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St. John Festival 2016 *History and Sights Unseen for Festival 2016*



St. John Tradewinds News photos by Yelena Rogers

From glittering royalty to towering moko jumbies and feathered troupes, the St. John Festival 2016 parade was a sight to see. Crowds packed the streets of Cruz Bay as St. John Festival Queen, Festival Princess, twirlers, moko jumbies, and costumed troupes from St. Thomas and Love City celebrated the culmination of "History and Sights Unseen for Festival 2016" on Monday, July 4. See more parade photos by Yelena Rogers on Pages 2, 3, 12, 13 & 24.

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Smiling faces and men and women in elaborate costumes dripping with beads and feathers filled the streets of Cruz Bay July 4.

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Property Tax Bills for 2016 Have Been Issued

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Lieutenant Governor Osbert Potter last week announced to the public that 2016 Property Tax bills have been issued to all property owners on record as of January 1, 2016.

The 2016 bills will become due on August 1, 2016 and will become delinquent if not paid by September 30, 2016. Some property owners whose informal appeals have been considered, may see new assessments on their 2016 bills. The Office of the Tax Assessor will continue its efforts to review all other appeals and will make adjustments where necessary.

Property tax bills may be paid online at the Office of the Lieutenant Governor's website at <https://propertytax.vi.gov>. However, payment plans must still be made through the Office of the Tax Collector.

Consistent with past billings, the 2016 bill will also include information on unpaid tax years. Property owners who have not paid their prior tax year bills are encouraged to contact the Office of the Tax Collector to make arrangements for payment.

Payments can be made on St. John at the Islandia Building at 18-23 Enighed. Questions regarding property tax delinquencies should be addressed to the Tax Collector's office at (340) 776-6737 on St. John.

St. John Rescue 4th Annual Rib Cook Off is Nov. 12 in Coral Bay

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Come out and enjoy the best ribs on the island while supporting volunteer emergency responders at St. John Rescue's 4th Annual Rib Cook Off November 12 at 3 p.m. at the Coral Bay ball field.

All proceeds from the event will go directly to St. John Rescue to aid in the purchase of medical and training supplies, vehicle maintenance, operating expenses related to the headquarters building and oxygen generator, and training for members.

The contest is open to the public and is limited to 15 participants. Registration costs \$125 which includes 100 pounds of ribs. The event will feature live music and as well as a raffle and silent auction. For more information email stjohnrescue@gmail.com.

See you there!

Happy Summer from St. John Tradewinds

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July 21st**

DOH Reports Three New Zika Cases in Territory

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The U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Health reported three new cases of Zika in the territory, bringing the total number of confirmed positive cases to 32.

There are now 15 Zika cases on St. Thomas and 17 on St. Croix. Last week, based on available laboratory test results, one Zika virus case was reported on St. John. However, final Centers for Disease Control and Prevention laboratory test results indicate this was not a case of Zika.

According to CDC, a positive Zika test result indicates that a person was likely infected recently with the Zika virus. However, the test can give an incorrect positive. These false-positive results can occur when someone has been infected with another closely related virus (such as dengue virus).

When positive or inconclusive results occur, additional testing (plaque reduction neutralization test) to confirm the presence of antibodies to Zika virus will be performed by CDC or a CDC-authorized laboratory.

Currently, one pregnant woman has been confirmed positive; a total of 734 pregnant women in the USVI have been tested for Zika. There are no new cases of dengue.

In response to the Zika outbreak, the DOH has increased its Zika prevention efforts through community health education presentations, clinician and public health practitioner seminars, public service announcements, and web and social media placements.

Since activating its Emergency Operation Center in February, the DOH has conducted a total of 215 presentations throughout the territory, 18 on St. John, 70 on St. Thomas, 127 on St. Croix.

The DOH is also working closely with CDC to strengthen efforts to track the outbreak, enhance laboratory services for faster testing results, increase awareness about Zika prevention and ultimately curb the spread of the virus.

The Department of Health continues to provide the following FREE services to pregnant women:

- Free Zika testing at 12 locations throughout the territory;
- Free Inspections to look for mosquito larvae and mosquito breeding grounds at/around her house;
- Free Larvicide treatment if mosquito larvae are found at/around her house;
- Free Zika Prevention Kit, includes educational materials, insect repellent, permethrin spray repellent, condoms to avoid sexual transmission of Zika, treatment tabs for preventing mosquitoes from breeding in standing water, and a bed net.

The DOH has also been offering free Zika testing to anyone exhibiting common symptoms of Zika infection; fever, rash, joint pain, and conjunctivitis (red eyes).

Zika is spread primarily through the bite of an infected Aedes species (Aedes aegypti and Aedes albopictus) mosquito and can also be transmitted sexually. The most common symptoms are fever, rash, joint pain, and conjunctivitis (red eyes). Other common symptoms include muscle pain and headache.

Many people might not realize that they have been infected with the virus, as symptoms can be mild, lasting for several days to a week after being bitten by an infected mosquito. Others may be infected and have no symptoms.

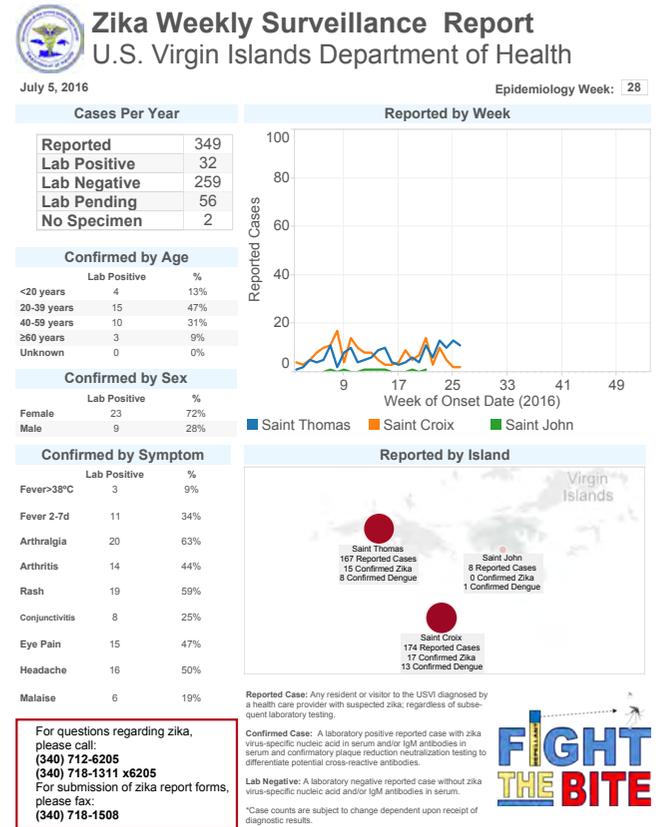
The effects of the Zika virus are much more severe for pregnant women. If infected with Zika, pregnant women can pass the virus onto their unborn child during pregnancy or during delivery. Zika has the potential to cause a serious birth defect called microcephaly — a condition where a baby's head is much smaller than expected because the brain has not fully developed during pregnancy or has stopped growing after birth.

In addition to microcephaly, fetuses and infants infected with the Zika virus before or during birth can also have other illnesses such as eye defects, hearing loss, and impaired growth. To better understand the impact of Zika on mothers and their children, researchers in the United States and around the world are collecting and analyzing data.

Representatives from the DOH stress that there are simple steps everyone can take to protect themselves and their families from Zika and other mosquito-borne viruses by following the 4 Ds of prevention:

- Dress** – wear protective clothing, long sleeves, long pants and light colors;
- Drain** – get rid of water containers in and around your home that can serve as breeding places for mosquitoes;
- Defend** – use repellent on exposed skin and treat clothes with one of several EPA-approved repellents and;
- Discuss** – spread the word about the simple things you can do to make a difference.

For local information or to receive any of the Department of Health's free services, call the Emergency Operations Center at (340) 712-6205, visit www.healthvi.org and our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/virginislandsDOH. For more general information about the Zika virus, please call toll free: 1-800-CDC-INFO.



Sick with chikungunya, dengue, or Zika?

Protect yourself and others from mosquito bites the first week you are sick. If a mosquito bites you, it can get infected, bite other people, and make them sick.

Protect yourself from mosquito bites

- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants.
- Use door and window screens to keep mosquitoes outside.
- Use insect repellent.

See your doctor if you develop a fever with:

- Muscle or joint pain
- Headache or pain behind eyes
- Rash
- Red eyes

For more information: www.cdc.gov/chikungunya, www.cdc.gov/dengue, www.cdc.gov/zika

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
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UVI Offering Project Management Training this Month

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Virtually every organization has to manage projects, but the key is to manage a project efficiently, on schedule and on budget.

To help local businesses and organizations successfully manage their projects, the UVICELL Center will be hosting the Fundamentals of Project Management course. The three-day, introductory course will be 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 27, through Friday, July 29. The session will be at the UVICELL Center on the St. Thomas Campus.

The course will provide valuable insight on the basic elements of planning and executing a project and will cover standard industry practices using the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK®) Guide. The course is open to individuals who are new to project management, those who manage projects as a secondary part of their jobs, managers who are ultimately responsible for the projects and experienced project managers who may want to update their skills. Participants will be provided with an introduction to project management, learn how to structure a project, examine project processes, gain an understanding of project management knowledge areas, conduct effective project meetings, identify characteristics of effective project teams and barriers. Space in the course is limited and individuals must register to participate. For fees or more information on the program, call the UVICELL Center at (340) 693-1100 or visit <http://cell.uvi.edu>.

School Supplies Still Needed for Rural Malawi Students



St. John Tradewinds News Photo courtesy of Emese Nemeth.

Giff Hill School graduate Emese Nemeth, above left at far right back row with her students, is asking for donations for her science class in Malawi, Africa, above.

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Giff Hill School alumna Emese Nemeth is currently a Peace Corps volunteer serving in Malawi, Africa.

Nemeth is serving as a science teacher and currently teaches biology, physical science and chemistry in a rural village. She is calling on the St. John community for support.

Malawi is one of the poorest countries in the world. Over half the population lives in poverty and there are numerous challenges facing development, such as HIV/AIDS, food insecurity and lack of infrastructure and resources. Malawi is currently facing serious hardships after the El Niño year which did not bring enough rain for the annual harvest.

Many students in Nemeth's village bike or walk long distances to school or self-board within the village. These students often have to make decisions whether to buy food or school supplies.

This is where the St. John community can make a difference — by supporting students in Nemeth's classroom by donating school supplies. A friend of Nemeth's will be visiting her in July and is willing to bring these needed school supplies to the students.

Items needed are: pens; pencils; erasers; notebooks (all sizes); scientific calculators (can be bought at drug stores); workbooks for literacy and practicing math skills; geometry kits (rulers, protractors, etc); and flash-cards.

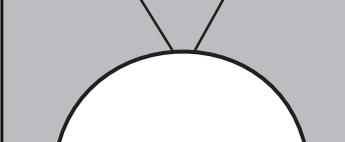
These school supplies can be dropped at Connections East before July 15. Once the supplies have reached Nemeth's rural Malawi village, pictures will be posted on the *St. John Tradewinds'* Facebook page.

As they say in Malawi, *tadokoza zikomo kwambiri* (we are thankful and thank you very much).

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This summer, students attending the Eco-Camp at the VI Environmental Resource Station will be initiated into the mysteries of the bat world by Danielle Fibikar, a researcher from the College of Staten Island in New York City.

Although bats are the only mammals that are native to St. John, most people don't really know much about the intriguing work they do.

For example, bees get most of the credit for helping immobile plants engage in sexual reproduction. During the day we can see bees busily going from one flower to another. They drink the sweet nectar and at the same time carry pollen on their hairy legs from male stamens to female pistils.

But many flowers on St. John only open at night. This is because they have evolved to attract bats instead of bees — especially Jamaican fruit bats and Antillean cave bats. Unlike bees, the bats accomplish their match-making missions under the cover of darkness.

Night-blooming flowers attract bats by offering them nectar that smells deliciously like fermented fruit. These flowers also have to be large enough for bats to squeeze into and pick up pollen while lapping up the tasty nectar. Just like the bees, bats carry pollen on their bodies and deliver the precious powder from flower to flower.

However, they can cover longer distances on their night missions and make contact with female flowers far away. This provides widely scattered trees with greater access to genetic diversity and helps them enjoy enhanced reproductive success.

In the Virgin Islands, mangoes, bananas, guavas, cashews, calabash, century

Connecting with Nature

by Gail Karlsson

The Secret Service of Bats

plants and kapok trees all depend on bats for pollination.

Fruit-eating bats also help the trees and plants expand their territory by dropping their seeds in different parts of the island. Besides the Jamaican fruit bats and Antillean cave bats, there are also more specialized red fig-eating bats. These are quite elusive, but one night Danielle observed five of them near the Reef Bay petroglyphs, apparently lured by a fruiting fig tree.

Other bats — including the velvety free-tailed bat — prefer to hunt down insects, especially the mosquitoes that come out at dusk. Like a miniature air force they protect us from bugs that bite. According to a study by the Island Resources Foundation, a single bat can consume as many as 500 insects in just one hour or nearly 3,000 insects every night. www.irf.org/documents/VI_Bat_C%20&_M_Plan_December%2009.pdf.

Unfortunately, they aren't a big help in getting rid of the *Aedes* mosquitoes that carry the Zika virus (as well as dengue and chikungunya), because those mosquitoes are mostly active during the day.

Danielle's favorites are the greater bulldog bats (*Noctilio leporinus*), which zoom along the Lameshur Bay road just after dark, using it as a corridor from their daytime roost (a hollow tree or cave) to their offshore fishing areas. With a wingspan of up to almost two feet, these are the biggest bats found on St. John. Like James Bond, the famous fictional member of the British secret service, the males attract not one but a whole harem of available females, exuding a musky perfume that enhances their sexual allure.

Danielle has been studying St. John bats for several years as a graduate student

under the guidance of Dr. Richard Veit from the College of Staten Island. She first came to VIERS for a short college course on Tropical Ecology, and fell in love with the bats.

She has just received her Master's Degree in Biology, and has written a thesis on the Ecology and Epidemiology of Bats in Temperate and Tropical Islands, which presents some of her work at VIERS on documenting bat population numbers during different seasons.

With the assistance of her colleague Pearl Cates, Danielle will conduct additional research at VIERS this summer — while also teaching campers about bats and sharing her enthusiasm for them. Recognizing that not everyone loves bats (yet), she hopes to counter some of the spooky ideas about them by emphasizing their intelligence and ecological services, as well as their musky magnetism.

Her main research activity involves setting up lightweight "mist" nets across the Lameshur road to trap bats as they swoop by. One night in January 2015, Danielle caught members of all five of the types of bats commonly found on St. John.

When she gets one in the net, she disentangles it (wearing thick yellow gloves) and weighs and photographs it. Then she puts a small band on it — unless it already has one. She has recaptured a number of previously banded bats, which indicates that there is a relatively small community of bats near VIERS, and that they tend to stay in the neighborhood.

The VIERS Eco-Camp is supported by the Friends of the National Park and other generous sponsors. It offers an opportunity for more than 100 local students to learn about the wildlife of the Virgin Islands (not just bats), as well as training for some not-so-secret eco-protection missions of their own.

Photos by Gail Karlsson.

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A greater bulldog fishing bat, below left, is held by Danielle Fibikar. Danielle can be seen measuring a bat's wings, below. The scientist from The College of Staten Island is shown above weighing a bat in a bag.





ISLAND GREEN LIVING

by Lovango Cay resident Dan Boyd

Electric Boat Engines

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Did you know there is a marine engine that is 100 percent electric?

It not only powers your vessel but will also generate power to recharge your batteries while you sail.

Oceanvolt is a Finnish company that started in 2004. Since then, they have won many awards for their silent, simple, and reliable systems. These engines do not burn any fuel and produce no carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions.

Oceanvolt has systems for many sizes of boats, and it has been installing its sail drive system into the newer J-88s (29-foot sailboats) with great success. With a full charge, this engine will average 5 knots of speed for almost 20 miles without a recharge. If you add a solar array, that distance can improve.

Oceanvolt's system uses a lithium ion battery, so you don't have to worry about hydrogen gas as you would from a lead-acid battery.

When using the regeneration mode, your boat will only slow down about 0.1 knots while you are making 7 knots headway

How much power can you regenerate? At 7 knots, you will be making about 500 watts of power; at 9 knots, 1,200 watts; at 12 knots, 1,500 watts; and at 17 knots, you will make 4,000 watts of power! Hooking up solar panels to your batteries will allow you to recharge even quicker.

Another great aspect of these Oceanvolt motors is that they are almost maintenance free. The cooling oil inside the motor needs to be monitored, but that's it.

These engines are great for sailboats. Imagine sailing along, and everything is so nice and quiet. Say you need your motor for a few miles — these electric engines keep it nice and quiet.

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VI-SBDC Gets Accreditation

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America's Small Business Development Center Network re-accredited the Virgin Islands Small Business Development Center, (VI-SBDC) this spring, thereby affirming the center's viability in assisting new and existing entrepreneurs in the territory.

"We're proud of it," said Dr. John Osoinach, state director of the VI-SBDC. "It is important that somebody is watching to see that our program is offering top-notch services. Accreditation confirms that we're doing what we should be doing."

The VI-SBDC offers free counseling to small business owners as well as free or low cost training in a variety of business-related areas, such as writing business plans, marketing, regulatory compliance and accessing capital. Osoinach said that on a yearly basis, several hundred counseling clients receive guidance on a wide range of topics including business expansion, human resources policies, and assistance with loan packaging.

Additionally, about 1,000 existing and potential small business operators take advantage of training and information sessions at VI-SBDC.

The national SBDC program began in the 1970s in partnership with the Small Business Administration (SBA), and has grown to a network of more than 1,000 programs throughout the 50 states and territories. Many centers are affiliated with local institutions of higher learning. The VI-SBDC was opened in the mid-1980s and operates at the University of the Virgin Islands.

Accreditation of an SBDC is a stringent, peer-evaluation and is mandatory for a center's federal funding eligibility. Typically, the process takes place every five years. The VI-SBDC briefly lost its accreditation in 2015. When Osoinach came on board last year the re-accreditation process began. He praised the center's staff for their efforts.

"It was yeoman's work," he said. "We started in September with a 50 page self-study."

In December, two SBDC state directors – Mark Delisle, from Maine and Jody Keenan, from Virginia – visited the territory and spent a week looking at the program.

The intent of both SBDC and the SBA is to strengthen the economy and promote job creation by developing small businesses. The program assists start-up and existing business ventures.

For more information about VI-SBDC, visit www.sbdcvi.org or call (340) 776-3206 on St. Thomas or (340) 692-5270 on St. Croix.

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St. John Legislative Chamber Dedicated to Sen. Cleone Creque-Maynard

By Judi Shimel
St. John Tradewinds

The Legislative chamber that set the scene for public meetings on St. John was dedicated Friday in the name of former Senator Cleone Creque-Maynard.

A sign was unveiled before members of the 31st Legislature, family and friends a sign Friday morning proclaiming the Cleone Henrietta Maynard Legislative Conference Room.

Maynard personally thanked those seated in the chamber who came to offer congratulations.

First elected in 1977, Creque-Maynard served in the 12th, 13th, 15th, and 16th Legislatures. The honoree credited her decades of public service career to the support she received from the political party of her choice.

"Today is not my day," said Creque-Maynard. "Today is the day I want you to remember the legacy of the Democratic Party."

More than 40 years after her service in elected office, Creque-Maynard is still affiliated with party members through the Tuesday Morning Democratic Club.

Senate Vice President Janette Millin-Young led the dedication ceremony in Cruz Bay. She counted Creque-Maynard among notable female lawmakers including Lucinda

Millin, Lorraine L. Berry, Ruby Rouse and Alicia Hansen.

"Women have long stood shoulder to shoulder with the men in fighting for political and societal changes," Millin-Young said.

The St. John Legislative Annex was first opened in February 2012. Before that lawmakers did business and held hearings in a former dance hall behind the Julius E. Sprauve School known as the Hilltop Club. Prior to that, Senate hearings, small claims court, traffic court hearings and town meetings took place on the second floor of the Boulon Center, often with overflowing crowds.

Master of Ceremony Iver Stridiron said the naming of the St. John conference room adds Creque-Maynard's name to those of former Senators Earle B. Ottley and Fritz Lawaetz, similarly honored on St. Thomas and St. Croix.

Known as a fearless leader, Creque-Maynard began taking on the system in the 1970s. She sponsored several pieces of legislation, including one that led to the creation of the St. John medical facility known today as the Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center. She passed a bill establishing the St. John Capital Improvement Fund and sponsored the creation of a franchise allowing ferries to operate between St. Thomas and St. John.

Bill No. 31-018, calling for the renaming of the St. John

Legislative Conference Room, was sponsored by Millin-Young.

Millin-Young and Senators Almando Liburd, Tregenza Roach, Clifford Graham, Marvin Blyden, Justin Harrigan and Jean Forde joined the dedication ceremony Friday.

Former Senators Robert O'Connor, Gilbert Sprauve, Adelbert Bryan, Ruby Simmonds, Patrick Simeon Sprauve, Shawn Michael-Malone and James O'Bryan also appeared in support of Creque-Maynard.

O'Connor, a businessman and former Senator-at-Large who was instrumental in the construction of the St. John Legislative Building, said he was pleased that although there were political rivalries among his Legislative colleagues, they always remained on good terms with one another.

"It is fitting for some place like this to bear her name," O'Connor said.

St. John Administrator Camile Paris Jr. sent a representative to convey well wishes, as did Delegate to Congress Stacey Plaskett.

Both Governor Kenneth Mapp and Lt. Gov. Osbert Potter were out of the territory at the time of the dedication ceremony.

Thirty Students Graduate from EBI Summer Program



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On Friday, July 8, The Entrepreneur Business Institute Summer Program's Closing Ceremony took place at the UVI ACC142 in the Administration and Conference Center.

A total of 30 students thoughtfully selected from all public and private high schools throughout the Territory officially completed the three-week Entrepreneur Business Institute Program, where they had the opportunity to experience an intensive curriculum focused on business innovation and entrepreneurship, formulated business plans, attended business-related field trips and received mentorship from key UVI professors, as well as many successful entrepreneurs.

In addition the business offerings, the students also participated in an annual Community Service Day, where they served as expert tour guides, mentor and buddies to children from Camp Shriver, participated in an etiquette training luncheon and visited several local businesses and agencies during their program.

Sponsored by International Capital and Management Company in partnership with the University of the Virgin Islands' School of Business, the 30 excited students received their awards and certificates in the company of family and friends as they showcased their accomplishments achieved throughout the course of the program.

Emancipation Day 2016 Gets Respect on St. John



By Judi Shimel
St. John Tradewinds

Organizers of the St. John Fourth of July Festival have long stressed that their celebration centers on a double holiday. In spite of pronouncements about VI Emancipation Day, however, it's usually the U.S. Independence Day which draws the most attention.

Things took a different turn this year when Dr. Gilbert Sprauve, Rosa Samuel and members of the St. John Drama Club staged an original play called "Set the Record Straight" in the road in front of Franklin Powell Park on July 3. Dramatic readings, monologues and musical presentations captured the attention of spectators and passers-by alike.

Sprauve, a retired professor from the University of the Virgin Islands, said the intent was to focus on a pivotal event in the history of the Danish West Indies. It was on July 3, 1848, that Governor Peter Von Scholten declared that all unfree people would henceforth be free.

For more than 30 years, with the help of the late UVI Professor Gene Emmanuel and members of the Pan African Support Group, Sprauve has organized the annual Fortsberg History Tour to commemorate the uprising of November 23, 1733. He has also addressed students celebrating Black History Month at Annaberg Plantation.

His mission this year, he said, was to raise awareness about the lives of those who struggled for freedom in the days when plantations relied on slave labor to prosper. More than two dozen community members formed a drama club and practiced for weeks to bring that vision to life.

The message Dr. Sprauve conveyed in "Set the Record Straight" had a contemporary tone. The point, he said, was that emancipation in the Virgin Islands was achieved non-violently, through persuasion and in the face of antagonists who were telling the Danish

R. City on Love City

St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Judi Shimel

Music duo sensation R. City, from St. Thomas, got the crowd going at Village during St. John Festival. The brothers performed before a packed house at Varlackville on July 1.



St. John Tradewinds News Photos by Judi Shimel

Craig Barshinger and Debbie Charles, above, perform during "Set the Record Straight." Delroy "Ital" Anthony and the Echo People, at left, perform during the Emancipation event in Cruz Bay.

governor to send a militia to "put grapeshot in their backsides" of protesters marching to Basin Triangle on St. Croix.

"This ain't just about jumping up and parade and fire works," said Sprauve. "This is about Emancipation Day, July 3, 1848. That is why we're here today."

Performers included former Sprauve School Principal Yvonne Wells, singers Cindy Jurgens and Gilchest Sprauve, musicians Emmanuel Boyd and Eddie Bruce, Food Fair Honoree Delroy Anthony and members of the drumming group, the Echo People and former Senator-at-Large Craig Barshinger.

Barshinger, with the help of drama club actress Debbie Charles, performed a vignette as Von Scholten and his mixed-race mistress Anna Heegaard. Historians say it was Heegaard who ultimately influenced Von Scholten to sign the Emancipation Proclamation.

Some historians also shifted Anna's status for the record from mistress to advisor.

But there were others, as depicted in the play. Pastor Issac, playing emancipation advocate John Gottlieb and Bruce, playing Gottlieb's associate, Martin King, dialogued about the march to Basin Triangle as demands for freedom grew.

All of the sentiments shared through the play were celebrated with music from the Flambo Combo band from the Bertha C. Boschulte Middle School. Accomplished music students played selections from Stanley and the Ten Sleepless Knights' *quelbay* album, *Reflections of Emancipation*.

The album was produced in 1998 to commemorate Emancipation's 150th anniversary.

Spectators taking in the July 3 event were also treated to performances by two troupes of Bamboula Dancers and an interpretative dance by Marcella Grace.

Ah We Band capped off the afternoon with some lively soca sounds.

Commuters, Purveyors and VIPA Workers Endure Tough Week of Long Barge Lines

By Judi Shimel
St. John Tradewinds

Long lines of cars and trucks and long waits for fewer barges did a lot to slow the pace of travel of people and goods between St. Thomas and St. John at Festival time.

Delays of at least two to four hours each way and sometimes up to six or seven hours were caused by safety problems cited during U.S. Coast Guard inspections. Another vessel that serves motorists crossing Pillsbury Sound was taken to dry dock, a required step on the way to the annual certification, leaving only one barge running.

Residents, commercial vehicles and tourists all endured long waits. Dock officials coaxed cars into queues, aided by Port Authority police. Then they all waited and waited.

At the height of the bottleneck, by July 6 postings on Facebook/St. John Tradewinds said it took until 1:30 a.m. to finish moving vehicles from Red Hook, St. Thomas. That's six hours past the normal time for the last run.

A spokesman for the Coast Guard, Sector San Juan said it was not up to them to send one of the barges – the *General II* – to dry dock. Instead, said USCG spokesman Ricardo Castrodad, it was the responsibility of barge owners at Global Marine, Inc. to do so as part of their preparation for annual certification.

Attempts to reach operators at Global Marine for comment were not successful.

Transportation delays became apparent around June 30 when the *General II* went to dry dock. At the same time the *Cap't Vic* — owned by Love City Car Ferries — was undergoing inspection.

"*Cap't Vic* had an inspection last Thursday," said Castrodad. "It was a scheduled inspection and they had a series of deficiencies that needed to be addressed. Our role is, whatever vessel is out there delivering the service they can must deliver the service safely."

Love City Car Ferries owner Lew Sewer said he could see the Coast Guard's point of view.

"The Coast Guard is just doing their job," said Sewer. "They're all about safety."

Love City Car Ferries officials brought in a specialized marine mechanic from Puerto Rico to work on the problems. They also brought up a second barge, the *Island Vic*.

Because inspectors determined the welds on portions of the barge ramp were weak, only cars, not trucks were allowed on the *Cap't Vic*. *Island Vic* took delivery trucks, trash and gasoline trucks.

But by the time the extension expired all problems except one were solved.

The car barge was sidelined again.

St. John residents and visitors spent more than three hours waiting to travel with *Island Vic* on Tuesday. By that time it was the only game in town.

Motorists posting on Facebook the next day cited V.I. Port Authority officials at the barge dock, saying the last trip came into Enighed port well past midnight Wednesday.

Others reported four hour waits to board *Island Vic* by Wednesday at noon.

Eric Smith, a visitor from Texas, waited two hours Thursday to set out for Cyril King Airport. For him and his family and about 30 other vehicles waiting on St. John, things had improved.

The bilge pump on *Cap't Vic* was repaired overnight and an early morning inspection by the Coast Guard won official favor.

Smith and family were on their way by Thursday, at 9 am.

"I haven't had it too bad today, as long as I get on, I'll be okay," he said.



The Texas visitor wondered why the government did not step in to alleviate the problem. Senator-At-Large Almando Liburd and Castrodad agreed.

"I don't know what we can do because the barge is a private entity," Liburd said.

But knowing there was a problem lasting almost a week, the lawmaker said he checked in with St. John Administrator Camile Paris and Port Authority Executive Director Carlton Dowe.

By Wednesday, Liburd said he would engage Sen. Justin Harrigan, head of the 31st Legislature Committee on Government Operations in hopes of exploring the matter further in a public hearing.

The owner of the barge service that was left standing said the long days and nights of work were not that bad. In spite of it all, Sewer said supermarkets, hotels and restaurants got food and gas stations never ran out of gas.

"We're doing our same run, we're just doing an extra run," he said Thursday. "We finished last night about 8 p.m. We made sure everybody got home."

VIPD Asking for Help Finding Zelma Taylor

St. John Tradewinds

The Virgin Islands police Department are asking the community for assistance in locating missing person, Zelma Vernica Taylor.

Taylor is 38 years old with dark brown complexion, 5'2" in height, weighs about 240 pounds with short black hair and is known to wear eye glasses.

This missing person goes by the name "Vernie" and lives on St. Croix. She was last seen in February 2015 at the Frederiksted food stamp office and is diagnosed with a psychological disorder.

Police have urged have anyone who sees Zelma to contact 911 immediately or the Criminal Investigation Bureau at (340) 778-2211.



Cpt. Vic Back in Service

Two Barges Currently Running

By Amy Roberts
St. John Tradewinds

The Capt. Vic, the larger of the two barges operated by Love City Car Ferries, was back in operation and running its regular schedule as of July 7, according to CEO Anecia Sewer.

That was welcomed news to drivers who, two days earlier, had waited in lines for hours to transport their vehicles between St. Thomas and St. John on Love City Car Ferries' smaller barge, the Island Vic.

Love City Car Ferries is the only one of the three barge companies that is currently making regular trips between Cruz Bay, St. John and Red Hook, St. Thomas.

The largest barge, Mister B., owned by Boyson Inc., has been out of operation since it was seized in a court action in January. The General II, owned by Global Marine, has recently gone into dry dock to undergo repairs.

The timing for the barges being offline couldn't have been worse. St. John residents have come to depend on the barges for routine trips to St. Thomas to see doctors, shop, or run errands, while St. Thomas businesses make daily trips to St. John to restock merchandise or provide services. With the advent of St. John July 4th Festival, the demand for barge service reached its peak.

"It was a 'big mashup' at a very busy time," said Andrew Rutnik, a longtime resident of St. John and the vice-chair of the Public Services Commission. "Barges have become a necessity for bringing food, drink, fuel, materials for building, even the mail."

"Considering that we got down to one barge, and what it did to our commerce, we have to look at some form of regulatory authority," said Rutnik. "If that comes down to franchises, okay."

Sewer agreed that something needs to be done.

"The Pillsbury Sound [between St. Thomas and St. John] should be a national highway; these vessels are really capital-intensive and barge service should be subsidized," said Sewer. "These [barge owners] are private families fulfilling a public service."

Rutnik speculated that the barge crisis was the reason this year's July 4th parade ended several hours earlier than last year's parade; troupes from other islands could not find transport for their trucks, floats, and equipment.

The problem became critical as the Capt. Vic was scheduled for a regular annual Coast Guard inspection on Thursday, June 30.

"Usually, we would pull the barge out of service several days prior to an inspection to take care of any routine maintenance," said Sewer. "But this year, with the other barges being down we didn't want to take it out of service."

Sewer said the barge company tried to complete the maintenance tasks in the evenings after the Capt. Vic finished its last run at 7 p.m., but they ran into two problems.

"First, because of noise ordinances, anything that

involves banging we can't do after 10 p.m.," said Sewer. "And on some nights the Virgin Islands Port Authority locked the gates [to the barge terminal in Cruz Bay] at 8 p.m., and we don't have a key."

When the Coast Guard completed their inspection Thursday, June 30, they determined that some repairs could be postponed until after the parade and allowed the Capt. Vic to continue its runs.

Sewer said that on Thursday night the company transported for free all the vehicles that were delayed because of the inspection.

On Tuesday, July 5, the Coast Guard returned to continue the inspection of the Capt. Vic.

"We thought we had completed [repairs for] everything on their list, but they found things that had to be fixed," said Sewer. "They said they had other inspections to complete and would come back later."

When the Coast Guard didn't return that day, Love City Car Ferries had no choice but to keep the Capt. Vic out of service.

That left only the Island Vic, the smallest barge in the fleet, to cope with the backlog of vehicles. That's when the lines of vehicles on St. Thomas stretched down towards Sapphire Beach, and the lines on St. John went to the tennis courts in Cruz Bay.

Reports of hours-long waits were rampant on social media. One St. John construction manager said he had to lay off his crew because he couldn't get concrete delivered to St. John.

Kurt Nose, general manager of Heavy Materials, a St. Thomas company that supplies concrete, confirmed that his business was affected.

"We informed our customers that we had to postpone all deliveries on St. John until the barge situation is resolved," said Nose. "We need more barge capacity. It's unfortunate for everyone."

"People have been cussing Love City Car Ferries, and it breaks my heart," said Sewer. "They're acting like Love City Ferries created this situation."

She said her husband, Capt. Llewellyn Sewer, left home at 5 a.m. on Tuesday morning and didn't return until 2 a.m. Wednesday morning. He, along with Capt. Travis Bartlette, went back and forth on the Island Vic until all the vehicles awaiting transport made their crossings.

Sewer publishes a blog on Love City Car Ferries' website to keep the public informed about delays. Travelers who want to insure passage on a particular barge can make a reservation and prepay.

She said under normal circumstances the company tries to load vehicles on a first-come-first served basis, but when other barges are out of commission, barge captains have to make decisions.

A patient needing dialysis, a garbage truck that needs emptying, or a customer who's prepaid and is catching a flight on St. Thomas will be given priority in boarding.



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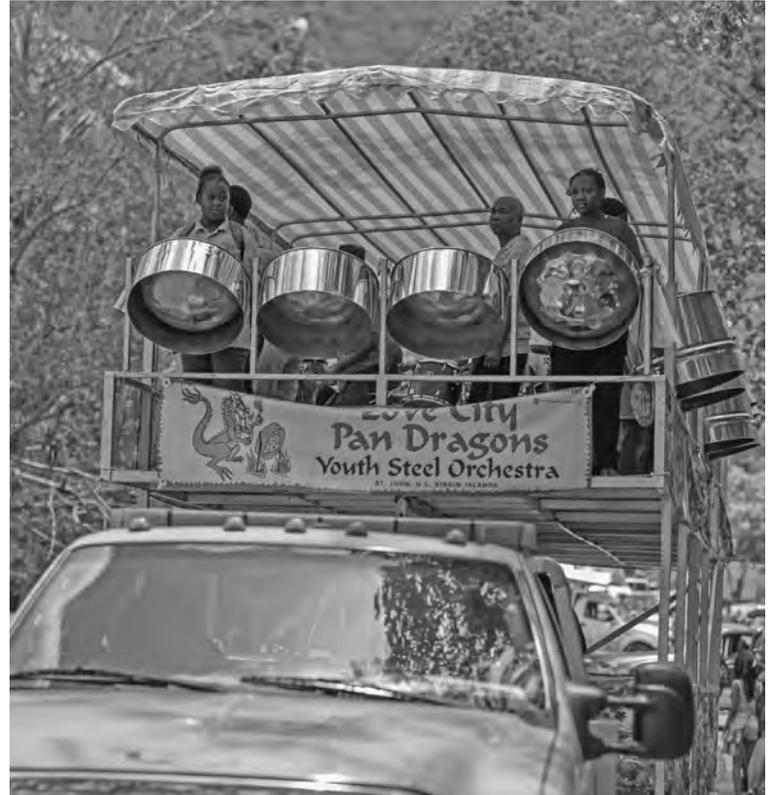
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St. John Festival 2016

Moko Jumbies, Steel Pan, Twirlers & More



St. John Tradewinds News Photos by Yelena Rogers

Flashing brights smiles, wearing amazing outfits, playing steel pan and tossing batons high into the air, participants and revelers at the St. John Festival Parade had a blast.



St. John Festival 2016



Letters to *St. John Tradewinds*

Government and Business Should Be Partners, not Adversaries

St. John Tradewinds

First, my thanks to *Tradewinds* for making space available for public comment and discourse.

I have been a restaurateur my entire life, and have owned 15 restaurants and have had over 5,000 employees in the course of my career. I have operated a restaurant on St. John for many, many years. As a company, we've contributed to the community in countless ways over the years.

I have worked with health departments in five counties in the mainland and here, in the territory, and have never seen anything like what occurred this past holiday weekend on St. John. While I do not have an exact count, more than six restaurants were closed on the busiest weekend of the year for "health code violations".

Now I do know that to the general public, the closure of a restaurant indicates that there is an eminent danger to the public, but this is not the case. Most of the restaurants were closed because of the lack of health cards for employees and for facilities issues that did not truly create any real problems for the dining out public.

I won't bore people outside of the business, but all food handlers are required to submit to a fecal sample examination whose scope has little relation to public safety, but results in a cash only payment of \$25 to submit a sample and an additional \$30 to process the health card. I've never heard of anything like this in the mainland. It makes it difficult and perhaps impossible for a poor person to take a job in our industry and I doubt that the procedure would withstand a proper legal challenge in the mainland.

Many stateside governments have a "Serve Safe" program for education in the industry, and work with the businesses on education of new employees. We have nothing of the kind, not even the information about what is required of the businesses to be compliant, except that which is dispensed by the inspectors. While ignorance of the law is not an excuse, the government has a responsibility to at least provide the information in the first place, rather than penalize people for what to me is understandable ignorance.

In one case, the restaurant was forced to stop cooking in the middle of service and the guests asked to leave. In another, the inspector forced the closure based on the idea that because the restaurant, which was using WAPA supplied water, had a cistern (that was not in use) that monthly water testing was required and so had to be closed immediately. Another was closed because of a leak in the dish machine.

I'm sure that if I had the time to interview each operator, that each of the closures was not justified in law, but mandated by the inspector in question, and her individual attitude in an over reach of proper authority. While I do applaud the zealous attitude concerning the public health, and respect the process, the authority of the inspector is limited to the law, and the inspector should respect the limitations of authority within the position, as much as the operator needs to respect the laws that keep the public safe.

What makes situations like this more difficult for the tax paying business person is that when we try to comply with the various laws, the government is not available or incapable of fulfilling its responsibility to the business community. Logistics are challenging on our small island, and I can accept that the government can have problems in complying with its obligation, but it is beyond comprehension for this same government to have agents that both demand compliance and withhold the ability to comply, with offices that do not open in a timely fashion, untrained staff in them without the tools to support the business community. If any of the restaurants in question operated with the efficiency of the government, we would all be at risk.

We all know what a difficult year this has been for many. A number of venerable restaurant operators and their families are struggling just to survive here. For the government to randomly select a number of operators for closure is heart breaking for these hard working people.

To organize what appears to be an assault on the business community during a week when we should be showing our best faces to the world, is beyond comprehension, since it is the people in the community, the workers in the restaurants, the owners, the government itself and the entire island that suffers when such draconian attitudes are tolerated.

We need to be partners in public health, not adversaries. While the restaurant community scurries to become fully compliant despite the obstacles, the government should be sure that it is compliant itself in applying the laws, and responsible to the business community that it, at least in theory, serves.

The economic damage caused by the operation of the health department is something that everyone who operates a business should be concerned about.

Name withheld on request

Crossword & Cryptoquote Answers (Puzzles located on Page 20)

Answer to July 10 Cryptoquip:

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Resident Killed in Scooter Accident



St. John Tradewinds

On Tuesday, June 28, at about 6:56 p.m. V.I. Police Department officers were dispatched to an auto collision involving a scooter and a SUV in the area of Race Track Gas Station on St. John.

The operator of the scooter and a passenger were injured and transported to Myrah Keating Smith Clinic for treatment. The passenger, Sarah Chartrand, succumbed to her injury at the clinic.



Inspiring Interiors

by Tiffany Cassidy

Questions to Consider When Buying Furniture

St. John Tradewinds

Buying furniture is a huge commitment, whether you are looking to replace an old bedroom set or would like something new and more comfortable in your living room.

The price of new furniture can be quite costly and homeowners may not know the right sizing of their space. One thing that I love to do is work with clients to find exactly the right items for their home. The right mix in a room creates comfort for the clients, increased functionality and that certain “feel” in the room that says home.

Furnishings should be chosen well rather than often. Here are some questions I think are important for buyers to consider before they commit to furniture.

Do you understand the size of your space?

Scale really matters! Rather than going out and purchasing a couch or rug that you like, remember that the wrong size can totally ruin a room. When I visit the room you want to redesign, I create a space plan to scale, allowing clients to see how the flow of the room can be improved. I’d rather move pieces around in the virtual world than the real world!

A designers network of suppliers can be a great asset to assist with creating the right pieces for a specific situation. This allows you to source furnishings and accents made with sustainable materials by U.S. companies that you will not find in any retail outlet. You can make your home completely unique with custom furnishing.

What do you need vs. what do you want?

Did you see something lavish in a magazine or someone else’s house that you just have

to have, but may have no need for? Especially if you are on a budget, it is important to really consider what is a necessity and what isn’t. Is there another way you can get the look?

What items should you buy first vs. last?

Depending on how big your project is, it is usually best to start out by picking large, prominent pieces. The bigger the space a couch or rug takes in the room, the more it influences how everything looks. As we go, we can pick out smaller items that complement the star of your room. Sometimes a favorite rug or an art piece can serve as a guide for your color palette.

Are you rushing a purchase just to feel done?

I know all too well about how it feels to want a project done and to make major decisions in a hurry. You want a place to sit, a place to eat and a place to store your items now; but choosing something now doesn’t mean you’ll like it later. I often say to clients “get what you really want, don’t be afraid to wait for delivery.” You will be enjoying that item for many years to come if it’s chosen well!

Tiffany Cassidy is a 15 year resident of St. Thomas and owner of Lagnappe Custom interiors, a full-service interior design firm specializing in bringing the luxury details to a home or commercial space that make it memorable, functional and yours. Lagnappe Custom Interiors is a Based out of St. Thomas, Visit www.Lagnappe.com for more information.

Love City Triathlon, Aquathlon & SUPathlon is Sept. 4

St. John Tradewinds

Grab your bike, lace up those running shoes and start training for the 17th Annual Love City Triathlon on Sunday, September 4th at 7 a.m.

If you don’t have a bike, register for the Aquathlon. Or, bring or rent a stand up paddleboard and try the SUPathlon. If multiple sports isn’t your thing but you still want to race, form a team for the Triathlon.

The Triathlon features a half-mile swim followed by a 13-mile hilly bicycle ride with 2,400 feet of elevation gain, then a four-mile run. There are individual and relay categories for the Triathlon.

The Aquathlon will feature a half-mile swim followed by a four-mile run.

The SUPathlon will feature a half-mile swim, followed by about 3.5 miles of stand up paddling and a four-mile run.

Relay teams are permitted in the Triathlon, but not the Aquathlon or SUPathlon.

The events will be staged at Maho Bay Beach pavilion. All swimmers will do the same two-lap course in the calm waters of Maho Bay. The bike course takes riders west along North Shore Road to Cruz Bay, then up Centerline Road to Colombo’s Smoothies and down Kings Hill Road to finish at Maho Bay.

The SUP course will be a two-lap course leaving Maho Bay towards Cinnamon Bay, around Cinnamon Cay and back to Maho Bay.

The run is a challenging four-mile course from Maho Bay to Francis Bay, up the stairs at Annaberg, and back to Maho Bay.

The \$50 entry fee (\$45 for Relay participants) includes a t-shirt, finisher’s award, on-course support, a beach picnic, and awards three deep. The finisher medals and top awards will be custom-made pieces crafted by local artists.

Triathletes will also be included in the coveted Inter-Island Award. Each island with at least three triathletes may enter, and teams must have a female member to be eligible. The times of each team’s three fastest athletes will be totaled and the overall fastest time will win. The award has been traded back and forth among St. John, St. Croix and St. Maarten, with St. Croix having the most wins to date. St. John won in 2014 and 2015; can our local athletes defend the title this year?

Helmets are required for everyone on bicycles, and leashes or PFDs must be worn by athletes on stand up paddleboards.

Don’t have a board? Rent one from Arawak Expeditions and take advantage of a special rate for event participants. A race rental fee of \$20 will include the board, paddle and PFD. Participants need to call Arawak Expeditions directly at (340) 693-8312 or 1-800-238-8687 or reserve and pay online at www.arawakexp.com/reserve-your-rental/.

Arawak Expeditions will deliver the boards to Maho Bay on the morning of the race. Reserve one right away, as quantities are limited.

Registration is open online at www.stjohnlandsharks.com. Registration forms can also be picked up at The Tap Room and Arawak Expeditions at Mongoose Junction. There will be no registration the day of the race. Register early! Only 70 participants will be allowed to compete.

A mandatory race check-in and pre-race meeting will take place at the Tap Room in Mongoose Junction on Saturday, September 3, from 4 to 5 p.m.

More race details, including detailed course descriptions, can be found at www.stjohnlandsharks.com.

For further information, including volunteer and sponsorship opportunities and joining Saturday Splash ’n’ Dash training days in August, contact Matt and Mary at (401) 835-2046 or email stjohnlandsharks@gmail.com.

St. John Landsharks is an informal local athletic club, focusing on swimming, biking, running, stand up paddleboarding, and anything else we feel like doing. Visit the Landsharks at www.stjohnlandsharks.com.

ALCHOLICS 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

DOJ, PSC Present Budgets to Finance

St. John Tradewinds

The Committee on Finance, chaired by Senator Clifford Graham, hosted a meeting to receive testimony from the Department of Justice, the Public Services Commission and the Office of Veterans Affairs relative to the FY2017 budget, last week at the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall.

The Department of Justice presented a proposed budget consisting of \$15,531,583 with monies from both the General Fund and Miscellaneous Appropriations, as well as \$4,954,306 from non-appropriated federal finds.

Attorney General Claude Walker spoke about departmental challenges and asked legislators for support as they executed duties to include initiating lawsuits on behalf of the Government and its agencies.

Walker testified that of the 405 adult cases filed in FY 2015 in the St. Thomas/St. John district, 290 are closed, while 115 remain open. In FY 2016: 59 are closed and 237 remain open. In the St. Croix district during FY 2015 492 cases were opened. In FY 2016, 181 cases were opened. Currently, there are a total of 489 open cases on St. Croix.

Walker emphasized the need for additional criminal prosecutors in the territory to aid in the backlog of open cases. Hiring six or seven additional prosecutors would allow the DOJ to be able "to function at maximum capacity," Walker said.

Walker spoke to progress made as a result of the initiative, "Op-

eration Support Our Children."

"There have been 23 license suspensions, and an additional 25 more are pending revocation for those non-custodial parents who have balances of \$2,500 or more and that have not either paid or entered into a payment plan," said Walker. "But, more importantly, the amount of outstanding uncollected child support money has significantly decreased."

"You have to bear in mind that, this is not something we want to do but these persons—we have written to them, we've called them, we have begged them, pleaded with them to take responsibility for the financial well being of their biological children and they have refused or failed to do so," he said.

Public Services Commission Executive Director Donald Cole proposed the agency's budget request of \$1,782,085 which is \$28,409 more than Fiscal Year 2016 appropriation.

Director of the Office of Veterans Affairs Patrick Farrell also testified.

"For Fiscal Year 2017 our requested general fund appropriations are in the amount of \$884,000," he said. "An estimated \$350,000 is to cover personnel salaries and fringe benefits; \$117,000 for operating expenses; \$300,000.00 to cover medical travel and death benefits.

Committee members, Senators Marvin Blyden, Clifford Graham, Tregenza Roach and Samuel Sanes, were present. Non-committee member Sen. Justin Harrigan was also present.

Obituary

Vashti Alvara Parsons-Boynes, 90, Passes

St. John Tradewinds

We regret to announce the passing of Vashti Alvara Parsons-Boynes, who died on Saturday, June 18, 2016 in Beltsville Maryland. She was 90.

Funeral Services were Friday July 1, 2016 at the Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 6905 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt MD 20770. Interment will be at Maryland National Memorial, 13300 Baltimore Avenue, Laurel MD 20707.

Her burial was in trusted to JB Jenkins Funeral Home, 7474 Hyattsville, MD 20785, Telephone #301-322-2300.

A memorial service was also hosted on Saturday, July 9, at the Lutheran Church on St. John at 9 a.m. Inter Island Boat Services provided transportation for those traveling from West End Tortola.

She is survived by:

Son: Captain Clifton Ashley Boynes Sr.

Daughter: Bernice Pearson

Brother: Captain Wendell Parsons

Sister: Leona Escalara

Sister in law: Caroline Bessie Parsons

Daughter in law: Lydia Boynes

Son in Law: Cornelius Pearson

Grand Children: Clifton Boynes Jr., Lori Tyson, Kareem Boynes, Chardonnay Tyson, Qeion Boynes, Shaquan Tyson, Jevon Boynes, Richard, Kenneth and Echelle Pearson

Grand Children in Law: Danyelle and Patricia



Pearson

Great Grand Children: Kaeden Boynes, Lake-sha Hamilton-Williams, Rameika Scarborough, Patrice Knight, Richard Pearson Jr., Richelle Pearson, Rashard Pearson, Dahjanany Wyatt, Raven Pearson, Raphael Pearson, Raymond Pearson, Rhjan Pearson, Alia Wyatt, Caron Wyatt,

Great Great Grand Children: Rashon Pearson, Janiyah Hamilton-Williams, JaLani Hamilton-Williams, Nylon Knight-Graves, Rhilee Pearson.

Friends and family members too numerous to mention.

Caneel Bay End of Season Tennis Tournament is August 6 & 7

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All tennis players on St. John are invited to compete in the Caneel Bay End of Season Tennis Tournament on August 6 and 7.

Enter in doubles competitive or novice division (minimum four teams per division). Cost is \$10 per team which will be collected on August 6. Entry deadline is Wednesday, August 3. Players are asked to include names and phone numbers of both players when registering.

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With stunning high end finishes, gorgeous water views, spacious decks and a refreshing swimming pool, however, you might find it difficult to pull yourself away from Elysium.

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Inside the home, find luxurious travertine marble floors throughout, a charming exposed beam ceiling and brick detail.

On the upper level, an expansive great room includes a cozy living room area, a dining room and a full bath. The open plan gourmet kitchen boasts stainless steel appliances and a beautiful farm house sink.

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For more information about Elysium, call 340 Real Estate broker/owner Tammy Donnelly at (340) 779-4478 or on her cell phone at (340) 643-6068.



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Enjoy water views from your pool deck, at left. The home boasts two bedroom suites, above left. A great room on the upper level includes a dining room, above right. Elysium features two levels of decks, top, a pool, a hot tub and high end finishes.



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Wine Talk with Paul

by Paul Tsakeres



Planning the Next Region to Explore

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As you continue to find different wines to try, a fun and interesting way to expand the enjoyment will be to take some time in the planning and execution of some terrific pairings at home.

You will have plenty to look into as you explore the wines of the Piedmont or of Tuscany, Burgundy, Portugal and beyond. Look towards what the farmers eat with the wine you may be interested in for what might be the simple, rustic experience you are looking for.

Wine often enhances all kinds of parties, gatherings and dinners. It is inextricably linked to the experience and most of the time is not the dominant aspect. I've heard stories being told many times working in dining rooms where the people are talking about a great night they once had, a dinner or even a concert where they will recall the wine either in specific terms or even more generally, "We were drinking that fabulous wine and we all had such a great time".

You may even want to re-create at home, as best you can, a favorite dinner from your last vacation in a wine region. In a fun and interesting way this can help you re live it a little.

A Sommelier is always looking for ways to enhance the food by knowing a bit of the origins of the dish and what wines are linked to it. You can use the same approach when considering a way to kick up your dinner a notch or two.

Is the dish going to be a simple fresh shellfish or a highly spiced and seasoned one? A Somm working at a restaurant would create a list featuring not only the wine region but the sub-regions and even the particular vineyard and grapes. A good wine waiter will be able to direct you to that wine from that region where the dish may originate from or at least might be influenced by.

I'm suggesting that is what you can do at home! Look into the area, the towns and what grows there and put together a dinner date at home. (I've got the wine for you at Island Cork.)

The Piedmont in Italy offers wines like Barolo, Babaresco and Barbera and is known for rich egg pastas finished with truffles, foot long grissini sticks and a veal in tuna sauce called Vitello Tonnato. Risotto is a big feature here too if you are up for the challenge at home, not to mention you may need a loan for the truffles, but you get the idea. There are specific salumis and cheese from here too.

Valentina from Marchese di Barolo once told me the cows for the three milk cheeses called Robiola and Bosina graze at the base of their driveway (a castle) and that with their Babaresco it is a favorite match they grew up with!

I often think of the classic dish originating from Carcassonne in the south of France called Cassoulet. It is a dish probably better for a cold evening but it draws to mind the peasant connection with authentic dishes like this. Rustic dishes with crusty breads is my bias and from here drink the many local wines of grapes called Carignan, Mouvedre, Syrah and Grenache. This is a complex example too and you might need a professional kitchen to make it but come into Island Cork and we will put something together.

You know, it's not always as easy to cook with "Simplicity" as you may think. For a final example, the ancient Greek cook Archestratus spoke of this noting the importance of time and temperature to bring out the natural flavors of the fish for example.

Today, from the ancient Greek vineyards of Santorini you will be hard pressed to come up with a better match than an Assyrtiko crisp white wine with grilled fish with herbs and lemon. The grilled bits and the lemon with the wine is definitely a simple yet exciting pairing.

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New Concessions Operator Chosen for Cinnamon and Trunk Bays

By Amy Roberts
St. John Tradewinds

After 46 years of continuous operation of the facilities at Cinnamon and Trunk bays, Caneel Bay Resort is handing over the keys to a new concession operator as of October 1.

Redwood Parks Company has been selected by the National Parks Service to operate services — lodging, camping, food and beverage, retail and equipment rental — at the two popular sites within the Virgin Islands National Park.

The process for selecting a concessionaire began in 2011, according to Elba Richardson, Concession Management Specialist with the Virgin Islands National Park. The request for bids was made public on April 7, 2015, and bidding closed on July 30, 2015.

During the next 11 months, the National Park Service convened an “interdisciplinary team” with expertise in assets management and hospitality to review the bids, and “The one that was most responsive was recommended,” Richardson said.

To maintain fairness, VINP staff was excluded from the process.

Caneel Bay Resort originally secured a 20-year contract to operate the campground at Cinnamon Bay and the facilities at Trunk Bay in 1970. When that contract expired in 1990, it was renewed on a year-by-year basis while the National Park Service implemented its Concessions Management Improvement Act and dealt with a backlog of concession contracts within the park system.

Patrick Kidd, spokesperson for Caneel Bay Resort, denied rumors that Caneel was no longer interested in managing the concessions at Cinnamon and Trunk.

“We absolutely put in a bid and were very keen [on continuing],” Kidd said. “We put together what we thought was an impactful packet. It was Laurance Rockefeller’s vision to make the park accessible to people with varying income levels, whether it’s Caneel or Cinnamon.”

Caneel Bay, the resort established by Rockefeller when he donated land to create the park in 1956, has been famous for its simple but luxurious elegance. The resort property includes more than 200 acres and offers stunning views of seven north shore beaches. Room rates currently range from about \$450 to \$650 a night.

The campground at Cinnamon Bay offers accommodations in bare sites, tents and concrete cottages ranging from \$37 to \$105 a night. Although its affordability has made it popular, campground guests have complained about the lack of improvements to the facilities over the years and the uneven quality of the food served in the campground’s restaurant.

Kidd said that Caneel Bay had “invested considerable sums in maintaining the facilities at Trunk and Cinnamon but the year-by-year contract extensions prevented them from making “substantial capital investment.”

The contract awarded to Redwood Parks Company is for 15 years.

“The new contract will require some enhancements to the facilities and will include construction of new eco-tents at Cinnamon Bay and a new food and beverage facility and retail outlet at Trunk Bay Beach,” according to a June 28, 2016 press release from National Park Service.

Richardson could not supply details about what changes are in store for the facilities

at Trunk Bay and Cinnamon Bay because the final contract has not yet been signed. Redwood Parks Company has 30 days to review the final contract, and the U.S. Congress has 60 days to weigh in on the deal before the director of the Southeast Region, Stan Austin, finalizes it.

Richardson said she expects the final reviews to go smoothly and has not heard of a situation where Congress denied a recommendation to approve a selected major concession operator.

The president of Redwood Park Company, Brian Stewart, is traveling in Australia as we go to press; he promised to provide *St. John Tradewinds* with further details upon his return.

“Redwood Parks Company operates adventure and resort destinations to municipalities, state parks, national parks, and tribal nations,” Stewart said in the press release. “In the U.S. Virgin Islands, we’ll look to the Park Service, local residents and current employees for guidance on how to be a good steward and member of the community. Cinnamon Bay and Trunk Bay are magnificent destinations that will benefit tremendously from new facilities and improved services.”

While facilities at Trunk Bay remain open throughout the year, the campground at Cinnamon traditionally shuts down for hurricane season. Kidd said the Cinnamon Bay Campground will close at the end of August.

The staff at Cinnamon Bay has continued to process reservations for the upcoming season, according to an employee.

“We are expecting to be opening around October 1 for the new season, but perhaps not with all the improvement projects completed,” said Richardson.

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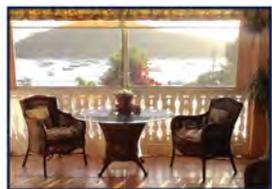


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Employees at Cinnamon & Trunk Face Layoffs

By Amy Roberts
St. John Tradewinds

As Caneel Bay Resort completes the final months of its management of concessions at Cinnamon Bay Campground (in August) and Trunk Bay Beach (in September), 32 employees are facing layoffs.

The news came as a shock to many of the employees.

"We heard about the layoffs from the media before they told us," said one employee of Cinnamon Bay. "When they had a meeting, they told us there will be no transfers. If there's an opening [at Caneel Bay], you can apply. It's only seasonal, part-time work. There are no more benefits."

Patrick Kidd, spokesperson for Caneel Bay Resort, confirmed that layoffs were pending.

"Very sadly, [those employees] are going to have to be laid off," said Kidd. "We have very faithful employees. We

hope Redwood Parks Company will re-employ them."

Kidd said because Cinnamon Bay and Trunk Bay Beach operate as separate entities from Caneel Bay, simple transfers are not possible.

"We always do a big rehire in November for season," he added.

Redwood Parks Company will be taking over the management of the two concessions as of October 1, 2016.

The employee at Cinnamon said that many employees have been working at the campground for 15 to 20 years, and there are four or five who have been there for more than 30 years.

She said some long-time guests at Cinnamon have been coming to the front desk and asking about the closing, concerned that the staff members they've come to know are losing their jobs.

She said she plans to apply for a job with Redwood Parks Company.

"I don't want to stay home, and I can't live on my social security yet," she said. "The new owners should come and meet with us, listen to us, and make a decision about rehiring us."

Kidd confirmed that Caneel had sent the names of 32 employees to the Department of Labor to comply with the V.I. Plant Closing Act.

According to the Department of Labor website, "Chapter 18, Title 24, Section 472 of the V. I. Code states that every employer who is closing a facility shall at least 90 days prior to the Plant Closing give advance Notification to the Commissioner of Labor, any affected employees, and if the employees are represented by a Labor Union to such Union."

Fireworks Over Cruz Bay Harbor Wrap up St. John Festival 2016



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After all parade participants sashayed through Cruz Bay, residents relaxed for a few hours waiting for darkness and the evening's entertainment; amazing fireworks exploding over Cruz Bay harbor, marking the end of St. John Festival 2016.

