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### Veterans Honored

Virgin Island military units and bands and high school military organizations joined with St. John Veterans to form one of the largest Veterans Day celebrations in St. John history on the official Veterans Day, Sunday, November 9, in Cruz Bay's Frank Powell Park — much to the delight of visitors arriving on a sunny Sunday afternoon.

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## Local Father Honors Son's Service

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Thomas Matthew displays a photograph of his son, Magarbi McCulam Matthew who died in a traffic accident in Washington state on Feb. 16, 2014, while serving in the U.S. Navy. Matthew joined those who remembered members of the armed services at a Veteran's Day ceremony Sunday, November 9 in Franklin Powell Park.

## First SJHS Meeting of Season Nov. 11

The St. John Historical invites its members and friends to their first meeting of the season on Tuesday, Nov. 11, at 7 p.m. at the Bethany Moravian Church Hall. The evening's presentation will feature the very entertaining 1959 film, "Virgin Island," which is a loose adaptation of Rob White's 1953 book, "Our Virgin Islands."

"Virgin Island" was filmed entirely on location on Tortola, Marina Cay, and the Baths on Virgin Gorda. You'll undoubtedly enjoy the authentic scenes of the sailboats of that era and of quaint Road Town. An early performance by Sidney Poitier and the appearance of Ruby Dee, who died earlier this year, round out the viewing experience.

Join the SJHS for a truly fun and entertaining picture.

## Second Annual Rib Cook Off Nov. 15

Due to inclement weather, the Second Annual Rib Cook Off to benefit St. John Rescue has been rescheduled for on Saturday, November 15, starting at 4:30 p.m. at the Coral Bay ball field.

Tickets will be on sale at one of two ticket tables at the price of \$2 each and be valid for 1 rib. Confirmed competitors are: Asolare, Aqua Bistro, Boozy Q's BBQ, Café Concordia, Dan Kane and Jeff McCrave, East West Catering, Motu, Sam & Jack's Deli, Skinny Legs, and reigning champion — The Tourist Trap. Judging will be done by locals. The winner will earn the title of "Best Ribs on St. John."

In addition to the sale of ribs, there will be a raffle with many great prizes, such as a two-night stay at Grande Bay Resort and many gift certificates to local restaurants and businesses. Raffle tickets are one for \$5 or four for \$20

All proceeds from the Second Annual St. John Rib Cook Off will go directly to St. John Rescue, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. For more information, contact Michelle Fage at 310.968.3789 or by e-mail at michelle@paradisepanningusvi.com

## Pets and Vets Yard Sale November 15

The fourth annual Pets and Vets Yard Sale is Saturday, November 15, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. across from Pickles in Coral Bay.

This is the biggest sale ever, with many items including: sheet sets all sizes, bath and beach towels, frames, art large and small, Hunter Fans, chairs, desk, office supplies, ottoman, tables, lamps, rugs (area and scatter), glass art, home decor, beach toys, Graco bassinet, baby stroller, clothes, kitchen gear, glassware and dishes, small appliances, everything Christmas, paint, air mattresses, tents, flower pots, bbq and etc.

This sale usually starts strong so be "on time" for the best selection. For more info or to donate items, call Angela Ebner at 340-227-8349 or email amebner3@vipowernet.net.

## Friends of VINP Seeking Volunteers

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Learn about the history of the island with Friends volunteers. Everyone is welcome, there is something everyone can do.

The volunteer van will pick up at the VINP Maintenance area (next to Mongoose Junction) at 8 a.m. and at Cinnamon Bay Campground at 8:15 a.m. The group usually works until about 1 p.m. Tools, gloves, ice water and transportation will be provided.

For additional information call Volunteer Coordinator Anna Adams at the Friends of VINP at (340) 779-4940 or email anna@friendsvinp.org.

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# Elections Officials Take Time To Make Every Vote Count on St. John

By JUDI SHIMEL  
St. John Tradewinds

**ST. JOHN** — Hundreds of St. John residents made their preferences known in the general election Nov. 4, and election workers took extra time to make sure every vote cast could be added to the tally for the District of St. Thomas-St. John.

A team of Board of Elections members and volunteer poll judges spent several hours sorting through ballots which had to be counted by hand because of the number of write-ins, spoiled ballots, rejected ballots and party symbol votes coming from the two St. John polling place, Guy Benjamin School in Coral Bay and the Julius E. Sprauve School in Cruz Bay.

Those St. John votes which did not have to be batched, sorted and scrutinized, got processed from the DS200 electronic tabulators stationed at both schools and stored on computer flash drives which were fed into a district computer.

There were also between 75-100 early voting ballots added to the hand count.

## St. John Candidates Have Varied Success

Five St. John candidates appearing on the ballot in various races fared somewhere between very well and fare thee well. A former Senator at Large was returned to office by voters.

One poll judge said there were multiple write-ins on some St. John ballots. One poll judge said there were also ballots seen with the slogan “Save Coral Bay” in the write in slots.

“They’re going to be manually counted for symbols from Guy Benjamin,” said district Board of Elections member Alecia Wells. “There were 20.”

Of the St. John ballots requiring a hand count 573 were counted, 20 were rejected and 53 ballots bore symbol votes.

Casting votes according to political party symbols is permitted under Virgin Islands law. Those who choose that method of voting cast automatic votes for affiliated candidates when they chose the symbol for either the Democratic, Republican or Independent Citizens Movement(ICM) parties.

District Board Chairman Arturo Watlington ordered duplicate ballots drawn up for rejected ballots that had usable portions. The original ballot was then stamped “duplicated,” once the usable portions were transferred onto a clean ballot sheet and fed into the DS200.

## Iris Kern Garters Write-in Votes

Some of those write-ins were for last minute Board of Elections candidate Iris Kern, who got most of the 85 write-in votes.

Kern was defeated by St. John



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tom Oat

Taevion and Tariq Calixte stand outside the Julius E. Sprauve School polling station in Cruz Bay on Tuesday, November 4 showing their support for Senator Janette Millin Young.

Democratic candidate for the elections board Ivy Moses. As of the latest unofficial count taken Nov. 7, Moses whose name appeared on district wide ballots, had 2,835 votes.

Other St. John hopefuls had varying results from the voter. Jodi

Hodge, running for a district seat in the 31st Legislature ran 16th in a field of 18 with 557 votes. Wilma Marsh-Monsanto ran 12th with 1,557 votes.

The top vote getter in the St. Thomas-St. John district Senate race was newcomer Marvin

Blyden with 5,459 votes.

Former Senate President Armando “Rocky” Liburd was returned to the Legislature by the voters. Voters from St. Thomas, St. John and St. Croix vote for the at large candidate.

## Rocky KOs Ronnie to Regain at Large

Independent Liburd unofficially won 5,065 votes defeating rival St. Johnian Democrat Ronnie Jones with 3,504 votes as of Nov. 7.

Voters participating in the Nov. 4 general election chose candidates for the posts of Delegate to Congress, Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Senator At Large, seven district Senate seats, three candidates for the district Board of Elections.

They also voted “yes” or “no” on two referendum questions. One asked if voters wanted to see the development of a medical marijuana industry in the Virgin Islands. The other asked if lawmakers in the Legislature should be granted four year terms instead of the current two.

Across the district, in unofficial numbers, voters overwhelmingly said no to four-year terms for senators and said yes to legalizing medical marijuana.

# Save Coral Bay Marina Opposition Leader Implores Governor deJongh Not To Sign Lease

By TOM OAT  
St. John Tradewinds

**CORAL BAY** — The leader of the growing community organization which formed to fight the construction of a 145-slip “mega yacht” marina and mooring fields covering most of Coral Bay Harbor intensified the media campaign to fight the controversial project and warned that deJongh Administration officials were moving towards signing a lease for the public submerged lands under the innermost portion of the massive bay proposed for the development.

## “This is an Open Letter to Gov. John deJongh Jr.”

“I was told that a permit for lease of 28 acres of Coral Bay Harbor was brought to your

office today (Monday, November 3) for your signature,” Save Coral Bay protagonist David Silverman wrote in an “Open Letter to Gov. John deJongh Jr.” published in the *Virgin Islands Daily News* on Wednesday, November 5.

By Sunday, November 9, Government House spokesperson John Giroux had not provided any information on their response to Silverman’s missive or about the status of any purported mooring contract in the Governor’s office in answer to questions from St. John Tradewinds on Friday, November 7.

DPNR officials have avoided comment on the status of any legal agreement or contract for a Coral Bay mooring field to be managed by the developer of the planned marina since asked by *St. John Tradewinds* in early September.

DPNR officials also have objected to questions about the expired “letter of intent” for a mooring management contract between DPNR and marina developer Summer’s End Group (SEG) which was part of the developers’ permit application.

## Opposition Raises More Than \$62K

Save Coral Bay founder Silverman, who has raised more than \$62,000 on the internet towards a revised goal of \$100,000 for a legal fund to contest the necessary federal approval of the project by the Army Corps of Engineers, implored Gov. John P. deJongh not to sign the submerged lands lease that Silverman wrote he was told was in the governor’s office.

It was not clear from Silverman’s letter  
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# “On a Clear Day...” Receives First 5-Star IGLA Certification for Rental Home



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Low-E glass throughout the villa reduces the amount of heat the home absorbs. The four-bedroom “On a Clear Day...” is the only “five star” energy certified short-term rental home on St. John — so far.

By JAIME ELLIOTT  
St. John Tradewinds

FRANCIS BAY — When Bob and Caren Linden decided to build on an acre of land overlooking Francis Bay, there was never any question that the home would feature green technology.

The Lindens began working with St. John architect Rob Crane in 2008 and began construction in 2010. The Fred Traysor built house was completed in 2012 “On a Clear Day...” and the four bedroom, four and a half bathroom villa is the only five-star home certified by Island Green Living Association specifically designed for the short-term rental market.

As part of IGLA’s efforts to promote sustainable and environmentally responsible development and construction, the group developed a Tropical Green Building Certification Program. IGLA’s guidelines address site planning and design, water management, energy conservation, light pollution, landscaping and more. A home must comply with 90 percent of IGLA’s checklist items in order to be certified five star.

From the paint on their roof to

the herb garden planted outside, the Lindens were excited to meet IGLA’s criteria for residential green building.

Originally from Connecticut, the Lindens used as much green technology as possible when they built their New England home in the mid-1980s. More than 20 years later, they knew they wanted a home on St. John that would be as kind to the environment as possible as well.

“We have a passive solar house in Connecticut and I knew I wanted to do the same thing down here,” said Bob Linden. “I like renewable energy and I don’t like polluting. There is only so much oil and coal out there and we don’t need to use fossil fuels.

Since the home was designed specifically for the short-term rental market, they couldn’t sacrifice creature comfort either.

“A lot of people think it takes this big effort to build green, but it really does not,” said Bob Linden. “You can do green technology now and have it all be automatic and passive. It’s nominally more expensive, but now we don’t have

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# No. 49

## “Virgin Island Ferries Sit Unused for Nearly a Year”

*\$7.6 Million St. John VITRAN Ferries No. 49  
On Washington Wastebook Boondoggle List*

By **TOM OAT**  
*St. John Tradewinds*

WASHINGTON, DC — St. John may be the top tourist destination, but the long-idled VITRAN St. John ferries only made No. 49 in the 2014 Washington, D.C., “Wastebook 2014,” an annual report of the Top 100 examples of wasteful federal government spending compiled by the staff of Sen. Tom Coburn, M.D., Republican Senator of Oklahoma.

“For residents and visitors of the Virgin Islands (V.I.), reliable ferries that travel from island to island are a necessity,” the listing of the dubious designation begins. “Yet, after spending millions for two ferries to transport passengers between two islands, the vessels have sat largely unused in 2014.”

“Purchasing the new ships was part of a plan by Virgin Islands government officials to upgrade the aging ferries that make the two-mile trip back and forth each day between the islands of St. Thomas and St. John,” the Wastebook report explained. “With \$7.6 million in federal funding, they were able in 2014 to purchase two new vessels to upgrade the existing fleet — the Cruz Bay 1 and the Red Hook 1.”

“When the plan was first announced, local officials on the Virgin Islands estimated they could buy two ‘300-passenger ferry boats [that] cost between \$2 million to \$2.5 million,’” the report continued. “To help fund the purchases, the federal government awarded several federal grants and earmarks since 2007 to make the upgrades, including the biggest portion — \$3 million — from the 2009 stimulus legislation.”

“The federal stimulus award was not without controversy, however,” the report added. “Elected officials in Washington State questioned why their state, with the largest ferry network in the nation, was shut out from an early round of stimulus funding while millions went to the Virgin Islands. Federal officials responded by stating the urgency of the need — a point which the island government seems to have missed.”

“From the start, the plan to purchase the ferries was itself beset by problems,” the report continued. “First, cost overruns for the project saw expenses soar and the final purchase price was \$3.25 million each for vessels that could carry around 200 people — nearly 100 fewer than originally estimated.”

“Next, though the ferries were acquired in November 2013, nearly a year has passed without the ships being put into permanent use,” according to the report, which is issued annually. “The ships were supposed to be operational by the end of 2013, but insurance problems prevented that from happening.”

“Then in January, V.I. Public Works Commissioner Darryl Smalls said the ferries should be ready to



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Both new ferries have been in service since late October.

go by the end of February,” according to the full-page story in Wastebook 2014. “However, delays in scheduling Coast Guard inspections pushed back the date they would be ready. The inspections were not completed until June and the ferries were finally launched (sic.) in early July.”

“After only a month in operation, however, the ferries were once again taken out of service and docked in Cruz Bay since early August. Commissioner Smalls explained in early September that legal issues with contractors were to blame and that the vessels would be back up and running ‘within the next few days.’ As the photos below demonstrate, though, the ferries remained docked nearly two weeks later.”

“While the ships are in good working order, according to Smalls, there is no telling when they’ll be reinstated,” the report concluded.

The impending listing in Wastebook may have had something to do with the de Jongh administration’s stepped-up efforts in early October when Public Works Commissioner Darryl Smalls assured the public the ferries would be in regular service before the end of October — after some overdue legislated government funding was found for the ferry companies.

The authors of the creatively-written and -illustrated annual list by the renowned critic of wasteful federal spending, however, did resist the temptation to employ the obvious designation “ferries to nowhere” — recalling one of the most infamous of its former designees — the “bridge to nowhere,” an expensive bridge project in Alaska which headlined a previous Wastebook list.

The Washington wags would have been caught unawares.

Everyone knows the V.I. has long had its own “bridge to nowhere” — the federally-funded and never-connected bridge over the ghutt at the intersection in Nadir on St. Thomas.

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## With \$50K Raised, Rotary and CBCC Plan Coral Bay Basketball Court Renovations

By JAIME ELLIOTT  
St. John Tradewinds

**EMMAUS** — After successfully raising \$50,000 in funding, Rotary Club of St. John and Coral Bay Community Council officials are gearing up to renovate the dilapidated Coral Bay basketball court.

"We wanted to let everyone know that we have successfully raised, with actual dollars and pledges, the \$50,000 to get the basketball court repairs going," said Sharon Coldren, President of CBCC and a member of Rotary. "We are getting quotes from contractors and we have identified everything that needs to be done. This is a Rotary project and CBCC is helping out."

Officials are in the process of securing the required Department of Planning and Natural Resources permission to move ahead with the repairs, Coldren explained.

"We are in the process of getting the request into DPNR for the letter of permission that has to be signed off on by all parties," said Coldren.

The land that the basketball court sits on is owned by the Moravian Church and under a long-term lease to developer T-Rex, which plans to construct a commercial property on the site. Earlier this year, T-Rex and government officials agreed to allow Rotary to repair the dilapidated court.

T-Rex donated \$5,000 to the project and — as part of the company's agreement with the Moravian Church — pledged to build a new recreation facility in a different location before removing the current basketball court, according to Coldren.

The development plans, however, are a few years off and a renovated court would meet the needs of Coral Bay in the meantime, Coldren added.

"We don't anticipate this is going to be a 30-year basketball court," she said. "It's probably more like a five year basketball court. So we're doing what we can so it will be a good place for the next five years."

Although the court sits next to Guy Benjamin School, which was shuttered at the end of last school year, the facility is still open to the public, explained the CBCC president.

"We want to make sure that people know the renovations are happening and they don't depend on the school," said Coldren. "We hope the school becomes a community center, if not a school. It is being kept up

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— Sharon Coldren, CBCC President

and CBCC is actively trying to pursue that."

Planned renovations to the court consist of putting down new asphalt, painting basketball, volleyball and pickle ball lines on the court, installing new basketball standards, buying movable volleyball standards, fencing the area and rebuilding the bleachers. New LED lighting has already been installed at the court and will be placed on a timer for people to easily use the area after dark, Coldren explained.

"The big expense will be doing the new layer of asphalt on the court before the lines are done," she said.

After work gets started — which Coldren was hesitant to put on a timeline, but hoped to be "relatively soon" — the repairs are expected to take only a few months, according to the CBCC president.

"We hope once we get started it will just be a few months before it's finished," said Coldren. "I'm hoping to get his done in the next two or three months, but some of it depends on the timing of the contractors."

Most of the work renovating the basketball court will be completed by contractors, but there is one project skilled volunteers will be asked to help with, explained Coldren.

"It would be great if we could find volunteers to tear out the bleachers," she said. "The project is a little heavy for any old volunteer so we're hoping some people with construction experience will help deconstruct the bleachers. And they are welcome to the wood, some of which is still in good shape."

Anyone interested in volunteering to remove the bleachers should call the CBCC office at 776-2099 or email [coralbaycommunitycouncil@hotmail.com](mailto:coralbaycommunitycouncil@hotmail.com).

## Adams Takes Over as Friends of VINP Volunteer Coordinator

St. John Tradewinds

Friends of V.I. National Park announced last week that Anna Adams is the group's new volunteer trails coordinator.

Adams brings to her new position a passion for volunteering and for the Friends. Her most recent post was in Maine where she was the Senior Field Crew Leader at Friends of Acadia National Park.

Adams' qualifications include a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Recreation and Tourism Management and numerous National Park Ser-

vice certifications from Operational Leadership to Chainsaw Safety.

Her familiarity with Friends groups combined with strong volunteer program management experience, makes Adams a welcome addition to Friends of VINP. She will lead the volunteer walk-up program on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and will coordinate service trips for 14 groups and universities this season.

To get involved in Friends of VINP's trails and volunteer programs, contact Adams at [anna@friends-vinp.org](mailto:anna@friends-vinp.org).

# Kraft and Picard Win Elite Course at Second Annual Paddle in the Park



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Yelena Rogers

Paddleboard racers at the starting line at Maho Bay on November 2.

By JAIME ELLIOTT  
St. John Tradewinds

**MAHO BAY** —A total of 51 athletes braved windy conditions paddling distances from one mile to five and one half miles on Stand Up Paddleboards in the Friends of V.I. National Park’s second annual Paddle the Park on Sunday morning, November 2.

“It went really, really well,” said event organizer Karen Jarvis, Friends of VINP’s program manager. “We were very pleased with the turn out and we had a lot of nice exposure this year so that was great. Some of the best paddlers in the territory were there.”

All three courses started and finished at Maho Bay with the longest course, the five and one half mile Elite Course, leading out around Whistling Cay, over to and around Cinnamon Cay and back around Whistling Cay before ending back to the Maho Bay beach.

The three-mile Open Course paddlers left Maho and circumnavigated Whistling Cay before returning to the beach. The one-mile Short Course, new this year, had paddlers leaving Maho Bay and turning around at the floating V.I. National Park mooring pay station before returning to the beach.

While the morning started out with near perfect conditions, the wind quickly picked up, making for a challenging Elite Course, explained Jarvis.

“We had a good luck rainbow in the morning before the race started,” she said. “The weather was great and then the wind started to pick up. It was a challenging Elite Course race, but everyone made it through despite the wind.”

In the end, Bill Kraft of St. Croix finished first in the Men’s Elite Course with a time of one hour, five minutes and 51 seconds. Nat Ford of St. John came in second in

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# North Shore Deli Serves Up Seriously Good Sandwiches with Slow Roasted Meats



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Nikki, Alexander, Demetrios and Kaya Ahladis pose for family photo at their new North Shore Deli, left. A hearty slow-roasted meat sandwich, above.



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By JAIME ELLIOTT  
St. John Tradewinds

**CRUZ BAY** — A great corned beef sandwich doesn't require a lot of bells and whistles; just a very long time to slow roast the meat to perfection, which is exactly what diners will find at North Shore Deli.

Demetrios and Nikki Ahladis bought the popular Mongoose Junction deli (formerly Deli Grotto) in September and since opening in early October, the couple has been serving up some of the best sandwiches on the island.

The restaurant business is nothing new for the Ahladis family, who have called St. John home for more than a decade and met when they both worked at Banana Deck. Now they have two children, seven-year-old Kaya and four-year-old Alexander, and while they're working long hours, North Shore Deli is a true family business.

"I always wanted to have my own place," said Demetrios Ahladis. "I've been in the hospitality industry for a long time and it's the natural progression. When the opportunity arose, we jumped at it."

Nestled in the natural stone open-air shopping complex of Mongoose Junction, North Shore Deli is the perfect place to grab a few sandwiches before heading off for a day at Hawksnest or Maho Bay.

"Mongoose Junction is amaz-

ing," said Demetrios Ahladis. "There is really no better retail spot in all of the Virgin Islands."

Deli Grotto fans can rest assured the popular multi-grain Grotto bread is still available, as well as those sinfully delicious Jumbles, coconut bars and chocolate chip banana bread slices.

While being sure to keep those old favorites, the Ahladis are putting their own stamp on North Shore Deli. They have added some fantastic new menu items, including vegan options and healthy salads as well as mouth-watering slow roasted meat sandwiches.

Stop in for that slow roasted corned beef or the 18-hour roasted pork which appears in two stellar creations; the Pirate Piggy and the Roast Pork. North Shore Deli's take on a Cuban sandwich, the Pirate Piggy features roasted pork and ham with swiss cheese, pickles and house-made mustard sauce.

The Roast Pork sandwich is the deli's interpretation of a Philly Pork sandwich but swaps out the spinach for sauteed kale and piles on roasted poblano peppers and provolone cheese.

Other popular sandwiches at North Shore Deli are the smoked turkey and bacon and the Greek-style flatbreads, available with chicken or portabella mushrooms or a vegan option with hummus.

Salads include the Super Foods

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## Coral Bay, St. John, Welcomes Team River Runner



St. John Tradewinds News Photos by Tom Oat

Team River Runner made its annual return to St. John, bringing 20 wounded U.S. Military veterans of various wars to Cinnamon Bay Campground on St. John to learn leadership skills during a week of kayaking, snorkeling and swimming events.

The veterans gathered Saturday, November 8, for a celebratory picnic with scores of St. John residents and fellow veterans for a barbecue sponsored by Viggo E. Sewer American Legion Post 131, with help from AARP of the Virgin Islands and other members of the community at the post's headquarters at the Agriculture Station in Coral Bay.

The organization continues to grow, said Joe Mornini, the Maryland teacher who helps organize the annual St. John event, but he admits he has had to slow the organization's growth to keep pace with funding.

"I really have to slow down growth," acknowledged Mornini. "We have to slow down our mission."

## Antilles School's Colin Brego Wins Silver at Cressy Cup

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Growing up sailing in the U.S. Virgin Islands, there are a few things that 16-year-old Colin Brego isn't used to; especially when it comes to sailing in a championship regatta on the mainland, where water and weather conditions are vastly different.

"Sailing in light breeze for example, is difficult," said Brego, an Antilles School junior who placed second over the weekend at the Cressy Single-handed National Championship in Bellingham, Washington.

Brego represented the Antilles team at this pinnacle event, which pitted the top 18 laser sailors from high schools all over the nation against each other in a race for the prestigious title.

"In the Virgin Islands, it's al-

ways windy and the first day here, the change in conditions was immediately something we had to deal with," Brego said after returning to the territory. "But I think I did well coping with it the first day. It was definitely a great accomplishment for me, the school and our team and hopefully this kickstarts our season into the next two championships that we hope to attend and succeed in."

Brego advanced to the championships after making it through a series of qualifiers, including a race last month in Charleston, South Carolina.

"I feel great," Brego said. "I feel like all my hard work has paid off in high school sailing and I can't wait to get back out there. I'm looking forward to more great finishes."



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Colin Brego

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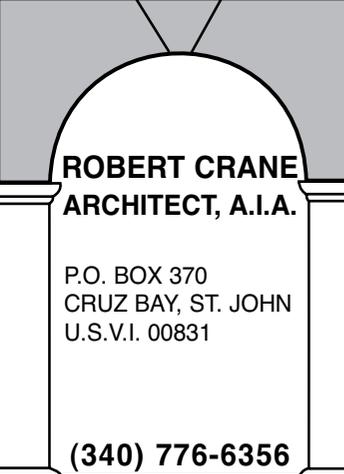


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St. John Realtor B.J. Harris has installed the latest in solar panel design, double sided panels which also produce energy from reflected light on their underside, for her home on Great Cruz Bay. Battery storage will be her next investment, she added.

## BJ Harris Installs Latest "Bright Idea," Bi-Facial, Double-sided, Solar Panels

By TOM OAT  
St. John Tradewinds

**GREAT CRUZ BAY** — While every St. John solar energy proponent is trying to figure out how to get along with (albeit as much as possible without) the V.I. Water and Power Authority, St. John Realtor B.J. Harris just went ahead and installed the latest in "bi-facial" solar technology on her Great Cruz Bay home.

"The panel technology isn't new, but it hasn't been used here yet," Harris acknowledged of the two-sided panels. "The solar guys I have spoken to didn't know about them."

"Bi-facial panels work best as roof over decks, car parking, outdoor seating (where a gazebo might otherwise be), around pools – anywhere a regular roof is planned," the 40-year island businesswoman said. "They can be engineered in almost any shape and come in pieces that are pretty easy to assemble."

"It took three and a half (me) people five days to put the whole thing up," B.J. said. "The company

in South Carolina did the engineering for me based on the drawings and specifications I sent them. It couldn't have been easier."

### Additional 30 Percent Production

"Each panel is rated for 275 watts per hour on one side. But you can generate an additional 30 percent from the under side with reflective light bouncing off the lower surface," she explained. "So my system of 40 panels can make as much as 66,000 watts in six hours of direct sunlight, plus as much as an additional 21,780 from the underside."

"This means I can generate between 66 and 88 kilowatts per day," Harris said.

"And about 15 percent of the natural light filters through, so it's bright underneath the array," she added.

"Until I can tie into WAPA's grid, I will just use that electricity to run my house during the day, and if I'm making so much extra, I will buy a bank of batteries to store the excess and use it at night," B.J. said. "I grew up on boats so I am very comfortable with alternative energy sources."

# Join the Unitarians of St. John for Fun-filled Day at Honeymoon Beach

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Join the Unitarians of St. John for a kayak tour and beach day at Honeymoon Beach compliments of Sybille Sorrentino, owner of Virgin Island EcoTours, on Sunday, November 16.

There's lots of fun to be had using the complimentary Honeymoon Beach Day Pass, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Relax in the water on a float, lie in a hammock under a shady palm tree or enjoy a snorkel exploring the two colorful reefs at each end of the beach, and/or paddle around the bay in single and double kayaks, and/or take a turn on the standup paddleboards.

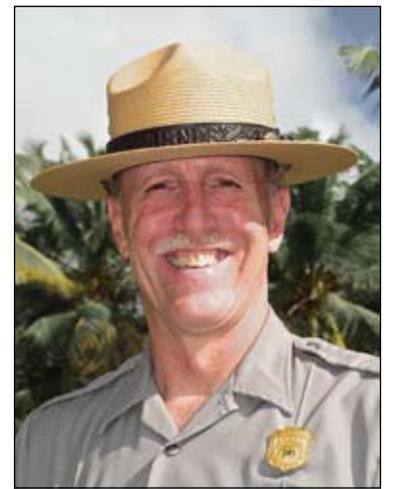
The Honeymoon Beach Day Pass includes: locker, beach chair, snorkel gear: mask, snorkel, fins & flotation, floating matt, standup paddleboard, kayak, and hammock.

Directions for getting to Honeymoon Beach and other details at: <http://viacotours.rezgo.com/complete/TkVNMfVEVkJZN-VWN3Vmc9PXxORU0wVURWRk1VY3dWZz09>

A special three-hour guided Kayak/Snorkeling paddle to Henley Cay is also available. A reservation must be made for this particular excursion with Linda by emailing: [topscotch@earthlink.net](mailto:topscotch@earthlink.net) by Friday, November 14. For those interested, meet at 9:30 a.m. for the one-mile paddle out to the Cay and excellent snorkeling. See the website above for details!

Valuables will be safe in your own locker at the Honeymoon Hut where you will also have access to flush toilets and a gift shop with a wide variety of necessary items including cold drinks and ice cream. Bar beverages and food are available through Caneel Bay Resort or bring a sack lunch.

NON UUF members are welcome so feel free to attend, but you MUST sign up by Friday, Nov. 14 by emailing: [topscotch@earthlink.com](mailto:topscotch@earthlink.com).



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Win R&I PATTON's stunning sapphire necklace worth a retail value of \$3,190, above left, full day trip on m/v *Satisfaction*, top center, a 7-night stay at "...On a Clear Day..." luxury rental at Francis Bay, bottom center, or dinner with VINP Supt. Brion Fitzgerald, above right.

## Friends Online Auction Opens November 15

### St. John Tradewinds

The sixth Annual Friends of Virgin Islands National Park Online Auction will officially open on Saturday, November 15 at 9 a.m. EST and will run until December 7 at 10 p.m. EST.

The signature event raises funds to support programs and projects in the national park, and is perfect timing for holiday shopping.

Find great deals on retail goods and services such as jewelry, dining, clothing, art, hotel and villa stays and excursions. There are now more than 50 items published for viewing as of press time.

The online auction has been growing in popularity as a place to shop for great deals on vacation rentals. This year's auction has about 20 different villas and lodging options to bid on. Highlighted properties include 7-night stays at "...On a Clear Day...", "Sweet Surrender," "Bombalassy Villa" and "Isla Vista" among others.

There will also be amazing jewelry offerings from R&I PATTON Goldsmithing, Caravan Gallery and others. Sailing and boating excursions abound.

A special new item this year: Dinner with the Park Superintendent, Brion Fitzgerald. The winners will enjoy and learn from first-hand information from the head of our V.I. National Park.

This year's goal is to raise \$40,000 to support Friends' mission of the protection and preservation of the natural and cultural resources of Virgin Islands National Park and to promoting the responsible enjoyment of this unique national treasure.

Preview building auction items now at [www.biddingforgood.com/friendsvinp](http://www.biddingforgood.com/friendsvinp). There is something for everyone.

Friends will be accepting donations through Wednesday, November 12. Contact Karen Vahling at 779-4940 or [kvahling@friendsvinp.org](mailto:kvahling@friendsvinp.org) for more details.



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## On *the* Market

A feature dedicated to special homes on the market listed with *Tradewinds* real estate advertisers\*

### Custom Villa L'Autre Monde Is Truly Another World

By JAIME ELLIOTT  
St. John Tradewinds

**GREAT CRUZ BAY** — Take one look at the expansive deck overlooking Great Cruz Bay at L'Autre Monde and it's easy to imagine a grand party with guests mingling under the stars as the lights of St. Thomas twinkle to life in the distance.

L'Autre Monde is French for "another world" and this seven bedroom, seven and a half bathroom custom built villa is just that. The price of this exquisite Great Cruz Bay villa was recently drastically reduced and is now being offered for \$4.8 million, explained Islandia Real Estate/Sea Glass Properties broker associate Lynn Giovanna.

"The villa recently saw a drastic price reduction," said Giovanna. "L'Autre Monde is now the least expensive per square foot of

the higher-end properties listed over \$4 million."

Making the villa even more enticing, the seller is also offering financing to a qualified buyer, Giovanna added.

L'Autre Monde boasts breathtaking water views and makes one feel as if they're in their own private Caribbean haven, yet the villa's Great Cruz Bay location is only a short drive to the shops, dining and nightlife of Cruz Bay and the white sand beaches of the V.I. National Park.

"L'Autre Monde is located in the Great Cruz Bay neighborhood with protective covenants and restrictions and private dinghy dock access," said Giovanna. "This well maintained neighborhood is very popular for short term rentals. It is a wonderful area for a morning jog or evening stroll and you are just a few minutes from town, shopping,

grocery stores, restaurants and North Shore beaches."

From the spacious deck at L'Autre Monde, soak up sunset views and unwind with guests or family members. The villa was truly built for entertaining and offers hosts and their guests plenty of space to mingle and, when desired, to enjoy the utmost in privacy as well. Areas of the deck can connect to span the length of the entire villa, which is separated into two distinct wings.

The East Wing was originally built as a master suite addition, yet eventually turned into a four bedroom wing which was completed in 2004. This wing is completely separate and self-sufficient from the West Wing and boasts a professional-grade kitchen, as well as a spacious outdoor dining and BBQ areas.

The East Wing features four



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L'Autre Monde provides an escape to another world.

bedrooms and four and a half bathrooms over two levels. A laundry room and three of the bedrooms — one of which is currently being used as a home gym and office — are found on the lower level.

L'Autre Monde's East Wing also features a luxurious, custom-designed swimming pool with unique waterfall features as well as outdoor dining areas and plenty of deck space.

The original structure at L'Autre Monde is now the West Wing and is accessed across a covered stone walkway. The main level of the West Wing consists of two bedrooms and two bathrooms and a luxurious open-air living space with an oversized great room and dining area.

The West Wing boasts its own professional-grade kitchen as well as its own heated pool/spa, outdoor dining area and spacious

deck. An additional one bedroom and one bathroom — accessed via a private entry making it an ideal caretaker's unit — is found on the lower level of the West Wing.

With sweeping water views, plenty of space to entertain or enjoy total privacy, L'Autre Monde is truly a one-of-a-kind property.

"L'Autre Monde is a unique, custom built property with quality, high-end finishes that should truly be seen to be appreciated," said Giovanna. "Much attention was paid to detail with African slate floors throughout most of the property, extensive stonework, handmade glass sinks, custom cabinetry, indoor/outdoor audio system and more."

For more information on L'Autre Monde, call Giovanna at Sea Glass Properties/Islandia Real Estate at (340) 776-6666 or on her cell phone at (340) 344-1825.

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# Mongoose Merchants Association To Host Evening in the Courtyard

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The Mongoose Merchants Association will be hosting a special event, Evening in the Courtyard, on Friday November 28, 2014, from 5 to 9 pm. All are invited to kick off the holiday season in style, amid the beautiful courtyards and terraces, decorated for the season. Mix and mingle with friends old and new, and enjoy the sounds of Steel Pan carried on the breezes and our DJ sending out some lively beats. The attractions of the evening including a raffle, with two \$500 shopping spree prizes, plus more gifts and discounts from the merchants and restaurants in Mongoose Junction. It's a one of a kind event, only on St. John, and only at Mongoose Junction, St. John's Premier Shopping and Dining Destination.

The winner of the "Glen Speer Visionary Award" will be announced. Started last year by the MJMA, this award recognizes a member of the St. John community for their contribution to the aesthetic visual appeal or to the quality of life on the island.

The fabulous Bamboula fashion show is scheduled for 6 pm, featuring the latest in tropical style, dancing, drumming and 20% off items featured during the show.

Portico is hosting a Message in a Bottle: uncork the savings from 10 to 50% off their purchase.

R&I PATTON will be showing new opal and gold designs by Kabana. A raffle will be held for a piece of Kabana jewelry (on display in the shop). The winner must be present at the time of drawing.

"Bling" in the holiday season at Caravan Gallery with a glass of bubbly as you shop for brand new classy fashion jewelry and fabulous gifts. To kick off the holiday spirit of giving, they'll give one raffle winner a \$100 donation to a St. John charity of their choice.

Stop by to say hello to the new owners of Fabric Mill and enjoy our store wide 20% discount, a Double Your Money Gift Certificate and a Gift Bag!

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free gift with a \$25 purchase.

Island Fancy features new tropical Christmas ornaments.

Just BEach, shoppers will enjoy a 20% discount after 5 pm.

Nest is offering 10% off all purchases store wide, including home furnishings and more.

Best of Both Worlds invites you to come in and preview our latest artwork and jewelry, new for the season, plus a Drawing for \$100 Gift Certificate.

St. John Scoops will be offering a free homemade waffle cone with the purchase of an ice cream or sorbet.

Bajo el Sol Gallery, the location for artwork by St. John artists, welcomes back Paula Myles for the up-coming Season, so stop by and say hello and enjoy a 20% discount on purchases of \$100.

Big Planet has just completed a beautiful remodel and is hosting a Black Friday sale with special deals and discounts.

At Sugarbirds Chef Jim will be demonstrating his wonderful spice blends, all made on island, plus gifts with purchases of \$25 or more.

The Tap Room will be extending our Happy Hour all night and will be serve half price appetizers all night. Visit their Brewtique with great gifts: Spend \$50 or more and receive a free tote bag!

The Sun Dog Cafe offers all guests a complimentary dessert, fresh baked on premise.

Virgin Fire Grill and Bar is hosting an after party from 9 p.m. with Vision Entertainment's DJ FOG, club atmosphere and a genuine parquet dance floor.

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## Letters to St. John Tradewinds

### Veterans Not Worth The Dollars

The elections are over, back to business with Congress as they have many unsettled issues in need of attention. The VA scandal is still a priority for Congress to settle. Although the VA has made some progress toward veterans care and benefits improvements, it is not yet 100% thought out.

Our Congress needs transparency in bipartisanship and held accountable. A quote by Theodore Roosevelt, "A man who is good enough to shed his blood for the Country is good enough to be given a square deal afterwards". We veterans need a square deal for survival and better quality of life, is it not too much to ask for? Many thousands of veterans are sick with PTSD and Severe Illnesses with little to no resolve.

The most critical of our veterans groups is the Vietnam war veteran. Tens of thousands continue to combat illnesses associated with the herbicide Agent Orange. The group of veterans mostly ignored by the VA are those who served at sea in that war known as Blue Water Navy, many are infected with Agent Orange. House Bill HR-543 is still active in Congress with over 55% Congressional support it is stalled in the Veterans Affairs Committee. Financial support for this Bill amounts to approx. 7 to 9 billion dollars spread out over 7 to 10 years, after that there will be none of us left. We give hundreds of billions to foreign Countries some of which hate us, yet not a dime to our veterans, what is wrong with this picture. It goes to show veterans are low priority.

Americans call your members of Congress demand they pass HR-543.

**John J. Bury,**  
US Navy retired Vietnam veteran  
Media, PA

### A Successful Path Laid for Renewable Energy

As we observe Energy Action Month this October, there is much success to be celebrated. We have ushered in an era of energy efficiency with solar water heaters, LED light bulbs, and Energy Star appliances becoming commonplace in homes across the territory. We have embarked on a comprehensive effort to diversify our sources of energy. The resulting effects of these policies, programs, and projects is a reduction of over 20% in our fossil fuel consumption for electricity production over the past five years. This represents almost 500,000 barrels of oil a year and places us well on our way to achieving a 60% reduction by 2025. Even the net metering program that has been a source of constant scrutiny has become a rousing success.

Over 1000 distributed renewable energy systems have been connected to the grid to date, with more applications and permits still making their way through the process. No other Caribbean nation can boast that it generates a larger percentage of its electricity from distributed renewable energy than the U.S. Virgin Islands. Nearly 10% of the peak demand for power on St. Croix is currently met by renewable energy systems that are net metered to WAPA's grid. In the St. Thomas-St. John district, that number is almost 12% of peak demand. This does not include the utility-scale solar projects being built at Estates Donoe and Spanish Town.

Progress has been steady, but real challenges remain. If we want to continue the growth of distributed energy in the Virgin Islands, and to support the desire of some individuals to generate their own renewable energy, then we must address three concerns. We must fairly allocate costs for the upkeep of the electrical system. We must develop a fair cost for excess energy sold back to WAPA. We must implement smart grid solutions to solve the technological barriers. The good news is that these challenges are not without solutions and those solutions are already known to us.

A common misconception is that net metering customers have chosen to go "off-grid" and remove themselves from being a customer of WAPA. The truth is, a net metered customer has decided to enter into partnership with WAPA to reduce their utility bills. They have not left the grid. They connect to and rely on the poles, wires, transformers, substations, bucket trucks, and linemen. Solar customers, in particular, need the electricity grid to ensure they have sufficient power at night and on cloudy days. Net metering customers also use the grid to sell power back to WAPA when they generate more energy than they need.

The reliability and proper maintenance of the grid is of critical importance to all WAPA customers. However, net metering customers do not pay their proportional share of those charges. WAPA recovers these costs through the consumption charge on your bill based on the kilowatt-hours consumed. Net

metered customers who have reduced their consumption do not pay these costs fully. They effectively pass these costs on to non-net metered customers. This is negligible in small amounts, but as more

people install renewable energy systems, it becomes increasingly important that everyone who uses the grid pays their fair share for the costs of keeping the grid operating. To solve this dilemma, we must agree to a standby rate or a net metering customer charge that adequately accounts for the maintenance and operation of the distribution grid. Other jurisdictions are doing this and there are models of how to spread these costs more fairly among all of WAPA's customers.

Another concern to be addressed is the determination of a fair price for the compensation by WAPA to the customer for excess energy sold onto the grid. The current net metering arrangement provides the customer with a kilowatt-hour credit that is equivalent in value to the retail rate that WAPA sells power to its customers for. WAPA's consumer rate includes the cost of distribution, meter reading, customer services, accounting, and other administrative charges not incurred by the net metered customer. When WAPA purchases power at a cost that is greater than the current cost to produce power at its power plants, it results in higher rates for all customers.

WAPA is required to file with the Public Services Commission a declaration of its "avoided costs". This is essentially the cost realized by WAPA in producing each kilowatt-hour of electricity at its power plants. WAPA can avoid paying a premium for excess power if it is not required to pay more than its actual "avoided costs" for that power. This approach is often referred to as net billing and has been adopted throughout the region on islands like Jamaica and Barbados. Likewise, this concept has already been enacted locally through the Feed-In Tariff Act and needs to be fully implemented moving forward.

Finally, we must address the technological barriers that hinder further renewable development. It is well established that wind and solar are intermittent sources of energy that fluctuate throughout the course of the day. Once again, in small quantities this is not a concern, however in large amounts it creates a challenge for the power plants as they try to maintain balance and stability on the grid. We know that these problems can be addressed through smart grid technology, energy storage, and adherence to strict interconnection standards. However, those solutions require thorough engineering analysis to guide the decision-making and then the capital to finance the implementation. Most importantly they take time, as we wait for technology to catch up to our ambitions.

We have come a long way in a short period of time concerning renewable energy. We can progress even further but we can't dismiss the real challenges faced by WAPA moving forward. If we acknowledge the legitimate concerns of the utility, then we can engage in the dialogue, collaboration, and cooperation necessary to advance our energy infrastructure in a manner that serves the best interests of all.

**Sincerely,**  
**Karl Knight, Director**  
Virgin Islands Energy Office

## NEXT DEADLINE: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>

### Crossword Answers (Puzzle located on Page 20)

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# JESS's Jeune Provost Selected as 2015 State Teacher of the Year

## St. John Tradewinds

Mrs. Jeune Provost has been selected as the territory's 2015 State Teacher of the Year.

"The Department of Education offers Mrs. Provost our warmest congratulations," Education Commissioner Donna Frett-Gregory said. "We commend her on her outstanding teaching achievements and we are honored that she will be representing the territory at the national conference and other upcoming events."

The selection committee — which ultimately makes a recommendation on the winner to the Education Commissioner — uses standard criteria during the evaluation process, including a classroom observation component.

A third grade teacher at Julius E. Sprauve School on St. John, Provost is committed to creating an educational system in the classroom that works for and with her

students.

"I believe it is my responsibility to inspire students by providing a caring and stimulating environment, where they can grow, mature and take risks free of embarrassment," Provost, now in her second year of teaching at Sprauve, said. "With the use of imagination, I allow students the freedom to present what they know in the best way they know how. I enthusiastically engage students in lessons that address each child's learning style. I am a firm believer in the theory of multiple intelligences and how those intelligences play in the development of differentiation and a student centered approach to learning."

Whether it's filming public service announcements for a unit about recycling or developing a presidential campaign for lessons on government, Provost's lessons are rigorous, hands-on and identify

with a simple teaching philosophy: that every child has the ability to learn through inspiration, imagination, and a teacher's dedication

"I am honored beyond words to have been chosen for such a prestigious award," Provost said. "To be named the 'best' among professionals that are shining examples of dedication and inspiration is humbling. There is no greater reward for me than to see and experience my students achieving success — but this accomplishment is truly something, a huge honor."

Provost will now go on to represent the Department and territory at the National State Teacher of the Year Competition, which is run by the Council of Chief State School Officers.

State Teachers of the Year participate in a number of activities, beginning early next year with the National State Teacher of the Year Conference.

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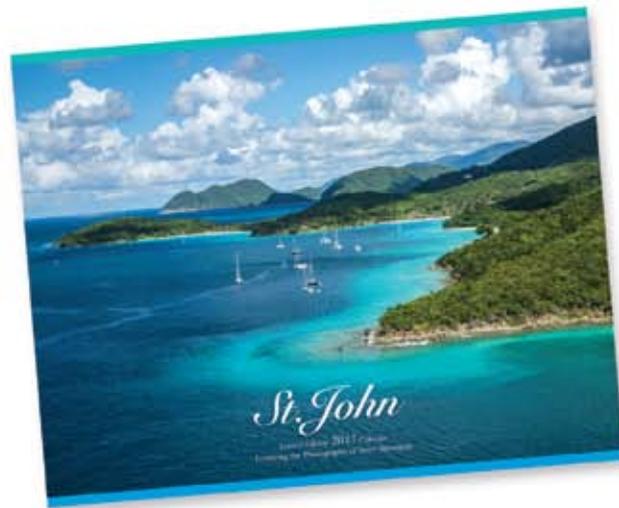
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### Tuesday, November 11

— The St. John Historical invites its members and friends to their first meeting of the season on Tuesday, Nov. 11, at 7 p.m. at the Bethany Moravian Church Hall. The evening's presentation will feature the very entertaining 1959 film, "Virgin Island," which is a loose adaptation of Rob White's 1953 book, "Our Virgin Islands."

### Saturday, November 15

— The fourth annual Pets and Vets Yard Sale is Saturday, November 15, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. across from Pickles in Coral Bay.

— Due to inclement weather, the Second Annual Rib Cook Off to benefit St. John Rescue has been rescheduled for on Saturday, November 15, starting at 4:30 p.m. at the Coral Bay ball field.

### Tuesday, November 18

— VITEMA, in conjunction with the NOAA's Caribbean Tsunami Warning Program, will host a tsunami workshop on Tuesday, November 18, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the University of the Virgin Islands Administration and Conference Center. This workshop is designed specifically to educate the Virgin Islands maritime

community on what they need to know about tsunamis.

### Friday, November 28

— St. John Historical Society members are invited to take part in the pilgrimage to Fortsberg, which commemorates the start of the 1733 slave rebellion on St. John. As we go to press, details of this activity are still being determined. SJHS will post information when it becomes available in the Events and Programs section of their website.

### Friday, November 21

— Giffit Hill School is pleased to announce their fifth annual school-wide community service day, Giffit Hill School Gives Back, to be held on Friday, November 21

### Saturday, November 22

— The Rotary Club of St. John will host 2014 Flavors – A Taste of St. John on November 22 at St. John's award-winning Westin Resort in the newly renovated ball room and will include adjacent rooms from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.

### Saturday, December 13

— On Saturday, December 13, the Coral Bay Bizarre Bazaar returns for its second year to Pickles In Paradise — just past the Coral Bay Triangle.

### 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

## Guest Opinion

### Rothschild Francis Day Celebration 2017

Again October 5th, 2014, Rothschild Francis day passed unceremoniously into history. The legislation to recognize that day prescribed activities that would help to inform the public about principles of democracy that are still absent from the Virgin Islands government operations. Perhaps the recognition of Francis should only be trumped by the recognition that the Virgin Islands still do not have a democracy.

It is notable that in the 96-year history of US sovereignty, the government structure has never provided a true democracy. Secondly, the Revised Organic Act of 1954 formed an autocratic system that functions like a 19th century monarchy. So operationally, the Virgin Islands government is a monarchy with republican names applied to the rulers. The governor has the imperial control of a king; the legislature is the royal court, and so forth.

#### Legislative Power and Authority:

Section 5(a) of the Revised Organic Act vested legislative power and authority in one house designated as the Legislature. The problem is that under principles of representative government, power and authority should be separate. Government power should be in the hands of the people, and authority should be limited by decentralization. Decentralization regulates the jurisdiction of an elected official's authority, and prohibits the prospects of self-interest power groups. Thereby authority is focused on representing the people's will and interests.

In a decentralized government structure, people in districts constitute their power by meeting as an official council to make decisions. Therefore, districts have councils, and councilpersons elected to represent them in a house of representatives. Without a council forum, the people have no formal legislative apparatus in which to constitute their will and power, and participate in decision-making for public policy development.

#### The Missing House:

The 1954 Act uses the word "house" but senators are not district council representatives. In US bicameral legislatures senators generally have upper level jurisdiction regarding state policy development and federal-state relations. Typically, both, senate and its house of representatives approve legislation. Contrarily the Virgin Islands unicameral legislative format gives the Senate the authority of both houses, the power of the people, and excludes the people from the decision-making process. In the absence of a house of representatives there is a chasm between the Senate and the people.

Without research and development input from district manager's offices, councils and a house, the Senate muddles through public policy implementation with political decision-making that has been contrary to the will and best interests of the people. In

sum, since 1954, the Senate's autonomous decisions have retarded the advancement of the society.

#### Subjects:

Perhaps most offensive in the 1954 Act is Section 8(a), which states that "The legislative authority and power of the Virgin Islands shall extend to all rightful subjects of legislation..." This imperialist language infers that residents are subjects of government instead of constituents. This means that the Act was likely not conceived with the ideal of establishing democracy, which is defined as government by the people. Although the term "subjects" may have been a Freudian slip, it reveals the imperial-colonial hegemony that produces rulers and subjects in the Virgin Islands.

Imperialism codified in the 1954 Act fortified a colonial system within a counterfeit democracy. This has remained under cover for 60 years. It seems that the divided society and operational turmoil distracts attention from the oligarchy control of government resources and political power. This Act of despotism may not have been developed if the people stood for Francis' government reform plan in the 1920s. Evidently the authoritarianism he sought to reduce was revitalized in 1954 with the people being reassigned to a status of political peons and subjects.

#### Executive Branch Authoritarian Control:

In reference to the governor, Section 11 of the Act states "He shall have general supervision and control of all the departments, bureaus, agencies, and other instrumentalities of the executive branch..." It also states "He shall appoint all officers and employees of the executive branch. This includes all teachers, nurses, etc., people that are not unclassified members of the cabinet. The power to employ a vast segment of the civil service gives total control over individuals' employment to the governor. This is improper authoritarian control of the civil service and personnel system.

In US civil service systems, none of the governors are vested such broad authoritarian power to decide who works or does not in a state, its county or districts. Employment should be based on qualifications and need rather than political affiliation. In the Virgin Islands civil service and politics are linked, and subjected to the governor's broad scope of authoritarian supervision and control, a vestige of the Danish slave society, and colonialism.

#### Conclusion:

So, is there colonialism masquerading as a democracy? Here is a test. 1) In the slave society there was economic, political, and social exploitation of the subject class. Has this changed? 2) In the 1920s there was a ruling class and a subject class. Has this changed? 3) The 1954 Revised Organic Act reinsti-

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## Marina Opposition Leader Implores deJongh Not To Sign Lease

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whether the “28 acres” he referred to included the portion of the bay covered by the proposed marina and the disparate relocation of most of the 100 vessels in the inner portion of the historic bay into several mooring fields to be managed by the marina developer in concert with the V.I. Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR).

### Expressing “Profound Disappointment”

“I am writing to express my profound disappointment at this development and to speak to you on behalf of the hundreds of residents of Coral Bay and thousands of visitors to St. John who view this as a grave mistake,” Silverman wrote Gov. deJongh.

“I have deep respect for the leadership that you have shown in taking the Virgin Islands through the economic and social crisis of the HOVENSA closing,” Silverman continued. “From this alone I know that you have the best interests of the Virgin Islands at heart and the will and conviction to make the right things happen. This situation with Coral Bay is another opportunity to demonstrate the leadership skills that we all admire.”

### Risking “Very Heart of Coral Bay”

“Coral Bay Harbor is at the center of a thriving tourism economy in the east end of St. John,” he added. “Our rental accommodations, food services, and other tourism purchases generate over \$25 million per year in local expenditures.”

“This is all at risk if the very heart of Coral Bay — its harbor — is leased to a private developer,” Silverman wrote Gov. deJongh. “The meager lease payments of \$200,000 per year don’t even begin to make up for the true value of this trust land.”

*St. John Tradewinds* could not confirm the lease payment Silverman cited.

DPNR acting-Commissioner and CZM Director J.P. Oriol and DPNR spokesperson Jamaal Nielsen have not responded to multiple inquiries from *St. John Tradewinds* since the newspaper questioned the validity of the October 1 CZM approval of the marina permit application for SEG with the developers holding an expired “letter of intent” for a lease from the V.I. government for the submerged “trust lands” under the bay.

*St. John Tradewinds* also has questioned DPNR officials on whether any contract between the government and a private, for-profit developer such as SEG to manage the lucrative mooring field and related services should have been advertised and offered for competitive bidding. At least one DPNR officials conceded competitive bidding rules might have been required for the lease.

### Expired Mooring Contract

The SEG application for the marina development included a 90-day “Letter of Intent” (LOI) between DPNR and the developers SEG to draft a “Memorandum of Understanding” (MOU) for a contract granting the developers the right to relocate all Coral Harbor moorings currently in the section of the harbor SEG proposes to cover with docks. The March 2014 LOI expired in June, more than two months before the marina permit application was considered by the St. John CZM in August and more than more than three months before CZM’s October 1 vote to approve the

development project.

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St. John CZM Chairman Andrew Penn and long-time member Edmund Roberts voted unanimously to approve the controversial marina plan on October 1, in defiance of vociferous opposition to the project expressed at an August hearing. The two St. Johnians took similar post-vote positions on the next steps the developers were authorized to take in the process.

Penn told *St. John Tradewinds* in early November he would seek clarification from CZM staff as to whether Government House and the marina developers could execute a contract for the mooring field management before the overall SEG marina project received the necessary federal approvals.

Roberts told *St. John Tradewinds* his interpretation of his CZM vote in favor of the SEG plans for the mega-yacht marina and mooring field was that the two parts of the development were separate.

### Silverman Asks deJongh To Intercede

Community activist Silverman asked Gov. deJongh to personally halt the mooring project until after the Army Corps of Engineers rules on the development proposal, which could face years of court challenge.

“You need to make a decision, on behalf of all Virgin Islanders, whether this private lease is in the public interest,” Silverman wrote Gov. deJongh. “Not in the interest of a few, but in the interest of all of us.”

“The public has proclaimed loudly that this would be destructive to their livelihoods, to their way of life, and to the natural environment of Coral Bay Harbor,” the Coral Bay activist continued.

“I wouldn’t think that you would want such a negative mark on your otherwise positive legacy — as the governor who sold Coral Bay to a private developer and was responsible for the most economically and environmentally damaging project ever to be undertaken on St. John,” Silverman intimated. “My hopes and prayers are the you will do the right thing, on behalf of ALL OF US.”

The CZM staff report, which was almost entirely favorable to the marina project, has reiterated the importance of the management of the mooring field was to the overall health of Coral Bay.

“Uncontrolled mooring within the bay and vicinity with limited facilities to serve boaters has contributed to sea grass damage, trash accumulation and water quality degradation,” the CZM July 2014 staff report continued. “Coral Harbor is designated as a mooring area by the Department of Planning and Natural Resources. The area is a heavily-used mooring and anchoring area and only a portion of the moorings are legal.”

The Save Coral Bay legal fund has raised more than \$62,000 towards a goal of \$100,000 from 491 donations as of November 9, to the web site gofundme.com, after surpassing its original goal of \$50,000 in less than one month.

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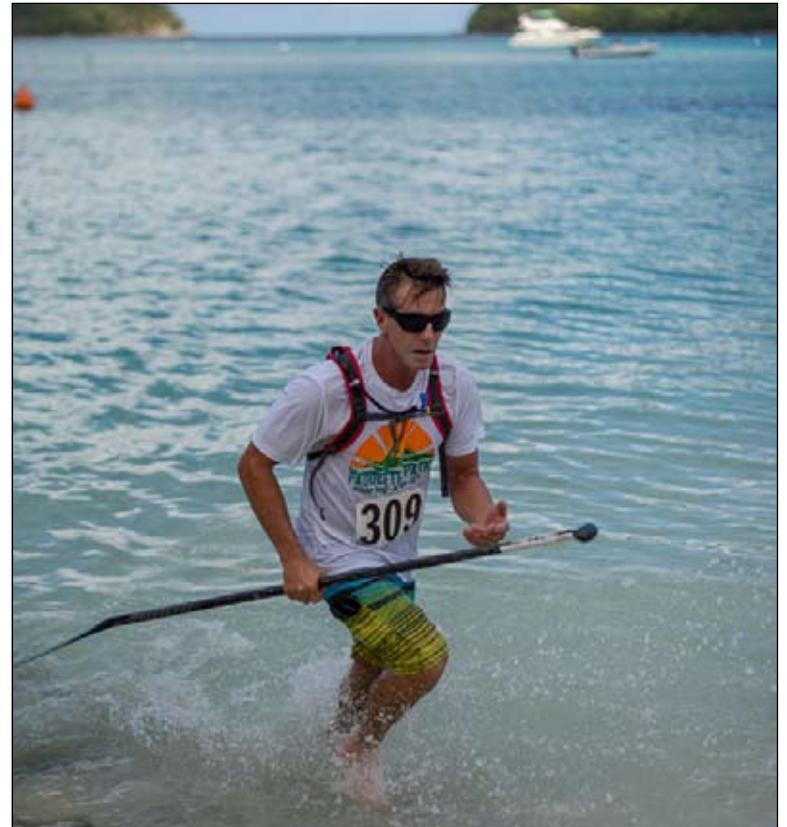
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Bill Kraft of St. Croix, above right, took first in the Men's Elite Course. Paddleboards await racers at Maho Bay, bottom left, the three top women finishers, top left.

## Second Annual Paddle in the Park

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the Men's Elite Course with a time of one hour, nine minutes and 38 seconds. Lee Donovan came in third, with a time of one hour, 18 minutes and 20 seconds.

On the women's side for the Elite Course, it was St. Croix's Isabelle Picard who came in first with a time of one hour, 16 minutes and 56 seconds. St. John women finished off the top three in the Women's Elite Course with Thais Taylor finishing second with a time of one hour, 33 minutes and 54 seconds, and Jude Woodcock finishing third with a time of one hour, 49 minutes and 12 seconds.

John Linnburn won the three mile Men's Open Course with a time of 38 minutes and 47 seconds, followed by Todd Clements with a time of 41 minutes and 17 seconds, and Nathan Hatfield who finished in a time of 42 minutes.

The Women's Open Course was won by Nikki Samuel who finished with a time of one hour, two minutes and 52 seconds. Ginny Walters finished second in the Women's Open Course with a time of one hour, five minutes and 22 seconds, followed by Alisa Niehueser who took third place with a time of one hour, six minutes and 36 seconds.

Mark Lonski of St. John won the Men's Short Course with a time of 12 minutes and 55 seconds, followed by Wyatt Bracy with a time of 13 minutes and 43 seconds and Manny Horsford with a time of 15 minutes and 26 seconds.

Sharie Smith won the Women's Short Course with a time of 14 minutes and 47 seconds, followed by Louanne Schechter with a time of 15 minutes and 28 seconds and Sandra Loeffler with a time of 15 minutes

and 49 seconds.

The new Short Course this year attracted a few younger SUP athletes, explained Jarvis.

"We added the Short Course this year and it worked out really well," Jarvis said. "We had two 10-year-olds and a seven-year-old take part. It was great to see the younger kids out there."

This year's event had a few more paddlers than last year and Jarvis expects the third annual Paddle the Park to draw even more people, she added.

"We had slightly more people than last year and we were pleased with the turnout," said Jarvis. "When you are starting a new event, it takes a while for things to jell. But people were really excited this year and adding the Short Course definitely helped."

One of those 51 paddlers was Matt Hite, is sure to give the Paddle the Park even greater exposure. Hite is the host of "Facing Waves," a 30 minute TV show which highlights kayak and SUP locales.

Hite, who competed in the Elite Course, is putting together an episode on the U.S. Virgin Islands which will air on Outside Television, NBC Universal and www.carbontv.com during the 2015 season.

Following the race, athletes enjoyed lunch and beverages and all participants took home a swag bag, a race jersey and a medal. Jarvis also hoped participants took home a little happiness too, she added.

"What we really want people to take away from this is fun," said the Friends of VINP's program manager. "It's all about having a good time and I think everyone really did have good time."

Main sponsors of the event were Ocean Potion and V.I. Orthopedics.

# North Shore Deli Serves Up Seriously Good Sandwiches

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made with local mixed greens, hearts of palm, candied walnuts, craisins, sunflower seeds and blue cheese with the option to add chicken or keep it vegetarian. There are also a Caesar, a Greek and an American salad made with romaine lettuce and topped with bacon, shredded cheese, tomato and onion. All of the sauces, including the tzatziki, sweet sesame vinaigrette and Greek dressing, are all made in-house.

There are also a few kid's items including a hot dog, grilled cheese a PB&J sandwich made, of course, with home-made peanut butter. Anyone in a hurry will want to check out the grab and go cooler stocked with chicken salad, tuna salad, artichoke dip, peanut noodle salad and more.

To help avoid long lines, the Ahladises will be rolling out their new website soon which will offer customers the opportunity to order and pay for their food online. The deli will also have a separate express line for patrons just looking to grab a drink or a container of hummus and get out the door.

North Shore Deli's smoothies are already becoming a hit, especially the "mean green" made with kale, mangoes and banana. Diners can also sip on a beer, a cocktail or pina colada while they wait for their sandwiches to be made. And get that drink in a North Shore Deli reusable cup, bring it in next time and enjoy a \$1 discount for the libation.

Early risers will be delighted to know that the deli now opens at 7 a.m. and while sandwiches are available all day, breakfast is served until 11 a.m. With options like a corned beef or smoked turkey hash, frittata and french toast, North Shore Deli's breakfast is sure to become a morning hot spot.

North Shore Deli is open Monday through Saturday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. For more information or to order ahead of time, call (340) 777-3061.

## Guest Opinion

### Rothschild Francis Day Celebration 2017

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tuted colonial operations. Has this changed?

Under the current economic, political, and social circumstances, it seems that recognizing Rothschild Francis' work is not looking backwards, it's looking forward. We have yet to grasp his ideals of democracy and self-governance, and his courage. Let's remember that he was persecuted, prosecuted, and imprisoned for his opposition to imperialism, and for enlightening the people about democracy.

However, if we would like to forget the past, we should first over-stand it and its implications for the

future. Then in lieu of recognizing Francis, an alternative would be to identify and support new competent leaders that are willing to work to advance the society. Considering the efforts to maintain imperialism over the last 96 years, democracy would provide the liberation that was not achieved with emancipation. The ultimate question is can Virgin Islanders "clear de road" for democracy before the recognition of 2017 as 100 years of US sovereignty?

– Dale Francis

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### Answer to Nov. 9 Cryptoquip:

AS I WAS EATING A HEALTHFUL TYPE OF WHEAT CRACKER DURING GRAMMAR CLASS, MY TEACHER ASKED, "HOW IS THAT SPELT?"

## Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

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### SPLITTING SIMPLE SUBSTANCES

#### ACROSS

- 1 Auto-theft deterrent
- 9 Nickname for Ireland, with "the"
- 16 "— to say?"
- 20 Formal written defense
- 21 Informer
- 22 Lend a hand
- 23 1941 hit for Billie Holiday
- 25 "Would — to you?"
- 26 "Frozen" snow queen
- 27 Athenian H
- 28 Of volcanic activity
- 30 Subpar grade
- 31 Kind of shipping with smallish freight
- 37 O'Hara's Butler
- 39 Kind of sword
- 40 Give rise to
- 41 One watching unobtrusively
- 46 See 87-Across
- 49 Fly jets, say
- 50 Lend a hand
- 51 Telly initials
- 54 Bear, in Tijuana
- 55 Countries
- 56 Home pest
- 57 Xeroxing supply
- 62 Common B.A. major
- 63 Orly jet, once
- 64 Soprano Gluck
- 65 California's region
- 66 Legendary king of Camelot
- 70 Little-by-little

- 73 Morales of movies
- 74 High trains
- 75 Stein quaff
- 78 Pilot's direction detector
- 80 Nada
- 81 Made even
- 83 Gp. of G.P.'s
- 84 One-wd. definition, essentially
- 85 2005 Best Director Lee
- 86 Plod along
- 87 With 46-Across, pancake pour-on
- 90 Like a technology in development
- 95 Singer Clark or Gibbs
- 98 Bowl game org.
- 99 Believer in a "God of reason"
- 100 Ayatollah Khomeini led it in 1979
- 105 "Give — try!"
- 108 Forbearance
- 109 Yank enemy
- 110 "— all a favor and ..."
- 111 Luc's gal pal
- 112 Simple substances split in eight long answers in this puzzle
- 119 Pop singer Celine
- 120 One hanging in the air
- 121 Sherpa, e.g.
- 122 E-mail status
- 123 Fifty percent
- 124 "The way things look to me ..."

#### DOWN

- 1 Pent-up
- 2 As straight as —
- 3 "The Twilight Zone" host
- 4 Jessica of "Sin City"

- 5 Texting titter
- 6 Census stat
- 7 Meets the challenge of
- 8 Jib holders
- 9 Burnt residue
- 10 Salt Lake City collegian
- 11 Place: Abbr.
- 12 Homer's cry
- 13 More guileful
- 14 Slick offering at a spa?
- 15 Infer
- 16 County in Kentucky or Indiana
- 17 Reddish purple color
- 18 Ex-Twin Tony
- 19 Swiftiness
- 24 Pic on a pec, perhaps
- 29 UPS items: Abbr.
- 31 Pre-Easter periods
- 32 Kitchen extension?
- 33 Pay mind to
- 34 Tax mo.
- 35 Ut. neighbor
- 36 Golfing peg
- 38 Skull's place
- 41 Outlet event
- 42 Writer Bunin
- 43 Zulu's group
- 44 Plop (down)
- 45 Fenway stat
- 47 Functions
- 48 Cruise stop
- 52 Happen to
- 53 Rocky peaks
- 56 Wynonna Judd's sister
- 57 Unsoiled
- 58 Luxury hotel chain
- 59 Hip dwelling
- 60 NHLer, e.g.
- 61 Barley bristle
- 63 Sharp pains
- 64 Lhasa — (dog breed)

- 66 Nabokov heroine
- 67 Classic Karel Capek play
- 68 — center (play area)
- 69 Be in power
- 70 Unit of fat
- 71 "— Lama Ding Dong"
- 72 Film version, e.g.
- 75 Person reading for a role, say
- 76 Big name in toy bricks
- 77 Place of bliss
- 79 Heart rocker Wilson
- 80 Wind dir.
- 81 Choo-choo
- 82 Furrows
- 85 "— in Calico" (old song)
- 86 Smartphone of the 2000s
- 88 Merciful
- 89 Iroquois tribe
- 91 Suffix with ethyl
- 92 95, to Nero
- 93 Asian ideal
- 94 Food
- 96 Western cattle farm
- 97 Korean city near Seoul
- 100 Apple tablets
- 101 Flaxlike fiber
- 102 Superman portrayal Christopher
- 103 WWW bookmark
- 104 Singer — Marie
- 106 People of Rwanda
- 107 Benefit
- 110 Galley mark
- 113 "Ho-hum"
- 114 401(k) kin
- 115 Bit of cartoon art
- 116 Whelp's yelp
- 117 Prefix with center
- 118 Family VIPs

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Full-time Program Liaison/Court Watch Coordinator needed for the VI Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Council, St. Thomas/St. John Staff. Duties include providing support for activities of the Criminal Justice and Conference Planning committees; take minutes and interact with agency membership on a regular basis. New hire will monitor domestic violence and sexual assault cases, collect and analyze data from criminal justice sources and train and supervise program volunteers. Legal or criminal justice background desired. Exceptional writing, verbal and computer skills needed. Flexible daytime schedule necessary; some college and prior work experience required. Transportation and some travel are required. Send cover letter and resume to: info@vidvsac.net NO calls.

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## Robbery Vs. Burglary

### Part 2

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Robbery is a crime of opportunity. Most often the unlikely victim is a male. Females are victims, but more often it involves the snatching of a purse and not a strong-armed robbery with a weapon. While money is the motivation, robbery is a crime of violence because it involves the threat or actual use of violence.

Here are some basic tips of prevention.

#### SAFETY ON THE STREET AND OTHER OUTSIDE PLACES:

- If possible, don't walk alone during late-night hours. Walk in groups whenever you can. There is safety in numbers.
- Stay in well-lit areas as much as possible. Avoid vacant lots and other short cuts or secluded areas. They are usually not well-lit nor heavily traveled.
- Avoid carrying large sum of cash, or displaying expensive jewelry, etc., in public. If you must carry large sums, divide the cash into smaller quantities and carry in multiple places on your person (wallet, purse, side pocket, etc.)
- If you are going out for an evening of entertainment, don't overindulge. Robbers pry on your incapacitation.
- Trust your intuition. If something or someone makes you uneasy, avoid the person or leave.

- Don't go home or to your hotel if you believe someone is following you. Instead, go to a police station, fire station, or a business with visible security personnel on duty.

#### IF YOU ARE CONFRONTED:

- DO NOT RESIST! Cooperate. Give the robber whatever he asks for: wallet, keys, jewelry, credit card, etc. Your life is more valuable than replaceable possessions.
- Don't make sudden moves. A nervous robber may think you are reaching for a weapon. If the robber claims he has a weapon in his pocket, never try to force his bluff.
- Never try to be a hero and apprehend the robber yourself. Instead, notify the police as soon as possible. Call 911!
- Self-defense measures are most effective when applied as preventive steps, such as running away, hiding, screaming, and raising an alarm. Remember, more people respond to someone yelling "Fire!" than they will to "Help!"

Next week we will feature crimes the police need help solving. If you have a suggestion on which crime(s) to feature, please send us an email at [crimestoppersvi@gmail.com](mailto:crimestoppersvi@gmail.com). Remember: if you know something, say something.

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# “On a Clear Day...” Receives First 5-Star IGLA Certification for Rental Home

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a WAPA bill.”

The result of Crane’s and the Lindens’ efforts is a luxurious villa with commanding views of Francis Bay, St. Thomas and out to several off-shore cays. With a bank of solar panels discreetly set off to the side of the home, it’s not obvious at first that the villa is different from any other rental property. Yet that is deceptive.

Great care was taken to try to keep the home from absorbing as much heat as possible in the first place. From choosing roofing material and paint to the type of insulation and windows used, the Lindens only had to air condition the bedrooms and exercise room in “On a Clear Day...” and those are individually controlled high SEER-rated ductless units.

Other green features at “On a Clear Day...” include the use of low-E glass throughout the villa which helps the west facing home not absorb heat. Crane specifically designed Ipe wood trellises with slanted slats on the deck and verandahs to provide shade while reflecting sunlight away from the home as much as possible.

LED and CFL lighting is found through-

out the villa as well as Energy Star appliances, fans and televisions. All plumbing fixtures are WaterSense low flow and the bathrooms feature dual flush toilets.

There is solar heated domestic hot water and the entire villa is powered by two large ground-mounted photo voltaic arrays.

The villas has proven to be a popular rental with guests excited about the green technology, explained Caren Linden.

“Our manager is great at explaining everything to the guests who are really interested in the green features of the home,” she said.

Guests are also given a reusable shopping bag which they are welcome to take home, Caren Linden added.

“On a Clear Day...” is managed by Caribbean Villas & Resorts and is also available on VRBO.com at number 442485.

The Lindens also offer a free one year membership to Friends of V.I. National Park to renters through the group’s Villas for the Park program. For more information about Friends of VINP’s villa program check out [www.friendsvinp.org/how-to-help/villas-for-the-park](http://www.friendsvinp.org/how-to-help/villas-for-the-park).



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Bob and Caren Linden with their local architect Rob Crane at “On a Clear Day...,” the island’s first 5-star IGBL Certification rental villa, which is located at Franis Bay.

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<p><b>“VILLA VENTOSA”</b> in Calabash Boom features privacy &amp; spectacular BVI views with pool &amp; spa. This well built Mediterranean inspired masonry 3BR villa w/ luxury appointments, incl. coral stone walls &amp; gourmet kitchen enjoys great breezes and beautiful sun rises.</p> <p><b>MLS 14-455</b> \$1,495,000</p>	<p><b>“WINDCHIME”</b> is a very private 1.4 ac. estate set high atop Giff Hill. Dramatic views to the east w/ spectacular breezes and sunrises. This 3 bdrm villa has room to expand with an oversized pool facing the terrific view.</p> <p><b>MLS 13-516</b> \$1,295,000</p>	<p><b>“WHALE WATCH”</b> – Enjoy pristine East End in this lovely, 2 bedroom villa with big water views. Downstairs apartment offers additional living &amp; income space. Hear the sound of the waves lapping below.</p> <p><b>MLS 13-204</b> \$1,125,000</p>	<p><b>“KABEJ PATCH”</b> Caribbean style 5 bdrm pool villa, in a quiet, breezy location in desirable Chocolate Hole. Beautifully finished Brazilian hardwood home w/ stone accents is charming! Walk to beach. Excellent short term rental or private residence.</p> <p><b>MLS 13-500</b> \$849,000</p>	<p><b>“GIFFT HILL”</b> View, quiet area &amp; convenience! Two unit home-Live in one, rent the other! Main level features 2 bdrms, bth &amp; a generous great room w/ sliders to Pillsbury Sound view deck. Lower level studio apartment with porch. Lush, level property with easy parking.</p> <p><b>MLS 13-347</b> \$475,000</p>	<p><b>“FISH BAY” 4X2”</b> INCREDIBLE VALUE! Huge panoramic views and a quiet, private, breezy location that borders Nature Conservancy property make this home a must see!</p> <p><b>MLS 14-318</b> \$475,000</p>
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