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St. John sailor Mayumi Roller, second from right, with her fellow U.S. Virgin Islands Olympians during the Parade of Nations at the London Games' opening ceremony on Friday evening, July 27.

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VIPD Confirms Discovery of Skeletal Remains, Won't Comment on ID

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Residents out walking their dog last week in the Estate Adrian area discovered human remains, V.I. Police Department officials confirmed last week.

"A concerned citizen reported discovering possible human remains while out walking their dog," said VIPD spokesperson Melody Rames. "Police responded along with the forensic officer who collected the remains. They were taken to the R.L. Schneider Regional Medical Center morgue where medical staff will take the necessary action to identify the remains."

While confirming the discovery, VIPD officials refused to comment on rumors about the identify

of the skeletal remains, Rames added.

"Police will not respond to any rumors about the possible identity," said Rames. "It is important that people not jump to conclusions. It is important that we get the officials conclusion from the medical experts before we make any assumptions."

The VIPD spokesperson declined to comment on how long it would take to identify the remains.

When word of the discovery spread across Love City last week, residents recalled two citizens who have been reported missing over the past few years. Seara Samantha James, 21, has not been seen since October 2011 and 41-year-old Nicky Brady of Coral Bay was last seen in November 2006.

Sunset Ridge Homeowners Association Unveils New Sunset Cam

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The Sunset Ridge Villas Homeowners Association, along with friends and property managers Cimmarron St. John, announced last week that their SRV Sunset Cam is now online.

Positioned on Unit C and overlooking Cruz Bay, Pillsbury Sound and St. Thomas, the SRV Sunset Cam is set to display great sunset pictures.

It is possible to stream the camera to a television and watch the sunset over St. Thomas during cocktail hour from anywhere. Sunset Ridge Villas Homeowners Association members are pleased to join the many web cameras operating on St. John, giving solace and comfort to those waiting anxiously for their next visit or looking forward to their first.

The sunset cam can be viewed at www.sunsetridgevillas.com/SRVrightNow.shtml. Enjoy.



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The newest live web cam on St. John is sure to capture beautiful sunsets over Pillsbury Sound and St. Thomas.

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Love, Light and Levin Fundraiser Set for August 11 at Fatty Crab

Friends of Irene and the late Steve Levin are invited to a night of fine art and hors d'oeuvres with select wine and drinks on Saturday, August 11, from 5 to 9 p.m. at Fatty Crab.

The night will feature a silent auction featuring fine art and jewelry from Les Anderson, Kimberly Boulon, Michael Banzhaf Studio, Lisa Etre, George Hollander, Maho Bay Glassworks, Catherine Perry, R&I Patton Goldsmithing, Schnell Studio, Kat Sowa, Joy Stillman, Aimee Trayser, Tutu Much and Denise Wright.

There is a requested donation of \$20 at the door and raffle tickets — \$10 each or six for \$50 — for the chance to win one of \$5,000 in prizes will be available. For more information call 776-6922.

UVI Fall 2012 Orientation Aug. 13-17

Orientation for new and transfer students for UVI's Fall 2012 Semester is scheduled to take place from Monday, August 13, through Friday, August 17.

Complete schedules for both campuses and important information on UVI policies regarding placement exams and student rights have been posted on the admissions section of the UVI website at <http://www.uvi.edu>.

Devil Ray Beach Party September 2

The Ivanna Eudora Kean High School Alumni Association will host the 2nd Annual Devil Ray Reunion Beach Party Sunday, September 2 at Magens Bay Beach shed #4 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

DHS Invites Fathers To Bring Children To First Day of School on Sept. 4

The Department of Human Services Head Start Program encourages all fathers and male guardians to bring their children to the first day of school on Tuesday, September 4, at 7:30 a.m. for extended day and 7:45 a.m. for full day.

All fathers and male guardians in attendance will have an opportunity to meet with teachers and the center staff, browse the classroom and learn about getting involved in the Fatherhood Initiative activities.

Help Available for Home-Bound Seniors

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Dial-a-Ride Tea Party September 9

St. John Community Foundation officials are celebrating the St. John Dial-a-Ride program's 20th Anniversary with a Tea Party on Grandparent's Day, Sunday, September 9, at St. Ursula's Multipurpose Center from 12 to 3 p.m.

Everyone encouraged to bring their special Grandparent for an afternoon of fun and refreshments, or just come and help honor island elders.

ACC Flea Market Set for October 20

The Animal Care Center's annual flea market, "No Fleas, Please," will be on Saturday, October 20, at the Winston Wells ball field. ACC Board member Jason Corley is the point-of-contact for the event. Corley can be reached at jrcorley5@gmail.com.

Cruz Bay Waste Water Pump Station Upgrades Expected To Close Most of Customs Parking Lot

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

V.I. Waste Management Authority officials will kick off a \$1.2 million upgrade to the Cruz Bay waste water pump station in the next few weeks, a project which will force the closure of most of the U.S. Customs parking lot for a about a month.

The project is expected to take eight months to complete and will bring the current outdated ejector system, located adjacent to the Cruz Bay public restrooms in the U.S. Customs Parking lot, up to code, according to WMA officials.

“You need the pump station to pump waste water to the treatment facility at Enighed,” said project engineer Michael Woolington. “The current system works, but it’s old and outdated. We are putting in a modern facility that will save on electricity and maintenance costs.”

May Cornwall, WMA executive director, along with Woolington, WMA chief engineer Jim Grum, chief operating officer Steven Aubain and WMA district director of solid waste Mario Leonard hosted a town hall meeting on Friday night, August 3, at St. Ursula’s Multipurpose Center, which failed to draw any St. John residents.

The public meeting was the first time WMA officials tried to share plans for the upcoming waste water pump station upgrade, explained Cornwall.

“We didn’t get input from the public during the design phase so we are doing that now,” Cornwall said. “We will have more public meetings as well. This type of project will require educating the public throughout the project.”

St. Croix-based Island Roads Corporation won the bid for the project, which was ready to begin last month, Cornwall explained.

“We were ready to go before the fourth of July, but saner minds said, ‘No, let’s wait,’” she said.

WMA must still work out the issue of a missing parcel number on the government property, and then will give Island Roads the green light to get started. It is the initial phase of the project which will likely close most of the parking in the U.S. Customs lot, explained Grum.

“In front of the public bathroom there is an ejector pump station 15 feet deep,” said Grum. “We are installing wet wells 20 feet deep, so we must install sheet pilings in order to create a safe environment for the construction. That takes big machinery and materials and will affect the parking area.”

The initial phase, when the U.S. Customs parking lot will likely be closed to most vehicles, is expected to take a month, Grum added.

While expected to add to Cruz Bay’s existing parking problem, the project will also dislocate popular local food and drink vendor Patrick’s West Indian Delight. An alternative location will have to be found for the vendor, St. John Administrator Leona Smith explained at the meeting.

“Patrick Joseph has an agreement with V.I. Port Authority,” said Smith. “They will have to find some where to relocate him.”

The worst of noise and dust pollution is also expected to be contained in the first phase of the project, after which disruptions in the area should diminish until the final phase, explained Cornwall.

“The impact will be early on in the project,” she said. “I say we get started this month and have the large impact done by November or December.”

While most of the parking lot will be closed, a portion of the lot will remain open during entire construction in order to maintain access to the Department of Health’s ambulance boat and the U.S. Customs Office, Cornwall added.

The area won’t look much different after the project is complete, but will save the territory money, explained WMA.

“The existing fence will be expanded a few feet and there will be two round hatch coverings,” Aubain said. “There will not be a building; it will all be in the ground.”

“The new system will be closer to a manhole system,” said Woolington. “It will collect and pump out to the Enighed treatment facility. Once it’s set up, we will replace the instrumentation and everything will be up to code.”

“The pumps are also more energy efficient and will save money,” said the project engineer.

The project is being paid for by a \$1.2 million in Department of Interior funding, according to Woolington.

Once upgrades to the Cruz Bay waste water pump station are complete, the island’s waste treatment system will be in good shape for the foreseeable future, explained Aubain.

“The Cruz Bay treatment plant is 10 years old, which is pretty new and it’s kept in good shape,” he said.

Looking ahead, WMA also has an agreement with VIPA officials to use a parcel of land adjacent to the existing waste water treatment plant if the facility needs to expand, Cornwall added.

“For long term planning, we have the space already secured,” she said.

WMA also discussed plans to remove mounds of scrap metal from the Susanaberg Transfer Station by the end of the month and rebuild the broken solid waste compactor by mid-September.

“The solid waste compactor keeps breaking down,” said Aubain. “We have a welding company coming in which will refurbish the entire compactor and the ramp and we’re going to replace the controls too. At the end of the day, the compactor will be operational which we are hoping to happen by mid-September.”

Having the trash compactor back online will alleviate loose garbage in the area and help cut down on the animal problem in the area, Aubain added.

“We are also going to put in fencing along the road and the back side of the compactor,” he said.

WMA officials also plan to contact Department of Agriculture and Animal Welfare to help keep roaming animals out of the area, Cornwall added.

“Animals should not be out loose like that,” said Cornwall. “It’s too much.”



Mimi Roller with Kobe Bryant, above, and LeBron James, right.



Laser Radial Sailor Roller Makes St. John Proud at London Olympic Games

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

St. John Olympic athlete Mayumi “Mimi” Roller wrapped up her Laser Radial competition in Weymouth, England on Saturday, August 4, finishing 40th overall in the 41 boat fleet.

The St. John Laser Radial sailor raced a total of 10 races in the Games of the XXX Olympiad, completing two per day, on Monday, July 30, Tuesday, July 31, Wednesday, August 1, Friday, August 3, and Saturday, August 4.

The pride of Coral Bay and the non-profit youth sailing program Kids and the Sea, St. John, where Roller first learned to sail, held her own against the top Laser Radial sailors in the world on a tough course in mostly high winds and choppy seas.

Out of the 41 boat fleet, Roller’s best finish came on the second race of Wednesday, August 1, Race #6, when she finished in

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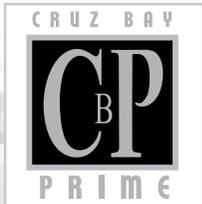
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Kids Across America Share Volunteer Effort and Spread Faith on St. John

By Jaime Elliott
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A large crew spent last Friday morning, July 27, painting the curbs in Cruz Bay, but the workers were not from the Department of Public Works.

Those freshly painted curbs in Cruz Bay are just one of the community service activities about 64 students between 16 and 19 years old from around the United States completed during their late July visit to St. John.

The students are members of the faith-based Kids Across America program, which is based in Missouri and stresses leadership skills, explained Jackie Chinnery-Henley, who organized the trip along with her sister Beverly Brathwaite.

"My sister and I are from St. John and now we live in Dallas," said Chinnery-Henley. "It's been a long journey to get the kids to St. John. They are called Kids Across America and that is exactly what they are; kids from all over the United States."

The students attend summer camp in Missouri beginning at nine years old and, if they remain in the program, eventually take part in a program called Higher Ground, explained Chinnery-Henley.

"Each summer the kids go to camp and it's kind of a revolving door with kids coming and going on different weeks," she said. "The group who came to St. John were the top of the line. They started the camp when they were nine years old and stayed with it each year until they got to a certain age and entered the leadership program called Higher Ground."

"The program is all about how to be leaders and how to minister Christ," said Chinnery-Henley.

While Kids Across America is not affiliated with any particular church, the group is faith-based, Chinnery-Henley added.

"They are all from different churches, but the one common denominator is that they all serve Jesus Christ," she said.

And the students did not take that mission lightly. In addition to the community service activities, the group performed a gospel-based performance based in drama, skits and the spoken word during their trip.

The students staged performances at John's Folly



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Students painted a curb in Cruz Bay, above, during their recent trip.

Learning Institute, Winston Wells ball field, St. Ursula's Senior Citizens Center, Bertha C. Boshulte School on St. Thomas as well as for some special guests, explained Chinnery-Henley.

"They performed for Governor deJongh and his staff on St. Thomas and also went to Tortola where they did a performance as well," she said.

The students stayed at Cinnamon Bay Campground during their stay and also had some time to enjoy the island, Chinnery-Henley added.

"They had a great time at Cinnamon Bay and at the beach and they enjoyed a glass bottom boat ride," she said.

The program was such a success, the group plans to return to Love City, Chinnery-Henley explained.

"The director of the program Pastor Daniel and his wife Angie said they would definitely be back next year," she said.

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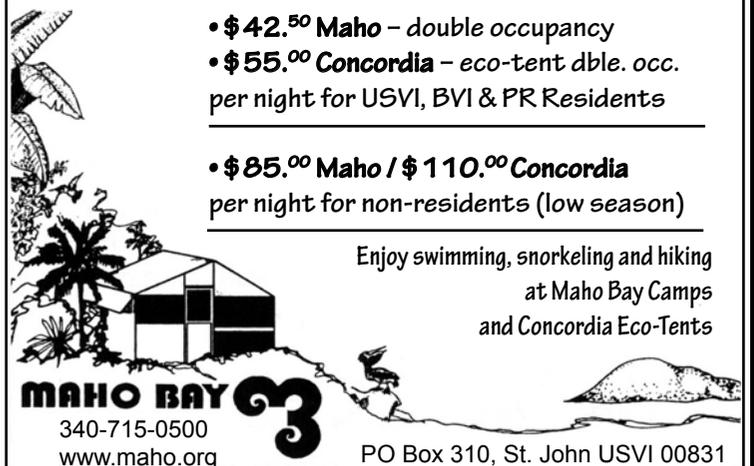
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Armed with Seedlings, Ecologist Gary Ray Sets Out To Stop Erosion at Maho Bay

By Jaime Elliott
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V.I. National Park rangers and local ecologists have long known about the serious erosion issue facing Love City's famed north and south shore beaches, yet they had no budget to tackle the problem — until recently.

"This all started with a discussion I had with [VINP Chief of Resource Management] Rafe Boulon regarding the park's need to control erosion on some of the beaches," said local plant ecologist Gary Ray. "In particular the number one problem was Maho Bay because of the vehicles parking on the sea side of the road which led to the elimination of vegetation there."

The two decided to focus on a few native tree species with root systems effective at anchoring the soil, Ray explained.

"Rafe asked me what I could do and I said, 'Let's focus on a few native beach forest species,'" said Ray, who owns Virgin Forest Restoration. "Also I suggested we look at the bigger picture and for each beach we drew up a plan to minimize erosion and restore native plants."

While the beach specific plans were formed, VINP officials began the Maho Bay beach protection program by halting parking on the beach side of North Shore Road and creating a parking area nearby.

Plastic white posts and "No Parking" signs now clearly delineate where vehicles can and cannot park in the area.

Yet there was still no budget for Ray to get started reintroducing native plants on the shoreline. Which is when green villa Eco Serendib owner Harith Wickrema got involved in the project, Ray explained.

"Harith Wickrema was looking for a way to allow his guests to contribute to conservation because his villa itself has a lot of sustainable amenities," said the plant ecologist.

Eco Serendib's Beach Restoration Program aims to counteract carbon emissions while combating erosion by planting one native tree at an area beach for every night



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New plantings at Maho Bay beach, above, will hopefully help to stabilize sand and soil and cut down on erosion in the area.

booked at the villa.

"We had a meeting and then we brought all of these things together; the unfunded park project and his desire to put something back into the park and help move ahead with the strategy to stem the erosion," said Ray.

Now, thanks to funding from Eco Serendib, Ray is set to try to keep as much sand in place on the beaches as possible. He has plans for eight beaches, five on the north shore and three on the south shore.

"In the immediate term I drew up a plan for Maho, so we'd start there," he said.

Ray has already planted about 50 native tree species at Maho Bay beach and near the museum building at Cinnamon Bay, with more planned for both locations.

Ray relies on sea grape trees (*Coccoloba uvifera*) as one of the

main species to anchor sand.

"Sea grape is kind of our poster plant," said Ray. "Ecologically speaking, it's our most important and the reason is the root system is so prolific."

With both feeder roots fairly close to the surface, yet deep enough to keep sand in place, and woody growth which expands out horizontally from the tree, sea grapes are ideal for halting sand erosion.

"Sea grapes evolved in a way that the top six inches of the roots are not touched by the tide which washes away the sand," said the plant ecologist. "And the species also puts the appropriate roots into the sand deep enough that they rarely fall over in storms. We're relying on this ecological adaptation to be the number one erosion control."

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VINP Superintendent Mark Hardgrove, above at far left, with Fraser Drummond, Governor John deJongh and Joe Kessler.

VINP Superintendent Mark Hardgrove Retires After 41-Year Career with NPS

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After 41 years and 10 months of dedication to the National Park Service, V.I. National Park Superintendent Mark Hardgrove retired last week.

Hardgrove, who took over the top spot at VINP and V.I. Coral Reef National Monument in 2007, officially retired on Friday, August 3.

"I am proud to have served the NPS, the residents of the Virgin Islands, our Governor and our partners as we worked together to improve the community involvement through planning and transparency in the V.I. National Parks," Hardgrove said in a prepared statement last week. "This has been the most challenging and exciting time of my life and I would not trade my experiences here for anything."

Hardgrove plans to move back to Puerto Rico to join his wife who has been working and living in the Carolina area for more than a year.

Deputy Superintendent Mike Anderson will fill the role as Acting Superintendent of VINP until either he, or someone else, is officially assigned to the position by NPS officials.

"The vacancy announcement for the Superintendent Position should be advertised in the next few weeks with a selection made sometime in early October, 2012," according to the statement.

Last week marked the end of a long and distinguished career for Hardgrove who rose through the NPS ranks starting in the Washington, D.C. area where he worked at several different posts including C&O Canal National Historic Park, George Washington Memorial Parkway and National Capital Parks East.

Hardgrove served as Deputy Superintendent at San Juan National Historic Site in Puerto Rico for 11 years and eight years at Big Cypress National Preserve in South Florida. Hardgrove's NPS career also included positions at Cumberland Island National Seashore, Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park and Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

The veteran NPS employee was first based on St. John in the mid-90s when he was appointed Acting Superintendent of VINP to oversee recovery operations in the wake of Hurricane Marilyn in 1995.

Throughout his four decades of

work, Hardgrove viewed his five years at VINP — which included overseeing the largest land acquisition in the park since its inception, expanding the storm mooring system and improving communication with the public — as the highlight of his career.

"I have served the NPS at VINP working with our leaders and our community now for five years and the Virgin Islands has been the highlight of my career," said Hardgrove.

While St. John enjoys a special place in Hardgrove's heart, there was someplace even more special tugging him home.

"I asked my wife Millie what she wanted for our 10 year wedding anniversary and she said she wanted me to come home," said the retired VINP Superintendent. "Millie has been living and working in Puerto Rico now for a year so that made August 3, our anniversary and now the best day of my career, an easy choice. What a wonderful way to celebrate our anniversary."

Even Hardgrove's extended family enjoyed their time on St. John, he explained.

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Health Food Store Nature's Way Opens in The Marketplace

Vegan chef coming soon to prepare fresh entrees and deli items

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Wholesome cereals, whole grains, organic teas and bulk all natural snacks line the shelves in Love City's new health food store, Nature's Way, located on the second floor of The Marketplace.

The newest store in the St. John shopping complex enjoyed a soft opening last week in the former Black Sand Bistro and Gastro Grub location next to Innovative.

Nature's Way manager Carmen Rhodes and director Phillip Fahie were still busy filling those shelves last week while many people were popping by to see their wares.

"We are doing a soft opening for our retail items," said Rhodes. "We'll be adding things every day, but we are open for business."

Nature's Way has exciting plans to welcome a vegan chef in the next few weeks who will be whipping up freshly prepared entrees and deli items, Rhodes explained.

"Our vegan chef should be here in a week and a half," said Rhodes. "We'll be adding a lot more items then and we're really excited."

Nature's Way will also be the place to pick up a vitamin-packed smoothie, Fahie added.

"We're going to have smoothies with a variety of vitamins and herbs for specific functions like a



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Manager Carmen Rhodes and director Phillip Fahie in the new Nature's Way on the second floor of The Marketplace.

women's multivitamin and an immune builder," he said. "We'll also have fresh squeezed juices like carrots and beets and we will have wheatgrass too."

Customers can also look forward to stocking up on natural de-

tergents, vitamins, herbs and body care items once Nature's Way inventory is complete.

And Fahie plans to have a naturopathic doctor on hand as well, he added.

"We're going to have natur-

opathic items and a naturopathic doctor who will be consulting on a regular basis," said the Nature's Way director.

What other items fill the store's shelves will be up to the public, Rhodes explained.

"We are asking everyone to complete a survey on our website so we can see what they want to have in the store," said Rhodes. "We really want to hear from people on St. John about what they want us to carry."

Check out www.naturesway.vg to access the survey, which was planned to be uploaded to the site this week, or just stop by the store and share and those ideas, Rhodes added.

Fahie, whose family owns four other Nature's Way stores — two on Tortola, one on Virgin Gorda and one in Puerto Rico — was originally planning to open the next location on St. Croix, when he discovered The Marketplace and the need for a health food store on St. John, he explained.

"I had a meeting at The Marketplace and saw this space which was perfect for our store," said Fahie. "I asked around and realized there were no health food stores on the island. I have to thank Debbie and Barbara who were really helpful through the whole process."

For now Nature's Way is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and after a lunch break from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Those hours will be extended in October. For more information call the store at 693-3333.

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Coral Bay Job Club students pose with co-leaders Mark Corbeil, far left, and Bonny Corbeil, far right. Mark Corbeil, above, talks about the importance of interview skills.

Coral Bay Students Put Life Lessons To Use in Job Club

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Just two weeks into a month-long Department of Labor sponsored summer program in Coral Bay, 10 St. John students have already created professional resumes, perfected their interview skills and tackled their teenage shyness.

The students, who all hail from Coral Bay and range in age from 13 to 17 years old, are earning \$15 per day to take part in the Coral Bay Job Club/Career Exploration, led by brother and sister team Bonny and Mark Corbeil.

"This program is really 'experiential' and hands-on," said Bonny Corbeil. "These teens are building confidence in public

speaking and have learned the importance of the one minute speech in obtaining work. We are very focused on the students both finding the right future career and learning about the important tourism industry which is so imperative to St. John."

Those hands-on exercises, from mock interviews to personality analysis, have already begun to show positive results.

"I learned how to talk when getting a job and how to act in an interview," said 17-year-old Dallas Phillips.

"This program taught me how to get rid of my shyness," said LaTiah Jackson, 14.

From public speaking to being honest, Coral Bay Job Club students have already taken their recently learned life lessons to

heart.

"I learned how to approach someone about a job and not just go up and say, 'I want a job,'" said 15-year-old Courtney Matthias.

"I learned to stay confident during an interview and that the best way to answer a question is honestly," said Raven Phillips, 13.

"I learned to speak louder, to have a positive attitude and to not be shy," said LaShawn Jackson, 15.

"Coral Bay Job Club taught me how to act in a phone interview and how to not be shy," said 17-year-old Loran Jackson.

The program has also helped students to ensure they are understood.

"I learned to speak louder and slower," said 16-year-old Cassandra Mathurin.

"I learned how to write a resume and cover letter," said Asha Williams, 15. "I also learned to be more confident and to talk louder."

Rahshek'ka Titre learned about how many career possibilities exist, she explained.

"I learned that there are 45,000 job titles, there are 16 different personality types and that each job requires hard work and soft skills," said Titre.

The program meets Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at a classroom at Guy Benjamin School and has already resulted in one new business venture.

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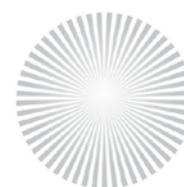


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Green Building Is View Building

by Karen Vahling

What enters your mind when hear the term “green building”, or hear that someone has a Certified Green Home? What does it mean to build green? And why are we hearing more and more about it in the Virgin Islands?

When people ask me what my job is, I tell them I work for a non-profit that promotes green building: the Island Green Building Association. So often I am surprised when people respond with a question such as, “Like houses with solar panels?” Or they might ask, “Isn’t green building more expensive?” I always smile and hold back a laugh, because green building is so much more than solar panels, and can cost so much less!

Green building is a conscious effort to protect our environment, and everything that makes up our views. Most people agree that the beautiful view and environment of our Virgin Islands are the number one motivation when buying real estate to build an island home. When we visit an island home, the first thing we do is: go look at the view! Verdant hills and sugary beaches meeting multiple shades of turquoise (where coral reefs and seagrass meadows abound!) Green building is protection vs. taxation on our environment.

Green building protects the plants, trees, and wildlife that called these islands “home” long before we



Solar panels AND a great view, both important to Green Building.

did. Building green means low-profile, low-impact homes vs. imposing, consumptive homes that damage the island and overuse earth’s resources. It keeps our soils from washing down slopes, so we don’t smother the colorful reefs. Renewable sun and wind power provides clear views through clean air unaffected by fossil fuels. We can afford to build green by using reclaimed and sustainable building materials. Wisdom has taught us that every action has a reaction and that there are connections between each alteration we make to the land

during the processes of building and living day-to-day. These choices of green building vs. traditional building will continue to shape our lives and our island communities.

So it’s clear that green building is about much more than solar panels, but what about the other common response: “Can I afford it?”

The answer is a resounding, “YES!” Green building can actually cost much LESS than traditional building when done with careful planning. Here are ways to save green while building green:

Ways To Save Green While Building

- *Even if a renewable energy system isn’t immediately affordable, go green starting with energy efficiency in consumption and design. Passive strategies such as including longer overhangs, using trees for shade, orienting windows to the south to aid day lighting and including lots of windows to catch a breeze are cost effective options that are on the table for everyone.*
- *Looking for land or a home? Use these key words when working with your realtor to select a property: gentle slopes, flat land, mature trees, native landscaping, Certified Green Home, southern exposure (to take advantage of the sun), rich soil, existing road or driveway, downhill build, easy access, energy efficient, reclaimed materials, and water conservation.*
- *Planning to Build? Green design and construction practices can save tens of thousands in upfront costs, time, materials, and utilities, and long-term maintenance. The money saved by the right professional guidance will more than pay for itself. Carefully plan your home’s footprint and orientation. Guidelines to help are available through the Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR): <http://building-permits.dpnr.gov.vi/>. DPNR is now looking for energy efficiency measures when plans are submitted.*
- *Consult an architect with experience in green building and site design. Find green building professionals with experience in the Virgin Islands on the Island Green Building Association (IGBA) website, <http://www.igbavi.org/>, or ask for credentials and references from other green building projects or organizations.*
- *Homeowners and Realtors will appreciate research showing Certified Green Homes sell for more, stay on the market less time, and are healthier and more economical to live in. Consider a Tropical Green Home Certification from IGBA. A Checklist can be found at <http://www.igbavi.org/>.*
- *Property managers and rental villa owners will enjoy lower costs and maintenance from renewable and energy efficient features, water conservation techniques, and the use of natural cleaning products. Guests feel good about staying in green homes too, which adds up to big savings and income.*
- *Be sure the timing is right to build – do you have funding ready for your entire project, including paving the driveway? Don’t let your money wash away with your soil. Make sure you only start excavating your driveway and home site if you can continue the project and stabilize the bare soil.*



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Remember, View Building means maintaining the views of our turquoise waters, made possible by our coral reefs and seagrass meadows. The decisions you make when purchasing or building your island home can help you, your family, and your community continue to enjoy the beauty of our Virgin Islands for years to come. Research, learn, talk with others, and enjoy the journey of creating a special place that is healthy for you and what it connects to.

Look for upcoming green building workshops throughout the Territory as part of NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program efforts through NOAA Fisheries’ Caribbean Field Office. As an important partner in the Green Building effort, you can visit the IGBA website to stay informed.



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Hoop-maneuvering, swimming and drinking filled the 12th Annual Bar Wars at the Beach Bar, which raised more than \$2,000 for the St. John Animal Care Center.



Cafe Livin' Wins 12th Annual Bar Wars

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Hundreds of people packed the Cruz Bay beach on Saturday afternoon, July 28, to watch the best bartenders battle it out on an obstacle course on land and sea and raise some much needed funds for the St. John Animal Care Center.

A total of 12 teams of four people each took part in this year's Bar Wars, which has been hosted annually by the Beach Bar for 12 years.

Teams had to maneuver through a course which tested both agility and mixology skills. The first team member was tasked with swimming out on a boogie board and picking up a ball, which was passed to a

second teammate who had to make a margarita, using only one hand.

The "bartender" then carried the drink through a series of hoops to a flipper-wearing "patron" who had to chug the drink and dash back across the beach. The fourth team member had to pour four beers in four cups, travel through a few more hoops and finally each teammate had to chug one of those beers.

While it was a close contest for most of the day, in the end the team from Cafe Livin' took the title away from last year's winner Intoxication Station.

The event raised about \$2,000 for the St. John Animal Care Center.



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Beach Bar - Staying open
Cafe Concordia - Closing August 13; Opening mid-November
Cafe Livin' - Staying open
Cafe Roma - Closing September 2; Opening October 4
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Cruz Bay Prime - Closing August 18; Opening October 17
Da Livio - Staying open
Donkey Diner - Closing August 25; Opening late October
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Fatty Crab - Closing August 28; Opening TBD
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Margarita Phil's - Closing September 1; Opening October 1
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Ocean Grill - Closing September 3; October 4
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Ronnie's Pizza n' Mo - Closing August 17; Opening mid-Sept.
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Shipwreck Landing - Closing August 31; Opening November 5
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Sun Dog Cafe - Staying open
Sweet Plantains - Closed for Summer; Opening TBD
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Summer Maintenance To Include Roof Repairs and New Air Conditioning at Guy Benjamin and Sprauve Schools

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Department of Education contractors started putting fresh coats of paint on St. John public school walls last week as the department launched its Summer Maintenance work.

In Cruz Bay, DOE contractors are scheduled to replace the air conditioner in the kitchens at Julius E. Sprauve School and paint exterior areas before kicking off structural work in the next few weeks, explained DOE spokesperson Ananta Pancham.

“Painting and general maintenance work has already started, but the other repairs — some structural repairs to walkway beams — will be starting in the next week or two,” said Pancham.

Repairs should be completed by the beginning of the school year, Pancham added.

JESS summer maintenance work was expected to

cost around \$40,000, according to the DOE spokesperson.

At the Coral Bay public elementary school Guy Benjamin School, DOE contractors plan to enclose the open-air cafeteria, Pancham explained.

“Plans are to enclose the cafeteria and put in air conditioning,” she said. “Roof repair and general repairs to the playground area are also planned.”

Contractors have already wrapped up the roof repairs and started painting several exterior areas, Pancham added.

General repairs and construction in the cafeteria area are slated to “start within a week or two,” said Pancham.

In total, GBS summer maintenance work is also expected to cost \$40,000 and be completed by the beginning of the school year at the end of August, according to the DOE spokesperson.

DOE officials hope to have all work completed by the time school starts at GBS, above, and JESS, below.



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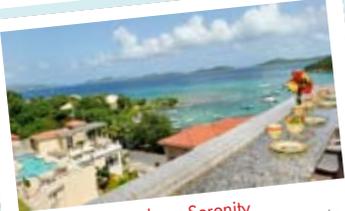
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Enjoy a Slice of Heaven at Vista Cielo

By Jaime Elliott

St. John Tradewinds

In the quiet, gated enclave of Virgin Grand Estates sits a little slice of heaven in the form of a three bedroom, three and a half bath villa.

Vista Cielo, which translates as “View of the Heavens” in Spanish, boasts stunning sunset views from a grand covered veranda and the ultimate in privacy and comfort. The villa is for sale for \$3.249 million, explained Holiday Homes broker/owner Christie O’Neil.

Luxurious details include custom woodwork and elegant architecture, yet it is the views from Villa Cielo which will stop you in your tracks, explained O’Neil.

“The phenomenal views from the home are the best feature,” she said. “There are both water views during the day and twinkling lights visible at night.”

Take in those views from the expansive covered verandah which surrounds a sunny swimming pool; a perfect place to float while soaking in the vista across Pillsbury Sound.

Inside Vista Cielo, enjoy the comfort of full air conditioning in the contemporary yet classic Caribbean-style home which offers water views from every room.

Chefs will delight in the professional grade kitchen

complete with granite counter tops, stainless steel appliances and beautiful mahogany cabinetry. Vista Cielo includes everything you’ll need to enjoy paradise, explained O’Neil.

“The home has all state of the art amenities for relaxing,” she said.

Each of the three bedrooms include en suite baths with double vanities with the highest quality finishes and fixtures. Step through custom arched mahogany doors to soak up the sunset or enjoy a cooling dip in the inviting pool.

Native stone accents and a gated parking court complete the private, get-away which is Vista Cielo. While feeling like its own private paradise a world away from it all, the home’s Virgin Grand Estates location means the dining and nightlife of Cruz Bay and the island’s alabaster North Shore beaches are only a short drive away.

The home was constructed in 2010 and is already a popular short-term rental, explained O’Neil.

“Vista Cielo would be great continuing as a vacation rental or would be great for someone looking for a second home in a resort location,” said the Holiday Homes broker/owner. “The villa would also make a great permanent home for someone.”

For more information about Vista Cielo, call O’Neil at 774-8088 or 998-7451.

ANDY RUTNIK TO THE SENATE



Thanks to all for the great response to my candidacy for the Senator at Large seat. This election has lots of choices, both in the At Large race and the District races. Much is at stake with no clear plan to get out of our struggling economy. Energy rates are crippling our residents and businesses, young men play basketball on a court that needs to be replaced, government services are cutting back, cell phone service is erratic and frustrating, and there is no major recreational facility for our children to play sports, despite all the talent in our community. These are real problems that need immediate attention.

Here are some of my solutions:

- **WAPA can initiate a program where they fund the installation of solar panels and solar hot water heaters** on their customers roofs, the solar arrays will then be paid for monthly with a charge on the customers bill. The customer can easily absorb the fee from the savings of electricity from net metering. Energy saved, pollution reduced, consumers benefit.
- **Fix the Basketball Courts.** There have been a lot of plans for repairing and replacing the Pine Peace Court. It is in a low area where water can accumulate. No amount of fixing or costly redesigns is going to change that. Move the Basketball Court to the Tennis Courts area by rearranging the parking lot, put back-to-back bleachers that face each facility and have new lights installed that cover both courts.
- **Initiate an E-Government solution** that works and put all government agencies on-line for all your needs. Licenses, Tax Payments, Permits, Government Forms, Record Checks—with real time status updates on all these transactions. The new broadband system being installed promises to deliver low cost Internet to all residents, thus making E-Government accessible to all.
- **Cell Phone companies should compete for services not coverage.** Cell phone companies should be required to share towers and utilize WAPA poles for small relay antennas that can blanket a neighborhood. Wireless communication is rapidly becoming the only communication device for residents and visitors.
- **The St. John Capital Improvement Fund** is a budgeted amount every year, and every year it is spent on operating expenses. Our young men and women are particularly disadvantaged by the lack of recreational facilities. We need to provide a platform for the many talented athletes in our community. I am involved with sports and I know how important it is for our young men to be appreciated for their talents. **Build a recreational facility with that money, not pay garbage haulers.**

I ask for your vote in the Democratic Party primary on September 8th, and thank you for all your encouragement and support.

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Rapes: 1

Letters To St. John Tradewinds

Skilled Managers Should Lead Marine Action, Not Enforcement Officers

At the July 26 DPNR public hearing on raising boating fees, 140 residents of St. John also expressed their concerns about recent DPNR Enforcement Officer actions in Coral Bay.

The Coral Bay Community Council and all residents are pleased that, in response, DPNR opened an internal investigation into the officers' actions. In addition to appropriate sanctions, CBCC has expressed hope that the investigation will lead to improved policies and procedures for boating enforcement officers and the management of boating registration and mooring activities in the Virgin Islands.

Unfortunately, as people who have lived in Coral Bay know, these kinds of problems are not new and have persisted for more than a decade; this incident was just worse in some ways.

Therefore, when the Commissioner mentioned that I and others had been pleading for DPNR enforcement to come out to deal with derelict boats wrecks, I think we can understand that the reality is that individually and collectively people in Coral Bay have wanted to deal with the problem of derelict boats in cooperation with DPNR, but based on past experience, none of us requested it be done with the DPNR law enforcement officers in the lead. The leaders should be skilled managers and planners.

I'm very happy to be able to say that this shift in management style is beginning. DPNR's Coastal Zone Management Division has offered to work with the Coral Bay Community Council, the Coral Bay Yacht Club and residents in a Coastweeks Cleanup effort (September 15 to October 6 nominally) aimed at the removal of some of the worst derelict boats and marine debris.

A small amount of funds will be available to support this effort, as well as getting the Department of Public Works and WMA involved, and having volunteer community assistance. Our organizations will solicit input and cooperation from all boaters and residents to coordinate with CZM in order to handle removal of some of the worst derelict boats.

Practically speaking, it is likely that only two or three of the grounded or sunk wrecks will be addressed in this timeframe. There are about eight more sunk wrecks, and also a number of floating boats that need to be processed in a sensitive fashion.

In addition, Commissioner Barnes has told us that DPNR has executed a contract with Sea Tow for the removal of sunken and derelict vessels resulting from past storms. Further, DPNR is working with the Department of Property and Procurement for the selec-

tion of firms to remove sunken and/or derelict vessels, as well as scrap metal, on a case by case basis territory-wide.

Some of these efforts can be directed to continuing the clearing of derelict vessels from Coral Bay, according to a plan we work on together. Let's make this work!

While there have been many people showing willingness to help solve the derelict boat problem over the years, in this latest efforts, we need to recognize Senator Barshinger for his recent very active role in this, and Will Hudson for having contacted Senator Barshinger a few months ago to requesting help on the derelict boat issue.

I see this CZM effort as part of beginning an overall planning and management initiative for the marine uses of the Coral Bay Watershed. I see this as being responsive to the community's request that these efforts to control the derelict boat problem be directed by DPNR managers and planners, in cooperation with the community, rather than directed by enforcement officers.

I am very pleased that the leadership of this project will be within CZM and look forward to working with Jonathan Smalls, other CZM staff, and the community to begin to make a dent in the derelict boat numbers.

Furthermore, CBCC is about to launch Phase II of the Coral Bay Watershed Management project, including an update of the five-year-old stormwater management plan, and adding additional planning elements, such as a marine uses plan, and an infrastructure capacity plan.

We look forward to full involvement by our community and government partners and stakeholders. Just this week, we were notified we have received a new \$44,000 grant to help do this. Shortly we will bring the proposed project elements and timeline to the community for input and participation.

As always, CBCC looks forward to providing a platform for cooperation and collective action to improve the quality of life and the environment in Coral Bay. I also want to personally thank everyone who has stood up in the past couple of weeks to help improve our community and our government.

Sincerely,
Sharon Coldren
President

Coral Bay Community Council

Crossword Answers — Puzzle on Page 20

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Correction

A short notice in the July 30-August 6, 2012 issue of *St. John Tradewinds* included the incorrect date for the Animal Care Center's annual Flea Market. The market will be on Saturday, October 20.



Senator at Large Reports

By Senator Craig Barshinger

Answers Needed from DPW on Centerline Road Repairs

St. John Tradewinds

We have lost some wonderful St. Johnians recently. I attended services for Austin "Beaver" Hendricks and for Guy "Benjie" Benjamin. These two men captured a spirit that symbolized what is special about St. John. As we mourn their passing, let us commit to keeping alive what they taught us by the exemplary lives they each lived.

The budget hearings are in full swing at the Legislature. Although not a member of the Committee on Finance this term, I have been attending the hearings because it is an excellent chance to evaluate how well the executive branch is doing with managing the slim resources available to us this year. (Tune in to Channel 17 when you reach home in the evenings to view the proceedings.) If you have any questions for a particular department, please contact me at 693-8061 and I will ask it during the appropriate budget hearing.

Of particular interest to St. John residents will be the Department of Public Works hearing on August 24. Many are concerned with the lack of preparation for hurricane season with our roads. Presently Centerline Road repairs from TS Otto have not been completed, setting us up for disaster should we experience a repeat performance of intense rain such as Otto provided.

In the 28th Legislature I appropriated money to fix Kinghill Road. This would give us an alternate route between Coral Bay and Cruz Bay, which could be a matter of life and death in the case of an ambulance call.

We saw a construction sign go up a month before the election where Kinghill Road crosses Centerline Road. Maddeningly, the sign was taken down three months after the election, with no work done.

In February 2012 my office officially requested a status report of all road projects on St. John. DPW is not cooperating, despite dozens of phone calls, letters, and emails. We kept up the pressure.

DPW made a firm promise to respond by March 20, then failed to do so. We can prepare a subpoena to compel them to come before the Legislature and answer under oath. This is a move that we rarely have to resort to, but in this case it appears necessary.

There is one more step that I will try before the subpoena. DPW is due to testify before the Finance Committee on August 24. I would like to organize a group of approximately 10 St. John residents to come to St. Thomas that day to speak about the state of our roads and their expectations. Please contact Catherine at 693-8061 if you are interested. Mobilizing people power has rescued the St. John Dial A Ride program for seniors; let's try it on the road issue which affects our safety.

I have some bad news. When the Lt. Governor's

office presented its budget, they reported that they have engaged "Deloitte" to perform the 2012 property evaluations. This is a cover word for the real contractor: Bearing Point, which is now owned by Deloitte. The Virgin Islands wasted \$8 million on Bearing Point in 2005 as has been proved repeatedly by volunteer St. John residents working through community groups.

Finance hearings continue until early September, at which time the Senate Majority will "mark up" the budget into final form, which will go to the Legislature for a final vote prior to the end of September.

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I am enthralled by the London Olympics on TV. The coverage is truly excellent, and I am sure that we see more on our TVs than we could if we were in the stadiums in London. This evening I write this article, I watch Gabby Douglas win the Gold Medal in women's gymnastics. Most of us are bound to Earth by gravity. For Gabby Douglas, gravity is optional.

The fact that native St. Johnian Mimi Roller is sailing for the Virgin Islands in the Olympics is a special treat. It is not often that an island with 5,000 residents has the opportunity to field a world-class athlete.

Win or loose, Mimi Roller has made us proud by participating. Hopefully she will represent St. John and the Virgin Islands for many years to come. Peter Holmberg was 27 years old in 1988 when he won Silver in Olympic Sailing for the USVI.

Log on to www.nbcolympics.com which reportedly has full coverage of the London Olympics.

Many of my readers want to know if I am running for reelection. The answer is a hearty "Yes." I will be running for Senator at Large in the upcoming election. This job is difficult and occasionally exasperating as the nonsense gets in the way of solving the real problems. However with your continued prayers and support, I will continue to represent you on into the 30 Legislature.

Thank you on behalf of me and my staff for the opportunity to serve as your Senator at Large.



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Simplifying Solar Power Systems by Lovango Cay resident Dan Boyd

St. John Tradewinds

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Read the next Island Green Living article for information about Off Grid Systems and Hybrid Systems.

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For more information on green living, contact Dan Boyd at 340-626-9685 or via email at islandsolarvi@gmail.com. Boyd's business, Island Solar, is a Virgin Islands Energy Office authorized vendor.

Students Put Life Lessons To Use in Job Club

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LaShawn Jackson and Courtney Matthias have put their natural chicken capturing skills to good use, the two friends explained.

"We used to catch a lot of roosters and hens when were little," said Matthias.

When the two discovered people would pay them to remove roosters from their property, the budding entrepreneurs started Rooster Round-up.

"We had to come up with another solution because it was hard to grab them," said Matthias. "So we got a big mongoose trap and the rooster went in there."

Matthias and Jackson already have several happy clients and will surely expand their enterprise in the future.

At the beginning of the program, each student completed a personality assessment which helped them identify possible future careers and create corresponding resumes to reflect those hopes.

"If you find something that you love to do, you will never work a day in your life," said Mark Corbeil.

Coral Bay Job Club also focuses on action and honesty, Mark Corbeil explained.

"Life rewards action," he said. "It's all about the interview. Whether you are 18 or 65, the hardest question to answer is 'tell us a little about yourself.'"

"You have to be passionate and honest," said the Coral Bay Job Club co-leader. "That is what we call the one minute speech, a short speech you share about yourself about your skills and core values. The most

marketable skill in the world is a positive attitude."

While focusing on careers, Coral Bay Job Club students also brainstorm about local job possibilities, Bonny Corbeil added.

"We talk about finding 'survival jobs' to develop experience for their resumes and to fund college," she said. "In fact each student now has an official resume, has developed skills for job interviews, both those in person and on the telephone, and we've done many extensive role-playing exercises to develop these skills."

"There are a lot of great examples of teenagers who have done amazingly well in business," said Mark Corbeil.

The program is funded through a \$4,500 grant from DOL, with support from the Coral Bay Community Council, which is covering administration costs, and the Rotary Club of St. John, which donated a video camera so students could record practice interview sessions, Bonny Corbeil explained.

The program is hopefully just the first of its kind to bring life skills to St. John youngsters, added Bonny Corbeil.

"So many of these students want jobs and they just need to learn how to sell themselves," she said. "Our goal is to help these young people get jobs and we are trying to plant the seeds to develop more skills programs. We are hoping that this carves the way for more quality life skills programs for our St. John youth."

Birth Announcement: Halia Kristi Cereceres



St. John residents Danae and Erik “Chewy” Cereceres proudly introduce the newest addition to their family, daughter Halia Kristi (pronounced Ha-LEE-ah).

Halia is a Hawaiian name meaning “Remembrance of a loved one.” It was chosen to honor Danae’s Hawaiian island background and in loving memory of Kristi Hansen, Danae’s best friend who passed away this past March.

Halia Kristi was born at home on Sunday, July 29, at 10:11 p.m., delivered by her father and her “Lola” Deborah Emmette. She weighed in at 7 lbs., 1 oz. with a length of 20.5 inches. She is perfect and healthy!

Obituary

Ernest Harold Vaissiere: 9/6/1920 - 6/24/2012 A Life Well Lived

St. John Tradewinds

Ernie Vaissiere and his wife — Anne Brook Vaissiere — began visiting St. John in the early 1950s. They rented the Lyne House between Honeymoon Beach and Solomon Beach. When Laurence Rockefeller opened Caneel Bay in 1956, they were among the first guests to enjoy the resort.

The Vaissieres also enjoyed yacht charters with Ron Morrisette, Sr. — whose Captain at that time was a very young Carl Penn. In a letter from Ron Sr. to the Vaissieres dated in the winter of 1952, he told them that they could sleep on the boat, or for an extra \$2, his captain would take a mattress ashore where they could sleep on terra firma under the stars.

Ernie and Anne bought their St. John home from Duke and Kay Ellington in 1971. It is the house with the “lawn” across the street from what is now Gallows Point Resort. Today, the address is No. 1 Genip Street.

The house was modest, but provided fantastic sunset views over Current Cut in the winter months, and was perfect for entertaining.

St. John was not the Vaissiere’s primary home in those days. The couple had met at Cornell Uni-

versity and they had a home on East 9th Street in New York City’s Greenwich Village.

Ernie was a WWII veteran; he flew missions over Europe and was shot down in Italy in what he referred to as a “controlled crash.” He said it was a terrible experience, but that he was happy to be alive to say so.

Ernie’s vocation, after graduating from Cornell University Business School in 1951 with degrees in Industrial Engineering and Labor Relations, was brokering the sales and purchases of paper mills — mostly throughout Europe.

In winter, Ernie and Anne would come to St. John to unwind and regroup. In February they would traditionally host an island party for friends — which featured the Salamanzar bottle of champagne that Ernie always brought to St. John from France.

Back in those days, shopping in the Virgin Islands was limited, so the Vaissieres would ship their culinary treasures to St. John from NYC. Anne would shop in Manhattan and then drive her treasures to be shipped by sea from the container port in New Jersey, including the wines they had purchased in France.

Once the container arrived on St. John, the wines were stored in what is believed to be the island’s first wine cellar, below the modest home at No. 1 Genip Street.

The Vaissiere’s had many friends on St. John, West Indian and Continental alike. The little house with the big lawn (“Place Vaissiere”) was always a hub of friendliness and a place where Ernie could practice his “mental gymnastics” with his guests.

There were also many visitors at Place Vaissiere who came from Europe, and they would arrive with yet more culinary delights to share with Ernie and Anne and the Vaissiere’s other friends and guests.

Anne was a gourmet chef — schooled at Cordon Bleu in France. Those who were lucky enough to sample her culinary skills were always pleased and greatly impressed.

When Anne passed away in March 2000, Ernie stayed on at No. 1 Genip Street until October 2005 when he relocated to Florida.

Ernie passed away — peacefully — on June 24, 2012, having truly had a life well lived.

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Seedling Plantings To Help Erosion at Maho Bay

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Most of the plantings at Maho Bay are sea grape trees, yet Ray also plans to plant orange manjack (*Cordia rickseckeri*) in the area.

"Orange manjack trees have a single erect stem and grow very tall and put down very deep roots," said Ray. "The idea is to have trees that reach the canopy and put down very deep roots that are really good stabilizers."

Ray also plans to use false nutmeg (*Cassine xylocarpa*), which produces a fruit called "nothing nut."

"You grab the fruit and hammer it with a cleaver and cut in half and it looks like wood all the way through," said Ray. "But the outer coating of the seed is tasty and nutritious for bats who have been feeding on them for centuries. They are also extremely salt and drought resistant."

Other trees Ray plans to plant to help halt erosion include canel (*Canella winteriana*), gree gree tree (*Bucida buceras*), dog almond (*Andira inermis*), black mampoo (*Guapira fragrans*), and water mampoo (*Pisonia subcordata*).

While all of the plantings are still thriving, Ray was shocked to find that two plantings had been run over by cars.

"The biggest threat is still the traffic at Maho," he said. "What happens is the removal of trees by cars tearing up the roots and compacting the soil. Even though the park has the white markers and signs, people still park on the sea side of the road."

"A few little seedlings have been run over there," said Ray. "You could see tire treads in the sand there



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Plantings along the shoreline at Maho, above, will hopefully save the beach from further erosion.

so there is no doubt how it happened. But both of them survived."

After plantings are complete at Maho and Cinnamon Bays, Ray plans to address erosion at Hawk-snest, Trunk and Francis Bay before heading south to Salt Pond Bay, Lameshur Bay and eventually Reef Bay.

Mark Hardgrove Retires

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"Speaking of family I must thank the community of the Virgin Islands from my-father-in-law," said Hardgrove. "Cirilo Flores passed in February 2011 after living with us for four years. He loved St. John, his friends at the senior center, and this allowed us to see the community from a different perspective and meet some of the finest people of my life."

Looking back over the past five years and around at the park he oversaw, Hardgrove felt a deep sense of pride, he explained.

"When I drive through the park I feel proud of the accomplishments of the NPS team during my time here," said the retired VINP Superintendent. "Hawk-snest, Peace Hill, Jumbie Bay, Trunk Bay, Cinnamon Bay and the ruins, Maho Bay, Francis Bay, Annaberg — all serving thousands of visitors and local residents 365 days per year."

"I am proud of our volunteer program and the park trails that receive the benefits of thousands of volunteer hours led by the Friends of the Park," Hardgrove said. "I am proud of the partnerships and relationships I enjoyed and feel good that the park is better than I found it."

The reconstruction of North Shore Road and creating accessible trails were two major accomplishments for VINP under Hardgrove's tenure, he added.

"I am also proud to have been involved in recon-

structing North Shore Road," he said. "It is now a safer and more enjoyable experience serving more and more visitors every year. I am proud of working with Friends VINP on hundreds of projects to include accessibility improvements that were completed at Cinnamon Bay ruins and Francis Bay."

His biggest accomplishment, however, cannot be seen while driving or hiking in VINP, Hardgrove explained.

"What I am most proud of is what most of you cannot see out in the park," said the retired VINP Superintendent. "The NPS has planned for the next 10 years developing over 250 new projects that will stabilize and restore historic sites and allow the NPS to continue to work on the maintenance backlog which is well over \$25 million."

"As Federal budgets continue to shrink these projects will shift shrinking operational budgets to project budgets allowing our resources to be protected even in lean budget years," said Hardgrove. "Again thank you all both from me and from my wife Milagros Flores, Millie."

The VINP relies on the support of the St. John community, Hardgrove added.

"The NPS needs each of you who live and work in the Virgin Islands to support your National Parks," he said. "We enjoy the finest Unit of the National Park Service — Virgin Islands National Park and Coral Reef National Monument. I am proud to have served as your Superintendent and look forward to visiting frequently from my home in Puerto Rico."

Laser Radial Sailor Roller Makes St. John Proud at London Olympic Games

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22nd place. She also finished 35th in Race #7 on August 3 and in Race #9 on August 4, and then either 40th or 41st in all of the other races.

Keeping her fans on Facebook updated on her experience, Roller shared pictures from the opening ceremony, where she walked in the Parade of Nations with the seven member U.S. Virgin Islands Olympic Team and even snapped pictures with U.S. Men's Basketball team members LeBron James and Kobe Bryant.

After a tough first day of competition, Roller showed she had a great attitude and truly gave it her all at the Olympic Games.

"Pretty rough first day on the water," she wrote on Facebook on Monday, July 30. "Didn't do as well as I had hoped. The fleet is really tough and the conditions weren't exactly my favorite, being pretty windy, with really choppy waves."

"But I'm looking forward to getting back out there tomorrow and giving it my all again," wrote Roller. "We'll be sailing on a different course tomorrow, so it'll be interesting to see how the conditions change."

After putting up her best finish on day three of racing, Roller shared her excitement with supporters.

"Days 2 and 3 were also really tough; but the second race of day two was substantially better," wrote the St. John Olympic athlete. "Although I did end up getting a yellow flag, so that brought me back a few places. Yesterday was a rest day, which I spent with my parents doing some sightseeing."

"Excited for another day of racing today, and hoping to get some more better results," Roller wrote on Facebook.

Before heading out on the water on her final day of racing on August 4, Roller took time to reflect on her Olympic experience.

"Yesterday I had a little bit of a better result in race 1," wrote Roller. "The conditions yesterday were still hiking conditions, but a

little bit lighter than some of the first days, so that was really nice. But the four upwind legs per race did get a bit tiring."

"Today is the last day of racing," wrote the Laser Radial sailor. "Two more races today! The last day of racing! I can't believe it's almost over."

After 10 races, the top 10 finishers in the fleet advance to the medal races, where points are doubled, on Monday, August 6. Roller finished 40th overall with 335 points.

The top of the Women's Laser Radial fleet was super close after the 10 races, with only one point separating four sailors.

China's Xu Lijia and Marit Bouwmeester of the Netherlands were tied with 33 points each, followed by Ireland's Annalise Murphy and Evi van Acker of Belgium, who were tied with 34 points each.

Alison Young, from Great Britain, with 54 points, is also still vying for a medal to win in front of the home fans.

Roller's U.S. Virgin Islands Olympic teammate Cy Thompson of St. Thomas also wrapped up his Olympics on August 4. The Men's Laser sailor finished in an impressive 25th place with 203 points in the fleet of 49 boats.

Tom Slingsy of Australia was at the top of the Men's Laser fleet with 25 points, followed by Pavlos Kontides of Cyprus with 39 points. The top 10 men finishers after 10 races were also set to sail in medal races on August 6.

The 2012 U.S. Virgin Islands Olympic Team consisted of Roller; Thompson; 100 meter freestyle swimmer Branden Whitehurst; long jumper Muhammad Halim; 400 meter runner Tabarie Henry, the first U.S. Virgin Islander to qualify for the semifinals in the event; 100 meter and 200 meter runner Laverne Jones-Ferrette, the first female from the territory to advance to the semifinals in the 100 meter; and Allison Peter, who also runs both the 100 meter and 200 meter races.

Congratulations to all of the athletes!

Police Log

Friday, July 27

9:47 a.m. - A citizen c/r a disturbance of the peace. Disturbance of the peace. Disturbance of the peace.

11:00 a.m. - A citizen p/requesting police assistance with a possible possession of stolen property. Police assistance.

6:00 p.m. - A citizen r/ that his girlfriend is acting strange. Police assistance.

9:07 p.m. - Government of the Virgin Islands r/ a disturbance in the area of Wharfside Village. Disturbance of the peace.

Saturday, July 28

8:24 p.m. - A citizen c/r an auto collision in the area of Coral Bay. Auto collision.

10:23 p.m. - A visitor from Texas c/r that he was struck in the head with a stick in the area of Wharfside Village. Assault in the third.

11:30 p.m. - A citizen c/r loud music in the area of Coral Bay. Disturbance of the peace.

Sunday, July 29

7:35 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident c/r a disturbance at her residence. Disturbance of the peace. D.V.

11:26 p.m. - A citizen c/r an auto collision in the area of Dolphin Market. The operator of the vehicle collided into a WAPA pole and caused power outage in the area. Auto accident.

Monday, July 30

1:20 a.m. - A citizen c/r an auto collision in the area of Jacob's Ladder. Auto collision.

8:10 a.m. - An Estate Carolina resident p/request police assistance. Police assistance.

12:14 p.m. - An Estate Enighed p/r that her neighbor is playing loud music. Disturbance of the peace.

Tuesday, July 31

11:31 a.m. - A Spring Garden resident p/r that someone stole his boat trailer from Estate Susanaberg. Stolen vehicle.

1:00 p.m. - Central Dispatch r/ a burglary in progress at Estate Concordia. Burglary in the second.

1:00 p.m. - Another house in Estate Concordia was discovered to have been burglarized. Burglary in the third.

3:55 p.m. - A citizen c/r a disturbance at the Innovative office. Disturbance of the peace.

Wednesday, August 1

9:17 a.m. - VIPD Sgt. Hill c/r that he found what appeared to be human remains. D.O.A.

12:50 p.m. - A citizen p/r that she is missing items and believes her husband stole them. Lost documents.

6:31 p.m. - An Estate Chocolate Hole resident c/r that her grandson was destroying items in her residence. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

6:41 p.m. - An employee at Cap's Place c/r that a man was trying to destroy the slot machines. Destruction of property.

Thursday, August 2

12:00 a.m. - A Bellevue Village resident c/r that someone threw a rock into her window causing damage. Destruction of property, D.V.

3:09 a.m. - An Estate Pastory resident r/ a disturbance in Cruz Bay. Disturbance of the peace.

10:00 p.m. - An Estate Carolina resident c/r that his neighbor wants to commit suicide.

11:16 p.m. - An Estate John's Folly resident c/r that a female was creating a disturbance outside her residence. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

Crime Stoppers U.S.V.I. Seeks Information

St. John Tradewinds

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 help. Even the smallest bit of information may be just what law enforcement needs.

St. John

On Monday, July 16, at 2:30 p.m., it was discovered that Giff Hill School had been vandalized. The suspect(s) broke a glass door and vandalized the premises by pulling and throwing books from the shelves onto the floor and pouring an unknown liquid over the floor.

St. Thomas

On Saturday, July 7, at 8:45 p.m., the owners of Value Foods Grocery located in Smith Bay and two customers were robbed at gun point. After the suspect ran out of the store, the victims saw

a white or brown four door Chevy or Toyota vehicle (license plate # TD?-929) containing three black males coming from the northwestern side of the building and traveling toward Cassi Hill. The items stolen were \$20,900 in cash, two passports, and a gold chain.

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 state-side 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 of up to \$2,500.

The reward for the recovery of stolen property is 10 percent of its retail value. The reward for the arrest of a vandal is \$357, for a burglar it is \$714, and for a robber it is \$900.

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.

Sunday, August 11

— Friends of Irene and the late Steve Levin are invited to a night of fine art and hors d'oeuvres with select wine and drinks on Saturday, August 11, from 5 to 9 p.m. at Fatty Crab.

Friday, August 17

— Orientation for St. John Christian Academy School Year 2012-2013 will be Friday, August 17, at 6:30 p.m. School summer office hours are Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Application forms may be picked up during this time. Call 693-7722 for more details.

Monday, August 20

— St. John Christian Academy's first day of school will be Monday, August 20.

Sunday, August 26

— The 2nd annual Chaotic Kayak Race is set for Sunday, August 26, at Oppenheimer Beach.

Sunday, September 2

— The Ivanna Eudora Kean High School Alumni Association is hosting the 2nd Annual Devil Ray Reunion Beach Party Sunday, September 2 at Mogens Bay Beach shed #4 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

— Love City Triathlon and Aquathon is set for September 2

Tuesday, September 4

The Department of Human Services Head Start Program encourages all fathers and male guardians to bring their children to the first day of school on Tuesday, September 4, at 7:30 a.m. for extended day and 7:45 a.m. for full day.

Sunday, October 7

— A fundraiser for the 4th Annual Using Sport for Social Change "Just Play!" event aboard the *Kekoa* catamaran is set for Sunday, October 7, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$100 per person. For more information, go to www.usingsportforsocialchange.com.

Monday, October 8

— Using Sport for Social Change is hosting the 4th Annual Free "Just Play!" day event on Monday, October 8, at Winston Wells field in Cruz Bay.

Saturday, October 20

— The Animal Care Center's annual flea market, "No Fleas, Please," will be on Saturday, October 20, at the Winston Wells ball field. ACC Board member Jason Corley is the point-of-contact for the event. Corley can be reached at jrcorley5@gmail.com.

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 Monday at Scandic Executive Service's meeting room in Mongoose Junction from 6:30 to 7:30pm; and every Tuesday from 1 to 2 p.m. at the VINP ball field bleachers. Warm line: 340-642-3263.

Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

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SWEET SQUAD

ACROSS

- 1 A little wet
- 5 Dice throw
- 9 Bureau of Indian —
- 16 USMC rank
- 19 Downtown, say
- 21 High chest of drawers
- 22 Jackie's husband #2
- 23 Start of a riddle
- 25 Chaney of old horror
- 26 Eden mother
- 27 Lexus, e.g.
- 28 "La-la" lead-in
- 29 Bouncers' demands
- 30 Riddle, part 2
- 39 Lav, in Soho
- 40 Prankster in "The Tempest"
- 41 Train stop: Abbr.
- 42 Column inches sold to sponsors
- 43 Crumb-toting colonists
- 45 Reno fixture
- 47 — lacto vegetarian
- 49 Sleepy
- 50 Riddle, part 3
- 56 Narrow road
- 57 Slugger's stat
- 58 Wide shoe specification
- 59 Sharp quarrels
- 62 Riddle, part 4
- 69 Of a pelvic bone
- 70 Cole Porter's "Hitchy- —"
- 72 Lawyer Cohn
- 73 Army unit
- 74 Riddle, part 5
- 79 Songs of praise
- 80 Fifth sign of the zodiac

- 81 Zeta follower
 - 82 Best guests
 - 84 Riddle, part 6
 - 93 Brit's fencing blade
 - 94 Pentagon's govt. division
 - 95 Macramé creation
 - 96 — around (circa)
 - 97 Chemical cousins
 - 100 Available with no Rx
 - 102 Trample (on)
 - 105 Trellis plant
 - 106 End of the riddle
 - 110 Med. country
 - 111 Guevara in "Evita"
 - 112 Ending for press
 - 113 CIA figure
 - 114 No, to a kilt wearer
 - 115 Riddle's answer
 - 123 "Go, torero!"
 - 124 It's fact-filled
 - 125 Very same
 - 126 "The Simpsons" neighbor Flanders
 - 127 Ocular cleansing cup
 - 128 Bit of a dollar
 - 129 Old French president René
- ### DOWN
- 1 Topsy person's hwy. offense
 - 2 Pooch noise
 - 3 Many an exec's deg.
 - 4 "Dona nobis —" ("Grant us peace")
 - 5 Like a very violent film
 - 6 Suffix with audit
 - 7 Waikiki garland
 - 8 Round Table knight
 - 9 Man- — (soldier)
 - 10 Way off
 - 11 Travel by jet

- 12 For — see (in plain view)
- 13 "Stones for —" (1988 Glenn Close movie)
- 14 President Reagan
- 15 Barrett of Pink Floyd
- 16 "The Cabinet of Dr. —" (classic horror film)
- 17 Maker
- 18 — oil (flax product)
- 20 Skin care brand
- 24 Gaping mouth
- 30 Body fat
- 31 One of Chaplin's wives
- 32 Goes rancid
- 33 Jet walkway
- 34 Nervous —
- 35 Kind of bomb
- 36 Joe
- 37 O.T. book read on Purim
- 38 "... blackbirds baked in —"
- 44 WA airport
- 46 Prefix with bytes
- 48 "And — grow on"
- 51 Lego piece
- 52 Two Unsers of Indy
- 53 Stomach "six-pack"
- 54 Like a wet lawn at dawn
- 55 Caddy drink
- 59 Bro, for one
- 60 Pipe joint
- 61 Carrere of Hollywood
- 62 Trim a field
- 63 Mine matter
- 64 Hide away
- 65 "Am not!" comeback
- 66 Flashy scarf
- 67 Charged bit
- 68 Motorist's navig. aid
- 70 Capped joint
- 71 George —, a.k.a. Boy

- 75 Ring great Muhammad
- 76 Travel in the direction of
- 77 Morticia's hairy cousin
- 78 War vehicle
- 79 Magnum of TV et al.
- 82 91-Down, Italian-style
- 83 "— Eat Cake" (Gershwin musical)
- 84 Transaction requiring no credit
- 85 Certain woodwind insert
- 86 "Stop! — Mom Will Shoot"
- 87 Part of KISS
- 88 Donkey foot
- 89 Like national theme songs
- 90 Ph.D. offerer
- 91 Sweetheart's emotion
- 92 Prohibition advocates
- 93 Audit, as a class
- 98 In a lavish way
- 99 Sinister plan
- 101 Thing relied on for help
- 103 Go-ahead
- 104 Train stop
- 107 Shish —
- 108 Half of hexa-
- 109 Song line
- 115 — kwon do
- 116 Santa —
- 117 Back muscle, for short
- 118 Lofty verse
- 119 Stimp's bud
- 120 — -conscious
- 121 Stable grain
- 122 Sneaky

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- Two bedroom, two bath, pool \$2000
- Two bedroom, loft, one bath, IN TOWN \$2000
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"Villa Hibiscus"- All masonry construction on a large corner lot in Estate Chocolate Hole just 1.5 miles from Cruz Bay dock on paved roads. Deeded beach rights to Hart Bay and Chocolate Hole Bay and plenty of flat parking. Successful short term rental with two private units, separate storage building, plus big work shop/home office space below with separate drive way. Live in one unit and rent the other or rent them both. **\$895,000.**

"Cloud 9 Villa" - Spectacular sunsets and breathtaking views over Pillsbury Sound to St. Thomas and south over Great Cruz Bay are highlights of this masonry home with pool, spa, air conditioning, Wi-Fi, & large, new sun deck with gazebo. The lot is almost flat and tropical landscaping abounds. Two bedrooms adjoin the pool deck and a comfy loft is accessed from the living room. A cool location high on Gift Hill and access is paved all the way. Cloud 9 Villa is a very popular vacation rental. **\$1.35M**

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"Glucksberg Gazebo"- a wooded lot with large trees and a nifty large gazebo type structure with hip roof with 12 volt solar panel, screened walls and sturdy floor. This is a great spot for gardening and growing orchids. All wood components are pressure treated, rafters are oversized 2 x 12, all joints & footers are lag bolted and Hurricane ties at the rafters. **\$129,500.**

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Department of Finance Commissioner Angel Dawson last week presented to the 29th Legislature's Finance Committee a 2013 proposed budget for the department that processes the government's financial transactions, from disbursing payroll to paying vendors.

In a time of a shrinking budget and workforce, automation and efficiency are helping the Department of Finance (DOF) assist the rest of the executive branch meet its goal of building sustainability by focusing on "one transaction at a time," Dawson said.

"As a central service provider to the entire Government of the Virgin Islands, we strive to conduct our business in a professional, consistent and low key manner so that we seldom, if ever, make headlines," he said.

The DOF Commissioner requested an appropriation from the General Fund more than 30 percent lower than what he received in fiscal year 2010. The \$5,257,398 proposed fiscal year 2013 budget represents a decrease of 8.5 percent from the 2012 appropriation.

In addition to the General Fund appropriation, the department's proposed 2013 Budget includes \$557,466 in

funding from the Government Insurance Fund and \$2,681,922 from the Indirect Cost Fund for a total operating budget of \$8,496,786.

That budget will fund 61 positions, almost half the 112 DOF employees of three years ago, Dawson said.

DOF also exercises custodial control over several funds. The projected appropriations for fiscal year 2013 include: Transportation Trust Fund, \$11,500,000; Internal Revenue Matching Fund, \$47,100,000; Caribbean Basin Initiative Fund, \$13,000,000; Interest Earned on Debt Service Reserve, \$3,500,000; union arbitration fund, \$1,050,000; and the Interest Revenue Fund, \$1,000,000. The total appropriated fund transfers amount to \$77,150,000.

Early in his presentation, Dawson acknowledged that currently many Virgin Islanders' main concern with his department is the status of income tax refunds. A \$120 million bond infusion expected next month should allow DOF to issue more than \$50 million in tax refunds by the end of September, Dawson explained.

"Like lifeblood, this is money that will circulate in the local economy and, I am certain, will gladden many

a heart during these challenging economic times," he said.

To fulfill its mission of providing efficient financial services for the government, the department has been introducing new technologies. Among them is the ongoing establishment of a Credible Financial Management System, the backbone of which is seven integrated core financial modules.

DOF has also, to date, overseen implementation of 98 percent of the biometric time clocks that will be used across the central government, including in the legislature and judiciary.

The department has been fully committed to complimenting the ERP Payroll Module through a project called Standardized Automated Time and Attendance System (or STATS). The STATS project, upon full implementation, will successfully automate time and attendance processing across government departments and agencies.

"The STATS project is indicative of the types of innovative approaches that the Department of Finance and the Virgin Islands Government, as a whole, will have to take if we are to emerge from our current fiscal constraints with increased efficiency," Dawson said.

After House Vote, DeJongh Still Opposed to CFO Legislation

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Government House said Wednesday night, August 1, that the governor's position on Delegate Donna Christensen's Chief Financial Officer legislation is unchanged.

The administration remains opposed to what it considers a deeply flawed piece of legislation.

This measure simply creates a new level of bureaucracy rather than addressing the fundamental causes of the territory's fiscal challenges, according to Governor John deJongh.

"Not only does the bill miss the mark in its diagnosis of the problems, it creates a false illusion of fixing them," said deJongh.

The current financial challenges were caused by a drastic drop in revenue that started four years ago, the result of the global economic downturn, explained the governor.

Additionally, this legislation represents the first proposal by a member of Congress to impose a federally-created office to manage the financial affairs of a state or territory, deJongh added. It restricts the rights of our voters and elected officials to address our problems and instead puts those responsibilities in the hands of Congress, he explained.

"This is the most troubling aspect of the bill, because simply put, it is a step backwards," said deJongh. "It is unfortunate that at a time when our Legislature is taking up the issue of advancing a Constitution for the Virgin Islands, our Delegate is handing the reigns of our financial future over to Congress without even a voice from our people on the matter."

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