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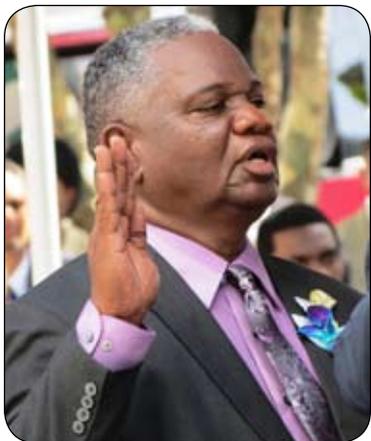
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Painfull Picture

The St. John business owner and mother of a teenage son had a personal request for *St. John Tradewinds* which she spoke quietly. She had heard *St. John Tradewinds* had a photograph of the vehicle in the fatal car accident January 10.

"I know it's hard for the family, but I wish you would run that photograph in the newspaper so my son can see it," the mother said quietly. Young island drivers must be reminded of the dangers of driving, the mother explained of her heartfelt request.

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Sen. Rocky Liburd Gets Birthday Gift Of Return To V.I. Senate on Birthday

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CHARLOTTE AMALIE, ST. THOMAS — Being sworn into office on his birthday was likely the biggest gift he had ever received, according to Senator-at-Large Almando “Rocky” Liburd.

“Though it has been ten years since I left the Legislature, everything is now truly falling into place,” Sen. Liburd said. “I am so honored by the ongoing support of the people of the Virgin Islands. I must thank the voters, my family and the campaign volunteers that made today possible.”

The St. John Senator celebrated his birthday on January 12 – the same day as he was sworn in as a member of the 31st Legislature of the Virgin Islands.

Sen. Liburd, who previously served seven terms as the territory’s Senator-at-Large, said he came out of retirement in order to help create economic opportunities, reform GERS, assist our seniors, address property tax issues and provide experienced leadership to a community in crisis.

“...greater unity to our territory.”

“I feel exceptionally blessed,” he said. “And as Senator-at-Large, I will work hard to bring greater unity to our territory.”

“The Virgin Islands has been through a lot of tough times, but the only way forward is to love, support and assist one another – it is time for us as Crucians, Thomians and Johnians to come together,” Sen. Liburd continued. “This is an opportunity for us to change course and the days ahead will not be easy, however I stand ready to work hard to better the lives of all Virgin Islanders.”

Sen. Liburd said he plans to focus a great deal on community outreach and assistance and will regularly meet with constituents after hours in his offices, as well as in their neighborhoods, throughout the territory. He will announce extended office hours and publish a directory of office phone numbers as soon as they are finalized. The main telephone line in Sen.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Judi Shimel

Former Senate President Almando “Rocky” Liburd takes the oath of office as the returning Senator-At-Large at a ceremony on Jan. 12 in Emancipation Garden. Liburd is one of 15 lawmakers who make up the 31st Legislature of the Virgin Islands.

Liburd’s St. Thomas office is 340-693-3546 and the email address is RockyLiburd@gmail.com.

“I look forward to hearing from you,” he said.

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CBCC’s January 19 Forum To Focus on Coral Bay Marina and Army Corps of Engineers’ Public Comment Period

The Coral Bay Community Council will host its weekly forum on Monday, January 19, at John’s Folly Learning Institute at 6 p.m.

This week’s forum will focus on the current Army Corps of Engineers’ Public Notice about Summers End Marina’s 145 slip project requesting comments from the public about impacts. Project # SAJ-2004-12518 (SP-JMS). Letters/emails of comment from the public are due January 31.

The Army Corps notice is on their website at: <http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/PublicNotices/tabid/6072/Article/559161/saj-2004-12518-sp-jms.aspx>. The notice can also be found, along with more information, at www.SaveCoralBay.com.

For more information, call the CBCC office at 776-2099.

Youth Coalition To Meet January 20

The next meeting of the St. John Youth Coalition will be Tuesday, January 20, from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Lutheran Church community room in Cruz Bay will start 2015 with a focus on leadership of youth programs and organizations, according to its organizer.

ACC Buccaneer Ball Set for Jan. 24

The Animal Care Center’s “Buccaneer Ball” fundraiser is rapidly approaching. Get your tickets for the Saturday, January 24th event at the Animal Care Center shelter, Catered To, Chelsea Drug, Connections East & West, St. John Hardware and online. You must present your ticket for admittance.

Join the party from 6 to 9 p.m. at Eden’s Whim off Great Cruz Bay Road. Dress up in your finest pirate costume or island fancy wear. Dance to the music of DJ Ian Samuel and be entertained by fire dancer Gina. Food, beverages, photo booth, silent auction, raffle and more.

Park on neighborhood streets or take the free shuttle from the back, upper parking lot at Marketplace. Questions? Contact the shelter at 340-774-1625

Bethany Church Bazaar Jan. 31

There will be a Bethany Bazaar and school supply drive on Saturday, January 31 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Bethany Moravian Church grounds.

Free Vow Renewal

St. John’s Barefoot Minister, Anne Marie Porter, invites all married couples to celebrate Valentine’s Day by renewing their marriage vows on February 14, at 5 p.m. on Trunk Bay Beach.

In the past 12 years, approximately 1,230 couples have participated in this annual celebration of love. For more information, call 340-626-4658.

8 Tuff Miles Festival Begins Feb. 21

— The 8 Tuff Miles Road Race and the St. John Cancer Fund have joined forces to present the 8 Tuff Miles Festival. The festival will begin on Saturday, February 21, at 4 p.m. with “Light up the Night” an 18-hour, family-oriented, community supported overnight event.



St. John Tradewinds News Photos

A small memorial signed by numerous friends and family of Elvis "Elley" Smith Jr. has been erected at the site of the fatal January 10 car accident near the intersection of Routes 10 and 20 in Upper Carolina.



Mechanical Failure Possible Cause of Fatal Car Crash

By TRADEWINDS STAFF
St. John Tradewinds

The Saturday morning, January 10, one-car crash on Centerline Road east of the intersection of Routes 10 and 20 that killed one island teenager and injured four others, two seriously, reportedly was caused when the steering control failed in the vehicle.

There was no evidence of alcohol involved in the accident.

The lack of any major visible skid marks at the accident scene – and the fact the 5 a.m. crash left the vehicle, a small, red sedan which had been traveling east towards Coral Bay ended with its right side caved in by a utility pole on the north shoulder of the road after striking it while pointing west – appeared to support unofficial reports that the driver lost steering control in the vehicle and was unable to avoid the fatal collision.

The four-door sedan was carrying five young island men – two in the front and three in the rear. At least one of the four passengers in the back seat had fallen asleep before the accident, according to reports from family and friends.

Elvis "Elley" Smith Jr., 16, identified as a passenger in the center of the back seat of the vehicle was pronounced dead at the scene.

Five Young Men in Vehicle

There were five people in the small, red, four-door, automobile which was heading east towards Coral Bay when it struck a telephone pole off the left shoulder of the road, according to St. John Rescue Chief Pete Hassen.

The vehicle was almost wrapped around the pole, according to one witness.

The accident happened shortly before 5 a.m. and the call came in shortly after 5 a.m., according to Hassen. V.I. Emergency Medical Services personnel and 12 members of St. John Rescue responded to the scene near the Colombo stand, according to Hassen.

The pole impacted the four-door vehicle just behind the front passenger seat on the right side of car, bending the small vehicle around the pole. The driver and the front seat passenger escaped serious injury, although the driver reportedly suffered a broken jaw and the front-seat passenger a broken foot.

Rescue personnel had to use the Jaws of Life to extricate all three victims in the back seat from the vehicle.

Back Seat Passengers Injured

Elvis Smith Jr. was a back-seat passenger in the middle of three young men heading home. The two other young men in the back of the four-door sedan were seriously injured.

One of the injured young men was airlifted to Puerto Rico from the Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center about six hours after the crash suffering from head injuries. He was described mid-week as being "responsive."

Emergency workers began performing resuscitation on Smith and another back seat passenger at the scene, according to Bob Malacarne, training officer for St. John Rescue.

"We had members who arrived on the scene in about 10 minutes," Malacarne said. "We worked with the fire department to extricate two of the passengers."

"One was about 15 years old; he was unresponsive," Malacarne said. "We began CPR and he was transferred to Myrah Keating (Smith Community Health Center)."

"Elvis Smith Jr., a 16-year-old, expired on the scene; he was seated in the rear, middle," according to a VIPD report. "A 22-year-old in the right rear had a head injury. Another male, age not recorded, in the left rear was in critical condition."

The VIPD did not release any further information on the names of the driver, the passengers, the injured or the status of their investigation. The wreck of the vehicle is covered by a tarp in the towing company's storage area on the side of Route 10 in Pastory.

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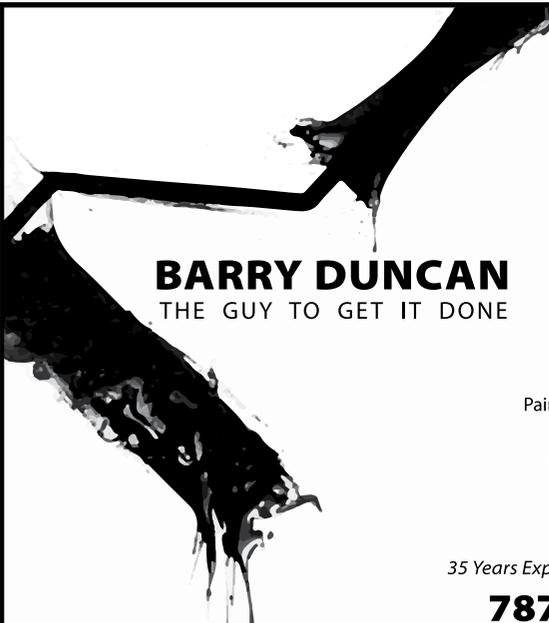
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A Community United By Grief

Remembering Elvis "Elley" Smith Jr.

By RAVEN PHILLIPS
 St. John Tradewinds

ST. JOHN — As the teenagers of St. John prepare for school, they give a silent prayer for their fallen friend and family member. With the death of Elvis Smith Jr. still fresh in their minds, they reminisce over good memories.

Known locally as "Elley", Elvis Smith Jr. passed away in a fatal car accident on Saturday, January 10. His death shocked both friends and family, and the community immediately joined in mourning as a small shrine was erected at the scene of the accident.

"He was like a brother to me"

Teenage friends and family of Elvis Smith Jr. sport solemn faces and bags reading "R.I.P. Elley". Many of them have attended school with him since kindergarten.

"I remember going to Guy Benjamin School with him, he's always been a part of my life," one friend said. His friends remember the time they spent with him fondly.

"He was like a brother to me, he came to my house almost every weekend. I'll always remember the good times we had" one teen remarks.

"I couldn't believe it"

"I cried, I couldn't believe it; I kept asking if it was true," Jovanie Stephenson reflected about his initial reaction. Shock and disbelief is common amongst the grieving St. John community.

"I thought I was having a really bad nightmare, I thought it couldn't be true," one student said.

"It was hard to take in. he was so well known; I started to bawl as soon as I heard," Dana Gilbert said mournfully.

"He brought happiness everywhere he went"

Elvis Smith Jr. was quite well known throughout the community for his kind spirit and joking personality.

"He was the kind of person that brought happiness with him everywhere he went no matter what," cousin Mirisa Clendinen said wistfully. Her sister Aysha Clendinen chimed in saying, "He was so nice and the best cousin you could ask for."

"I'll always remember his smile"

Some teens were willing to open up about specific memories with Elvis Smith Jr.

"I'll always remember his smile," Nandi Furet explained. "It

brightened people's day. I can remember the last time we went to the movies; he kept saying how he wanted to get nachos. He was so funny!"

"I miss him a lot," another teen said. "He was always laughing and joking. I'll always remember the day we hung out and played videogames. It was the most fun I ever had."

"He's in a better place"

Though they miss him greatly, many teens consoled themselves with the thought that Elvis Smith Jr. is in a better place.

"I didn't want to believe he was gone," one teen said acceptingly. "He was so down to earth. I'm going to miss his joy, but he's in a much better place now. We have to keep living life for him."

"I hope he's doing well with God" Nandi Furet expressed. "He's up in heaven watching us now. My condolences to the family, and I'll keep them in my prayers" another teen affirmed.

"I didn't believe it at first and I miss him," said Naiquan Frett. "We have to continue and remember what good we had with him."

The funeral for Elvis Smith Jr., 16, is scheduled for Friday, January 23.



Lecia Richmond Honored by IAA

Officials of the Interscholastic Athletic Association present a service award to Lecia Richmond for her dedication to young athletes and promotion of sports competition in the St. Thomas-St. John district. Richmond recently retired as the physical education teacher at the Julius E. Sprauve School in September 2014.

The presentation was made Jan. 18 in the gymnasium at the Ivanna Eudora Kean High School, scene of the 2015 Martin Luther King Basketball tournament.

St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Judi Shimel

Army Corps of Engineers Launches Public Comment Period for Coral Bay Marina

By JAIME ELLIOTT
St. John Tradewinds

Army Corps of Engineers officials launched the public comment period for Summer's End Group's proposed mega-marina in Coral Bay on January 7 with a deadline for submitting letters set at January 31.

Summer's End Group (SEG) is hoping to construct a 145 slip marina off-shore of the Island Blues area of Coral Bay with land-based development of restaurants, shopping areas and parking lots.

SEG, facing strong opposition from a group of residents in the Save Coral Bay campaign, was approved by the by the St. John Coastal Zone Management Committee in October 2014 and granted permits by V.I. Department of Planning and Natural Resources. In order to build its proposed marina, however, SEG must obtain federal ACOE permits as well.

The ACOE permitting process has just gotten under way, and Save Coral Bay campaign officials are hoping residents write in and voice their concerns, explained David Silverman, one of the group's main organizers.

"Public comments are very, very important to ACOE," said Silverman. "What they are doing



St. John Tradewinds News Graphic

The Army Corps of Engineers public comment period on the proposed Coral Bay Marina ends January 31.

is a public interest determination. The public comment process is done very early on in the ACOE permitting process."

"Just a minimal amount of work has been done at this point," Silverman said. "The whole purpose of this period is to uncover all of the issues that need to be addressed during the subsequent review period. What they are essentially doing now is a public interest determination to hear from the public on their concerns regarding impacts on the environment, impacts on the economy, impacts on the culture and the history."

"ACOE expects the public to provide that information," he said.

Save Coral Bay is urging all residents who are opposed to the construction of the large-scale marina in Coral Bay to write to ACOE before the January 31 deadline, Silverman explained.

"We are suggesting people send ACOE a letter detailing the things they are concerned about," he said. "The more comments ACOE receives, the better review they can do."

ACOE officials will ask the applicant, SEG, to respond to the concerns raised in the public com-

ments, Silverman added.

"What ACOE will typically do is summarize all of the comments they receive and ask the applicant to address the those concerns," said the community activist. "It's different from the process that we have here."

In the fall of 2014, about 350 residents wrote to DPNR detailing their concerns about the marina ahead of the CZM hearing. Silverman is hoping that those residents understand the importance of shar-

ing their concerns with ACOE now, he explained.

"It is important that people understand there are two separate types of approval," Silverman said. "There is the local permit which happened during August, September and October that only looks at the CZM Act which has a somewhat limited set of standards and criteria. Close to 400 letters were submitted by individuals and agencies with detailed analysis and, of course, that didn't have a lot of impact."

"At the local level at least they did not really give any attention to the public comments they received whereas at the ACOE level, there are a large number of federal laws they must comply with in order to grant a permit," Silverman said. "There are the EPA Act, the Endangered Species Act, the Fish and Wildlife and Coastal Zone Act and a whole list of about 15 different laws which must be complied. ACOE can't issue a permit unless they are compliant with all the federal legislation."

ACOE's comprehensive review of SEG's proposed marina

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VINP Stretches Budget, Eyes Fee Increase as Major Concessions Languish, Pay Little

By TOM OAT
St. John Tradewinds

The V.I. National Park is proposing to raise fees for visitors by land and sea to increase revenues – while the National Park Service prepares to increase revenue through its share of National Park Service revenues from new contracts for the major resort concessions at Trunk Bay and Cinnamon Bay for the first time in their history.

The concessions have been operated under yearly extensions of the original agreements with Laurence Rockefeller's Caneel Bay Resort that expired more than 20 years and have continued to be operated by CBI, the investment company that purchased Caneel Bay Resort more than two years ago. (See related story on Page 11.)

Virgin Islands National Park officials will conduct a public open house on Wednesday, January 28, to discuss possible fee increases related to the Trunk Bay Expanded Amenity fee and overnight mooring fees that would take effect January 1, 2016.

Reader Questions Resort Readiness

Although there was no mention of new contracts for the major park concessions, an e-mail from a St. John Tradewinds reader questioned the current and future state of affairs at the popular Cinnamon Bay Camp:

"I've stayed a couple of times at Cinnamon Bay Campgrounds, and it is amazingly gorgeous," wrote "Happy Camper" Cindy Ouelette. "However, I've noticed that the facility is not being as well-cared for as it used to be."

"I was told that the concession to the company who runs the campground for the national park service is running out shortly," Ouelette continued. "A Tradewinds article noted that the new contract for the campground was going out for proposals shortly, with an award anticipated for Summer 2015."

"I'm just wondering how that might affect my group which is beginning to plan a February 2016 visit," the prospective visitor continued. "Will there be significant upgrades by then? We just want to make sure that the facilities will be clean (emphasis on showers and bathrooms) and the restaurant offering good service and a better variety of food."

"I wasn't quite sure how to go obtaining more information, as I am currently in residence in a northern climate, and not on St. John (unfortunately)," Ouelette added. "Your help in letting me know what I might expect would really be appreciated."

Fees Unchanged Since 1998

The current park user fees for Trunk Bay facilities have been in place since June 1998. Current user fees at Trunk Bay are \$4 for an Individual Day Pass, an Individual Annual Pass is \$10 with the annual Family Pass priced at \$15.

There was no information available on the concession fees the NPS received from Cinnamon and Trunk Bay concessions or NPS expenditures related to those fees.

The Expanded Amenity Fee at Trunk Bay is not charged to persons under 16 years of age or holders of the America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal

Recreational Senior, Access or Military Passes. These passes also may be obtained at the Park.

Beginning in 1990 the park began installing mooring balls to better protect the marine environment. With the financial support of the Friends of Virgin Islands National Park, overnight moorings have now been installed in 13 locations throughout the park. Overnight moorings are \$15 per night and that fee has not changed since its inception in 2000. Park officials did not release any further financial information on fee collections.

"We are committed to keeping the park affordable however we also want to provide visitors with the best possible experience," VINP Superintendent Brion FitzGerald said in a VINP press release. "The money collected from these fees is used to maintain visitor facilities, including the boat moorings and to pay for park interpretive programs like the cultural history demonstrations at Annaberg."

Rehabilitated Restrooms

In 2014, fee revenues were used to rehabilitate the restrooms at the park visitor center in Cruz Bay, according to the press release.

This summer the Trunk Bay shower and restroom facilities will receive a facelift, including new fixtures, skylights, roofs and gutters, paid for by user fees. Additional revenue raised by a fee increase would help better maintain all park facilities and ensure they remain in good condition, according to the VINP release.

In 2013, more than 400,000 park visitors contributed \$64.7 million to the local economy and supported 798 jobs related to tourism, according to the press release.

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One Year After Their Son's Murder, Malfetti Family Praises Community

By TOM OAT
St. John Tradewinds

The year began with the still-unresolved January murder of James Malfetti Jr. a New Jersey internet entrepreneur with a love for paddle boarding. Malfetti, who had made St. John his home, was found dead of knife wounds on Sunday morning, January 19, 2014, after a suspected burglary of his rental apartment in what may have been a case of mistaken identity.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo File

James Malfetti Jr.

"It has been a challenging year, but we have been blessed by the love and support of family and friends," Ro Malfetti emailed *St. John Tradewinds*. "The outpouring of love has sustained us."

"We thank the many friends of our son and the beautiful people of St John and St Thomas who have tried so hard to help us," Malfetti's mother wrote. Jim (Sr.) and I are so appreciative, it is easy to see why our son loved St John so much."

"We have faith that someday justice will be served," Ro Mal-

fetti wrote.

There has been no new information on the V.I. Police Department investigation of Malfetti's murder, which may have been bungled by police even before their late start when officers responding to the report of an attempted burglary at the neighboring house two nights ear-

lier, Friday, January 17, had failed to check Malfetti's apartment.

There was never an official time of death reported for Malfetti.

Sources subsequently told *St. John Tradewinds* that Malfetti had only recently moved into the apartment in the south shore neighborhood which had been quietly vacated by the victim of a vicious street assault in Cruz Bay who was pressing charges against one of his assailants despite threats of retaliation. The former tenant was believed to be the intended target of the attack.

Police said Malfetti suffered stab wound to his neck. The private investigator hired by the Malfetti family would not comment on reports that their son's throat had been cut.

The complainant in the street assault dropped the prosecution of the only one of his attackers facing charges in the street assault within days of Malfetti's death.

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Annual Visitor?



An annual visitor to St. John, this mega-yacht dwarfed the island ferry in the foreground as it anchored off Cruz Bay inside Stevens Cay on January 16. The behemoth even carries its own sailboat on deck — in addition to all the other toys which one needs.

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VIPA Early Morning Security Guard, Embargoes Island Newspaper Delivery

By **TOM OAT**
St. John Tradewinds

The January 12 editions of island newspapers were a little late in delivery on St. John after they were embargoed by the V.I. Port Authority's early morning security guard at the Loredon L. Boynes Marine Terminal in Cruz Bay.

The bundles of *St. John Tradewinds* and *V.I. Daily News* newspapers were tossed onto to the end of the dock shortly after six a.m. as they have been for more than 40 years — albeit from the second ferry of the morning not the first — but that's as far as the newspapers made it for a while.

Terry, apparently the only "baggage handler" on duty licensed to operate the hand carts chained to the light pole at the pier, had gone either back to bed or out for coffee after the 15 or so bundles of newspapers that come every Monday had failed to materialize from the first ferry.

So the jumble of bundles sat on the end of the dock after the second ferry from Red Hook had unloaded as a search was launched for Terry and the ticket agent began selling tickets for the 7 a.m. ferry for St. Thomas.

Ever-vigilant Security Guard

The ever-vigilant security guard — who parks every morning in the five minute loading zone at the dock so she can keep an eye on her new vehicle — interrupted her cell-phone conversations to yell

across the dock to the ticket agent to not sell a ticket to anyone expecting to be allowed to take bundles off the dock through the gate just because "they" have a ticket to get on the ferry.

There was further shouted pronouncement that the ferry ticket was to get on the ferry only, not to take anything off the dock.

So the *St. John Tradewinds* circulation director, the author, then went off in search of the VIPA St. John manager to resolve the dilemma, only to find VIPA Chairman Robert O'Connor Jr. near Cruz Bay Creek, instead. (The renowned St. Johnian athlete was walking back into town from his morning constitutional in age-appropriate albeit appropriately-stylish exercise attire.)

VIPA Chairman Tries To Intercede

Once informed of the on-going embargo, O'Connor volunteered to ascertain if he could intercede with the VIPA security.

Unfortunately, after he had continued his walk over to the Loredon L. Boynes Ferry Terminal to make inquiries, O'Connor was reminded by the security guard that he was not wearing his VIPA identification badge with his exercise attire so even he couldn't get those bundles through the gate.

The guard stood her ground — albeit on O'Connor's dock — and would not be persuaded to lift her embargo. The VIPA official

apologized to St. John Tradewinds readers for not being able to be of further assistance.

Taxi Driver Saves the Day!!!

The veteran Daily News delivery person, meanwhile, hadn't hung around to argue with the guard and went off in search of Terry — reporting when she came back around 7 a.m. that she had found him near Patrick's but he didn't appear ready to come to work.

There was a moment of camaraderie between the competing scandal sheets.

In the end, the *St. John Tradewinds* hero of the week was a loyal reader, an avid reader and caravan operator who asked what the problem was when he arrived at Frank Powell Park shortly after 7 a.m. to start his day.

When briefed, he quickly sized up the situation.

"Oh, you mean one of these?" he said flashing a big grin and the laminated VIPA pass hanging around his neck as he hied towards the massive spiked gate protecting the island — and holding the newspapers hostage.

The guard slid the gate open without comment and the news embargo, as it were, was lifted.

And that's why most St. John taxi drivers — albeit, not every one — get a free *St. John Tradewinds* when I meet them on my paper route each week.

Gov. Mapp Cites Sacrifices of Coral Bay Fire Service

By **JUDI SHIMEL**
St. John Tradewinds

Governor Kenneth Mapp, at the first official press briefing of his administration, spoke out about the sacrifices being made at the Coral Bay Fire Service.

Mapp said he had heard from emergency workers at the Romeo Company Fire Station, who told him they were paying out of pocket to replenish supplies in their first aid kits.

The new chief executive called the situation unacceptable.

An anonymous source recently told *St. John*

Tradewinds the Coral Bay Fire Station responds to a higher number of emergency calls than the Robert O'Connor Sr. Fire Station in Cruz Bay. The reason for that, the source said, was the number of emergency medical calls they receive.

A large number of firefighters in Coral Bay received dual training in fire suppression and emergency first aid. The program was first promoted by then-St. John Deputy Fire Chief Julian Harley in the 1990s.

Gov. Mapp made his remarks Jan. 13 during a press briefing where he announced new nominees to serve on his cabinet.

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The beginnings of the Pastory Gardens development are engulfed in weeds.

For Sale by Bank

Former Pastory Gardens Mini-Golf Site Will Be Offered for Sale – Ideas Abound

By TOM OAT

St. John Tradewinds

PASTORY — The bank is finally willing to sell the former mini-golf property on Centerline Road in Pastory and Realtor B.J. Harris told St. John Rotary it would be smart to form a coalition of community organizations to move on purchasing the commercially-zoned property for their use — or as the site for an island vocational school.

Harris has spoken to the Animal Care Center, St. John Rescue and the St. John Community Foundation about the property, she told the weekly Rotary meeting

at Ocean Grill restaurant in Mongoose Junction on January 13.

St. John Rotary President Alicia Wells was planning to speak to education officials about the site's potential as a location for a vocational school as well, according to Harris.

"We have often talked about a vocational school at our meetings," Harris said. "This can be a wonderful thing for St. John and should bring the entire community together."

Envisioned — or dreamed up — in the go-go third-millennium real estate market on St. John, the creative mini-golf emporium was

an underutilized nighttime, family entertainment attraction for the island in its brief heyday in the first decade of the 21st century.

The cocktail hour and dinner views of the sunsets behind St. Thomas complemented the lush plantings and tinkling water fountains of the mini-golf course, but the planned development never fully-materialized.

The lush vegetation has covered much of the existing development — especially the golf course.

The property may have "gone to the dogs" but there is a chance it could be "rescued."

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GHS Students Star in Beauty and the Beast Performance

St. John Tradewinds

Giffit Hill School students wowed audiences during four performances of Beauty and the Beast last weekend on January 9 and 10. Community members, friends and family members were impressed

with the talented students who not only performed but designed and built the sets and costumes and created delicious treats for sale at the concessions stand under the guidance of Chef Andy Marcellin.

Giffit Hill School's partnership

with New England Youth Theater in Brattleboro, VT allows GHS to offer intensive theater mini-mester sessions twice each year, during which students can participate as cast, tech crew, set design crew, or costuming crew. Giffit Hill School

would like to thank NEYT for continuing to help our students find their passion and have the opportunity to express themselves and learn through performing arts. Special thanks also go out to Dana and Martha Robes for making this partnership possible. NEYT staff will return to GHS in the spring to work on a Cabaret production.

Giffit Hill School's preschool through high school program on St. John currently serves 160 stu-

dents. Giffit Hill School's partnership with New England Youth Theatre brings NEYT staff to St. John twice a year to work with students on productions such as Once Upon a Mattress, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, cabaret and improv shows, and more.

Call 340-776-1730 or send an email to theaterresident@giffithillschool.org for more information about our theater program.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo Courtesy of GHS

Giffit Hill School students wowed audiences with four performances of Beauty and the Beast.





St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tom Oat

Stan Austin, Regional Director for the South East Region of the National Park Service, talks with Caroline Rogers at the Friends of V.I. National Park's Annual Meeting.

NPS Regional Director Tells VINP Friends of Accomplishments, Plans

By TOM OAT
St. John Tradewinds

CINNAMON BAY — Stan Austin, Regional Director for the South East Region of the National Park Service, came to the Friends of V.I. National Park's Annual Meeting ready for questions about the long-expired concession contracts for Lawrence Rockefeller's Cinnamon Bay Campground and the concessions at the world-renowned Trunk Bay.

It was too little too late for several regular Cinnamon Bay guests who complained about the operation of the north shore concession by CBI as the successor to Caneel Bay Resort.

Austin was the keynote speaker at the Friends of V.I. National Park's Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 18, at T'ree Lizards Restaurant at Cinnamon Bay Campground, but his announcement of progress in opening negotiations for concession contracts didn't avert complaints from several long-time visitors to the campground about the deteriorating conditions at the resort — and the lack of security personnel.

"We are committed to the right concession," Austin told the scores of snowbirds, guests, visitors and residents who filled the outdoor pavilion to hear Friends president Joe Kessler's annual update on the

organization's burgeoning \$600,000 in sponsored programs.

NPS officials are pushing for "free and open competition," for the new concession contracts, according to VINP Superintendent Brion FitzGerald

A major breakthrough came when the VINP's Elba Richardson was "able to prove the National Park Service able to establish the park's "possessory interest" in the properties, according to Supt. FitzGerald. A "possessory interest document" is being drafted which will lead to the release of a prospectus on the concessions contract which could go out to bid by early May, he said.

There "likely would be no award until next year at least," however, added FitzGerald, who admitted his prediction last year that a contract could be ready by May 2014. A "June 2016 date" is still in effect," he said.

As VINP officials prepared for a public meeting on proposed fee increases (See related story on page 6.), the group heard what Friends of V.I. National Park has accomplished and plans for the upcoming year to protect, preserve and educate within the St. John park before the meeting was opened to questions from the audience.



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Enjoy Water Views and Cooling Breezes at Unicorn By the Sea

By JAIME ELLIOTT
St. John Tradewinds

FISH BAY — Soak up stunning water views from every single room at the tropical paradise Unicorn by the Sea.

Perched atop a hillside in Estate Fish Bay, this three bedroom, four bathroom home is for sale for \$1.595 million, explained sales agent Marty Beechler of Islandia Real Estate/Seaglass Properties.

Originally constructed in 1993, this beautifully maintained villa was fully remodeled in 2010 and features a unique and elegant open-air gourmet kitchen, two master suites as well as a private, stand-alone guest cottage.

Nestled in the desirable Estate Fish Bay neighborhood on a full 0.82-acre plot of land, Unicorn by the Sea is only a short drive from the gourmet dining, unique shop-

ping and exciting nightlife of Cruz Bay. A few minutes drive from the home, and you'll be sitting on one of the island's famed North Shore alabaster beaches.

But with a refreshing swimming pool and cooling trade winds right at home, you might find it difficult to leave your own paradise at Unicorn by the Sea.

Enjoy those ocean refreshing breezes as you lounge on the spacious upper porch or stretch out by the tantalizing swimming pool and gaze at the azure waters below. Fire up the BBQ in outdoor cooking area and pour yourself a drink at the deck pool, invite a few friends over and make it a party.

On the upper level of Unicorn by the Sea, you'll find the recently upgraded open-plan kitchen. Delightfully light-filled and airy, the kitchen boasts stainless steel ap-

pliances and granite counter tops.

Entertain without being far from your guests as the kitchen leads directly to a covered, open-air dining room which brings those jaw-dropping Caribbean views and breezes right inside.

An adjacent living area can either be opened to take advantage of those cooling tropical breezes or closed up to allow you to soak up the air conditioning.

Unicorn by the Sea's lower level features two private master suites, each with its own en suite bathroom. Both of these tastefully decorated, charming Caribbean bedrooms lead to the centrally located pool and entertainment patio. Just walk out the sliding glass doors and you'll be pool-side.

Across from the main home at Unicorn by the Sea, find a private, stand-alone guest house, perfect



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Originally constructed in 1993, this beautifully-maintained Unicorn By The Sea was fully remodeled in 2010.



for a caretaker residence or a way to offer friends the utmost in privacy. The guest house boasts a kitchenette and living area as well as a large bedroom and bathroom.

For more information on Unicorn by the Sea, call Marty Beechler at Islandia Real Estate/Seaglass Properties at (340) 776-6666 or on his cell phone at (340) 626-1399.

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Top Nashville Songwriters To Perform Hits May 15

St. John Tradewinds

Love City Country Music Festival, the first-ever country music festival on St. John, announced the lineup for a special presentation of a “Hit Makers & Rum Chasers” songwriters showcase happening Friday, May 15 at 7 p.m. at Winston Wells ball field. Presented by Caneel Bay Resort, the festival will run May 14-16.

Hit songwriters Kent Blazy, Marti Frederiksen, Kendell Marvel, Danny Myrick and special guest songwriters will entertain music fans during a Nashville-style writers round performing and telling the stories behind their biggest hits.

“Hit Maker & Rum Chasers’ has been bringing in some of country music’s hottest songwriters to St. Thomas for the past year and half and we are thrilled to have such a powerhouse lineup of writers on the bill for the inaugural Love City Music Festival,” said event promoter Jamie Gladman. “If country music fans have never seen a songwriters showcase, they are in for a real treat,” Gladman continued.

Kent Blazy and Garth Brooks penned together “If Tomorrow Never Comes,” the first No. 1 song for them both. Brooks recorded eight more of their songs on his albums with four capturing the No. 1 spot including “Somewhere Other Than the Night,” “Ain’t Goin’ Down (Til the Sun Comes Up),” “It’s Midnight Cinderella,” and “She’s Gonna Make It”. Brooks’ newest CD, “The Lost Sessions,” includes another Blazy and Brooks song, “For a Minute There,” written for their fathers. His songs were also recorded by Kenny Chesney, Terri Clark, Diamond Rio, Clay Walker, Patty Loveless and more. Blazy’s latest No. 1 hit “Gettin’ You Home (The Black Dress Song)” was recorded by Chris Young.

Marti Frederiksen sang lead vocals in several signed alternative and rock bands in the ‘80s and ‘90s. His songwriting and producer talents caught the attention of legendary A&R executive John Kalodner who introduced him to his now longtime collaborator, Aerosmith. Frederiksen co-wrote and produced the album Just Push Play giving him his first taste of worldwide songwriting success with the hit “Jaded.” This paved the way for writing with Def Leppard and Mick Jagger, then producing “Cry” by Faith Hill and working with Sheryl Crowe, Pink and Eminem. Frederiksen is an award-winning songwriter and producer crossing all genres with hits including Ozzy Osbourne’s “Dreamer,” “Sorry” by Buckcherry, “Love Remains the Same” by Gavin Rossdale, Carrie Underwood’s “Undo It” and “Mama’s Song,” and “Crawling Back to You” by Daughtry.

Kendell Marvel wrote “Twang” for superstar George Strait and landed seven songs on Jake Owen’s first two albums including the hits “Yee Haw,” “Startin’ With Me,” and “Don’t Think I Can’t Love You”. He co-wrote “Right Where I Need To Be” for Gary Allan, “That Lonesome Song,” the title cut on Jamey Johnson’s GRAMMY-nominated album and has had songs recorded by Trace Adkins, Blake Shelton, Joe Diffie, Josh Turner, Randy Houser, Lee Ann Womack, Colt Ford and more.

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Letters to St. John Tradewinds

Sprauve Gala Set for February 28

It's that time again!!! The 18th Annual Julius E. Sprauve School Benefit Gala will be held on Saturday, February 28, 2015, at Caneel Terrace, Caneel Bay Resorts. Our theme for this year is, "Educating our Children is a work of Heart". Also, be prepared to be dazzled with student performances, captivated by the many prizes that are being auctioned, surprised by the raffle ticket winners, serenaded by the wonderful live music and enchanted by the ambiance. No more sit down program! There will be featured presentations at different times throughout the evening.

This year we are continuing our target monetary goal of \$100,000. This year the gala's monies will focus on two major projects, modernizing our current library, and outfitting each classroom with iPads in the school. It is said that 'reading is fundamental' and technology is on the rise. With the modernization of our library and iPads in the classrooms, it will help to foster independent research, critical thinking and avid reading among our students. All of our goals are designed to make it better for our children. You have been very generous with us in the past and we hope that we can count on your continued support.

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Sincerely,
Desha Powel, Acting Principal and Gala Co-Chair

Next Deadline: January 22nd

Crossword Answers (Puzzle located on Page 20)

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Sneaky Senator

During 2014, Ex-Senator-At-Large Barshinger peddled Bill No. 30-0426. This bill was intended to amend Act 7075, the original renewable energy legislation passed in 2009, by limiting the size of renewable systems in the net metering program to 10kW, forbidding net metering on leased properties, and terminating net metering for all customers with systems over 10kW in 2025. As you would expect, 30-0426 was met with resistance by current and prospective net metering customers and those in the renewable energy business community.

After much discussion and with the aid of the Chamber of Commerce, a group of those opposed to Bill 30-0426 agreed to support the legislation if an amendment was made that eliminated the clause that terminated net metering for all customers with systems over 10kW in 2025. This clause (Section 1149 of the bill) is known as the "Sunset Clause" and states, "net metering program expires January 1, 2025, for a customer-generator that has a generating capacity larger than 10 kilowatts residential."

On October 24, 2014 the Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection met to vote on Bill 30-0426. At that hearing, Barshinger summarized that, "there was some contention about some of the issues that hadn't been fully vetted in segments of the community that wanted to have their voices heard...with the leadership of the Chamber of Commerce, we were able to come to a consensus on what it would take to pass [the bill]. The answer was that we wanted to... eliminate the Sunset Clause... So my colleague [sic] Senator Pane has agreed to offer the amendment ... [that] will put this bill in line with what the people seem to be asking for at this time."

Amendment No. 30-1211, which reads, "to amend Bill No. 30-0426 by striking Section 1149 in its entirety and by striking all references to section 1149 from the Bill summary" was submitted by Senator Pane. There were no objections from any of the senators to the proposed Amendment. Hugo Hodge (WAPA) and Karl Knight (Virgin Islands Energy Office) were both in attendance at this hearing. They both stated that they thought the amended bill should "move forward at this point." Bill 30-0426, as amended, was voted on as favorable and the Committee on Energy and Environ-

mental Protection forwarded the Bill to the Committee on Rules and Judiciary for further consideration.

On the December 18, 2014, Bill 30-0426 was presented to the Committee on Rules and Judiciary. The Bill was presented WITHOUT Amendment 30-1211. The Sunset Clause (Section 1149), which Senator Barshinger said would be eliminated, which Senator Pane submitted an amendment to eliminate, which the Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection voted to eliminate, WAS NOT eliminated!

In his testimony at this hearing Barshinger stated, "originally there were some in the business community who were not happy with the fact that their rights, as they called them, under net metering were going to fold...in 2025. And, we have negotiated and come to a point where we've made some changes and...we now have the support of those who formally did not support the bill." I assume that the "changes" that he was referring to is Amendment 30-1211, which, again, was NOT included in the bill.

So what happened to Amendment 30-1211? Who knows? It was never mentioned at the Rules and Judiciary hearing on 12/18. The VI Legislature Website only reports that the bill was "revised sent out" on 10/22/14.

Despite blatant protests by his constituents over the span of many months, Barshinger forced his version of Bill 30-0426 into law as Act 7705.

Does it matter? Now that this shady Senator no longer represents us, do we care? I think that this serves as an important reminder that we should never become complacent in the assumption that our representatives are actually representing OUR interests. If we have a cause we should advocate for it to the bitter end. I hope that the new legislature proves to be more trustworthy but I caution my fellow citizens to remain vigilant.

If you are interested in researching this matter yourself you can find testimony from the committee hearings on 10/24/14 and 12/18/14 on LEGIT TV [<http://new.livestream.com/accounts/5860719/events/2794991/videos/71525132>]. You can track legislation on the Legislature of the Virgin Islands website [<http://www.legvi.org/vilegsearch/>].

Maya Matthews-Sterling

Live in Moment and Have Fun

At a recent meeting, a comment was made that we had forgotten to have fun. That happens when we become bogged down with excessive work and drama.

We put aside activities like swimming, reading, seeing a movie because we have so much to do. Even taking time to rest gets shoved aside in order to fit in more activities on the schedule.

Therefore we've stopped smiling, caring and sharing with

one another. Even worse, we've stopped forgiving.

Already our year has started with so many folks saying goodbye to loved ones. What we say and do today can mean the difference in our attitude towards life. It can transform a dull existence into a beautiful and joyous experience.

The Bible says "Whatever your hands find to do, do it heartily as unto the Lord."

As children we found our island

and way of life to be fun. Growing up doesn't mean that it stops being fun. It just takes more intentional planning and sometimes spontaneity to make sure that time is given to new things.

So my fellow St. Johnians, 2015 is here, we have lots of work to do.

But along the way, lets live in the moment and have fun.

Enthusiasm?
Emmanuel Prince

First Bank Expected To Relocate To Marketplace in March



St. John Tradewinds News Photos by Tom Oat

First Bank, the landmark bank in the center of Cruz Bay, above, will be relocating to The Marketplace in March, according to members of its Cruz Bay staff.

There has been little public fanfare about the major change in store for the center of town with the relocation of the bank — and its parking and open space — after more than 20 years with Chase Bank and then First Bank as the commercial hub of the island.

The Marketplace businesses and Starfish Market will welcome the return of banking customer traffic that was lost when ScotiaBank closed its branch in October.

The shadowy outline of the signs of the former banking tenant in the ground level entrance lobby to The Marketplace adjacent to the Starfish Supermarket are gone, with plywood covering the ATM machine locations, below, Workmen were removing the final pieces of the former tenant's office furniture during the week of January 12.

"We'll be there in March," a First Bank employee said assuredly on Tuesday, January 13.



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Community Calendar

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

Monday, January 19

— The Coral Bay Community Council will host its weekly forum on Monday, January 19, at John's Folly Learning Institute at 6 p.m. This week's forum will focus on the current Army Corps of Engineers' Public Notice about Summers End Marina's 145 slip project requesting comments from the public about impacts. Project # SAJ-2004-12518 (SP-JMS). Letters/emails of comment from the public are due January 31.

Saturday, January 24

The Animal Care Center's winter gala fundraiser will be at Eden's Whim on Saturday, January 24, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Sunday, January 25

— Join Reverend Allen Wells at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Service on Sunday, January 25, at 10 a.m. at Giff Hill School's Lower Campus for the topic: Trust Intimate Knowing.

Friday, January 30

— Bethany Moravian Church will be hosting Family Movie Night on Friday, January 30, 2015 at 7pm.

This month's movie is "God's Not Dead" everyone of all denominations are welcome to join in this family friendly activity.

For more information call the church at (340) 776-6291.

Saturday, January 31

— The Bethany Bazaar and school supply drive will be on Saturday, January 31 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the church grounds.

Saturday, February 14

St. John's Barefoot Minister, Anne Marie Porter, invites all married couples to celebrate Valentine's Day by renewing their marriage vows on February 14, at 5 p.m. on Trunk Bay Beach.

Saturday, February 21

— The 8 Tuff Miles Road Race and the St. John Cancer Fund have joined forces to present the 8 Tuff Miles Festival. The festival will begin on Saturday, February 21, at 4 p.m. with "Light up the Night" an 18-hour, family-oriented, community supported overnight event.

Saturday, February 28

— The 19th Annual 8 Tuff Miles Road Race is February 28 at 7:15 a.m. followed by the awards ceremony at Mongoose Junction at 4 p.m.

— The 18th Annual Julius E. Sprauve School Benefit Gala will be on Saturday, February 28 at Caneel Terrace, Caneel Bay

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

All meetings are now open. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 6 p.m. Nazareth Lutheran Church, Cruz Bay; Thursday 7 a.m. Nazareth Lutheran Church, Cruz Bay; Sunday 9:45 a.m., Hawksnest Bay Beach; Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 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

For Al-Anon meeting location and times, please call (340) 642-3263

Another Storybook St. John Wedding



Liz and Jeff Skaife of Madison, Wisconsin, brought together 27 friends and family members from across the U.S. for their classic St. John wedding, which include a private reception Saturday, January 17, at High Tide on Cruz Bay Beach with music into the evening by Love City reggae legends Inner Visions. The couple got engaged on Denis Bay Beach on their first stay on St. John and their island friend Roan Christian, of Palestina, Coral Bay, far right, was unofficial master of ceremonies at the reception.

Sen. Liburd Thanks Those That Honor the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King

St. John Tradewinds

Let us be reminded of the late Dr. Martin Luther King's most fundamental message of love and service as we celebrate him this weekend, said Senator-at-Large Almando "Rocky" Liburd.

"Dr. King left a legacy of sharing and caring for our fellow man that has long inspired me," Sen. Liburd said. "At last week's swearing in ceremonies I spoke of our community's need to unite and, like Dr. King, I believe everyone has a role to play as it will take a collective effort for us to truly move forward. Dr. King once said, 'Life's most persistent and urgent question is —

what are you doing for others?' Let each of us ask ourselves this as, even in the midst of our own personal hardships, we can still contribute to the overall betterment of our families, neighborhoods and territory."

Liburd said that each Martin Luther King Day he is reminded of the sacrifices made by Dr. King and his words of hope and wisdom.

"His message changed our world and continues to resonate, particularly in periods of crisis - whether economic, social or political," Sen. Liburd said. "As I urge my fellow Virgin Islanders to work together, I am reminded

of Dr. King's sentiments that though we may have arrived here on different ships we are 'all in the same boat now' and that 'the time is always right to do what is right.'"

Liburd concluded by expressing his gratitude to those Virgin Islanders that have taken Dr. King's message of non-violence and community service to heart.

"Thanks to all those that go the extra mile to make our territory a better place," he said. "I continue to be encouraged by the many volunteers, caregivers, public servants and others that have devoted so much of their lives to helping others."

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Today's Cryptoquip clue: C equals T

Canfield Named '2014 Virgin Islands Sailor of the Year'

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ST. THOMAS — Impressive performances at the Congressional Cup, Etchell Worlds and Central American and Caribbean Games are just a few of the reasons why Taylor Canfield has been awarded the coveted title of '2014 Virgin Islands Sailor of the Year' for the second year in a row by the Virgin Islands Sailing Association (VISA).

We are so proud of Taylor's unprecedented accomplishments this year in the world of sailing," explains VISA president, Phillip Shannon.

Canfield, who is honored to be selected, says, "There are currently so many remarkable sailors from our small island who are putting up great results around the world. I am proud to represent the U.S. Virgin Islands just like all the others and wish my fellow Virgin Islands sailors luck as we begin what is hopefully another great year for the Virgin Islands."

The VISA award caps off a year of remarkable accomplishments by Canfield, achieved in both fleet and match racing, as skipper and crew, and aboard a variety of different boats.

In April, Canfield posted a decisive victory at the 50th Congressional Cup in Long Beach, California, where he defeated the UK's Ian Williams by two victories to one in a best of three fi-

nals. The one two finish for Canfield and Williams, respectively, mirrored their world match race rankings, a testament to the high-quality competition at this longest-running sailboat match race regatta in North America. Canfields well-oiled Catalina 37 crew consisted on Rod Dawson, Goodrick Hayden, Mike Rehe, Dan Morris and Brian Jenney.

"Since the Congressional Cup was the first match race of the 2014 season, it was a very important win for us to show everyone that US One was here to have another great year of sailing. I am very proud to be the second Virgin Islands' name on the trophy after Peter Holmberg who won the event back in 2002," says Canfield, who is the managing partner of the US One Sailing Team and, at age 25, the youngest skipper and one of only 10 sailors to earn both the Congressional Cup and Bermuda Gold Cup.

Two months later, Canfield served as tactician aboard the 2014 Etchells World Champion, Line Honors, in the New York Yacht Club-hosted one-design fleet-racing regatta in Newport, Rhode Island. He joined the all-star crew of owner Bill Hardesty, who had collected this title twice before, Marcus Eagan and Stephanie Roble to battle a 96-boat fleet in what has become one of the most competitive one design classes in the world.

Friends Ruffling Bronze Mother of Pearl and Diamond Pendant

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Friends of V.I. National Park is pleased to announce a special limited-ticket jewelry raffle of a 14k red gold heart pendant, made by KABANA and donated by R&I PATTON at Mongoose Junction on St. John, is inlaid with extra fine quality Bronze Mother of Pearl and set with 0.90ctw Diamonds.

The value for this pendant is \$3,469. It can be seen at R&I PATTON until the drawing at the Friends Gala on February 7, 2015. Only 100 tickets will be sold. Tickets can be purchased for \$50 each at the Friends of the Park Store, by phone at 340-779-4940, or at Connections in Cruz Bay.



"We trained hard leading up to the event and when it came time to perform we did. We kept all of our finishes below 20 or so and sailed a very consistent event not having to sail the last race of the regatta,"

he explains.

In August, it was the leaderboard of the Chicago Match Cup that Canfield and his team of Rod Dawson, Mike Rehe and Hayden Goodrick topped, sailing to three

wins in a best of five finals against his Congressional Cup rival, the UK's Ian Williams, aboard Tom 28s.

"The Chicago Match Cup is *Continued on Page 19*



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JANUARY
FULL MOON HIKE • Jan. 2, Fri. • 5:00pm – 8:30pm; <i>Meets:</i> Salt Pond parking lot; <i>Bring:</i> Snack, water, wear hiking shoes, flashlight or headlamp; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$25 Mem / \$35 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 20
PASTELS WITH LIVY HITCHCOCK • Jan. 11, Sun. • 10:00am – 1:00pm <i>Meets:</i> Take resort shuttle to Turtle Bay Veranda; <i>Bring:</i> Drinking water, wear old clothes; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$75 Mem / \$85 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 6
HASSEL ISLAND KAYAK & HIKE • Jan. 16, Fri. • 2:00pm – 5:00pm <i>Meets:</i> Dock in front of Hook, Line & Sinker Restaurant, Frenchtown, St. Thomas; <i>Bring:</i> Towel, sunscreen, plenty of water/snack, dry bag, hiking shoes; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$69 Mem / \$79 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 8
TROPICAL GARDEN TOUR I • Jan. 17, Sat. • 10:00am – 3:00pm; <i>Meets:</i> Friends of the Park Store, Mongoose Junction to carpool; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, water, sunscreen; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$55 Mem / \$65 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 20
HIKE WITH THE "SUPER" • Jan. 21, Wed. • 9:30am – 1:30pm <i>Meets:</i> Annaberg Ruins parking lot; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, water, hat, sunscreen; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$40 Mem / \$50 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 16
KAYAK THE MANGROVES OF HURRICANE HOLE • Jan. 25, Sun. • 10:00am – 3:00pm; <i>Meets:</i> Skinny Legs Restaurant to carpool; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, water, snorkel gear, hat, sunscreen & towel; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$65 Mem / \$75 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 11
EXPLORE THE SHORE • Jan. 29, Thurs. • 10:00am – 12:30pm <i>Meets:</i> Annaberg parking lot; <i>Bring:</i> Wear shoes to walk in water, lunch, water, towel, hat, sunscreen; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$25 Mem / \$35 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 20
ADVANCED CANEEL/MARGARET HILL NATURAL HISTORY TREK WITH DR. GARY RAY • Jan. 31, Sat. • 9:00am – noon <i>Meets:</i> Friends of the Park Store, Mongoose Junction to carpool; <i>Bring:</i> Minimum 2 liters water, binoculars & notebook; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$30 Mem / \$40 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 20
FEBRUARY
ST. THOMAS MANGROVE LAGOON, CASE CAY KAYAK, HIKE, SNORKEL • Feb. 1, Sun. • 12:45pm – 4:00pm; <i>Meets:</i> VI Ecorours, St. Thomas, Mangrove Lagoon Marina by 12:45pm. Tour leaves at 1:00pm; <i>Bring:</i> Water, snack, towel, sunscreen, hat, hiking shoes; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$59 Mem / \$69 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 30
FULL MOON HIKE • Feb. 3, Tues. • 5:00pm – 8:30pm <i>Meets:</i> Salt Pond parking lot; <i>Bring:</i> Wear hiking shoes, flashlight or headlamp; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$25 Mem / \$35 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 20
BIRDS OF THE PARK • Feb. 5, Thurs. • 9:00am – 1:00pm <i>Meets:</i> National Park Visitors Center; <i>Bring:</i> Water, snack, binoculars, notebook; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$55 Mem / \$65 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 20
EAST END KAYAK TOUR • Feb. 8, Sun. • 10:00am – 2:30pm <i>Meets:</i> Skinny Legs to carpool to Hansen Bay; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, water, swimsuit, water shoes, snorkel gear, sunscreen, hat; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$65 Mem / \$75 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 10
MEDICINAL HERBS • Feb. 11, Wed. • 12:30pm – 2:30pm <i>Meets:</i> St. John School of the Arts; <i>Bring:</i> Notebook & pen; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$35 Mem / \$45 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 25
PEPPER SAUCE MAKING AT HANSEN BAY • Feb. 15, Sun. • 11:00am – 3:00pm; <i>Meets:</i> Skinny Legs to carpool to Hansen Bay; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, water, notebook, pen, camera, swimsuit, towel, snorkel gear (optional); <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$55 Mem / \$65 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 20
ARCHAEOLOGY BY SEA • Feb. 18, Wed. • 9:45am – 3:00pm <i>Meets:</i> National Park Visitor Center dock at 9:45am; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, water, hat, sunscreen, swimsuit & towel (optional); <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$65 Mem / \$75 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 28
EXPLORE THE SHORE • Feb. 19, Thurs. • 10:00am – 12:30pm <i>Meets:</i> Annaberg parking lot; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, water, wear shoes for walking in water, towel, hat, sunscreen; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$25 Mem / \$35 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 20
COASTAL ECOLOGY • Feb. 21, Sat. • 9:00am – 3:00pm <i>Meets:</i> National Park Visitor Center, 8:45am; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, water, sunscreen, & snorkel gear; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$75 Mem / \$85 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 18
BOOBY ROCK SNORKEL/SUNSET SAIL • Feb. 22, Sun. • 1:45pm – 6:30pm <i>Meets:</i> Calabash Market, to follow Capt. Karl to Johnson Bay; <i>Bring:</i> Snorkel gear, hat, towel, sunscreen, snacks (optional); <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$65 Mem / \$75 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 6
TRADITIONAL BROOM MAKING • Feb. 25, Wed. • 12:45am – 2:45pm <i>Meets:</i> St. John School of the Arts; <i>Bring:</i> Yourself; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$45 Mem / \$55 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 10
SEA TURTLE SAIL • Feb. 26, Thurs. • 1:00pm – 5:00pm <i>Meets:</i> Charlotte Amalie waterfront, St. Thomas (across from Greenhouse Restaurant); <i>Bring:</i> Snack, water, sunscreen, hat, snorkel gear, & swimsuit; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$65 Mem / \$75 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 50
BOTANY HIKE • Feb. 27, Fri. • 9:00am – 1:00pm <i>Meets:</i> Friends of the Park Store; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, water, sunscreen, hat, & hiking shoes; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$45 Mem / \$55 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 25

MARCH
MARINE BIOLOGY SAIL • Mar. 1, Sun. • 8:45am – 3:00pm <i>Meets:</i> National Park Visitor Center dock FLAGPOLE; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, water bottle, towel, & sunscreen; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$85 Mem / \$95 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 27
FULL MOON HIKE • Mar. 5, Thurs. • 5:00pm – 8:30pm <i>Meets:</i> Salt Pond parking lot; <i>Bring:</i> Snack, water, wear hiking shoes, flashlight or headlamp; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$25 Mem / \$35 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 20
LOVANGO SUSTAINABLE LIVING & DESIGN TOUR • Mar. 7, Sat. • 9:30am – 1:30pm; <i>Meets:</i> Friends of the Park Store; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, water, sunscreen, hat, & wear bathing suit & hiking shoes; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$55 Mem / \$65 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 20
PADDLEBOARD, HIKE, & SNORKEL • Mar. 8, Sun. • 9:30am – 12:30pm <i>Meets:</i> Skinny Legs parking lot to carpool to Hansen Bay; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, water, swimsuit, water or hiking shoes, towel, hat; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$60 Mem / \$70 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 10
LAMESHUR BAY/VIERS TOUR • Mar. 9, Mon. • 10:00am – 2:00pm <i>Meets:</i> Lameshur Bay parking lot; <i>Bring:</i> Notebook & water; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$45 Mem / \$55 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 20
TRADITIONAL BROOM MAKING • Mar. 11, Wed. • 12:45pm – 2:45pm <i>Meets:</i> St. John School of the Arts • <i>Bring:</i> Yourself; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$45 Mem / \$55 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 10
CANEEL BAY KAYAK, HIKE & SNORKEL ADVENTURE • Mar. 13, Fri. • 9:00am – noon; <i>Meets:</i> National Park Visitor Center; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, snacks, water, towel, hat & sun protection; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$60 Mem / \$70 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 10
MANGROVE SNORKELING BOAT TRIP • Mar. 14, Sat. • 9:00am – 3:00pm <i>Meets:</i> National Park Visitor Center dock at 8:45am; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, water, snorkel gear, towel, sunscreen, hat; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$85 Mem / \$95 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 18
PEPPER SAUCE MAKING AT HANSEN BAY • Mar. 15, Sun. • 11:00am – 3:00pm <i>Meets:</i> Skinny Legs to carpool to Hansen Bay; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, water, notebook, pen, camera, swimsuit, towel, snorkel gear (optional); <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$55 Mem / \$65 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 20
TROPICAL LIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY • Mar. 16, Mon. • 8:00am – noon <i>Meets:</i> Friends of the Park Store; <i>Bring:</i> Camera & manual, batteries, memory cards, water & notebook; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$45 Mem / \$55 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 15
MEDICINAL HERBS • Mar. 18, Wed. • 12:30pm – 2:30pm <i>Meets:</i> St. John School of the Arts; <i>Bring:</i> Notebook & pen; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$35 Mem / \$45 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 25
ARCHAEOLOGY BY SEA BOAT TRIP • Mar. 25, Wed. • 9:45am – 3:00pm <i>Meets:</i> National Park Visitors Center dock at 9:45am; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, water, hat, sunscreen, swimsuit & towel (optional); <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$65 Mem / \$75 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 28
TAINO POTTERY • Mar. 27, Fri. • 10:00am – 1:00pm <i>Meets:</i> Pottery in Paradise, Coral Bay (behind Pickles Deli, Rt. 107, Coral Bay) <i>Bring:</i> Snack, water; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$55 Mem / \$65 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 8
TROPICAL GARDEN TOUR II • Mar. 28, Sat. • 10:00am – 3:00pm <i>Meets:</i> Friends of the Park Store, Mongoose Junction to carpool; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, water, sunscreen; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$55 Mem / \$65 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 20
MAHO/WHISTLING CAY KAYAK & SNORKEL ADVENTURE • Mar. 29, Sun. • 9:45am – 1:00pm; <i>Meets:</i> Maho Bay parking lot; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, water, wear swimsuit, towel, hat, sunscreen, camera; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$55 Mem / \$65 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 8
APRIL
HIKE WITH THE "SUPER" • Apr. 1, Wed. • 9:00am – 3:00pm <i>Meets:</i> National Park Visitor Center; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, hat, water, sunscreen; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$55 Mem / \$65 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 6
FULL MOON HIKE • Apr. 2, Thurs. • 5:00pm – 8:30pm <i>Meets:</i> Salt Pond parking lot; <i>Bring:</i> Snack, water, wear hiking shoes, flashlight or headlamp; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$25 Mem / \$35 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 20
LEINSTER BAY GUIDED SNORKEL & HIKE • Apr. 11, Sat. • 9:00am – 3:00pm <i>Meets:</i> Annaberg parking lot; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, water, sunscreen, & snorkel gear; <i>Fee:</i> \$40 Mem / \$50 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 15
LIONFISH BOAT ADVENTURE • Apr. 12, Sun. • 9:30am – 3:00pm <i>Meets:</i> National Park Visitors Center dock; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, water, sunscreen, towel, snorkel gear (optional); <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$55 Mem / \$65 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 10

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Baha'i Community of St. John

For Devotions and Study Circles, call 714-1641
7:30 p.m. Fridays; Study Circles 9 a.m. Sundays
776-6316, 776-6254

Bethany Moravian Church

Sunday School 9 a.m., Divine Worship 10 a.m.

Calvary Baptist Church

13 ABC Coral Bay, 776-6304
Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday evening 6 p.m., Thursday 7 p.m.

Christian Ministry

Cinnamon Bay Beach
Inter-Denominational, Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Sun. 9 a.m., on St. Thomas . 776-2379
Sun., 5 p.m., STJ, Lumberyard

Cruz Bay Baptist Church

Sunday 11 a.m., 6 p.m. 776-6315

Emmaus Moravian Church

Coral Bay, Divine Worship 8:30 a.m., 776-6713

Freshwater Church

Freshwater Church St. John USVI
Sunday Worship 10 am at Hawksnest Beach
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Jehovah's Witness

7:30 p.m. Tuesdays; 7 p.m.
Saturdays (Español), 10 a.m. Sundays, 340-715-053

Missionary Baptist Church

9:30 a.m. Sunday Services, 10:45 Worship,
Tuesday 7 p.m. Bible Study 693-8884

Nazareth Lutheran Church

Sunday 9 a.m., Sunday School 8 a.m. 776-6731

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church

Saturdays: 6 p.m.; Sundays: 7:30 & 9:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. in Coral Bay
at the John's Folly Learning Institute & 6 pm. in Spanish;
Mondays: 12:15 p.m.; Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays: 7 a.m.
& Fridays: 7 p.m. Call 776-6339 for more information.

Prayer House of Faith

Sunday Morning Service at 8 a.m; Bible Study at 7:30 p.m. on Mondays
Prayer services at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays; 340-690-3820

St. John Methodist Church

Sunday 10 a.m, 693-8830

Seventh Day Adventist

Saturdays, 779-4477

St. John Pentecostal Church

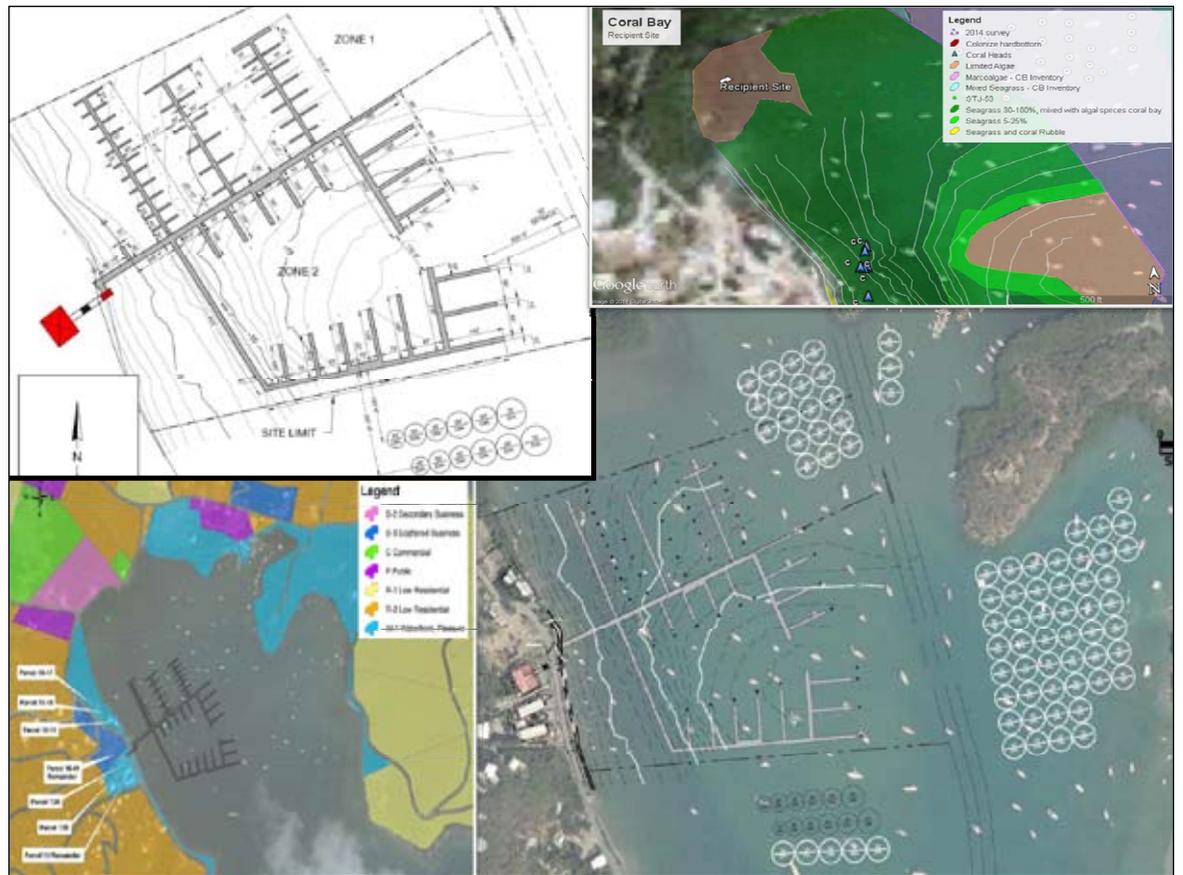
Sunday 11:05 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays Prayer 7:30 p.m.,
Thursdays Bible Study 7:30 p.m. 779-1230

St. Ursula's Episcopal Church

Sunday Church Service, 9 a.m.
Bible Class on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. 777-6306

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

9:45 a.m. Sunday, 776-6332



St. John Tradewinds News Graphic

Drawings show the extent of the proposed Coral Bay Marina.

Army Corps of Engineers Launches Public Comment Period for Coral Bay Marina

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will take place after the public comment phase has ended, Silverman added.

"In order to determine if the project is compliant with all of the federal laws, ACOE will coordinate with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife and will consult with a host of different groups who will look at those different impacts and give feedback," said the Save Coral Bay organizer. "If additional information is required and if there are impacts that are not mitigated this is really where the comprehensive environmental review takes place. At the local level I was disappointed at what little environmental review took place but we always knew that the big league look would be at the federal level."

As the ACOE process gets underway, Save Coral Bay officials continue to raise money for the campaign to stop the SEG marina. Residents can donate to the campaign at the group's Go Fund Me site at www.GoFundMe.com/coralbay.

Save Coral Bay officials also continue to wait for action on their Board of Land Use Appeals case, which was filed on November 14, 2014, questioning the legality of the CZM permit for the project.

"We haven't heard anything from BLUA yet," said Silverman.

With a recently elected V.I. Governor and newly inaugurated Senators in place, Save Coral Bay offi-

cial are reaching out to make sure these government officials are aware of their concerns about the proposed marina, Silverman added.

"We have a new government in place now and we are working to make sure the new senators are fully informed on all the issues regarding the marina and what has happened so far on this application," he said. "We have some progress in place for that."

Coral Bay Community Council is hosting a forum this Monday, January 19, at the John's Folly Learning Institute at 6 p.m. which will also focus on the SEG marina and the ACOE public comment period.

Letters can be sent to ACOE via email at Johann.M.Sasso@usace.army.mil with the project permit application number SAJ-2004-12518 (SP-JMS) in the subject line. Letters can also be mailed via U.S. Postal Service to Mr. Johann M. Sasso, Antilles Permits Section, 400 Fernández Juncos Avenue, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00901-3299.

Save Coral Bay officials are asking residents who email letters to send a copy of their letter to the group at savecoralbay@gmail.com in order to keep a tally.

The ACOE public notice for the public comment period can be viewed online at <http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/PublicNotices/tabid/6072/Tag/8455/st-john.aspx>.

For more information about Save Coral Bay, email the group or check out <http://savecoralbay.com/army-corps-comments/>

Canfield Named '2014 Virgin Islands Sailor of the Year'

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one of my favorite events. After living in Chicago for several years, I have met many great people and sailors that are all supporters of US One. With a lot of pressure to defend this win, my team did an incredible job only having lost two races in the entire event," says Canfield.

Less than a month later, Canfield and his Chicago Match Cup crew made history by championing the Dutch Match Cup, an inaugural event on the Alpari World Match Race tour, sailed in Lalystad, Holland. Once again he handed the UK's Ian Williams a second place finish by besting the first to three finals with a 2-0 score.

"Never having sailed in the boats (Max Fun 25s) or in the venue, we were pleased to come away with the Cup title. This win kept us in the hunt to defend our WMRT World Championship," he says.

Finally, in November, Canfield skippered the USVI's J/24 entry at the Central American and Caribbean Games in Veracruz, Mexico. The team, which included fellow Virgin Islands' sailors Addison Caproni, Phillip Shannon, and Max Nickbarg, picked up a Gold Medal.

"It was a relatively easy tran-



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Max Nickbarg, Addison Caproni, Taylor Canfield, Phillip Shannon at 2014 Central American and Caribbean Games.

sition into the J24 after all of us grew up together sailing the IC24 in the Virgin Islands," says Canfield of his first Gold Medal at the Games.

Canfield credits Virgin Islands' professional sailors Peter Holmberg, Anthony Kotoun and Ben Beer as well as his contemporaries, Cy Thompson and Thomas Barrows, for helping him to become the sailor and racer he is today. He also gives a strong nod to the St. Thomas Yacht Club for its active junior sailing program, as

well as to the Virgin Islands natural attributes of perfect year-round sailing conditions, in his evolution into a globally recognized world-class sailor.

In 2015, Canfield will continue match racing in an effort to maintain his number one position. He will also join the ranks of other professional sailors in Melges 20s, J70s, and Etchells, as well as tak-

ing a turn towards two hulls.

"We just took delivery of a Marstrom 32, a 32-foot carbon fiber catamaran. It is a great platform to get into multihull sailing and a rapidly growing fleet around the world. We will be sailing the winter series in Miami. It is my goal to sail in an Americas Cup," Canfield says.

Canfield started skippering Optimist dinghies at age six off the beach at the St. Thomas Yacht Club under the tutelage of his father, Bill Canfield. In high school, Canfield along with Thompson and Barrows were the trio of Club 420 skippers who led the Antilles School Sailing Team to national championships in team and fleet racing. Canfield was also twice named Club 420 National Champion. His four years sailing for Boston College were remarkable for a nearly unprecedented number of on-the-water victories. These included being named a three-time All-American, two-time fleet racing champion and one-time team racing champion, sloop champion and match racing champion. Canfield first fell in love with the sport

of match racing at age 13 when he traveled to Bermuda to sail Optimists in the Renaissance Re Junior Gold Cup, which takes place at the same time as the Bermuda Gold Cup. At age 16, he qualified for the U.S. Match Race Championship and that same year sailed the competitive Governor's Cup in California. More recently, Canfield and his US One Team won the 2013 ISAF World Match Racing Tour Championship. He also starts 2015 as No. 1 in the Open Division of the ISAF Match Race Rankings, a ranking Canfield first achieved in August 2013.

The Virgin Islands Sailing Association (VISA) is the organization that administers all sailing activities in the US Virgin Islands. We are a Member National Authority of ISAF which is the International Federation that governs sailing worldwide, the Pan American Sailing Federation and Central American and Caribbean Sailing Organization. In addition, VISA was a founding member of the Virgin Islands Olympic Committee, which administers all Olympic sports in the Virgin Islands.

Top Nashville Songwriters Perform Hits May 15

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Danny Myrick has written a number of hits including Craig Morgan's "International Harvester" and 2009s most played country song, "She's Country" by Jason Aldean. In 2011 and 2012, Myrick enjoyed radio success with Chris Cagle's "I Got My County On" and Tim McGraw's "Truck Yeah." He has also penned songs for Gloriana, Big and Rich, Montgomery Gentry and Joe Cocker, and co-wrote and co-produced The Farm's debut CD including its first single "Home Sweet Home".

Arista Nashville/Sea Gayle recording artist Jerrod Niemann will headline the three-day Love City Country Music Festival with performances from special guests Pat Green, Dallas Smith, Sunny Sweeney and more. See full lineup here.

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- 26 Diploma holder
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- 50 Daughter of Agamemnon
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- 56 Sheltered, to sailors
- 57 Suze of CNBC
- 59 Posts such as "10 Signs You're a Puzzle Addict"
- 61 — Moines
- 62 A8 carmaker
- 63 Onto land
- 66 Geared up

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- 70 — Gras
- 73 Light touch
- 74 To be, to Zola
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- 78 Straightening
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- 82 Middling grades
- 83 Actions of a trained horse
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- 89 2012 Best Director — Lee
- 90 Old Delta alternative
- 92 Sheeplike disposition
- 94 Milo of film
- 97 Alma mater of Samuel Alito
- 98 Tip over
- 99 Kicked out of
- 102 Pale yellow
- 104 "Nay" sayers
- 105 Devotees' Web page
- 109 City on the Illinois River
- 113 Fast one
- 114 "Put — on it!"
- 115 Source of the long word made from the starts of eight Across answers in this puzzle
- 118 Wyatt out West
- 119 Soccer legend
- 120 Pool slime
- 121 Kate's TV roommate
- 122 Energetic
- 123 Cold War abbr.
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- 125 River deposit

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- 37 Oscar winner Berry
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- 42 Singer's syllable
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- 88 Cut-covering cloth
- 91 Pancake alternatives
- 93 Take it on the — (flee)
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- 97 At a distance
- 99 Fertile areas in deserts
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International Masters of Gaming Law Meet



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V.I. Casino Control Commission Director Anne Golden hosted a visit by the president of the International Masters of Gaming Law association to the territory over the Martin Luther King Holiday weekend. Golden and Dr. Jorg Hofmann are organizing a conference of elite attorneys, consultants and regulators specializing in the gaming industry.

As part of their weekend's work the two officials visited tourist venues on St. John. Hofmann said the conference, scheduled for the Marriott Frenchman's Reef Resort in March, is the first time IMGL has held an event in the Caribbean.

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Reusing Greywater At Home



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I know that some large buildings filter some of their wastewater to irrigate exterior landscaping. Is there an affordable way to do this at home?

— **Bill P., Salem, OR**

Now that solar panels are so commonplace on rooftops across the country, reusing so-called greywater—that is, the waste water from sinks, showers, tubs and washing machines—for landscape irrigation may be the next frontier in the greening of the American home, especially if you live in an arid region where water use is restricted. In fact, reusing your greywater may be the only way to keep your lawn and garden healthy without taking more than your fair share of the community’s precious freshwater reserves.

“Using water from sinks, showers and washing machines to irrigate plants is a way to increase the productivity of sustainable

backyard ecosystems that produce food, clean water and shelter wildlife,” reports Greywater Action, a California-based non-profit dedicated to educating and empowering people to use water sustainably. According to the group, a typical U.S. single family home can reduce water use by as much as 30 percent by installing some kind of greywater reclamation system while simultaneously reducing pollution into nearby water bodies by filtering out contaminants locally. Capturing and reusing greywater can also be part of the battle against climate change, given that you’ll be helping grow plants that sequester atmospheric carbon dioxide while reducing demand on a regional wastewater treatment facility that’s likely powered by fossil fuels.

The simplest way to get into home greywater reuse is to install a “laundry-to-landscape” system that sends washing machine wastewater outside via a diversion tank and hose that can be moved around to irrigate



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Using “greywater” from sinks, showers and washing machines to irrigate outdoor gardens is a great way to increase the productivity of backyard ecosystems while reducing household water use by as much as 30 percent.

specific sections of the yard. Equipment costs for such a set-up max out at \$200, but labor and expertise may tack on another few hundred dollars. Handy homeowners can do much of the work in setting up such systems themselves, though those without much home repair or plumbing experience might at least consult a professional. Greywater Action suggests one way to reduce costs is by digging trenches for diversion pipes and mulch basins yourself -- or enlist

friends who want to support the effort and learn about residential greywater reuse in the process.

A more comprehensive system can draw wastewater from sinks, showers and tubs, too—and then filter and distribute it to backyard landscaping via a drip irrigation network. Getting such a system professionally installed can run upwards of \$5,000.

Either way, once the greywater diversion system is in place, you’ll need to be careful about what goes down the drain, given how it might affect the plants and soils right outside. “In any greywater system, it is essential to put nothing toxic down the drain — no bleach, no dye, no bath salts, no cleanser, no shampoo with unpronounceable ingredients, and no products containing boron, which is toxic to plants,” adds Greywater Action.

For more information on installing a greywater reuse system yourself, check out the resources section of Greywater Action’s website, where you’ll find diagrams, written instructions and even videos to make the job go smoother. Those more inclined to hire a professional can browse through listings of qualified installers across the country. And if you want to see how it’s done first-hand, sign up to attend one of Greywater Action’s one-day workshops on how to install a greywater catchment and diversion system in a residential setting.

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Choice Wireless VI Open Tennis Tournament Set for February 12-16

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ST. THOMAS — Nearly 100 tennis players from the Virgin Islands, Caribbean and several U.S. Mainland states are expected to compete in the Choice Wireless VI Open Tennis Tournament, set for February 12 to 16, and hosted by the St. Thomas Yacht Club (STYC).

“We have added two new classes this year – Women’s Open Singles and Mixed Open Doubles. This offers tennis players more ways to enter and win and more exciting tennis action for spectators to watch,” says tournament director, William Newbold.

Players can compete in a total of 12 divisions in this USTA-sanctioned tournament, including Open Divisions for both men and women NTRP ranking 5.0 and above in singles, doubles and mixed doubles. In the B Division, there are two divisions for men’s and women’s singles (NTRP rating 4.5 and 3.5 and under); men’s, women’s and mixed doubles (NTRP rating 8.0 combined and under); and men’s doubles (60-plus years of age). Play will be best of three sets for all divisions. Draw will be closed

at 16 so sign up soon.

Winners in the Open Division receive a \$1500 cash prize and the runner-up pockets \$750. Winners in the “B” Division will get \$600 (\$75 for men’s and women’s 3.5 rating and under). Total prize money amounts to over \$13,000. The entry fee of \$45 per person for one event or \$60 per person for two events includes an event T-shirt, souvenirs and a welcome buffet dinner at St. Thomas Yacht Club on February 15.

The deadline to register is January 30 at 5 p.m. Registration forms can be downloaded at www.styc.net Alternatively, register online through the U.S. Tennis Association (USTA) (tennislink.usta.com), tournament #050001615

Matches will take place on courts at the STYC, the host location for Semi-Finals and Finals play, as well as at the Anchorage Condominiums. Both of these courts will be resurfaced prior to the tournament. Matches will be officiated by USTA and International Tennis Federation head referee, Hector Figueroa, from Puerto Rico.

The public is invited to come out and watch the action.

“This 2015 Choice Wireless VI Open Tennis Tournament is about rewards. Every player taking part in this competition has trained relentlessly to be on top of their game. Regardless of a win, we recognize their dedication to fitness, their drive to excel and determination in reaching for their goals. Choice Wireless is pleased to be the title sponsor of this first class display of sportsmanship and accomplishment,” says Tony Shepherd, CEO and General Manager of Choice Wireless.

Title sponsor Choice Wireless would like to reward athletes, coaches and families with low cost high performance cell phone service while visiting the U.S. Virgin Islands. Share photos and video, Tweet, Google, talk and text with Smartphone rentals for only \$5 a day with unlimited data and no roaming fees.

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