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Moravian Church V.I. Conference Gets DPNR Extension on Dock Until September 9 Hearing

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CORAL BAY — The V.I. Department of Planning and Natural Resources St. John Coastal Zone Management (CZM) committee has agreed to meet with officials of the Moravian Church on September 9 to discuss the issue of the unauthorized and unpermitted floating docks attached to the church's concrete dock at Parcel No. 10, Estate Emmaus No. 2, Coral Bay Quarter, according to church council officials.

"It is our hope that during our meeting we can achieve an amicable resolution on the matter that is in the best interest of the Church and the St. John Community," Superintendent Eulencine Christopher of the Moravian Church Virgin Islands Conference said in an August 21 release.

"The floating docks were de-

ployed by some persons in Coral Bay without the Church's authorization and the Church subsequently received a citation and was instructed to obtain a permit or remove the docks," Christopher explained.

In response to a request from the Moravian Church V.I. Conference, DPNR Commissioner Designee, Dawn Henry, Esq., agreed to meet and also issued a stay on the citation that required the removal of the unpermitted floating docks, according to Christopher.

"The signs and floating docks will remain while DPNR and the Church seek to resolve the matter," Supt. Christopher stated in a prepared statement. "The Church had been advised by DPNR that the permitting process is very involved and among its requirements are an application and approval from the Army Corps of Engineers which

takes a minimum of two years to obtain."

"The Moravian Church is mindful that while there is great appreciation for maritime activities, we must seek a holistic approach in addressing the needs and concerns of the entire community, as well as the boating community," Christopher added. "The Moravian Church will comply with the law and all applicable regulations."

"(The Moravian Church) will continue to be a pillar of strength and hope in the Coral Bay community and is grateful to God for the lands which it graciously shares with others," concluded Christopher. "As we work together, the Church, the Community and the Government to resolve this matter, it our hope that in the spirit of co-operation we can do what is most beneficial for all persons."

St. John Bike Rodeo 2015 Set for August 29

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The St. John Bike Rodeo 2015 presented to the children of St. John by the St. John Community Integration Team (CIT) will be Saturday, August 29, at the Julius E. Sprauve Elementary School Winston Wells Ball Field, from 9 to 11 a.m.

The purpose of the Bike Safety Rodeo is to ensure that children preparing themselves for the new school year on St. John, become aware of their responsibility as

owners of bicycles; bicycle operation, bike safety and maintenance.

The Virgin Islands Bureau of Motor Vehicles will be in attendance, as they'll be registering and licensing bicycles for just \$15. The St. Thomas/St. John Weed and Seed will be there, as they're supplying Bike Helmets, Bike Safety Tips, Back-To-School Supplies and a special visitation by McGruff — the Crime Dog!

Of course, members of the Virgin Islands Police Department - St.

John will conduct the Bike Safety Obstacle Course.

The St. John CIT has been an active advocate for crime prevention, public safety and efficient government services since 2009 and operates as the official civilian arm of the VIPD. The group meets monthly in the Battery, located in Cruz Bay and is joined by the Darren Foy, Chief of Police - St. Thomas/St. John along with Arlene Chalwell, Deputy Chief of Police - St. John.

Trunk Bay Fees Waived on August 25 To Mark 99th Birthday of NPS

The National Park Service is turning 99 years old on August 25 and Virgin Islands National Park wants to give visitors a present!

The usual fee at Trunk Bay of \$4 per adult will be waived for all visitors on August 25. Come to the park and swim, snorkel or just relax on the beach.

In preparation for next year's big centennial celebration, the National Park Service is inviting everyone to Find Your Park. To encourage people to discover everything a park experience can be, there is a fun list of 99 ways to Find Your Park.

Come to Virgin Islands National Park to hike, have a picnic, discover history or take a family photo. You can also share your park experience with others by posting on social media with the hashtag #FindYourPark.

To see what is happening in Virgin Islands National Park, go to www.nps.gov/viis or visit us on facebook at facebook.com/virginislandsnps

GHS and Youth Theater Present Shakespeare Camp Performances

The Giff Hill School, in collaboration with New England Youth Theatre, is proud to announce that the 2nd annual "Get Thee To The Funnery" Shakespeare camp will be presenting performances of "Twelfth Night, Or What You Will" with fifteen students from across St. John.

This Shakespeare camp is a summer offering to any island resident age 12-18, and part of Giff Hill School's growing theater education program in collaboration with the New England Youth Theatre. Twelfth Night is an uproarious comedy about love, social/economic status, and mistaken identity.

The performances will take place at Giff Hill School's Upper Campus on Friday, August 28, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, August 29, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. The run time is an hour and a half with an intermission and tickets are a suggested donation of \$5.

Pan Dragons Getting Back to Work

The Love City Pan Dragons Youth Steel Orchestra stalwart Elaine Penn doesn't want the phoenix-like rise of the inter-island and internationally renowned steel pan band to be interrupted by too long a break after an extended 2015 carnival and festival season.

"After a summer break that started later than usual, we are starting up," Penn announced. "Again a little earlier than usual — August 28."

"The longer we stay away, the more the muscle memory fades," the energetic organizer explained with self-deprecating sincerity. Penn is circulating flyers to get the word out.

The Love City Pan Dragons Youth Steel Orchestra can be reached PO Box 1537, St John VI 00831-1537; e-mail: pan-dragons@unitedstates.vi; web page: <http://www.pandragons.org>; 340-693-8807 phone/fax

Veterans Affairs Opened Second Friday

The Office of Veterans Affairs began conducting office hours on the island of St. John on the second Friday of every month. Operating hours for the St. John office will be 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Battery in Cruz Bay.

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Port Authority Turns Cruz Bay Taxi Stand Management Back to Central Government

By JUDI SHIMEL
St. John Tradewinds

ST. THOMAS — While leading the V.I. Port Authority to unprecedented expansion, VIPA Executive Director and former Senator Carlton Dowe has apparently met his management match in the Cruz Bay Taxi Stand at the Loredon L. Boynes Sr. Ferry Terminal.

VIPA officials will no longer exercise authority over the St. John taxi medallion holders at the waterfront spaces allocated to taxis, Dowe announced unilaterally on August 11. Government oversight of the taxi stand was handed over to the Department of Property and Procurement, according to a VIPA release.

The move ends a two-year period in which the Port Authority arbitrarily had claimed control of the concession operated by the St. John Taxi Association — and the coveted

waterfront parking spaces overlooking Cruz Bay Beach.

The parking spaces belong to the central government, but Dowe said his agency never received a deed for the spaces and was not interested in managing the property or any activity around the property without a deed, according to VIPA public relations officer Monife Braithwaite.

(Official signage marking several waterfront spaces near the Battery for exclusive use by villa rental companies also was removed without public comment in mid-summer.)

“Dowe said the Port Authority never signed any official lease or deed for the property, nor does VIPA have any interest in managing the concession without such any longer,” a Property and Procurement official acknowledged.

Control of the waterfront taxi stand changed hands in 2013 after it was alleged that taxi drivers operating near the Loredon L. Boynes Sr. Ferry Terminal were paying dues to

an association operating the taxi stand but association leadership could not account for the revenues collected.

For several months Dowe urged members of the VIPA Governing Board to put the taxi franchise out for bid, but that step was never accomplished, Dowe said in a Port Authority statement issued Aug. 10.

Several taxi medallion holders attempted to organize an association in recent months, but the effort has been unsuccessful, according to one senior taxi man.

Property and Procurement also has been at odds with the association, whose members park their vehicles in spaces adjacent to the ferry dock which are under the control of that agency. In 2011, under former Commissioner Lynn Millin-Maduro, the agency attempted to evict the St. John Taxi Association.

That attempt was also unsuccessful.

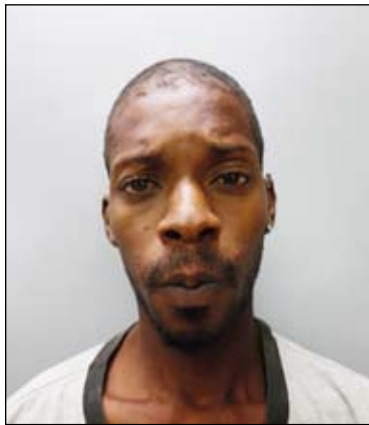
After Years of Complaints and Calls for Help Suspect Is Charged with Rape at Salt Pond

By TOM OAT
St. John Tradewinds

ST. JOHN — Troublesome behavior and discomfiting incidents became a sordid crime with serious repercussions and irreparable damage when a young woman summer resort worker reported being sexually assaulted by a man who has been repeatedly accused of harassing and accosting visitors to the isolated Salt Pond area of the Virgin Islands National Park.

The V.I. Police Department reported on August 14 that “suspect” Jaydee Braithwaite, 28, of Mandahl, had been apprehended on a charge of First Degree rape by detectives with the Criminal Investigations Bureau, St. John, who had responded to the report of a rape victim at the Myrah Keating Clinic on August 13, around 12:30 p.m.

The assault on the teenage female summer employee during an early morning hike on the last day of her summer work program at the resort left the young woman “very traumatized,” according to a *St. John Tradewinds* source. The resort overlooks the popular tourist attraction of the bright white sand of Salt Pond Bay and the re-



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Jaydee Braithwaite

nowned salt pond on the heavily used trail to Drunk Bay and neighboring Ram Head.

“According to the victim of the assault, she was taking a morning walk in the area of Ram’s Head by Salt Pond, when an African-American male suddenly appeared from bushes, forced the victim to the ground and proceeded to sexually assault her,” the official VIPD press release read.

“Once the victim was able to get away, she made contact with friends employed at the resort where she was staying and they

immediately took the victim to the Myrah Keating Smith Clinic,” the VIPD report continued.

The young woman victim had been able to photograph her attacker with her cell phone after the attack, which helped the authorities identify and apprehend Braithwaite, according to a *St. John Tradewinds* source.

The August 13 incident came after years of complaints from residents and visitors about a man stalking and harassing women and children in the isolated, southeastern-most section of the VINP. VINP officials cited the continued shortage of law enforcement rangers on staff at the underfunded NPS outpost which has operated with only two rangers in the entire park in recent years before a third ranger recently joined the short staff.

Ironically, VINP Superintendent Brion FitzGerald acknowledged staffing changes had prevented NPS Rangers from communicating effectively with V.I.P.D. officials on an outstanding warrant at the time of the latest attack which had been issued to bring Braithwaite in for question-

ing on another recent incident.

VINP officials and V.I. Police Department officials have offered different assessments of the overlapping federal and territorial law enforcement jurisdictions in the V.I. National Park in general and the isolated Salt Pond area specifically.

A relative of Braithwaite publicly challenged V.I. Police Department officials and National Park Service officials to address the repeated complaints about the behavior of the native resident of the Salt Pond area, who had previously been identified by complainants and was known to law enforcement authorities, during a VIPD meeting with Coral Bay business owners at a community meeting earlier this year.

The relative expressed concerns at the time that a more serious incident would happen without law enforcement intervention.

“Officers with the Virgin Islands Police Department along with Rangers from the National Park Service conducted a search for the suspect, based on a description rendered by the victim and together, located and detained Jaydee

Braithwaite, 28 of Mandahl, St. John,” the VIPD reported. “Once having been positively identified, Braithwaite was placed under arrest, processed and remanded to the Bureau of Corrections to await his Advice of Rights Hearing.”

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Governor's Summer Reading Challenge Books Are Available for Pick-up at Territory Schools

Students who have not already received book packages supplied by the schools as part of the seventh Annual Governor's Summer Reading Challenge may still pick up books at the schools during regular business hours throughout the summer months.

Book packages were delivered to each of the territory's public, private and parochial elementary schools before the close of the 2014-15 school year. Depending on the student's grade level they were allotted 1, 2 or 3 books. Most students took home their books prior to leaving for the summer break.

Parents with children in grades K-6 in the St. Croix and St. Thomas-St. John districts should inquire about book packages directly with the school.

The seventh Annual Governor's Summer Reading Challenge encourages students in grades K-6 to read five or more books during the summer months. Participants will be rewarded with a celebration and prizes when the Challenge concludes. The Challenge will run through September 11.

For more information, visit www.readfive.org.

Rehearsals Begin; Singers Needed

St. John Singers Rehearsals begin Monday, September 14, 6:30 p.m. at the Nazareth Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cruz Bay.

The St John Singers is a community choral group of men and women from St John and St. Thomas who just love to sing. There are no auditions and no need to read music. The group present concerts on St. John during the Christmas holiday season and also in the spring. To join St. John Singers call 776-6833 for more information.

Do you like to sing in the shower? Cultivate your talent by joining the St. John Singers. This community choir begins its 33rd season on Monday, Sept. 14, and all are welcome. The first rehearsal will be at the Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cruz Bay at 6:30 p.m.

The choir has traditionally featured classical music, but now the repertoire is becoming more eclectic under the direction of Janice Ballard. The concerts scheduled for December will include holiday music as well as compositions from multiple genres.

There are no auditions, but choir members must make a commitment to attend rehearsals regularly on Monday nights. For further information, please call Janice Ballard at (828) 301-5413 or email her at janice.ballard@gmail.com.

Malfetti Murder Case Gets November Trial Date; Judge Orders DNA Test on Accused Mekel Blash

By JUDI SHIMEL
St. John Tradewinds

ST. THOMAS — Jury selection in the murder trial of a St. Thomas man accused in the fatal stabbing of James Malfetti is scheduled to begin Nov. 17, and the judge has ordered Mekel Blash to submit to DNA testing, according to the attorney for the victim's family.

Superior Court Judge Kathleen Mackay set the trial date while still considering legal arguments as to whether Blash should be granted pre trial release. Blash is accused of fatally stabbing Malfetti, 41, during a break-in at internet entrepreneur Malfetti's rented apartment on the south shore of St. John in January 2014.

Blash was arrested by police in



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Mekel Blash

March and charged with first degree murder, first and third degree assault, burglary and grand larceny. The defendant is currently

being held on \$500,000 bail.

Mackay has taken more than six weeks to consider a request by Blash's lawyer to allow him to live and work outside of the St. Thomas Criminal Justice Complex.

First degree murder is the only charge a defendant can be accused of which allows them to be held in jail until trial. But a judge can also fashion terms for a pre-trial release in some cases where a defendant may be given a measure of freedom.

Conditions for pre-trial release may include imposition of a curfew or house arrest with electronic monitoring.

If convicted of the most serious charge — first degree murder — Blash faces life in prison without parole.

Coral Bay Labor Day Celebration To Build on 2014

St. John Tradewinds

Organizers of the annual Coral Bay Labor Day celebration say they want to build on the success they enjoyed in 2014.

This year's event plans include a car show, a pie eating contest, a petting zoo and music.

Over the past few years the St. John Festival and Cultural Organization has been getting help from a group of Coral Bay volunteers working with the annual Labor Day Parade. Last year's parade was the largest in years with 19 entries.

Volunteers have also connected with the local businesses and the Coral Bay Community Council, inviting them to enter parade troupes and celebrate the end of summer.

Celebrations are scheduled to begin at 11 a.m.

with the parade, from the Cocoloba Complex to the Moravian Church Field. Musical entertainment with a live deejay and the Ah We Band starts at 1 p.m.

Festival Committee Chairwoman Leona Smith and parade chairwoman Jackie Clendinen, with the support of CBCC are offering back to school giveaways for families and children.

A bounce house and petting zoo will be on the field to delight the kids.

From 3 p.m. through the end of the event, there will be a display of customized cars and motorcycles, a feature that has become a tradition at the Labor Day fete.

Community groups wishing to participate in the parade can contact Jackie Clendinen at 340-514-5355.

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New Cottages Soon Come? The Cinnamon Bay Campground is scheduled to get new cottages and new platform tents under a new concessions contract.

No Decision, No Action or No Competition for Major Concessions in V.I. National Park?

By TOM OAT
St. John Tradewinds

ST. JOHN — Three weeks after the bid deadline for the first new operating contract in more than 50 years for the Cinnamon Bay Campground and Trunk Bay concessions in the Virgin Islands National Park (VINP), silence may not be golden.

The Atlanta-based National Park Service administrator in charge of the concession bidding was on leave in mid-August and no announcement had been forthcoming on the results of the bidding for the concession contracts that was to have closed on July 30. Bill Stevens, Chief of Commercial Services, Southeast Region NPS in Atlanta was not available for comment on the status of the bid process.

VINP officials were not available for comment on Friday, August 21, and the VINP headquarters telephone system did not accept messages seeking comment from VINP Superintendent Brion

FitzGerald or Elba Richardson, Chief of Concessions.

While there has been criticism of the long-delayed bidding process and predictions of minimum competition for the concessions which have historically formed a strong part of the island's tourism economy because of specific contract requirements and restrictions, there had been no information released by the NPS on the number of bids submitted, if any, or terms.

Caneel Bay Successor

Caneel Bay Resort, doing business as CBI Inc., a New York City based investment company, is the successor to the only concessionaire to operate the renowned beachfront attractions in the St. John park linked from their inception to the owners of the lease on the historic Caneel Bay Resort property developed by Laurence Rockefeller, the founder of the V.I. National Park itself.

CBI Inc. submitted a bid for the concessions, but has not been informed of any NPS decision, cor-

porate spokesperson Patrick Kidd confirmed for St. John Tradewinds in mid-August.

It could not be determined if there had been more than one bidder for the package deal of operating the concessions operation at Trunk Bay and the restaurant, cottages and campground at Cinnamon Bay, both which have been operated by CBI, Inc which acquired the assets of the former Caneel Bay – including the long-expired lease for the Caneel Bay Resort.

VINP Superintendent Brion FitzGerald announced on April 7 that the National Park Service (NPS) had issued a prospectus for solicitation of offers for a 15-year concession contract to provide lodging, camping, food and beverage, retail, equipment rental and other services at Cinnamon Bay and Trunk Bay areas within Virgin Island National Park.

“Park concessioners play a vital role in serving visitors in
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The 9-12 year old Champions the Jr. Bulls (Above L to R) Jefferson Fessalle (coach), Shayne Morris, D'Andre Mahibir, Jabari Hill, Jerry Smith, Embaye Brathwaite, Danye Mitchell, Melvin Burgos, Rauss Payne (official), Clarence Stephenson (MyIsland Ballers), and Elroy Hill of the Department of Sports Parks & Recreation.

13-15 year old Champions Heat (Above Right: L to R) Kahleem Powell, Rauss Payne, Naiquan Frett, Jekai Jackson, Addison Daney Rogers (coach), Jovanie Stephenson, Joel Williams, Khalid Smith, Elroy Hill, Nekhori Sprauve and Clarence Stephenson.



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JMG 16 year old and up Champions (L to R) Andrew Penn Sr. (coach), Rauss Payne, Afibae Henley, Addison Rogers Jr., Jahreem Fahie, Shakeem Meade, Elroy Hill, Conrad Matthias, Andrew Penn Jr. and Clarence Stephenson.

St. John Basketball Summer League Wraps Action-Packed Championship

By JAIME ELLIOTT
Special St. John Tradewinds

ST. JOHN — In what was the start of a full night of exciting basketball Friday, August 14, at the Pine Peace basketball court, the Jr. Bulls beat the Jr. Spurs 37-35 in overtime as the V.I. Department of Sports, Parks & Recreation with assistance of MyIsland Ballers hosted the St. John Summer League 2015 which wrapped up last week.

Melvin Burgos hit the game winner with seconds left that gave the Bulls the 9-12 championship. Shayne Morris led the Bulls with 20 points and Dillan Gumbs had 12 for the Spurs.

In 13-15 action, the Heat won the championship with a 32-27 win over the Lakers. Nekhori Sprauve led the Heat with 12 points and hit some clutch free throws to seal the deal. Taveon Calixte scored 10 for the Lakers.

In the older division the GMG team beat P Town 39-34 to sweep the series. Shakeem Meade netted 11 points for the champs and Jahjaun Williams had 17 to lead P Town.

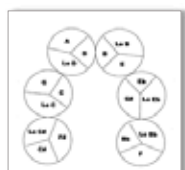
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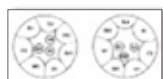
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St. John Rescue Gets Necessary Tools: St. John Rescue members (L to R standing) Rudy Callwood, Bob Malacarne, John Fitzgerald, Preston Pollock, and (seated L to R) Amy Raymond and Bryan Barnes display St. John Rescue's brand new Jaws of Life engine, cutter and spreader.

New "Jaws of Life" Extrication Equipment Boosts St. John Rescue Emergency Response

By JAIME ELLIOTT
Special St. John Tradewinds

ST. JOHN — After almost six months of fundraising, St. John Rescue members opened three boxes Monday morning containing critical life saving equipment.

The \$27,000 Holmatro Jaws of Life consists of an engine plus a cutter and a spreader. The new equipment will enable St. John Rescue to cut away metal or move beams in the event of a car accident or building collapse.

"This equipment is very important," said St. John Rescue's Amy Raymond. "In the event of an accident this will allow us to cut into a car and get someone out. If we can't get into a vehicle it makes our jobs harder. This will help us save lives."

The volunteer St. John Rescue has been actively fundraising while operating without functioning Jaws of Life equipment since a series of serious motor vehicle accidents earlier this year severely taxed the non-profit group's old equipment, but the Jaws of Life equipment is not only for extractions from motor vehicles.

"If a building collapses, we can use this to cut away metal or wood and pick up beams," said long-

"This equipment is very important. In the event of an accident this will allow us to cut into a car and get someone out. If we can't get into a vehicle it makes our jobs harder. This will help us save lives."

— St. John Rescue's Amy Raymond

time St. John Rescue member Preston Pollock.

The equipment is also interchangeable with the V.I. Fire Department's equipment which will enable closer collaboration and faster responses, which translates into saving lives, St. John Rescue members emphasized.

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French National Pleads Guilty to 38 Counts of "Inducing Aliens To Enter U.S." by Boat

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ST. THOMAS — Alain Rene Leichtnam, 71, a French national, pleaded guilty Wednesday, August 12, in U.S. District Court on St. Thomas to 38 counts of an indictment charging him with encouraging and inducing aliens to enter the United States in violation of law, United States Attorney Ronald W. Sharpe announced.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Office of Air and Marine (OAM) and the United States Coast Guard (USCG) intercepted the sailing vessel Mazurka heading towards Coral Bay on the East End of St. John, Virgin Islands in the early morning hours of April 29, 2015, according to the plea agreement.

CBP agents observed Leichtnam operating the vessel and identified 38 Cuban nationals and one national of St. Lucia onboard. Leichtnam admitted that he transported the Cuban nationals to the United States for financial gain knowing that the conduct was unlawful.

Leichtnam was remanded to the custody of the United States Marshals Service pending sentencing, which is scheduled for December 4, 2015.

"Those responsible for encouraging and inducing immigrants to enter the United States illegally are placing personal profit ahead of public safety and the lives of the immigrants," U.S. Attorney Sharpe said.

"This conviction should warn those involved in this dangerous and illegal activity that it comes with a high price."

"ICE continues to be committed to putting an end to the practice of profiting from the illegal transportation of aliens across our borders and throughout our country," added Angel M. Melendez, special agent in charge of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. "We will continue to vigorously enforce the federal laws which punish the many manifestations of the complex problem of smuggling, trafficking and harboring illegal aliens."

"Tragically, many have lost their lives while attempting this illegal and treacherous trip," Melendez continued. "Human smugglers have a callous disregard for the value of human life and are only concerned about making a profit. ICE will continue to aggressively work with our U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) partners to identify and arrest those involved in this illicit and dangerous activity."

The case was investigated by ICE with the assistance of CBP and the USCG. It was being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Kim L. Chisholm.

Former Boyfriend Attacks Woman

St. John Tradewinds

CRUZ BAY – At roughly 11 p.m. on Wednesday, August 19, officers received notification from the 911 Emergency Call Center of an assault that occurred in Estate Enighed.

Officers met with the female victim who stated that her former boyfriend had punched, strangled

and kicked by her repeatedly until an unknown female began to scream at her attacker, who then fled the area.

The victim was transported by ambulance to the Myrah Keating Clinic for treatment. The incident is under investigation by the Criminal Investigation Bureau.

Three St. John Students Awarded CFVI Scholarships

By JUDI SHIMEL

St. John Tradewinds

ST. THOMAS — When the Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands awarded 54 scholarships for 2015, three St. John students were named among the recipients.

Kharid Wallace, Chole Jarvis and Samuel Liburd received their share of \$88,735 provided by a group of benefactors through CFVI. Foundation Board Chairman George Dudley announced the scholarship awards in early August.

The announcements were made at an event held at My

"Anna Walsh retired to the Territory after a long career in social work in New York. Upon her passing, it was discovered that she left her entire inheritance to benefit students in the Territory."

Brother's Workshop Cafe in Charlotte Amalie.

"CFVI has awarded scholarships to Virgin Islands students since 1996," said foundation

spokesperson Nicole Wheatley.

Awards are given both to new high school graduates and past recipients, in college, qualify for additional financial aid.

Jarvis and Wallace were among the ten students receiving Anna Green Walsh Scholarships

"Anna Walsh retired to the Territory after a long career in social work in New York. Upon her passing, it was discovered that she left her entire inheritance to benefit students in the Territory," Wheatley said.

Samuel was named as a recipient of the Falek Family Fund Scholarship.

Nine Students Complete Self-Discovery and Skills Training at 2015 JFLI Career Exploration Program

By RAVEN PHILLIPS
St. John Tradewinds

JOHN'S FOLLY — Four weeks of self-discovery, job skill training, goal realization, and networking came to a close for the 2015 JFLI Career Exploration students in August.

The aptly titled Career Exploration program was made possible through the Department of Labor, and instills students with the knowledge and skills needed to follow the career path that suits them best.

Participants will receive a stipend for the days they attended.

“We had a very bright group of kids here,” said facilitator Elaine Dillon. “There is no doubt in my mind that each of them will find and follow a career path that they are passionate about.”

The program placed emphasis upon following your passions, Dillon explained.

“A common theme amongst our guest speakers has been to do what you are passionate about,” she added.

Guest speakers include Ryan Moore from the Animal Care Center, semi-pro boxer Clayton Laurent, V.I. Police Department officers, representatives from the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalition, and Kendall Cornejo of Cinnamon Bay Water Sports.

“My favorite speaker was definitely Clayton Laurent,” said Chenijah Dawson, 14. “He had so many inspiring things to say about following your dreams and being smart with your money. I’ll always remem-



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Participants in the JFLI Career Exploration Program celebrated the completion of the summer career training program.

ber that he said that I should strive to be wealthy and not just rich.”

Alongside hearing testimonies from various guests, students completed several different exercises that were drafted and placed into portfolios.

Portfolios also contain important documents such as their resumes. Resume consultation was provided by a young program facilitator and Rick Barksdale and Chaliese

Summers.

The Barksdale and Summers not only focused on career exploration techniques, but also instructed students in different job skills they can obtain now.

“I learned a lot about different qualities that a great employee should have,” said sixteen year old Naiquan Frett. “I do a good job at being punctual so I’m always on time, but I need to work on being more self-motivat-

ed.”

Outside Learning Activities

Students also had fun outside of learning activities during field trips.

“My favorite field trip was when we rode on the Sadie Sea,” said fifteen year old Raquisha Edwards. “I loved all the swimming and dancing we did!”

“Yeah I liked how we bonded with each other and hearing about how the captain got to sail the world,” Chenijah Dawson chimed in.

Earlier on in the program, students also took a tour of the Caneel Bay Resort grounds.

“I liked the Caneel Bay trip because we got to meet the different department heads and we got to hear how they do their jobs,” said one student.

The program culminated in a picnic where students were reminiscent and were thankful for the knowledge they received.

“The program has prepared us to be the best employees we can be,” said one student.

“Even though we didn’t actually work, we learned the basics about getting and having a job,” said Genesis Dawson, 15.

“I’m going to use everything I learned here while I’m young, and when I grow older too,” said Marc Durand. “This program helped all of us to work towards finding a career we are passionate about.”

“I’m lucky to have participated, because there aren’t a lot of things for teens to join in on St. John,” added Marc Durand.



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To The Rescue

by Bob Malacarne, NR-EMT, ASHI, NAEMT, ITLS

\$1,000 Donation Challenge Kicks Off Drive For St. John Rescue Marine One Engines

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Greetings to all our neighbors and visitors.

I am presenting a CHALLENGE to the friends of St. John Rescue.

Our rescue boat is in dire need of new engines. Our Marine One rescue boat has been out of service for about five months because of engine problems. We are trying to get the outboards repaired on a limited budget. However, they are old and not very dependable.

I am challenging the people of St. John to match my donation of \$1,000.00 towards the purchase price of \$30,000 for two new Yamaha 115s. If twenty-nine people each donated \$1,000.00 to this cause we could have our rescue boat up and running within a couple weeks. I know that there are people out there who can afford to support this effort. Please contact me at (340) 626-5118 if you choose to help us help you by getting our rescue boat back in service. St. John Rescue is a 501c3 organization. Your donation is tax deductible.

Chaotic Kayak Supports Wounded Vets

The annual Chaotic Kayak event was recently held on Gibney Beach. This annual event raises funds to assist men and women in our military who were wounded while serving their country. It was an honor for St. John Rescue to have been invited to provide emergency medical coverage for this worthwhile event. Preston Pollock, Dylan Baird, Amy Raymond, and Brian Grassi were

happy to spend the day at this event in honor of our veterans.

St. John Rescue CPR classes were recently taken by the captains and crew members of Interisland Boat Services along with other members of the community. The donation of \$30.00 per person per class will be used to purchase new CPR manikins and AED training aids. Our CPR classes are being offered on the second Saturday of each month starting at 9 a.m. at Myra Keating Smith Community Health Center. To sign up for a CPR class please email me at stjrescue9@gmail.com or call our non-emergency number (340)693-7377(RESQ).

Businessmen Donate To Deliver Trailer for Oxygen Generator

We had a twenty-foot container delivered next to MKS. Thanks to Jonathan Duran and Hank Slodden for their donation and delivery of this container which will house our oxygen generator. We have scheduled a representative from OGSi (the manufacturer of our generator) to perform an annual service on the equipment. He will be traveling to St. John on August 24. The service should take no more than one day.

We need to keep the quality of the oxygen we produce up to the highest standards. With this service we are confident that the oxygen we produce will be the highest quality medical grade oxygen.

On November 14 St. John Rescue has scheduled its third annual Rib Cook

Off. This year the event will be held at the Coral Bay Ballfield. We hope that we will be able to raise enough from this event to help us purchase much needed medical and training supplies. St. John Rescue has always received support from visitors and fellow St. Johnians.

If you are interested in donating to this worthy cause please call a member of St. John Rescue or our non-emergency number (340)693-7377. Your participation will be greatly appreciated.

Extrication Tools To Arrive Aug. 24 at St. John Hardware

Our new set of Holmatro Extrication tools will arrive August 24 thanks to Jim and Kate Swan of St. John Hardware. Jim and Kate provided transportation of our "Jaws of Life" via one of their shipping containers at no cost to us. We really appreciate the support we have received from the owners of St. John Hardware over the years. It is because of efforts like these that St. John Rescue is able to provide such comprehensive emergency medical services to the people of St. John.

I recently attended a training at VITEMA on St. John. Preparing for a natural disaster was the focus. Attending were representatives from Police, Fire, DPNR, Human Services, Red Cross, St. John Rescue, Public Works, Agriculture, and the Administrator. I left this training with more confidence in our ability to respond to a disaster than in the past.

Linda Williams, the person in charge at VITEMA ST. John is quite competent

and intent on helping the people of St. John survive a disaster. As we all know, once a hurricane hits we are on our own. However, all the agencies that attended are prepared for the worst.

If everyone does their part and gets ready; the losses can be held to a minimum.

During the month of July St. John Rescue responded to the following: July 3 to Centerline Rd for a motor vehicle crash-no injuries; July 16 to Reef Bay Trail to assist a hiker with a broken leg; July 16 to Powell Park to assist EMS with an injured female; July 17 to Trunk Bay Beach for an 8-year-old female who passed out. We also provided coverage for St. John Carnival.

Tip of the Month: When you are depressed, your body produces more inflammatory proteins called cytokines. They can make pain worse and also increase your risk for strokes, heart failure, and heart attacks. Studies have shown that these conditions strike more frequently among depressed, anxious, and stressed people. Some mood boosting activities that can help are: Exercise, deep breathing, watching or participating in a sport, socializing, taking a walk along the shore, and positive self-talk. If you feel that depression is a problem talk to a family member or to a professional. Knowing that you are not alone can be a huge step towards relief.

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St. John students were treated to a bookstore worth of new books on the second level of The Marketplace in August for their summer reading thanks to St. John Rotary reading challenge.

St. John Children Receive Books At Rotary Club Book Extravaganza

By RAVEN PHILLIPS

St. John Tradewinds

THE MARKETPLACE —

Young avid readers filled the second floor of the Marketplace on August 11.

From dinosaurs to princesses, and picture books to biographies, children and their families were enamored by the wide selection of free books that were available.

“Reading is absolutely fundamental for young minds,” said St. John Rotary Club President Alecia Wells. “I am very happy with the turnout and that the community took the time out to pick out books.”

The Book Extravaganza was a free book giveaway spearheaded by the St. John Rotary Club with some involvement of the Department of Education.

Wells, along with Rotarian Alice Krall, devotedly managed the event, ensuring that every person who entered was greeted warmly, and that no person left with fewer than ten books.

The event was also held to-

gether by the volunteer work of Cristina Kessler, Alethia Sprauve, Susan Knotts, Khaleila Krall, Aariyah Athanase, A’Feyah Smith, and others.

A Wonderful Donation

The tale of this amazing community project begins with a conversation between Mark Van Ness, Julie Edward, and Alice Krall.

“They both had recently moved to the island and we had a chat about some projects they had conducted back in the states” explained Rotarian Alice Krall.

“They conducted a similar event in California and Oregon in 2011 with donations from Bazillion Books for Kids and Better World Books”

The books given out at the Extravaganza were indeed from a company called Better World Books. Better World Books is an online for-profit bookseller that donates copious amounts of books and funds to literacy programs all around the world.

Through the company’s Book For Book initiative, for every book

that is purchased from the website, a book is donated to a child in need.

A counter at the top of the Better World Books website humbly displays that over 17 million books have been donated, over \$21 million dollars has been raised for literacy programs, and almost 197 million books have been reused or recycled.

After hearing of their exploits, Alice Krall brought the initiative to the capable hands of the St. John Rotary Club.

“Better World Books donated around 70,000 books to the territory as a whole. Around 9,000 or 10,000 of those came to St. John” said Krall.

A True Gift to the Community

The trailer containing the books arrived in the territory on July 21st. The books allocated for St. John arrived the following day.

Since then the books were disseminated to various libraries, camps, and learning institutions across the island.

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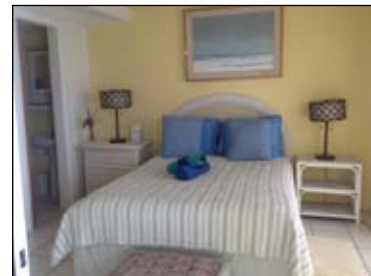
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ing to Sandra Mohler of Holiday Homes. “At Upper Deck Villa you can enjoy meals or drinks on the decks overlooking the pool and Great Cruz Bay as far as St. Croix. The cooling breezes from the hillside location will relax your cares away.”

There is a good-sized store room for keeping beach gear and the owners personal items, Mohler added.

“The low HOA fees will enable

the owner the chance to keep some of the rental income from this popular vacation accommodation,” said Mohler of Holiday Homes.

“It is a great opportunity to have a tropical escape with an income to supplement your own vacation,” Mohler added. “Why rent when you can own a desirable St John property.

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VIPD Weed and Seed Defy Program Brings Youth To Cinnamon Bay Drug Education Camp

St. John Tradewinds

ST. JOHN — Almost 100 youth attended the annual Drug Education For Youth and Underage Drinking Prevention Camp on August 16 - 21, 2015 in St. John, Virgin Islands sponsored by the Virgin Islands Police Department Weed and Seed Program and other Law Enforcement agencies.

The VIPD Weed and Seed Program in the St. Thomas District in conjunction with the US Attorney's Office, the Virgin Islands National Guard Counterdrug Task Force, Drug Enforcement Administration, Law Enforcement Planning Commission, Project Safe Neighborhoods V.I. and the Department of Human Services conducted the yearly Drug Education for Youth and Underage Drinking Prevention Camp in St. John.

The VIPD Weed and Seed Program is one of the prevention/intervention programs offered by the Virgin Islands Police Department's, Crime Prevention Bureau. The VIPD continues to work within various neighborhoods territory – wide to assist parents and children in addressing the various issues that plague our community.

90 Young Participants

On August 16, ninety (90) young participants ranging from nine to sixteen years old attended the week long camp. The youngsters learned about anti-drug education, underage drinking, build-

ing gang resistance, leadership, team-building, conflict resolution, goal-setting, self-esteem development and peer leadership.

In addition to the classroom exercises, the participants also took part in outdoor-exercises to include a bonfire, hiking, kayaking/snorkeling, community cleanup efforts and daily physical fitness.

The Weed and Seed DEFY Program is a youth outreach program intended to utilize role models – military personnel, law enforcement officers and community leaders – to promote positive life choices, including drugs, alcohol, gangs and gun resistance. DEFY is a National Program being utilized throughout the United States that is geared towards improving the quality of life in designated neighborhoods.

The Weed and Seed Program invites children living within the St. Thomas/St. John District to participate in this educational program.

For more information on how you can be a part of this Program and/or become a mentor for one of the participants, you can contact Jacqueline Freeman, Weed and Seed Program Manager for the St. Thomas/St. John District at 340-344-4516 or 340-776-1525.

The project is supported by a grant from the Law Enforcement Planning Commission, awarded by the U.S. Department of Justice.



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90 Virgin Islands Youth Attended the Annual Weed and Seed Camp

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Letters to Tradewinds

Legalize and Control Use of Pot in U.S. Virgin Islands

Legalize and control the use of pot in the VI?

This is an extremely important issue and deserves a lot more attention. We spend billions on dollars on the War on Drugs.

We send hundreds of thousands of people to for-profit jails because of The War on Drugs. Big Pharma produces drugs that are far more dangerous than any illegal organic drugs and there is very little control on the amount of drugs that they produce or the distribution system of their products.

Tobacco kills about a half a million people each year and there is very little control on the amount manufactured or the distribution of the drug. Alcohol kills more people each year than all illegal drugs combined and is legal and very loosely regulated.

It is time that we stopped the War on Drugs; time we stopped spending billions on sending drug users to jail and begin to spend the money on education, addiction relief and prevention.

We cannot continue to let Big Pharma produce mass quantities of addictive drugs with no control of their distribution. We cannot continue to use the sloppy control of their distribution by Doctors and medical facilities and we cannot continue to put drug users in jail.

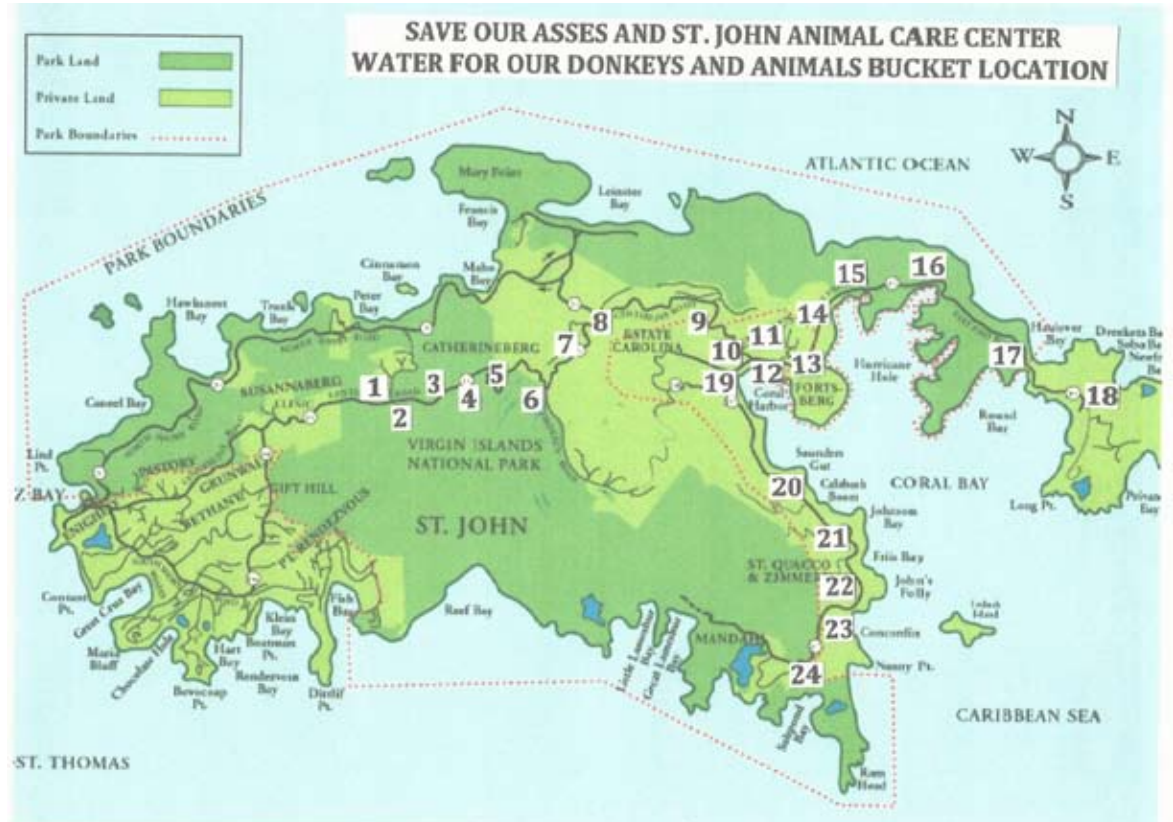
Rush the Mouth lost a great opportunity to be a hero when he swept his drug addiction and his method of getting drugs under the table. He could have done a great service to his country if he had admitted his addiction and publicized the names of doctors and pharmacies that were providing him with drugs.

This is a very serious problem and we need to begin to address it. It is all about the race for money and power, those with the money have the power. We Americans need to begin to stop allowing greed to control our well being.

Greg Miller
St. John, VI

Crossword Answers (Puzzle located on Page 20)

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3. Cinnamon Bay Trail/Pull Out on South Side
4. Pole Junction (Telephone Storage Area)/ Pull Out on South Side
5. Reef Bay/Across from Trailhead/Pull out on North Side
6. Bordeaux Route 108/ Next to Mail Boxes
7. Lower Bordeaux Route 10/ Pull Out on the South Side
8. Colombo's Smoothie Café/Pull Out on the South Side
9. Coral Bay Overlook/Pull Out on the South Side
10. Coral Bay Intersection/Route 10 and Route 107
11. Indigo Grill/Route 10
12. Skinny Legs/Route 10/ Pull Out on North Side of Skinny's
13. Dana's Carolina Corral/Pull Out by Fortsberg Road
14. Estate Zootenval/Pull Out on South Side
15. Brown Bay Trail/Pull Out on North Side
16. East End Lookout to Tortola/Pull Out on North Side
17. Kayak Parking on East End Road
18. End of Route 10/Across from Beach House at Privateer
19. Route 107/Pickles or the Old Domino Station Pull Out
20. Route 107/Pull Out Across from Calabash Boom
21. Route 107/Miss Lucy's/ Pull Out in Front of Miss Lucy's
22. John's Folly/Pull Out on the West Side
23. Concordia Sign/Pull Out in front of Sign
24. Salt Pond/Near Parking Area

Save Our Asses Reaches Out To Community

Having spent many years living in the warm climate of St. John I recently asked myself "How many times have you heard the words I NEED A DRINK? I am sure your reply would be "quite often" and, with various interpretations. The important part of this statement though is the critical need for all of us to REHYDRATE, especially now.

St. John is experiencing warm temperatures and a SIGNIFICANT DROUGHT that makes REHYDRATING even more important for ALL LIVING CREATURES of St. John. REHYDRATING pertains not only to our families, our PETS and our plants that are in our immediate surroundings, but just as importantly to the ANIMALS OF ST. JOHN.

We are no longer in a casual CLIMATIC MOMENT we are in a critical time when it comes to helping our island's four-footed residents. SAVE OUR ASSES is a movement to help the Donkeys here on St. John and over the past several months SAVE OUR ASSES and the ACC have established buckets throughout the island and in particular on Centerline Road, to provide our animals with food and water. They are marked SOA and on the side of the roads where it is easy to pull over, bring a gallon or two of water and stop to give our Donkeys, and others, "A DRINK".

SOA and the ACC are reaching out to you today to

help REHYDRATE OUR ANIMALS. We are in the process of setting out additional numbered watering buckets and would like your help.

These buckets will be numbered and there will be a SIGN UP AT BOTH CONNECTIONS offices so that residents traveling throughout the island can locate, designate, and really commit to which bucket they will be refilling and bring a gallon or few on their journey to and from each end of the island. We want all of our committed residents, and visiting friends to be sure to stop and GIVE OUR ANIMALS A DRINK.

OUR SIGN UP SHEET and a MAP showing the location of the numbered buckets will be at Connections in the next few weeks. PLEASE VOLUNTEER FOR THIS MOST IMPORTANT EFFORT. We will be sending out a reminder to all so take a moment to sign up and talk to FRIENDS AND VISITORS who are welcome to join our efforts. ALL VOLUNTEERS ASSISTING IN THIS WORTHY NEED ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED so, Let's raise our jugs to "GIVE A DRINK" to the animals of St. John!

**Save Our Asses
St. John Animal Care Center**

NOTE: As a reminder, when approaching all animals, PLEASE USE CAUTION.

Letters to *St. John Tradewinds*

Homeowners Urged To Insure Solar Systems

Caribbean Solar Company recommends that you contact your insurance company to discuss including your solar energy system in your property insurance coverage. Your investment is not necessarily automatically covered by your policy. Please be proactive to make sure your investment is protected.

This time of year, the obvious threat to your property is a hurricane. However, forest fires are a distinct possibility due to the widespread drought. We encourage you to contact your insurance representative to be certain that your property has adequate coverage.

For those of you who do not know, we also op-

erate another business called Caribbean Claims. This company is a Public Adjusting firm that specializes in assisting you, the property owner, in the event of a property loss. We are licensed in the USVI to work with your insurance company on your behalf. We help you navigate the complicated claims process and ensure that you receive a fair settlement from your insurance provider.

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Maya Matthews-Sterling
Caribbean Solar Company/Caribbean Claims

Tennis Fundraiser for V.I. Tennis Association Supports Travel of Four USVI Tournament Representatives

My son Noah Gessner had a fundraiser on August 8 at the public tennis courts for an upcoming tennis tournament in Curacao for the Virgin Islands Tennis Assoc. He and three other children were chosen to represent the Virgin Islands as 12 and under team. This is the thank you to those people who gave a donation for Noah and the other three children.

Noah and the Gessner family would like to thank family, friends and St. John community for there donation, support and well wishes for his upcoming tournament in Curacao August 23-29.

We were able to raise \$1,505.00 for the travel and tournament expenses for Noah and the other three children representing the Virgin Islands Tennis Association.

Thank you for all your help and support as Noah will be representing you and the V.I. community with not only his tennis but his sportsmanship, character and overall Love City Attitude of Positive Is How I Live.

The people below were kind enough to help Noah with a monetary donation, but many have given him their love and moral support who are not listed, many thanks to them as well!

Thanks to...
Miles Stair
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Jan & Rick Lindau
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Eric Gessner,
Director of Tennis
Caneel Bay Resort

Real Trash Talk

For over three years, several of us have diligently cleaned and maintained the Pine Peace dumpsters. In an effort to improve the surroundings, we have decided to make some needed changes.

These improvements can only have long-lasting effect if we all adhere to the rules of only dumping household garbage. Unless Waste Management designates a bulk pick up, items like refrigerators, stoves, tires, TVs, and such should be taken directly to the Susannaberg Dump.

It pains me to say this but there are some people on St. John that don't care about themselves, others

and our beautiful island. They would see good people cleaning up and still litter in that very spot.

To those folks who deposited the refrigerator full of food and tires – shame on you. That created a health hazard and showed how lazy you are.

We have to inform folks that it is unacceptable. St. John is too beautiful to let a small number of people trash it.

Speak up and speak out.
Take pride in where we live.

Emmanuel Prince

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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.

August 20 until September 10

— Lieutenant Governor Osbert E. Potter advises the public that the St. John Passport Acceptance Office will be closed from August 20 until September 10. The St. John Passport Office will resume normal business hours 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Thursday beginning on September 17.

Tuesday, August 25

— The National Park Service is turning 99 years old on August 25 and Virgin Islands National Park wants to give visitors a present! The usual fee at Trunk Bay of \$4 per adult will be waived for all visitors on August 25. Come to the park and swim, snorkel or just relax on the beach.

Saturday, August 29

— The St. John Bike Rodeo 2015 presented to the children of St. John by the St. John Community Integration Team (CIT) will be Saturday, August 29, at the Julius E. Sprauve Elementary School Winston Wells Ball Field, from 9-11 a.m.

Sunday, September 6

— Grab your bike, lace up those running shoes and start training for the 16th Annual Love City Triathlon on Sunday, September 6 at 7 a.m.

Monday, September 7

— The annual Labor Day Parade Celebrations are scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. with the parade, from the Cocoloba Complex to the Moravian Church Field. Musical entertainment with a live deejay and the Ah We Band starts at 1 p.m.

Monday, September 14

— St. John Singers Rehearsals begin Monday, September 14, 6:30 p.m. at the Nazareth Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cruz Bay.

Saturday, October 24

— SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, October 24 for The Animal Care Center of St. John Annual "No Fleas Please" Flea Market Sale at Winston-Wells Ball Field from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This annual event is a major ACC Fundraiser..with emphasis on FUN!

January 29-30, 2016

— "Broadway Comes to St. John" 2016 has been scheduled for Friday, January 29 and Saturday, January 30!

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

Narcotics Anonymous has open meetings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. every Saturday at St. Ursula's Church.

AL-ANON MEETINGS

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

Guest Opinion

Same Sex Marriage in the US Virgin Islands

Whereas in the recent weeks, the US Supreme Court majority decision in Obergefell vs. Hodges states that same sex couples right to marry is guaranteed under the Fourteenth Amendment's equal protection clause and also the Due Process Clause. One Voice VI remains committed to a higher clause, which is the Word of God! How far have we as a nation fallen when we believe that we have the authority to redefine what God has established since the beginning of time? God's word is true, yet we also live in a world that often refuses to hear it.

Our territory is not a state, yet the legal community tells me that the ruling applies to us also. By the way, we have discussed this matter with three separate very notable lawyers. According to the Revised Organic Act as amended, the US Virgin Islands are classified as an "unincorporated territory; an appurtenant." We do not know the full implication of this designation at this time; but we do believe that just as other US territories, we too can only make the ruling apply through proper local legislation. We do know that while we are taxed, we cannot vote for the President. Our sons and daughters serve in the military and die for our country yet we do not have the national health care (via The Affordable Care Act) here in the territory. Some of the situations exist because we are an "unincorporated territory" and others because of choices made by our elected leaders.

Suffice to say, our Governor has issued an executive order to force the territory to come in line with the US Supreme Court's ruling thereby joining with the court to force its will upon the people and not uphold the will of the people! Notwithstanding, there is a legal dilemma that exists! May we quote the Revised Organic Act. "This section provides that the governor of the Virgin Islands may not issue executive orders that conflict with existing legislation. Bell v. Luis, D.C.V.I. 1982, 18 V.I. 633." The V.I. Code @ Title 16 V.I.C. subsection 31 describes marriage as a 'civil union between a man and a woman'! Virgin Islanders that means in order to make this move legal, the V.I. Legislature must get involved! This means that we the voters must make our desire known! Please answer this question. How can the Northern Marianas, and American Samoa say no and we can't?

The framers of the Constitution never meant for the Fourteenth Amendment to include gay and lesbian marriages. Please consider this excerpt from a 1986

U.S. Supreme Court ruling in Bowers vs Hardwick "*(a) The Constitution does not confer a fundamental right upon homosexuals to engage in sodomy. None of the fundamental rights announced in this Court's prior cases involving family relationships, marriage, or procreation bear any resemblance to the right asserted in this case. And any claim that those cases stand for the proposition that any kind of private sexual conduct between consenting adults is constitutionally insulated from state proscription is unsupported.* Pp. 478 U. S. 190-191..."

(c) There should be great resistance to expand the reach of the Due Process Clauses to cover new fundamental rights. Otherwise, the Judiciary necessarily would take upon itself further authority to govern the country without constitutional authority. The claimed right in this case falls far short of overcoming this resistance. Pp. 478 U. S. 194-195." The sentiment of the court is now reversed. We were warned in 1986 and our elected officials have been deceived!

All of the moral laws in the Constitution and local codes throughout the country extract their principles from God's Word. Please listen to this truth: "...For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful..." Romans 1:26-27 Even God's Word says IT IS AGAINST NATURE! It is against the natural order of things! Pandora's box has been opened. The nation is being forced to accept an immoral act of perversion as "love" and to legalize it. What's next? It's now my right to have more than one wife. A lawsuit has already been filed. A Judge excused himself from marrying a same sex couple because of his faith and now is facing a lawsuit and the possibility of being removed from the bench! It's just the beginning!

Now let us be reminded that One Voice VI hates no one! Homosexuality and lesbianism is sin just as fornication, adultery, lying, stealing, and unforgiveness. No sin is exempt from scrutiny! God's forgiveness is available to all who will repent, receive Jesus the Christ as Lord, and be baptized. Healing and deliverance is yours if you accept it! God loves you and so do we!

Apostle Alger B. Warren
President
ONEVOICE VI

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

NEXT OP-ED DEADLINE:
THURSDAY, SEPT. 3RD

Guest Opinion

The Need for a Public High School on St. John

There is somewhat of a running joke among students at my school, Ivanna Eudora Kean High School in Red Hook, St. Thomas.

My classmates often jest that the St. John students share boat tickets. Though they mean no harm by it, the message behind the joke is quite serious; after some time in the school year has passed, the attendance of St. John students gets very spotty.

This irregular attendance is a direct result of the biggest issue public high school students face on St. John: the commute.

The commute to school is both mentally and physically exhausting. It limits the activities you want to partake in after school, it affects the various schedules you make for yourself, and studies have been conducted that prove connections between health issues and long commutes.

As a Coral Bay resident, my mornings begin at 5 a.m. From there, I ride on a bus to Cruz Bay at 6 a.m., catch the ferry at 7 a.m., and then walk from the ferry dock to school. On average, my daily commute to school takes more than an hour each way, that's more than two hours of my day being spent commuting.

Those two hours are an important factor that students like myself must consider before joining any afterschool programs. Without focusing too much on the lack of programs for St. John high school students in general, the majority of programs that have been made available to high school students are located on St. Thomas. Many St. John public high school students are unable to partake in certain clubs and programs because of the commute.

For example, I wanted to be a participant of the annual Debutante Ball. The program included various workshops in self-respect and etiquette, and culminated in a grand ball. I was unable to take part in it because the practices were located at Adelitta Cancryn Junior High School. I would have had to add the time it takes to get to and from Cancryn to my already

extensive commute.

Other students are unable to engage in tutoring services because of how late they would arrive home afterwards.

The commute interferes with your schedule. Nearly every task you have to do that takes time or should occur at a certain time is affected by the commute. This includes homework and study schedules, eating schedules and the most important schedule to teenagers, sleeping schedules. One might argue that the simple solution is to go to sleep earlier. For some, this is not an option.

One of my close friends works from 4:30 in the afternoon until 10 at night. She lives further into Coral Bay than I do, so she gets home around 11 p.m. on the days that she works. She cannot go to bed any earlier even if she wanted to.

Another friend wakes up so early that she ends up skipping breakfast. The extra stress of commuting affects how often she eats. An irregular eating schedule can lead to unhealthy weight loss and gain.

This segues directly into my next point: health issues.

Reverting to a point established earlier, the commute adds extra stress on the body. Excessive stress has been associated with a host of negative health effects. According to both the American Journal of Preventative Medicine and the Office for National Statistics (United Kingdom), higher rates of blood sugar, cholesterol, depression, anxiety and feelings of dysphoria has been found among people who have long commutes to and from work – a long yearly commute being considered as more than 204 hours per year.

Those findings are from studies conducted on grown adults. Just imagine what is happening to the still-developing bodies of teenagers.

The yearly commute of a Cruz Bay student is around 133 hours a year, and for Coral Bay students it is 400 hours per year; around twice the amount of the average working adult in the United States and the

United Kingdom!

One might suggest that students switch to Giffit Hill School. Although Giffit Hill School is a distinguished school where many excel, it is a private school. The most obvious issue is tuition, but some students are simply unable to perform under the private

school system. Some parents feel that their children may miss out on certain opportunities by being enrolled in a private school.

In conclusion, this argument is not new. It seems to ebb and flow with each new transition in administration.

With the closing of the Guy

H. Benjamin School, St. John is gradually losing its educational independence.

The people of St. John must come together to ensure that the issue is not dropped for the umpteenth time.

Raven Phillips
St. John, VI

Pollution

Solutions

Recycle items to keep them out of the landfill and our environment!

Practice recycling by:

- **Dropping aluminum cans in the collection boxes at the waste bin sites**
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- **Dropping old cell phones at AT&T stores**
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Bible Class on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. 777-6306

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

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



Children and parents crowded donated space at The Marketplace which allowed them to browse through the hundreds of new books made available to St. John students during the summer break by St. John Rotary.

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Photo by Raven Phillips

Children Receive Books at Book Extravaganza

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"Julius E. Sprauve School, Giff Hill School, and the John's Folly Learning Institute to name a few" Alice Krall explained.

"We were very successful in getting the word out about this event. We even had a few parents come from St. Thomas to pick out books" said Alecia Wells.

"This was a true gift to the community," one parent said, expressing her gratitude for the event. "It is important to instill a love of reading in children, especially in this day and age where children would rather spend more time with a tablet in their hand than a book."

Plans for a sequel to the Book

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Extravaganza have been discussed by the Rotary Club, according to President Wells.

"I would like to give out even more books and get more kids reading," said Wells. "We may even be able to offer kid-friendly activities like face painting."

The St. John Rotary Club extended a hearty thank you to all the people who made the event pos-

sible.

"Thank you to Debbie Marsh for giving us the space to use, Starfish Market for providing snacks, all the volunteers who spent hours unpacking books, Alice Krall for bringing the initiative to the Rotary Club, Better World Books for their wonderful donation, and to the community for their interest in reading" said Alecia Wells.

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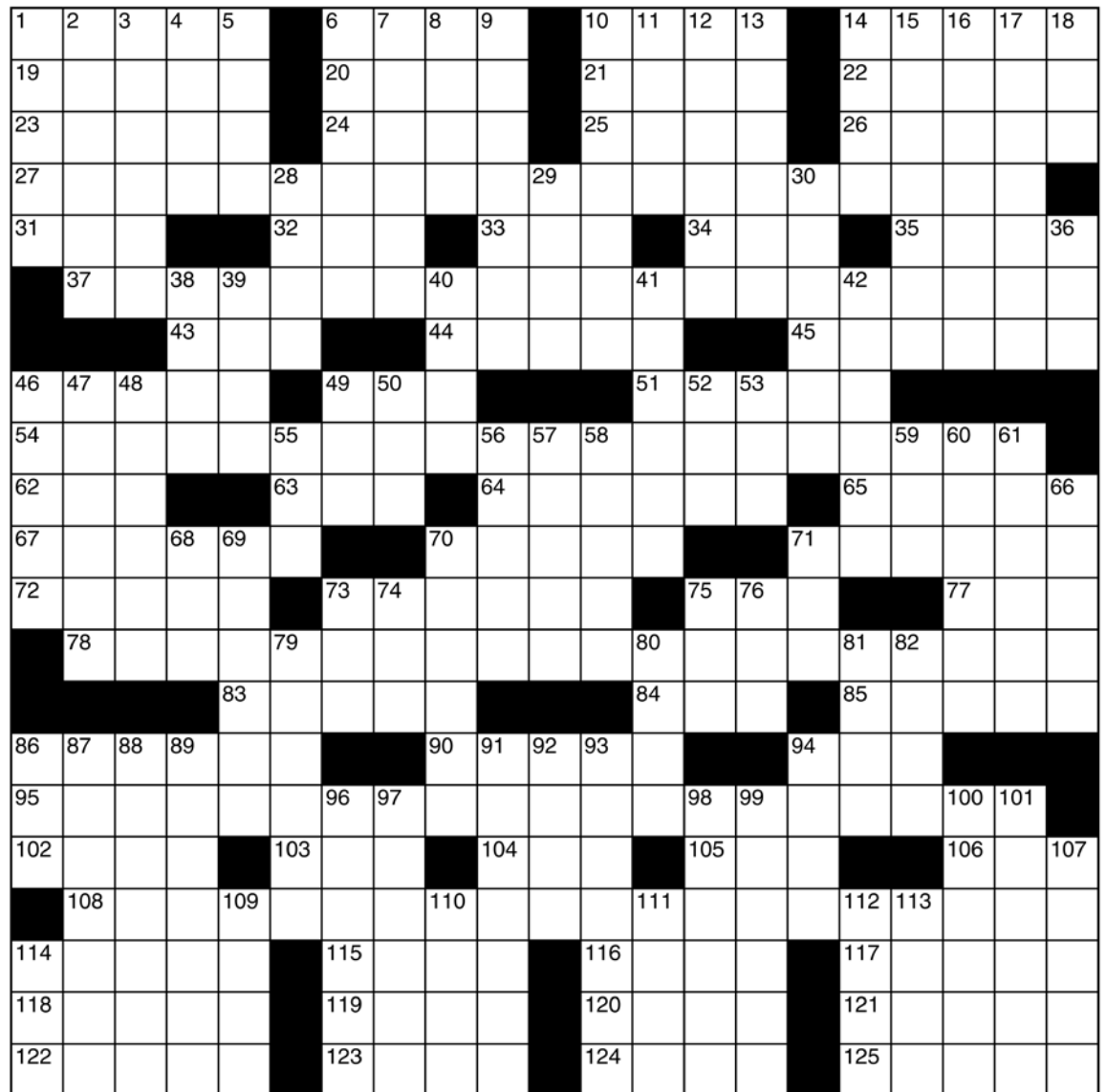
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By Frank A. Longo



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ACROSS

- 1 See 19-Across
- 6 Bird refuge
- 10 Girl, to Scots
- 14 Tree thicket
- 19 With 1-Across, spring prank victims
- 20 Difficult duty
- 21 Jai —
- 22 Not inclined
- 23 Papal topper
- 24 Long hike
- 25 Crooner Crosby
- 26 Tomb artifact, e.g.
- 27 Failure to keep developing a villain's character?
- 31 Summer zodiac sign
- 32 On an ad — basis
- 33 "Sprechen — Deutsch?"
- 34 Decade count
- 35 "I — care"
- 37 Person forging duel weapons for a big film studio?
- 43 Trailer-park parkers, for short
- 44 "— deal?" ("Are we on?")
- 45 Nun's string of beads
- 46 Lederer who was better known as Ann Landers
- 49 Poke (out)
- 51 Nomadic sort
- 54 Head demons licensed to market products?
- 62 Article south of the border
- 63 It increases on a

- birthday
- 64 Single-file
- 65 Somewhat, informally
- 67 Alternative to a Cert or a Tic Tac
- 70 Hamburger unit
- 71 More gutsy?
- 72 "— is human"
- 73 Estevez of the screen
- 75 Letter #26
- 77 Gobble down
- 78 Newly coined synonyms for depression?
- 83 — buddy (close friend)
- 84 Dad's mate
- 85 Anxious
- 86 Volcanic peak in N. Oregon
- 90 Limerick's rhyme pattern
- 94 Cedar's kin
- 95 Providing refuge for people who use bleach?
- 102 Granola bit
- 103 Adore, cutely
- 104 Hosp. test
- 105 Exist
- 106 Go quickly
- 108 Babies seen moving wavily in prenatal scans?
- 114 Shaw of jazz
- 115 Rear, as legs
- 116 Film director Ephron
- 117 Puts freight on
- 118 Very best performance
- 119 Met melody
- 120 A part of
- 121 Action scene
- 122 Fight off
- 123 Nastassja Kinski film
- 124 Camp sight

125 Cheeky

DOWN

- 1 Lethal
- 2 Shared views
- 3 Speaking pro
- 4 Old Italian coin
- 5 Mill refuse
- 6 Later
- 7 Tenor Caruso
- 8 Files a case against
- 9 Gives a double cluck of reproach
- 10 Diagnostic procedure
- 11 Et —
- 12 Wooed with a melody
- 13 Contract inker, e.g.
- 14 Rudely terse
- 15 New York tribe
- 16 LummoX
- 17 Device used in Twister
- 18 End-of-list abbr.
- 28 Units of resistance
- 29 "Oh yes, Juan!"
- 30 Russia's Gromyko
- 36 Go for it
- 38 "— go brag!"
- 39 With, to Yves
- 40 Act of liturgy
- 41 Battle shout
- 42 To a greater extent
- 46 Key above D
- 47 Literary intro
- 48 Pale shade
- 49 Sprightly dance
- 50 Consume
- 52 "Looky here!"
- 53 Ex-combat GIs' gp.
- 55 Possessed
- 56 Watch faces
- 57 "Nay" voters
- 58 Betray by blabbing
- 59 And not
- 60 Most arid
- 61 Cooks, as some clams
- 66 Dilettantish
- 68 Gold, to Juan
- 69 1950 Asimov classic
- 70 "Simple Simon met a — ..."
- 71 Prefix with caching
- 73 Frozen water, to Wilhelm
- 74 L followers
- 75 Beastly site?
- 76 Elegant tree
- 79 First Ford car
- 80 Online 'zine
- 81 Increase
- 82 Apropos of
- 86 Eds.' piles
- 87 See 94-Down
- 88 Lift in the back of a shoe
- 89 Quaint
- 91 Task lists
- 92 Ran in the wash
- 93 Baseballer Randy Johnson's nickname, with "the"
- 94 With 87-Down, get a strong desire
- 96 Charge to attack
- 97 Côte d'—
- 98 Strong-force particle
- 99 AWOL pupil
- 100 Greek island
- 101 Vampy types
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Items Needed

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, October 24 for The Animal Care Center of St. John Annual "No Fleas Please" Flea Market Sale at Winston-Wells Ball Field from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

NEW THIS YEAR: EARLY BIRD SPECIAL... donate \$20 to the ACC and shop before the public sale from 9am until 10am

HOW YOU CAN HELP: Drop off your GENTLY used household items at the ACC shelter located near the library. Call the ACC with questions at 774-1624. There is someone on the island that can make good use of the items you no longer need! Such as:

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No Decision, No Action or No Competition for Major Concessions in V.I. National Park?

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national parks," Superintendent FitzGerald said at the time. "This long awaited prospectus will lead to issuance of a new concessions contract in 2016 that will offer the much anticipated improvements in visitor facilities and services at Cinnamon and Trunk Bay."

Within Virgin Islands National Park, the concessioner will manage hospitality operations on one of the most picturesque beaches in the world, FitzGerald acknowledged.

Half-Million Visitors

The business opportunity provides interested parties a range of hospitality services in this well-known national park and has the potential to touch the lives of over half a million recreational visitors on an annual basis, FitzGerald added.

The operations include overnight experiences on the world famous Cinnamon Bay Beach either at the "charming and rustic cottages" or in pre-set up eco tents. The cottages would be rebuilt on their original footprints and the existing tent sites would be converted to more modern eco-tent structures under the proposed new concession contract.

As part of the business opportunity, the Concessioner will also provide food, beverage and retail services at Trunk Bay where the beach and underwater snorkeling trail provide a breathtaking National Park experience for thousands visiting St. John, according to the NPS prospectus.

No Apparent Competition

While there were reports that a competitive bid might have been forthcoming from the mysterious Love City hospitality industry juggernaut that includes the burgeoning Mr. Piper's Jeeps, there was no indication of any serious competition to CBI Inc. retaining the contact.

All offers must have been received by the NPS Thursday, July 30, to be evaluated, according to an NPS release. A prospec-

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— one repeat visitor wrote *St. John Tradewinds*

tus described the business opportunity and included the terms and conditions under which the NPS would award the concession contract. The Service lead a site visit on Wednesday, May 6, which was attended by about a dozen people.

Tradewinds Readers Want To Know

St. John Tradewinds readers are waiting for information before making plans:

"I've stayed a couple of times at Cinnamon Bay Campgrounds, and it is amazingly gorgeous," one repeat visitor wrote *St. John Tradewinds*. "However, I've noticed that the facility is not being as well-cared for as it used to be."

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

"I'm just wondering how that might affect my group which is beginning to plan a February 2016 visit," Ouellette wrote. "Will there be significant upgrades by then?"

"We just want to make sure that the facilities will be clean (emphasis on showers and bathrooms) and the restaurant offering good service and a better variety of food," the visitor wrote.

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