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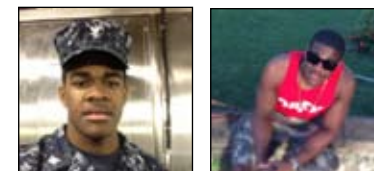
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# Sprauve School Honors Local and National Leaders at Black History Month Program

By Judi Shimel  
St. John Tradewinds

On the day Julius E. Sprauve School celebrates Black History Month, everybody gets in on the act.

From kindergarten through eighth grade, classes honor different aspects of history. On February 28, the school's cafetorium set the scene for those expressions.

This year's theme for the Black History Month Program was "Coming Together."

Poems, raps, song and dance, an ensemble play and recitations played out Friday morning as fellow JESS students watched and sometimes cheered.

Students also dressed in character. A combined offering by Team Awesome presented male figures who made history, including U.S. President Barack Obama, civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Major League Baseball pioneer Jackie Robinson and Robert Johnson, founder of Black Entertainment Television.

Kindergarten students held photos of St. John leaders honored by having local buildings named after them.

Third graders took turns playing dissident Rosa Parks and participants in the Montgomery bus boycott that resulted from Park's arrest for sitting in a bus seat re-



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Judi Shimel

*Kindergarten students from Ms. Parson's class at the Julius E. Sprauve School honor St. Johnian achievers during the school's Black History Month program last Friday, February 28.*

served for white people.

The reading play was entitled the "Boycott Blues."

First and second graders danced. Sixth graders led a clap and rap to a poem entitled "I Am a Black Child."

JESS Principal Dionne Wells greeted the assembly, asked students to listen and learn.

School Nurse Brown played mistress of ceremonies, entertain-

ing the audience between acts by presenting Black History Facts.

Sprauve School teachers provided the finale by dancing quadrille.

Principal Wells thanked the students, staff and parents who came to support the young performers.

The school's program committee thanked all participants for helping to make the program a success.

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## St. John Police Investigating Death of Woman, 41, After Fight with Husband in Rental Villa

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Police are investigating the death of a female that occurred at a private villa on St. John. The incident was reported to the 911 Emergency Dispatch at about 11:50 a.m. on March 2.

According to the preliminary information, police interviewed a male who said he and his wife were on vacation from Virginia and had an argument at the villa. The male said after the argument he slept outside the rental property in his vehicle. The next morning he tried to enter to the villa but could not gain access. He called for assistance to get inside and once inside discovered the unresponsive body of his 41-year-old wife.

St. John Deputy Police Chief Maria Jones said this case is presently under police investigation and detectives are examining all aspects of this case. She said "This is preliminary information and further investigation as well as an autopsy needs to be done," Deputy Chief Jones said.

Deputy Chief Jones urged anyone who had contact with the couple during their stay on St. John should call the detectives and tell them what they know. "Any information, even if you think it may not be significant or relevant to the case may help detectives get a clearer picture of the events leading up to this death," the Deputy Chief said.

You can call detectives at 714-9834, 715-5522, 911 or you can call Crimes Stoppers USVI at 1-800-222-TIPS.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tom Oat

## Mano Boyd Brings Traditional Music To School for Black History Month

St. Johnian Emmanuel "Mano" Boyd involved Julius E. Sprauve School students in his musical program on Thursday, February 27, creating a student orchestra of African and Caribbean musical instruments.

Students and teachers donned traditional dress and enjoyed a special lunch as part of the close of month of special events.

Other presenters in school programs during Black History Month at JESS included Eddie Bruce, drums; Gilbert Sprauve, history; Ital Anthony, elementary herbs and plants; Kwabena Davis, elementary story telling; and Coco and The Sunshine Band.



St. John Tradewinds News Photos Jaime Elliott

From broom making to bread making, students from across St. John and St. Thomas learned about native arts and foods at the 23rd Annual Folklife Festival.



## Annual Folklife Festival Features Broom Making, Mauby Brewing and More

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

The sound of the conch shell rang out above Leinster Bay on Thursday morning, February 27, as the 23rd Annual Virgin Islands National Park Folklife Festival kicked off at Annaberg Sugar Plantation.

With a theme of “Our Culture, Our Future: Passing the Torch,” the two-day festival featured many talented local crafts people dem-

onstrating everything from wood carving to basket weaving before a crowd of students from across St. Thomas and St. John all in the shade of the Annaberg Sugar mill ruins.

The Echo People set the tone with African-style drumming and dancing and Smalls and the Music Makers kept the beat up with their infectious scratch band sound.

Among the demonstrations were wood turning by distinguished St.

John wood artist Avelino Samuel, broom making by Edmund Roberts and seine net making by Mario Benjamin. During the two-day free festival, students also had the chance to see how to make dumb bread, johnny cake and Mauby; and taste those efforts as well.

Students also enjoyed tasting sugar cane cut right from the Annaberg garden and watching chicken wings fry up in an old pot over coals made on the Annaberg

grounds as well.

VINP docents were on hand to share the rich history of the Annaberg Sugar Plantation and answer questions from the public.

Festival organizers welcomed younger students on Thursday, February 27, and older students on Friday, February 28, who heard from culture bearers including his-

torian Dr. Gilbert Sprauve, folklorist Glen “Kawabena” Davis and African drumming instructor Eddie Bruce.

The St. John Folklife Festival is hosted by VINP in partnership with Friends of V.I. National Park each year during Black History Month.

## Public Hearing Is March 11 on Developer’s Group Dwelling Request To Build 28-unit East Bay Beach Club

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

The long-tranquil East End neighborhood of St. John could be in for quite a change if developer’s get a nod on their group dwelling permit from Department of Planning and Natural Resources officials.

The public has a chance to weigh in on the matter at a DPNR Group Dwelling Permit public hearing on Tuesday evening, March 11, at Guy Benjamin School, classroom six, at 6 p.m.

A company called East Bay Holding Company, LLC, has filed

an application with DPNR for a group dwelling permit in order to construct East Bay Beach Club, a development of 28 three- and four-bedroom units plus a club house and associated structures on eight acres of land on East End Bay.

### Estate Hansen Bay Site

The proposed development site, Parcel No. Remainder 6A-1 Estate Hansen Bay, is located past Privater Bay at almost the very far end of East End. The area is zoned R-1, residential-one, which allows for two homes per half-acre of land.

East Bay Beach Club plans were drawn by the Adache Group

Architects of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, and show eight single story, beach-front, three bedroom units and 20 hillside two-story, four-bedroom units plus a beach-front club house, pool and pool deck. The club house plans, located off the pool and pool deck, include a kitchen prep area, a great room, a bar, a gym and several offices.

Files for the planned East Bay Beach Club can be viewed at DPNR’s office located across from Elaine I. Sprauve Library in Cruz Bay. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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at Trunk Bay  
(Courtesy of Rafe Boulon)

**MONTH:**  
**FEBRUARY 2014**

2.55 Inches

**AVERAGE**  
**FEBRUARY**

2.06 Inches

**TOTAL Y-T-D**

4.89 Inches

**Y-T-D AVERAGE**

5.18 Inches

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# A Father Buries His Only Son, An Island Loses a Shining Young Man



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tom Oat

The future final resting place of Magarbi "TJ" McCullum Matthew will have beautiful views of Cruz Bay harbor.

By Tom Oat  
St. John Tradewinds

Thomas Matthew was gazing at the morning bustle on Cruz Bay from the roadside above the quiet, sun-dappled cemetery sloping down to the waterfront early on the morning of February 24, envisioning the view his 22-year-old son, Magarbi McCullum "TJ" Matthew, would have from his final resting place.

"He was my only son," Matthew said of the oldest of his three children, his voice wavering.

"He liked to be called 'TJ' for Thomas Junior," his father recalled with his familiar smile easing his somber demeanor.

TJ was killed in a February 16 automobile accident near Seattle, Washington, where he had been serving in the U.S. Navy.

TJ and his father created Our Market Smoothies, the colorful oasis in downtown Cruz Bay across from the U.S. Post Office. Together they made Our Market and Hospitality Car Rental into a shaded gath-

ering spot for visitors and residents with TJ working with his father there after school and on weekends and holidays.

## "Spitting Image" of His Father

"He was the spitting image of his father," one business owner said of TJ.

TJ soon was helping to run the business with the same style as his father — the same heartfelt, friendly service and purposeful business sense.

"When he came back for Christmas and New Years, I was late opening up one day," Matthew recalled of his son's first visit home in December after three years in the U.S. Navy. "He said, 'Daddy consistency is the key to success in business.'"

TJ had stayed in the states since his enlistment in order to study to continue advancing in rank and most recently had achieved a promotion which normally would take six years, his father proudly noted.

"He said 'Daddy if I keep work-

ing I can make Chief,'" Matthew said with obvious pride at his son's accomplishments.

Matthew will be going to Washington state in early March to attend military services honoring TJ.

## March 8 Service at VINP Field

A military color guard from Puerto Rico is scheduled to participate in a service for Magarbi "TJ" Matthew at the V.I. National Park ball field across from Mongoose Junction on March 8 at 10:30 a.m.

"The church would be too small," TJ's father said of the turnout expected to welcome TJ home.

TJ will be buried next to his grandmother, Aurelie Doreen Matthew, in the center of the Cruz Bay cemetery with a clear view of the ferries coming and going from the Cruz Bay dock — the ferries which took TJ from his home island to success in his short U.S. Navy career.

"She raised him," Thomas said, taking some comfort in knowing TJ will be with his grandmother.

Legal Notice

## If You Purchased Municipal Derivative Transactions from January 1, 1992 to August 18, 2011 You Could Get a Payment for a Class Action Settlement.

A proposed Settlement has been reached with Bank of America, N.A. ("Bank of America"), in a class action lawsuit that alleges price-fixing in the sale of municipal derivatives transactions by Bank of America and other companies. The case, *In re Municipal Derivatives Antitrust Litigation*, MDL No. 1950, No. 08-02516, is pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

### Who Is Included in the Settlement?

This Settlement includes all state, local and municipal government entities, independent government agencies, quasi-government, non-profit and private entities that purchased:

- (1) Municipal derivative transactions through negotiation, competitive bidding or auction, from any Alleged Provider Defendant or Co-Conspirator or brokered by any Alleged Broker Defendant or Co-Conspirator,
- (2) Any time from January 1, 1992 through August 18, 2011 in the United States and its territories or for delivery in the United States and its territories.

The Defendants and Co-Conspirators are listed in the detailed notice available on the Settlement website.

### What Does the Settlement Provide?

Bank of America agreed to a settlement amount of \$20 million (plus any funds remaining in the State AG Escrow Fund that, as of the date this Notice is issued, Bank of America has access to pursuant to the terms of the State AG Settlement — this potential additional amount could be between \$0 and \$1 million) to be paid as follows: \$10 million has already been paid into an escrow account and the balance will be paid later. This Settlement is only a partial settlement of the lawsuit because it only affects the claims against Bank of America. The lawsuit is continuing against other Defendants. Morgan Stanley, Wachovia/Wells Fargo, and JPMorgan have already settled. Bank of America will provide reasonable cooperation, including discovery cooperation, to Class Plaintiffs' Counsel in the litigation that will continue against the other Defendants.

### What Do I Do Now?

- **Remain in the Settlement.** To remain in the Settlement Class and participate in the Settlement, you do not have to do anything now. If the Court approves the Settlement, you give up the right to sue Bank of America for the claims and issues in this case. The Settlement Agreement, specifically Paragraph 1(cc), which is available at [www.MunicipalDerivativesSettlement.com](http://www.MunicipalDerivativesSettlement.com), describes in more detail the legal claims that you give up if you stay in the Class. If you remain in the Settlement Class, you still have the right to exclude yourself from any other settlements with other defendants reached in this lawsuit. Claim forms are not available now. Register on the Settlement website to receive a claim form when it becomes available.

- **Exclude yourself from the Settlement.** If you do not want to remain in the Settlement Class, you must exclude yourself. You must send a written request for exclusion by first-class mail, **postmarked no later than May 6, 2014** to the Settlement Administrator. The detailed notice available on the Settlement website describes the information you are required to include in your request for exclusion. If you exclude yourself, you cannot participate in the Settlement, but you retain your right to sue Bank of America on your own for the claims in this lawsuit.

**NOTE:** You may receive similar notices regarding proposed settlements with other Defendants (i.e., GE Funding Capital Market Services, Inc., Trinity Funding Co., LLC and Trinity Plus Funding Co., LLC). However, if you wish to exclude yourself from the Bank of America settlement, you **must send a separate and specific notice with regard to the Bank of America settlement.**

- **Object or Comment on the Settlement.** If you remain in the Settlement Class and want to object to or comment on the Bank of America Settlement or any part of it, you must file an objection with the Court and deliver a copy to Class Counsel and Bank of America **no later than May 6, 2014.**

### When Will the Court Decide Whether to Approve the Settlement?

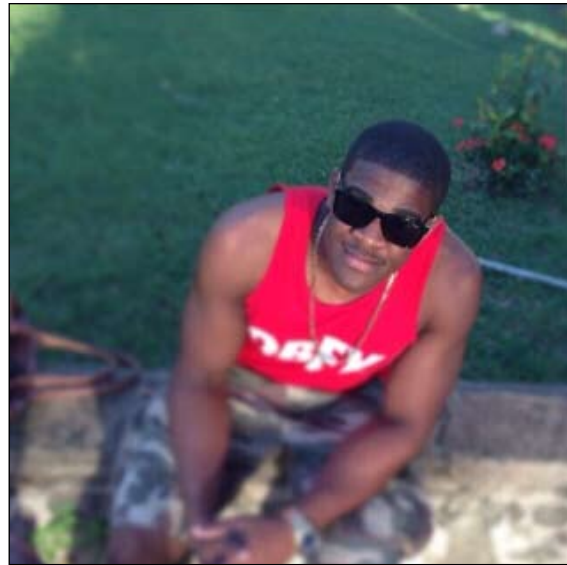
The Court has scheduled a hearing on June 6, 2014, at 10 a.m. at the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, United States Courthouse, 500 Pearl Street, New York, NY 10007, to consider whether to finally approve the Bank of America Settlement as fair, reasonable and adequate, whether to approve Class Counsel's request for reimbursement of litigation expenses, and to consider any objections.

The Court has appointed the law firms of Hausfeld LLP; Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP; and Susman Godfrey L.L.P. to serve as Class Counsel and represent all Class Members. If you want to be represented by your own lawyer, you may hire one at your own expense. You or your lawyer may ask to appear and speak at the hearing but are not required to. If you want to be heard by the Court, you must file a written notice of your intention to appear with the Court and deliver a copy to the Class Counsel and Bank of America **no later than May 6, 2014.** The Court may change the time and date of the hearing. Any change will be posted on the Settlement website.

### Get More Information

For more information on this lawsuit, your rights, or to obtain a list of defendants, call or visit the Settlement website listed below or write to Municipal Derivatives Settlement, c/o Rust Consulting, Inc., P.O. Box 2500, Faribault, MN 55021-9500.

For more information: 1-877-310-0512 [www.MunicipalDerivativesSettlement.com](http://www.MunicipalDerivativesSettlement.com)



St. John Tradewinds News Photos Courtesy of the Matthew Family

*Magarbi Matthew of St. John was advancing rapidly in the U.S. Navy when he was killed in a traffic accident near Seattle, Washington where he was serving.*

## ***Magarbi Matthew Remembered for His Kind Spirit, Impressive Work Ethic Following Fatal Car Crash***

**By Andrea Milam  
St. John Tradewinds**

Magarbi McCullum Matthew, known affectionately as TJ, was remembered last week after he died February 16 in a fatal car crash in Washington state. Matthew, who was stationed at the USS Nimitz with the U.S. Navy, was on his way back to the base after taking friends home when he struck a tanker truck carrying liquid nitrogen, causing the truck to roll over onto his car. He died at the scene just before midnight.

Matthew, who was 22 years old, was an E-5, or petty officer second class, in the U.S. Navy. He'd reached this rank, which typically takes six years to achieve, in just three years.

"He was caring, loving, respectful, and humble," said Matthew's father, Thomas Matthew of Our Market Smoothies and Hospitality Car Rental. "He loved taking care of people."

Friends of Matthew's from the Navy brought his body home last week.

"He was pretty impressive as far as knowing what he wanted

to accomplish," said AO2 Marie Jackson. "I'd say he could accomplish anything and everything. He was a hard worker, always wanting to learn."

Jackson recalled how Matthew motivated himself to rise through the ranks in the Navy. As an E-3, he pinned an E-4 insignia inside his uniform collar to remind him of what he hoped to achieve.

Matthew grew up on St. John, attending Julius E. Sprauve School and Giff Hill School before graduating from Sts. Peter and Paul School on St. Thomas. Classmate Malik Stevens remembered Matthew as someone he respected.

"He was one of the few of us who was out doing something positive with his life," said Stevens. "For it to be brought to such an abrupt and sad end really affected a lot of us who grew up with him. I was heartbroken that such a good guy with so much potential was taken from us so soon."

Chief Recruiter for the Virgin Islands Richardson Lewis remembered Matthew as the first person he enlisted when he reported to the territory in 2010.

"He came into the office and he was a little bit overweight," said Lewis. "I said, 'Hey, you want to join the Navy, you lose 10 pounds and come back and see me.' Within that month he came back into the office and he'd lost 15 pounds, so I knew this kid was for real."

Matthew traveled from St. John three times a week to attend the Naval program on St. Thomas, and was on time more frequently than those who lived on St. Thomas, Lewis recalled.

"I knew there was something special about this one," said Lewis. "One word to describe him would be 'impressive.' His initiative was something serious."

In addition to his impressive drive, Matthew was remembered for being liked by everyone.

"He was well-loved," said Thomas Matthew. "He did smoothies and worked the car rental with me, and he used to get more tips than me."

Matthew's funeral is scheduled for Saturday, March 8, at 10:30 a.m. at the V.I. National Park ball field. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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will run every Saturday until April 5. Assistance will be provided on a first come first serve basis, and the interns will be completing Forms 1040EZ and 1040A only.

On St. John, the program will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Bureau's office at the Motor Vehicle Bureau in Cruz Bay.

Taxpayers should have available all W-2s, W-2Ps, Form 1099s, and Form SSA (Social Security Income) readily available.

# No New Information on Malfetti Murder

By Tom Oat  
*St. John Tradewinds*

There has been no new information from V.I. Police Department about the investigation into the mid-January stabbing death of a New Jersey man in his south shore apartment.

There is nothing new to report from V.I. Police Department investigators.

A VIPD spokesperson has said officials will issue statements when they have something to release to the public.

There is nothing new to report from the private investigator working for the Malfetti family.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has not taken an active role in the investigation despite the call by a New Jersey U.S. Senator for federal involvement in the investigation into Malfetti's death.

### **Friends Lambaste USVI on Internet**

Friends and family of Malfetti on St. John and in his home state of New Jersey, meanwhile, have fed internet chatter which typically follows any major crime against a visitor about how dangerous the U.S. Virgin Islands are for tourists.

Malfetti family private investigator William Phoenix has never asserted Malfetti was murdered in a case of mistaken identity, although Phoenix has confirmed to *Tradewinds* he was aware of the island rumor that Malfetti was killed after being mistaken for the previous tenant of the apartment he had recently rented.

Phoenix has down played the importance of the "mistaken identity" rumors while alluding to other avenues of investigation.

The young man has told friends and acquaintances that he was the intended target of the attack on Malfetti, but speaking with him is not a priority for Phoenix.

"We have other persons of interest," private investigator Phoenix told *Tradewinds* in an e-mail on Friday, February 21. Phoenix would not elaborate. The private investigator has been guarded in his comments or answers to questions from *Tradewinds* concerning the investigation, including the whereabouts of a large screen television stolen from the apartment during or after the stabbing murder of Malfetti.

"I will answer what I can while keeping my client's and the investigation's best interest in focus," the private investigator wrote in a February e-mail to *Tradewinds*. "That being said, I'm not prepared to discuss the television at this time."

### **Investigator Confirms Time Frame of Events**

Phoenix has confirmed the time frame of the events leading up to the discovery of Malfetti's body on January 19.

"The burglary (to the main residence) occurred between the hours of 11 p.m. Friday night (January 17) and the time they awoke and reported it Saturday morning (January 18)," Phoenix previously told *Tradewinds*. "(The owners) reported the burglary to their residence. They were home at the time the burglary occurred."

"There is no evidence to support that the homicide did not occur during the same time frame as the burglary to the... home," Phoenix continued.

"His car and Jimmy were discovered on the 19th," Phoenix said. "Their caretaker discovered Jimmy Sunday morning."

"Jimmy's car was located on Rendezvous the same day his body was found, January 19," the private investigator confirmed in an e-mail.

Despite calls by New Jersey U.S. Sen. Robert Menendez for FBI involvement in the investigation of Malfetti's murder, the FBI has not had significant involvement in the investigation, Phoenix said.

"We were told the FBI is involved in a 'limited' capacity," said the investigator whose Phoenix Investigations is based in St. Petersburg, Florida.

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St. John Tradewinds News Photos

Tires, bags of trash and old dinghies were removed from the Coral Bay shoreline thanks to volunteers.



## Coral Bay Residents Clean Shoreline of Marine Debris and Trash

St. John Tradewinds

A total of 58 volunteers came out on Thursday morning, February 27, to help clean up the Coral Bay shoreline. Volunteers met at Skinny Legs where they enjoyed a pancake breakfast cooked up Coral Bay Community Council volunteers Jason Hayman and Nancy Stromp before heading out to remove bags of

trash and marine debris from the shoreline. The effort was organized by Coral Bay resident Lora Koehler and was sponsored by Skinny Legs, CBCC, Coral Bay Yacht Club, Pickles in Paradise, and Aqua Bistro.

Thank you to the 58 wonderful volunteers that helped clean up Coral Bay! 139.75 hours total! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

## CBCC Urging Residents To Complete Water Tests, Consumption Survey

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

Before planning for Coral Bay's future water use and water needs, Coral Bay Community Council officials are trying to get a picture of the area's current water use and hoping residents will help.

The group has a \$182,000 U.S. Department of Agriculture grant to help create a water and waste water plan for the Coral Bay area. CBCC's first step is to understand residents' current water needs, explained the group's environment projects manager Patricia Reed.

"We're trying to understand residential, commercial and development water and waste water needs now and going forward," said Reed. "One way we're trying to do that is by having people complete a survey on their water use and what type of waste water systems they have. We want to hear from all residents of Coral Bay."

"We're collecting baseline information to get a handle on how much water is used here in Coral Bay for when we look at future water use and planning for future water use," Reed said.

The water use survey takes between 10 and 15 minutes and is available at Keep Me Posted,

Connections and at the CBCC office as well as online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/cbc-cwateruse>.

CBCC officials are also interested in the quality of water residents have in their cisterns. The group took 20 samples of Coral Bay residents' cistern water to Ocean Systems Lab on St. Thomas last week to test water quality, particularly bacteria levels.

"The cistern testing is part of the USDA grant which gives residents the opportunity to see if their water meets EPA drinking water quality standards, particularly as it relates to bacteria" said Reed.

CBCC officials are considering hosting a second round of testing if residents, who must pay a \$40 lab fee, are interested, Reed explained.

"Cistern testing will let us know people's drinking water quality," she said. "Do we need to do more efforts towards filtration systems or if drinking water quality is fairly good, we can focus elsewhere."

Anyone interested in having their cistern water tested should email CBCC at [coralbaycommunitycouncil@hotmail.com](mailto:coralbaycommunitycouncil@hotmail.com) and write "CISTERN" in the subject line or call the group at (340) 776-2099.



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# Amanda Hayes Convicted of Second Degree Murder, Faces to 13 to 16.5 Years

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

Former St. John resident Amanda Hayes was convicted of second degree murder by a Raleigh, North Carolina jury and sentenced to between 13 and 16-and-one-half years in jail by Judge Don Stephens on Wednesday, February 19.

Hayes, 41, was found guilty of second degree murder for her part in killing 27-year-old mother of two Laura Ackerson in July 2011. Amanda Hayes' husband, Grant Hayes, who lived on St. John for several years with his then-girlfriend Laura Ackerson and their two young sons, was convicted of first degree murder in September 2013 and is serving a life sentence without the possibility of parole.

The jury of nine women and three men deliberated for 11 hours before handing down its second degree murder conviction following a 13-day trial which featured testimony from 49 witnesses, including Amanda Hayes.

During the trial, prosecutors alleged that Amanda Hayes worked with her husband Grant Hayes to murder Ackerson, the mother of Grant Hayes' two sons. Laura Ackerson and Grant Hayes were in a heated custody battle over their two young sons when prosecutors allege Grant and Amanda Hayes killed Ackerson, dismembered her body with a power saw, packed her remains in coolers and transported the body pieces to Texas, where they dumped Ackerson's remains in a creek near the home of Amanda Hayes' sister.

Defense attorneys, however, contended that Amanda Hayes only found out that Ackerson was dead after she arrived in Texas with her husband, Grant Hayes' two sons and the couple's one-month-old daughter, Lilly, according to a [www.newsobserver.com](http://www.newsobserver.com) story.

"Amanda Hayes testified over the course of two days that she did not kill Ackerson nor help with the dismemberment," according to the report. "She said she did not know that Ackerson was dead in July 2011 until arriving at her sister's house in Texas and having a conversation with her husband outside, under the cloak of darkness, as he fingered a machete."

"Amanda Hayes said she was coerced and afraid of her husband," according to the Raleigh, North Carolina newspaper website. "She said she was fearful that he would harm her grown daughter and the infant Lilly, barely a month old when Ackerson was killed."

Before being sentenced, Amanda Hayes addressed Judge Stephens asking for leniency, as seen in a video on the North Carolina news website [www.wral.com](http://www.wral.com).

"Your honor, I would just like to apologize with my whole heart, being, soul — first to Laura, I apologize to her, to her family, to her children, to my family, to Grant's family, to everyone who had to work this case, to everyone who had to sit through this trial, to everyone in the media who has had to watch this and that it has touched their life," Amanda Hayes told Judge Stephens. "I am so so sorry that this touched my life in any shape, form or fashion or anyone that I love or care about or anyone and I truly, truly am

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— Judge Stephens quoted in an online report  
[www.newsobservers.com](http://www.newsobservers.com)

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Laura Ackerson's father, Rodger Ackerson, however, didn't buy Amanda Hayes' story and painted her as a manipulator, according to the Raleigh News Observer story.

"She's a manipulator, she's a liar," Rodger Ackerson was quoted talking about Amanda Hayes in the report. "She uses that sing-songy voice when she wants to get something from you. That doesn't work with me."

Prosecutors went a step further than Rodger Ackerson and alleged that Amanda Hayes, a former actress, had been preparing for the role of her life, according to the [www.newsobserver.com](http://www.newsobserver.com) report.

"Prosecutors contended that Amanda Hayes' time on the witness stand was 'the performance of her life,'" according to the report. "Prosecutor Becky Holt said Amanda Hayes had been preparing for her courtroom performance this month for nearly two years. Holt said Hayes had access to police reports and evidence in the case and developed a storyline that seemed 'too rehearsed.'"

While Amanda Hayes' defense team ponders their case for an appeal, Rodger Ackerson reminded people what the gruesome trial was really about, according to the report on [www.newsobserver.com](http://www.newsobserver.com).

"This whole mess is about four people," Ackerson was quoted in the [www.newsobserver.com](http://www.newsobserver.com) report. "It's about Laura and three kids."

Laura Ackerson and Grant Hayes' two sons, Little Grant Hayes and Gentle Hayes, along with Amanda and Grant Hayes' daughter, now 3, all live with Grant Hayes' mother in Kinston, North Carolina.

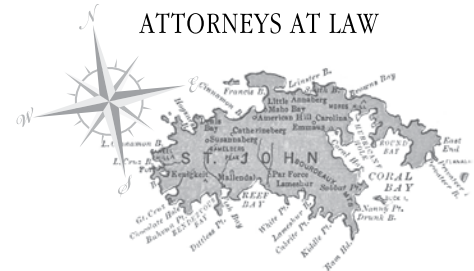
Before handing down his sentence of between 13 and 16 and a half years behind bars to 41-year-old Amanda Hayes, with credit for her two and a half years already served, Judge Stephens had one last comment for her, according to the [www.newsobserver.com](http://www.newsobserver.com) report.

"My problem, I think, here is that I personally believe, based on my view of the evidence, that it is quite possible and likely that Amanda Hayes could have saved the life of Laura Ackerson and she chose not to," Stephens was quoted in the report. "She chose to participate in her killing."

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# RaniFly Bikinis Featured in *Sports Illustrated* Swimsuit Issue

## Locally made bikini by Rani Keohane also recommended for “women who rip”

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

Watch out world, here comes Rani Keohane and she's bringing custom bikinis.

The Coral Bay-based bespoke bikini designer is riding a wave of publicity which is not about to end any time soon.

For the second year in a row, one of Keohane's RaniFly Bikinis was included in *Sports Illustrated*'s Swimsuit Issue coverage and her suits were recently chosen as one of five bikini brands recommended for “women who rip” by Grind TV.

On the 2014 *SI* Swimsuit Issue website, <http://swimsuit/si.com>, a graphic printed RaniFly tie-string bottom and triangle top bikini is worn by South African model Natasha Barnard as she's photographed lounging on a sandy beach in Brazil.

This is the second year in a row



News Graphic by Sports Illustrated Magazine

*Supermodel Natasha Barnard lounges on a beach in Brazil sporting a suit by Coral Bay's RaniFly Bikinis.*

that one of Keohane's bikinis has been featured in *SI* Swimsuit Issue's online coverage. And, while many of the *SI* swimsuit photographers adhere to a “less is more”

ethos, both of RaniFly Bikini's pictures actually show the bikini. The coverage also includes a handy direct link from the *SI* website to [www.RaniFlyBikini.com](http://www.RaniFlyBikini.com).

On the heels of the huge *SI* Swimsuit Issue inclusion, Keohane recently discovered that her suits were also featured by GrindTV.com, which boasted that RaniFly Bikinis were “so comfortable they can double as undergarments.”

All this attention comes well-deserved to a hard working designer who ensures quality and durability in every single suit. All RaniFly bikinis are hand-made by Keohane in limited editions with sport-grade Lyrca.

The designer operates a retail store and workshop at the Cocoloba shopping complex in Coral Bay where, in addition to keeping her racks full, she also cranks out an incredible number of hand-stitched custom bikinis. Stop by the RaniFly Bikini shop, open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and grab a suit off the rack or choose a print and design a custom RaniFly.

Keohane is continually getting in new fabric — she receives a new batch about once every three weeks — and always dreaming up different cuts to flatter all figures. She offers seven different X-back cuts, meaning women of all cup sizes can find a top that actually fits.

“I do bikinis big and small, one-pieces, everything,” said Keohane. “I have suits for everyone from teenagers to people who are in their 70s. We're different from other lines of suits that are made only for one body type.”

“The suits are really comfortable, functional and durable,” she said. “I work really hard to ensure the quality and durability.”

Also at the RaniFly Bikini shop, check out Keohane's line of graphic printed bags, each of which is one-of-a-kind, yoga pants, skirts and headbands all made, like the

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Legal Notice

## If You Purchased Municipal Derivative Transactions from January 1, 1992 to August 18, 2011 You Could Get a Payment for a Class Action Settlement.

A proposed Settlement has been reached with GE Funding Capital Market Services, Inc., Trinity Funding Co., LLC and Trinity Plus Funding Co., LLC (collectively, “GE”), in a class action lawsuit that alleges price-fixing in the sale of municipal derivatives transactions by GE and other companies. The case, *In re Municipal Derivatives Antitrust Litigation*, MDL No. 1950, No. 08-02516, is pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

### Who Is Included in the Settlement?

This Settlement includes all state, local and municipal government entities, independent government agencies, quasi-government, non-profit and private entities that purchased:

- (1) Municipal derivative transactions through negotiation, competitive bidding or auction, from any Alleged Provider Defendant or brokered by any Alleged Broker Defendant,
- (2) Any time from January 1, 1992 through August 18, 2011 in the United States and its territories or for delivery in the United States and its territories.

The Defendants and Co-Conspirators are listed in the detailed notice available on the Settlement website.

### What Does the Settlement Provide?

GE agreed to a settlement amount of \$18.25 million. This Settlement is only a partial settlement of the lawsuit because it only affects the claims against GE. The lawsuit is continuing against other Defendants. Morgan Stanley, Wachovia/Wells Fargo, and JPMorgan have already settled. GE will provide reasonable cooperation, including discovery cooperation, to Class Plaintiffs' Counsel in the litigation that will continue against the other Defendants.

### What Do I Do Now?

- **Remain in the Settlement.** To remain in the Settlement Class and participate in the Settlement, you do not have to do anything now. If the Court approves the Settlement, you give up the right to sue GE for the claims and issues in this case. The Settlement Agreement, specifically Paragraph 1(bb), which is available at [www.MunicipalDerivativesSettlement.com](http://www.MunicipalDerivativesSettlement.com), describes in more detail the legal claims that you give up if you stay in the Class. If you remain in the Settlement Class, you still have the right to exclude yourself from any other settlements with other defendants reached in this lawsuit. Claim forms are not available now. Register on the Settlement website to receive a claim form when it becomes available.

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**NOTE:** You may receive similar notices regarding proposed settlements with other Defendants (i.e., Bank of America). However, if you wish to exclude yourself from the GE settlement, you **must** send a separate and specific notice with regard to the GE settlement.

- **Object or Comment on the Settlement.** If you remain in the Settlement Class and want to object to or comment on the GE Settlement or any part of it, you must file an objection with the Court and deliver a copy to Class Counsel and GE **no later than May 6, 2014**.

### When Will the Court Decide Whether to Approve the Settlement?

The Court has scheduled a hearing on June 6, 2014, at 10 a.m. at the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, United States Courthouse, 500 Pearl Street, New York, NY 10007, to consider whether to finally approve the GE Settlement as fair, reasonable and adequate, whether to approve Class Counsel's request for reimbursement of litigation expenses, and to consider any objections.

The Court has appointed the law firms of Hausfeld LLP; Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP; and Susman Godfrey L.L.P. to serve as Class Counsel and represent all Class Members. If you want to be represented by your own lawyer, you may hire one at your own expense. You or your lawyer may ask to appear and speak at the hearing but are not required to. If you want to be heard by the Court, you must file a written notice of your intention to appear with the Court and deliver a copy to the Class Counsel and GE **no later than May 6, 2014**. The Court may change the time and date of the hearing. Any change will be posted on the Settlement website.

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## Dr. Gray Joins St. John Dental Staff as They Prepare To Serve Government Employees

By Tom Oat

St. John Tradewinds

Dr. Whitney Gray, a self-professed “water rat” from Tampa, Florida, is commuting to St. John from St. Thomas to practice at St. John Dental — so St. John residents don’t have to commute to St. Thomas for their dental care.

“The government is mandating employees to seek dental care at least twice per year,” Dr. Gray explained. “Most government employees are going to St. Thomas.”

“We are starting to take government insurance on March 1,” Dr. Gray said.

Every dentist is trained in all aspects of dentistry, Dr. Gray explained, but most choose to specialize or concentrate in areas.

“We treat children,” the University of North Carolina graduate said of the practice which led by Dr. John Purpura. “We like children.”

“There is a big need for education,” said Dr. Gray. “We have no fluoride in our water and the effects of poor dental



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**St. John Dental's Newest Member Dr. Whitney Gray.**

hygiene are exacerbated.”

Dr. Gray, who enjoys free diving and spear fishing, vacationed in the U.S. Virgin Islands “a bunch” before he settled on St. Croix in 2011 where he met his girlfriend, a St. Thomas native – precipitating his move to St. Thomas.

## Beach-to-Beach Power Swim Ranked #19 of World's Best 100 Open Water Swims

St. John Tradewinds

The Friends of the V.I. National Park Beach-to-Beach Power Swim is ranked number 19 on the international list of the World's 100 Best Open Water Swims and third among the 17 U.S. open water swims, according to Openwaterswimming.com, the leading website dedicated to open water swimming.

The 11th annual Beach-to-Beach Power Swim will be on Saturday, May 24, 2014. The event is set in the protected waters of Virgin Islands National Park along the north shore of St. John. It will consist of three simultaneous events:

- Short Course, Maho to Cinnamon (1 mile)
- Intermediate Course, Maho to Trunk (2¼ miles)
- Long Course, Maho to Hawksnest (3 ½ miles)

The long course may be swum solo or as part of a 3-person relay team. There is also an “Assisted” category for swimmers using masks, fins and snorkels.

Registration is now open and it will be limited to 350 swimmers.

Advance registration is available through May 2 at \$40 for adults and \$25 for youth 17 and under. From May 3-22, registration will be \$50 for adults and \$25 for youth.

In the unlikely event that places are still available, late registration will be available at the pre-race meeting, which will be held at Cinnamon Bay Campground, at \$75 and \$50 for adults and children, respectively.

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- On-line at: [www.friendsvinp.org/swim](http://www.friendsvinp.org/swim)
- By phone: 340-779-4940
- In person on St. John at:
  - Friends of the Park Store, Mongoose Jct.
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In person on St. Thomas at:

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*The Beach to Beach finish line is located on Hawksbest Beach for the long course.*

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All swimmers are strongly urged to review the course details and competition rules on this website.

Full information about the swim is available at [www.friendsvinp.org/swim](http://www.friendsvinp.org/swim).

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The old Marina Market building in Cruz Bay, above, is being transformed into a home for Healing Arts.

## Dr. May Trieu Brings Healing Arts Together Under One Roof on St. John



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Acupuncturist Dr. May Trieu will host an open house on March 9.

By Tom Oat  
St. John Tradewinds

After months of refurbishing, The Healing Arts Complex will be hosting an open house on Sunday, March 9, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for patients, friends and families.

“Everybody on St. John is most welcome,” said Acupuncturist Dr. May Trieu OMD, Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine.

Dr. Trieu, who has served St. John and St. Thomas patients for years, is inviting the public to visit the expansion of her healing arts practice on St. John in the former Marina Market building on South Shore Road in Enighed

“It is for whoever believes in a holistic approach to healing,” Dr. Trieu told *Tradewinds*. “I’m inviting and encouraging everyone who believes in healing to join us.”

Chiropractor Elizabeth Masiello, who currently has an office at the Lumberyard, will be at the Healing Arts building twice a week, according to Dr. Trieu. The Healing Arts Complex will also will feature Psychologists Dr. Laurie Thompson and Dr. Jennifer Richard and Massage Therapist Sheri Theberge.

Contractor Robert W. Hoskinson II, a familiar sight over the past several months in his bright white cowboy hat at the South Shore Road medical center, is putting the finishing touches on the project.

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*Water views and the sound of the surf are some highlights at this Calabash Boom property.*



## On *the* Market

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

### Enjoy the Sound of the Surf and Stunning Sunrises from this Calabash Boom Property

By **Jaime Elliott**  
*St. John Tradewinds*

Imagine enjoying the sound of the surf gently crashing on the shoreline not far from your bedroom window as you drift off to sleep, already excited to awake early and catch the sun emerging above the Caribbean Sea as you sip coffee on your deck.

A three-bedroom, two bathroom property in Estate Calabash Boom offers all of that plus two separate income producing units on a third of an acre for \$655,000, explained 340 Real Estate broker/owner Tammy Donnelly.

“What makes this property unique is being able to listen to the great sound of the surf from the quasi waterfront location,” said Donnelly.

This Calabash Boom home is nestled just across the street from a quiet, rocky shoreline and while it’s far from the hustle and bustle of Cruz Bay, you’re not isolated. The popular Shipwreck Landing restaurant and shops Tall Ship Trading Company and Now and Zen are only a short walk away.

There are two separate structures — a lower home and an upper cottage — on the well-maintained property, offering plenty of options for a new buyer, explained Donnelly.

“The home offers multiple options for living in one section and renting out the other or you can have two separate income producing units,” said the 340 Real Estate broker/owner.

The lower home at this Calabash Boom prop-

erty features a large living room and a recently upgraded kitchen boasting new tumbled marble counter tops and high-end cabinets. A bathroom and loft bedroom are also found in the lower home as well as both front and side decks with stunning water views. A second bedroom is tucked away in its own gazebo-style pod offering plenty of privacy.

The upper cottage at this Calabash Boom property consists of one bedroom, one bathroom, a kitchen and living room as well upper and lower decks boasting those beautiful water views.

The property is located on the bus route and is child friendly, Donnelly explained.

“This property features a fully fenced-in yard which is dog- and kid-friendly,” she said. “The property also stretches up the hill a ways from the upper cottage so there is still room to add on as well.”

Other features at this Calabash Boom property include native stone walls and mature trees offering plenty of refreshing shade. The property also boasts a gated driveway and space across the street to store a boat or dinghy, Donnelly added.

But one of the most amazing features at this Calabash Boom property has nothing to do with the improvements to the land.

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Check out new paintings by Lisa Etre, above, and the latest wood workings of Avelino Samuel, at right.

## Bajo el Sol Art Reception To Feature New Work by Samuel and Etre

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

Bajo el Sol Gallery in Mongoose Junction is hosting an opening reception featuring new work by two of Love City's most talented and well-established artists on Friday, March 7, from 5 to 8 p.m.

Don't miss the chance to see new wood sculptures by the imitable St. Johnian Avelino Samuel and the latest paintings by long-time Ivanna Eudora Kean High School art instructor Lisa Etre.

Samuel imbues his pieces with grace, and whether carving burning or coloring the wood he's using, the sculptor allows the material to speak through the work.

"I try to create objects that showcase the beauty of wood through different shapes, finishes and surfaces," said Samuel. "Sometimes, this is experienced by allowing the material to be the dominant voice."

Other times, Samuel tweaks the wood's natural hue to make a certain character more pronounced, he added.

"In other instances, the material (wood) is worked to accent its character," said the artist. "This may take the form of carving, burning or coloring, all in an effort to create an object that appeals to the eye and tactile senses."

For Etre, her newest paintings

have been all about change, she explained.

"This exhibit represents a 'transitional time' in my life," said Etre. "With the loss of both parents and my retirement from 30 years teaching art, my future physical and emotional location was an unknown. Painting provides what I know for sure, now."

Although enjoying the comfort of her well-honed art work, Etre also took the opportunity to push herself to new locations, finding new inspiration along the way.

"Painting continues to challenge, frustrate, and humble me," said the painter. "Striving to capture light, color, and the astonish-



ing beauty of St. John on canvas, I traversed to new venues for inspiration and composition."

As she travels down her path of transition, Etre continues to seek the answer to a few guiding questions, she added.

"Do they pull me back or keep me present," questioned Etre. "Do they aid in going forward?"

Join Bajo el Sol to enjoy balletic new wood sculptures by Samuel and breath-taking paintings by Etre at this month's opening recep-

tion. The evening will also feature live classical guitar music by David Laabs. Both artists' work also will be featured throughout the month of March.

Bajo el Sol is located up the stairs at Mongoose Junction and regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

For more information about the show or Bajo el Sol check out [www.bajoelsolgallery.com](http://www.bajoelsolgallery.com) or call (340) 693-7070.

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## Rhythm & Views

An outlook on young adult and student interests and concerns  
by Raven Phillips-Love

### School Assemblies

#### *St. John Tradewinds*

Throughout the school year, students are periodically gathered together in either the gym, the cafeteria, or in the library to listen to someone speak. After going through this so many times, I've mastered multitasking, listening to

the speaker while examining my peers.

As I look around, I see a large population of students with very diverse backgrounds, but often with the same facial expression; boredom. Why are they so bored?

Sometimes it comes down to

the speaker. Your attire, posture, attitude, agenda, speech, what you say, and how you say it are all important. Everything you do and say means something. Obviously if you come in and read your speech off a paper and say it with no emotion at all, we aren't going

to care about what you have to say. You've already proven that you don't care, why should we?

If you genuinely put work into your speech, it will be evident in your presentation. It's very pertinent that you strive to make your presentation stand out. Many a lawyer and attorney has entered our schools to tell us the same things over and over again; don't have sex, do drugs, commit a crime, and pay attention to your schoolwork.

They're all things you should say to a teenager, but after hearing it for the eighth time in a month, we tend to stop listening. Depending on how you approach the subject, just mentioning any of these topics may cause us to stop paying attention.

I should point out that not all of the blame falls upon the speaker. Sometimes the speaker could spend nights in advance researching and practicing. They may put on their nicest outfit, and be full of enthusiasm for the topic they want to share with us, only to present in front of a crowd a rude, bored, and uninterested teenagers. Sadly, some of us won't care no matter what you do.

Some parts of the student body are only in school because they have to be and couldn't care less about who comes in to talk to us. More often than not, these are the ones who need help and guidance the most.

Speaking to teenagers can be so tricky. We're a very fickle age group; saying the wrong things can change our opinion on you and your cause immediately.

Personally, I believe that the best way to get the message through our heads is to have two individuals; one whose life is ideal and one who has completely screwed up their life. This way we can see first hand where our choices can lead us.

Both individuals must be comfortable, willing to answer any questions thrown their way, and passionate about what they are telling us. Don't sugarcoat a single thing; we aren't babies anymore. Babying us is what got us to that point of not caring in the first place.

We're at an age where it's paramount that we know the truth. Just telling us not to do something just makes us want to do it more. If we have a clear explanation of what the consequences of our choices are, we may be less likely to take certain risks. If curse words help you express your points, let them out. We thoroughly enjoy speakers who are genuine and passionate.

Keep in mind that every student is different and thinks about things differently. There is no definite guarantee that your presentation will resonate with us. Do not let that discourage you. There is a decent amount of students who, if spoken to correctly, will listen. Don't give up on teenagers just yet. For all you know, your presentation could be the final catalyst we need to better ourselves. You could cause someone to turn their whole life around, and one of the most rewarding feelings in the world is being an aid to one's success.

Who knows, perhaps we'll end up in your same exact position one day. A fresh clean suit, a well put together presentation, and a lunchroom full of bored teenagers.

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## Alexa Putnam Makes Dean's List

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Alexa Putnam, a resident of St. John, VI, was among the 2,900 students from the University of Massachusetts Boston who made the Fall 2013 Dean's List.

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# 18th Annual 8 Tuff Miles Draws 1,000+ Runners and Walkers

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

Rain can't stop the Carnival and rain certainly didn't stop the 1,101 people who ran and walked across St. John on Saturday morning, February 22, as part of the 18th Annual 8 Tuff Miles road race.

An early morning downpour drenched participants as they congregated at the start line outside of the V.I. National Park Visitors' Center in Cruz Bay, but the rain tapered off in time for a U.S. Coast Guard fly-over ahead of the race's start.

With the rains over for the time being and the top 100 finishers from last year tucked in the front of the pack, guitarist Matt Still from Jacksonville, Florida, strummed out the "Star Spangled Banner."

The sun was out when Race Director Peter Alter reminded participants of the newly installed speed bumps a few feet from the start line and waved his orange flag in the air just around 7:20 a.m. to get the 18th annual running of what has become the largest road

race in the Virgin Islands underway.

It took more than two full minutes for all 1,101 participants to cross the start line and head out on the course which winds along Centerline Road all the way to the finish line in the Coral Bay ball field.

The skies, however, did not stay clear for long. The fastest runners encountered the next squall, one that would stick around for much of the race, at around mile one, according to several 8 Tuff Miles participants.

Less than an hour later, 30-year-old Rick Pahl of Muscatine, IA, crossed the finish line first with a time of 51 minutes and three seconds. It would be more than 30 seconds before the next runner sent the crowd of well-wishes and volunteers into cheers as 32-year-old Marc Teismann of Newport, Kentucky, crossed the finish line in a time of 51 minutes and 42 seconds.

About a minute later, Paul Jones, 38, of Apex, NC, was the third place finisher after cruising over the finish line with a time of 52 minutes and 32 seconds.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Yelena Rogers

First place finisher Rick Pahl of Iowa on his way to Coral Bay in the rain.

While there were no records set on the men's side — the course record of 45 minutes and 46 seconds set last year by David Riddle, 31, of Ohio still stands — there was plenty of excitement in the women's field at 8 Tuff Miles this year.

Perennial favorite Ruth Ann David —

who has been the first female finisher for the past four years — found some competition in the form of Jessica Rice, 38, of Needham, MA. Rice set a new women's course record with a time of 56 minutes and three seconds. She crushed the previous women's course record of 57 minutes and 15 seconds which was set in 2004 by Letitia Dusich of St. Croix.

Ruth Ann David, 40, of St. Thomas finished second on the women's side this year with a time of one hour, one minute and 23 seconds. Third place for women was taken by 22-year-old Emily Egelhoff Whalen of Asheville, NC, who finished with a time of one hour, two minutes and 36 seconds.

While the blazing speeds of the first finishers are impressive, equally impressive are the hundreds of other runners and walkers who make the race the huge success that it is each year.

The 8 Tuff Miles race entices more than 1,000 people to get out of bed in the dark on

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## Friday Night Fête Features Artist Candice Greathouse and Charm of Italy Wines

St. John Tradewinds

The Best of Both Worlds Fine Art and Craft Gallery invites the public to a series of Friday Night Fêtes with the next event featuring artwork by Candace Greathouse and the Charm of Italy on March 7, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Mongoose Junction. Paul Tsakeres of Island Cork will be offering a wine tasting of his favorites from Italy.

Coming from the gray winters of the Pacific Northwest, Seattle, Greathouse was immediately attracted to the colorful surroundings of St. John. She is drawn to the happiness and sense of celebration of the "magical" island and she brings the rainbow of colors to her pallet for paintings full of action and a sense of joy. This year's collection at Best of Both Worlds is a symphony of "the colors of wildlife" including carnival, evening barefoot dancers, and sugar birds.

Charme of Italy was started Dec 1, 2013, by Anne Harrington and her husband Benedetto. After living in Venice they became enchanted with the Venice crafts-

manship and glass masters traditions in making jewelry and Italian handbags.

After visiting St. John many times they decided to start a little shop in Coral Bay carrying the unique Murano glass jewelry and Italian handbags. The shop has been a huge success and people appreciate the quality and vibrant colors that Murano brings and the handbags have been received with great enthusiasm.

Benedetto is an executive chef from Sicily and cooks one night a week (Wednesday) at Pickles.

The couple loves the natural feeling of St. John and the wonderful community of people who have welcomed them to this beautiful Island.

They will be featuring exciting new jewelry in from Venice: beautiful Murano Glass turquoise bracelets and necklaces along with leather handbags and masks from Italy.

For more information, contact Best of Both Worlds at 340-693-7005 or by e-mail at thebestof@optimum.net



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<b>CRUZ BAY HISTORY – JULIUS VON ROHR</b> • Jan. 12, Sun. • 12:30pm – 2:30pm <i>Meet:</i> Friends of the Park Store; <i>Bring:</i> Notebook & water; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$35 Mem / \$45 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 20
<b>NATIVE ARTS &amp; CRAFTS</b> • Jan. 15, Wed. • 12:30pm – 2:30pm <i>Meet:</i> St. John School of the Arts; <i>Bring:</i> Notebook; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$35 Mem / \$45 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 25
<b>KAYAK MANGROVES OF HURRICANE HOLE</b> • Jan. 19, Sun. • 10:00am – 3:00pm; <i>Meet:</i> Skinny Legs Restaurant to carpool; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, snorkel gear, water, towel, sunscreen; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$65 Mem / \$75 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 12
<b>MEDICINAL HERBS</b> • Jan. 22, Wed. • 12:30am – 2:30pm <i>Meet:</i> St. John School of the Arts; <i>Bring:</i> Notebook; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$35 Mem / \$45 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 25
<b>HASSEL ISLAND KAYAK &amp; HIKE</b> • Jan. 24, Fri. • 2:00pm – 5:00pm <i>Meet:</i> Dock at Hook, Line & Sinker, Frenchtown, St. Thomas; <i>Bring:</i> Towel, sunscreen, plenty of water, snack, dry bag, hiking shoes; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$69 Mem / \$79 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 8
<b>NATIVE PLANTS OF ST. JOHN HIKE</b> • Jan. 25, Sat. • 9:00am – noon <i>Meet:</i> Friends of the Park Store to carpool; <i>Bring:</i> Water, lunch, notebook, & binoculars; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$45 Mem / \$55 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 25
FEBRUARY
<b>BIRDS OF THE PARK</b> • Feb. 3, Mon. • 9:00am – 1:00pm <i>Meet:</i> National Park Visitor Center; <i>Bring:</i> Snack, binoculars, notebook, & water; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$55 Mem / \$65 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 20
<b>EXPLORE THE SHORE</b> • Feb. 5, Wed. • 9:30am – 1:30pm <i>Meet:</i> Annaberg Parking Lot; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, snorkel gear (optional), binoculars, water; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$55 Mem / \$65 Non Mem
<b>LOVANGO SUSTAINABLE DESIGN TOUR</b> • Feb. 8, Sat. • 9:30am – 1:30pm <i>Meet:</i> Friends of the Park Store; <i>Bring:</i> Sunscreen, hat, lunch, water, & hiking shoes; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$55 Mem / \$65 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 20
<b>HIKE WITH THE "SUPER"</b> • Feb. 12, Wed. • 10:30am – 1:30pm <i>Meet:</i> National Park Visitor Center; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, hat, water, & sunscreen; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$45 Mem / \$55 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 20
<b>FULL MOON DRUM CIRCLE</b> • Feb. 14, Fri. • 6:30pm – 8:00pm <i>Meet:</i> Annaberg Ruins; <i>Bring:</i> A drum, if you have one; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$25 Mem / \$35 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 20
<b>PEPPER SAUCE MAKING</b> • Feb. 19, Wed. • 12:30pm – 2:30pm <i>Meet:</i> St. John School of the Arts; <i>Bring:</i> Notebook; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$35 Mem / \$45 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 20
<b>ARCHAEOLOGY BY SEA BOAT TRIP</b> • Feb. 26, Wed. • 10:00am – 3:00pm <i>Meet:</i> National Park Visitor Center; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, hat, water, & sunscreen; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$65 Mem / \$75 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 28
<b>SEA TURTLE SAIL</b> • Feb. 27, Thurs. • 1:00pm – 5:00pm <i>Meet:</i> Charlotte Amalie waterfront, St. Thomas; <i>Bring:</i> Sunscreen, hat, snack, snorkel gear, & swimsuit; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$65 Mem / \$75 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 30
<b>BOTANY HIKE</b> • Feb. 28, Fri. • 9:00am – 1:00pm <i>Meet:</i> Friends of the Park Store; <i>Bring:</i> Sunscreen, hat, lunch, water, & hiking shoes; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$45 Mem / \$55 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 25
MARCH
<b>TROPICAL GARDEN TOUR I</b> • Mar. 1, Sat. • 10:00am – 3:00pm <i>Meet:</i> Friends of the Park Store to carpool; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, water, & sunscreen; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$55 Mem / \$65 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 20

<b>ETHNIC DRUMMING</b> • Mar. 5, Wed. • 1:00pm – 3:00pm <i>Meet:</i> St. John School of the Arts; <i>Bring:</i> A drum, if you have one; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$25 Mem / \$35 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 20
<b>KAYAK, HIKE, &amp; SNORKEL</b> • Mar. 7, Fri. • 9:00am – noon <i>Meet:</i> National Park Visitor Center; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch/snacks, water, towel, & sun protection; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$60 Mem / \$70 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 10
<b>LOVANGO SUSTAINABLE DESIGN TOUR</b> • Mar. 8, Sat. • 9:30am – 1:30pm <i>Meet:</i> Friends of the Park Store; <i>Bring:</i> Sunscreen, hat, lunch, water, & hiking shoes; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$55 Mem / \$65 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 20
<b>ST. THOMAS HISTORICAL WALKING TOUR</b> • Mar. 9, Sun. • 9:00am – 11:00am <i>Meet:</i> Blackbeards Castle, St. Thomas; <i>Bring:</i> Notebook & water; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$35 Mem / \$45 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 25
<b>PEPPER SAUCE MAKING</b> • Mar. 12, Wed. • 12:30pm – 2:30pm <i>Meet:</i> St. John School of the Arts; <i>Bring:</i> Notebook; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$35 Mem / \$45 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 20
<b>COASTAL ECOLOGY</b> • Mar. 15, Sat. • 9:00am – 3:00pm <i>Meet:</i> National Park Visitor Center; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, water, sunscreen, & snorkel gear; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$75 Mem / \$85 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 18
<b>FULL MOON HIKE</b> • Mar. 16, Sun. • 5:30pm – 8:30pm <i>Meet:</i> Salt Pond parking lot; <i>Bring:</i> Hiking shoes, flashlight, snack, & water; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$25 Mem / \$35 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 20
<b>LAMESHUR BAY/VIERS TOUR</b> • Mar. 19, Wed. • 10:00am – 2:00pm <i>Meet:</i> Lameshur Bay parking lot; <i>Bring:</i> Notebook & water; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$45 Mem / \$55 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 20
<b>MARINE BIOLOGY SAIL</b> • Mar. 23, Sun. • 9:00am – 3:00pm <i>Meet:</i> National Park Visitor Center dock; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, snorkel gear, water bottle, towel, & sunscreen; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$85 Mem / \$95 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 30
<b>TROPICAL LIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY</b> • Mar. 24, Mon. • 8:00am – noon <i>Meet:</i> Friends of the Park Store; <i>Bring:</i> Camera & manual, batteries, memory cards, water, & notebook; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$45 Mem / \$55 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 15
<b>LIONFISH BOAT ADVENTURE</b> • Mar. 26, Wed. • 9:30am – 3:00pm <i>Meet:</i> Friends of the Park Store; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, water, sunscreen, & snorkel gear; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$85 Mem / \$95 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 30
<b>MANGROVE SNORKELING BOAT TRIP</b> • Mar. 29, Sat. • 9:30am – 3:00pm <i>Meet:</i> National Park Visitor Center; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, snorkel gear, towel, sunscreen, & snack; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$85 Mem / \$95 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 18
APRIL
<b>HIKE WITH THE "SUPER"</b> • Apr. 2, Wed. • 10:30am – 1:30pm <i>Meet:</i> National Park Visitor Center; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, hat, water, sunscreen; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$45 Mem / \$55 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 20
<b>EXPLORE &amp; PHOTOGRAPH LEINSTER BAY</b> • Apr. 5, Sat. • 9:00am – 3:00pm <i>Meet:</i> Annaberg parking lot; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, water, sunscreen, & snorkel gear; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$35 Mem / \$45 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 15
<b>ECO SPA MUD BATH</b> • Apr. 9, Wed. • 2:00pm – 4:00pm <i>Meet:</i> Salt Pond parking lot; <i>Bring:</i> Old swimsuit, towel, water, & snack; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$35 Mem / \$45 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 15
<b>TROPICAL GARDEN TOUR II</b> • Apr. 12, Sat. • 9:00am – 3:00pm <i>Meet:</i> Friends of the Park Store to carpool; <i>Bring:</i> Lunch, water, & sunscreen; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$55 Mem / \$65 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 20
<b>FULL MOON HIKE</b> • Apr. 15, Tues. • 5:30pm – 8:30pm <i>Meet:</i> Salt Pond parking lot; <i>Bring:</i> Hiking shoes, flashlight, snack, & water; <i>Seminar Fee:</i> \$25 Mem / \$35 Non Mem • <i>Max Group:</i> 20

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## 2014 8 Tuff Miles Road Race Top 20 Winners Overall

### Men

Place	Time	Name	Age	Hometown
1	51:03	Rick Pahl	30	Muscataine, IA
2	51:42	Marc Teismann	32	Newport, KY
3	52:32	Paul Jones	38	Apex, NC
4	53:10	Ben Massam	25	Chatham, NJ
5	53:30	Shane Degannes	41	St. Thomas, VI
6	53:57	Michael Thompson	25	St. Thomas, VI
7	54:36	Derrick Butler	33	Cincinnati, OH
8	55:07	Kevin Fitzgerald	55	Sevierville, TN
9	55:26	Brian Welcome	42	Greenville, SC
10	55:46	Scott Bihl	40	Cincinnati, OH
11	57:07	T. S. Hinds	27	St. John, VI
12	57:50	Joe Jacobs	30	Bloomington, NJ
13	58:28	Bob Benedum	62	St. John, VI
14	58:29	Chuck Emerson	27	St. Croix, VI
15	58:43	Evan Quirk-Garvan	24	St. John, VI
16	58:45	Matt Crafts	35	St. John, VI
17	58:58	Thomas Hanna	22	St. John, VI
18	59:00	Guy Williamson	33	Tortola, BVI
19	59:38	Jonathan Miller	26	Hahira, GA
20	59:41	Court Lill	36	Cincinnati, OH

### FEMALE

Place	Time	Name	Age	Hometown
1	56:03	Jessica Rice	38	Needham, MA - New record
2	1:01:23	Ruth Ann David	40	St. Thomas, VI
3	1:02:36	Emily Whalen	22	Asheville, NC
4	1:06:38	Katrina Crumpler	34	Tortola, BVI
5	1:06:45	Ana Wittmann	52	St. Croix, VI
6	1:06:48	Stephanie Remick	28	Arlington, VA
7	1:08:19	Sarah Jones	36	Apex, NC
8	1:08:29	Julie Craig	47	Mattapoisett, MA
9	1:08:35	Chelsea Meyer	25	St. John, VI
10	1:09:09	Julie Sommer	35	St. Croix, VI
11	1:09:30	Liz Reda	31	New York, NY
12	1:09:31	Sarah O'Shea	35	Cohasset, MA
13	1:09:38	Lora Deckert	42	Edelstein, IL
14	1:09:43	Laurel Gaudet	29	Epping, NH
15	1:10:10	Sarah Swan	27	St. John, VI
16	1:10:14	Trish Kroesch	24	St. Thomas, VI
17	1:10:23	Nora Crawford	29	Neptune Beach, FL
18	1:11:44	Shauna Henley	29	Philadelphia, PA
19	1:12:05	Diane Linehan	46	Ipswich, MA
20	1:12:29	Kathryn Palmer	33	St. Thomas, VI

## 18th Annual 8 Tuff Miles Draws 1,000+ Runners, Walkers

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the last Saturday morning in February and hoof up and down at times ridiculously steep hills to cross a finish line on the opposite side of the island. And the race's popularity simply continues to grow.

"One thing I've learned after 18 years is that people like 8 Tuff Miles, no matter what the weather is," said Race Director Peter Alter, who was enjoying a few lazy afternoons last week following the hectic pace he sets leading up to the big race.

Along the race route runners and walkers have the chance to re-hydrate at 12 different water stations staffed by volunteers who dress up and cheer on participants. Volunteers also help set up and break down at the start line, transport backpacks to the finish line, fold finisher T-shirts, keep time, set up and break down at the finish line, distribute medals, goodie bags and fruit and more.

"A big thank you to the close to 400 volunteers

who helped out this year," said Alter.

The best water station this year went to the St. John Animal Care Center crew, the group's third win in a row, who this year donned Underdog costumes and doggie noses to greet runners at the Ajax Peak station.

The race went smoothly again this year, according to Alter, who is hoping to change one thing ahead of next year's 19th Annual 8 Tuff Miles.

"I want to stop registration at the end of January," said Alter. "There is so much else to do it would be nice to not deal with registration during the month of February. This year we had people who still wanted to sign up on Thursday night [Feb. 20]."

Keep an eye out next year for early registration deadlines and start getting ready for the 19th Annual 8 Tuff Miles Road Race on Saturday, February 28, 2015.

Congratulations to all finishers!



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## Will You Marry Me Sand Castle



St. John Tradewinds News Photo Courtesy of Annie Caswell

St. John artist Annie Caswell found a new medium last week. The artist was asked to construct a unique marriage proposal and jumped at the chance, she explained. Caswell, sand sculptor Larry Safady and a friend carved this castle on Maho Bay beach last week. "It was super special with all the boaters in the bay clapping when he bent down on his knees in front of the surprise sculpture," said Caswell. "And she said yes."

## 1st Annual Rolex Golf Challenge March 28-30

### St. John Tradewinds

Enjoy surf and turf at the 2014 St. Thomas International Regatta (STIR). New this year, the 1st Annual STIR Golf Challenge will be held on Wednesday, March 26, at St. Thomas' famous Mahogany Run Golf Course. Sailors, sailing teams, race officials and volunteers are invited to enter this land-based contest then keep the competitive vibe going out on the sea for the three-day STIR March 28-30.

JP Montegut, commodore of the St. Thomas Yacht Club, says, "The 1st Annual STIR Golf Challenge is one event we are adding this year to expand beyond our traditional three-day regatta and enable visiting sailors more opportunities to see and enjoy the island and more ways for residents to join in on the fun."

The 1st Annual STIR Golf Challenge features a 2-person scramble format. Play starts at 10 a.m. Entry fee of \$135 includes clubs and represents a \$100 discount off rack rates. Deadline for entry is March 12. Cocktail reception follows play. Prizes for the first, second and third place teams will be awarded with regatta prizes on Sunday March 30.

"Mahogany Run is such a unique course that it should be on every golfer's 'Bucket List'," invites Nevin Phillips, PGA director of golf at tournament sponsor Mahogany Run Golf Course.

Designed by world-renowned architects George and Tom Fazio and opened in 1980, the 6000 yard, Par 70 Mahogany Run Golf Course attracts thousands of visitors each year – golfers and non-golfers, celebrities, and Presidents alike — to its challenging fairways and lush greens. Carved from Blue-Bit stone, the course is nestled between the scenic hills and breathtaking shoreline of St. Thomas' scenic North side and showcases the local charm and outright beauty of our island. Perhaps most awe-inspiring, the course includes the world famous Devil's Triangle, a three hole stretch sure to challenge the best of players. Included in the Devil's Triangle is the par-3 14th hole, situated 200 feet above a rocky inlet of the Atlantic Ocean and offering breathtaking views of the neighboring U.S. and British Virgin Islands — an experience not soon forgotten.

While at the course, make time to visit Mahogany Run's "Golf World Top 100" Golf Shop and Boutique. In addition to the top-line clubs, bags, and equipment found in the Shop, the Boutique offers a wonderful selection of resort sportswear and logoed merchandise providing the perfect souvenir for you or a cherished gift for friends and family back at home.

For more information about the 1st Annual STIR Golf Challenge and to register, call (340) 777-6250 or (800) 253-7103, or Email: [info@mahoganyrungolf.com](mailto:info@mahoganyrungolf.com)



The live music scene on St. John is bigger and better than ever!

Quantity—with over 25 local businesses supporting weekly live music for the season, there are days of the week with over 10 gigs.

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All postings are regular weekly events booked for season. Please excuse any omissions. Keep eyes and ears open for announcements of other gigs featuring a variety of visiting bands.

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## OVER 50 REGULARLY SCHEDULED LIVE MUSIC EVENTS ON ST. JOHN EVERY WEEK

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## LIVE MUSIC SCHEDULE

### SUNDAYS

10a-2p	Miss Lucy's Brunch	Sambacomb	Latin Jazz
10a-1p	Concordia	Bo	Guitar
3:30-6:30	Aqua Bistro	Lauren	Guitar Vocal
4-7	High Tide	Lemuel Callwood	Steel Pan
5:30-9:30	Asolare	Dave Laabs	Guitar
5:30 8:30	Sun Dog Cafe	Various	Open Mike
7-10	Shipwreck Landing	Hot Club Coral Bay	String Swing Vocals

### MONDAYS

4:30-7	Concordia	Lauren Johnny B	Open Mike
5-8	Cruz Bay Landing	Chris Carsel	Guitar Vocal
5:30-8:30	Virgin Fire	Rich & Gregg	Sax Guitar
5:30-8:30	Aqua Bistro	Matt	Guitar Vocal
6:30-9:30	Ocean Grill	Rascio	Steel Pan

### TUESDAYS

6-9	Ocean Grill	Lauren	Guitar Vocal
6-9	High Tide	Chris Carsel	Classical Duets
6:30-9:30	La Tapa	Sambacomb	Latin Jazz
6:30-9:30	Barefoot Cowboy	Erin Hart	Guitar Vocal
6:30-9:30	Morgan's Mango	Greg Kinslow	Guitar
6:30-9	Tamarind Inn	Steel Pan	Tropical

### WEDNESDAYS

4-6	High Tide	Lemuel Callwood	Steel Pan
5-8	Cruz Bay Landing	T Bird	Guitar Vocal
5:30-7	Coconut Coast Studio	St John Flutes	Classical Duets
5:30-8:30	Virgin Fire	Hot Club Coral Bay	String Swing Vocals
6-9	Pickles	Micheal Beason	Open Mike
6:30-9:30	Barefoot Cowboy	Ike	Guitar Vocal
6:30-8:30	Ocean Grill	Dave Laabs	Guitar
7-10	Shipwreck Landing	Chris Carsel	Guitar Vocal

### THURSDAYS

4:30-6:30	Concordia	Wayne & Pam	Guitar Vocals
5-8	High Tide	Erin Hart	Guitar Vocal
6-9	Miss Lucy's	Rich & Gregg	Sax Guitar
6-9	Skinny Legs	Lauren & Bo	Guitars Vocal
6-8	Pickles	T Bird	Guitar Vocal
6-9	Ocean Grill	Chris Carsel	Guitar Vocal
6:30-9:30	Barefoot Cowboy	Ike	Guitar Vocal
6:30-9:30	Tamarind Inn	Brothers Nature	Rock
6:30-9:30	Morgan's Mango	James Anderson	Guitar
7-9	Banana Deck	Lemuel Callwood	Steel Pan
8-11	Beach Bar	3rd String Allstars	Rock

### FRIDAYS

5-8	High Tide	Mikey P	Guitar Vocal
5:30-8:30	Aqua Bistro	Steven Sloan	Guitar Vocal
6-9	Balcony	James	Guitar Vocal
6-9	Skinny Legs	Chris Carsel	Guitar Vocal
6:30-9:30	Ocean Grill	Rascio	Steel Pan
6:30-9:30	Morgan's Mango	Lauren	Guitar Vocal
6:30-8:30	Cinnamon Bay	Eddie Bruce	Drumming
6:30-9:30	Shipwreck Landing	Tropical Sounds	Guitar Keyboard Vocal
7-9	Barefoot Cowboy	T Bird	Guitar Vocal
7-10	Rhumb Lines	Erin Hart	Guitar Vocal
8-11	Beach Bar	Flipswitch	Rock

### SATURDAYS

5-8	High Tide	Jason Jones	Guitar Vocal
6-9	Ocean Grill	T Bird	Guitar Vocal
6:30-9:30	Skinny Legs	Hot Club Coral Bay	String Swing Vocals
7-10	Rhumb Lines	Lauren	Guitar Vocal

To be added to this live music schedule, the event must be a regularly scheduled event (sorry, no one-night performances), email [info@tradewinds.vi](mailto:info@tradewinds.vi) with: date, time, location, performer and style. NO PHONE CALLS.

# WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Send your letter to editor@tradewinds.vi

**NEXT DEADLINE:  
THURSDAY, MARCH 6<sup>th</sup>**

## Keeping Track of Crime

### 2013-TO-DATE

Homicides: 0  
 Shootings: 0  
 Stabbings: 0  
 Armed Robberies: 0  
 Arsons: 0  
 1st Degree Burglaries: 1  
 2nd Degree Burglaries: 2  
 3rd Degree Burglaries: 23  
 Grand Larcenies: 68  
 Rapes: 1

### 2014-TO-DATE

Homicides: 1  
 Shootings: 0  
 Stabbings: 0  
 Armed Robberies: 0  
 Arsons: 0  
 1st Degree Burglaries: 0  
 2nd Degree Burglaries: 0  
 3rd Degree Burglaries: 3  
 Grand Larcenies: 10  
 Rapes: 2

## Crossword Answers — Puzzle on Page 24

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## Letters To St. John Tradewinds

### School Lunch: Our Students /Children Are Still Hungry

Good day, Senator Gittens,

I heard your announcements regarding two hearings near the close of Mario Moorhead's show yesterday. I appreciate it, but that Education hearing will not be comprehensively sufficient without mention of the nagging school lunch issue.

Parents were told that the boil-in-bag element was discontinued, and not to worry. However, just yesterday we learned of pre-cooked, pre-sauced meatballs being boiled in bags and then transferred to large pans/trays from same. Then they were served to the students on the smaller individual plates.

There are many other pre-cooked foods intertwined with "regular" frozen chicken/meats. Remember, bear in mind all this is being done without parental consent/involvement. Much of the "lunch" is still being thrown away by students. Many students are left very hungry.

That is not the intention of the National School Lunch Act of 1966 neither the Healthy, Hunger-Free

Kids Act of 2010.

I do not think a separate hearing is needed on this one issue, but maybe so. It is that big; that urgent. You may recall various groups and individuals across this territory have been voicing their concerns, but to the best of my knowledge, the problem persists.

On the same Monday of said hearing at 12 noon a discussion will be had of it on Radio One in St. Thomas. 1000AM dial. If you can, please have one of your staffers tune in and report to you while you are on the floor. Nutritionists and parents will be on hand.

Please do your best to make sure this pressing issue is added to the Cole agenda. Senator Cole too will receive this email, as well as all your other colleagues and many others responsible and/or concerned, and the press.

Thanks for your attention. Have a great weekend, sir.

**Randy Garcia**

### Two Degrees Below Zero, Wind Chills 25 Below

As I am sitting on my couch in front of a glowing fireplace, I'm enjoying reading the *Tradewinds* on my computer. Speaking of winds, they are whipping outside my windows, and tomorrow we are forecast

to have a high temperature of two degrees below zero with wind chills in the 25 below range. Imagine that.

**Ted Almen  
Kerkhoven, Minnesota**

### Prosperity Doctrine

For the past several years, there's been a lot of talk about prosperity. It has moved from the corporate boardroom to the pulpit. While many have found its doctrine to be true, others have denounced the blatant emphasis on wealth

In my time working at a bank, I have witnessed the powerful attachment which money has on people. It is understandable, you need money to pay rent, purchase gas, procure groceries and provide a comfortable lifestyle.

When you are faced with a loss of income, your sense of security is threatened. Fear and anxiety set in as the due date for bills gets closer.

It is heartbreaking to see people suffer under financial hardships. This is probably why church leaders have promised a better tomorrow if you follow God's teachings on how to manage His resources.

Depending on your monthly income, expenses and debt, many people need the help of counselors and literature to create a financial plan. But, if you spend and waste, it will add up to zero.

There are accounts of people in the Bible and in real life who lived in prosperity and poverty. However, it seems to me that we equate piety and poverty with Christian living.

On one hand, many countries that are not wealthy have a rich sense of love through the bond of sharing limited resources. On the other side, folks with limited funds have less access to good health care, food and water.

We are fortunate on this island to be somewhat in the middle. Even though we see the commercials for many items, not having the ability to buy the merchandise relieves us of the stress of frequent spending sprees.

Whether you believe in the prosperity doctrine or not, those who choose to budget, save, invest and educate themselves on good financial principles would secure the future. God willing, your efforts will be rewarded.

**Money Matters,  
Emmanuel Prince**

## ISLAND NOTES from the publisher

*Condolences to the Matthew Family during this most difficult time.*

- MN



Photos Courtesy St. John Historical Society

SJHS board members Bruce Schoonover, Robin Swank, Eleanor Gibney, and David Knight, above left, introduce the society's first book, "St. John, Life in Five Quarters," in 2009. Reggie Callwood of the National Park Service and SJHS member Helen Gjessing, above right, work on the restoration effort at Annaberg in 1987.

## St. John Historical Society Celebrating 40th Anniversary Tuesday, March 11

### St. John Tradewinds

The St. John Historical Society invites the St. John community to celebrate its 40th anniversary at a party at the Battery on Tuesday, March 11, at 5 p.m. The event will feature catered food and drinks and a slideshow of St. John and Historical Society images. A video entitled "Flight to Freedom: Hans Jonathan," which follows the quest of a modern-day Icelandic family to discover the true story of their enslaved Crucian ancestor, will be shown, along with a presentation by V.I. historian and SJHS board member George Tyson. All are welcome to attend. Non-members are asked to consider making a donation at the party.

The SJHS began in February 1974 with a meeting of 19 residents at the V.I. National Park headquarters at the Creek in Cruz Bay. The goals and objectives of the SJHS were laid out that day, and have remained largely unchanged since.

SJHS volunteers have played a major role in promoting and preserving the island's unique history and cultural heritage throughout the society's 40 years. The clearing and stabilization of the ruins of the Annaberg Country School was one of the first projects undertaken by the society, and stewardship of the site continues to remain a high priority for the SJHS, which completed its annual clearing of the school's ruins on February 15.

The society was instrumental in the volunteer staffing of a mu-

seum at the Cruz Bay Battery, and later, at the Elaine I. Sprauve Library, in the 1980s. SJHS volunteers have left their mark across the island, from a sundial with an engraved plaque that was donated to the Emmaus Moravian Church, to the replacement of an illegible red stone plaque commemorating the construction of the Cruz Bay Battery with a new bronze plaque and the replacement of cannon mounts, also at the Battery.

Through the efforts of SJHS volunteers, the ruins of the Annaberg slave village were restored; the Enighed cemetery and the Elaine I. Sprauve Library were cleaned up and planted with inkberry trees, oleander, and ground orchids; and the oldest marked grave in the Cruz Bay Cemetery, where Lucretia Virginia Howard Minor rests, was restored.

The society preserved island culture with its place names project, where more than 20 local culture bearers helped to extensively map the Coral Bay and East End quarters with vernacular place names of the early 1900s. In October 2009, the SJHS published its first book, "St. John, Life in Five Quarters," a compilation of 66 articles and more than 160 historical pictures, illustrations, and graphics, further demonstrating the society's commitment to be a strong advocate for the presentation and dissemination of St. John history.

After entering into a 99-year lease with the St. John Communi-

ty Foundation for land on the historic Bellevue Estate on Giffit Hill Road in 2013, the society plans to construct an accessible climate-controlled archive, library, and research space for the non-profit's ever-growing collections, as well as a modest museum and exhibit area in which to share them.

Willis, who joined the board for the first time in 2013, would like to ensure continued preservation of the island's history for decades to come by educating St. John youth.

"One of my goals is to encourage new writers, new storytellers, new photographers, new genealogists, new archaeologists, and new archivists to actively pursue our day to day history, while we impress on them the wonder of what came before," said Willis. "Young people's perspective is important, and our organization will be stronger when we get more of our young people to join us."

The SJHS board of directors extends sincere thanks to the entire SJHS membership and all of the society's loyal contributors and friends, both past and present. It is because of their support, and the support of the St. John community, that the St. John Historical Society has remained the active and enduring organization that it is today.

To stay up to date on everything that's happening with the SJHS, visit [www.facebook.com/stjohnhistoricalsociety](http://www.facebook.com/stjohnhistoricalsociety).

# DID YOU KNOW...

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Sisterhood Agenda  
St. John Audubon Society  
St. John Christian Academy  
St. John Community Foundation  
St. John Film Society  
St. John Historical Society  
St. John Montessori School  
St. John Recycling Association  
St. John Relay for Life  
St. John Revolving Fund  
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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.

### Saturday, March 8

— The 28th Annual Giffit Hill School Auction will be on Saturday, March 8, at Caneel Bay Resort. Call 776-1735 for more details.

— The University of the Virgin Islands Board of Trustees will meet at 9 a.m. on Saturday, March 8, in the first floor conference room of the Administration and Conference Center on the St. Thomas Campus.

### Sunday, March 9

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of St. John will meet at 10 a.m. on Sunday, March 9, at Giffit Hill School's Lower Campus Room. Rev. Will Saunders will be discussing the topic of "Pouring Confusion Out."

### Tuesday, March 11

— The St. John Historical Society invites the St. John community to celebrate its 40th anniversary at a party at the Battery on Tuesday, March 11, at 5 p.m. The event will feature catered food and drinks and a slideshow of St. John and Historical Society images.

— The long-tranquil East End neighborhood of St. John could be in for quite a change if developer's get a nod on their group dwelling permit from Department of Planning and Natural Resources officials. The

public has a chance to weigh in on the matter at a DPNR Group Dwelling Permit public hearing on Tuesday evening, March 11, at Guy Benjamin School, classroom six, at 6 p.m.

### Saturday, March 15

— The American Cancer Society will be hosting its first "Bark for Life" event in the territory at The Emmaus Moravian Church ballfield in Coral Bay, St. John. This event is a fundraiser, and proceeds will be used for cancer advocacy, prevention and education throughout the district. For more information, call 775-5737.

### Sunday, March 16

— Friends of the Elaine I. Sprauve Library will sponsor a cheese and beer tasting event at St. John School of the Arts on Sunday, March 16, starting at 4 p.m. The tasting will be led by cheese sommelier Kathy Guidi and brew masters Chirag Vyas and Kevin Chipman of St. John Brewers. This event is free for members, \$25 for others.

### Tuesday, March 18

— The St. John Community Foundation's 25th Anniversary Community Impact Work Session and dinner meeting will be Tuesday, March 18, at the Bethany Moravian Church from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information, call 340-693-9410.

### 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

## Audubon Plant Sale Is Loads of Fun for All Ages



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tom Oat

Mo Poulin, above left, was an early customer for an orchid at the annual Audubon Society Plant Sale on Saturday, March 1, at The Marketplace. Caylee and Max, above right, showed off their new purchases, including a seedling. There were still plenty more plants for the crowd, below.



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### CRYPTOQUIP

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Today's Cryptoquip clue: Z equals T

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## 28th Annual GHS Auction March 8

Giffit Hill School is pleased to announce the 28th Annual Giffit Hill School Auction to be on Saturday, March 8, at Caneel Bay Resort. Please call 776-1735 for more information.

## UVI Board of Trustees To Meet Mar. 8

The University of the Virgin Islands Board of Trustees will meet at 9 a.m. on Saturday, March 8, in the first floor conference room of the Administration and Conference Center on the St. Thomas Campus.

The Board will begin with regular session agenda items. UVI President Dr. David Hall will present the President's Report. He will be followed by Chairman's Comments from Board Chairman Alexander A. Moorhead. The Board will receive an update report from the Research and Technology Park Board. Then the Board of Trustees will consider other agenda items.

The Planning Committee will present a new Key Performance Indicators reporting matrix for the Board's review. The Board will go into executive session and will report any actions taken in executive session before being adjourned.

The UVI Board of Trustees last met on Jan. 13, in the Administration and Conference Center on UVI's St. Thomas Campus.

## Rev. Saunders Speaking to UUF Mar. 9

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of St. John will meet at 10 a.m. on Sunday, March 9, at Giffit Hill School's Lower Campus Room.

Reverend Will Saunders will be discussing the topic of "Pouring Confusion Out." The service is designed to provide a modest personal introduction, his approach to things religious and spiritual, his spiritual practices and to incite reflection on oneself.

Child care is provided during service.

## Beer and Cheese Tasting March 16

Friends of the Elaine I. Sprauve Library will sponsor a cheese and beer tasting event at St. John School of the Arts on Sunday, March 16, starting at 4 p.m.

The tasting will be led by cheese sommelier Kathy Guidi and brew masters Chirag Vyas and Kevin Chipman of St. John Brewers and The Tap Room.

This event is free for current friends of the Elaine I. Sprauve library, \$25 per person for non-members and guests.

Proceeds will go to support programs and projects sponsored by Friends of the Elaine I. Sprauve Library. For more information call the library at 340-776-6359.

## SJCF's 25th Anniversary Impact Work Session and Dinner Meeting March 18

The St. John Community Foundation's 25th Anniversary Community Impact Work Session and dinner meeting will be Tuesday, March 18, at the Bethany Moravian Church from 6 to 8 p.m.

Collaborative engagement on the community's new resource fulfillment website (the result of last year's Community Impact Meeting) followed by vote on priority projects to be featured in an aggressive multimedia campaign. If you have not registered your agency in the community non-profit directory go to [www.stjohncommunityfoundation.org](http://www.stjohncommunityfoundation.org) and register now!

For details or more information, call 340-693-9410.

## Cooking Oil Illegally Dumped Near Mangroves



St. John Tradewinds News Photo Courtesy of CBCC

*During the week of February 14, someone dropped off eight 5-gallon containers of cooking oil in the mangroves next to the waste bin site in Coral Bay. Waste Management Authority made a special pick up to dispose of them, according to a CBCC official.*

*A restaurant is required to have a licensed operator pick up their used oil and properly dispose of it. Residents should take their oil to the Susannaberg Transfer Station.*



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

### **Bethany Moravian Church**

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

### **Calvary Baptist Church**

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

### **Christian Ministry**

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

### **Christian Science Society**

10:45 a.m. Sunday- Marketplace  
Wednesday Testimonials  
7:45 p.m. on last Wed. of Month

### **Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**

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

### **Cruz Bay Baptist Church**

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

### **Emmaus Moravian Church**

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

### **Freshwater Church**

Sunday Service 10 a.m.; Monday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.  
Thursday Women's Bible Study 9 a.m.  
Saturday Men's Bible Study 10 a.m.  
Follow us on Facebook for Locations or call (340) 514-6578

### **Jehovah's Witness**

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

### **Missionary Baptist Church**

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

### **Nazareth Lutheran Church**

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

### **Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church**

The schedule is as follows: Saturdays at 6 p.m.  
Sundays at 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.  
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7 a.m.  
Fridays at 7 p.m. Call 776-6339 for more information.

### **St. John Methodist Church**

Sunday 10 a.m., 693-8830

### **Seventh Day Adventist**

Saturdays, 779-4477

### **St. John Pentecostal Church**

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

### **St. Ursula's Episcopal Church**

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

### **Unitarian Universalist Fellowship**

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

## DOE Gearing Up for Transition to Online Assessments

### *St. John Tradewinds*

As the V.I. Department of Education gets ready to make the jump from the traditional paper testing to online assessments — which will eventually replace the old VITAL-S with the more modern, and interactive exams offered by the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) — the Department of Education is also reaching out to parents, and the general public, for their support.

The new assessments are aligned to the Common Core State Standards, which the Department adopted in 2010 and continues to be aggressively integrated into the public school curriculum. The adoption of the Common Core State Standards in English Language Arts and Math set high performance and knowledge goals for students, while also pushing the bar higher for teachers — whose lesson plans and instruction now have to be more streamlined and tailored to the subject matter — and parents, who can now also have more of an understanding of what the students are expected to learn at their respective grade levels.

The standards offer a clear progression of skills throughout the grade levels, along with opportunities to review in order to keep student skills' sharp. The accompanying switch to a new online assessment system aligned to the Common Core will not only allow students to be better prepared for college and the workforce, but will give our schools and parents will receive more timely feedback about the students' performance — ultimately allowing us to track student progress from elementary to high school — while the tests themselves will become more interactive and accessible, boosting student engagement overall.

While the official transition will not happen until March of 2015, Department of Education officials are gearing up for a field test in May that will help

identify what else needs to be done to make sure all schools and students are prepared to administer and take the online assessment. Meanwhile, training is ongoing for test administrators — who will administer the exam to students in grades 4, 7, 11, according to officials.

“We will also continue working with our administrators and teachers to ensure that the online assessments remain fair, accessible and are administered appropriately to all students,” Education Commissioner Donna Frett-Gregory said. “Working to make sure that the proper technological infrastructure is in place before the testing begins will also be a top priority. We will also remain committed to improving the technical support and training provided to teachers on assessment practices.”

Nationwide, studies show that a large majority of educators are enthusiastic about the implementation of the Common Core State Standards and expect them to lead to greater student achievement. While it is not expected that student testing scores will show a dramatic jump during the 2014-2015 school year -- the first official year of VIDE's newly adopted Common Core assessments — teachers have said they look forward to seeing achievement steadily increase as students become more exposed to the rigorous curriculum.

For more information, visit: <http://www.smarterbalanced.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2012/02/Smarter-Balanced-Teachers.pdf>

Questions found at <http://www.smarterbalanced.org/practice-test/> are similar to those that will be featured in the field test this May and the operational test being conducted by the Department during the 2014-2015 school year. Most children will be tested online during this time.

## Crime Stoppers U.S. Virgin Islands

Crime has a cost and it is ultimately paid by the law abiding citizens of the community through higher prices and higher taxes. Reducing that cost puts money back in your pockets. If you know something, say something, as law enforcement cannot control crime without your help. Even the smallest bit of information may be just what they need to solve these cases.

### **St. John**

On Tuesday, January 14th, police received a report from Denzil Clyne Car Rental in Cruz Bay that three Jeep Wrangler spare tires had been stolen from vehicles parked in the business's parking lot. Please help police solve this crime and apprehend the thief(s).

### **St. Thomas**

On Thursday, February 13th at 9:00 p.m., a man at Jarrah Mini Mart Gas Station was changing his tire when an unknown male walked up to him and said “It's a long time I want to cut your throat”. The victim said the suspect swung a box cutter, which cut him on the left side of his throat. Tell us what you know about this incident so po-

lice can identify and arrest the assailant.

### **St. Croix**

On Saturday, February 1st at about 7:30 p.m., police were dispatched to the area of the Frederiksted Vegetable Market, where they found 31-year-old Wellington Pennyfeather Jr. lying in the roadway. Police believe an altercation took place at the market between the victim and another person and that Mr. Pennyfeather was shot as he ran from the area. If you know anything about this homicide, please let us know. It is through your help that homicides were down in 2013.

Help make our community a safer place by telling us what you know about these, or any other crimes, at [www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org](http://www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org) or by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). You can also text “USVI” plus your message to CRIMES (274637). If your tip leads to an arrest or the recovery of stolen property, illegal drugs, or weapons, you will receive a cash reward to be paid according to your instructions. If you have an unsolved crime you would like Crime Stoppers to feature, send an e-mail to [CrimeStoppersVI@gmail.com](mailto:CrimeStoppersVI@gmail.com).

# Attorney Maxwell McIntoch Arrested for Embezzlement by Fiduciaries and Obtaining Money Under False Pretenses

## St. John Tradewinds

Insular Investigation detectives on St. Croix arrested Attorney Maxwell McIntosh on February 27, charging him with Embezzlement by Fiduciaries and Obtaining Money Under False Pretenses following complaints by clients and an investigation that revealed he used his clients' money to operate his business and pay personal bills.

According to the Affidavit filed by the detective Attorney McIntosh was hired to oversee a family probate case and given a check for \$183,188.31. The client filed a report with VIPD when the matter was not concluded in three years and McIntosh said he was unable to complete the probate. Further investigation into the matter revealed that the check was deposited into a bank account that did not have any funds.

A second client of McIntosh told police that the attorney was hired to sell some family property for \$259,315.79 but only gave the owners \$20,000. The family said they were unable to recover the balance of the sale from McIntosh.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Attorney Maxwell McIntosh

Detectives said the investigation into McIntosh's bank account reflects that he was using the account in which he was holding clients' funds to operate his business and pay personal bills.

Maxwell McIntosh appeared in Superior Court shortly after his arrest and was released on his own recognizance pending further court action.

## Police Log

### Sunday, February 23

12:21 a.m. – Man called to report loud music in Cruz Bay. Disturbance of the Peace.

12:56 a.m. – Woman called to report a disturbance in the area of the Port Authority Dock. Disturbance of the Peace.

2:20 p.m. – Man present and reporting a burglary in Estate Carolina. Burglary Third.

10:23 p.m. – Man called to report an accidental injury in the area of Cap's Place. Accidental Injury.

### Monday, February 24

4:12 a.m. – Man called to report a burglary at the Vitran Bus Office. Burglary Third.

4:35 a.m. – Man called to report an auto collision in Grunwald. Auto Collision.

11:21 a.m. – Citizen called to report an auto collision Cruz Bay area of tennis courts. Auto Collision.

2:18 p.m. – Woman of Bethany called to report her home was broken into and items removed. Burglary Third.

3:08 p.m. – Woman present reporting she lost her Canadian passport in the area of Enighed. Lost Document.

4:59 p.m. – Man called to report a male with rocks in his hands trespassing on his property. Police Assistance.

6:32 p.m. – Woman called to report her minor grandson broke the windshield of her vehicle at Chocolate Hole. Destruction of Property (Domestic Violence)

6:56 p.m. – Officer called to report an auto collision in downtown Cruz Bay in the area of Slim Man's parking lot. Auto Collision.

### Tuesday, February 25

10:33 a.m. – Woman called to report being harassed in person via email, and by telephone by a male who "used to work for them." Harassment by telephone, telegraph or written documents.

11:55 a.m. – Man called to report a vehicle was damaged in the parking lot of the Westin Resort. Damage to a vehicle.

6:15 p.m. – Callabash Boom

woman present to report an auto collision in the area of the Marketplace parking lot. Auto Collision.

10:50 p.m. – Citizen called to report loud music in the parking lot of Cases by the Sea, Coral Bay. Disturbance of the Peace.

### Wednesday, February 26

10:26 a.m. – Woman called reporting burglary at Contant/Enighed. Burglary Third.

10:37 Man called to report auto collision in the area of Caneel Bay. Auto Collision.

10:46 a.m. – Man of Shipwreck Landing called to report a Third Degree Burglary. Burglary Third.

4:30 p.m. – Officer present with minor who was placed in protective custody and was released to his parent. Burglary Third.

6:56 p.m. – Citizen called to report shots being fired in the area of Upper Carolina, Centerline Road. (Unf.) Illegal Discharge of a Weapon.

7:38 p.m. – Man present reporting he was involved in an auto collision on Jacob's Ladder. Auto Collision.

### Thursday, February 27

8:03 a.m. – Woman called to report a nude male walking on the roadway in the area of Francis Bay on North Shore Road. Suspicious Activity.

6:43 p.m. – Glucksberg man called to report an auto collision at Caneel Bay Resort.

7:02 p.m. – ADT Security called to report a sounding alarm at Internal Revenue Bureau in Enighed. Activated Alarm.

8:22 p.m. – Woman of Brooklyn, N.Y., present to report she lost her wallet in the rest room of Cinnamon Bay Campground. Lost Documents.

10:12 p.m. – Person called to report a music disturbance at Island Blues. Disturbance of the Peace.

### Friday, February 28

2:30 a.m. – Activated alarm at the Post Office. Activated Alarm

4:14 a.m. – ADT Security called to report an activated alarm at the IRB. Activated Alarm.

1:50 p.m. – Man present requesting police assistance with a male he had a prior altercation with. Police Assistance.

9:24 p.m. – U.S. Postal Service called to report an activated alarm at the Post Office. Activated Alarm.

### Saturday, March 1

12:18 a.m. – Security Chief for Gallows Point called to report loud music. Disturbance of the Peace.

3:07 a.m. – Woman called to report shots being fired in the area of Susannaberg, Club Getaway. Illegal Discharge of a Firearm.

7:42 a.m. – Activated alarm in Estate Enighed. Activated Alarm.

8:18 a.m. – Man called to report being involved in an auto collision in area of Mongoose Junction. Auto Collision.

10:00 a.m. – Man present to report that he was assaulted by a known male in the area of Cap's Place, Cruz Bay. Simple Assault and Battery.

10:39 a.m. – Man present to report he lost his Indiana State driver license, area unknown. Lost Driver's License.

7:07 p.m. – Government of the V.I. present reporting a disturbance in Enighed Valley. Disturbance of the Peace.

7:16 p.m. – Enighed woman called to report needing police assistance to remove a male off the property. Police Assistance.

7:47 p.m. – Citizen called to report loud music coming from a home in Estate Adrian. Disturbance of the Peace.

10:25 p.m. – Man present reporting a disturbance in the area of W&W. Disturbance of the Peace.

11:13 p.m. – Man reported a disturbance at the Beach Bar. Disturbance of the Peace.

### Sunday, March 2, 2014

2:46 a.m. – ADT reported an activated alarm at Cap's Place. Activated Alarm.

## VIPD Safety TIPS

### SWIMMING TIPS

Common sense tips to use everywhere — at home and on vacation

- Never swim alone and stay within arm's reach of an experienced swimmer while in the water.
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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED GROUP DWELLING  
FOR THE ISLAND OF ST. JOHN, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

**Guy H. Benjamin Elementary School**  
Classroom No. 6  
Coral Bay, St. John  
Tuesday, March 11, 2014  
6:00 pm

**Application**

GDP-14-1: Group Dwelling Permit Application by East Bay Holding Co, LLC to develop twenty eight (28) dwelling units, a club house and associated structures on Parcel No. Remainder 6A-1, Estate Hansen Bay, St. John.

Files can be reviewed at DPNR's Division of Comprehensive and Coastal Zone Planning, located in front of the Elaine Sprauve Library, Cruz Bay, St. John between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday except holidays.

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The always popular Caneel Bay buffet-style lunches are served during the day at the beautiful restaurant tucked on the property's peninsula. Turtle Bay embraces a steak house theme for dinner with proteins ranging from filet mignon to veal chops. Fresh seafood options include red snapper and local mahi mahi. Tantalizing side dishes, served family style, like truffle macaroni and goat cheese, and steak fries with parmesan truffle oil, are hard to resist. Impressive hot appetizers — the Kurobuta pork belly with pickled red onion and goat cheese bread pudding should not be missed — and cold seafood salad offerings — poached lobster with champagne air and citrus jelly is heavenly — set the Turtle Bay menu apart from run of the mill steak houses.

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## RaniFly Bikinis Featured in *Sports Illustrated* Swimsuit Issue



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swim suits, from her sports-grade Lycra.

RaniFly's growing fleet of happy and loyal customers appreciate Keohane's attention to detail which translates into suits that fit and last.

"I originally started making suits 12 years ago with the Bikini Bus and I have people who still have those suits and still wear them," said Keohane, who launched RaniFly Bikinis about five years ago. "My customers are really loyal. They all say these are the most comfortable suits and they always come back for more."

Also amazing about RaniFly Bikinis are the prices. These bespoke suits would be right at home on the beaches of St. Tropez, but don't require a celebrity-sized bank account to afford. Off the rack suits run around \$105 to \$145 with custom suits about an additional \$10 per piece, depending on the fabric. Keohane also offers local discounts.

The designer is gearing up to release T-shirts soon and is working on a new, resort-themed NautiFly line, due out next season. Keohane didn't share many details of her upcoming project except to explain it's been in the works for at least a year.

Keohane is also sponsoring Coral Bay sailor Mayumi "Mimi" Roller's bid to compete in the 2016 Summer Olympic Games in Brazil. Roller and her sailing partner Kayla McComb, who are working to sail a 49erFX for Team U.S. Virgin Islands, will be sporting RaniFly Bikini suits at their qualifying regattas and, hopefully, in Brazil in 2016.

Keohane — wearing her web designer hat — also found the time recently to add a "Custom" option to her website, with 25 different styles of tops and 20 different cuts of bottoms and tons of different prints from which to choose, so anyone who can't stop by her Coral Bay boutique can still enjoy their very own bespoke bathing suit.

For more information and to order suits, check out [www.raniflybikini.com](http://www.raniflybikini.com). To check out Keohane's feature in SI, go to <http://swimsuit.si.com/swimsuit/models/natasha-barnard/photos/8> and to see the GrindTV.com feature on RaniFly Bikinis, go to <http://www.grindtv.com/lifestyle/wanted/post/5-bikini-brands-for-women-who-rip/>

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