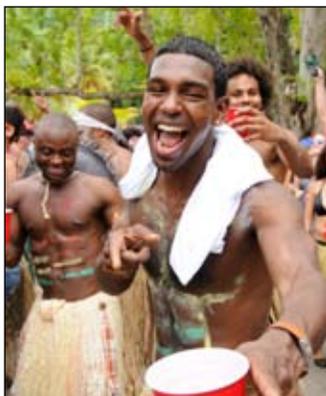


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Festival troupes from Caneel Bay Resort, above left, and the Westin Resort and Villas, at far right, were just a two of the many floupes and troupes who made the St. John Festival Parade a hit on Monday, July 4.

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The St. John Festival Parade was full of royalty, above and above right, mocko jumbies, at right, steel bands, above left, and bedecked revelers who made the day a smashing success.

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From the stars and stripes of Westin Resort employees to the flowers at Caneel Bay and toy soldiers with drums, there was much to see at the Festival Parade.



Revelers Put on Lively Show at Festival Parade

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

After days of intermittent weather, the clouds parted as brightly costumed revelers took to the streets on Monday, July 4, for the St. John Festival parade.

Seemingly the largest crowd in recent memory lined Cruz Bay streets in anticipation of the music, glitz and glamor of the parade, the culmination of close to a month of festival-related activities.

The processional kicked off with parade marshal Edna Freeman leading the way. Festival royalty were next, looking perfectly put together, from the Virgin Islands Carnival Prince and Princess to Love City's own Miss St. John Kinia Blyden and St. John Princess Ashyria Kelly.

In an effort to prevent littering at the parade, the V.I. Waste Management Authority handed out garbage bags to spectators. And to help keep those lining the streets cool, AARP passed out personal fans promoting their message of protecting seniors.

"We're talking about Social Security and Medicare," said VI AARP's state director De-

nise Singleton. "We didn't create the deficit, and we don't need you taking the deficit out on us."

Giffit Hill School's troupe, whose theme was Spreading the Love in Love City, was led by the expertly choreographed routine of Liz Putnam and her dancers, who shook it to the tunes of Beyonce. GHS students rode in Levi Liburd's safari taxi, blowing bubbles out at the crowd.

Guy Benjamin students assumed the role of superheroes, with everyone from Batman to Superman represented.

Chester "Mighty Groover" Brady's one man entry, always a unique showing, displayed a highlighter-bright yellow top and brilliant pink pants and shoes, dancing to music blaring from his homemade cart proclaiming "A Cultural Fantasy of Butterflies in a Heavenly Mas."

On hand to capture all the color and excitement was renowned photographer Steve Simon, who has captured images of the parade for the past 20 years.

"This is the single best day of the year on St. John," said Simon during a brief respite under a shade tree across from Mongoose Junction. "On a day like today, everybody is smiling. I

love St. John Festival because it's more approachable and touchable; it's not overwhelming."

Taking in the parade for the first time was Wendy Kinzler and her eight- and 10-year-old children of New Jersey.

"It's fun," said Kinzler. "A lot of energy." A decidedly American theme was obvious at this year's parade, with red, white and blue showing up everywhere from parade marshal Freeman's stars and stripes umbrella to the Westin troupe, which saluted U.S. troops with its military-themed costumes and a cannon spraying streamers and confetti into the crowd.

Governor John deJongh, who left the comforts of the bandstand erected along the Cruz Bay waterfront to greet people along the parade route, said meeting with people is one of his most favorite aspects of St. John Festival.

"The most enjoyable part for me is walking the route and seeing all the people who come here year after year," said deJongh. "I love the closeness of St. John Festival."

Promptly at 9 p.m. that evening, a dazzling fireworks show lit up Cruz Bay harbor, officially bringing St. John Festival 2011 to a close.

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Parade Marshal Edna Freeman leads the 2011 St. John Festival Parade through the streets of Cruz Bay.

Edna Freeman: Festival Parade Marshal

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Resplendent in madras and sporting a huge smile, Edna O'Connor Freeman led the St. John Festival Parade on Monday, July 4.

"I was so proud," said Freeman, this year's Parade Marshal. "I was born on this island and it was an honor to represent my island in the Festival parade."

After working in banking for years — at First Bank and then Bank of America on St. Thomas — Freeman is best known on St. John for her years of working with senior citizens.

Freeman began working for the Department of Human Services' senior citizens' program back in 1983 and stayed with the department, working alongside the island's elders, until her retirement in 2004.

Even after she retired from her post with DHS, Freeman continued to volunteer for the senior citizens' program and kept the work in the family. Her daughter Abigail Hendricks now runs the program Freeman used to oversee.

To this day, Freeman can be found most days at the Adrian Senior Citizens' Center when she is on island.

"I love senior citizens," said Freeman. "I just love how they are so genuine. They are a happy bunch of people."

"Seniors have so much knowledge to share," she said. "I love them."

Freeman, who is married to Carl Freeman, has three daughters and three sons, as well as 24 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She splits her time between St. John and Georgia, where she has also owns a home.

Reflecting on St. John Festival, Freeman hoped more local girls would be inspired to represent their island in Queen and Princess competitions.

"I would love to see more young ladies from St. John come out and compete in the various pageant shows," said Freeman. "It's an honor to represent your island."

Freeman is speaking from experience, two of her daughters held the Miss St. John title while two of her sons were crowned Princes over the years.

Freeman, whose mother is Alice O'Connor, 89, one of the original members of the St. John softball legends Royal Sisters, enjoys travelling as well as spending time with close friends at the senior citizens' center.

"It's a family here," she said about the Adrian Center. "It's like a family away from home."

Passenger Ferry Slams Into Great St. James Island

No fatalities as 104 people are evacuated in high seas

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

The last night of St. John Festival was halted — for only a few moments for some, but for the year for others — on Monday night, July 4, when a ferry was reported hard aground on rocks just off Great St. James Island.

The *Royal Miss Belmar* was carrying 98 passengers — ranging in age from five months to more than 80 years — and four crew members when it disembarked from Cruz Bay dock after the Festival fireworks ended on Monday night, July 4.

The 89-foot ferry was en route to St. Croix and only traveled a few minutes out of Cruz Bay harbor before slamming onto rocks on the northeastern shore of Great St. James Island.

Officials stopped the thumping music at Wadesville Festival Village around 10 p.m. in order to make an announcement asking for emergency responders to help with the rescue effort.

With that the music came back and the dance floor filled again with revelers while a team of St. John Rescue (SJR) officials sprung into action.

A crew of SJR emergency responders spent the rest of the night ferrying all 104 people on board — some even on stretchers — over the ferry's aft gunwale and down about eight feet to a life raft tied to the stern of the vessel.

The rescue effort would have been tricky enough in daylight, but the emergency came in the pitch dark of night in rough seas and high winds, according to emergency responders.

First responders conducted triage at the Red Hook Marine Terminal and helped ferry passengers to waiting vessels throughout the night. The final passengers were evacuated from the *Royal Miss Belmar* to safety around 5:30 a.m.

Although five of the passengers — including one baby — sustained injuries, none of

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Emergency responders evacuated 98 passengers and four crew members from the *Royal Miss Belmar*, above.

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Local Resident Dies on Boat Anchored in Cruz Bay Harbor

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Marianne Mathews, known to many on St. John as "Mame," died of natural causes on Saturday, July 2, onboard a sail boat anchored in Cruz Bay harbor.

Originally from Massachusetts, Mathews was about 54 years old, according to friends. Her father lived in Hawaii, and she also had a brother who lived in Los Angeles, a sister in Brooklyn, New York, as well as a sister in Brooklyn, Connecticut.

Mathews called St. John home for 22 years during which time she worked at many Love City eateries putting in stints as everything from a waitress and cook, to a bookkeeper and bartender. She worked at Aqua Bistro for the past six years before falling ill about a year ago.



Marianne Mathews

After spending time in and out of R.L. Schneider Hospital on St. Thomas, Mathews was eventually diagnosed with congestive heart failure. She spent time state-side recently before returning to St. John where she passed away.

Mike Prout, at left, with Jason Howard and Jonathan Frtiz, owners of La Plancha del Mar, as the trio accepted the award for Best Dessert at Flavors of St. John two years ago.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

La Plancha del Mar Chef Mike Prout Dies from Fall

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Mike Prout, chef and culinary mastermind of La Plancha del Mar, was found dead Thursday morning, July 7, at his Estate Enighed home.

Prout reportedly fell down a flight of stairs and likely broke his neck, according to emergency responders.

Prout left behind four-year-old son Parker and his wife Megan who is due with the couple's second child in November. He opened

La Plancha del Mar along with Jonathan Fritz and Jason Howard on the second floor of The Marketplace two years ago and last year moved the restaurant to Mongoose Junction.

Since moving to the second floor of Mongoose Junction, La Plancha del Mar — the top rated St. John restaurant on Trip Advisor — has drawn a loyal clientele who clamored for Prout's inventive cuisine.

The trio also ran Black Sand Bistro in La Plancha's old Market-

place location.

Donations for Prout's family are being accepted by the St. John Revolving Fund. For more information about making a donation, call Cid Hamling at Connections at 776-6922.

A viewing has been scheduled at Groff Milan Chapel, 1 S. Main St., Milan, Ohio, and Life Celebration at St. Johns United Church of Christ, 2712 Mason Rd., Milan, Ohio. Specific dates and times were not available as of press time.

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Young Woman Dies After Fall From Moving Safari Taxi on Love City

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Working part time at Maho Bay Campground with her sister and enjoying St. John Festival, a 21-year-old Massachusetts woman was hoping for the summer of her life this year.

Instead, Sarah Dargon's life ended in tragedy on Tuesday, July 5, at Jackson Memorial Hospital.

Dargon died at the Miami-area hospital after succumbing to injuries she suffered falling out of a moving safari taxi on St. John on Sunday night, July 3.

The Massachusetts woman was traveling with her 18-year-old sister from Cruz Bay to Maho Bay Campground when she fell from the back of the taxi on the straight-away near Maho Bay beach around 8:30 p.m. on July 3, according to information from the V.I. Police Department.

Both women were in the back of the taxi — which was not the Maho Bay Campground shuttle — sitting next to each other with Dargon closer to the loading stairs. Dargon's sister looked down and began texting on her cellular phone and when she looked back up, Dargon was not in the taxi, according to VIPD officials.

The woman notified the driver, who turned around and discovered Dargon lying on her back on North Shore Road on the straight-away at Maho Bay beach, according to information from VIPD.

"She had injuries to the back of her head and abrasions on her body," according to the VIPD. "The sister told police the vehicle was traveling at about 20 mph. Police investigation also determined that both sisters had been drinking and were intoxicated at the time of the accident."

A good samaritan passing by and another taxi driver both stopped to help, according to officials.

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— according to the VIPD report

With no cell phone reception in the area, the taxi driver was able to use his CB to report the incident. Dargon was taken to Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center that night and was quickly transferred to R.L. Schneider Hospital on St. Thomas.

The Massachusetts woman was then airlifted to the Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, Florida. Her death was confirmed by the Miami Dade coroner's office on July 5.

Last week Dargon's coworkers at Maho Bay Campground, where she worked for almost a month, were still grappling with her death.

"We are all very affected by the situation," said Scott Drennan, Maho Bay Camp manager. "It's hard when you lose part of the Maho Bay family, regardless of how long you've been part of the family."

Although Dargon had only been working at Maho Bay Campground for three weeks, the crew at the popular campground — who live and work together — bond quickly, Drennan added.

"When you live and work with people, you get a lot closer in a short amount of time than when you leave your coworkers and go home," said Drennan.

Residents in Dargon's hometown of Norwell, MA, were also reeling from the news last week.

Dargon was described as a caring young woman dedicated to helping others in a report in *The Patriot Ledger*.

"Dargon cared strongly about children, according to her family, and had volunteered for early education programs and schools, including Norwell's Grace F. Cole Elementary School," according to the report in *The Patriot Ledger*. "She had been studying at the Vanderbilt Peabody College of Education and Human Development in Nashville, where she would have been a senior this fall."

The report cites several instances of Dargon's volunteer efforts working with underprivileged children in Nashville, and volunteering with Manna Project International and the Make-a-Wish Foundation.

Dargon's family has asked that memorial contributions be made in her honor to the Make-a-Wish Foundation, according to *The Patriot Ledger*.

This is the first time since 2007, when an employee died following a traffic accident on the East End, that tragedy has hit the Maho Bay Campground family.

Dargon's case will be followed up by VIPD's Traffic Investigation Bureau. Anyone with any information should contact VIPD officers at 714-9816 or 715-5514 or call Crime Stoppers USVI at 1-800-222-TIPS.

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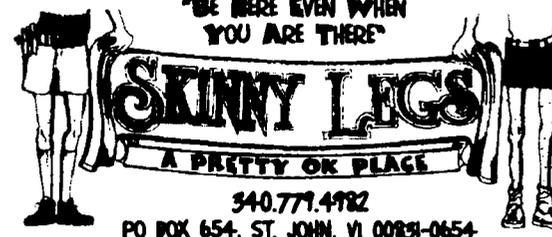
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V.I. Scholars Looking for Students To Join Free Innovative Summer Learning Program at GHS

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Stanford University students and alumni from VI Scholars are implementing a free unique summer learning program for Virgin Islands youth from Sunday, July 31, through Saturday, August 20, at Giffit Hill School.

VI Scholars is a new educational organization developed and directed by St. Johnian Lincoln Liburd — who went from homeless shelters to Stanford University — and fellow Stanford students and alumni.

The organization is launching a new summer program and is currently accepting applications from rising 9th and 10th grade students with the vision of building a better future for Virgin Islands youth. Applications can be found at www.vischolars.org.

This transformative three-week leadership development and community-building program will take place from July 31 through August 20 at Giffit High School.

The program brings together 20 students from St. Thomas and St. John to engage with VI leaders, experts on issues currently facing the Virgin Islands, and a non-traditional academic curriculum.

Courses range from Social Entrepreneurship and Innovation to Leadership and Public Speaking. Local community leaders and a visiting team of 10 Stanford University students will equip Scholars with the skills they need to have a lasting positive impact within the Virgin Islands.

Scholars will also work to create solutions to some of the island's most pressing problems. The program's highly collaborative environment will allow the Scholars to develop relationships with peers — students just like them — and Virgin Islands leaders, thus empowering youth to improve their surroundings together.

A highlight of the VI Scholars program is Scholars presenting Social Impact Projects, researched, developed, and to be implemented with the support and year-round

"It starts with changing one student's life — empowering that student to positively influence and encourage others to get involved in being the difference. First, students must be made to care through education on the issues that exist, what is currently being done to ameliorate these issues, and how the students themselves can help."

— Lincoln Liburd, a GHS alumna and VI Scholars founder and director

mentorship of Stanford University students and alumni, seed-funding from VI Scholars, and help from dozens of members throughout the Virgin Islands.

As part of the program, Scholars commit to being responsible citizens of their community and agree to give back immediately through their Social Impact Projects and eventually through their life's work.

VI Scholars is currently accepting applications from rising 9th and 10th graders who aspire to make a difference in their community. Volunteers willing to share their expertise on issues within the Virgin Islands should also contact VI Scholars if they would like to be included in the planned panel discussion, mentoring, or leadership sessions.

This summer program is completely free to scholars. Applications for students and for volunteers are being accepted on a rolling basis, and can be found at www.vischolars.org.

VI Scholars is also accepting tax-deductible donations through the Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands, and in-kind contributions from individuals and organizations that would like to support its inaugural program.

Beyond its initial summer 2011 program, VI Scholars intends to expand its services to include 7th through 12th graders, varying the objectives at each grade level.

"It starts with changing one

student's life — empowering that student to positively influence and encourage others to get involved in being the difference," said Liburd, a GHS alumnus and VI Scholars founder and director. "First, students must be made to care through education on the issues that exist, what is currently being done to ameliorate these issues, and how the students themselves can help."

"Then, a serious investment in developing both the leadership and practical skills needed to start constructive initiatives, programs, and campaigns must be made," Liburd said. "I believe this investment to be absolutely vital to seeing a brighter future for the Virgin Islands. VI Scholars program and others like it cannot happen without the support of the community."

VI Scholars also envisions year-round services, providing families with free parent and student counseling services, offering an annual Leadership Speakers Series open to all, and providing students with an aggregated resource for youth empowerment.

To learn more about VI Scholars and its work, visit their website www.vischolars.org or email contact@vischolars.org.

Tax-deductible contributions for VI Scholars can be sent to The Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands, P.O. Box 11790, St. Thomas, VI, 00801-4790, attention: VI Scholars Fund.



Developers broke ground on a new gas station in Estate Chocolate Hole, at left, while the developers of another gas station planned for Estate Adrian, similar to the design above, were granted a zoning variance.

St. John Tradewinds New Photo by Jaime Elliott

Developers Break Ground on Gas Station in Estate Chocolate Hole As Senate Approves Island's Third Gas Station on Centerline Road

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Developers broke ground last month on the first of two new gas stations — and one 24-hour convenience store — coming to Love City.

Nedal Salem, principal of Estate Chocolate Hole Realty Inc., was not met with open arms by Love City residents in December 2010, when he shared plans for his development with the community.

Salem is building a three-story structure housing six apartments and a 24-hour convenience store and a four-pump gas station with two above-ground storage tanks holding 25,000 gallons each on his .473-acre property located adjacent to St. John Market in Estate Chocolate Hole.

At the time, residents voiced concerns about the safety of fuel trucks traversing Jacob's Ladder and the need for a gas station less than a half-mile from E&C Service Station.

Despite objections, the land is zoned B-3, business scattered, which allows for the construction of a gas station among myriad other commercial uses and developers got the green light from Department of Planning and Natural Resources several months ago.

Since the land is located in the island's Tier 2 development site, the project did not come under the scrutiny of the St. John Coastal Zone Management Commission.

Construction got underway last month with at least two pieces of heavy machinery visible on the site breaking rock and carving out the hillside on most days. Developers have

their storm water, earth change and building permits, but still need future inspections before the fuel storage tanks are installed, explained Kent Bernier Jr, terminal facilities coordinator for DPNR.

"They will have to get additional permits after the building aspect of the project," said Bernier. "There will be a set of inspections prior to each phase of the project — when they bring in the tanks, when they lay the pump lines and when they install the above ground storage tanks."

"There will be a set of agencies, including Fire Department and other agencies, which will be conducting inspections of the project," he said.

Bernier had no information on how long construction

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VIERS Looking for New Manager as Jamie Irving Heads Back to School

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

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After running the show at VIERS for the past four years operations manager Jamie Irving is leaving. Irving, who took over the reins at VIERS in November 2007, is heading to Key West to get his associate’s degree in Diving Technology at Florida Keys Community College.

As manger, Irving oversees all facets of life at VIERS, which caters to visiting researchers from universities and high schools, and hosts several summer camps for local children. Throughout his tenure at the resource station, Irving was instrumental in establishing VIERS’ photovoltaic system and expanding the popular Tektite Museum.

VIERS was originally built in the 1960s by the U.S. Navy Seabees to act as a base for divers and researchers taking part in the Project Tektite underwater habitat and research experiments. The station is owned by the University of the Virgin Islands, is located in the V.I. National Park and has been operated by Clean Islands International since 1997.

There are a total of 22 structures on the property including guest and staff cabins, offices, classrooms, a dining hall and kitchen, restrooms and a waterside science lab. And if anything goes wrong in any of those buildings, one person is called — the manager.

“The person who takes my position needs to be willing to learn and be excited to learn how to adapt to all different situations,” said Irving. “One day I could be fixing a toilet in the morning, giving an educational tour in the afternoon, having a meeting later in the day and cooking dinner that night. I could really be doing anything in the course of a



St. John Tradewinds News Photo File

Jamie Irving

day.”

Being flexible and willing to learn are two of the most important traits the new VIERS manager should bring to the job, according to Irving.

“I didn’t know anything about auto maintenance or electrical work or running a commercial learning center before I started working out here,” he said.

And then there is the solitude. VIERS is located a good 45 minute drive from Cruz Bay and is nestled basically by itself at Lameshur Bay. While there are usually scientists and students at camp, long stretches of solitude go along with the job as well.

“There are weeks on end at times when there is no one out here,” said Irving. “But then you go to town and in two hours I’ll stop and have really nice conversations with about 20 different people.”

Irving maintains that he is not leaving VIERS or St.

“... the best part of my job is...being a part of getting the photovoltaic system started and our educational programs going strong. It’s also been a lot of fun seeing the development of the Tektite Museum.”

– Jamie Irving, VIERS manager

John, he’s just going to school in Florida for a while, he explained.

“I am going to spend a lot of time in the water and augment my education and training to become a research diver,” he said.

Looking back over the past four years, Irving is proud of what he has accomplished at VIERS.

“It sounds cheesy, but the best part of my job honestly is actually making a difference and being a part of getting the photovoltaic system started and our educational programs going strong,” said Irving. “It’s also been a lot of fun seeing the development of the Tektite Museum.”

“I take a lot of pride in what we’ve done here and I really wish that VIERS was a mile outside of Cruz Bay,” he said.

Before heading up to the Sunshine State, Irving will oversee the VIERS eco-camps this summer as the education coordinator. He’s scheduled to head off-island for a few weeks in August and return to hopefully train his replacement in October before heading back to Florida in November.

VIERS is a self-sufficient non-profit learning center, getting no funding from UVI, VINP or the government of the Virgin Islands, and relies on user fees, donations and sponsorships.

For more information about the VIERS manager position and how to apply, check out www.islands.org/viers/ and click the “VIERS Manager” link.

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Town Hall Meeting for Veterans July 11

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The Office of Veterans Affairs and with Benefit Counselors and Caribbean Health Clinics, will conduct outreach services for all Virgin Islands veterans who have questions about health issues, claims filings, or other concerns.

A community town hall meeting will be at the Julius E. Sprauve School auditorium on St. John on Monday, July 11, from 6 to 9 p.m.

“Every month, the OVA holds general counseling sessions to get to know our veterans and to answer any questions they may have, especially on health issues or regarding other benefits and services,” said Veterans Affairs Assistant Director Harry Daniel. “I encourage all veterans to visit these informational sessions in their community and learn more about the benefits available.”

“We recognize that veterans have concerns on various issues, and we are here to assist and provide answers,” said Daniel. “If you are a veteran, and have not registered with us, I urge you to do so.”

Through the meetings, the OVA hopes to provide assistance, friendship and information to Virgin Islands veterans, explained Daniel.

For more information call 773-6663 or 774-6100.

VIPA To Start Construction of New Office Building for Dockmaster and Restrooms at Enighed Pond Facility

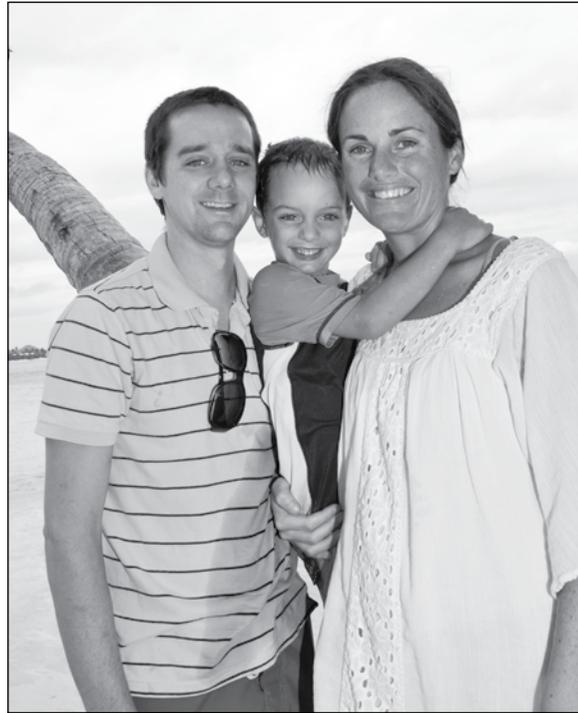
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A Notice to Proceed has been issued to begin construction of a new office building at the Theovald Eric Moorehead Marine Facility at Enighed Pond, St. John.

Virgin Islands Port Authority Executive Director Kenn Hobson said last week that the notice was issued on June 30 to St. Croix-based project contractor GEC, LLC to construct a new 1,500-square-foot building to provide office space for VIPA’s dockmasters stationed at Enighed Pond; public restrooms; and a short-term storage area for containerized cargo.

The contractor will begin moving equipment and occupying the site on Monday, July 11.

The project will cost \$2.1 million and is funded by the remainder of GARVEE Bonds issued to the Port Authority in 2004 to construct the cargo port at Enighed Pond. The construction should be completed by March 2012, according to Hobson.



Friends Will Miss and Remember Chef Mike Prout

Mike Prout was incredibly devoted in everything he touched, from his work as a culinary master to his role as a loving husband to Megan. He shone the most in his role as father to son Parker, and his excitement over his wife’s second pregnancy was palpable. While the circle of life will continue with the November birth of the baby they’ve dubbed ‘Prout Sprout,’ Mike’s passing has left a huge hole in their circle of friends.

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ST. JOHN FESTIVAL PARADE PHOTOS

July 4th was truly "An Astronomical and Cultural Splendor in Heaven for Festival 2011" as troupes and floupes of all ages shimmied their way through the streets of Cruz Bay.





St. John Tradewinds News Photos by Tropicl Focus

Festival Fireworks Light Up Sky Above Cruz Bay Harbor

Although rain had dampened a few nights of Festival Village, the skies cleared on Monday, July 4, and fireworks lit up the night. The show started promptly at 9 p.m. and lasted almost 20 minutes.



WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Send your letter to editor@tradewinds.vi

**NEXT DEADLINE:
THURSDAY, JULY 14TH**

Keeping Track of Crime

2010

Homicides: 0

Shootings: 0

Stabbings: 0

Armed Robberies: 1

Arsons: 0

1st Degree Burglaries: 3

2nd Degree Burglaries: 22

3rd Degree Burglaries: 70

Grand Larcenies: 67

Rapes: 0

2011-TO-DATE

Homicides: 0

Shootings: 0

Stabbings: 0

Armed Robberies: 0

Arsons: 0

1st Degree Burglaries: 1

2nd Degree Burglaries: 5

3rd Degree Burglaries: 18

Grand Larcenies: 31

Rapes: 1

Letters To St. John Tradewinds

Deer Population Continues To Grow

Along with everyone else, I have been seeing increasing numbers of deer on St. John. I did some research about their reproductive cycles.

At an average rate of reproduction, assuming no predators, hunting, winter kill, or other disaster to the herd, the population will double every two years.

If we have 500 deer right now, in 2 years there will be 1,000.

In 4 years there will be 2,000.

In 6 years, there will be 4,000.

In 8 years, there will be 8,000, more than the number of people.

And in 10 years, there will be 16,000.

But what is the correct starting number? If we start today at 1,000 deer, for example, in 10 years there will be 32,000.

Time to think about a long-term solution.

**Gerry Hills
St. John**

Things Ain't Change

That's a popular phrase to describe the every day life on the island. Whether it's church, work or home, people are repeating the same habits learned decades ago.

There are two parts to this scenario. One, folks expect others to change; and two, folks expect to stay the same. I guess the real issue is that everybody believes that they're right.

No matter what they think, say and how they behave, others have to accept it. Our island is on a path to broken hearts, dreams and realities if the truth cannot stand on its own.

And the real fact is, you're not correct, I'm not correct and many others are not correct in a lot of things. We just bend and manipulate people and events to suit our lifestyles. Over the years, instead of growing, maturing and experiencing new adventures, stagnation has set into our lives.

Because the sun will shine and the rain will fall, we take circumstances for granted. It appears that major

upheavals like natural disasters and social reform are the catalysts for change. For a society which prides itself on innovation and reinvention, God has to take us back to basics to get our attention.

What will be our attention-getter is a good question. It would be good if we didn't have to go that far, but sadly our perception of life is so distorted that what was once right is wrong, and vice versa.

In order to change, we must know what's wrong. Maybe an island-wide campaign involving schools, businesses and public and private sectors can put everyone on the same page.

The slogan "Positive is how I live" can graduate to "Change is how I grow." Whatever the catch phrase or idea, take note that you and I must coexist. At the end of the day, whether you have power, title, money or good looks, the real value comes from having peace in your soul.

**Ever-changing,
Emmanuel Prince**

Crossword Answers — Puzzle on Page 20

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Thanks for Supporting George "Santa" Belcher

Thank you to the St. John community for the outpouring of love and support for the benefit for George "Santa" Belcher and the wedding of George and Ray.

We love you all!

We would like to extend our special gratitude to our family, Marylou and Walter Belcher, Stephen, Vicki, Katie and Albert for sharing our special day.

Special thank you to:

Marc, Carrie, Sam and Isaac of Aqua Bistro for everything!

Sally (Sallarita) Bolhous for being such a great friend, the flowers, the cake, your love.

My groomsmen, my big brother Phil and my younger brother Grant Davis.

The Reverend Anne Marie Porter of stjohndeddings.com for a fabulous ceremony and a wonderful friendship.

Genoveva (Beva) Rodriguez and James Phillips, without you we would not be here.

Ray Sullivan and George Belcher

ISLAND NOTES from the publisher

May peace be with those families who have lost loved ones in recent tragedies.

— MN

Letters To St. John Tradewinds

Governor Defends 8 Percent Pay Cut for Government Employees

Over the past several weeks, the Legislature and I have gone back and forth on a round of proposals and counter proposals in an effort to find the financial resources to fund the government's operations and payroll for the remainder of this fiscal year, which ends on September 30, and to address the almost \$90 million dollar deficit that we face for the coming budget year.

Ever since my State of the Territory Address in January, I continuously warned that our days of reckoning were fast approaching; our ability to pay for little league baseball, keep open a rec center, pay the overtime of an essential worker, or even meet on-going expenses were at risk.

Simply stated — if we did not increase revenues and cut expenses we could not go on. And since almost seven out of every 10 dollars the government spends is spent on salaries, benefits and retirement contributions for government workers, it was pretty clear that the only way to save the money we needed, if we could not or would not raise more revenues, was to cut personnel costs.

I have the obligation to balance the territory's budget. It is not a choice, it is a requirement. I also have the authority to dismiss workers if we cannot afford to pay everyone.

I did not wish to send people home and neither did the Senators, and so they passed an 8 percent across the board pay cut in order to avoid dismissing workers and I approved the legislation. The alternative was 600 dismissals this year and 800 plus next year along with unpaid holidays.

For we all understood that if we were to dismiss employees that was a 100 percent pay cut for them and for their families, and a disruption in a community that offers limited options at this time. The legislation also allows for an incentive program to encourage those with 30 years of service to retire and a voluntary separation program for a two-year period of time.

The objective is to lower the cost of government, have the ability to meet our on-going expenses, and through other cost containments keep that balance between what we need to have and what we can afford to pay for. It is the same tightrope that each and every one of us must walk as we try to keep the balance that lets us meet our own needs.

However, for those who serve in all branches of government and in the independent agencies as well, the 8 percent pay cut will be a real burden to them and to their families. No government worker or private sector business in the Virgin Islands was responsible for the global financial crisis and the resulting Great

Recession that has reduced our economic well-being that has hurt us all.

But, we have no choice but to adjust, respond and go on the best we can, to achieve the very best for ourselves, our children and our community. We cannot lose hope or focus that we have the intellectual talent to choose the right course and the strength of character to stay that course and adjust as need be to make sure our quality of life continues to improve.

Everyone in our community ought to realize what this recent legislation truly means to the family budgets of all who work in our government. It is upon the backs of the workers in our government that the burden of the pay cut falls most directly and they have been given no choice as to its timing. I want each and every government worker to know that I fully appreciate this.

I know that the 8 percent less pay that we shall all be getting may well mean that not all anticipated expenses can be met. It will likely mean cutbacks and adjustments that are difficult to implement and to explain to those whose plans may have to be changed or postponed. I get it, and I know this makes things harder.

Yet, I do believe that we are on the right path to a better future. Yes, and others also will be called upon to sacrifice until those better days do come. Now is not the time to place blame or to level criticism, to disparage the work of those who serve in the public sector or level criticism on the private sector owner.

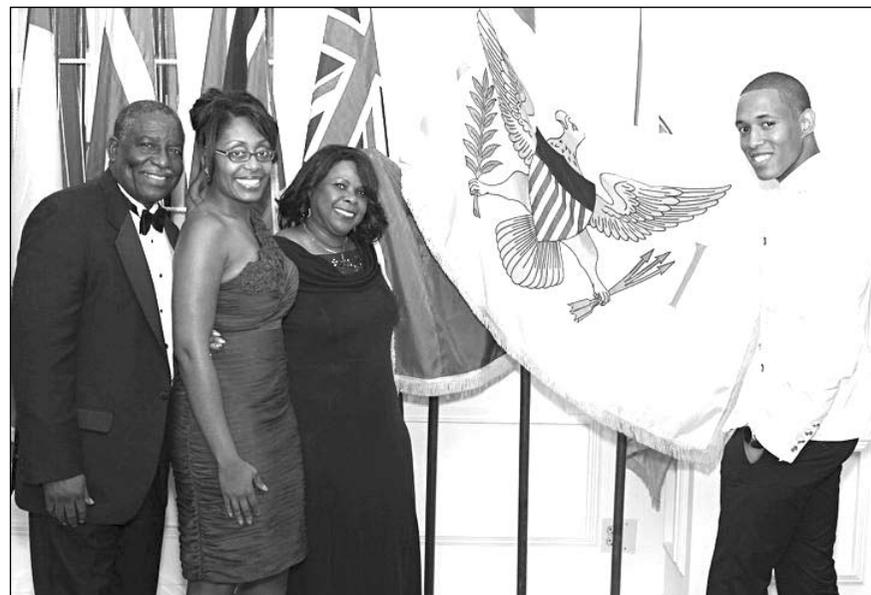
I have no doubt that there will be those who will exhibit some self-interest, others who will try to proclaim that what we have done is unjust, and still others will just stir the pot to promote controversy. I urge everyone to keep in mind that the only fair and equitable way for our community to weather the immediate crisis is if we all share in the burden, work with one another and if we all maintain a level of civility, of respect, of cooperation.

When that day finally comes, and the cuts to payroll and to services that we have all had to endure can be ended, I know we will have been able to fashion a more efficient and better organized government.

I hope that we will have seen how we can do things better and more efficiently. But more than that, I hope we will have been able to do these things while building on the strength of each other and acknowledge and accept that our collective success is individually linked.

As we work toward that day, toward that future, we ask, as always, for God to bless our Virgin Islands and all who reside here.

Governor John deJongh



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

At Caribbean Week event in New York in June, USVI Tourism Ambassador Sambala Boyd (on right) displays USVI flag with (from left) Lt. Governor Gregory Francis, Department of Tourism Director of Sales Kay Milliner-Kitchens and Helen George Newton, VI Freshwater Association President and Founder.

Tourism Dept. Taps Virgin Islands and Caribbean Diaspora

St. John Tradewinds

The Department of Tourism has launched a strategic campaign to encourage Caribbean nationals to promote, and to visit, the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The new campaign seeks to expand the DOT's sales and marketing reach by engaging Virgin Islanders living abroad to help promote the USVI.

The campaign also aims to market the USVI to Caribbean nationals within the Caribbean region as well as those living in North America.

"Many Virgin Islanders living abroad already serve as unofficial ambassadors of the USVI, recommending the islands to their friends and neighbors," said DOT Commissioner Beverly Nicholson-Doty.

To harness the marketing potential of its overseas population, the Doty said the department launched and developed a USVI Ambassador Program which "creates a framework under which Virgin Islanders can actively promote the islands and help spread our message."

As part of the program, more than three dozen USVI tourism ambassadors throughout the United States make presentations and distribute promotional materials at work and in the community.

Recently the DOT launched an essay contest on Facebook asking Virgin Islanders living in New York to explain what makes them a great USVI ambassador.

Sambala Boyd, a talented singer, songwriter and model, won the contest with an inspiring story about sharing his VI culture. Boyd was rewarded with the opportunity to represent the USVI alongside DOT and other VI government officials during the Caribbean Tourism Organization's Caribbean Week in New York.

While involving Virgin Islanders in promoting the islands, DOT also seeks to entice more Virgin Islanders living abroad to vacation in the USVI. In addition to those who have moved away, Doty recognized the value of another generation.

"There are many second generation Virgin Islanders who were born on the mainland and have never been to the islands," she said. "There are hundreds of thousands of people of Caribbean descent throughout the US and Canada who, like other North Americans, are looking for easily accessible tropical weather vacation getaways that offer a rich cultural experience."

"We want them to rediscover their Caribbean roots while enjoying the in-

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PSC Investigating Grounding of *Royal Miss Belmar*

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The V.I. Public Services Commission announced last week that an investigation into the July 4 marine incident off the shores of St. Thomas by V. I. Sea Trans is underway.

The vessel involved in the incident, *Miss Royal Belmar*, is used to conduct the exclusive franchised operation granted by the Public Services to Aquatic Management, LLC and managed by V. I. Sea Trans.

According to reports received by the PSC, the ferry carrying approximately 100 persons ran aground and rested on the rocky shore of Great St. James Cay around 10 p.m. on July 4.

Under the franchise agreement, Aquatic Management has provided direct public marine passenger transportation via scheduled runs between the terminals located in Gallows Bay, St. Croix and Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas since May 2007.

PSC personnel have interviewed Sea Trans' director of operations Marjorie Smith and Public Relations representative Kevin Vincent to obtain details surrounding the incident and to determine the status of operations. While the PSC awaits official investigative reports from the management of Aquatic Management and the U.S. Coast Guard, commissioners continued to monitor the resumption and availability of service to Virgin Islands commuters.

The Sea Trans management was notified by the PSC prior to the incident they are scheduled to appear before the Commission during its upcoming meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 12, on St. Thomas.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by USCG and St. John Rescue

The 89-foot passenger ferry ran hard aground on rocks just off Great St. James Island. The vessel was still on the rocks as of press time, while USCG officials continued to investigate the incident.



Passenger Ferry Slams Into Great St. James Island

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the reported injuries were critical, according to U.S Coast Guard spokesperson Ricardo Castrodad.

“This rescue was possible due to the swift and quick response of Coast Guard boat crews, local emergency responders and Good Samaritan vessels on scene, who aggressively worked throughout the night to safely remove all 102 people from the grounded vessel,” said USCG Captain Marc Stegman, Sector San Juan acting commander, in a prepared statement. “The passengers re-

mained calm and allowed first responders to successfully transfer them to safety.”

The vessel was not taking on water, but was high up on the rocks — prompting several emergency responders to determine the vessel was travelling at a high rate of speed when it just about hit the island — and was still hard aground as of press time.

USCG response and prevention personnel, including marine and pollution investigators, were expected to continue working with the vessel owner and local authori-

ties to coordinate the removal and salvage of the vessel, investigate the cause of the grounding and determine if there were signs of pollution in the water.

USCG Watchstanders in Sector San Juan received a 911 call at 10:05 p.m. July 4 from a U.S. Virgin Islands emergency operator and a radio call from the master of the *Royal Miss Belmar* notifying the ongoing distress.

SJR is a non-profit run entirely by volunteers and relying on donations, which can be made to St. John Rescue Inc. and mailed to P.O. Box 1225, St. John, VI, 00830.

“Enough cannot be said about the fine job that each and every one responding to the scene did in ensuring the safety of the 102 persons on board.”

– Governor John deJongh

DeJongh Praises Public and Private Responders Who Aided Passengers on Grounded Ferry

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Governor John deJongh last week praised the numerous emergency responders who heeded the call for assistance after the inter-island ferry *Royal Miss Belmar* became grounded on Great St. James while en route from Cruz Bay, St. John to St. Croix on Monday night, July 4.

“The efforts of these responders ensured the safe rescue of the passengers who were stranded on board the grounded ferry and through diligent and precise techniques, the injured, the other passengers and crew were brought safely to St. Thomas,” deJongh said. “Enough cannot be said about the fine job that each and every one responding to the scene did in ensuring the safety of the 102 persons on board.”

DeJongh was notified of the accident shortly after 10 p.m. on Monday and was routinely briefed throughout the night and into the early morning hours of Tuesday, July 5, as the passengers were brought to safety on St. Thomas and subsequently examined by both emergency medical technicians and physicians at R.L. Schneider Hospital.

“Our efforts in retooling our emergency management structure has once again paid off,” deJongh said. “While the Coast Guard, National Park Service and St. Thomas Rescue led the rescue operation last night, numerous government agencies under the coordination of the V.I. Territorial Emergency

Management Agency, worked tirelessly to augment the rescue operation at sea, including the set up of a triage area for injured passengers at the Red Hook marine terminal, arranging transportation of the injured to the Schneider Hospital and providing overall support to the response effort.”

“The fine work of the employees of VITEMA, Planning and Natural Resources, Emergency Medical Services, Virgin Islands Police, V.I. Port Authority Police Division, National Park Service, St. Thomas and St. John Rescue, V.I. Fire Services, Property and Procurement, Health, Tourism and the Office of the Governor was timely and expertly coordinated,” said the governor. “The responders reacted as they are trained to and led a rescue operation that we are all proud of today.”

DeJongh also acknowledged the work of the Sea Tow salvage company and other citizens who responded in smaller vessels to assist in the rescue.

“Passengers who were on the ferry when it ran aground had the highest praise for the rescue operation that was launched last night,” said deJongh.

The vast majority of the passengers who were on the ferry when the accident occurred boarded another ferry for their journey home to St. Croix, deJongh added.

DeJongh was informed on July 5 that a Coast Guard investigation into the cause of the accident is now underway.

Real Estate Sales Course August 16

St. John Tradewinds

Individuals interested in learning more about the real estate industry are being urged to register for the Real Estate Sales course offered by the University of the Virgin Islands – Community Engagement and Lifelong Learning (UVICELL) Center.

On St. Thomas, classes will be from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning August 16, at the UVICELL Center on the St. Thomas Campus.

For fees and more information on the course, call 693-1100 or visit UVICELL on line at <http://cell.uvi.edu>.

Westin Resort Employee Arrested and Charged with Grand Larceny

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A 22-year-old woman was arrested shortly after 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 5, for stealing money from a St. John hotel where she was employed as a Front Desk Attendant.

V.I. Police Department officers said Cletricea Scotland stole more than \$100 from her co-worker’s cash register at the Westin Resort and Villas in March.

According to the preliminary VIPD investigation, Scotland was one of two front desk attendants working on March 11, 2011. At the end of the shift the second attendant was \$120 short in her cash drawer.

The surveillance video was reviewed by the hotel security which



Cletricea Scotland

showed Scotland taking the cash out of the drawer and putting it in her pocket. Westin security attempted to meet with Scotland on March 31,

however, she did not report to work and has not been back to work since that time.

Scotland is a St. Thomas native residing in the Estate Bovoni housing community. Her bail was set at \$25,000 and she was remanded to the Bureau of Corrections Pending further court action.

Police Log

LAND LINE: 911 / CELLULAR: 340-776-9110 / POLICE DEPT: 340-693-8880 / FIRE: 340-776-6333

Friday, July 1

11:22 a.m. - An Estate Bethany resident c/requesting police assistance with his nephew and his dogs. Police assistance.

6:29 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r that a tree fell on her vehicle. Damage to a vehicle.

10:49 p.m. - An Estate Pastory resident p/r that she was involved in a physical altercation with her boyfriend. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

Saturday, July 2

11:46 a.m. - A visitor from Puerto Rico p/r that someone hit his rental vehicle. Auto collision.

1:55 p.m. - A citizen p/r that she was assaulted. Simple assault.

5:30 p.m. - A Cruz Bay resident r/ that a woman had no vital signs. D.O.A.

9:25 p.m. - A citizen c/r that someone had fallen off of a safari taxi. Accidental injury.

9:45 p.m. - A minor p/r that she was assaulted by four girls in the area of Cruz Bay. Simple assault.

11:38 p.m. - Badge #747 and 1048 r/ that National Park Rangers requested assistance with placing a male and a female under arrest at the NPS terminal.

Sunday, July 3

2:36 a.m. - Badge # 747 and 1048 r/ a group of males fighting in the area of Nature’s Nook. They escorted one of the males to the ferry dock for his safety. Police assistance.

5:49 p.m. - A citizen c/r that he was struck by a vehicle’s mirror while crossing North Shore Road. Accidental injury.

8:15 p.m. - A citizen p/r that he is being harassed via the telephone. Telephone harassment.

Monday, July 4

6:21 a.m. - EMT c/requesting police assistance with a combative female at Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center. Police assistance.

6:49 a.m. - A citizen c/r an auto collision in the area of Estate Grunwald. Auto collision.

9:06 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r that a male verbally threatened her. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

1:30 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/requesting police assistance. Police assistance.

Tuesday, July 5

12:00 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r he was assaulted by another male. Simple assault.

1:34 a.m. - A minor p/r that she was assaulted by a group of people. Aggravated assault and battery.

2:10 a.m. - A citizen c/r that a group of minors was trespassing at Gallows Point Resort. Police assistance.

5:36 a.m. - A citizen c/r that his house was broken into. Burglary in the second.

10:11 a.m. - An Estate Carolina resident p/r that she was beaten. Aggravated assault and battery.

12:45 p.m. - An Estate Grunwald resident p/r that a male stole money from her in Festival Village. Grand larceny.

6:45 p.m. - An Estate Pastory resident p/r that a male threatened to destroy his things and burn down his house. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

Thursday, July 7

9:20 a.m. - Citizen c/r that his friend was unresponsive at his Estate Enighed home. D.O.A.

10:26 p.m. - An Estate Adrian resident c/requesting police assistance with her family members. Police assistance.

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BJ Harris, center, hands a check to VIHFA officials who were joined by Delegate to Congress Donna Christensen, at far left.



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V.I. Territorial Association of Realtors Awards VIHFA \$50,000 for Housing Assistance

St. John Tradewinds
The Virgin Islands Territorial Association of Realtors (VITAR) awarded the V.I. Housing Finance Authority (VIHFA) a \$50,000 grant to fund the Affordable Housing Assistance.

The grant will assist low and moderate income families with closing cost assistance up to \$5,000 per family to secure affordable housing. The award was presented on Saturday, June 18, at the Palms at Pelican Cove at the VITAR Annual Meeting.

Through the "VI REALTORS® Affordable Housing Assistance Fund" closing cost assistance will be awarded to families who are first time home buyers. Assistance can be awarded in the form of very low inter-

est loans with rates as low as 2 percent and would not exceed a five year term.

VIHFA looks forward to working with VITAR in administering this program which will assist many families in becoming first time homeowners.

VIHFA's Interim Executive Director, Adrienne Williams said she was "pleased that the Authority would be a recipient of this grant."

"In light of these tough economic times and the rising cost of construction, it is necessary more than ever to leverage the resources to provide assistance for first time homeowners," said Williams.

For more information contact the VIHFA on St. Thomas at 777- 4432.

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Christian Science Society
10:45 a.m. Sunday- Marketplace
Wednesday Testimonials
7:45 p.m. on last Wed. of Month

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
Sun. 9 a.m., on St. Thomas . 776-2379
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Community Calendar

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

Monday, July 11

— The Office of Veterans Affairs and with Benefit Counselors and Caribbean Health Clinics, will conduct outreach services for all Virgin Islands veterans who have questions about health issues, claims filings, or other concerns. A community town hall meeting will be at the Julius E. Sprauve School auditorium on St. John on Monday, July 11, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Monday, July 18

— The Department of Planning and Natural Resources advises the public that commercial fishermen registration for 20011-2012 will be conducted on St. John on Monday, July 18, to Wednesday, July 20. St. John fishers must register at the St. Thomas Office at Cyril E. King Airport After July 20, fishermen may register on St. Thomas office at 6291 Estate Nazareth, Red Hook, daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Contact the Division of Fish & Wildlife at 775-6762 or the Division of Environmental Enforcement at 774-3320 on St. Thomas for more information.

Starts August 16

— The Real Estate Sales course will be offered by the University of the Virgin Islands – Community Engagement and Lifelong Learning (UVICELL) Center. On St. Thomas, classes will be from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning August 16, at the UVICELL Center on the St. Thomas Campus. For fees and more information, call 693-1100 or <http://cell.uvi.edu>.

Sunday, August 16

— The 27th annual Texas Society of the Virgin Islands Chili Cook-Off will be Sunday, August 21, at Brewer's Beach. Come join the fun for a day of live music, dancing, a U.S. Coast Guard rescue demonstration and fly-by, games for children and adults and lots of spicy chili on the beach.

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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

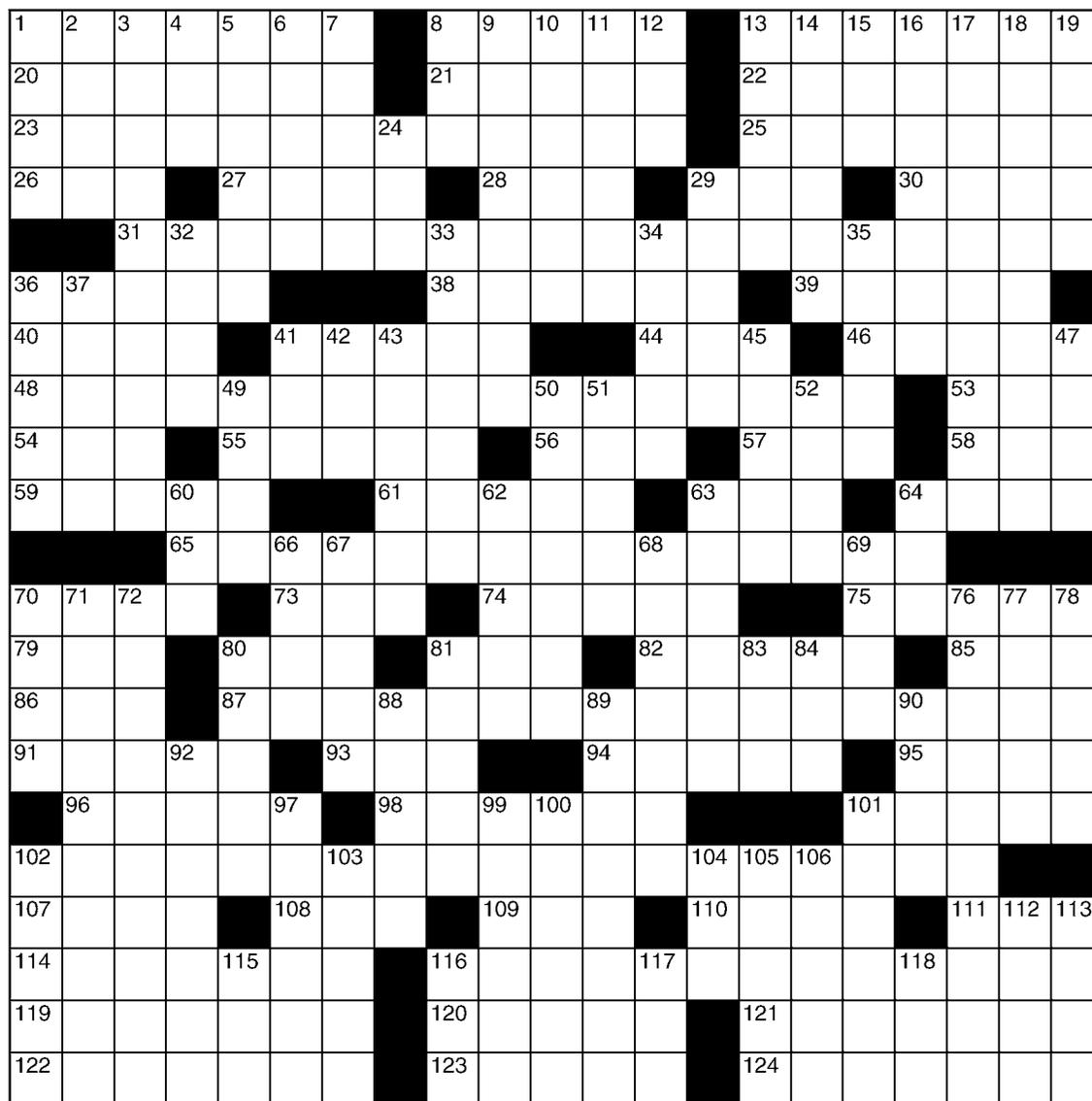
Narcotics Anonymous has open meetings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. every Saturday at St. Ursula's Church.

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



CLACKING CAT

ACROSS

- 1 "My dear," in Milan
 8 Early calculators
 13 Miser visited by ghosts
 20 Protective plastic film
 21 — rex (cat breed)
 22 Chewed the fat
 23 Start of a riddle
 25 Thaws again
 26 Procedure: Abbr.
 27 Muscle fitness
 28 Sport — (4WD vehicle)
 29 Galley tool
 30 A number of
 31 Riddle, part 2
 36 Painter Rousseau
 38 In another country
 39 Vision problem
 40 Klensch of fashion
 41 Terse denial
 44 — Aviv
 46 "Ad — per aspera" (motto of Kansas)
 48 Riddle, part 3
 53 Fifth of XV
 54 Novelist Santha Rama —
 55 In — (before birth)
 56 Table crumb
 57 "Viva — Vegas"
 58 On top of, to bards
 59 — Martin (British auto)
 61 Cast — for
 63 Pops
 64 Cuts short
 65 Riddle, part 4
 70 LeBlanc of "Friends"
 73 Reminiscent of

74 First Hebrew month

75 Bovine milk pitcher

79 French buddy

80 Blowup, in photog.

81 — Lingus

82 Elk's call

85 Rebs' gp.

86 Paw bottom

87 Riddle, part 5

91 Sharp insults

93 Municipal reg.

94 Verdugo or Kagan

95 Repetitious learning

96 Moroseness

98 Hopes that one will

101 Lube again

102 End of the riddle

107 Apple line

108 "A," in Arles

109 — offensive (1968 attack)

110 Gehrig and Gossett

111 Very little

114 Bacon slices

116 Riddle's answer

119 Saint- — (Loire's capital)

120 Six Flags attractions

121 Unable to tear oneself away from

122 Most tightly packed

123 At — of (priced at)

124 Energy-draining things

125 "Boston Legal" fig.

126 "Boston Legal" fig.

127 "Boston Legal" fig.

128 "Boston Legal" fig.

129 "Boston Legal" fig.

130 "Boston Legal" fig.

5 Tiki bar drink

6 "The show's starting"

7 Cigna rival

8 Suffix with lime

9 Desensitized

10 2009 film set on Pandora

11 Show up at

12 Ending for Benedict

13 "Scat!"

14 Second-order angel

15 Cup top

16 Baby bodysuits

17 Like films not shot in a studio

18 Tie the knot

19 Ford dud

24 Clutch sitter

29 More strange

32 Berlin Mrs.

33 Hit for the Jackson 5

34 Really irk

35 Smelting residues

36 — pin drop

37 Places of exile

41 "King" Cole

42 Show a deficit

43 Albania's capital

45 Purple bloom

47 Melodies

49 Melody

50 Alternative to a 401(k)

51 Twistable little treats

52 "Nothin'"

60 Frequently, to a poet

62 Held the deed to

63 Strip bare

64 Slithering swimmer

66 Narrow road

67 "Feel free to send me"

68 Hanging Gardens city

69 Comply with

70 Atlas filler

71 Merge into a single body

72 Artificial inlet subject to ebbs and flows

76 Affecting the entire college, say

77 Question from Judas

78 Stand for a canvas

80 The sun, in Spain

81 "— shall come to pass ..."

83 Pistol or rifle

84 Meadowland

88 Clear, as a chalkboard

89 Dubs anew

90 Russian city or region

92 Sacs

97 Shows grief

99 Like fictitious tales

100 Big name in stretchy swimwear

101 Rebel as a group

102 Sacked

103 Not solidified

104 Mop & — (cleaning brand)

105 Karaoke selections

106 Fran and Ollie's friend

112 —'acte (play break)

113 Parts of psyches

115 Pittsburgh-Boston dir.

116 Chorus syllable

117 Suffix with lobby or hobby

118 Counterpart of "nope"

Air Canada Launching Service To Virgin Islands in December

St. John Tradewinds

The Department of Tourism announced last week that Air Canada, Canada's largest full-service airline, will begin serving the territory later this year.

Following a series of meetings between Air Canada and DOT, the airline announced plans to begin flights to the territory from its Toronto hub.

The new service will offer Canadians non-stop flights from Toronto to St. Thomas once weekly on Saturdays beginning December 24, 2011 through April 14, 2012. The flights will depart from Toronto's Pearson International Airport at 8:30 a.m. and arrive in St. Thomas at 2:15 p.m. Returning flights will depart St. Thomas at 3:15 p.m. and arrive in Toronto at 8:30 p.m.

The new flights will be serviced by Air Canada's Airbus 319-100 aircraft featuring

a new cabin interior, 14 executive seats and 106 economy seats, and are now on sale at www.aircanada.com.

"The added airlift created by the new flights represents an increase of more than 2,000 inbound passengers to the territory during the winter months and will help meet the growing demand from one of the destination's top international markets," said DOT Commissioner Beverly Nicholson-Doty. "Since March of last year, the Territory has seen more than 6,000 visitors from Canada and we anticipate growth of at least 20 percent resulting from this new flight."

The DOT will support the new service by working closely with Air Canada to launch dedicated marketing initiatives, promotions and in-market events to generate awareness and bookings.

Breaking Ground at Gas Station in Chocolate Hole

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was expected to last before the Chocolate Hole gas station would open for business.

What will be the island's third fueling area got a green light last month from members of the V.I. Senate, who voted to grant Guilderoy Sprauve's zoning variance request in order to build a gas station and convenience store on Centerline Road in Estate Adrian.

Sprauve owns six acres of land in the area, but only plans to build on a 20,000-square-foot plot. The land is zoned R-1 (residential low density) but the variance allows Sprauve to go ahead with his plans to build a six-pump gas station and poured concrete convenience store.

Sprauve planned to have the station and store open from around 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The businesses

would close around 5 p.m. on Friday and re-open sometime in the evening on Saturday.

The parcel is located on Centerline Road, adjacent to the old Love City Home and Garden Center, on land previously used by the Seventh Day Adventist Church for evangelistic meetings.

Now that the zoning variance has been approved, Sprauve is expected to secure funding for the project soon. While no signs of construction were visible on the site last week, Bernier expected activity at the newest of the two new St. John gas stations soon.

"There is a high possibility that St. John will get two new gas stations soon," said Bernier. "Right now there are no more applications for more gas stations on the island except for these two."

Tourism Taps Virgin Islands, Caribbean Diaspora

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credible vacation experience the USVI has to offer," said Doty.

To assist the department in developing and implementing its strategy as well as encouraging more volunteers, the DOT has contracted Marketplace Excellence, a marketing and public relations firm whose specialties include marketing to the Caribbean and the Diaspora.

Based in New Jersey with satellite offices in the Caribbean and Canada, MPE's multicultural team comprises a number of Caribbean nationals with a wealth of experience and contacts in the field.

In the months ahead, Marketplace Excel-

lence will spearhead efforts to reach Caribbean consumers through proactive media relations that will include organizing press visits to the USVI for Caribbean and Diaspora media, coordinating interviews with DOT officials and the Caribbean media, and networking with influential journalists at the National Association of Black Journalists' annual convention in Philadelphia.

Marketplace Excellence will also identify opportunities for the DOT to partner with Caribbean organizations and participate in Caribbean events that will help increase awareness of the USVI. Other projects include further development of the VI Ambassador Program and social media programs.

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"Casa de Sonadores" – a top of the line luxurious pool villa designed by Michael Oxman & located in the gated, upscale subdivision of Virgin Grande Estates. Sweeping views from St. Croix to St. Thomas ensure great sunsets. Features include custom mahogany cabinets, doors and windows, coral stone floors and decks throughout, pool and spa, game and media room, granite balustrades, & fine furnishings. **\$3.25M**



"Zootenvaal Cottages" - A unique St. John property with 850' of waterfront, including a white powder sand beach. Almost 5 acres at pristine Hurricane Hole where the waterfront is a National Marine Monument -forever protected. There are four short term rental cottages on the property. Cottages are masonry construction and in excellent condition. One is right on the beach. **\$9.7M**. Adjoining 20 acre parcel is also available.



"Casa Tua" Waterfront! Another great house by Jim Phillips. New, beautiful, masonry home located on the water at Lagoon Point near beautiful Salt Pond bay & Lameshur. Two bedrooms in the main house & a separate guest house. Spectacular water views over the East End to the BVI, sound of waves breaking on the reef, and an easy, paved path to the water. Excellent snorkeling, bonefishing and beachcombing. Priced to sell at just **\$2.4M**



"Surfside" - This is a rare chance to own a home in the exclusive Reef Bay enclave. Surfside is a beautifully appointed Mediterranean style three bedroom, three bath pool villa situated on the edge of undeveloped park land with fabulous ocean views and breezes. Stroll via pathway to secluded white sand beach from this oversized lot. Very successful rental home with plans for another 2x2 villa with separate entrance. Price reduced to **\$1,495,000**



"Limin' Time" – The perfect Caribbean cottage with a sandy pocket beach on Great Cruz Bay & a very large pool & deck. Completely redesigned and refurbished in 2009 better than new with new high end fixtures, furnishings and new pool with the perfect location in this well established neighborhood. Keep your yacht moored within sight and just pull your dinghy up on the beach. Swim and snorkel without driving. Lots of space for parking or boat storage. **\$1.75M**.



"Bo Atabay" - a new solid masonry pool home in a quiet and private location on Seagrape Hill. The spacious, open style floor plan features a central great room, kitchen and dining area flanked by a master suite on each side for guest privacy. A roughed-in 784 square foot space below is for a proposed one bedroom apt. for expansion. The grounds are beautifully landscaped with stone walls and lush gardens surrounding the sunny pool and entertainment deck. **\$1.35M**



"Coyaba" - means heavenly in Arawak and this newly constructed 3-bedroom home is just that. On a flat one acre lot, Coyaba offers water views of the Caribbean Sea and the bay below. The large open-style great room, kitchen and dining area and bedrooms are located on one level. Enjoy the sounds of the surf together with breezy easterly trade winds from your pool deck. Priced to sell at **\$4,413,000**.



"Mango Terrace Villas"-Brand new condos on a hillside overlooking the turquoise waters of the Caribbean with spacious interiors and ample decks from which to enjoy the Easterly breezes and expansive water views. Amenities include private laundry rooms, two private decks, granite counter tops, tile floors and large shared pool and deck. With only six units in two buildings and proximity to Cruz Bay Town and Frank Bay beach, these are the best choice in St. John condos. Financing available. Reduced to **\$499,000 to \$1.2M**.



"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 town & Frank Bay Beach. The 2 bedroom unit is over 1100 sq.ft. All feature large kitchens, granite countertops, stainless appliances, private laundry and ample storage. These condos have it all. **\$695,000 to \$999,000**.

DEVELOPMENT/COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES: Hansen Bay 7A is an 18 acre parcel with studies done and a 15 lot sub division permit. All lots have water views and breezes and 4 lots are on the flat top of a ridge with almost 360 degree views. Reduced from **\$3.18M to \$2.99M**. Estate Zootenvaal 20 acres over looking the marine preserve at Bork Creek just east of Coral Bay **\$7M**. Adjoining 4.5 acre parcel with 4 cottages and white sand beach also available. Little Plantation with over 7 acres with preliminary subdivision permit and road cut to the top of the property. Great water views to the British Virgins from every lot just **\$1.9M**. "Green Island Breeze" -Turn key retail clothing business in the new Greenleaf Commons commercial center **\$179,000**

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GOLDEN DRAGON – Beautiful stone villa w/exceptional craftsmanship. 4 bds/4 baths, infinity pool, multi patios & decks, lush gardens, Pt. Rendezvous. **\$1,775,000**.

AURORA – Enjoy 180° views, from Great Cruz to St. Thomas, from this masonry 4 bdm/4 bath villa in Contant Point. Great privacy, pool, multiple outdoor patios, excellent vacation rental history. **\$1,995,000**.

CALYPSO del SOL – Successful rental villa w/excellent Chocolate Hole views, 3 bd/bath suites, A/C, newer masonry construction, beautiful pool & hot tub, terrific large screened porch. **\$1,950,000**.

EXCITING NEWS OF ST. JOHN - BLUE TANG IS FOR SALE! – A delightful 2 bdrm/2 bath pool villa nestled high on the hillside in the prime neighborhood of Great Cruz Bay. Offering privacy, vibrant sunsets, gourmet kitchen, 60' covered veranda & sunny pool. Catered To's top rental villa. **\$1,295,000**.

SEASCAPE has a fabulous location on Bovacoap Point! Spacious 2 bdrm main house w/lap pool & spa, plus a separate caretaker cottage. Panoramic views, privacy & successful vacation rental. **ONLY \$995,000**.

RILEY'S RETREAT – Amazing views of St. Thomas & sunsets fr/ this beautifully remodeled 6 bdrm/5 bath villa w/ high quality amenities, pool, spa, close to town. **\$1,899,000**.

A BEST BUY! – Well built, poured concrete cottage w/ lovely covered wraparound porch in Est. Carolina. Tile floor, kitchen, laundry, concrete slab in place for future garage & expansion. **Only \$320,000**.

NEW on the Market! – **CARA MIA** – Stone 3 bd/3.5 bath pool villa in prestigious Pt. Rendezvous. Equal sized bdrms, full A/C, brick patios, mahogany doors, travertine floors, slate roof, popular turn-key rental villa. **\$1,925,000**.

Reduced! REEF BAY VIEW – Absolutely stunning easterly views of the Nat'l Pk & cooling tradwinds can be yours. 4 bd/3 bath, pool, spa, rental history. **\$1,395,000**.

LIZARD HILL – A one of a kind villa, high above Cinnamon Bay & surrounded by Nat'l Pk. land. Enjoy the exclusive privacy, views to die for, gorgeous gardens, & easy access from this 3 bd/3 bath, with pool & caretaker's cottage nestled on over 1 acre in Catherineberg. **\$3,100,000**.

GREAT INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY – Apt. building w/adjacent parcels for additional development in Cruz Bay, newly renovated & well maintained. **Only \$490,000**.

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CHOCOLATE HOLE – Unique ruins of 1700's Great House, with a 1960's home on a beautiful 1.42 acre lot. **\$799,000**.

WINDSONG – Stately Boatman Pt. villa, w/separate cottage, situated on a 1ac parcel w/panoramic views. 6 bdrms., 7 baths, huge pool, fully furnished. **\$3,495,000**.

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CRUZ BAY TOWN – Walk to Frank Bay, R-4 zoning. **\$249K**.

GLUCKSBERG – Gentle grade, 1/2 ac., lg. trees. **\$125K**.

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