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### ScotiaBank Wins Third Annual Chaotic Kayak Race

St. John residents packed Oppenheimer Beach on Sunday, July 28, to support Team River Runner's St. John program for wounded veterans. The afternoon featured kayak and SUP races, food by Cafe Livin', beer from St. John Brewers and Miller, DJ tunes by Adonis and more.

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## New Bank Branch Soon Come



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Banco Popular Virgin Islands is set to open the newest banking option for St. John residents in Cruz Bay. This sign, at the corner of Mooie's just off the Loredon Boynes Sr. Ferry Dock, was recently erected, causing excitement in Love City. No word yet on when the bank branch, which appears will be located next to the historic Mooie's building in the heart of Cruz Bay, will open for business.

## Ball Field Closed for Renovation and Landscaping

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Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation Commissioner St. Claire Williams announced last week that the Winston Wells Ball Park on St. John will be closed until October 1 to allow for ongoing renovation and landscaping of the facility.

Williams noted that residents of St. John in collaboration with the department have organized a group of community volunteers to enhance the playing field of the Winston Wells ball field and

have begun to rake, remove stones and begin the process of seeding the ground for grass to grow.

"Although the ball park will have to be closed for a short period of time, the work being done will insure to make it much safer and a better playing field for years to come," said Williams.

The commissioner also thanked all the volunteers, businesses, government agencies and staff who are working together to make this project possible.

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## CBCC "Next Steps" Meeting July 29<sup>th</sup>

Coral Bay Community Council is hosting an AIA workshop follow-up meeting on Monday, July 29, at 6 p.m. in room six at Guy Benjamin School.

At the meeting, residents will discuss "Next Steps" based on the presentation of the American Institute of Architects and community concerns from the May workshop which included more than 120 Coral Bay residents and property owners.

The Coral Bay Vision survey results, available at <http://sdrv.ms/13Tvo4K>, will also be discussed. CBCC officials will also form a Steering Committee of residents to lead those "Next Steps."

## Division of Real Property Issues 2012 Property Tax Bills

The Division of Real Property has begun to issue the 2012 real property tax bills to Virgin Islands property owners.

The 2012 bills are issued to all property owners of record as of January 1, 2013.

Property owners will again have the opportunity to take advantage of early payment discounts. A 5 percent discount will be applied to bills paid by August 15, 2013.

Property owners who pay their 2012 bill after that date and before the bill due date of August 30 will receive a 2.5 percent discount.

Property owners are encouraged to pay their 2012 tax bill by October 30 in order to avoid late payment fees. The deadline for filing appeals with the Board of Tax Review regarding tax assessments is November 15, 2013.

Virgin Islands property owners are reminded that they can pay their 2012 property tax bills even if they have not yet received the bill in the mail. Cashiers at all Tax Collector Office locations are able to access property information to facilitate the payment transaction.

Payments for the 2012 property taxes and all past due years can be paid at the Tax Collector's Office on St. John at the Islandia Building.

Payments can be made in person or by mail. Payments of checks, cash, money orders, ATM, debit and credit cards (Visa and Mastercard only) are accepted at the window. Property owners submitting their payments by mail are advised not to send cash and also enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope in order to receive proof of payment.

For more information about the 2012 property tax bills, contact the Office of the Tax Assessor at 776-6737 on St. John. Questions regarding delinquencies should be addressed to the Tax Collector's office at 776-6737 on St. John.

## CPR Awareness Class Set for August 7

Wendy Davis of the V.I. Fire Service will host a two hour CPR awareness session on Wednesday, August 7, at Cases by the Sea starting at 6:30 p.m. This is an awareness session about what anyone can do to help save a life before emergency medical technicians arrive.

## ACC's Flea Market Set for October 19<sup>th</sup>

"No Fleas, Please," the St. John Animal Care Center's annual flea market, will be Saturday, October 19, at the Winston Wells ball field from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Donated wares are now being accepted. Call the shelter at 774-1625 for information about pickup of furniture and volunteering to help with setting up the fair.

# DPNR's Tapia Faces Additional Charges in Drug Trafficking Case

## Two New Co-conspirators from St. Thomas Arrested

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

Department of Planning and Natural Resources' former Director of Enforcement Roberto Tapia was hauled back to V.I. District Court last week to face new charges related to the drug trafficking ring he is accused of running with help from former St. John Police Sergeant Angelo Hill.

In addition to the charges of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine and use of a firearm in drug trafficking which he already faces, Tapia is now charged with seeking bribes for DPNR contracts, embezzling federal money and illegally selling DPNR equipment, according to a recent report in the *V.I. Daily News*.

Tapia was originally nabbed by Federal Bureau of Investigation agents on May 17 and charged with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine and use of a firearm in drug trafficking.

Tapia was arrested in Red Hook wearing a DPNR uniform and carrying his department-issued handgun, after returning on the ferry from St. John in possession of seven kilograms of cocaine with a potential street value of \$1 million in his backpack, according to authorities.

Former V.I. Police Department St. John Chief and Acting Commander of the island's Leander Jurgen Command Sgt. Angelo Hill was arrested on May 24 and charged with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine. Federal agents allege that Hill supplied Tapia with the drugs which were found in Tapia's backpack when he was arrested.

Two other co-conspirators, Stephen Torres and Eddie Lopez-Lopez both of Puerto Rico, were



Roberto Tapia

also arrested in mid-May. They too face charges of cocaine possession with intent to distribute for allegedly setting up the purchase of several kilograms of cocaine from Tapia.

According to a new indictment made public last week, Tapia faces charges under the Racketeering Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act (RICO) accused of abusing his position with DPNR to further a criminal conspiracy.

The former DPNR officer also now faces charges of interstate travel in aid of racketeering because he travelled to the British Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico to arrange drug shipments, according to the report in the *V.I. Daily News*.

"The new charges against Tapia include multiple counts each of federal program theft, conflict of interest, embezzlement, wire fraud, extortion, solicitation of a bribe and interstate transportation of stolen goods," according to the report. "In addition, the indictment

includes new charges of possession and conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine reflecting illicit sales of at least 58 kilograms of cocaine from September 2012 to May."

Tapia stands accused of attempting to extort \$40,000 from a St. Thomas business owner in exchange for a DPNR contract, according to the report.

Since the disgraced public official used DPNR vessels to transport drugs and conduct illegal activity, he faces embezzlement and federal program theft charges stemming from two State Recreational Boating Safety Program grants issued by the U.S. Coast Guard, each in excess of \$10,000. The funds are supposed to provide facilities, equipment and supplies for boating safety education and law enforcement, according to the *V.I. Daily News* report.

Two new co-conspirators, Raymond Brown and Edwin Monsanto, were also arrested, advised of their rights and arraigned in V.I. District Court last week.

Brown, an alleged cocaine supplier and distributor, pleaded not guilty Wednesday, July 24, to two charges of conspiracy with intent to distribute cocaine and federal use of a communication facility to facilitate a drug crime, according to a report on the *St. Thomas Source* website.

V.I. District Court Magistrate Judge Ruth Miller released Brown to home confinement on a \$250,000 bail, which was covered by his family putting its 10-acre Estate Dorethea property up for collateral, according to the report on *St. Thomas Source*.

Monsanto also pleaded not guilty to charges of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine and use of a communi-

cation facility to facilitate a drug crime, according to the report.

Miller granted Monsanto home confinement on a \$250,000 bail after his family pledged to put their St. Thomas and St. John land up for collateral, according to the *St. Thomas Source* report.

Tapia, Hill, Lopez-Lopez and Torres last week also all renewed their pleas of not guilty to all charges laid out in the new indictment, according to the report.

Tapia was arrested on May 17 in Red Hook after returning from St. John with 7.72 kilograms of cocaine. Federal agents allege that Hill supplied Tapia with the cocaine; handing it over from an unmarked VIPD vehicle in front of FirstBank VI, in the heart of Cruz Bay, according to the initial arrest affidavit.

Federal agents listening to phone conversations between Tapia, Hill and a buyer in Puerto Rico, received word that Tapia was "meeting with unknown individuals from Puerto Rico on the waters near St. Thomas, USVI, to pick up a large amount of money in association with the purchase of multiple kilograms of cocaine," according to the initial affidavit.

Agents watched as Tapia, using a DPNR vessel, met up with a power boat near Sail Rock off St. Thomas on May 17, according to that affidavit.

Tapia was under surveillance when he was seen taking a backpack from the second vessel. He took the backpack with him from the DPNR boat and was seen putting it in his DPNR pick-up truck.

Agents listened in as Tapia called Hill and asked if he could pick up "seven of those girls," according to the affidavit.

"Girls" were code for kilograms of cocaine," according to the gov-

ernment document.

Federal agents watched as Tapia boarded the 7 p.m. ferry from Red Hook to St. John carrying the backpack. Tapia exited the ferry and sat down on a bench in Cruz Bay, according to the initial affidavit.

Agents listened as Hill told Tapia over the phone to walk in the direction of the bank where Hill was parked in his unmarked VIPD Envoy, according to that affidavit.

Tapia was seen walking back to the ferry dock with the backpack which was now "carrying significantly more," according to the document.

When Tapia exited the 8 p.m. ferry in Red Hook, he was nabbed by federal agents and the contents of the backpack proved to be 7.72 kilograms of cocaine.

The next day, May 18, Lopez-Lopez and Torres, the men in the power boat from Puerto Rico, were arrested by federal agents. On Friday, May 24, federal agents arrested Hill.

The trial is expected to begin in September.

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*St. John Tradewinds* has commenced its Summer Publishing Schedule:

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*St. John Tradewinds News Photo File*

Castaways is hosting a fundraiser for Cafe Roma which was destroyed in a blaze, above, in April.

## Help Cafe Roma Reopen at August 4<sup>th</sup> Fundraiser

*St. John Tradewinds*

Castaways in Cruz Bay is hosting a night to benefit the renovation of Café Roma on Sunday, August 4, starting at 5 p.m.

Guests will be able to enjoy some Café Roma signature dishes, such as the Rajun Cajun, Penne Broccoli, salads and zepolis. Food tickets are available in advance at Connections in Cruz Bay and Coral Bay for the price of \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door.

In addition to the sale of food, there will be a silent auction, a raffle, and many drink specials. Raffle prizes include many great items like boat trips on charters such as *Wet Woody*, *Sadie Sea*, *Cloud 9*, *Nightwind*, and many great gift certificates to local restaurants, hotels, and retail stores.

Raffle tickets, \$5 each or five for \$20, are on sale in advance at Connections in Cruz Bay and Coral Bay, Across the Street, Woody's and Castaways, and will be available at the event as well. Tickets are also on sale on St. Thomas at the Nisky Center Management Office, Suite 211.

All proceeds from food sales, as well as raffle and silent auction sales, will go directly to help with the renovation of Café Roma. A portion of bar sales will also be donated by Castaways.

Café Roma Night at Castaways kicks off at 5 p.m. and will feature live entertainment throughout the evening.

To donate to the restoration of Café Roma, please go to [www.stjohn-caferoma.com](http://www.stjohn-caferoma.com).

***"We're very much aware of the sensitive nature of the project. We've been to the site and we are overseeing the work there. We've been on top of it."***

— Bevan Smith, DPNR's Director of Building Permits

## DPNR Issues North Shore Developer Anthony Ingrao \$10,500 in Fines

By Jaime Elliott  
*St. John Tradewinds*

Department of Planning and Natural Resources officials slapped the developer of a major residential construction site in Estate Denis Bay with \$10,500 in fines for violating Virgin Islands building code provisions, according to the notice of violation.

Denis Bay Properties, owned by reknowned New York-based interior designer and architect Anthony Ingrao, who owns Ingrao Inc. with partner Randy Kemper, was issued violations for excavations on two parcels of adjacent land owned by V.I. National Park without a permit, according to the violation notice.

The construction site is located on about an acre of land overlooking sensitive VINP resources below as well as Denis Bay and Gibney and Oppenheimer beaches, at Estate Denis Bay Parcels 2-A and 2-B.

In addition to removing trees on VINP land, Denis Bay Properties was fined for excavations which exceeded the scope of their building permit because the property was altered not in accordance with

approved plans, according to the notice of violation.

Ingrao was also fined for building a mechanical/electric room on one of the parcels, failing to get an earth change permit for one of the park parcels and constructing a gabion basket retaining wall that was not included in his approved plans.

The DPNR fines must be paid within 30 days and the developers must submit plans and applications for a building permit to stabilize the site and improve drainage and retaining structures, according to the notice of violation.

DPNR also instructed Ingrao to "conduct activity on the site in a manner to minimize any effects on adjacent properties, submit mitigation agreements or plans approved by the national park with regard to the impacted areas," receive approval from DPNR's Division of Building Permits before doing any work at the site and repair the road within 45 days or tell DPNR in writing why it can't be done in 45 days, according to the notice of violation.

DPNR's Director of Building Permits Bevan Smith — who could

not be reached for comment last week — previously told *St. John Tradewinds* that the department was fully aware of the concerns residents have about the potential impacts of this construction site.

"We're very much aware of the sensitive nature of the project," Smith told Tradewinds. "We've been to the site and we are overseeing the work there. We've been on top of it."

The construction site is accessed by a recently renovated and widened road in Estate Susanaberg near Chelsea Heavy Equipment. There were previously two homes on Ingrao's parcels, one of which used to be in the short-term vacation villa market.

Ingrao bought one of the two houses and began construction, reportedly disturbing guests in the other house.

"She [Vicki Bell] said that one of those houses was in the vacation villa market, but once Ingrao started construction as close to the property line as possible, renting the house was impossible and the owner sold it to him," according to a report on the *St. John Source* on line news website.

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Public Works officials got word to the media last week through Government House that a contractor had been selected for repairs to damaged sections of Centerline Road, one of which is pictured above.

## DPW Selects Contractor for Centerline Road Repairs, Doesn't Release Name

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

Except for confirming — via Government House spokesperson Jean Greaux — that a contractor was selected for the Centerline Road repair project last week, Department of Public Works Commissioner Darryl Smalls released little information about the project.

In response to numerous calls from *St. John Tradewinds* to DPW, Government House director of public information Greaux sent an email on Wednesday, July 24.

“Bids were received on Friday, July 19, 2013 for the road repairs to be completed along Centerline Road on the island of St. John,” according to the email. “Bids were evaluated on Monday, July 22, and a contractor was selected. Once all the required documentation has been received, DPW will be moving forward with the assistance of the Departments of Property and Procurement and Justice along with the Office of the Governor in executing the construction contract at which time the name of the contractor can be publicly announced.”

There was no mention in Greaux’s email of the total amount of the bid, however, a report on the *St. John Source* last week claimed it was “for a little more than \$1 million.”

Several sections of Centerline Road — the sole road connecting the towns of Cruz Bay and Coral Bay — as well as a section of Fish Bay Road were initially damaged in the wake of heavy rains from Tropical Storm Otto in 2010.

The roadbed underneath Centerline Road, the only route across the island for commuters, students, delivery trucks, emergency vehicles and visitors, continued to degrade over almost three years while DPW attempted to secure “emergency funding” for repairs from the Federal Highway Administration. The only actions taken by DPW during that time were placing orange cones in the damaged areas of the roads.

By the time a section of Centerline Road near the Upper Carolina subdivision tumbled off the hillside during a rain storm in early May, residents had had enough. With only one lane passable on the partially blind curve, residents circulated petitions and made numbers phone calls to government officials.

In June, DPW officials placed larger orange barriers in the area and installed signs warning of the danger. Government officials also borrowed an intermittently working flashing sign from National Park Service warning drivers of the single lane ahead.

In late June, DPW poured asphalt speed bumps on either side of the expanding hole as well as a berm around the hole itself.

The FHA grant was approved in mid-May and DPW advertised for bids this month. The initial deadline for bids was July 16, which was apparently extended to July 19.

The overall project was supposed to include all three sections of Centerline Road as well as the damaged section of Fish Bay Road.

Commissioner Smalls did not return *Tradewinds* phone calls last week seeking confirmation of the bid package scope or amount of the winning bid.

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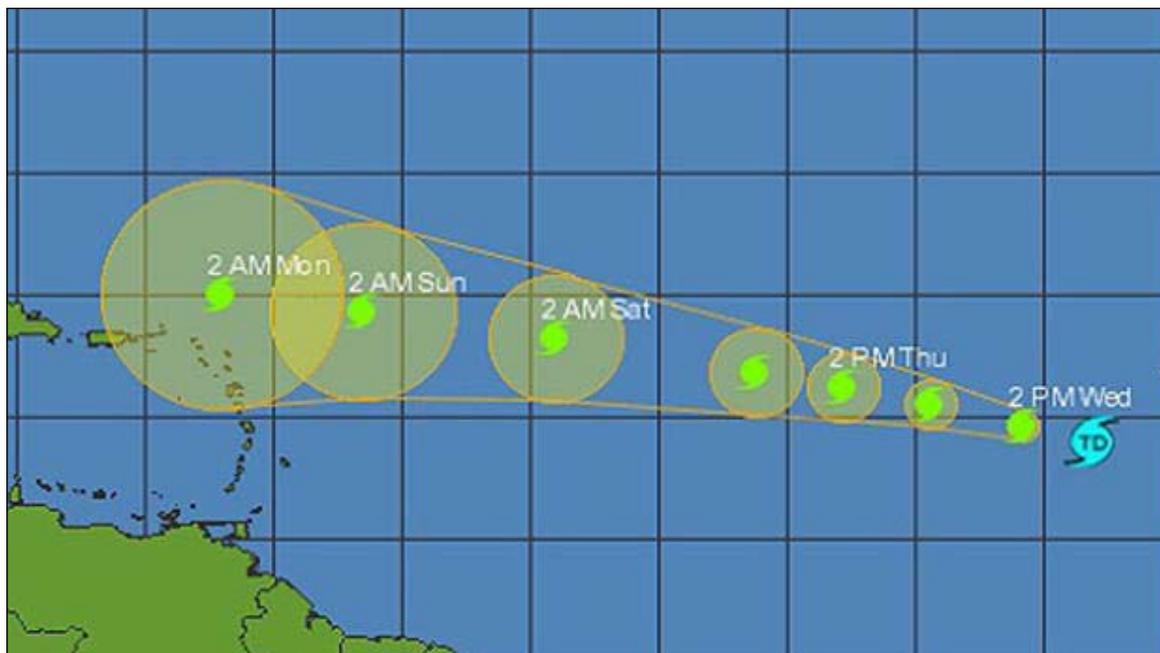
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## TS Dorian Predicted to Pass Well North of Territory

By Jaime Elliott  
 St. John Tradewinds

St. John residents kept an eye on the weather late last week when the fourth storm of the 2013 Hurricane Season was named before all but falling apart.

Tropical Storm Dorian, the second storm of the season to pass near the territory, was named on Wednesday afternoon, July 24. The storm was predicted to strengthen over the weekend, but still pass well north of the Virgin Islands on Monday, July 29, according to information from the V.I. Territorial Emergency Management Agency.

By Sunday morning, July 28, the storm began losing organization and was expected to be downgraded to a tropical storm when it passed north of the territory on Monday.

Dorian was very disorganized on Sunday as it continued to interact with a dry air mass and wind shear associated with a large system to the west of it, according to information from the National Hurricane Center.

Given the hostile environment for development, Dorian could weaken to become a remnant low by

Monday or open up into a tropical wave, according to NHC.

At 11 a.m. Sunday, the center of Tropical Storm Dorian was located near latitude 18.5 degrees north, longitude 52.1 degrees west. Dorian was moving toward the west near 23 miles per hour and this general motion was expected to continue during the next two days. Maximum sustained winds were near 40 miles per hour with higher gusts. Tropical storm force winds extend outward up to 60 miles from the center.

Based on the forecast track, the center of Dorian was expected to make its closest point of approach to the territory very early Monday morning when the storm is expected to pass about 140 miles north of St. Thomas.

There were no coastal watches or warnings in effect.

VITEMA encouraged the public to monitor local radio and TV and NOAA weather radios for updated weather information on Tropical Storm Dorian.

For real-time Virgin Islands weather advisories via text message, voicemail or email, register with VI Alert at [www.VITEMA.gov](http://www.VITEMA.gov).

## Time Table for Reinstatement of 8% Salary Reduction Set

St. John Tradewinds

In response to numerous inquiries, Department of Finance Commissioner of Finance Angel Dawson last week advised V.I. government employees that their eight percent salary reduction will be discontinued as follows:

In accordance with Act 7261, The Economic Stability Act of 2011, as amended, the eight percent salary reduction ended at the close of the July 13, 2013 pay cycle, therefore, the eight percent salary reinstatement took effect for the pay cycle July 14, 2013 through July 27, 2013.

Due to the structure of the government's payroll system, government employees will be paid as follows:

All government employees, except the 10 month

employees of the Department of Education and Department of Human Services' Head Start Program, will receive the 8 percent salary reinstatement on their August 8, 2013 pay check.

The 10 month employees of the Department of Education and the Department of Human Services' Head Start Program will receive the 8 percent salary reinstatement on their September 19, 2013 pay check.

Additionally, within two weeks of the salaries being restored, the Division of Personnel will issue Notice of Personnel Actions, NOPAs, to each departmental Personnel Officer for distribution to those employees who were impacted.

For further information, employees are asked to contact their departmental Human Resource Officer or departmental Fiscal Officer.



St. John Tradewinds News Photos by Jaime Elliott

Coral Bay Job Club students showed off their public speaking and job interview skills in a presentation for Rotary Club of St. John President Joan Bermingham.

## Coral Bay Job Club Students Demonstrate Impressive Public Speaking Skills

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

While there are no classes at Guy Benjamin School this summer, 10 students were perched in their chairs in Room Six at the Coral Bay elementary school last week politely listening to the speaker.

“My name is LaTiah Jackson and I am hardworking and punctual,” Jackson told the class. “I have experience watching my little cousins and I really enjoy it. I would like a job baby-sitting.”

Jackson is one of the 11 students between the ages of 14 and 18 taking part in the Coral Bay Job Club, a three week program led

by Coral Bay Community Council board member Bonny Corbeil.

Coral Bay Job Club is not a summer camp. The job skills program is funded through a Department of Labor grant which allows the students to earn \$15 per day of class they attend. Coral Bay Job Club meets Monday through Thursday and wraps up its third week this Thursday, August 1.

“You can’t be late to Job Club,” said Corbeil. “If you know you are going to be late you must call if you can. Of course the students don’t get paid if they don’t attend, but by calling they are showing responsibility.”

Since none of the students have their own

transportation, getting to and from the class can be tricky, Corbeil added.

“You know the bus doesn’t always run and we have three students who come from Cruz Bay out here,” she said. “I had one student call when he didn’t have a ride and thought he would be late. But he ended up here one hour early because he knows how important it is to be punctual and gave himself extra time to get a ride.”

Once the students arrive at Coral Bay Job Club, they are expected to have a positive attitude and contribute to the class, Corbeil explained.

“We’ve been focused on our resumes,

our one minute speeches and developing marketable job skills,” she said. “All of these kids really want to work and earn some money. And they’ve been working really hard on how to handle a job interview and how you only have one opportunity to make an impression.”

This is the second summer which Corbeil has offered the class to local students. The program was so popular, in fact that many of the students who took part last year signed up again; and their enthusiasm is infectious.

“I like this program because there are lots

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### VIPD Safety TIPS

#### PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST IDENTITY THEFT

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A retail store selling functional pottery and watercolors is open and a studio will open in August at Maho Bay Clay Works new home at Pickles in Paradise.

## After 11 Years at Maho Bay, Clay Works Pottery Finds New Home at Pickles in Paradise

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

St. John artist Gail van de Bogart opened Maho Bay Clay Works in 2002, cultivating a loyal and talented pottery following and place for fellow ceramic artists.

When Maho Bay Campground closed in May, the popular pottery studio was left homeless. But thankfully not for long.

Van de Bogart, along with partner Casey Giakas, a potter who worked at Maho Bay Clay Works for six years, opened Clay Works Pottery at Pickles in Paradise in Coral Bay in late June.

A functional potter, sculptor and watercolorist, van de Bogart is a graduate of the Cleveland Institute of Art. She moved to St. John in 1989 from Long Island and opened Bajo el Sol Gallery with Aimee Traysor and Kat Sowa in 1991. Since opening Maho Bay Clay Works more than a decade ago, van de

Bogart continues to teach watercolor classes as well.

Giakas, a talented potter and teacher, previously worked at Whitefish Pottery in Montana and LaMeridiana International School of Ceramics in Tuscany before moving to Love City.

While leaving their first home at Maho Bay Campground was difficult, the pottery studio's new home is fantastic, explained van de Bogart.

"The Pickles in Paradise location is just great for the Maho Bay Clay Works Pottery," she said. "It is fun to be at Pickles, in the community atmosphere that Bev Melius has created with its delicious food and cool Coral Bay people."

"The area is attracting a nice mix of local artists, musicians, honey and sushi makers, boaters, woodworkers, plumbers, electricians and island visitors; and now me," said

van de Bogart. "It's an exciting change for me after 11 years at Maho Bay Camps."

Van de Bogart opened a small retail shop to display the Clay Works' functional pottery and as well as her watercolor paintings. A pottery studio, created from an old shipping container with screened doors and windows, sits just in the back yard area at Pickles.

The final touches are being wrapped up in the studio, which is scheduled to open this month.

"The studio will open in August and has electric and kick wheels, an electric kiln and gas kiln," said van de Bogart. "The veggie oil kiln from Maho Bay Camp will be rebuilt here as well. The 30 cubic foot kiln burns used vegetable oil from local restaurant kitchens and uses 35 gallons of oil per firing."

Clay Works at Pickles will be hosting several different classes on the potter's wheel

for both adults and children. The studio will also host hand building and sculpture classes as well as watercolor painting instruction, van de Bogart explained.

"There will also be open studio sessions available very soon for those who like to work on their own," she said. "These classes are designed for locals or people who will be on island for a month at least."

Local artists and visitors can expect exciting things coming up at Clay Works at Pickles, van de Bogart added.

"We are planning to host Visiting Artist Workshops for off-island clay enthusiasts as well as locals during the winter season," said the artist and studio owner. "Last year at Maho Bay we hosted three artists, one from Spain, one from England and one who is a professor of ceramics at Austin Peay University in Tennessee. That is a great way to learn a lot in a short amount of time."

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Since being robbed of their IDs shortly after arriving in the Virgin Islands Nathan Hart and Ebonie Bess have had trouble finding work, a place to live or a way home.

St. John Tradewinds News  
Photo Courtesy of Connections

# Stranded Couple Robbed of IDs, In Need of Assistance To Get Home

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

Nathan Hart and Ebonie Bess flew to the islands from Phoenix, Arizona, on May 4 hoping to spend an enjoyable summer in the Virgin Islands before their luck took a swift turn for the worse.

Hart, a chef, even had a job lined up at a St. Thomas restaurant, according to Cid Hamling, who owns Connections, where the two turned for some help recently.

On the couple's first night staying at a downtown St. Thomas hotel, their identifications were stolen, Hamling explained.

"With no ID, they were unable to get their health cards and so he could not take the job he had secured before traveling to the territory," said Hamling.

Hart's ID was from his home state of Ohio, and it will take about 90 days before he is able to receive a duplicate license, Hamling explained.

**"With no ID, they were unable to get their health cards and so he could not take the job he had secured before traveling to the territory."**

— Cid Hamling, local businesswoman  
Owner of Connections and Connections East

When Hart and Bess heard of the work stay program at Estate Concordia, where employees work several hours per day in exchange for room and board, they thought it could solve their problems, Hamling added.

"That's when they came over here to St. John to see about working at Concordia," she said. "But again, they have no health cards or IDs, so that didn't work out."

The two have no family members who can help them with airfare costs and while they are both

doing any odd jobs they can find, they are looking for help from the community, Hamling explained.

"They've gone to the Department of Human Services and were unable to get assistance," she said.

Hart and Bess are willing and hoping to work for money to buy a plane ticket back to Arizona, Hamling added.

Anyone willing to help Hart and Bess can send an email to editor@tradewinds.vi and the information will reach the couple in need; or call Connections at 776-6922.

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# FBI Arrest Eight in Puerto Rico for Illegal Trade in Endangered Sea Turtles for Human Consumption

## St. John Tradewinds

Federal authorities arrested eight people in Arroyo and Patillas, Puerto Rico, last week on felony and misdemeanor charges for the illegal taking, possession, and sale of endangered sea turtles and their parts for human consumption, as well as aiding and abetting violations of the Endangered Species and Lacey Act.

The arrests were announced by Robert Dreher, the Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Justice Department's Environment and Natural Resources Division and Rosa Emilia Rodríguez-Vélez, U.S. Attorney for Puerto Rico.

Roberto Guzman Herpin, 34; Madelyne Montes Santiago, 37; Edwin Alamo Silva, 50; Juan Soto Rodriguez, 45; Ricardo Dejesus Alamo, 33; Jose Javier Rodriguez Sanchez, 40; Iris Lebron Montanez, 53; and Miguel Rivera Delgado, 55, all residents of Patillas and Arroyo, were arrested Thursday, July 18, and made their appearances in federal court.

The takedown was led by spe-

***"These charges stem from a collaborative effort amongst law enforcement agencies to achieve a common goal of protecting our nation's sensitive marine environments. It demonstrates our commitment to pursue those who violate fish and wildlife laws for the purpose of personal and or commercial gain as well as those that drive the illegal trade of marine life nationally and internationally."***

— U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Resident Agent in Charge David Pharo

cial agents of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, with assistance from the recently formed Puerto Rico Environmental Crimes Task Force, the U.S. Marshals Service, the Puerto Rico Police Department, and the Puerto Rico Department of Natural Resources.

Participating agencies of the task force currently include prosecutors from the Justice Department's Environmental Crimes Section and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Puerto Rico, FWS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Criminal Investigation

Division, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the FBI.

In 2011, the FWS initiated an undercover operation to investigate the illegal trade in sea turtles for human consumption. During this investigation, it was determined that these illegal sales of sea turtle meat, confirmed through DNA analysis conducted by the FWS Forensic Lab, have resulted in the illegal take of 15 individual endangered hawksbill sea turtles

(*Eretmochelys imbricate*) and seven endangered green sea turtles (*Chelonia mydas*).

"Hawksbill and green sea turtles are protected by Puerto Rican law, nationally under the Endangered Species Act, as well as internationally under CITES [Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna]," said U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Resident Agent in Charge David Pharo. "The protection from the illegal take and sale of this and of other marine life organisms is a priority of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and is instrumental to the health of marine ecosystems for where they exist."

"These charges stem from a collaborative effort amongst law enforcement agencies to achieve a common goal of protecting our nation's sensitive marine environments," Pharo. "It demonstrates our commitment to pursue those who violate fish and wildlife laws for the purpose of personal and or commercial gain as well as those that drive the illegal trade of marine life nationally and internationally."

The cases are being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Carmen Márquez. If convicted, the defendants face a maximum sentence of five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. Indictments contain only charges and are not evidence of guilt. Defendants are presumed to be innocent until and unless proven guilty.

The waters around Puerto Rico are designated as a critical habitat for the hawksbill and the green sea turtle. The most significant nesting for the hawksbill within the U.S.

occurs in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Each year, about 500 to 1,000 hawksbill nests are laid on Mona Island, Puerto Rico.

The green sea turtle population has declined by 48-65 percent over the past century. Puerto Rico is also home to nesting sites for the endangered leatherback sea turtle, the largest species of turtle in the world. The leatherback sea turtle suffered a severe population crash due to human harvesting of its meat and eggs and the destruction of its nesting habitat by beachfront development.

## Puerto Rico Environmental Crimes Task Force

Also last week, representatives of federal criminal investigative agencies, the U.S. Attorney's Office, and the Department of Justice Environment and Natural Resources Division announced the creation of a Puerto Rico Environmental Crimes Task Force to investigate and prosecute environmental crimes on the island.

The commonwealth of Puerto Rico contains six national wildlife refuges (Cabo Rojo, Culebra, Desecheo, Laguna Cartagena, Navassa Island, Vieques) and is home to 25 endangered and threatened animal species, 21 of which are found nowhere else on earth. For instance, there are only 200 Puerto Rican parrots (*Amazona vittata*) remaining, with less than 50 left in the wild, making it one of the 10 rarest birds on Earth.

The island is also home to 49 endangered and threatened plant species. There are 37 Resource Conservation and Recovery Act and Superfund cleanup sites on Puerto Rico.

Through the new task force, federal investigative agencies will coordinate their efforts to investigate and prosecute those responsible for committing serious environmental crimes. Federal laws have been enacted to protect the environment, but their enforcement requires the coordinated efforts and involvement of multiple federal law enforcement agencies with the assistance local law en-

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## Governor Signs Transfer of \$1 Marine Terminal Tax

### St. John Tradewinds

Governor John deJongh last week signed a bill allowing the V.I. Port Authority to collect all revenues derived from a \$1 marine terminal tax formerly collected by the central government.

The VI 30th Legislature approved Bill No. 30-0091 on June 28, which allows VIPA to collect a dollar-per-passenger tax from each cruise line that visits the territory. The tax amounts to approximately \$1.7 million annually. VIPA previously only received 30 percent of the tax collected but will now receive the full amount for Fiscal Year 2014, which begins October 1, 2013.

"I would like to thank Governor John deJongh for signing the bill into law," said VIPA Executive Director Carlton Dowe. "I would also like to thank Senator Donald Cole for sponsoring the bill, and the other senators who voted in favor of this much needed revenue stream

for the Port Authority. This will go a long way in starting the process to improve our crumbling infrastructure."

"The entire territory will benefit as well," said Dowe. "These funds will go towards improvement of our ports which will indirectly help increase gross receipt taxes, excise taxes, and increase income taxes by providing jobs via port development projects and port related services."

The upgrades and expansions that VIPA has planned will ensure that the U.S. Virgin Islands remains a strong competitor with other global destinations, Dowe added.

"These are some very challenging economic times," he said. "VIPA is the gateway to the USVI economy; therefore, it is prudent to start our plans for economic growth by improving our port facilities."

"Whether it is tourist related visitors,

goods or equipment moving through our ports, an investment in our port facilities will bring a tremendous return on the dollar for the territory," Dowe said.

VIPA will use the monies collected from the tax as leverage to present to potential lenders when the agency applies for financing to begin a major overhaul of its most deteriorated port facilities.

VIPA is mandated by law to maintain and develop the public airports and seaports of the U.S. Virgin Islands. VIPA is a semi-autonomous agency that generates its own revenues via fees charged for use of its facilities and services. It does not receive an annual appropriation from the central government.

For more information about VIPA projects, contact the public information officer at (340) 774-1629 or email [Mmarrero@viport.com](mailto:Mmarrero@viport.com).

## Vendors Sought for Health Expo

### St. John Tradewinds

The Department of Health began soliciting vendors last week to participate in the second Annual Health and Wellness Expo, which is intended to showcase a wide variety of services that target health and exercise, and provide education and awareness to assist employees in making healthier lifestyle choices.

These H.E.A.L.T.H and Wellness Expos are scheduled to be on Saturday, September 7, in the St. Thomas/St John District at the University of the Virgin Islands Sports and Fitness Center, and on Saturday, September 14, in the St. Croix District. Both events are scheduled for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Space is limited and registration will be on a first come, first serve basis. Interested vendors should contact Jervon Ottley at the Division of Personnel via email at [Jervon.Ottley@dopusvi.net](mailto:Jervon.Ottley@dopusvi.net) or call 774-8588 ext. 5114 to receive their vendor package and complete a provider information form.

Provider Information forms must be submitted by Friday, August 9, to secure a space. The Division will provide booth space free of charge, a table and two chairs.

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# Government Officials Apply for FirstNet Planning Grant

## *St. John Tradewinds*

Governor John deJongh announced last week that the Virgin Islands has applied for a federal grant which, once secured, will pave the way for the territory's participation in the establishment of the first nationwide communications network to exclusively serve first responders and public safety personnel.

If approved, the \$515,000 planning grant will facilitate data collection necessary to identify the territory's requirements for involvement in a Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network, according to Reuben Molloy, the territory's Chief Information Technology Officer.

The V.I. Bureau of Information Technology applied on behalf of the government for the State Local Implementation Planning Grant.

"Governor deJongh understands that broadband adoption is a foundation for economic growth, job creation, global competitiveness and a better way of life," said Molloy. "This understanding has influenced the United States Virgin Island's priorities and the allocation of resources."

The governor has also made public safety a priority of his administration. The Nationwide Public Safety Wireless Broadband Network represents an

opportunity to make significant progress in advancing these two priorities.

The nationwide initiative parallels our local efforts to develop the territory's wireless communications infrastructure and proliferate broadband access across the Virgin Islands, increasing the capabilities and quality of information available to police officers and other first-responders at the point of contact with the community.

The First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) was created as part of The Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012. It is an independent authority within the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), a division of the Department of Commerce, responsible for developing the country's first high-speed, nationwide network dedicated to public safety.

The NTIA is coordinating closely with FirstNet to identify data states and territories must provide in preparation for the network's development. The data collection study that the government hopes to fund by this grant will help the Virgin Islands prepare for upcoming FirstNet consultation meetings.

Representatives of the Virgin Islands attended the first consultation meeting in Virginia this past May.



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# DOT Looking for New York Intern

## *St. John Tradewinds*

The Virgin Islands Department of Tourism is seeking applicants for its fall internship in New York City.

Co-sponsored with the DOT's U.S.-based public relations agency of record, Development Counsellors International, the program provides one vibrant young Virgin Islander with the opportunity to develop skills and obtain the experience necessary to pursue a career in marketing communications.

The intern will also play an important role in promoting the USVI, in order to increase visitor arrivals and expenditures.

"As our inaugural New York City-based summer internship program comes to an end in late August, we thank St. Thomas native and Rider University public relations major, Diandra Capdeville, for her contributions as a summer intern," said DOT Commissioner Beverly Nicholson-Doty. "We are eager to identify another ideal candidate to join the program this fall and ask everyone to spread the word about this outstanding opportunity and to encourage qualified individuals to apply for the position."

Candidates must be Virgin Islands residents who are recent graduates or in their final year of study at an accredited undergraduate or graduate university program with a major in marketing, mass communications, public relations and/or tourism studies.

Desired applicant qualities include sound writing and verbal communication abilities, exceptional organization skills and an eye for detail. A proven ability to adapt to new conditions, adhere to deadlines for assigned tasks and exude a positive, "go-getter" attitude will also ensure success in this role. It is recommended that applicants also be able to illustrate their deep knowledge of the Territory's unique culture and heritage.

The chosen candidate will receive round-trip airfare to New York City with a monthly stipend of up to \$2,500 to cover housing, transportation and other living expenses. The fall intern will support the USVI account team at DCI's New York office from September to December 2013, on a full-time or, if necessary, part-time basis to accommodate the candidate's University class schedule.

Daily tasks will include, but will not be limited to media pitching, assisting with event planning, drafting and editing client documents, liaising with the DOT's on-island tourism partners, conducting travel industry and/or consumer behavior research and developing content for the DOT's social media channels.

Interested candidates may e-mail their resume and cover letter by Friday, August 2, to Development Counsellors International's Malcolm Griffiths at [malcolm.griffiths@aboutdci.com](mailto:malcolm.griffiths@aboutdci.com).

For more information about the internship program, contact Allegra Kean-Moorehead at [akmoorehead@usvitourism.vi](mailto:akmoorehead@usvitourism.vi).

## Quite a View



*St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott*

Contractors recently broke ground on a new construction site in the Coral Bay area near Saunders Gut on a steep waterfront parcel on Route 107, above. A bulldozer was perched on the site last week revealing a beautiful view for the new homeowners and a tricky spot to excavate.



St. John Tradewinds News Photos

Grande Bay, above, offers convenient in town living with easy access to the shops and restaurants of Cruz Bay as well as harbor views and a pool.



## On *the* Market

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

### *Enjoy the Convenience of In-Town Living at Grande Bay Unit*

**By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds**

Sipping a glass of wine on your private covered porch, watch the sailboats in Cruz Bay harbor below bobbing on their moorings in the gentle breeze.

Enjoy views of the bustling harbor and shoreline of Cruz Bay as well as all the conveniences of in-town living at Grande Bay Resort.

A one bedroom, one bathroom unit in the upper level building (D-104/4-104) is for sale for \$745,000, explained Holiday Homes broker associate Jan Courlas.

Located across the street from Cruz Bay beach and a stone's throw from the shopping, dining and nightlife of

Wharfside Village, Grande Bay could not be more conveniently located, Courlas explained.

"What owners love most about Grande Bay Resort condos is the convenient location in Cruz Bay along the lapping blue waters of the harbor waterfront," said Courlas. "Owners and their guests love that they can walk absolutely everywhere!"

This corner unit includes a wrap-around covered deck, sure to entice you as the perfect place to watch the ferry boats from St. Thomas come and go. Stretch out and soak up the breeze, or enjoy a meal al fresco, while the business of Cruz Bay unfolds just off your spacious deck.

Step inside the unit to a tiled en-

try hall and a cozy great room. The Grande Bay one bedroom condo unit includes a fully equipped kitchen, complete with stainless steel appliances and a breakfast bar with several cafe chairs.

The tastefully appointed master suite boasts a private balcony as well as a private entry to the unit's bathroom. A pull-out sofa will offer plenty of space for visiting guests, who might likely spend more time enjoying the Cruz Bay scene than sleeping.

With elevator access to the unit and air conditioning throughout, this upper level building unit offers a lot of perks, Courlas added.

"A typical buyer will appreciate

the tastefully-furnished and fully-equipped unit with its covered porch and great view, its spacious rooms, the elevator access and a deeded indoor parking space," said the Holiday Homes broker associate.

Amenities at Grande Bay include elevator access, an indoor parking space, a shared pool and deck area and a fitness facility.

"Anyone feeling the effects of age on knees and hips or having a disability, will like the easy access around the Grande Bay property, its pool and fitness center," said Courlas.

For more information on this Grande Bay Resort unit, call Courlas at Holiday Homes at (340) 776-6776 or on her cell at (340) 643-5102.

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## Keeping Track of Crime

### 2012

Homicides: 1

Shootings: 1

Stabbings: 0

Armed Robberies: 1

Arsons: 0

1st Degree Burglaries: 3

2nd Degree Burglaries: 3

3rd Degree Burglaries: 40

Grand Larcenies: 72

Rapes: 1

### 2013-TO-DATE

Homicides: 0

Shootings: 0

Stabbings: 0

Armed Robberies: 0

Arsons: 0

1st Degree Burglaries: 1

2nd Degree Burglaries: 1

3rd Degree Burglaries: 13

Grand Larcenies: 45

Rapes: 1

## Crossword Answers — Puzzle on Page 20

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## Letters To St. John Tradewinds

### It's Time To Enforce 45-minutes Parking at Customs Lot

Dear Port Authority (I presume you do read the *St. John Tradewinds*),

Now that you have spent some money repainting the lines in your St. John parking lot, I have a few suggestions.

First and foremost, either enforce the 45 minute parking limit or remove the meaningless signs. If this is meant to be a short-term lot (and Lord knows we need one centrally located in town) then let's make it so. I noticed that after all the cars were removed from the lot for repainting, that it took only a short time for the all-day parkers to return and fill all available spaces.

And as for enforcement, I know it might be an unpopular move, but have you considered parking me-

ters? Surely 25 cents for 45 minutes would not discourage too many of us if we could count on getting a space for that length of time, and the little "Expired" flags most meters display would make ticketing a simple (and revenue enhancing) matter.

There are so few public parking spaces in town not filled with vendors, spare police cars or taxi overflow from their generous allowance at the waterfront that actually controlling the parking in this central lot would be a real public benefit.

Please give some consideration to helping resolve a serious problem.

**John Fuller  
St. John**

### Fear and Loathing

There is no greater supporter of our system of justice than I. *Habeas corpus* and the concept of "innocent until proven guilty" are cornerstones of that system. And yet, there are some defendants who are so obviously guilty that their proclamation of "not guilty" seems to stretch the bounds of credulity to the limit. George Zimmerman was shrouded in a sufficiently opaque cloud of doubt. Right or wrong, the jury found the only way they could, under the law.

On the other side of the coin, we have the surviving Boston bombing "suspect", Cleveland serial kidnapper Ariel Castro and our own DPNR Chief Enforcement Officer Roberto Tapia, against all of whom the clear, incontrovertible evidence is so highly stacked as to make the presumption of innocence almost an absurdity. How dare these people, we ask, plead other than guilty?

I was in the audience during the Town Meeting held to respond to complaints from the Coral Bay

community against "rogue officers" of the DPNR. That's where I took a good long look at Mr. Tapia, in his dress white uniform, bedazzled with ribbons and merit badges. At the time, I wondered how had this dumpy-looking dude earned all those medals (especially the deep water rescue awards)? And the answer is clear. He cheated.

I remember watching the Chief during the testimony of the 8-year-old boy who boldly told how scary it was to see guns being waved around in the air. Tapia was actually laughing. He found that profound and innocent proclamation a big fat joke.

Justice, regardless of its glacial progress, will run its course. Meanwhile, the brave law enforcer, sitting in his Mommy's house with a blinking GPS ankle bracelet, might be a little scared himself. Now, that's a big fat joke.

**Jeff Smith  
St. John**

### There Are No Ghettos

There are no ghettos on St. John. So why do our streets, yards and bin sites reflect a lack of pride?

We were named among the best beaches, marriage sites, hotels and islands in the world. Yet we drive around and see litter all over our beautiful home.

It should not take a community clean-up or the Public Works Department to maintain our pristine condition. This should be the mission of the entire island on a (daily) basis. St. John is the center of the U.S. Virgin Islands and we are doing a disservice by allowing this shameful condition to continue.

Our island has seen a steady growth in villas, private homes and businesses over the last several years. These places know that in order to attract and retain loyal customers, you must beautiful and maintain your surroundings. Why then do we not get it?

We cannot complain about the economy, government and outsiders, yet fail to protect the one thing that brings in the most revenue. If our guests enjoy

the beaches and trails, but comment on the unsightly mess, we will lose repeat business.

Not only from a financial standpoint, but a health perspective. How can we rush about from house to office to church to meetings to practice and ignore this problem, or worse, think that it is someone else's job to do it. No, it is our job, we who were born here, transplanted here, work here and live here.

Do we not love our island enough to keep it clean? Are we so busy with our own lives that our blinded eyes cannot be opened? I hope and pray not.

We are an island filled with responsible and mature people. It is time to stop asking what others can do for us. We can take care of this problem ourselves.

Long-term goal: To beautify and maintain the cleanliness of St. John.

Short-term goal: To improve our current bin bites by enlarging the drop off points and taking bulk items

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## Obituary

### St. John Attorney Nancy D'Anna Passes Away

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Services were held Friday for Nancy D'Anna, who died July 17, 2013.

She was born in Jersey City, N.J., on April 15, 1953. She received a bachelor of science degree from Rutgers University and graduated from Rutgers Law School.

She came to St. Thomas in 1984. She first worked for Almeric L. Christian, chief judge of the District Court of Virgin Islands. After two years, she worked for Maria Takinson Hodge, P.C., until she opened her own practice on St. John in 1990.

During the 29 years of her residence on the islands, Nancy established a community of good friends and

associates, her "not-family family." She also continued some long-standing friendships from her youth and college years, most notably Hank Skalka.

Nancy leaves behind her sisters, Jean Branham and her family, Robyn D'Anna and her family, Jill D'Anna, and Lynne Brooks and her family.

She was preceded in death by Edmund Foreit, the love of her life, and her parents, Nicholas and Rita D'Anna.

Those of us who know her and love her will miss her in so many ways. She will be with us always.

There will be a memorial service for Nancy D'Anna. Contact Davis Funeral Home for details.

Arrangements were by Davis Funeral Home.

### Delegate Christensen Mourns Passing of Emile Griffith

*St. John Tradewinds*

VI. Delegate to Congress Donna Christensen expressed her condolences last week to the family and friends of Virgin Islands boxer and former world champion Emile Griffith, who died Tuesday, July 23 at the age of 75.

"A gifted athlete, Emile Griffith became the first fighter from the U.S. Virgin Islands to be crowned world champion and was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1990, which is the last time that I saw him," said Christensen. "In addition to his speed and talent in the ring, Emile was also a fun, humorous, warm and kind-hearted person. He also

exhibited courage and grace throughout his life and leaves at a time when his life and legacy are memorialized on stage and on screen."

Griffith's life and the fatal bout with Bennie Paret in 1962, which overshadowed his career, was the subject of 2005 documentary "Ring of Fire: The Emile Griffith Story" and most recently inspired the opera titled "Champion," which premiered at Opera Theater of Saint Louis in June.

Griffith received significant accolades and admiration later in life, but suffered from pugilistic dementia which required full-time care at an extended care facility in New York, where he died.

### There Are No Ghettos

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to the dump. Enforcing regulations that businesses clean up immediately after closing hours. Remove unwanted signs and posters. Issue

tickets to folks caught littering. Teach our children to put all trash in bins. Instruct all newcomers of our strict trash removal policies.

We, the people of St. John deserve to live in a clean and safe

environment. We will not tolerate any one, local or foreigner, using and abusing our beautiful home.

**Our home, our island, our way**  
Emmanuel Prince

## ATTENTION:

*St. John Tradewinds* has commenced its Summer Publishing Schedule:

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Tuesday 7 p.m. Bible Study 693-8884

### Nazareth Lutheran Church

Sunday 9 a.m., Sunday School 8 a.m.  
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### Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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Tuesdays and Fridays at 7 p.m.  
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Sunday 10 a.m., 693-8830

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Saturdays, 779-4477

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Sunday 11:05 a.m., 6:30 p.m.  
Tuesdays Prayer 7:30 p.m.,  
Thursdays Bible Study 7:30 p.m.  
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Bible Class on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. 777-6306

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Giffit Hill School 774-8617



Sea turtles, such as this Hawksbill sea turtle, left, are protected under Puerto Rican law as well as the national Endangered Species Act.

## FBI Arrest Eight in Puerto Rico for Illegal Trade in Endangered Sea Turtles for Human Consumption

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forcement and the citizenry.

The task force has three specific goals:

- Improve investigative coordination among the federal authorities who are responsible for protecting public health and the environment,
- Coordinate the available federal resources and improve the dissemination of information between the federal law enforcement agencies to better protect human health and the environment,
- Improve environmental awareness of the community to recognize violations of federal environmental laws and regulations.

“Through the effective and efficient coordination of federal agencies who will jointly investigate and prosecute environmental crimes on the island, the task force will help preserve the island’s abundant natural resources and wildlife, including endangered sea turtles,” said Robert Dreher, Acting Assistant Attorney General of the Justice Department’s Environment and Natural Resources Division. “It is our hope and vision that these efforts will raise greater awareness about environmental crime, bring those who knowingly harm the environment to justice, and help preserve the island’s environment for generations to come.”

“With the creation of this task force, we aim to protect the environment and the public’s health from exposure to environmental hazards,” said Rosa Emilia Rodríguez-Vélez United States Attorney for the Dis-

trict of Puerto Rico. “We will vigorously investigate and prosecute those who do not comply with the environmental laws of the United States.”

“Puerto Rico’s high asthma rates and its incredible natural resources make pollution prevention, together with the rigorous enforcement of environmental laws, critical to the people of Puerto Rico,” said EPA Regional Administrator Judith Enck. “By pooling EPA resources and those of other agencies, the EPA’s Criminal Investigation Division and EPA’s Caribbean Environmental Protection Division can maximize the ability to ensure that those who willfully violate environmental laws are held accountable.”

“The task force will strengthen already existing enforcement partnerships that help protect Puerto Rico’s wildlife and rich wildlife heritage,” said Special Agent in Charge Luis Santiago, who oversees U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Office of Law Enforcement operations in southeastern states, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

“This enforcement task force will be a great help for us in our mission to conserve, protect, and manage living marine resources in the commonwealth,” said Otha Easley, Acting Special Agent in Charge of NOAA’s Office of Law Enforcement Southeast Division, which covers eight southern states and all U.S. Caribbean territories. “Puerto Rico has a rich and diverse ecosystem, and this partnership is a significant step forward in its protection.”

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Today’s Cryptoquip clue: X equals F

# WAPA Announces Switch to Propane for Territory's Electricity Generation

*St. John Tradewinds*

The Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority announced on Thursday, July 25, that it has signed an agreement with leading global energy supplier, the Vitol Group to use propane as the primary fuel for power generation in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The signing came after WAPA's governing board voted unanimously to proceed with the agreement.

The use of propane as WAPA's primary fuel will reduce WAPA's fuel costs by approximately 30 percent and result in significant savings for all WAPA customers. Using propane will also decrease greenhouse gas emissions by about 20 percent.

Switching from fuel oil to propane will save approximately \$90 million in annual fuel costs at recent prices, reversing the dramatic price increases that WAPA has been experiencing in its fuel purchases.

By saving approximately 30 percent in fuel costs, WAPA will be able to significantly reduce the electricity rates for all of its customers beginning fall of 2014, with further reductions anticipated after five years.

"This is tremendous news for the U.S. Virgin Islands," said WAPA Executive Director Hugo Hodge. "These fuel cost savings will translate into significant reductions in monthly bills for customers. As a result of this project, households, hospitals, schools, businesses and the Virgin Islands government will all significantly save on the cost of their monthly power bills."

"This reduction in the cost of electricity will provide families more money to spend on other essentials, allow businesses to make investments or hire more workers, and create job opportunities and increase tax revenues for the territory," said Hodge.

WAPA is partnering with a leading global energy supplier, Vitol, to supply the new fuel and to develop the new facilities with the best-available technology in the world. The project includes the construction of the infrastructure necessary to deliver, receive, and store propane, and the conversion of WAPA's turbines by General Electric at the St. Thomas and St. Croix plants to burn both propane and diesel fuel, if necessary.

Vitol is financing all capital costs associated with project construction, meaning WAPA will pay no upfront costs for the project, and will only begin to pay for the new facilities when propane begins to be used in 2014.

Construction is set to begin by the end of 2013 or early 2014, and WAPA is anticipating being able to use propane as its primary fuel source by the fall of 2014.

The agreement, the result of a competitive bidding process, entails a minimum five-year propane supply contract to meet WAPA's fuel needs. The approximate 30-percent fuel cost reduction factors in all costs associated with construction, operation, maintenance and propane supply for the project.

The capital costs of the new facilities and the conversion of the turbines to burn propane will be amortized over five or seven years, with an option for

complete repayment after five years. Afterwards, WAPA will fully own all of the new infrastructure and facilities.

"This is a phenomenal deal for the Virgin Islands," said Governor John deJongh. "The increasing price of fuel oil has been the main driver of utility rate increases for more than a decade, and propane is the best near-term option to significantly reduce the cost of fuel for power generation in the territory."

"This project will finally free electricity and water customers from the burden of having to pay higher utility bills every time the market price of oil increases," said deJongh. "And over the long term, this project will ensure that WAPA will be able to generate electricity from a variety of sources, so the Virgin Islands is no longer tied to just one fuel."

In addition to being significantly cheaper than oil, propane is one of the cleanest-burning of all fossil fuels. Carbon dioxide emissions of propane are 20 percent lower than that of fuel oil and 50 percent lower than coal. Propane is also nontoxic, so it does not pose any risk to soil or water.

This project will also allow WAPA to advance a number of initiatives to modernize existing facilities, increase its use of efficient technologies, and make continued investments in the use of renewable energy sources, including projects to bring 18 MW of solar power to St. Thomas and St. Croix by early 2014, as well as create 7MW of renewable electricity utilizing a St. Croix-grown feedstock called "giant king grass."

WAPA plans to meet with communities and stakeholders across the Virgin Islands in the coming weeks and months. The meetings will inform residents about the project and be an opportunity to receive feedback, take questions and interact with customers.

Be sure to follow PoweringVI on Facebook and check the project website [www.poweringvi.vi](http://www.poweringvi.vi) about upcoming stakeholder meetings. For more information, visit: <http://www.poweringvi.vi>.

Vitol is one of the world's largest physical energy traders, moving energy from where it is produced to where it is needed. Vitol trades more than 5 million barrels of crude oil and oil products a day, and has 200 ships at sea at any one time transporting these resources. Around the world Vitol's clients include: oil producers, refiners, utility companies, transport companies, shipping fleets and airlines. The range of products Vitol distributes and trades includes: crude oil, coal, gasoline, diesel, heating oil, fuel oil, jet fuel, naphtha, propane, natural gas and power.

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## DeJongh Thanks Malone for Hosting Public Hearings on HOVENSA

*St. John Tradewinds*

Governor John deJongh last week thanked Senate President Shawn Michael Malone for hosting two days of hearings on the proposed agreement between the government and HOVENSA.

The agreement would govern the process by which HOVENSA will undertake a sale of the refinery.

"The two days of hearings, in both island districts, provided an opportunity for the lawmakers and the public to address their concerns, ask questions of government and HOVENSA officials and get a better understanding of the agreement my administration has submitted for legislative approval," said deJongh. "The agreement is a compromise between the owners of the refinery and the government and represented months of negotiations between both sides."

The agreement and its rationale are well known by the public, the governor added.

"What has not been widely reported until these public hearings is that the alternative to this approach is the uncertainty and great expense of time-consuming litigation or the refinery's bankruptcy either of which will be a slow process that will do nothing now to stimulate job growth on St. Croix," he said.

The governor understands that there are some in the community that believe HOVENSA has short-changed the Virgin Islands by its decision to shutter the refinery, he explained.

"I must remind everyone that HOVENSA has long stated that bankruptcy was the outcome they foresaw if we did not come to agreement with them," said deJongh.

The governor recalled that since the January 2012 announcement of the refinery's closure he rejected the "no income/no jobs" model that their proposed oil storage facility entailed.

"I still do not believe we can get any positive results from lawsuits and the like, including bankruptcy, for many years," he said. "Whatever delay in any payments we believe we are entitled to under the Concession Agreement in place, but already breached by HOVENSA, that we accepted in the negotiations in order to get HOVENSA to agree to put up the refinery for immediate sale, are far shorter in time than would be the delays of years of litigation or bankruptcy."

No company can or will reopen the refinery without a new-long term agreement with this government and such an agreement must be approved by the legislature, deJongh explained.

"This agreement is the one that will lead us into the long future if and when a new owner or operator of the refinery is found," he said. "Until that agreement is made, I am persuaded that everything else is secondary to the effort to see if a new owner and operator can be found. For without such a new operator, the facility on the south shore of St. Croix will slowly rust away as the economic recovery of the island is postponed and the revenues of the V.I. remain diminished and insufficient to meet our pressing needs."

The governor believes it to be the duty of government to take all reasonable steps to determine whether there is a new owner and operator who will make this possibility of an operating refinery on St. Croix a reality, he explained.

"That can best be done through a bona fide sales process," said deJongh. "HOVENSA has agreed to undertake such a process to sell the refinery. What is needed to get this started is the approval of the Senate."

"I am hopeful that during in the first few days of next month, they will work together to give us the chance to see if we can jump start the economic recovery of the territory and put us back on the path to progress," said the governor.

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Coral Bay Job Club instructor Bonny Corbeil, at far right, poses with students and Rotary Club of St. John President Joan Bermingham, standing at far left, and member Helen Simon, second from left.

## Job Club Students Demonstrate Impressive Speaking Skills

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of kind people," said Raven Phillips-Love. "We are all here to help each other and learn job skills."

"I took the class again because I thought I needed more experience working on my job skills," said LaTiah Jackson. "I've learned that every job is a good job and how important it is to have a positive attitude."

Loran Jackson, a recent graduate of Ivanna Eudora Kean High School who will study at University of the Virgin Islands next year, is another Coral Bay Job Club graduate who came back this year. But Jackson is not a student, instead he's helping Corbeil as a teacher's assistant.

"I really liked this program last year and I wanted to come back again and help out," said Jackson. "We're getting the information out a lot faster this year and the students are really doing great."

Coral Bay Job Club students last week were demonstrating their impressive one minute speeches, a quick introduction in a clear voice which tells someone about themselves and their interests. On Thursday morning, July 25, that "someone" was Rotary Club of St.

John president Joan Bermingham and Rotary member Helen Simon.

Rotary donated funds to Coral Bay Job Club last year for the group to purchase a video camera, which students use to record role play job interviews and review their skills. By the end of the program Corbeil hopes to have recorded every students' one minute speech, she explained.

In addition to thanking Rotary for the donation and showing off their newly mastered public speaking skills, the students got the chance to learn about the Rotary organization from Bermingham.

While there might be a few future Rotarians in the Coral Bay Job Club, there certainly are future Pickles in Paradise customers. Students toured the Coral Bay eatery last week and learned all about the running and managing of the establishment, explained Corbeil.

"Bev was fantastic and she had all of her staff come out and talk to us," said Corbeil. "We even toured the new pottery studio and Gail even demonstrated how to make a piece of pottery."

Coral Bay Job Club students also heard from guest speaker Jen Dale, a Coral Bay entrepreneur,

and chiropractor Dr. Bob DeBoni, who shared the story of his field's beginnings.

The group will tour the Westin Resort and Villas this week and hear from a Caribbean Villas employee who will talk about the important villa management and other tourism based businesses.

"The hotel industry presents important job opportunities for these students," said Corbeil. "And we have one of the best customer service representatives on this island coming to talk to the students about how important the tourism industry is."

Corbeil, an entrepreneur herself who has owned restaurants in the past and currently owns and runs Bonny's Better Management Company, also practices what she preaches. Two of the Coral Bay Job Club students are now employees of her management company.

Judging by the impressive skills demonstrated by the eager students in Coral Bay Job Club, many more will soon be successful employees as well.

CBCB environmental projects manager Patricia Reed also helped with this year's Coral Bay Job Club, Corbeil added.

### Answer to July 28 Cryptoquip:

FOR INCREASING POOR MUSCLE FITNESS, I HEARD THAT FAST RUNNERS SHOULD INGEST SOME SPRINTER TONER.

## Second Man Arrested in 2009 Cold Case

*St. John Tradewinds*

On November 16, 2012, V.I. Police Department Major Crimes detectives on St. Thomas secured First Degree Murder arrest warrants for Ibn Anderson and Stephenson Peltier for their involvement in the March 24, 2009, murder of Jahmari Joseph which occurred on "Gasso Hill" in Estate Bovoni.

VIPD Detectives said Anderson and Peltier fired shots at Joseph and his brother as they walked up the hill. Joseph was shot and later died.

Detectives said Anderson and Peltier left St. Thomas on one-way airline tickets within days of the incident. Arrest information was placed into the National Crime Information Center's database.

On May 6, 2013 Anderson was picked up by the Montgomery County Sherriff's Office in Houston, Texas, during a routine patrol. On May 18, 2013 Major Crimes and Intelligence Agents extradited Anderson back to St. Thomas.

Detectives travelled to the Oakdale Federal Correctional Facility in Oakdale, Louisiana where Peltier was serving an eight year sentence for armed robbery and served him with the First Degree Murder arrest warrant for his participation in the Joseph murder.

On July 23, 2013 Peltier was extradited back to St. Thomas and arraigned on the First Degree Murder charge. Peltier was held on \$500,000 bail and remanded to the Bureau of corrections pending further court action.

## Governor DeJongh Sends Judicial Nominees to V.I. Legislature

*St. John Tradewinds*

Governor John deJongh last week announced his renomination of a sitting Superior Court judge to serve as presiding judge in his second term, and has sent the 30th Legislature the names of two respected Virgin Islands attorneys for confirmation to the bench.

If reconfirmed, Judge Michael Dunston will replace Darryl Donohue as presiding judge of the Virgin Islands Superior Court — Dunston's current six-year term will expire on September 25.

In the St. Thomas/St. John District, deJongh has selected Denise Francois to replace Judge James Carroll. Francois, formerly a partner in the firm of Hodge and Francois, is a graduate of the University of San Diego School of Law, and before that, Amherst College.

To replace Donohue in the St. Croix District, the governor has nominated Robert Molloy. Since September 2007, Molloy has served as an attorney in the Office of Collective Bargaining. He holds a Masters of Business Administration and a law degree, both from American University.

"Judge Michael Dunston has served with great distinction for six years, and I am confident he will guide the Superior Court with wisdom, compassion and intelligence as presiding judge," said deJongh. "I am proud to offer the nominations of attorneys Francois and Molloy to join Judge Dunston as our territory's jurists because I believe they are both truly worthy additions to the Virgin Islands judiciary."

"I urge the 30th Legislature to move promptly to confirm these judicial appointments," he said.



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## Police Log

### Saturday, July 20

12:14 a.m. - A Wharfside Village resident c/r a male trespassing. Police assistance.

8:40 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/requesting police assistance to pick up his minor son from his mother. Police assistance.

9:19 a.m. - An Estate Beverhoudtsberg resident c/r a vehicle fire. Vehicle fire.

9:50 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident c/requesting police assistance to get custody of her minor son. Police assistance.

10:19 a.m. - An Estate Bethany resident p/r that a male was at her bedroom window exposing himself. Indecent exposure.

8:45 p.m. - A citizen p/r that she was bitten by a dog in the area of Great Cruz Bay. Vicious or mischievous animal.

10:40 p.m. - A citizen p/r that she struck a vehicle that suddenly stopped in the road in Coral Bay. Auto collision.

### Sunday, July 21

12:35 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r that his 13-year-old daughter had left the house. Police assistance.

1:18 a.m. - Government of the Virgin Islands c/r a disturbance in progress in downtown Cruz Bay. Disturbance of the peace.

1:37 a.m. - A citizen c/r loud music in the area of Cruz Bay. Disturbance of the peace.

8:26 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r that a minor threw a battery and cracked his vehicle windshield. Damage to vehicle.

1:30 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/requesting police assistance to see her minor son. Police assistance.

7:30 p.m. - A citizen c/requesting police assistance with someone in his yard. Police assistance.

9:10 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/requesting police assistance to see her minor son. Police assistance.

### Monday, July 22

1:57 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident c/requesting police assistance with his children's mother who is creating a disturbance at his house. Disturbance of the peace.

4:00 p.m. - An Estate Chocolate Hole resident p/requesting a disturbance at her residence. Disturbance of the peace.

### Wednesday, July 23

8:48 a.m. - A ScotiaBank employee c/r that a gun was found in the security deposit box. Recovered firearm.

2:15 p.m. - A citizen p/r that her ex husband is spreading false accusations about her. Slander.

6:50 p.m. - A citizen p/r that her brother is harassing her via telephone. Telephone harassment.

### Thursday, July 25

12:44 p.m. - An Estate Adrian resident p/r a disturbance of the peace. Disturbance of the peace.

6:21 p.m. - A citizen p/r that he lost his passport in the ocean. Lost documents.

10:40 p.m. - A visitor from Georgia p/r that an unknown individual removed the spare tire from his rental vehicle. Grand larceny.

### Friday, July 26

2:43 a.m. - A citizen c/r a fight at the Lumberyard with a man on the ground. Disturbance of the peace.

2:48 a.m. - A citizen c/r loud music. Loud music.

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### St. John

On Tuesday, July 16, police responded to a burglary in the area of Fish Bay at Casa Del Sol villa. The residents reported that while they were home, someone entered their living room area between 6 a.m. and 12:45 p.m., and took several items including a man's brown wallet and an iPhone 4S. Please tell us what you know about this theft.

### St. Thomas

On Saturday, May 11, at about 7:30 p.m., three individual car owners parked their vehicles in

Griffith Park. When they returned at 11:25 p.m., they discovered that their vehicles had been broken into. Items stolen include a Pandora bracelet, a car stereo system, and \$110. Help police identify the thief(s).

### St. Croix

On Tuesday, and Wednesday evening, July 16, and 17, separate robberies occurred in Estate Williams Delight. They involved three armed males dressed in black, and their faces were covered with black or white masks. Two citizens, who were your friends and family members, were robbed. Somebody knows who these robbers are. Take back your community before someone is hurt or killed. Tell Crime Stoppers who they are. Our technology makes it impossible for anyone to find out who submitted the tip.

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# Community Calendar

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

## Monday, July 29

— Coral Bay Community Council is hosting a follow-up meeting on Monday, July 29, at 6 p.m. in room six at Guy Benjamin School. At the meeting, residents will discuss "Next Steps" based on the presentation of the American Institute of Architects and community concerns from the May workshop which included more than 120 Coral Bay residents and property owners.

## Friday, August 2

— The Virgin Islands Department of Tourism is seeking applicants for its fall internship in New York City. The intern will also play an important role in promoting the USVI, in order to increase visitor arrivals and expenditures. Interested candidates may e-mail their resume and cover letter by Friday, August 2, to Development Counsellors International's Malcolm Griffiths at malcolm.griffiths@aboutdci.com. For more information, contact Allegra Kean-Moorehead at akmoorehead@usvitourism.vi.

## Sunday, August 4

— Castaways in Cruz Bay is hosting a night to benefit the renovation of Café Roma on Sunday, August 4, starting at 5

p.m. Guests will be able to enjoy some Café Roma favorite dishes, such as the Rajun Cajun, Penne Broccoli, salads and zepolis. Food tickets are available in advance at Connections in Cruz Bay and Coral Bay for the price of \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door.

## Wednesday, August 7

— Wendy Davis of the V.I. Fire Service will host a two hour CPR awareness session on Wednesday, August 7, at Cases by the Sea starting at 6:30 p.m. This is a session about what anyone can do to help save a life before EMTs arrive.

## Saturday, September 7

— The H.E.A.L.T.H and Wellness Expo will be on Saturday, September 7, in the St. Thomas/St John District at the University of the Virgin Islands from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Saturday, October 19

— "No Fleas, Please," the St. John Animal Care Center's annual flea market, will be Saturday, October 19, at the Winston Wells ball field from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Donated wares are now being accepted. Call the shelter at 774-1625 for information about pickup of furniture and volunteering to help with setting up the fair.

## 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

# Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

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## THE THIN, THE FLAT, AND THE ROUND

### ACROSS

- 1 Reddish-brown pigment
- 7 Nitpicky know-it-all
- 13 Fleet leader
- 20 Instead (of)
- 21 Win over
- 22 Bishop's district
- 23 User's storage component
- 25 Gives approval
- 26 Rock's Brian
- 27 "My true love — see" ("Oh! Susanna" lyric)
- 28 Without, to Jean-Luc
- 30 Shrubby expanses
- 31 Disorder
- 33 NBAer — Gasol
- 34 Occasion to say "King me"
- 36 Pasty luau food
- 38 Baseball card stat
- 40 — flight (go by jet)
- 41 Zing
- 42 Ship-deck diversion
- 48 Sauce giant
- 50 Brew source
- 51 Hotsy- —
- 52 Crown
- 54 Diver's gear
- 59 "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo" heroine Salander
- 61 Prefix with dose or ton
- 62 Less lenient
- 64 "Entertaining Mr. Sloane" dramatist Joe
- 65 Participant in the sport

- Ultimate
- 68 Yellow transport
- 69 Draw — on (take careful aim at)
- 71 — Brothers ("It's Your Thing" group)
- 72 Hanoi's home, briefly
- 73 It enables a motorist to stop
- 76 Bog bird
- 78 Naive
- 79 Brazilian soccer star
- 80 Tending to wear away
- 82 "Hmm, let — ..."
- 83 Former NBA star Ming
- 84 Spiro who served with Nixon
- 86 False tale
- 87 K-P hookup
- 91 45's place
- 94 "Mickey" singer Basil
- 98 Gives help
- 100 In the style of
- 101 "Try — might ..."
- 102 It includes the sacrum
- 106 Nellie of social reform
- 108 Film-rating org.
- 112 Paris' mother
- 113 Author Jaffe
- 114 He defeated Romney
- 116 Put- — (deceptions)
- 117 Like space debris
- 119 Commonality of seven answers in this puzzle
- 122 Turn loose
- 123 Gathering, as bees
- 124 Lie sheltered
- 125 Fair- — (blond)
- 126 Dictation-taking pros
- 127 Mad Hatter's party pieces

### DOWN

- 1 Words to an attack dog
- 2 — ear and out the other
- 3 "St. — Fire"
- 4 Small swig
- 5 Nine, in Nice
- 6 Aviation aid
- 7 Agitates
- 8 Within: Prefix
- 9 Women's patriotic gp.
- 10 Mennonite subgroup
- 11 Bursting stars
- 12 GI's ditch
- 13 "The Piano" pianist
- 14 Kitchen cloth
- 15 Hurdler Edwin
- 16 Frigid stretch
- 17 With 65-Down, video store charge
- 18 Allergic affliction
- 19 Decrease
- 24 Special span
- 29 Hershey candy bar
- 32 Tanning lotion stat
- 34 Spy org.
- 35 Cleanup org.
- 37 Quite a lot
- 39 Tarzan's son
- 42 French battle site of '44
- 43 Clairol's area
- 44 Newly rich people
- 45 Ordinal suffix
- 46 GPS options: Abbr.
- 47 Wound from a mutt
- 49 With 65-Down, charge to log on
- 53 Bel — cheese
- 55 Witches
- 56 In a careless manner
- 57 Animated film featuring Seinfeld's voice
- 58 JFK landing: Abbr.

- 60 Fumble
- 61 Around June or July
- 62 Sault — Marie
- 63 Your, once
- 65 See 17- or 49-Down
- 66 Grating
- 67 Elegant tree
- 69 Smallish batteries
- 70 Bibliophile's love: Abbr.
- 73 It takes vids
- 74 Film holder
- 75 Wild plum
- 76 Wolf cries
- 77 — -do-well
- 80 Goal
- 81 Lender's expectation
- 84 Co. that owns Moviefone
- 85 Potpourris
- 88 Discomfort
- 89 Cage of film, informally
- 90 Smell
- 92 Fire
- 93 Goal
- 94 Simple top
- 95 First act
- 96 Kidman of Hollywood
- 97 Accustoms
- 99 Sluggish tree-dwellers
- 103 PLO head Mahmoud
- 104 Missed, as a bull's-eye
- 105 Writer Binchy
- 107 Loo, briefly
- 109 Mile markers
- 110 Body part below a shin
- 111 Useful thing
- 114 "This is bad!"
- 115 "Zip- — -Doo-Dah"
- 118 Knight of TV
- 120 Yang go-with
- 121 "That — lie!"

## Classifieds

### For Rent

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- Two bedrooms, one bath, in Cruz Bay \$1650
- Two bedrooms and loft, one bath, washer, \$1800
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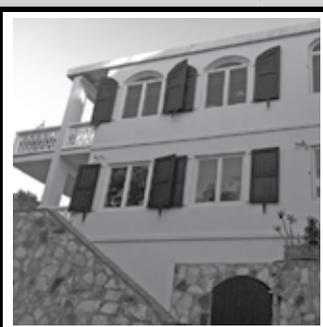
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# Rising Sea Temperatures



Most Earth scientists agree that future sea levels will rise at a greater pace than during the last 50 years. Coastal communities will suffer the most, as flooding from rising water levels will force millions of people out of their homes. Pictured: flooding in Marblehead, Massachusetts caused by Hurricane Sandy on October 29, 2012.

Photo by The Berkes

**Dear EarthTalk:**

*Hurricane Sandy brought more sea water onto shorelines than I'd ever witnessed before and many communities near where I live are now being required to raise their homes up. What is the prognosis for sea level rise in the years immediately ahead?*

**Scott P. Fairfield, CT**

Since sea level measurements were first recorded, in 1870, global averages have risen almost eight inches. The annual rate of rise has been 0.13 inches over the past 20 years, which is close to twice the average from the previous 80 years.

Future estimates for sea levels vary according to region but most Earth scientists agree that sea levels are expected to rise at a greater pace than during the last 50 years.

Predicting the amount of rise is an inexact science and depends on many factors including climate change and ice sheet flows. The U.S. National Research Council predicts a possible sea level rise of between 22 and 29 inches over the 21st century in the U.S. Sea levels are anticipated to continue rising for centuries.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, land elevation changes also have a large impact on the effects of rising water levels. Subsidence (sinking) or uplift (rising) of the land can help determine the relative sea level rise. The EPA's relative sea level estimates, assuming a two foot global sea level rise by 2100, are 2.3 feet at New York City, 2.9 feet at Hampton Roads, Virginia, 3.5 feet at Galveston, Texas and one foot at Neah Bay in Washington state.

The main factors contributing to sea level rise are thermal expansion (created by an

increase in ocean water temperatures) and the melting of ice caps and glaciers. Human activities, such as the burning of fossil fuels, combined with natural activities, have contributed to the rise of the earth's surface temperature over the past century.

According to National Geographic, about 80 percent of this additional heat is absorbed by the oceans. The above factors are well studied, but more research is still being done on how climate change will impact large ice sheets in areas such as Greenland and the Antarctic. An extra foot of sea level rise could be a possibility depending on what happens with these larger ice sheets.

Even small changes in sea levels can have adverse effects on coastal areas. Erosion, flooding of wetlands, aquifer and agricultural soil contamination and habitat loss for fish, birds and plants are all problems resulting from rising sea levels.

Also, higher sea levels usually mean more destructive weather events as storm surges get bigger and more powerful and devastate everything in their way. Coastal communities will suffer the most, as flooding from rising water levels will force millions of people out of their homes.

As for what can be done, reducing the collective carbon footprint is no doubt the first and most important step. Individuals should drive and fly less, walk and bicycle more and take advantage of public transit.

But sweeping policy changes will have the most impact. A recent commitment by the Obama White House to require coal-burning power plants and other large industrial operations to minimize greenhouse gas emissions should finally help get the United States started on the right track, but many wonder if such moves represent too little too late.

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**\$3,200,000**

**"MARIA BREEZE"** one of the original estate homes in Great Cruz Bay perched hillside with a 230° view. This masonry 5 bdrm villa with generous wrap-around decks has plenty of room for a family to spread out and enjoy the breezes!

MLS 12-416  
**\$1,595,000**

**"STONE COURT"** is a 3 bedroom haven. 1 acre of privacy with sweeping views from Rams Head to St. Thomas. Island inspired architecture of stone and wood.

MLS 12-31  
**\$1,325,000**

**"WHALE WATCH"** - Enjoy pristine East End in this lovely, 2 bedroom villa with big water views. Downstairs apartment offers additional living & income space. Hear the sound of the waves lapping below.

MLS 13-204  
**\$1,225,000**

**"TREE PALMS"** Versatile 5 BR 5 BA property with solid rental history. Charming home w/ 2 kitchens, covered verandas, stone entrance, garden fountain, concrete pool and spa deck. Solar panels, and ocean views complete the package!

MLS 13-3  
**\$1,075,000**

**"WILD ORCHID VILLA"** in Skytop features privacy and amazing 270° panoramic views! Flexible floorplan 4 bdrm, 2 level villa is custom crafted in exotic hardwoods & stonework. Awesome sunrises! Beautiful sunsets! Cool breezes!

VIDEO  
MLS 12-391  
**\$980,000**

**"ENIGHED GARDENS"** is a 5x4 masonry home in gated .46 ac. garden setting with spectacular views over Pillsbury Sound. Flexible floor plan, expansive decks, wonderful potential "as is".

MLS 13-128  
**\$895,000**

**"INCOME PRODUCER"** 4 Unit Multi-family. Rare opportunity to own a multi-unit property close to Cruz Bay with big ocean views sitting on the hillside above the Westin Resort!

MLS 11-359  
**\$795,000**

**"FISH BAY" 4X2 INCREDIBLE VALUE!** Huge panoramic views and a quiet, private location that borders Nature Conservancy property make this home a must see!

MLS 13-267  
**\$475,000**

**"UPPER CAROLINA" 3X3** - Recently upgraded & well kept house with 3 income producing units. Easy access to Cruz Bay and beaches.

MLS 09-271  
**\$395,000**

**"CARIBBEAN COTTAGE RETREAT"** Relax in this comfortable home surrounded by trees, orchids and birds. Quiet private neighborhood has deeded rights to a beach. You won't get peace like this at a better price. Don't miss this opportunity!

MLS 12-177  
**\$249,000**

**"LAVENDER HILL"** Luxurious 1 bedroom unit adjacent to pool with 2 decks. Walk to beach and town. Handsomely furnished, immaculately maintained, excellent rental management.

PRICE REDUCED!  
MLS 12-249  
**\$499,000**

**"RAINBOW'S END" AT BATTERY HILL**—clean and cheerfully decorated poolside condo is conveniently close to town w/ nicely manicured grounds. Seller says make an offer!

MLS 12-358  
**\$465,000**

**"OWN A MONTH IN A LUXURY HOME"** Choose a 3 BR 3.5 BA or a 4 BR 4.5 BA villa in upscale Virgin Grand Estates. These 3,000 sq ft villas feature STT & sunset views, pool, AC & more.

**Priced from \$54,000**

**"PROFITABLE BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY"** Unique opportunity to own and manage the islands' main directory, The St. John Phonebook. Well-established business w/successful, well-branded history. Operate under existing profitable business module or expand growth opportunities.

COMMERCIAL  
MLS 13-179  
**\$315,000**

LOTS OF LAND LISTINGS!!		MOTIVATED SELLERS!!		SOME SELLER FINANCING!!	
<b>CAROLINA</b>	from \$ 55,000	<b>HANSEN BAY</b>	hillside & WATERFRONT \$ 149,000	<b>CALABASH BOOM</b>	hillside \$ 229,000
<b>EMMAUS</b>	hillside \$ 75,000	<b>CHOCOLATE HOLE</b>	from \$ 175,000	<b>LOVANGO CAY</b>	WATERFRONT South shore from \$ 250,000
<b>FISH BAY</b>	from \$ 79,995	<b>GLUCKSBERG</b>	from \$ 199,000	<b>CONCORDIA</b>	from \$ 295,000
<b>SAUNDERS GUT</b>	hillside & WATERFRONT \$ 99,000	<b>VIRGIN GRAND ESTATES</b>	from \$ 206,000	<b>UPPER MONTE BAY/RENDEZVOUS</b>	from \$ 799,000
				<b>SABA BAY</b>	hillside & WATERFRONT from \$ 999,000
				<b>PETER BAY/NORTHSHORE</b>	from \$ 1,500,000
				<b>WESTIN TIMESHARES</b>	from \$ 500/week
				<b>ONE MONTH FRACTIONALS</b>	from \$ 54,000

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## Scotiabank Wins Third Annual Chaotic Kayak Race

Hundreds of people packed Oppenheimer Beach on Sunday afternoon, July 28, for the third annual St. John Chaotic Kayak Race. The event supported Team River Runner's St. John program which brings wounded veterans to the island for a week of health and healing through adaptive kayak sports. A total of 32 teams squared off on the beach with the three-person Scotiabank team, which included the bank's Regional Vice President and Country Head Lawrence Aquí, below center, taking the title. This year's event included a Stand Up Paddle board race for the first time, which was won by Nat Ford. The Chaotic Kayak Race raised \$30,000, with more donations expected, which will cover the cost of bringing a group of wounded veterans to St. John this November. See the next issue of *St. John Tradewinds* for additional photos and full story. Chaotic Kayak Race raised \$30,000, with more donations expected, which will cover the cost of bringing a group of wounded veterans to St. John this November.

