER DESIGN

Gold ADDY
Red Sunset Publishing LLC
The Perspective Issue Cover Design
Eloise Anderson, Creative Director
Laurence Maultsby, Photographer
Tony Judge, Art Director/Graphic Design

Silver ADDY

MaLinda Media
St. John Magazine Issue No. 5
Cover Design
Steve Simonsen, Photographer

Silver ADDY

Kate N Design, Inc.
St. John Phonebook Cover
Kate Norfleet, Illustrator

CONSUMER PRODUCTS WEBSITE

Silver ADDY
Great Dane, Inc.
St. John Electronic Guidebook
Barbara Jakobsen, Designer, Sec/Treas, Great Dane, Inc.
Lee Stanciauskas, Graphics Designer, Art Director, Great Dane, Inc.
Andrew Claussen, Web Designer, Savant Media Group

PUBLIC SERVICE POINT OF PURCHASE

Silver ADDY
Kate N Design, Inc.
Humane Society of St. Thomas
A Toast to Bollywood
Kate Norfleet, layout, design, production
Joe Aubain, copywriting
Public Service TV

ADVERTISING SELF PROMOTION

Silver ADDY
Kate N Design, Inc.
So many paths traveled
Kate Norfleet, copy, photography, design, production

LOGO DESIGN

Gold ADDY
Red Sunset Publishing LLC
Sun Seekers
Eloise Anderson, Creative Director/Project Manager
Colin Green, Graphic Design

SALES PRESENTATION KIT

Silver ADDY
Red Sunset Publishing LLC
Sun Times Magazine Sales Kit
Eloise Anderson, Creative Director
Sara Tieben, Art Director/Graphic Design

SALES PROMOTION NEWSLETTER

Silver ADDY
Island Treasure Maps
St. Thomas Activity & Road Map Newsletter
Denise Barbier, Managing Partner
Jennifer Knowles, Managing Partner

Silver ADDY

Island Treasure Maps
St. John Activity & Road Map Newsletter
Denise Barbier, Managing Partner
Jennifer Knowles, Managing Partner

Silver ADDY

Island Treasure Maps
St. John Activity and Road Map Brochure
(The Treasure Map)
Denise Barbier, Managing Partner
Jennifer Knowles, Managing Partner

Commodore's Cup

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ful and insightful and were really great in establishing the basic fundamentals of sailing and then helping transition young kids into the world of competition.

"Although competing in regattas and representing KATS was always something to be proud of, KATS also taught me the value in learning to sail outside of competing as well. Just knowing how to sail as a life skill is very useful. Getting onto the water in any boat, no matter the size, really makes you aware of the immensity of the water and wind and the process of discovering how the water and wind work is one that is immeasurably gratifying.

"Now, I use everything I learned at KATS in both college and international sailing. On the college front, we just qualified for all three of our final national championships — Women's Fleet Racing, Coed Fleet Racing, and Team Racing. I go to St. Mary's College of Maryland and we are the only school in our district to have qualified for all three nine years in a row.

"In college I both skipper and crew. On the women's team I am our division B skipper and I am heavy air crew on our coed team. We are the defending champion in national Team Racing and we hope to defend our title and win the other divisions as well.

"For international sailing, I will be travelling to Germany, England, and Mexico to compete in various regattas in hopes to be able to qualify for the Virgin Islands for the 2012 Olympics in England.

"KATS helped foster my desire to be an Olympic sailor from the time I first started competing in Optimists, and continues to support me strongly today, for which I am greatly appreciative."

Judging by the accomplishments of Mimi Roller and the other KATS graduates the community's support of KATS is clearly time and money well spent.

"It is the volunteer cadre that really makes KATS work," said Robinson. "Much of sail instruction is one-on-one or even two volunteers to one student. Our biggest challenge is to have enough volunteers. All a person needs is a love of children, energy and enthusiasm and we will find a place for them in the program."

The Commodore's Cup raffle is the primary source of fund raising from the event for KATS. One lucky winner will take home a Caribe dinghy and 15 horsepower outboard, both of which are on display on the second floor of The Marketplace outside of St. John Hardware. Raffle tickets, \$5 each or five for \$20, are available through KATS students and St. John Hardware.

Tiger Shark Hunt Video Causes Outcry

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dated idea that any good shark is a dead shark," said DeAngelis. "People are starting to understand the values of shark and that you don't have to be scared of them. It's unfortunate that this operation continues to propagate this image of sharks being these vicious, dangerous animals which is not true."

Killing the shark, instead of following catch and release practices, also baffled the NOAA scientist, who has been conducting research on black tip and lemon sharks off St. John and St. Thomas for a decade.

"You have to wonder 'What is the point,'" said DeAngelis. "I don't see any benefit to what he is doing whatsoever. I don't understand the point of it."

"There are sports fishing operations in the industry targeting sharks which operate catch and

release," DeAngelis said. "I don't understand killing the sharks and keeping the meat unless you are going to eat it and I've never heard of anyone eating tiger sharks."

The exact impacts of Greaux's shark hunting can not be quantified, explained DeAngelis.

"There really is no good stock assessment and without that you can't predict the impact this will have on the population," he said. "But again, you have to wonder what the point is."

The end of the YouTube video shows Greaux measuring the lifeless bloody tiger shark, which measured about six feet, signifying it was not an adult, according to DeAngelis.

"To fish a shark legally, it has to be 54 inches, which is just under five feet," he said. "So the shark was legal, technically, but it was far from an adult."

Historical Bits & Pieces Annaberg...the Rest of the Story

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receive 1,000 pieces of eight."

What I propose is that park employees speak to the ownership of Judge H. H. Berg who married James Murphy's widow for two reasons. One, Berg is said to have built his home on St. Thomas by the "blood, sweat, and tears of St. John," in other words, the profits from Annaberg. Judge Berg soon became Governor of St. Thomas/St. John and his home on Denmark Hill is now the official residence of Governor John de Jongh.

Second and truly noteworthy is the following provision of Judge Berg's will: "To George Francis, administer of the Plantations Leinsterbay, Annaberg, etc., I give two acres of land, and to each of my well-worked people on these plantations, as far as they are the head of a family or are specially recommended by George Francis, that is one acre of land each to be laid off along the plantation's border and on condition that they enroll". (St. Thomas Probate Court the 16 April 1862, Rosenstand)

Berg provided that 19 one-acre parcels and one two-acre plot of land on his Estate Annaberg and 16 one-acre parcels on Estate Leinster Bay, he further ordered that his overseer George Francis be assigned the two-acre plot and the other parcels be provided to his workers.

This was an unprecedented move. Pieces of estates were not broken off and never given to workers. With the exception of some marginal lands on East End, this was the first time that formerly enslaved Africans could become landowners, the basis of a new society.

Also the Francis family story always deserves retelling. George Francis eventually purchased the plantation and his son, Carl, became a church leader as well as a government official. The park needs to expand its interpretive staff to provide full-time interpretation of Annaberg.

Police Log

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

Friday, April 29

11:09 a.m. - An Estate Chocolate Hole resident r/ damage to a vehicle. Damage to a vehicle.

8:41 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident c/r a disturbance. Disturbance of the peace.

Saturday, April 30

9:36 a.m. - A citizen p/r that his girlfriend damaged his company's vehicle. Damage to a vehicle, D.V.

5:50 p.m. - An Estate Freeman's Ground resident c/requesting police assistance. Police assistance.

Sunday, May 1

9:40 a.m. - A Bellevue Village resident p/r that someone took a photo of her with a cell phone, attached false words to the photo and sent it to an unknown number of people. Slander.

Monday, May 2

9:25 a.m. - A citizen p/r that he was threatened. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

2:17 p.m. - A St. Thomas resident p/r that someone assaulted her. Simple assault.

4:10 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r that a woman told his boss that he stole a gold bracelet from her house. Police assistance.

9:01 p.m. - A citizen c/r that a woman was at the Lumberyard creating a disturbance. Police assistance.

Tuesday, May 3

10:35 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r that he was assaulted. Simple assault.

3:52 p.m. - A Zootenvall resident p/r that he lost his wallet in the area of Red Hook. Lost wallet.

8:05 p.m. - An Estate Bethany resident r/ that her upstairs tenant is turning off her electricity and water. Police assistance.

Wednesday, May 4

8:30 a.m. - A Bellevue Village resident r/ unauthorized use

of vehicle. Unauthorized use of vehicle.

2:09 p.m. - An Estate Pastory resident c/requesting police assistance. Police assistance.

8:59 p.m. - An Estate Pastory resident r/ a disturbance. Disturbance of the peace.

No time given - A citizen r/ that someone threw an egg at his car. Police assistance.

11:04 p.m. - A citizen r/ an overturned vehicle in Coral Bay. Auto collision.

Thursday, May 5

6:40 a.m. - An Estate Pastory resident p/r that a man was on her porch playing with himself. Indecent exposure.

No time given - An Estate Contant resident p/r a disturbance. Disturbance of the peace.

Friday, May 6

8:24 a.m. - An Estate Chocolate Hole resident r/ that his phone was stolen in the area of Cruz Bay. Grand larceny.

CRIME STOPPERS U.S.V.I.

Organization Seeks Information on Recent Crimes

St. John Tradewinds

Crime Stoppers is asking the community's help to solve the following crimes. If anyone knows something, they should say something. Even the smallest bit of information may be just what law enforcement needs to solve these cases.

St. John

On Wednesday, April 20, at about 12:30 a.m., a manager's white Apple MacBook with a Hitachi hard drive was stolen from a table at Jake's Restaurant in Cruz Bay. The total value of the equipment is \$2,100. The minimum reward for the arrest of a thief is \$714 plus 10 percent of the value of any property recovered.

There is a good chance that the person who stole this laptop will try to sell it. If someone of-

fers to sell an item at a bargain price, please assume it is stolen property and report the attempted sale to law enforcement, or remain anonymous, and report the information to Crime Stoppers. Remember that receiving stolen property is also illegal.

St. Croix

On Saturday, May 15, at 6 p.m., V.I. Police Department officials found the body of 19-year-old Eston Farrel of Estate Richmond in an abandoned house in Estate Strawberry. Farrel was last seen alive at about 7:30 a.m. the day before on Friday, May 14, driving his red Toyota Tercel. The car was also seen in the Estate Strawberry and Watergut areas, being driven by Farrel or another person. The car was found burned Friday night around 10 p.m. A picture

of the vehicle can be seen on the Crime Stoppers website. The minimum reward for the arrest of the killer(s) is \$1,500.

Law enforcement cannot control crime without the community's help. Let's continue to help make the community a safer place to live by submitting information on these or any other crimes at www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org or by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

Tips are completely anonymous, and the stateside operators speak several languages. If a tip leads to an arrest or the recovery of stolen property, illegal drugs, or weapons, tipsters will receive a cash reward to be paid according to their instructions. Only anonymous callers to Crime Stoppers are eligible for these cash rewards.

Ferry Schedules - Cruz Bay and Charlotte Amalie

CRUZ BAY TO RED HOOK

Every hour on the hour from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.

RED HOOK TO CRUZ BAY

Every hour on the hour from 6 a.m. to 12 a.m.

CRUZ BAY TO DOWNTOWN CHARLOTTE AMALIE

Leaves Cruz Bay	Leaves Charlotte Amalie
8:45 a.m.	10 a.m.
11:15 a.m.	1 p.m.
3:45 p.m.	5:30 p.m.

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Tuesday, May 10

Join a support/focus group at the next meeting. Contact Florence at 774-7188 for meeting location or more information.

Thursday, May 12

The Island Green Building Association will host a public presentation on the second floor of The Marketplace with refreshments beginning at 5 p.m. and the speaker and discussion from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 14

St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Banquet and Dinner Dance at St. Peter Greathouse at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday, May 14 and 15

St. John Yacht Club and Coral Bay Yacht Club will host the annual Commodore's Cup Regatta on Saturday and Sunday, May 14 and 15 in Coral Bay.

Monday, May 16

The Coral Bay Community Council's planning discussion series continued from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in room six of Guy Benjamin School.

Saturday, May 21

11th Annual Wagapalooza is May 21 at Winston Wells ball field from 5 to 9 p.m.

Tuesday, May 24

The next meeting of the St. John Chapter of the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce will be from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Castaways.

May 26-28

The 20th Annual Folklife Festival will take over the Annaberg Sugar Mill Ruins from Thursday morning, May 26, through Saturday, May 28.

Friday, May 27

Enrollment for children in St. Thomas/St. John district public schools for the 2011-2012 school year are advised that the registration begins on Monday, May 2, and will continue through Friday, May 27.

Registration for children residing on the island of St. John will be on Friday, May 27, at the Julius E. Sprauve School from 8:30 a.m. through 11:45 a.m.

Sunday, May 29

The 8th annual Beach-to-Beach Power Swim will be over Memorial Day weekend. Registration is available at the Friends of the Park Store or Office, and Connections in Cruz Bay or Coral Bay. The race will start at 8 a.m. and starts at Maho Bay Beach.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

AL-ANON MEETINGS

Al-Anon meets on St. John every Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the picnic table at the VINP ball field.

PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

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DEDICATED TO STRAY CHARLES

ACROSS

- 1 Northern Italian city
- 8 Dip for tortilla chips
- 13 Wailing spirit of folklore
- 20 Tag again
- 21 Join forces
- 22 Order followers
- 23 Impute
- 24 Buy sipping aids on the cheap?
- 26 Pulsations
- 27 Sick-dog link
- 29 Ways of reasoning
- 30 Choice of any non-solid pool ball you'd like?
- 36 Drift (off)
- 37 — disease (tick-borne ailment)
- 38 Steve of country rock
- 41 Zeus' mother
- 44 Anguish
- 46 Very weird Moranis, compared to slightly odd Springfield?
- 52 Berlin "a"
- 53 On terra —
- 55 Glossiness
- 56 Yield
- 57 House pets exerting great effort?
- 62 In a crowd of
- 63 "— shocked!"
- 64 The Brady boys or girls
- 65 Participated in a race walk?
- 75 T. — Price
- 76 Tic — (mint brand)
- 77 Ancient Asia Minor

DOWN

- 2 Adjust, as a clock
- 3 Actor Dana
- 4 Navratilova of tennis
- 5 San Luis —
- 6 Cornhusker State: Abbr.
- 7 Shaking like —
- 8 Sweet
- 9 Hex- ending
- 10 Plastered
- 11 Unfresh

- 12 Famed fable writer
- 13 Containing element #5
- 14 Taken — (caught unawares)
- 15 More informative
- 16 Guitarist Barrett
- 17 Te- — (titter)
- 18 Wisk rival
- 19 Immigrants' class: Abbr.
- 25 — Friday's (eatery)
- 28 Very serious
- 31 Track great Moses
- 32 Registered names: Abbr.
- 33 Riled (up)
- 34 Prefix with -lepsy
- 35 "Peer Gynt" composer Edvard
- 39 Some PC screens
- 40 Barely squeeze (by)
- 41 Cut again, as a board
- 42 Blackjack call
- 43 Scandalous company of 2002
- 45 "... — quit!" (threat ender)
- 47 Run after Q
- 48 Exam room sounds
- 49 Under, to poets
- 50 Artistic style
- 51 "The — near!"
- 53 The barber of Seville's name
- 54 Play — (perform out with the band)
- 58 Tiny colony crawler
- 59 Half- — (java order)
- 60 Like — to the flame
- 61 Pouring on the love
- 66 Lazes about
- 67 Baby hooter
- 68 Not as old

- 69 Disloyal sort
- 70 "Ac-cent- — -ate the Positive"
- 71 Giant bird of lore
- 72 "He's Got the Whole World — Hands"
- 73 Slims down
- 74 Alleviator
- 78 Arty area in NYC
- 79 Brook catch
- 80 Old German state
- 81 Nobel-winning U.N. workers' gp.
- 82 Café check
- 83 Value highly
- 84 Quiche, e.g.
- 85 Not reached, as a goal
- 86 Ovid's 1,400
- 91 More thin
- 92 Polar pixie
- 93 Pub crawler
- 95 Unvarying
- 98 Magical illness curer
- 100 Rally rouser
- 102 Like tied shoes
- 103 Actors Epps and Sharif
- 104 — Tin Tin
- 105 Dorm room fixtures
- 106 From the keg
- 107 Edna Ferber novel
- 108 Motorola alternative
- 109 Envy's color
- 110 Feel
- 114 — Tolkien
- 115 Positive vote
- 116 Kitty's cry
- 117 Atty.'s gp.
- 118 Cellular stuff
- 119 "lck!"
- 121 Adam's mate

CBCC To Focus on Uses of Five-Acre Parcel

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Plans include running an underground pipeline from the plant to Centerline Road, past the Coral Bay Fire Station and Guy Benjamin School up to Parcel 6-4 Carolina, according to the CBCC president.

"WAPA's plant would be in Fortsberg out near the point in the harbor where the flat land is," said Coldren. "They are not taking the pipes out very far; they will be right in the mouth of the harbor where the sea grass beds are."

"They are talking about 50,000 gallons a day to increase to 100,000," she said. "The plan is to run a pipe from the RO location down the dirt road past Skinny Legs and the elementary school under Route 10, then up to the site. Anyone along the site could connect in."

WAPA also plans to run a pipe under the sand of the bay to the Calabash Boom area, Coldren added.

The other proposal for the land is coming from the V.I. Waste Management Authority, which is looking at utilizing about an acre of the site to relocate the main Coral Bay dumpsters to a roofed and fenced "convenience center." In addition to household waste, residents would also be able to drop off recyclables, metal and compost material, Coldren explained.

"This would be a large roofed and fenced structure that would include various recycling stations as well as large bins," said the CBCC president. "We might also be able to do some freecycling, composting and community gardening, on the site."

The VIWMA proposal arose after Coldren brought community members' concerns regarding the Coral Bay dumpsters to the Legislature last month, she explained.

"This potential site is being reviewed at Senator [Louis Patrick] Hill's request, after I spoke at a recent legislative hearing about the need for funding to move the dumpsters out of the mangroves and away from the unsafe current blind curve road location," said Coldren. "CBCC has long had the concern that the dumpsters need to be moved. CBCC was charged by Senator Hill to see what the community thinks of this idea."

Both proposals would be subjected to the

oversight of DPNR's CZM staff and the St. John CZM Committee. CBCC officials hope to hear from Coral Bay residents, especially residents who live near the 6-4 Carolina parcel, about what they think should be on the site, Coldren added.

"Ideally, these competing uses and preferred physical locations would be evaluated as part of a complete land use planning process focusing on public infrastructure, with DPNR coordination and community business and government agency participation," she said.

With limited public land in the Coral Bay area, and a need for improved infrastructure, the community could possibly seek alternative approaches, Coldren added.

"There are various other alternatives which could be looked into," she said. "There are various large parcels of land which owe significant back taxes to the government. Trading an acre or two of good usable land for public infrastructure would resolve both individual tax debts as well as provide good land for needed public infrastructure in Coral Bay."

"It doesn't necessary have to mean new dollars out of the strapped government budget to do something right now," Coldren said. "There are creative ideas that can be undertaken like grants from the Department of Interior. If the community stands behind something, it gets easier to get federal funding."

CBCC is hoping to foster dialogue between government agencies and the public, in order to have a voice in the area's development.

"We don't want the site planning for these public services to take place in a vacuum," said Coldren. "We don't want it to be, 'this is the only land so this is the best land.' We need to look at where these public services should be located long-term as part of an overall planning process so that we have a logical and beautiful community 50 to 100 years from now."

Stop by the CBCC planning series meeting on Monday, May 9, at 6 p.m. in room 6 of Guy Benjamin School to hear about infrastructure planning in the Coral Bay area. For more details call the CBCC at 776-2099.



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"Palm Terrace Villas" - Some of the most spacious condos to be found on St. John. Completed in 2005 with beautiful views, generous balconies, common sun deck and pool area, walk to Cruz Bay shops and restaurants and snorkeling at Frank Bay Beach. The two bedroom unit is over 1100 sq. ft. All feature large kitchens, granite countertops, stainless appliances, large closets, private laundry area and ample storage. These condos have it all. These are very popular short term rental units. **\$695,000 to \$999,000.**



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CONDOS

<p>LAVENDER HILL Terrific bargain for this spectacular penthouse unit. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, fully air-conditioned, beautiful furnishings. Stunning views from Pillsbury Sound to STT. \$695,000.</p>	<p>GALLOWES POINT One of St. John's only Waterfront condominium complex. Currently available are three loft units with prices starting at \$690,000. One first floor unit is available for \$640,000. Call for more details.</p>	<p>BATTERY HILL Exceptional second floor 2BR/1BA unit. Offering beautiful views of Cruz Bay Harbor, this well maintained and intimate eight unit complex has an inviting pool with impressive manicured grounds. \$485,000</p>	<p>BETHANY One bedroom, one bath at Upper Deck Condos. Panoramic STT sunset views. This corner unit has been completely renovated with marble floors & counters, mahogany cabinets & stainless steel appliances. \$495,000.</p>	<p>BETHANY Two units in one! Two 1 bedroom, 1 bath units. Upper level is currently short term rented. Lower level 1 bedroom, 1 bath is long term rented. Common pool on site. Expansive water views of South Shore. \$649,000</p>
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Annual Dengue Fever Alert: DOH Kicks off Education Campaign

St. John Tradewinds

Rains across the territory and increased weather activity during hurricane season, which officially starts June 1, mean an increase in the mosquito population which may put residents at risk for mosquito-borne illnesses including Dengue Fever.

“We remind residents that they are their best protectors against dengue fever and that they should follow routine tips to lessen the risk or spread of the disease,” said Department of Health Acting Health Commissioner Fern Clarke. “We also remind residents that Dengue symptoms mirror that of the flu so residents should seek immediate care if they fall ill.”

Meanwhile, the Public Health Preparedness Program kicked off its annual “Fight the Bite” education campaign, aimed at reminding residents that prevention is best as there is no cure for dengue.

The radio ads, which began airing last week at a time when many were enjoying the St. Thomas Carnival, reminded residents that “Rain Don’t Stop the Carnival, but Makes it Ripe for Dengue” and the precautionary measures they can take to protect themselves and their families.

Dengue Prevention Tips

Individuals and Families

— Use insect repellent containing DEET and apply to arms, legs, ankles, and nape of neck. Avoid eyes, lips, skin that is bruised or has a rash. Follow product instructions carefully.

— Avoid applying insect repellent to children under two years of age and to the hands of older children.

— Wear protective clothing: long sleeve shirts and long pants tucked into socks; clothing can also be sprayed with insect repellent.

The Home

— Replace or repair damaged screens. Close windows without screens or add new screens. Install door screens.

— Protect infants: cover cribs with cotton mosquito netting.

— Keep tires in dry place or punch holes in tires so that water easily leaks out.

— Put plants that are currently in water, into soil. Empty flowerpot bases weekly.

— Keep barrels where water is collected, tightly sealed.

— Cover or turn children’s toys or buckets that hold water upside down.

— Place a screen or mesh over the overflow pipe of the cistern

— For very large puddles of water around the home, call the Environmental Health Division on St. Thomas at 774-9000, ext. 3.

Dengue symptoms mirror the flu and include: high fever; severe headache; joint and muscle pain; and nausea and vomiting. A rash may also appear three to four days after the fever begins and in rare instances, can lead to death.

Research shows that children and senior citizens are at higher risk for Dengue and that anyone who suspects they have Dengue Fever should seek medical attention promptly. DOH has determined that Dengue Fever is a reportable disease and all medical agencies, clinics and private physicians territory-wide are required to report any such cases via secure fax at 713-1508.

The Department’s Environmental Health (EH) Division, as necessary, will conduct larvaeciding of large areas of stagnant water, which kills off the eggs present in mosquito breeding grounds. EH staff will also conduct fogging in the coming weeks with schedules to be released accordingly.

However, studies have determined that fogging alone is an inefficient way of preventing the transmission of the Dengue virus and Health officials urge residents to also take preventative measures.

“We urge residents to scour their yards for anything that collects water as it will provide a breeding place for mosquitoes,” Clarke said. “These containers should be emptied as frequently as possible.”

For very large puddles of water around the home or business, call the Environmental Health Division at 715-5110 on St. Thomas.

Kiril Sokoloff Donates \$5 Million to UVI

St. John Tradewinds

The University of the Virgin Islands has received a \$5 million gift commitment from investment strategist and entrepreneur Kiril Sokoloff.

Sokoloff, the founder of 13D Research LLC (13D), has pledged \$1 million annually to UVI over a period of five years. His gift will be one of the largest donations ever received from a single donor in the University’s history.

13D is a company that was attracted to the Virgin Islands through the efforts of UVI’s Research and Technology Park. Sokoloff is also a member of the advisory board for the university’s newly launched Caribbean Green Technology Center.

The Sokoloff gift will enable UVI to establish and endow two initiatives: The Kiril Sokoloff Distinguished Professorship in Entrepreneurship in the School of Business; and the 13D Entrepreneurship Student Competition.

The Kiril Sokoloff Distinguished Professorship will be the first endowed chair at UVI. The professorship will enable UVI to recruit a nationally known expert in the field of entrepreneurship.

The 13D Entrepreneurship Competition will be a year-long educational experience designed to encourage UVI undergraduate and graduate students to explore and develop their ideas and business plans, and to focus their energies to contribute to the production of tomorrow’s leading companies. Several awards in cash or business start-up services will be provided to winning teams.

It is anticipated that students will utilize cash awards received to support their continuing education, and as seed money in the start up of new businesses.

UVI President Dr. David Hall said Mr. Sokoloff’s donation will ensure that UVI students benefit from the depth and breadth of academic and experiential learning that will make them catalysts for change.

“The University of the Virgin Islands is not only fortunate, but tremendously blessed, to have someone with Mr. Sokoloff’s level of professional success, unique perspective on business, and generous spirit ready and willing to make such a substantial investment in our growth,” Dr. Hall said. “This strategic investment in the entrepreneurial spirit of the University and our students has the potential to transform the economic conditions of the U.S. Virgin Islands and the Caribbean region. This is a ‘game-changer’ for the university and the territory.”

The Kiril Sokoloff Distinguished Profes-



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Investment strategist and entrepreneur Kiril Sokoloff

sorship will be awarded to a scholar or practitioner who has demonstrated exceptional achievement in the field of entrepreneurship. The person holding the professorship will work with faculty and students to create a culture of entrepreneurship within the University and the wider Virgin Islands community.

The 13D Entrepreneurship Competition will be housed jointly in the UVI School of Business and the UVI College of Science and Mathematics but will be open to all eligible students within the University.

It will become an established, interdisciplinary part of UVI’s curriculum, through which student entrepreneurs will submit business plans for new ventures demonstrating significant business potential. Utilizing the enormous expertise of the companies associated with the Research and Technology Park, as well as local, regional, and national business leaders, students will receive very practical guidance, insights, and expertise from experienced entrepreneurs.

“The establishment of these critical initiatives will signal a new era in the life and history of the University of the Virgin Islands,” Dr. Hall said. “Together, these opportunities will help position this and future generations of UVI students on an unprecedented trajectory for leadership and competitive success. These initiatives will also create a stronger linkage between the University and the Research and Technology Park.”

For further information on the Kiril Sokoloff Distinguished Professorship or the 13D Entrepreneurship Competition, contact UVI’s Office of the President at 693-1000.