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Caroline Rogers Releases New Book

Dr. Caroline Rogers will be signing copies of her new book "The Mysterious, Magical Mangroves of St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands" which details the amazing biodiversity of Hurricane Hole, above, on December 16, at Bajo el Sol Gallery. See Page 4

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High School Student from St. John Arrested for Stabbing 16-year-old

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

V.I. Police Department officers on St. Croix and St. Thomas arrested two high school students on Friday, December 2, on their respective campuses.

On St. Thomas, a 19-year-old Ivanna Eudora Kean High School student from St. John stabbed another student and on St. Croix, a student brandished a weapon in the presence of monitors.

IEKHS student Ronald Jackson, 19, of Estate Hard Labor on St. John, was arrested shortly after 5:30 p.m. on December 2 and charged with First Degree Assault.

VIPD's prepared statement said Jackson stabbed a victim during a fight at the school. His bail was set at \$75,000.

A story in the Tuesday, December 6, edition of the *V.I. Daily News*, however, painted a different picture from the VIPD's press release. Instead of a fight at the Red Hook high school campus, Jackson seemed to be the leader of a group of St. John IEK students who jumped the 16-year-old victim at around 3:20 p.m. on December 2.

According to a probable cause fact sheet written by VIPD Detective Nigel James, the victim said he was warned by another student that classmates from St. John were planning to jump him, according to the report in the St. Thomas daily newspaper.

The victim left the area, but Jackson caught up with him, according to the report.

"Jackson approached him and told him that he do not like snitches and he don't want him to snitch on him," James was quoted in the *V.I. Daily News*.

The victim tried to walk away, but was punched

in the back of the head, according to the report. When the victim turned around and punched Jackson back, a friend of Jackson's began punching the victim, according to the report in the *V.I. Daily News*.

When the victim tried to run away, he fell to the ground, according to report. Jackson and his friend continued beating the victim while he was on the ground and Jackson pulled a knife from his pocket and stabbed the victim, according to the report.

The victim suffered stab wounds to his chin, chest and both sides of his body and had to receive 50 staples to close the wounds which also collapsed his left lung, according to the report in the *V.I. Daily News*.

Jackson was arrested at the Red Hook dock following the incident and charged with first-degree assault, third-degree assault and weapons charges. VIPD officials said Jackson admitted to the stabbing.

V.I. Superior Court Magistrate Judge Alan Smith advised Jackson of his rights on Monday, December 5, and issued a \$15,000 bond which had not yet been posted. Jackson was being held at the Bureau of Corrections where he was awaiting a January 5 arraignment in V.I. Superior Court.

On St. Croix on December 2, Central High School student Kadeem Joseph of the John F. Kennedy housing community, was arrested shortly before 12 p.m. and charged with Brandishing and Exhibiting a deadly Weapon.

VIPD said Joseph brandished a box cutter in the presence of two school monitors on campus. VIPD said Joseph was in possession of the weapon when he was arrested. His bail was set at \$10,000.

DeCastro Clinic Resumes Normal Hours

Department of Health Acting Commissioner Dr. Mercedes Dullum announced that the Morris F. de Castro Clinic on St. John resumed normal operating hours from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekdays.

Residents can call 776-6400 to learn more about services offered in the following programs: Dental; Immunization; WIC; MCH; Women's Health; Medical Assistance; Mental Health; and HIV/STD/TB; Environmental Health (Food Handlers/Health Permits).

Dr. Dullum reassured the St. John residents that the Department of Health will strive to provide excellent service to clients and continue raising the standards of healthcare in the territory.

Financial Aid Night Set for Dec. 13

Giff Hill School invites all St. John parents and students to Financial Aid Night on Tuesday, December 13, at 6 p.m.

While this program is most relevant for juniors and seniors and their families, all interested residents are invited to join. This informative evening will be hosted at the Upper Campus of GHS. Suzanne Adrien, Assistant Director of Financial Aid at UVI, will present. In order to allow organizers to plan the evening, RSVP to Meghan Duffy at meghanduffy@giffhillschool.org or 776-1730.

STJ Historical Society Meeting Dec. 13

Join the St. John Historical Society on Tuesday, December 13, at 7 p.m. at the Bethany Moravian Church Hall for the December membership meeting, which will feature a presentation by Danish West Indies Society President Anne Walbom entitled, "Another Perspective: Images of the Danish West Indies by Emilie Langkjaer, 1904-1913."

Langkjaer is the earliest-known female photographer to document life in the Danish West Indies. She lived in Frederiksted from 1898 to 1913 and began taking photographs there in 1904. Walbom will share the best images from Langkjaer's recently identified body of work in what will undoubtedly be an entertaining and thought-provoking presentation.

CAHS, Montessori Students To Perform

Music students from Charlotte Amalie High School and the Montessori School will present a recital on Tuesday, December 13, at 7:30 p.m. at the Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cruz Bay under the direction of John Cahill.

A donation will be accepted for "Horns for Haiti," an effort to carry musical instruments into Haiti, (which Cahill already has done following the 2010 earthquake.)

Aboris DeJesus will perform "Piano Classics" by Wilbur "Bill" LaMotta, which she has just recorded for December release.

Alana Davis, violin, will play a Telemann Sonata and pieces by Bach and Gretry. CAHS students, from the AP Music Theory class, will be heard on piano, voice, saxophone, flute, clarinet, brass ensemble, steel pan, and as a speaking chorus.

For more information contact Cahill at 227-6808, or vimarquis@gmail.com

Wreath Demo at Friends Store Dec. 14

Stop by the Friends of the Park Store on Wednesday, December 14, from noon to 3 p.m. and watch local craftsman Ted Scheer demonstrate how to make a holiday wreath with tamarind skins.

Scheer has been making these local wreaths for years and is excited to share his craft with the public. There is no cost to attend the demonstration and guests can purchase kits to take home and make their own fragrant island wreaths for the holidays.

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– Jean Cockayne,
mother of Jamie Cockayne

Jahlil Ward Accepts Plea Deal of Voluntary Manslaughter

After two murder verdicts, Ward gets plea deal in Cockayne murder trial

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

More than four years after James “Jamie” Cockayne was stabbed to death on a Cruz Bay street, the case came to an end last week when his accuser accepted a plea deal.

Jahlil Ward, 24, was facing his third trial on charges of murdering 21-year-old Cockayne outside a Cruz Bay bar just after midnight on June 19, 2007, when he accepted the deal.

In V.I. Superior Court on Wednesday, December 8, Ward accepted a plea deal of one count of voluntary manslaughter, which carries a maximum 10-year prison sentence. The deal dropped a previously included third-degree assault charge.

V.I. Superior Court Judge Brenda Hollar will sentence Ward, who has been incarcerated since his arrest in June 2008, on January 4 at 3 p.m.

Two separate juries handed murder verdicts to Ward, both of which were thrown out by Hollar. Ward was set to face his third jury on January 9 on charges of stabbing Cockayne eight times, including a fatal blow to the Pennsylvania man’s femoral artery. Cockayne bled to death on the street in front of the Fashion Palace before emergency responders arrived on the scene in the early morning hours of June 19, 2007.

In the wake of the murder, Cockayne’s parents launched a media blitz accusing V.I. Police Department officials of inaction. Family members appeared on national news shows Larry King Live and Greta van Susteren, among others, but no arrests came in the case for several months.

In August 2007, VIPD made the



Jahlil Ward

first two arrests in the case. Kamal Thomas and Anselmo Boston were arrested and charged with first-degree murder, assault and weapons charges. On June 27, 2008, VIPD arrested Ward when he returned to the territory from the mainland for the annual St. John Fourth of July Festival.

Initially, the three men’s trials were joined and they faced a jury together in October 2008. The trial lasted a week during which prosecutors alleged that Boston and Thomas fought with Cockayne at the now closed Front Yard bar in Cruz Bay. After the fight, Cockayne left the bar, followed by Boston, Thomas and Ward, according to prosecutors.

The three men followed Cockayne up the street and beat him with two-by-fours and a pool stick before stabbing the young Pennsylvania man to death, prosecutors alleged during the first trial.

The jury that time around found Ward guilty of first-degree murder, third-degree assault and weapons charges. The jury found Boston and Thomas not guilty of murder, but handed down convictions of

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third-degree assault and weapons charges for the two men.

Hollar threw out Thomas and Boston’s verdicts after it came to light that the Cockayne family paid several witnesses who testified at court. The family had publicly issued monetary rewards for information leading to arrests in the case, of which the Department of Justice was aware. When Hollar learned of the payments, however, she tossed the convictions.

Hollar vacated Ward’s murder conviction when she learned that the prosecution had not shared a piece of evidence, relating to a jail house confession, with the defense.

The second time around, Hollar ruled that Boston and Thomas would stand trial separately from Ward. Thomas and Boston faced their second jury in March 2010, and were convicted of third-degree assault and weapons charges. Thomas was also convicted of threatening and intimidating a witness.

The two men were sentenced to 48 months, with 18 months suspended, for assault, and a consecutive 10 years, with two years sus-

pending, for weapons. They were also fined about \$15,000.

Ward faced his second jury on charges of murdering Cockayne in December 2009. That time around, the jury found him guilty of second-degree murder, third-degree assault and weapons charges. At his sentencing on January 22, 2010, Ward’s defense attorney Michael Quinn petitioned for a new trial on grounds that the prosecution prevented a key witness — related to the jail house confession — from returning to the territory to testify.

Hollar found in Quinn’s favor, tossed the second jury’s conviction and granted Ward a new trial. That third trial was set to begin in January 2012, but Ward’s acceptance of the plea deal last will means he will not face that third jury.

Cockayne’s parents, who have attended every trial for all three men, were not pleased with the news of Ward’s plea deal.

“We as a family do not agree with any plea deal,” said Cockayne’s mother, Jean Cockayne. “The man [Ward] is guilty and now he is worried he will be convicted again. We are not happy that Ward

accepted a plea deal of voluntary manslaughter.”

“He will be free in no time at all,” said Jean Cockayne. “I guess it will save the territory the expense of a third trial. This is not justice.”

Jean Cockayne held out little hope that justice would be served to the man who killed her son.

“There will be no justice for Jamie,” she said. “Now we wait for the sentencing with little hope. Crushed, devastated and without our Jamie, what will happen now only Hollar knows.”

“What I hope for at this point is the devil is waiting and has a special place in hell for all those involved,” said Jean Cockayne.

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A fascinating bounty of biodiversity awaits snorkelers just below the water's surface in the mangroves of Hurricane Hole, above.

Dr. Caroline Rogers Amazes and Educates with Book *Mysterious, Magical Mangroves*

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Dr. Caroline Roger's latest book *The Mysterious, Magical Mangroves of St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands* brings to life the stunning diversity of plants and animals under the surface of Hurricane Hole, which was designated a national underwater monument in 2001.

Gazing out across Coral Bay from the Bordeaux lookout, one sees an expanse of calm water fringing the finger-like bays of the island's East End.

That tranquil area known collectively as Hurricane Hole, comprised of Princess Bay and Mary, Water, Otter and Borek Creeks, hides an amazing bounty of sea life just under its surface.

Rogers, a marine ecologist with the U.S. Geological Survey, culled thousands of photographs taken during weekly snorkeling trips to the area for the 128-page publication. She will be signing copies of her book on Friday evening, December 16, at Bajo el Sol Gallery in Mongoose Junction from 5 to 8 p.m.

With vivid images of corals, fish, sponges, sting rays, sea tur-

tles and more, *Mysterious, Magical Mangroves* is a delight for its sheer beauty. MaLinda Nelson was the graphic designer and her meticulous eye means the bright eyed fish and psychedelic colored sponges literally leap from the book's glossy pages.

But Rogers also had another motivation behind releasing her second publication — education.

"The objective of this book is to help people discover an extraordinary ecosystem on St. John and to increase their awareness of the need to respect mangroves in general," Rogers wrote in the introduction to the book. "Mangroves are even more endangered than coral reefs and tropical rain forests, with an estimated 35 percent of the world's mangroves already destroyed, many filled for aquaculture or used as dumping grounds."

Boaters have long used the protected inlets of Hurricane Hole as a safe haven during storms and now they are also a haven for animals. The day before President Bill Clinton left office in 2001, he created the Virgin Islands Coral Reef National Monument to protect the mangroves which were

recognized as a nursery for juvenile fish, lobsters and conchs.

The designation meant the end to fishing in the area and set strict regulations as a no-wake zone with jet skis and water skiing prohibited. The federal designation also helped V.I. National Park and Friends of VINP to install a storm mooring system, saving the sea floor from boaters' anchors and further protecting the area.

Rogers' book explains and illustrates why the area is so important and why it's a resource to be treasured.

"The book is a celebration of the extraordinary biodiversity of the mangroves in Hurricane Hole," she said. "Hurricane Hole has been a haven for people on boats for hundreds of years, providing protection during hurricanes. Now it is also a haven for very diverse communities growing on the prop roots of the red mangrove trees which are very fragile."

"The area is incredibly unique with about 30 different coral species," said Rogers. "As far as I know, there is no other mangrove area in the entire Caribbean with

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Dowe's Basement Bill "Very Vague," Not Likely To Pass Through Senate

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

About a dozen residents filled the Nazareth Lutheran Church Hall on Thursday evening, December 8, to hear about a proposed bill which could be voted on by the V.I. Senate this week.

Bill no. 29-0166, proposed by Senator Carlton Dowe, would allow people with illegal extra space under their residential buildings to enclose the space and rent out the units. The bill has already passed through the Senate Committee on Rules and Judiciary, prompting the Island Green Building Association to host a public forum last week to discuss the bill and its implications.

The concept for the bill — which is seriously flawed and not likely to pass or be enforceable if passed, according to officials — arose from discussions between Dowe and Department of Planning and Natural Resources, explained DPNR's Coastal and Comprehensive Zone Planning director Stuart Smith.

"The idea for this bill arose from conversations between DPNR and the office of Senator

"The bill is very vague and we have a number of corrections that need to be made and misnomers to clarify. The amount of time we were given was no where near what we needed to go through this bill. I was invited to testify on the bill with two day's notice."

— Stuart Smith, CCZP director.

Dowe," said Smith. "We need to know how many people live in every structure and where these structures are, whether they are legal or not."

While knowing that many residences in the territory have been built out of code and actually contain more dwellings than legally permitted, DPNR officials were looking for a way to quantify the number of people in a certain building, according to Smith.

"If there is an earthquake or some natural disaster, we need to know how many units are in these structures," he said. "It could also be important for FEMA and getting grants and funds. We need to know these numbers."

The idea for establishing an amnesty period was discussed, however, the bill was rushed through

the legal process without DPNR having time to thoroughly vet the bill's language, explained Smith.

"The bill is very vague and we have a number of corrections that need to be made and misnomers to clarify," said the CCZP director. "The amount of time we were given was no where near what we needed to go through this bill. I was invited to testify on the bill with two day's notice."

"This bill does not reflect our concerns and is very vague," said Smith. "This bill could in no way be passed. There is no reference to the zoning code or the building code."

In fact, the bill does not mention either the V.I. Zoning Code — which is currently undergoing a multimillion dollar rewrite by Rutgers University consultants

and DPNR officials — or the local building code, both of which would be impacted by the passage of Bill No. 29-0166.

The bill, as written, allows for a two-year amnesty period for all existing structures — with proper septic and parking requirements — with open space underneath to be filled in and the owners to be cleared of all fines and penalties for building illegally.

"No later than 60 days after the passage of this Act, the Commissioner of DPNR shall establish an amnesty program for a period of two years, during which all fines and penalties on building code violations for residential property owners who have made additional improvements or alterations outside the permitted scope to a residential building or structure

without prior approval or requisite permits required from DPNR will be waived," according to the bill.

Beyond being "vague" the bill would basically create spot-zoning across the territory and in effect change the zoning code, according to Smith.

Any changes to the zoning code require public hearings and public notice, a process through which this bill did not go, Smith added.

"While the intent of the bill makes sense, I can't wrap my head around the zoning code implications," said Smith. "The zoning code would have to be amended — I see about 12 zoning code violations in this bill. Then once you talk about amending the zoning code, it's impossible to do that without giving public notice and having public hearings."

"From DPNR's perspective, this bill needs a whole lot of work," Smith said. "This bill as drafted has huge holes in it. This may not be enforceable or legal."

Senators Craig Barshigner and Jeanette Millin-Young, as well as a representative from Dowe's office, attended last week's IGBA meeting.

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After Nearly 30 Years at Wharfside, Low Key Watersports Debuts New Digs



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Andrea Milam

Low Key owner Ann Marie Estes, left, poses in the new location with sales associate Natalie Sutton

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

The Low Key Watersports team packed up and said goodbye to their Wharfside Village beachfront location last month after nearly 30 years at the shopping center.

They didn't have far to go, however. The company moved just steps from their old location to the new I Bay Street, the commercial building being constructed next to Grande Bay Resort by local real estate broker Roger Harland.

"There were circumstances at Wharfside that were no longer working in our favor," said Ann Marie Estes, who co-owns Low Key with Bob Shinnars. "We felt that instead of being negative about it, we wanted to take a positive stance and change."

And the move, which was completed in November, has indeed proved to be positive for the water sports business. The contemporary look of Low Key's ground floor location at I Bay Street, with polished cement floors and track lighting, will be accented by 18 30"x40" Steve Simonsen photographs featuring beaches and dive spots visited by Low Key, as well as vendors that work with the water sports business.

One of the most positive things about Low Key's new location is the accessibility, Estes explained.

"There was no parking at our old spot, and during our time there,

"It's just so tasteful. From the copper gutters to the tile roof to the marble bathroom, he spared no expense. I haven't seen something of this caliber since they built Mongoose I."

Ann Marie Estes, co-owner
Low Key Watersports

the Beach Bar grew right in front of us, really blocking a lot of our beach access," she said. "People would meander through Wharfside and have a difficult time finding us. At our new location, we have clear ocean views, and when you stand on the patio, there are our boats, right out in front."

Estes also lauded Harland's design choices.

"It's just so tasteful," said the Low Key owner. "From the copper gutters to the tile roof to the marble bathroom, he spared no expense. I haven't seen something of this caliber since they built Mongoose I."

Easy access to the new Low Key location will help with efficiency, especially when it comes to picking up and dropping off oxygen tanks. While parking spaces are currently occupied by roof tile that has not yet been laid, ample parking will be available within

the next two months, Estes explained.

With the new location comes new offerings, like a dive at French Cap, a dive at WIT Shoal and a Three Tank Safari, a trip that circumnavigates St. John and is ideal for groups with both snorkelers and divers.

Low Key continues to dive the Wreck of the Rhone daily, and the business has also started offering online snorkel gear rental, which tourists can do before they even arrive on island. Online gear rentals come with a 15 percent discount as an added bonus.

Low Key continues to carry top clothing and swimwear lines at its new location, including O'Neill, Teva, Reef, Maui Jim, DKNY, Speedo and the hot new Australian swim line, Sea Folly.

"We're also the largest outfitter when it comes to basic masks, fins and snorkels," said Estes.

The Low Key co-owner lauded her staff for a successful move.

"I couldn't have done it without my great staff," she said. "This was a team effort. I probably have the most highly qualified staff I've ever had in 30 years, which is why we can offer so much."

Estes approximated that the finishing touches on their new location would be finished within four weeks. For more information on Low Key Watersports, call the dive company at 340-693-8999.

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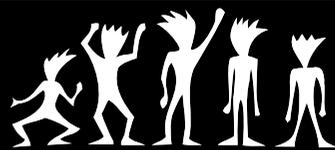
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SJSA Hosting Two Ballet Master Classes During Holiday Break

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St. John School of the Arts will host two Ballet Master Classes during the holiday break.

Sergey Kozadayev and Zhanna Dubrovskaya are Artistic Directors of Salt Creek Ballet in Chicago and are coming to St. John for the holidays. They are visiting several SJSA friends, who wanted the school to meet them.

Sergey Kozadayev, Artistic Director, was born in St. Petersburg, Russia, and trained at the famed Vaganova Ballet Academy. Kozadayev danced with the St. Petersburg State Ballet as a principal dancer for 22 years, performing lead roles in Swan Lake, Scheherazade, Nutcracker, Romeo and Juliet, La Fille Mal Gardee, Petrushka, Don Juan, Harlequinade, Hercules, Flower Festival, and Mozartianna.

Kozadayev received the Merit of Honor of the Russian Republic, signifying his reputation for the highest level of dance training and performance and was featured in a biographical documentary for Russian TV.

He has choreographed and danced in more than 15 countries and was the first Russian choreographer invited to participate in the American Dance Festival in North Carolina in 1990.

In 1991 Kozadayev became Ballet Master, choreographer and teacher for the Colorado Ballet, where he staged all the major classical ballets and set his own choreography for the company. In 1998, he joined Salt Creek Ballet as Artistic Director.

In 2006, Kozadayev was asked to set his own choreography entitled Divertissements, a ballet for select dancers from each of the member companies in Regional Dance America, to perform in Jackson, Mississippi during the USA International Ballet Competition.

Zhanna Dubrovskaya, Artistic Director, was born in St. Petersburg, Russia, and trained at the Vaganova Ballet academy. Dubrovskaya spent over 20 years as a soloist with the Choreographic Miniatures Company led by L. Jacobson and the Maly Theatre of Opera and Ballet (St. Petersburg State Ballet). Her repertoire includes Swan Lake, Romeo and Juliet, Paquita, Giselle, La Sylphide, Coppelia, La Fille Mal Gardee, and Nutcracker. Madame Dubrovskaya holds a masters degree in teaching, coaching and choreographing from the St. Petersburg Ballet Academy.

From 1991 to 1998, she was Colorado Ballet's principal teach-

er in the Colorado Ballet Academy and Ballet Mistress for the company. In 1998, she joined Salt Creek Ballet as Artistic Director. In 2006, Dubrovskaya was invited to participate as a judge at the International Ballet Competition in Jackson, Mississippi.

She has performed throughout the world and is an accomplished ballerina with recognition in ballets such as Macbeth, Serenade and Theme and Variations.

Today, her students perform worldwide in major dance companies and have received numerous awards at the Prix de Lausanne, the New York International Ballet Competition, the Helsinki Ballet Competition, the Youth America Grand Prix and many others.

There are two classes scheduled, one for younger students (ages 6 and up) and one for older students (teens and adults). Having prior ballet knowledge is recommended.

Beginner class will be on Wednesday, December 21, from 5 to 6 p.m. An intermediate class will be hosted from 6:15 to 7:45 p.m.

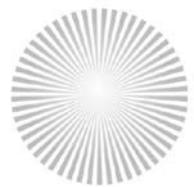
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VIERS Celebrates 45 Years of Research and Resources

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On Sunday, December 4, more than three dozen people joined together in Lameshur Bay to celebrate the 45th anniversary of the Virgin Islands Environmental Resource Station.

For the past 14 years, Clean Islands International has operated VIERS for the University of the Virgin Islands. In that time, they have improved both the facility and education programs, focusing on sustainability.

Randy Brown, who is executive director of Clean Islands International and has served as VIERS Administrator since 1997, welcomed everyone attending. He introduced Allan Hunt, who serves as president of the board of directors of Clean Islands and lives in Bermuda.

"While we celebrate VIERS long history today, Clean Islands is excited about the future," said Hunt. "In the past six years that I have been coming to VIERS, I am impressed by not only the physical changes but in how active VIERS has become in the community."

VIERS was established as a biology field station by UVI and the NPS on November 1, 1966. While several sites within the V.I. National Park were considered, VIERS was originally housed in the bay rum ruins at Little Lameshur Bay.

VIERS moved to its present location after the conclusion of Project Tektite 1 in 1969. The facility, which now consists of 22 buildings, served as Tektite's basecamp which was built by the Navy's Seabees in 1968.

VINP Superintendent Mark Hardgrove congratulated Clean Islands on developing the facility as a model for environmental practices.

"They take what the National Park Service is all about and deliver it," said Hardgrove. "Between the park and the university, you've had to endure bureaucracy beyond your wildest imagination."

Brown replied that he was actually grateful for the relationships between all of the partners and several community groups such as



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Clean Islands International executive director Randy Brown, above standing at center, celebrates the 45th anniversary of VIERS with supporters.

Friends of the National Park and the St. John Rotary.

Brown then jokingly stated that he looked forward to the Park doing something soon about all of the potholes on Lameshur Road, which has been an ongoing problem for 45 years.

Speaking on behalf of the University of the Virgin Islands was Patrice Johnson, UVI's Public Relations Director. She congratulated VIERS on its longevity.

"I know firsthand what good work has been going on here since my daughter comes to summer camp," said Johnson.

"Even while the Seabees were still building the cabins, St. John students were visiting VIERS," said Brown.

In 1992, UVI changed the name of VIERS from Ecological Research to Environmental Resource to further enhance its commitment to education as well as research.

VIERS hosts summer eco-camps sponsored by Friends of VINP.

"Of all of our activities, our youth education programs are probably the most important," said Joe Kessler, Friends president.

David Knight, president of the St. John Historical Society, spoke briefly about visiting VIERS during Project Tektite and in the early

1970s.

"We often forget that VIERS is more than what happened here with the Tektite projects," said Knight.

He presented Brown with one of the society's books which has several articles about Lameshur Bay and Project Tektite to the VIERS library.

In addition to the presentations, tours of the Tektite Underwater Habitat Museum, the VIERS cabins and the newly expanded solar energy system were provided.

Brown also introduced Randy Fish, who is replacing Jamie Irving, who served as VIERS manager for the past four years.

While rain on the north side of the island may have discouraged some potential attendees, most of the event was hosted outdoors. A light rain moved the event indoors where participants enjoyed a bountiful vegetarian lunch prepared primarily by Randy Fish and Jamie Irving.

Irving also made and decorated the anniversary cake. Captain Phil Chalker won the door prize of a VIERS T-shirt.

"This is just great," said Chalker. "I have never won anything in my whole life. I was going to get a VIERS T-shirt today and now I have one."

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V.I. National Park Is First NPS Site To Receive Blue Flag Designation

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The Virgin Islands National Park was awarded a Blue Flag designation at the popular Trunk Bay beach on Friday, December 2, 2011.

This international designation recognizes beaches and marinas worldwide that meet certain strict standards for water quality, environmental management, safety and visitor services, and environmental education and information.

After almost a year of water testing, assessment of criteria by the Blue Flag jury and development of a Blue Flag sign, the actual flag was awarded to four beaches in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

In the USVI this program is supported by the V.I. Department of Tourism, The V.I. Hotel and Tourism Association and the V.I. Conservation Association. Funding for the Trunk Bay sign was provided by the Friends of V.I. National Park.

On September 28, the Blue Flag International Jury awarded the Blue Flag to a beach and a marina in Sint Maarten as well as four beaches in the U.S. Virgin Islands for the first time.

Sint Maarten and the U.S. Virgin Islands have therefore now completed their pilot phase and have achieved full implementation of the Blue Flag program.

The International Jury decided to award the Blue Flag to 81 beaches and 13 marinas in the Bahamas, Brazil, Dominican Republic, French Departments and territories, Jamaica, New Zealand, Puerto Rico, Sint Maarten, South Africa, Turks and Caicos Islands, U.S. Virgin Islands and the United Arab Emirates.

"Blue Flag is proud to count so many qualitative sites in the world, and to see the interest for the programme increase as more countries join us," said Malcolm Powell, chair of the International Blue Flag Jury.

Originally a French idea, the Blue Flag program became an international award in 1987 and has since spread across the world, expanding from one to 41 countries and reaching New Zealand, South Africa, Canada and Brazil.



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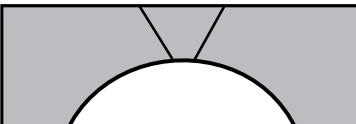
VINP Superintendent Mark Hardgrove, above at far right, accepts the Blue Flag from the international jury on December 2.

In 2011, the Blue Flag sites around the world are in total 3,650. Each year, national Blue Flag juries assess all Blue Flag candidates to ensure they meet all of the criteria for beaches and marinas at the national and international level.

Those that do are then forwarded to the International Jury, who focuses on set criteria that varies from year to year, before giving a final verdict.

The International Jury is composed of representatives from the United Nations Environment Program, the United Nations World Tourism Organization, International Lifesaving Federation, the World Conservation Union, an international environmental education expert, the International Council of Marine Industry Associations and the Foundation for Environmental Education.

The Blue Flag International Jury congratulated all sites awarded this year for their commitment to the program and the high standards achieved for the public and the environment.



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St. John Historical Society Hosting Christmas Party Dec. 16 at Lindholm

All St. John Historical Society members, family and friends are welcome to attend the society's holiday event on Friday, December 16, on the terrace of the Lindholm Guesthouse from 5 to 7 p.m.

The party, dubbed "In Quest of Guavaberry Perfection," will be a sunset event with a twist: a celebration of one of the island's oldest and most cherished traditions, the preparation and enjoyment of "guavaberry." There will be guavaberry-inspired treats and snacks aplenty, as well as an opportunity to sample an array of local guavaberry recipes. This is a family-friendly event.

Girl Band Concert at SJSA on Dec. 17

St. John School of the Arts with Eddie Bruce presents a Youth Concert Series featuring Girl Band: Island Girl Swagg on Saturday, December 17, from 5 to 6 p.m. at the arts school.

The public is invited to this free event. Come out and hear music and have fun. For more information call Angela Coleman at 714-7076.

Next Chamber Meeting December 20

The St. John Chapter of the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce will meet next on Tuesday, December 20, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at a location yet to be confirmed.

St. John Singers Holiday Concerts Set for December 21 and 23

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The St. John Singers, now in its 30th year under the direction of John Cahill, will celebrate the holiday season with concerts at 7:30 p.m. on December 21 in Cruz Bay and December 23 in Coral Bay.

In addition to popular holiday songs and lesser-known Christmas carols, the choir will sing a short work by J. S. Bach and a selection from "A Ceremony of Carols" by the 20th century British composer Benjamin Britten.

Long-time fans of the singers will be thrilled to hear that flutist Nancy Ruffer will be a guest soloist. Ruffer, a professional musician who lives in London, has often performed with the choir when spending the holidays with her family at their home on St. John.

Recent fans of the St. John Singers will look forward to an encore performance by two young, talented Virgin Islands violinists, Alana Davis and Isis Collier.

Pianist Janice Ballard, who accompanies the choir, will lead the audience in a traditional carol sing.

The first concert will be in Cruz Bay on Wednesday, December 21, at the Nazareth Lutheran Church. The second concert, on Friday, December 23, will be in Coral Bay at the Emmaus Moravian Church. Both concerts start at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for students and will be available at the door.

The St. John Singers have a special gift this year for St. Thomas residents who wish to attend either concert — their admission is free if they show a receipt for the purchase of a round trip ferry ticket from Red Hook on the day of the concert. Concert-goers should be sure to ask the cashier for a receipt when they buy their ferry ticket and present the receipt at the door.

Top Chef Season 5 Winner Cooking Up GHS Fundraiser at ZoZo's

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Top Chef Season 5 winner Hosea Rosenberg will be the featured chef at a dinner at ZoZo's Ristorante benefitting the culinary arts program at Giff Hill School on Sunday, December 18.

The fundraiser is the brainchild of ZoZo's owner John Ferrigno, who is also a parent of two GHS students. Sixty tickets for the event were sold at \$200 each, and lucky diners will enjoy personal contact with Chef Rosenberg, a Veuve Cliquot reception, and five courses paired with the finest wines.

Word barely got out before the event was sold out! Event sponsors include S&P Seafood, Sea-world Fisheries, Dionysus Wines, Prestige, Wines

and Spirits, Bellows/West Indies Corporation.

Chef Rosenberg will be joined by former ZoZo's Executive Chef Brett Smith, as well as current Executive Chef Mikey Fortino. The evening is sure to be a great time and will benefit renovations to the kitchen at GHS's Upper Campus as well as reignite the culinary arts program for all students.

Raffle tickets are available for \$50, and the lucky winner will enjoy airfare to San Francisco, private wine tasting for two at Martinelli Winery in Sonoma County, and accommodations at a private cottage at the winery in September 2012. Call GHS' Development Office for more information at 776-1730.

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Candles in white tribute bags will line the track, each bearing the name of a loved one. In the soft glow of the candles, each participant reflects on the courage and strength of all who are affected by cancer.

A donation of \$5 will ensure a light in honor of a loved one. Remember a loved one lost, and honor the survivors.

For many people who attend Relay For Life, one of the most moving parts of the event is the Luminaria Ceremony. As the lights dim over the field and team members complete laps, the night is brightened by the glow of lighted bags called Luminaria, each of which has a special meaning.

Some Luminaria celebrate the survivorship of

people who have battled cancer and lived to tell the tale. Many commemorate the lives of those who have been lost to this disease. All represent a person who has been profoundly affected by cancer and the family and friends who continue to be touched by that experience.



Please light a candle in support of or in memory of a friend or loved one who has had cancer. Contributions will help save lives, give hope and empower people through the American Cancer Society and its life-saving mission.

Luminaria bags will be available for a donation of \$5 most Saturday and Sunday mornings at The Marketplace and at the Cruz Bay U.S. Post Office on January 1 and 21, and

February 4. Just look for the Relay For Life sign.

Or make a \$5 donation for a Luminaria at the St. John Community Foundation Office on the third floor of The Marketplace or by calling Karen Radtke at 779-4419. Luminarias are also available on the website at www.stjohnrelayforlife.org.

St. Ursula's Advent Season Scheduled

Christmas Eve service at St. Ursula's Episcopal Church will be on Saturday, December 24, at 8 p.m. Christmas morning service will start at 9 a.m. on Sunday, December 25.

New Year's Eve service will be on Saturday, December 31, at 8 p.m. New Year's Day service will start at 9 a.m. on January 1.

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The essay contest, in conjunction with the St. John Community Foundation, will allow up to 10 youth from the St. Thomas and St. John area to be selected from the essay contest entries and will win travel expenses to Tortola to compete in the surf contest.

For each contest winner and one adult chaperone (over 18 years of age) of their choice, this will include passage on the vessel *Kekoa* to and from the event, all customs fees, entry for all youth to compete in the Tortola Surf Classic and lunch and beverages for all contest winners and their chaperone.

Valid passports for each person is the responsibility of the participating parties.

Entry forms with parent signature must be received with essay and can be downloaded from the USFSC website www.usingsportforsocialchange.com

The essay topic is “How has surfing inspired you to make a positive difference in your life as well as in those around you?”

Entries must be received via U.S. mail or email sent to one of the following address no later than January 31st, 2012. US Mail: Dean Doeling, USFSC, 20713 SW Imperial Ln. Aloha, OR. 97006 or email to dean.doeling@nike.com.

Winners will be notified by phone no later than February 8, 2012. If an essay contest winner cannot be reached by that time, an alternate will be chosen to take their place. All decisions are final.

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Letters To St. John Tradewinds

The Real Facts Around the Proposed Alpine WTE Project

On Thursday, December 8, the University of Virgin Islands' Caribbean Green Technology Center was to host a public debate on the proposed Alpine waste-to-energy project. As most of you know, that project has been on the table for a long time now, and has been fraught with questions and controversy.

The public debate was to have been an opportunity for key questions to be asked, and answered, around that proposed project. It was to have had a formal, structured format, to lend even-handedness to the discussion. It would have been tele-conferenced from UVI St. Thomas to UVI facilities on St. Croix and St. John, to offer maximum ability of the public to benefit from this important discussion.

Our "team" consisted of Jim Doersam, P.E. (community-scale organics composting expert), JD Porter (recycling expert), myself (civil-environmental engineer experienced with solid and liquid waste management systems and sustainable infrastructure management approaches), and Mark Lichtenstein (president of the National Recycling Coalition, and is working with U.S. EPA Region 2 in the facilitation and coordination of the VI Recycling Partnership).

Mr. Doersam, Mr. Porter and I all three serve on UVI's Caribbean Green Technology Center's advisory board, and contribute time on voluntary basis to help usher forward sustainable solutions for the VI.

The Alpine "team", consisting of May Cornwall, Hugo Hodge, Robin Davidov (from Maryland) canceled (or "postponed" until at least January) the debate, despite having previously agreed to participate, blaming "schedule conflicts". Yet, now, Governor deJongh has sent to the legislature for consideration a Bovoni land lease for St. Thomas' portion of the Alpine operations. They will be asked to vote on that lease next week. We understand that Alpine recently visited with the VI senators to make that plea.

Since whatever opportunity you, the public, may have had for critical questions to be asked and answered about this Alpine deal, has now been squelched prior to the legislature voting on it (assuming the senators do in fact vote on the matter), I'm providing some of that information to you here now.

Point #1: Waste-to-Energy (WTE) projects are only cost-effective and potentially sustainable when they accept only post-recyclables, that is, after the 3Rs (waste reduction, reuse and recycling) have been fully implemented to the maximum extent possible. Why?

Costs per ton for wastes sent to WTE operations such as Alpine's are very high as compared with costs per ton for managing wastes via the 3Rs. And unless valuable resources such as compostable organics are removed from wastes going to a WTE operation, we're robbing ourselves and our lands of those important material resources.

In fact, based on cost figures presented by VIWMA's director in legislative hearings, it appears that the Alpine approach would cost the VI an additional \$10.3 Million per year, as compared with implementing the 3Rs, as we've recommended.

Point #2: This project has been justified primarily on behalf of its ability to produce some 16 or so megawatts of "renewable energy." Based on our familiarity with similar operations, and the amount of power produced from those operations, that reported amount of power never did seem to "add up". We therefore obtained WTE industry data on existing plants similar to the type Alpine proposes, and processing the same type of material as they propose (refuse-derived-fuel, or RDF), to look at how much gross power might be expected, given the amount of burnable wastes are currently produced in the VI.

That data shows that the gross amount of power we might expect (before deducting power usage and losses from the processes themselves, and diesel fuel usage to ship RDF from St. Thomas to St. Croix, etc.), is half of what has been touted by Alpine and WAPA (approximately 8.3 MW). So the net power we'd see from such an operation would be much less than that, likely on the order of about 4 to 5 megawatts. And, just as disturbingly, that amount of power could only be produced if we sent every shred of burnable material we currently produce in the VI (with no reductions in those amounts, as we need to do). And, all of those materials would have to be sent to Alpine at obscenely high costs per ton, just so that they may satisfy their business model, and investors.

Point #3: Contracts to date between Alpine Energy Group and VIWMA have stipulated that the VI must deliver certain minimum quantities of materials to Alpine, at these high prices, for the duration of the contract. If the VI fails to do that, the contracts stipulate that "shortfall damages" must be paid by the people of the VI. There's a term for that in the solid waste business, it's called "put or pay." That is, "Put your waste on the table (at whatever cost per ton we're charging you), or Pay us for it anyway."

What's ironic about this, and the debate we were to have this week, Robin Davidov (who'd have participated on behalf of the Alpine team) ran a program where the contracts for a WTE project there specifically avoided such regressive provisions.

Why is that that VIWMA management thinks that the people of the VI deserve less consideration, than the people in Maryland depending on this program have been given through much more fair contract provisions? This Maryland program already recycles nearly 40 percent of their municipal solid wastes, and they made sure that any contracts surrounding a WTE plant did not hinder their ability to recycle and compost much more of their wastes over time.

Point #4: According to Region 2 EPA's head Judith Enck, EPA, has not yet received key and critical requested data from Alpine Energy Group and/or the Renaissance Park Group. That long-requested information is needed, and must be reviewed and accepted by EPA prior to any air quality or other necessary approvals are given for Alpine to construct their WTE operation on St. Croix (incinerator proposed to be located at Renaissance Park).

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Letters To St. John Tradewinds

Coral Bay Community Council Thanks Supporters

Thanks to everyone who came to the Coral Bay Community Council's Annual Meeting and Potluck Dinner. The food was great and as usual the volunteer spirit made it wonderful.

Special thanks to the event committee, chaired by Bonny Corbeil, and including Jean and Steve Cottrell, Melody Smith, Joan and Larry Wilson, Tricia and Dondi Reed, Joan Thomas, Julie Fortunato, Mark Corbeil, Pat Miller and Jean Rayne.

Ghee once again gave us access to the incredibly beautiful seaside location of Miss Lucy's Restaurant.

Music was provided by David Wegman, Bobby Blue, and Rob Johanssen. Windspreet Vacation Homes, Love City Minimart, Lily's Gourmet Market, St. John Ice and Skinny Legs all generously donated drinks and supplies.

And the sun came out after threatening rain all day! We in Coral Bay are truly blessed to live in one of the world's especially beautiful places.

Sharon Coldren
CBCC President

Sunset Ridge Homeowners Donate Week at Timeshare

The Sunset Ridge Villas Homeowners Association's donation of a full week at the hilltop timeshare brought in \$1,150 to the third annual Friends of the Virgin Islands National Park benefit auction.

All of the owners at Sunset Ridge were pleased to make this contribution to an association that works

so hard to help preserve the park. They understand that the work of the Friends of the VINP are part of the reason they made their initial investment at Sunset Ridge and why they return each year to St. John.

William Ryan

Families Invited to Children's Holiday Parties

As we begin the holiday season celebrations, we are delighted to once again host our Annual Children's Holiday Parties on all three islands.

These parties, which we have hosted every year since coming to office, are a great way to celebrate the joy of the season with all residents of the Territory, whether it's for Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa or other holidays.

Each year, we work with a local author to publish a children's book to distribute at the end-of-year holiday season events. This year's book, "The Lesson Box," by local author Tregenza Roach will be distributed to children in grades K-3 along with other educational gifts. The Lesson Box is a wonderful story of family, friendship and community that is sure to delight children and families.

The 2011 Children's Holiday Party on St. John will be on Monday, December 19, at the Battery, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Children and families throughout the Virgin Islands are invited to celebrate the holiday season with us, along with Santa Claus and his merry elves. Light refreshments will be served.

We hope that you and your family will be able to join us for these great holiday parties and for the Annual Christmas Fair. On behalf Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Francis and our entire family, we wish you a joyous and safe holiday season.

Sincerely,
John P. deJongh, Governor
Cecile deJongh, First Lady

Public Counseling Services Needed

The most recent stabbing in Cruz Bay has lead some bystanders to seek professional assistance. The now closed St. John Community Crisis Center made contractual funding available for the counseling of those emotionally affected by violence. Is there an-

other agency, either on St. Thomas or St. John, that is in charge of providing that service?

If so, please contact this newspaper with the information. It is much needed at this time.

Name withheld upon request

Times Are Changing

It has only been a short time that stealing from your employer has been a crime in the VI.

Now-a-days you will probably be charged if you are caught stealing from your employer, and most likely you will be determined to be guilty by the jury and you will be given a serious sentence from the judge. Even now the Board of Trustees of the terri-

tory Employees Retirement System are not sure if it is a worthwhile law.

Now our Senators have to decide if they can, or want to continue to steal from their Employer. Times Change.

Greg Miller

No Justic for Jamie

How do you feel, is this closure for you? Questions asked of a mom whose son was brutally beaten and stabbed to death.

A mom who promised Justice for Jamie that never came. How do I feel? I failed, that's how I feel. The man convicted twice of murdering my Jamie made a deal with the devil and now all we have left is a sentencing.

A sentencing that may end with Jamie's convicted killer walking free on January 5, 2012, four-and-a-half-years after the attack. After brave citizens of the VI came forward and did the right thing, they told the truth. Brave jurors convicted Jahlil Ward twice in spite of a biased court.

The people of the Virgin Islands have suffered throughout this process, we have suffered along with them. I always felt at home when I stepped off a plane and felt the warm breeze, smiling folks and happy music.

The VI has been such large part of our lives. I met Bill on St. Croix while working at The Chart House at night and watersport companies during the day. Life was good then. We became engaged, were married, our oldest son spent the first year of his life living in a home in Tide Village, St. Croix.

Years passed, we had another son James (Jamie) Patrick Cockayne. The boys grew up and I thought it was time to return home to the slow life style, the inconveniences (WAPA for one), the wonderful people, Paradise. I still have my license plate from St. Croix and on it, America's Paradise is written.

One more time, we will venture to the USVI for the final chapter, the final injustice, the end because I failed.

R.I.P. Jamie.

Love,
Mom
Jean Cockayne

Time To Say Thanks

Contrary to popular belief, there are wonderful employees in our executive branch of government. Take for example Ms. Hyman who answers the phone at the Community Health Clinic of the Roy L. Schneider Regional Medical Center.

These are people who go above and beyond the call of their duties, answering your concerns frankly and to the best of their ability. Indeed, like a needle in a haystack, well-mannered, well-trained employees are rarely found.

Therefore, when we find one in a teacher, clerk, receptionist, street laborer, or any other employee — whether of the lowest or highest echelon of employment — we ought to tell them thanks.

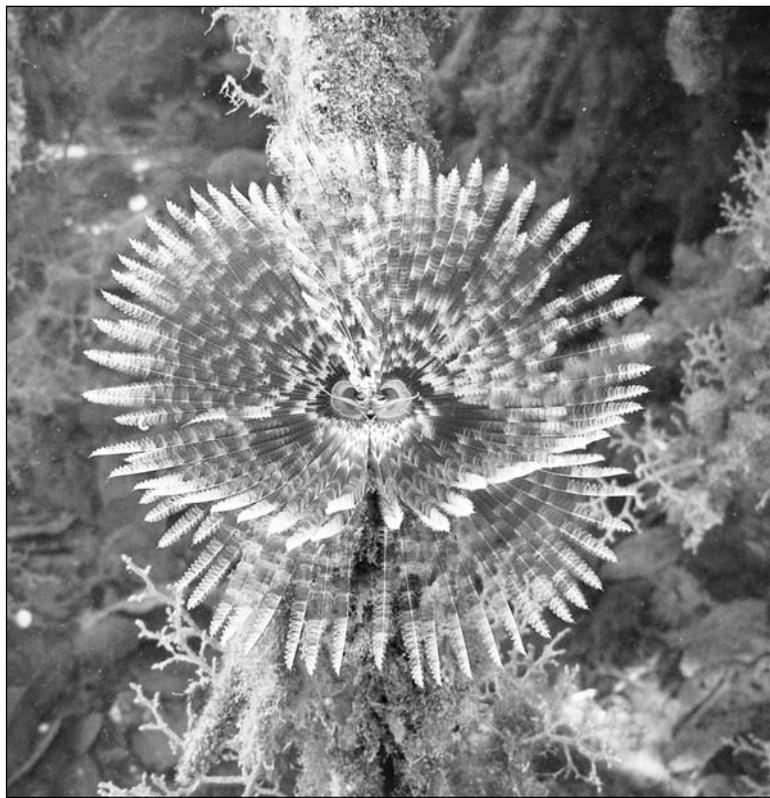
When our Governor would consider reducing the executive workforce, I hope he bears in mind that he might pull the wheat with the tare; and then we would all have tears as we realize the best and few are gone from service.

Let us show our appreciation for these rare gems of our society, and may our Governor show his respect by removing only those for good cause shown. May he not remove any of our best and few human gems.

Harriet Mercer lives on St. Thomas

All-Island Holiday Party Rescheduled

Due to inclement weather, the All-Island Holiday Party at Mon-goose Junction will now take place on Saturday, December 17.



St. John Tradewinds News Photos

From sea worms, at left, to sponges, below, and fish and corals, above, *Magical Mangroves* amazes.



Book: *The Mysterious, Magical Mangroves of St. John*

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so many coral species. It's amazing that St. John, only 20 square miles, has such a fascinating ecosystem."

Rogers' first book "Coral Reef Stars" was released in July 2009 and focused on the marine life living on the reefs and in the seagrass beds of St. John. While the marine scientist has called St. John home since 1984, Rogers didn't spend a lot of time in the Hurricane Hole area until just a few years ago.

"I have lived on St. John since 1984, primarily doing research on the coral reefs here," said Rogers. "I had enjoyed snorkeling in the mangroves in Hurricane Hole a few times with friends but I had no idea that they were so fascinating and diverse until I began to explore them about three years ago. This book came about because my first book was really on coral reefs and I was just learning how fascinating these mangroves were."

"As I started to find out how amazing this area was, I got excited about putting together another book," she said. "I didn't know this stuff was out there and it's just fascinating."

Rogers' new publication includes more text than her first book, but still manages to balance aesthetics with science.

"I really wanted it to be educational, but not too boring or techni-

cal," she said. "I wanted to bring the beauty of the place alive in the book, but I also wanted the scientific value to come out."

She has certainly succeeded in that endeavor. Flipping through the pages of *Mysterious, Magical Mangroves* bright corals, fanning sea worms, tiny cleaner shrimp and massive brain corals leap from the pages.

The book is also easy to use since subjects are organized by Phylum, or major categories. So similar corals, in Phylum Cnidaria, comprise one chapter with different Classes and Subclasses of Phylum each listed separately.

All of the photographs in *Mysterious, Magical Mangroves* were taken over the last two-and-a-half-years in water less than 10 feet deep, with a simple click and shoot camera in underwater housing. Which means anyone can get out there and see these types of organisms captured in Rogers' book — not that many people do.

"Mangroves are not very inviting," said Rogers. "In many places, they have been viewed as dumping grounds and mosquito-infested swamps. I want people to understand how important and beautiful they are."

Mysterious, Magical Mangroves is also an uplifting tale, at least compared to the state of local coral reefs and seagrass beds,

Rogers explained.

"One idea is that many of the corals seem to be doing a bit better than the corals on the reefs," she said. "We are doing research with other USGS and UVI scientists in the area to learn more about why that is. It's a really fascinating place and the funny thing is that no one has done an inventory of this area before."

"I'm not pretending that I discovered the area, but we are actively doing research in there now," said Rogers. "We had someone come over and identify over 55 different kinds of sponges."

Far from being tired of the area after so many snorkeling trips, Rogers still gets excited to get under the water in Hurricane Hole.

"I love the feeling of the place and I really do see new things almost every time I go out there," she said. "A few weekends ago, I found a baby elk horn coral growing in Hurricane Hole. It was about two inches tall and it was fascinating because that is not where you expect to find elk horn corals."

Be sure to stop by Bajo el Sol in Mongoose Junction on Friday night, December 16, from 5 to 8 p.m. to pick up copies of *The Mysterious, Magical Mangroves of St. John* for the author to sign. The books are \$30 each and will be available at the gallery as well as retail locations across St. John.

Obituary

Roberta Jane Hamling Palmer

St. John Tradewinds

Roberta Jane Hamling Palmer, age 58, passed away Sunday, December 4, surrounded by her loving children and adoring husband.

Robbi loved to travel, read, and cheer on her Georgia Bulldogs. More than anything, she loved her family and friends. She will be greatly missed.

Robbi is survived by her loving husband, Dennis, daughters Holly (Palmer) Blackwell and Melissa (Palmer) Solomon, sons-in law Matt Blackwell and TJ Solomon, and adored granddaughter Caroline Blackwell.

Other family include: her father, Coe Hamling; siblings Nancy (Hamling) Puckett, Jeff and Laura Hamling, Cid Hamling, and Tom and Peggy (Hamling) Fulghum; nieces and nephews Creighton and Kelly (Puckett) Frommer, Greg and Jesse Puckett, Erik and Julie Puckett, Scott & Kathryn (Hamling) Mulkey, Jeffrey and Caulie Hamling, Alison Hamling, Corey and Shelley (Fulghum) Goff, Natalie Fulghum; great-nieces and great-nephews Ryan and Anna Leigh Frommer, Madelyn, Max, and Coe Puckett, Reese & Emily Puckett, Claire, Elise, and Mary Harms Mulkey, Slade Hamling; mother-in-law Anne Palmer and brother-in-law Bruce Palmer.

She is preceded in death by her mother Betty Jane Hamling, brother-in-law Larry Puckett, and father-in-law Robert Palmer.

A Celebration of Life service was at the Northside Chapel in Roswell, Georgia, on December 10.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that Memorial Gift donations be made to the Robbi Hamling Palmer Memoriam page of the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation.



YouthBuild Programs Accepting Applications

St. John Tradewinds

The Virgin Islands Housing Authority's YouthBuild U.S. Virgin Islands Program is now accepting applications for both the St. Thomas/St. John and St. Croix Districts Programs.

YouthBuild is a youth and community development program that simultaneously addresses core issues facing low-income communities: housing; education; employment; crime prevention; and leadership development.

In YouthBuild programs, low-income young people ages 16-24 work towards their GED or high school diploma, learn job skills and serve their communities by building affordable housing, and transform their own lives and roles in society.

Applications can be picked up at the YouthBuild Office located upstairs of Section 8 in Oswald Harris Court Housing Community, any Public Housing Managers Offices, VIHA Central Office in both districts, as well as the V.I. Department of Labor, Monday thru Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The YouthBuild Program is funded through a grant received from the U.S. Department of Labor. For more information contact Carla Joseph, Section 3/YouthBuild Program Manager at 714-2102 or 715-7331.



Quanda Rodriguez has not been seen since December 5.

VIPD Looking for Missing Minor

St. John Tradewinds

V.I. Police Department detectives are searching for 15-year-old Quanda Rodriguez who was last seen at the Arthur Richards Junior High School on December 5.

The minor was reported missing by her family. Rodriguez is 5-foot-6-inches tall and weighs 102 pounds. She has long brown hair and a brown complexion. She

was last seen coming off the school bus at her school, but school administrators said she did not attend classes that day. She was wearing her school uniform, a dark blue pleated skirt and a white blouse.

Anyone having any information on the whereabouts of Quanda Rodriguez is asked to call 911 or the Youth Investigation Bureau detectives at 712-6046.

The Proposed Alpine WTE Project

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The requested information includes mass and energy balances (critical to evaluating the legitimacy of claims made about energy production and pollutant emissions, relative to the amounts and types of materials that would be processed), and pollutant/air quality modeling for the Renaissance site, that would now include both Alpine's incinerator and the Diageo operation, which has already posed problems (not to mention Hovensa next door!).

It is difficult for me to imagine anyone (and especially the governor and legislators, or heads of local waste and power utilities) continuing to seriously consider such a project, when the proposing company has failed for almost a year now to provide EPA with data / information that is critical to the permitting the key element of their project — the WTE plant itself on St. Croix. This really boggles the mind.

Point #5: Serious legal questions continue to swirl around the Alpine project. Those include: failure of VIWMA to issue a proper and legal request for proposals, and go through a proper and competitive public procurement process before entering into contracts obligating the VI to pay Alpine for its waste processing.

This entire Alpine proposal arose from a WAPA request for proposals, not a VIWMA public procurement process. Therefore this appears very much headed to the courts, should the legislators let things get that far. Further, even as to WAPA's request for proposals. Their RFP called for much, much higher levels of power to be produced from this project than could reasonably be produced, as long as highly polluting substances are kept out of the mix of those things processed through the Alpine incinerator.

Point #6: Alpine Energy Group has never put a WTE plant on-line before. Bottom line: "You can dress this hog up with lipstick and call it Monique, but it's still a pig."

This Alpine project would further indebt us and future generations of Virgin Islanders. Call your Senators now and oppose this Bovoni Lease Agreement. VI senators appear poised to vote on this matter next week when they meet (December 15 and 16).

Regards,
Susan Parten, P.E.

Police Log

Wednesday, November 30

6:02 p.m. - An Estate Adrian resident c/r that her home was burglarized. Burglary in the third.

11:57 p.m. - A citizen r/ loud music in Coral Bay. Disturbance of the peace.

Thursday, December 1

2:25 a.m. - An Estate Contant resident r/ someone passing. D.O.A.

10:00 a.m. - An Estate Grunwald resident r/ that someone broke the door and lock to her storage shed. Destruction of property.

2:08 p.m. - A citizen r/ that he was almost struck by a vehicle's side mirror. Police assistance.

8:09 p.m. - A citizen c/r that he was having an argument with his girlfriend. Disturbance of the peace. D.V.

11:11 p.m. - A Coral Bay resident c/r loud music. Disturbance of the peace.

Friday, December 2

4:28 p.m. - A Caneel Bay Apartments resident c/r that the security at Caneel closed the gate on his vehicle. Damage to a vehicle.

10:10 p.m. - A citizen c/r that someone was throwing eggs at passing vehicles in the area of the bandstand downtown. Disturbance of the peace.

11:00 p.m. - A citizen p/r that she is being harassed via telephone. Telephone harassment.

Saturday, December 3

3:10 p.m. - An Estate Carolina resident r/ a disturbance. Disturbance of the peace.

4:25 p.m. - The owner of Love City Mini Mart c/r a disturbance at the store. Disturbance of the peace.

6:51 p.m. - A citizen c/r an auto collision on Centerline Road in the area of the bridge. Auto collision.

Sunday, December 4

2:33 a.m. - A citizen r/ individuals hav-

ing a dispute in the roadway in The Valley, Cruz Bay. Disturbance of the peace.

4:42 p.m. - An Estate Contant/Enighed resident c/requesting police assistance. Police assistance.

Monday, December 5

8:30 a.m. - Government of the Virgin Islands r/ a female slipped and fell down while exiting the passenger ferry at the Cruz Bay dock. Accidental injury.

9:26 a.m. - A citizen c/r shots fired in the area of Estate Grunwald. Illegal discharge of firearm.

2:18 p.m. - An Estate Catherinberg resident c/r that his home was burglarized. Burglary in the third.

5:26 p.m. - An Estate Glucksberg resident p/r a disturbance of the peace. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

8:00 p.m. - A Pine Peace resident p/r that she lost an envelope containing money. Lost currency.

10:00 p.m. - A visitor from Michigan c/r that an unknown female entered his villa. Trespassing.

Tuesday, December 6

1:12 a.m. - A citizen c/r that someone removed items off the door to his building. Burglary in the third.

8:25 a.m. - A visitor from Georgia r/ being threatened. Disturbance of the peace.

9:20 a.m. - A Pine Peace resident r/ a disturbance. Disturbance of the peace.

5:48 p.m. - An Estate Catherinberg resident r/ a break-in. Burglary in the third.

Wednesday, December 7

11:28 a.m. - A citizen c/r that he was involved in an altercation. Disturbance of the peace.

1:48 p.m. - A citizen r/ a burglary at a villa. Burglary in the third.

2:10 p.m. - A citizen p/r that he needed police assistance in retrieving money

owed to him. Police assistance.

2:30 p.m. - A minor p/r that another minor was threatening to do him bodily harm. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

2:49 p.m. - A citizen p/r that someone attempted to sell her vehicle on Craigslist and she needed police assistance. Police assistance.

5:31 p.m. - An Estate Carolina resident r/ a burglary. Burglary in the third.

6:20 p.m. - Government of the Virgin Islands r/ that a male threatened to crash his vehicle into the Leander Jurgen Command. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

Thursday, December 8

9:58 a.m. - A St. Quacco resident r/ being harassed by a family member. Harassment, D.V.

11:29 a.m. - A citizen c/requesting police assistance in the area of Estate Adrian. Accidental injury.

12:00 p.m. - A Spring Garden Resident r/ missing ID's. Lost wallet.

1:02 p.m. - Love City Mini Mart owner c/r that a woman was creating a disturbance in the store. Disturbance of the peace.

3:00 p.m. - Badge #98 p/at Leander Jurgen Command with one Glenn Marsh of Estate Carolina under arrest and charged with disturbance of the peace. Bail was set at \$500 by order of the court. She was detained at Leander Jurgen Command and transported to the Bureau of Corrections to be remanded.

4:55 p.m. - An Estate Carolina resident p/r that she and her husband are constantly being harassed. Disturbance of the peace.

7:40 p.m. - An Estate Glucksberg resident r/ being involved in an altercation. Aggravated assault and battery, D.V.

Friday, December 9

7:14 a.m. - A citizen r/ an auto accident in the area of Jacob's Ladder. Auto collision.

CRIME STOPPERS U.S.V.I.

Organization Seeks Information on Crimes

Crime Stoppers is asking the community's help to solve the following crimes. If anyone knows something, they should say something, as law enforcement cannot control crime without the help of the community.

St. John

On Monday, November 28, shortly after 7 p.m., a black male entered the Bayside Mini Mart at Meada's Plaza. An altercation occurred and he was stabbed several times. V.I. Police Department officers believe there were several individuals in the Mini Mart when this occurred. Tell Crime Stoppers what you know so law enforcement can

identify the attacker.

St. Thomas

On November 29 at 10:35 p.m. a man stopped his car to talk with an individual in the middle of the roadway between Staabiland and Levkoi Strade. While sitting in his vehicle facing south, he observed three black males walking northward toward him. As they arrived they began to surround his car.

Fearing the worst, he exited his vehicle and jumped over a wall into the bushes. Three or four shots were fired, including one in his right thigh. The males were dressed in black, are about 5'9" to 6' and spoke with West

Indian accents.

Help send a clear message to the criminals — commit a crime and you will go to jail where you belong. 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.

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 |
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| 8:45 a.m. | 10 a.m. |
| 11:15 a.m. | 1 p.m. |
| 3:45 p.m. | 5:30 p.m. |

St. John Tradewinds Business Directory

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Banking

Firstbank
Located in downtown Cruz Bay
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| Plaintiff,) | |
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| SEWER ENTERPRISES, LTD.,) | ACTION |
| Defendant.) | FOR DEBT |

ORDER FOR SUBSTITUTED SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

This matter came on for a hearing on Friday, October 14, 2011 before the undersigned. The Plaintiff made an oral request to serve Defendant Sewer Enterprises, Ltd. by publication. The premises duly considered, and the Court being otherwise fully advised herein, it is hereby

ORDERED that Plaintiff's Motion to Serve Defendant by Publication is hereby **GRANTED**; and it is further

ORDERED that if Plaintiff wishes to pursue this matter it shall effect service on the Defendant by Publication pursuant to 5 V.I.C. 112(a)(5) in a local newspaper once a week for four consecutive weeks; and it is further

ORDERED that this matter is scheduled for Friday, January 20, 2012; 9:30 a.m. Boulon Center, St. John, Virgin Islands.

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Tuesday, December 13

— Giffit Hill School would like to invite all St. John parents and students to Financial Aid Night on Tuesday, December 13, at 6 p.m.

— Join the St. John Historical Society on Tuesday, December 13, at 7 p.m. at the Bethany Moravian Church Hall for the December membership meeting, which will feature a presentation by Danish West Indies Society President Anne Walbom entitled, "Another Perspective: Images of the Danish West Indies by Emilie Langkjaer, 1904-1913."

— Music students from Charlotte Amalie High School and the Montessori School will present a recital on Tuesday, December 13, at 7:30 p.m. at the Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cruz Bay under the direction of John Cahill.

Friday, December 16

— All St. John Historical Society members, family and friends are welcome to attend the society's holiday event on Friday, December 16, on the terrace of the Lindholm Guesthouse from 5 to 7 p.m.

Saturday, December 17

— The annual Audubon

Christmas Bird Count date has been set for Saturday, December 17, with a rain date set for Sunday, December 18.

— St. John School of the Arts with Eddie Bruce presents a Youth Concert Series featuring Girl Band: Island Girl Swagg on Saturday, December 17, from 5 to 6 p.m. at the arts school.

Sunday, December 18

— The St. John Landsharks present the Third Annual Reindeer Ramble Christmas run on Sunday, December 18. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and the race starts at 8 a.m. Donations in the form of pet food or treats will be greatly appreciated and will benefit the St. John Animal Care Center. Meet at the Annaberg parking lot.

Tuesday, December 20

The St. John Chapter of the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce will meet next on Tuesday, December 20, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at a location yet to be confirmed.

Saturday, January 21

— The St. John Animal Care Center's Annual Christmas for the Animals fundraiser gala will be Saturday, January 21, at A La Mer villa.

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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ACROSS

- 1 Naval vessel inits.
- 4 Pastor's talk: Abbr.
- 7 Toreador
- 14 Mello — (soda brand)
- 19 "Waltzing —" (Aussie folk song)
- 21 Hard to get
- 22 Scallion, e.g.
- 23 Subcompact 1980s car
- 25 Soft palate appendage
- 26 Office transcriber
- 27 On a scale from one —
- 28 Spelling of TV
- 30 Best results obtainable
- 32 Rectory
- 39 Head cook
- 42 See 122-Across
- 43 Guy concerned with corp. image
- 44 Like words for people, places, and things
- 45 Solicitor of celebs' signatures
- 48 Like some job training
- 49 "— old for this!"
- 50 Scholastic sports org.
- 51 — -cone (chilly treat)
- 52 Part of S&L: Abbr.
- 53 Commercial center of Venice
- 55 Pituitary secretion
- 61 Some EMT cases
- 62 The Little Pigs, e.g.
- 65 Bamboozled
- 66 Special ties
- 67 Try to get ringers
- 72 Negatives
- 74 Have — to grind

- 75 "Hurry!"
- 76 Rd. intersector
- 79 Hanukkah, for one
- 84 Get there by walking
- 86 Application filename extension
- 87 Follower of Sun.
- 88 Sleep cycle occurrences
- 91 100-buck bill
- 92 Novelist William
- 94 Golfers' hangout after a round
- 99 Ermines with brown coats
- 100 Have — up one's sleeve
- 101 "Nope"
- 102 "The Sopranos" co-star Robert
- 103 Hiker's lodging place
- 105 "Ad astra per —" (Kansas motto)
- 107 French for "fires"
- 108 Letter after gee
- 110 Make up for sins
- 114 Awake and out of bed
- 117 Belize, once
- 122 With 42-Across, time of cavemen
- 123 Enter the mind of
- 124 Jackie's "O"
- 125 MTV hidden-camera show
- 126 Serves, as at a diner
- 127 Plunk lead-in
- 128 Cheer for a 7-Across

DOWN

- 1 Baseball officials
- 2 Curing stuff
- 3 Eye affliction
- 4 Yacht cousin
- 5 Univ. URL ending

- 6 Playwright Terence
- 7 Maestro Zubin —
- 8 Burn balm
- 9 Start playing for pay
- 10 "Just — expected"
- 11 Jazzman Gillespie, for short
- 12 Ab — (from the start)
- 13 Monopoly payments
- 14 Judge's title
- 15 Green-eyed
- 16 Lucy of films
- 17 IM chuckle
- 18 Go — diet
- 20 "Don't play me for a dummy"
- 24 Non-office desktop
- 29 Subtitle of Neil Diamond's "I Got the Feelin' "
- 31 Road topper
- 33 — Darya (Asian river)
- 34 Fled or bled
- 35 Ill. neighbor
- 36 Harmony
- 37 "To save us all from — power" (carol lyric)
- 38 French pupil
- 39 Nile capital
- 40 Like muggy weather
- 41 Jazzy Jones and James
- 43 Rx-filling place: Abbr.
- 46 Mafia's John
- 47 Crone
- 51 Old Iranian monarchs
- 54 Tiny morsel
- 56 Fowed
- 57 Scale stats
- 58 Mao — -tung
- 59 "For — jolly good ..."
- 60 Prefix with inform
- 63 Corporate raider Carl
- 64 Speed skater

- Apolo Anton —
- 67 Frat letter
- 8 Linden of TV
- 69 — Magic (Clorox stain remover)
- 70 Klutz
- 71 Period
- 72 Adjoining
- 73 "How much do I —?"
- 76 Pub perch
- 77 Book's name
- 78 Turn a car
- 79 "Falling Skies" actress Schram
- 80 Stifled
- 81 Tokyo locale
- 82 Comical Johnson
- 83 "— haw!" (oater cry)
- 85 Away for a break
- 89 Good guy
- 90 Kind of one-way fastener
- 93 Informer
- 94 "Hey Jude" syllables
- 95 QB's error
- 96 Scot's "no"
- 97 Doughnut alternatives
- 98 Hit — books
- 104 U-shaped yoke collar
- 105 Suffix with walk or sale
- 106 Doppler —
- 109 "It — laugh!"
- 111 Roughly
- 112 Toe feature
- 113 Latin "to be"
- 114 Nile slitherer
- 115 R-V linkup
- 116 Whole lot
- 118 Zenith rival
- 119 Here, in Lyon
- 120 Boy king
- 121 Vane dir.



Historical Bits & Pieces

by Chuck Pishko

A.A. Berle — A Virgin Islands Supporter

St. John Tradewinds

I read with interest an article in the St. John Historical Society newsletter on a J. Edgar Hoover 1940 letter to Assistant Secretary of State A. A. Berle concerning St. John internal security. I hope I can clarify Berle's connection with the Virgin Islands.

Adolf Augustus (A.A.) Berle was involved early on in the struggle for USVI self-government to replace the U.S. Naval Administration. Furthermore, there seems to have been concerted efforts to keep the native Virgin Islanders divided into separate competing and divisive groups that diluted their power to obtain self-government. One such group was the Virgin Islands Committee.

Mr. Elroy Sprauve recommended strongly that I read "Persecuted and Prosecuted" by Leon A. Mawson published in 1987 by Vantage Press for answers. Mr. Mawson was a seasoned writer and researcher who served in several important V.I. government positions.

He made eminent sense of the players and events during the long struggle to obtain self-government. A well-worn copy of this book is in circulation at our Elaine Ione Sprauve

Library. Incidentally, Attorney Mawson was the father of our fellow St. Johnians and friends, Diane Mawson Walker and Marlene Mawson Carney Malacarne.

A. A. Berle served as Counsel to the Virgin Islands Committee and advised Chairman Rothschild Francis on the legal subtleties of negotiating a law through the U.S. Congress in the fight for the economic and civil rights of his people.

In 1924, Berle personally testified before Congress on the state of the Virgin Islands including extensive and knowledgeable testimony on the island's endangered Bay Oil industry.

I found a biography of Berle's life (1895-1971) written by Jordan A. Schwartz entitled "Adolf A. Berle and the Vision of an American Era," New York: Free Press, 1987. Mr. Berle, a Harvard Law graduate, was practicing law in New York City when called to represent the Virgin Islands Committee.

Francis had discussed his plans with the American Civil Liberties Union who directed him to Berle who had West Indian experience. (Mawson p.124) Berle had joined the US Army after graduating from Harvard

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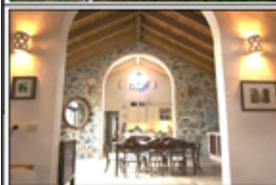
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"Carolina Cottage" - Really cute two bedroom house with nice water views of Coral Harbor and Hurricane Hole. Faces east to catch the cooling trade wind breezes. Paved driveway and parking area. Partial furnishings included. A nice location close to Coral Bay with large deck and room to expand or add a pool. There is a laundry room on the lower level and space to add another bedroom. Paved driveway with easy turn around. **\$575,000.**



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Historical Bits and Pieces: A.A. Berle — A Virgin Islands Supporter

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Law School and was assigned to the Dominican Republic then under occupation by the US military.

This was a turning point in Berle's life. It introduced him to the sugar trade, the Caribbean area, and Latin America. In February 1918, there was a world shortage of sugar and it was being rationed in the United States.

The US Army had received a request for legal aid in untangling a web of landholding laws that inhibited sugar production in the Dominican Republic. Berle was put on leave from the Army to work on this assignment. He was paid by New York attorneys for the South Puerto Rican Sugar Company who had made the request.

His assignment involved setting up a land court which would quiet title thereby allowing U.S. companies to buy land for growing sugar and denying the sugar to the Germans who had purchased the sugar production.

Berle saw and hated Marine imperialism and reported an incident to the

authorities wherein a Marine Captain's ambush and death was retaliated by the murder of 10 Dominican hostages. The Marines responsible were punished.

Berle also gained an affection for the ordinary people of Latin America. He wrote in 1920 about the Dominican Republic "rarely has a friendly government been so thoroughly destroyed and a friendly country so completely submerged." (Schwarz p.22)

Berle and Francis wrote the memorandum in support of the February 25, 1924 legislation introduced in Congress to give the Virgin Islands self government stating: "Further, the citizenship status of all Virgin Islanders remains unsettled. They are citizens of nowhere. They are technically nationals of the United States meaning that they have the duties but not the rights of citizens." (Mawson p.27)

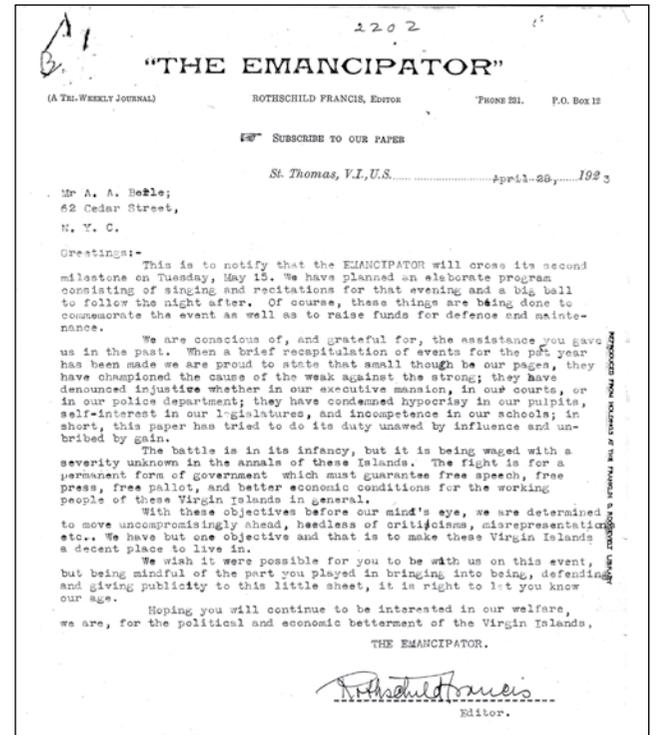
Berle's public papers are in FDR's Presidential Library in Hyde Park, NY, where I found a letter from Rothschild Francis as editor of "The Emancipator" in which he praises Berle for the

role he was playing and reviews the paper's accomplishments.

Both Nelson Rockefeller and A.A. Berle received major State Department appointments in FDR's New Deal. Berle was appointed Assistant Secretary of State and became a leading authority on Latin American affairs. Berle was also in charge of intelligence hence Hoover's letter was addressed to him.

Nelson A. Rockefeller was appointed as the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs at State. He developed plans for the economic development of Latin America and the Caribbean — not just preliminary plans but full blueprints on how to accomplish the objectives.

Laurance was soon at his side concentrating on the development of tourism. Schwartz writes that Nelson Rockefeller was Berle's personal friend and Berle liked Rockefeller's sense of noblesse oblige. Berle continued to work with the Rockefeller family for the rest of his career on policy issues.



R. Francis, editor of The Emancipator, wrote to praise Berle for his role and reviewed the paper's accomplishments.




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| Absolutely beautiful location overlooking St. John's most virgin National Park with views of Reef Bay, Ram Head & secluded white sandy beach below. Classic Caribbean style 4 bd/3 bath w/pool & spa. \$1,395,000. | Exquisite stone villa w/exceptional craftsmanship, 4 bds/baths, chef's kitchen, full A/C, infinity pool, multi decks & patios, lush gardens, meticulously maintained, impressive vacation rental, Pt. Rendezvous. A must see! \$1,550,000. | A delightful 2 bdrm/2 bath pool villa nestled high on the hillside in Gt Cruz Bay. Offering privacy, vibrant sunsets, gourmet kitchen, 60' covered veranda & sunny pool. Catered To's top rental villa. \$1,295,000. | 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. |
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\$3,249,000

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\$685,000

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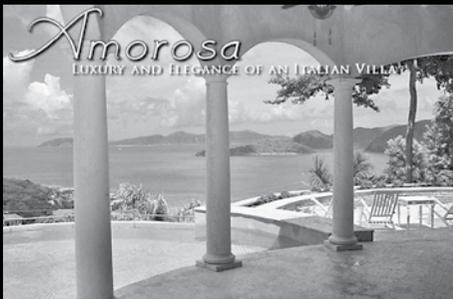


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