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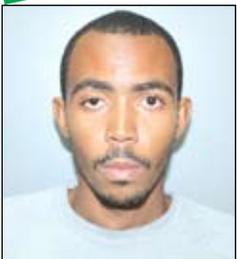
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Court Finds Probable Cause Against Ralph Titre Jr. for First Degree Murder

Judge Hollar Refuses To Reduce \$500,000 Cash Bail

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Estate Hard Labor resident Ralph Titre Jr. faces charges of first degree murder for the shooting death of Tiny Jah Jarvis, 31, in Bellevue Village on August 17.

Titre, 23, is charged with shooting Jarvis several times around 9 p.m. on August 17. The Estate Hard Labor resident turned himself in to VIPD custody about 12 hours later on Saturday morning, August 18.

Titre faces life in prison if convicted of first degree murder. He was advised of his rights before V.I. Superior Court Judge Brenda Hollar on Monday, August 20, according to a report in the *V.I. Daily News*.

During the hearing, Hollar refused to reduce Titre's \$500,000 cash-only bail to 10 or 20 percent, as requested by Defense Attorney Simone Van Holtten-Turnbull, according to the report.

The August 20 advice of rights hearing did not include testimony since the court had previously found probable cause to uphold the charges of first degree murder, second degree murder, first degree



Ralph Titre Jr.

assault, possession of a firearm during the commission of a crime of violence and reckless endangerment against Titre.

An affidavit written by VIPD Detective Mark Thomas on Saturday, August 18, the day after the shooting, detailed two witnesses who described seeing Titre fire a small handgun at Jarvis' head, according to the report in the *V.I. Daily News*.

The two witnesses, one of whom had relations with both the deceased and the accused, were at a Bellevue Village home when first Jarvis and then Titre arrived, according to the report.

The witness who had been intimate with both Jarvis and Titre approached Titre and tried to get him to leave the area, according to the report in the *V.I. Daily News*.

Instead of leaving, Titre and Jarvis got into an altercation during which Jarvis told Titre to "then shoot me," according to the report.

Titre pulled out a small handgun and fired a shot into the ground, according to the report.

The second witness said Jarvis tried to return to his vehicle when Titre fired two more shots at Jarvis' head, according to the *V.I. Daily News* report.

Witnesses described seeing "the blood squirting" from Jarvis' head, as quoted in the *V.I. Daily News*.

According to the VIPD affidavit, Titre did not have authorization to carry a legal firearm, the report added.

During the investigation, VIPD officials confiscated a firearm — a Davis Industries 380 pistol, according to the *V.I. Daily News* report — which will be tested to determine if it was used in this shooting, according to information from VIPD.

Industrial Hemp Initiative Will Appear on November Ballot

The 29th Legislature of the United States Virgin Islands recently unanimously voted (Senator at Large Craig Barshinger absent) to give the people their voice regarding Industrial Hemp on the ballot in November 2012.

The measure, US Virgin Islands Bill 29-0350, sponsored by Senator Terrence "Positive" Nelson, places the following question on the November 2012 ballot:

"Are you in favor of promoting the production, processing, manufacture and distribution of industrial hemp in the Virgin Islands?"

It is important that the public be given the opportunity to participate in educational forums prior to November. USVI NORML will be instrumental in working with Senator Nelson's office to provide sessions for discussion and education on industrial hemp.

Register to vote. Encourage others to register to vote. Become educated on the benefits of hemp. Attend sessions as offered, and bring questions and concerns. Come out on November 6, and voice those opinions.

Dial-a-Ride Tea Party September 9

St. John Community Foundation officials are celebrating the St. John Dial-a-Ride program's 20th Anniversary with a Tea Party on Grandparent's Day, Sunday, September 9, at St. Ursula's Multipurpose Center from 12 to 3 p.m.

Everyone is encouraged to bring their special Grandparent for an afternoon of fun and refreshments, or just come and help honor island elders.

September 16 Is Friends and Family Sunday at Bethany Moravian Church

Bethany Moravian Church invites the community to support its favorite sports team at a Friends and Family Sunday on September 16, with Sunday school beginning at 9 a.m. and service at 10 a.m.

Members and their guests are invited to worship wearing their favorite sport jersey or T-shirt. Back to school giveaways are available while supplies last. For more information call 626-6279.

Volunteers Needed for Project Homeless Connect on October 26

The Department of Human Services, in partnership with the United Way of St. Thomas/St. John, will host Project Homeless Connect 2012 on Friday, October 26, on St. John.

Volunteers are needed for escorts, guides, greeters and wait staff. Training will begin on Tuesday, September 25, at the DHS Sugar Estate Head Start conference room at 10 a.m. for the first session and 11:30 a.m. for the second session.

Service providers are invited to a training session on Thursday, October 4, at the SBDC conference room in Nisky Center at 12 p.m.

Be a part of the solution to homelessness in the Virgin Islands and volunteer for the 2012 Project Homeless Connect. For more information contact the United Way of STT/STJ at 774-3185.

ACC Flea Market Set for October 20

The Animal Care Center's annual flea market, "No Fleas, Please," will be on Saturday, October 20, at the Winston Wells ball field. ACC Board member Jason Corley is the point-of-contact for the event. Corley can be reached at jrcorley5@gmail.com.

First Day of Public School Set for Tuesday, September 4

Parents and guardians are reminded that the opening day for public schools in the territory is officially Tuesday, September 4.

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ELECTION SEASON IS HERE:

Primary Is September 8; General Election Is November 3

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Election season is just around the corner. The Democratic and Republican Primary Election is Saturday, September 8, the outcome of which will determine who will continue on to face candidates from the Independent Citizens Movement as well as those with no party affiliation.

Running for Senator at Large on the Democratic Ticket are Senator Craig Barshinger, Andrew Rutnik, Iris Kern and Ronnie Jones. Republicans running for Senator at Large are Orial Webb and Jodi Hodge.

Congresswoman Donna Christensen will face off against Stacey Plaskett on the Democratic ticket for Delegate to Congress while Republicans Holland Redfield II and Vincent

Danet will vie for their party's nomination.

In the St. Thomas/St. John District, Democrats Justin Harrigan, Christina Lee, Matthew Hodge, Luis Morales, Claudette Georges, Moses Carty, Sean Magras, Clarence Payne, Shawn-Michael Malone, Franke Hoheb, Stedmann Hodge Jr., Janette Millin Young, Patrick Simeon Sprauve, Gregory Miller, Myron Jackson, Donald Cole, Rise Smith-Richards, Jean Forde, Gilmore Estrill and Clifford Graham are vying for the chance to go on to the V.I. General Election on November 6.

Democratic Party candidates for the St. Thomas/St. John Board of Elections Lucien Moolenaar II, Edwardo Carmona, Yvonne Freeman, Arturo Watlington Jr., and Russell Williams will face off for their party's

nomination.

Residents must register by October 3 in order to be able to vote in the November 3 General Election. Absentee ballots must be requested from the V.I. Election System by October 19. Those ballots must be post-marked by November 3 and received no later than November 16.

It is too late for residents to register for the Primary Election at this time.

The V.I. Election System website, www.vivote.gov, is off-line. The site says the account is delinquent and requests officials to contact the webmaster to pay overdue invoices.

Residents can find out more information about absentee ballots at <http://www.fvap.gov/FWAB/fwab-vi.html>.

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No Word on Investigation into DPNR Enforcement Officers' Action

DPNR Commissioner Alicia Barnes Defends Cutting of Legal Mooring

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Government officials offered no information last week about an on-going investigation into Department of Planning and Natural Resources' Division of Environmental Enforcement officers action in Coral Bay on July 25 and 26.

DPNR Environmental Enforcement officers reportedly harassed Coral Bay residents both on land and ashore on July 25, in what was billed as enforcement action, by Director Roberto Tapia. When residents complained about the officers' actions at a July 26 meeting with DPNR officials, Tapia laughed off the allegations, claiming his officers did nothing wrong.

Photographs and video footage of the incidents, however, paint a vastly different picture. Several photographs show a DPNR Environmental Enforcement officer standing on the Coral Bay dinghy dock with what appears to be a semi-automatic shotgun clearly out of its holder and pointed straight ahead.

A widely-circulated video taken just ashore of the dinghy dock, shows the officer scratching his neck with the barrel of the shot-

gun.

Several business owners in the area claimed harassment by the DPNR enforcement officers and residents watched as the officers cut a legal mooring line, causing more than \$300 worth of damage while a large motor vessel which has been hard on the rocks of the shoreline for months, did not get tagged for noncompliance.

While refusing to address the issue at the July 26 meeting detailing DPNR's plans to increase mooring, anchoring and vessel registration fees by up to 600 percent, Commissioner Alicia Barnes assured residents that her department would take a serious look at the allegations.

DPNR issued a press release on July 27 announcing that the department, with help from the V.I. Attorney General's office, was launching an internal investigation into the incident.

Since that time, DPNR officials — citing the on-going nature of the investigation — have declined to comment.

"The investigation is still on-going and it has been sent to the Attorney General's office and we are waiting from word from them," said DPNR spokesperson

Jamal Nielson. "We hope to have more information soon."

Department of Justice officials meanwhile have not returned repeated phone calls from *St. John Tradewinds* requesting information.

DPNR Commissioner Barnes, however, did respond to the Coral Bay boater whose legally registered mooring line was cut by DPNR enforcement officers on July 25. The boat owner's vessel was not on the mooring at the time, yet was paid for and perfectly legal, he explained.

"My mooring is a legal mooring, up to date, and the DPNR has in their file two photographs of my boat on the mooring and a photograph of the GPS with the exact location of the mooring," the boater wrote in an email to Barnes. "The mooring was just inspected by divers in July and found in excellent condition. The cost to rebuild the mooring will be \$320.75."

Barnes did not respond until the boat owner, who asked to not be named, sent three emails to the commissioner. When she did reply, Barnes told the boat owner that registration numbers must be on the mooring ball itself, not just on the vessel.

"It is unfortunate to learn of the extra expenses that you had to incur due to your non-compliance," Barnes wrote to the boat owner.

Citing "USVI Rules and Regulations for Mooring and Anchoring Vessels," Barnes informed

the boater that he was required to clearly mark the mooring buoy with the vessel's number or name.

Barnes likened the buoy requirement to having a car registration sticker clearly visible.

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2012 RAIN DATA at Trunk Bay

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AUGUST AVERAGE
4.39 Inches

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25.50 Inches

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Two years after being damaged by heavy rainfall, portions of Centerline Road, above, and Fish Bay Road have not been repaired by DPW.

Two Years Later, Still No Repairs To Centerline and Fish Bay Roads

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Two years after severe weather damaged portions of Centerline Road and Fish Bay Road, Department of Public Works officials have not taken any steps to stabilize the major St. John roadways.

In the initial aftermath of the October 2010 road damage, DPW officials placed orange cones and markers on the undermined portions of the road. Now almost two years later, that is still the only action DPW has taken on Centerline Road and Fish Bay Road.

Far from beginning work on the heavily-travelled roads, DPW has still not even compiled a bid for the project, explained the department's Program Manager for Construction Marilyn Holmes.

"Federal Highway Administration has to authorize the project because its being funded from their Emergency Repair Fund," said Holmes. "Federal Highway has to authorize every project that they are going to fund. This project has not gone to Federal Highway yet because we have not gotten a review the from State Historic Preservation Office."

"We haven't gotten all of the preliminary reviews completed yet," said Holmes. "We have to dot all of our 'i's' and cross all of our 't's.'"

While it appears that DPW has done nothing to fix the continually deteriorating roads, the department has in fact done all it can at this stage, according to Holmes.

"We've done all our work in that we've identified the problem, created the plans, drawn up the documents and contracts and laid out the scope and estimate for the project," she said. "A situation can happen and you can rush in and do something, but we can't deal with our federal roads without doing all of

the appropriate processes."

"It has to be designed according to engineering standards and it needs 100 million engineering resolutions," said Holmes. "It seems like, yes, we haven't addressed the situation, but there are technical things and from the design to the process of letting the contract, it's not something that can happen over night."

The timing of the road damage, which occurred in October 2010 following severe rainstorms, also delayed action on the project, Holmes added.

"The government initially responded to the situation as best they could and funding was not received until this year because this is from the Emergency Fund," she said. "We have a program where we identify the project for the next year. This occurred in October which would have been the beginning of that fiscal year."

"So we were not eligible for funding until the next October," Holmes said.

As far as DPW is concerned, the department's St. John road repair project is on track, according to Holmes.

"You need funds in order to develop the project," she said. "So we are on track. Unfortunately two years seems like a long time, but we are in the process and it's coming soon."

DPW officials now expect to have the Centerline Road and Fish Bay Road repairs project out to bid sometime in the next three months, Holmes explained.

"As soon as we have the package completed by all the other agencies that we need to have responses from, we'll send it to Federal Highway for final authorization, and then it will go out to bid," she said. "It will be out to bid in the next three months."

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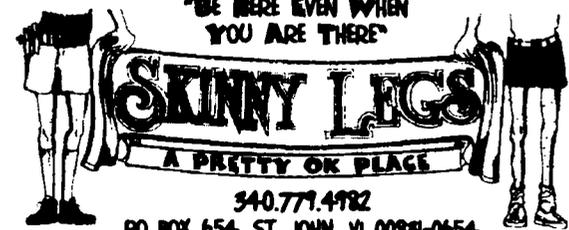
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St. John Administrator Smith Suspended Without Pay for Writing To Judge Gomez

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

After being chastised by District Court Judge Curtis Gomez, St. John Administrator Leona Smith was suspended without pay by Governor John deJongh.

Smith wrote a letter to Gomez on Government House stationary asking for leniency for convicted bank robber Shevaun Browne.

Brown was convicted along with Kadeem Thomas and Keven Fessale of the January 2011 armed robbery of Merchant's Commercial Bank in Estate Chocolate Hole. Browne was described as the ringleader of the operation, who conceived of the plan and drove the get-away care, according to written reports.

During a sentencing hearing on August 6, Gomez made a point to address the letter from Smith as well as a letter written by V.I. Port Authority Chief Wharfinger Elrod Hendricks on behalf of Thomas.

"I really wonder if it is the position of the Virgin Islands government to essentially take a side when a

jury of your peers found that you committed a very horrific crime," Gomez was quoted in a report in the *Virgin Islands Daily News*.

Gomez sentenced Browne to 13 years and nine months in jail, Thomas to 12 years and Fessale, who agreed to a plea deal and testified against the other two defendants, to two years in prison.

Last week, Smith began a month-long suspension from her position without pay.

"The governor has suspended Administrator Leona Smith for 30 days without pay effective Monday, August 27," said Government House spokesperson Jean Greaux. "The suspension was a result of her writing a letter advocating a federal judge show leniency to a convicted bank robber. Smith's appeal to the District Court, written on Government House letterhead, raised questions of propriety from a federal judge."

"The letter gave the false public impression that it had the imprimatur of the administration," said Greaux.

Celebrate Dial-a-Ride Anniversary with Community Foundation on September 9

Special to St. John Tradewinds

A 20th Anniversary Tea Party Celebration for St. John Dial-A-Ride Transportation and Supportive Services will take place on Grandparent's Day, Sunday, September 9, from 12 noon to 2 p.m. at the St. Ursula's Multipurpose Center in Cruz Bay.

The community is invited show appreciation for one of the community's most valuable resources and to thank those who make services to this population possible.

Grandparent's Day was instigated to encourage grandchildren to tap the wisdom and heritage their grandparents could provide. President Jimmy Carter in 1978 proclaimed that National Grandparents Day would be celebrated every year on the first Sunday after Labor Day. September was chosen for the holiday, to signify the "autumn years" of life.

Harry Daniel, Assistant Director of Veteran's Affairs and St. John Community Foundation Board member, thanked United Way and Red Cross for instigating the Health Fair in Cruz Bay Park over 20 years ago that marked the beginning of St. John Dial-A-Ride.

"I remember being grateful for the services that were being of-



Dial-a-Ride's van

could not afford the insurance and maintenance of the vehicle, and the demand for service was becoming more than they could handle.

That's when St. John Community Foundation stepped in to ensure continued services to the elderly and disabled residents on St. John, according to Reverend Worrell.

"St. John Community Foundation rescued the program from pending closure in 1992 and has been successfully providing transportation and supportive services for 20 years now, and that is something to celebrate," said Oswin Sewer, another of the founding board members of the St. John Community Foundation.

Sewer remembers being part of the unanimous vote to bring the program under the umbrella of the St. John Community Foundation.

Alecia Wells, Senior Warden of St. Ursula's Multi-Purpose Center, is proud to have a visionary like Rev. Kortright Worrell as a participant in their daily senior activities program.

"I remember the planning sessions at the Lumberyard, trying to see how we were going to get these services started," said Wells.

"Rev. Worrell, your baby has now

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Second Annual Chaotic Kayak Race Raises \$23,500 for TRR

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Thanks to the huge support from the St. John community, 24 wounded veterans will enjoy a week of health and healing at Cinnamon Bay Campground this November.

A total of 28 three-person kayak teams squared off at Oppenheimer Beach on Sunday, August 26, in the second annual St. John Chaotic Kayak, a fundraiser for Team River Runner.

The event raised \$23,500 for the program, which teaches adaptive kayak skills to wounded veterans. TRR hosts kayak trips across the country, from the Grand Canyon to the Florida Keys. The group has been spending a week on St. John for the past five years and the Love City trip, thanks to fundraisers and support from businesses, is now self-sustaining.

"We are so overwhelmed by the love and support from the St. John community," said John Schuld, TRR national fundraiser. "There were so many people who wanted to be a part of the event. It was certainly epic for sure."

On the heels of last year's event, which



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Charlie Haub, Erivan Haub and Tommy Gibney finish first in their heat during the Chaotick Kayak fundraising event on Sunday, August 26.

raised \$20,000, organizers were hoping for more competitors and a more organized afternoon. They succeeded on both accounts.

"The competition went really smoothly and was faster than last year," said Schuld,

who organized the event along with *Sadie Sea* owner Tom Larson. "Last year we had 16 teams and this year we had 28."

One thing which was the same as last year at the Chaotic Kayak was the outcome, the

team from Arawak Expeditions won again.

The race featured teams of two paddlers, with one person manning a water gun and creating chaos, shoving off from the shore at Oppenheimer, rounding *Sadie Sea* and returning to the beach. Competition was tight, but in the end the professionals from Arawak Expeditions once again beat out all other boats to claim victory and take home the golden paddle.

With parking scarce at Oppenheimer, organizers relied on Celia Kalousek and the St. John Dial-a-Ride vehicle to transport participants from Cruz Bay. Major sponsorship for the event came from Miller High Life, Premier Wines and Spirits and St. John Brewers with Michael Garbo and Skinny Legs supplying food for the day.

Locals on the Eight and the musicians from Ish provided live entertainment for the afternoon while emcee Gary "Sinbad" Cox, who was also celebrating his birthday, kept the crowd in stitches, explained Schuld.

"There are so many people to thank, I can't possibly name them all," he said. "But I have to say that Sinbad did an incredible

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Government Inaction Leaves Cruz Bay Park Barren

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

While touting private and public partnerships, one St. John woman's offer of free services to the V.I. government has fallen on deaf ears.

More than a year after completing renovations to the Frank Powell Park in the heart of Cruz Bay, the area remains largely barren of plants with shrubs found only in a few areas.

One St. John resident, with help from local landscapers eager to offer their services free of charge, is ready to change that, but after months of meetings and exchanging emails, she has not been able to get the go-ahead from government officials.

Nancy "Sas" Nemeth was originally inspired to get involved with Cruz Bay park politics in order to help vendors get permission to sell during St. John Festival, she explained.

"Last year during Festival the park was under construction and they assured us this year the park would be ready and we'd be there," said Nemeth. "We wanted to be in the park, but they shoved us behind the Department of Tourism office and the rest they threw over by Nature's Nook."

Inquiries with St. John Administrator Leona Smith led Nemeth to discussions with Department of Housing, Parks and Recreation officials.

The Frank Powell Park, however, is still under the domain of Department of Public Works, not Parks and Recreation, because renovations are not officially complete, Nemeth discovered.



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Frank Powell Sr. Park in Cruz Bay is in need of more greenery, according to resident Nancy Nemeth.

"I got 200 signatures on a petition to allow vendors in Cruz Bay park which I sent to Governor John deJongh, the Parks and Recreation commissioner and Leona Smith," said Nemeth. "I was informed that Public Works is still in control of the park."

Undeterred, Nemeth met with DPW engineer James Jones Jr. who pleaded for her patience, she explained.

"I went to St. Thomas and visited Mr. James Jones, Jr., an engineer for Public Works who gave me a copy of what the finished park was supposed to look like," Nemeth said. "He said they needed dirt in

order to finish the landscaping. And once the landscaping was done, the park would be transferred to Parks and Recreation."

"He asked me to please be patient and told me that they had to still work on irrigation, landscaping and signage," Nemeth said. "It's a little late to do anything with irrigation at this point; no one is going to rip up the new brick they installed. And the landscaping and signage is what I am trying to get finished for them, for free."

Nemeth decided to focus on helping DPW complete landscaping in Frank Powell Park and to fight for vendors to return to the park

on a regular basis once the area is under the directive of HPR.

"I've talked to landscapers who are all willing to donate their services and even create signs," said Nemeth. "I know I can use a truck and have the dirt delivered. We could take care of the whole project."

When faced with Nemeth's offer of free landscaping services, donated flora and volunteer time, however, DPW officials have not responded.

"I have not heard from anyone and have not been able to get anywhere," she said. "This is not going to cost the government any money or any time. It's a no-brainer."

"I don't even want to use a government truck to transport dirt," said Nemeth. "I know DPW is busy and that Commissioner Daryl Smalls has a lot to do. He has other things to worry about like the road falling down."

With DPW so busy, Nemeth would be more than happy to spearhead a community-led Frank Powell Park landscaping project.

"If he doesn't have the time or energy or money, there are other people willing and able to do this," said Nemeth. "It's just a matter of getting permission; that's all I'm asking for. Let us get things done."

Eventually, Nemeth would like to see vendors selling locally crafted art, jewelry and more in Frank Powell Park on a regular basis, she added.

"Once the landscaping and signage are done, then we could bring back vendors once a week for art in the park," said Nemeth. "It would be nice to have this done by Christmas so we could have vendors for a Christmas fair."

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Friends and Family Celebrate VI Scholars' Graduation Ceremony at Westin Resort

St. John Tradewinds

Thirteen high school students celebrated their graduation from the three-week long Virgin Islands Scholars program on Sunday, August 19, at the Westin Resort and Villas ballroom.

VI Scholars was founded by St. Johnian and recent Stanford University graduate Lincoln Liburd as a way to "identify, develop, and support future Virgin Islands leaders, empowering them to effectuate positive change within their com-

munity," according to the group's mission statement.

Liburd and a group of student-teacher-mentors led the intensive three-week program, which allowed students to engage with a dynamic group of successful guest speakers.

The students also developed three social impact projects; one urging the protection of coral reefs, one advocating basketball as a way to combat youth violence, and the third aimed at bringing en-

ergy efficient opportunities to low income families.

Senator Jeanette Millin-Young was the guest speaker for VI Scholars' graduation ceremony at the Westin, which drew a crowd of family members, friends and well-wishers.

To see additional photos and for more information, check out VI Scholars' Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/VIScholars/photos> or VI Scholars' website at www.vischolars.org.

JESS PTSA Awards Charles with Scholarship

St. John Tradewinds

The Julius E. Sprauve School Parent, Teacher, Student Association awarded the 2012 Clarice Thomas Scholarship to La'Nae Charles, who is attending Marywood University in Scranton, Pennsylvania this fall.

Charles, the daughter of Jean Thomas and Milt Charles, will be studying history and pre-law at the Catholic liberal arts university.

The JESS PTSA awards the Clarice Thomas Scholarship annually to a graduating senior who has attended JESS for at least four years. The winner is chosen based on essays, GPA, and SAT scores.

The monetary amount of the scholarship varies yearly depending on how much the PTSA raises or has available. This year the award was \$3,000.



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La'Nae Charles accepts a scholarship award from JESS PTSA president Alice Krall.



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To The Rescue

by Bob Malacarne, N-R, EMT

Oxygen Generator Coming Soon

St. John Tradewinds

Greetings to all St John residents. After several months hiatus and several requests to resume the articles we are back with more articles about St. John Rescue.

The biggest story is about the oxygen generator that will be ordered for the island of St. John. Currently, if there is a natural or man made disaster, either in the US Virgin Islands or at one of our

stateside supply ports, we may run out of oxygen. You may wonder why this is so.

Where does our oxygen come from? It originates in Miami and is shipped to St. Croix where it con-

verted into a gas. From St. Croix it is shipped to St. Thomas where is it sold to government agencies on St. Thomas and St. John.

You can imagine the possible scenarios that would stop the flow of oxygen to St. John. When we need it the most, as during a major earthquake or hurricane or for a terrorist attack anywhere between here and Miami, we will have a very limited supply. If our ports are closed, as they are in inclement weather, we cannot access our oxygen supply on St. Thomas.

The addition of an oxygen generator on St. John will guarantee an unending supply of medical quality oxygen and will save the government of the USVI tens of thousands of our tax dollars.

Many thanks to the private donors who contributed to our generator fund and to Rotary St. John, especially John Fuller, who located and secured the balance of necessary funding to reach our goal of \$65,000 for the purchase of this item so critical to our well being.

It is with great sadness, that I must report that our Marine Captain, Jason Moody, is leaving St. John for a career in the military as a helicopter pilot. Jason has taken such good care of our Marine One rescue boat.

His dedication to the upkeep of our boat is the reason that the boat is always ready to be deployed to answer any marine emergency. Jason has also taken the lead in training our rappelling team and in

keeping our rappelling gear in top notch condition. We wish Jason all the best in the military. He will be truly missed

We are offering EMT recertification classes in late November and early December. Any St. John resident, whether year round or seasonal, is welcome to participate. EMT's who successfully complete each course will receive credits toward National Registry recertification as an EMT.

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Anyone interested in attending these courses please contact me for more information.

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Anyone interested in joining St. John Rescue can call me at (340) 626-5118 or contact any rescue member. You can also download an application from our website www.stjohnrescue.org.

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Volunteers Needed for St. Thomas/ St. John Coast Week Kick-Offs

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Volunteers are needed to help with the St. Thomas/St. John Coast Week kick-off on Saturday, September 15.

The first 50 people registered will be transported free to Hassel Island aboard the vessel Sea Tow.

The cleanup will take place from 9 to 11 a.m. Following the cleanup, the St. Thomas Historic Trust will roll out the red carpet for a guided tour of the of the newly opened active trail on Hassel Island from 11a.m. to 12 p.m.

Interested participants must preregister in advance with Olivia Robles or Kysha Wallace at 777-3073.

Volunteers should wear sunscreen, a hat, closed-toe shoes and clothing that can get wet as cleaning takes place along the shoreline. Also, bring plenty of water preferably in a reusable bottle along with a snack. Trash bags, gloves and data cards will be provided to collect and tally items collected during the clean-up.

The Hassel Island cleanup is a cooperative effort supported by the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority, the University of the Virgin Islands Marine Advisory Service, V.I. National Park, St. Thomas Historical Trust, Virgin Islands Audubon Society and the St. Thomas/St. John Chapter of the Virgin Islands Network of Environmental Educators.



ISLAND GREEN LIVING

by Lovango Cay resident Dan Boyd

Hybrid Solar Systems

St. John Tradewinds

Last issue we discussed a Stand Alone – Off Grid System. In this week’s column, we will discuss a Hybrid Solar System.

The best place to start with any solar system is to calculate your electrical energy needs. You should do an electrical load calculation to determine the size of the array you will need, size of inverter and size and amount of batteries you will need.

For this article I will use a 6,720-watt system for example. This system would work for most two bedroom homes in the Virgin Islands.

You will need 32 210-watt photovoltaic modules and somewhere to mount them (your roof or ground mount array). You will need two solar controllers to control the amount of charge your batteries will receive. You will also need a 6000-watt hybrid inverter and 16 six-volt, 530-amp hour batteries.

A hybrid inverter works similar to a regular D/C to A/C inverter except it has many more functions.

When your solar modules start the charging process for the day, the inverter monitors your batteries and applies them a charge until they are topped off to 100 percent.

After that process your inverter will start grid tying; sending power to your home and any extra will be sent into the WAPA grid.

If WAPA goes out, your hybrid inverter will default to the batteries to run your home off of the batteries through your hybrid inverter. If your batteries go below 80 percent charge, your hybrid inverter will call on your generator to start to recharge your batteries.

Once the batteries are fully charged, the hybrid inverter will shut down the generator and your home will again run off of your battery system.

I believe that this system is the best for our area. It does cost more than a grid tie system but you are also ready whenever WAPA goes out; whether for an hour, a day or a week.

Email questions to islandsolarvi@gmail.com.

Caneel Bay Resort and Virgin Islands Ecotours Open Honeymoon Beach Hut

St. John Tradewinds

Caneel Bay Resort has partnered with Virgin Islands Ecotours to launch the new Honeymoon Beach Hut.

Located near Honeymoon Beach, it will be an amenity for resort guests and visiting public to enjoy watersports and eco-adventure excursions from the beautiful beaches of Caneel Bay.

The Honeymoon Hut was once a storage space, though it has been standing, unused, for more than 30 years. Virgin Islands Ecotours will now offer access to watersports equipment, while guests can enjoy peace and quiet on Honeymoon Beach.

For those that want to take advantage of the outdoor recreation, stand-up paddleboards, kayaks and beach floats are available for rent on calm Caribbean waters, as are beach chairs, underwater cameras and a locker with key for personal items. The hut also has a handy “Forgot It Shop” with T-shirts, sunscreen, beach hats, water shoes, bottled water and snacks for purchase.

Guests looking to embark on an adventure with Virgin Island Ecotours can try one of the eco-excursions, such as 3-hour kayak, hike and snorkel adventures around Caneel Bay or Henley Cay for \$89 per person, and a three-hour St. John eco hike and snorkel at Lind Point for \$59 per person.

“I am very excited to be working with Caneel Bay on the Honeymoon Hut,” said Sybille Sorrentino, VI Ecotours owner. “It is a one-of-a-kind amenity that appeals to all ages and, combined with our adventures, a great way for families and small groups to learn about the extensive ecosystem of the Virgin Islands.”

“We are really pleased to have Sybille expanding her operation at the resort. Virgin Island Ecotours excursions have always been popular with our guests, and the Honeymoon Hut will enhance the Honeymoon Beach experience for guests and day visitors alike,” said Nikolay Hotze, Caneel managing director.

The Honeymoon Hut is available year-round from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily for resort guests and day visitors to Caneel Bay. All-day passes for day visitors to Honeymoon Beach are \$49 per person.

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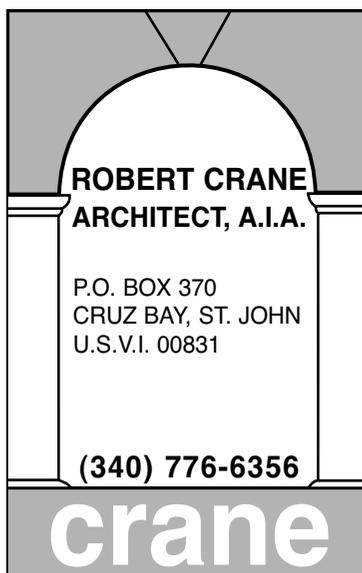
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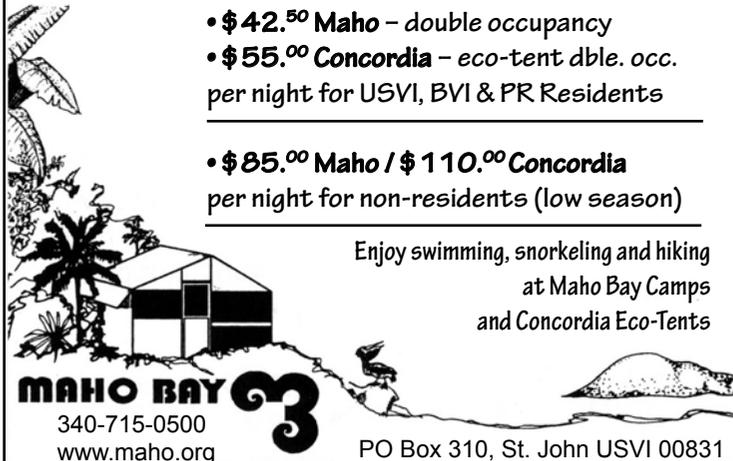
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- Cafe Concordia** - Closing August 13; Opening mid-November
- Cafe Livin'** - Staying open
- Cafe Roma** - Closing September 2; Opening October 4
- Castaways** - Staying open
- Chateau Bordeaux** - Staying open
- Cruz Bay Prime** - Closing August 18; Opening October 17
- Da Livio** - Staying open
- Donkey Diner** - Closing August 25; Opening late October
- Driftwood Dave's** - Staying open
- Fatty Crab** - Closing August 28; Opening TBD
- Fish Trap** - Closing August 25; Opening October 16
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2012 No Fleas Market Will Feature Food by Top Dogs!

Special to *St. John Tradewinds*

The Animal Care Center of St. John hosted its first annual flea market, "No Fleas, Please," in 2007, but it took until the 2009 flea market to add the popular feature of a food stall.

At that third flea market, Gary Cox paraded the fair grounds at the Winston Wells ball field while dressed in a sandwich board listing the lengthy Top Dogs menu of hot dogs!

Different toppings such as Dijon mustard with caramelized onions were featured in recognition of different dog breeds. As examples, the Dijon mustard/caramelized onions were billed as the French Poodle while chili, cheese, and jalapenos topped the Mexican Chihuahua hot dog.

In 2010 Top Dog team member Craig Roub entertained the crowds by circulating through the fair grounds selling potato chips while dressed in drag from the used clothing table. The food stall itself featured mouth-watering pulled pork on bulkie rolls with homemade cole slaw.

Top Dogs returned to provide flea market food in 2011 with scrumptious veggie and meat selections.

This year, they will once again

Animal Care Center No Fleas, Please Flea Market

**Saturday, October 20
Winston Well Ball Field**

offer a surprise menu during ACC's 2012 flea market which is set for Saturday, October 20.

As in the past, no one other than members of the Top Dogs team will know what the featured food will be until the day of the flea market. The ball field gates will be opened at 10 a.m. and the flea market will continue until 3 p.m. rain or shine.

The Top Dogs concept is the creation of former ACC Board member Jennifer Troisi. Troisi, or JT as she's sometimes called, is a self-declared "foodie."

Each year, she and her small group of Top Dogs sit down to evaluate their offerings from past years and to decide upon a new menu appropriate for fair-ground attendees.

Troisi said that we shouldn't expect anything "spectacular" this year, but those familiar with her cooking know that anything she turns out can be nothing less than

fabulous.

The flea market will offer a large selection of new and gently used furniture, children's toys, sports equipment, tools, kitchenware, and household decorative items.

Oriel Smith, who is in charge of the ACC's 40-foot storage trailer, said that the trailer is already "full and running over" with wonderful wares.

Each Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., St. John residents can now bring donated goods to the shelter on the library road in Cruz Bay, or contact flea market chairman Jason Corley for pickup of large items.

Every dollar earned at the flea market goes directly towards providing food, medical care, and shelter to homeless cats and dogs on St. John. The shelter is currently housing over 40 kittens and cats as well as a dozen dogs, so the flea market earnings are sorely needed.

ACC is currently running a shortfall of \$20,000 for calendar year 2012, and every bit of help from St. John residents will be more than appreciated. For additional information about the flea market, contact ACC Board member Jason Corley at jrcorley5@gmail.com.



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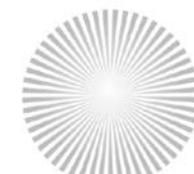
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Exceptional Craftsmanship Evident Throughout Susanaberg Cottage

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Situated on just under a quarter acre of flat land on a quiet cul-de-sac bordering the V.I. National Park in a convenient mid-island location, the Susanaberg Cottage offers excellent potential to add a pool, a hot tub or even a garage.

The one-bedroom main house, with a separate wood frame cottage which offers the buyer extra income, was recently reduced in price from \$695,000 to \$650,000, explained Christie O'Neil, owner/broker of Holiday Homes of St. John.

While the open floor plan, wrap-around screened decks and expansive flat land offer numerous options for a buyer, the exceptional craftsmanship in the Susanaberg Cottage is really what sets the home apart, O'Neil explained.

"This home is one of the best built affordable masonry homes on

the island," she said. "The owner/seller lives on St. John and builds fine custom homes. He is an artistic woodworker who formerly made custom furniture in New Mexico and he's well known in the Santa Fe art community as well."

The builder obviously knew what he was doing. No detail was overlooked during the construction of the home. From the flexible floor plan to the wrap-around screened-in decking, which could easily lend to re-configuring sleeping quarters, the Susanaberg Cottage offers beauty and practicality.

The builder's attention to detail is evident throughout the impressive home. The large open-plan living area features beautifully crafted wooden built-ins. Incredible custom woodwork is also found in the open-flow kitchen as well as the charming master bedroom and expansive bathroom in the main house.

"The builder paid incredible attention to details and crafted the home in a simple, but elegant style," said O'Neil.

The home is located at the end of a road in a very private mid-island location bordering the VINP and on a rare track of flat land, O'Neil explained.

"The property is exceptionally flat and very private," she said. "The home is located on a cul-de-sac, and bordered by National Park land. The flat land offers plenty of room to add a swimming pool, hot tub and even a tennis court."

The separate cottage just adds to the home's value, O'Neil added.

"The separate wood frame guest house is rented long term and provides good income cash flow," said the Holiday Homes broker/owner.

For more information on the Susanaberg Cottage, call O'Neil at Holiday Homes at 774-8088 or on her cell phone at 998-7451.

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Letters To St. John Tradewinds

A Tall Order

Is that the sun rolling across our tropical sky, or the biggest pie you ever saw? The Town Meeting last Thursday night gave us more than just a needed break from the twin disasters of Hurricane Isaac and the Republican Convention.

It brought together a constellation of civic leaders, energy experts, local business owners and curious residents, including WAPA CEO Hodge, VI Energy Office Director Knight and the ubiquitous Senator Barshinger. And, as the Executive Director of Palo Alto-based Clean Coalition, Craig Lewis, explained his plan for a “smart grid” on St. John, the audience response was unusually favorable. As touted, the project would allow for a power-purchase arrangement that would serve as a model for the rest of the country.

I’m sure this paper has explained the overall concept of utilizing solar power, battery storage and safe energy regulation. The numbers were nicely projected on a bed-sheet and we can assume that they bear some relation to reality.

It was explained that, were residents so inclined, they could invest in the projected \$45 million project and get a tidy return on their money. Lacking that, we were informed, “outside” investors would be happy to finance the construction. And, of course, there is always the chance of a nice Federal grant.

Of course, we’ve heard rosy scenarios before. Al-

pine Energy was going to deliver us cheap power in exchange for the garbage we didn’t want. Obviously, there’s no comparison between the two plans, except an implied urgency, judging from the proposed timeline: Ready to build by April 2013, up and running by the end of the same year.

The United States lags behind many European countries when it comes to the combination of renewable resources and “smart grid” technology. It’s not science fiction.

We, here on St. John, have an abundance of sunlight, which is the free fuel that can reduce our dependence on imported oil. We would make an ideal model for future, larger-scale projects. The question is: Can we procure a 20-year lease on a tract of suitable land upon which to erect and maintain a 20-acre-plus solar farm?

That’s our challenge. If the National Park was a better neighbor, we could break ground tomorrow. But, of course we’d have an educational complex under construction, as well.

So, it falls to the public and the few sizable landowners to come up with a location (or several smaller locations) without offending the “n-i-m-b-y” instincts of others. It’s a tall order.

Can we unite and cooperate for the benefit of all? That remains to be seen.

Jeff Smith

Caneel Bay's Sugar Mille Passes Away

Sugar Mille, seen here with her mother, was born over the winter season at Caneel Bay and cared for with devotion by the resort's horticulturist Oriel Smith.

Recently Smith found Sugar Mille dead after she got tangled in a hammock on the property.

Several residents have suggested that donations to the St. John Animal Care Center in Sugar Mille's name would be an ideal way to honor the late beloved donkey.



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Letters To St. John Tradewinds

A St. John Treasures Goes Home

Venecia Christian passed on August 19, 2012 after a long and productive life.

Ms. Nita would have made 95 years in November. She was a proud West Indian who could tell stories that would charm the devil.

She was respectful of others and respected by all who knew her. She spent her life making people happy. She was a fantastic seamstress. She made scores of beautiful wedding gowns, gowns for the attendants, appropriate attire for the grooms, church robes and almost any other type of clothing.

Up until she passed, she made needlework pieces; coasters, bookmarks, hearts, crosses and other shapes for all her friends and visitors to St. John and the Nazareth Lutheran Church. She loved her church.

Ms. Nita also had a full range of treats in her fridge for school children who would stop by on their way home. On holidays, police and fire personnel were fed from her kitchen. Even though they couldn't get home they had a festive holiday meal.

Her friends were especially blessed by her presence. She was a joy to behold. She enjoyed life and made others joyful. She had her daily bitter water and shared it willingly.

Her bitter water is an old time folk medicine that must be approached with extreme caution. You need a West Indian Weed-woman and the National Institute of Health to advise you in preparing it. I did say to you that she was 95 when she passed.

One year she let me help her spice up her Guavaberry with fresh rum and vanilla beans. Yes, vanilla beans when there were none to be found on island. Fortunately my son, Peter, had a source in Phoenix and he came through for Ms. Nita.

Ms. Nita grew up on Mary Point, a large settlement before Cruz Bay became the place to be. On one Sunday we took her and Jimmy

EULOGY

Venecia (Ms. Nita) Christian

November 26, 1917 to August 19, 2012

Venecia Christian was born on the island of St. John, November 26, 1917 to Ethel Testamark and William Jacobs. Ms. Nita, as she is affectionately known, completed her education in the Virgin Islands and, ultimately, sewing became the passion of her life. She worked for many clothing related stores, including I Levin's Department Store and later the Singer Sewing Store. Ms. Nita made clothing for everyone from infants to adults that covered every occasion you could think of or requested of her. Unfortunately, later in life she was told that for medical reasons she would have to stop sewing but that never happened. Ms. Nita was always present in church whether it was the Frederick Lutheran Church on St. Thomas or our very own Nazareth Lutheran Church here on St. John.

On January 24, 1944 she married Mr. Gerald Christian. From that union they had four children; Harold, Dennis, Albert & Gerilyn Christian. They enjoyed several years of marriage until his death in 1969. She did not let this slow her down and because of the caring individual that she was, during the Thanksgiving holidays, she would always make dinner for the Police and Fire Department employees who were on duty. Her cakes, cookies and specials were always a treat for the kids in the afternoons. Ms. Nita was a very pleasant and loving woman. She was always thinking of others before herself. She also made several different crafts for the Church visitors, members and friends. Ms. Nita loved to dance and she would not hesitate to teach anyone the Foxtrot, Charleston, or even the Tango steps. Ms. Nita also loved sport. Her friends could tell you of her days on the baseball field. She enjoyed life and the simple beauty it has to offer.



In her later years she met Mr. James Boynes, Uncle Jimmy as he was affectionately known, who is now deceased and they lived as loving and caring companions to the end, approximately 25 years. Never a complaint, always a sweet thanksgiving.

Venecia Christian, whose cooking and sewing skills were famous, will be missed by many relatives and friends.

Boynes, her boon companion, for a ride to see the oven at Annaberg where she helped bake bread that was then sold at Mary Point. The bread was baked in the shape of a small fist and cost pennies. Eaten with freshly-churned butter, it was heavenly. She did like to ride.

We also went to see an enormous Kapok tree with five foot knees at the entrance to the employees parking lot at Caneel Bay Resort. Oriel Smith had cleared the tree so that it is very prominent

to everyone driving by. My favorite spot to drive by with Ms. Nita was the annual political sign array across from the tennis courts. She would always comment on the large number of people running for "Municipal Council". Municipal Council was the forerunner of the Legislature and an ineffective carry-over from Danish rule. How right she was! See you again soon, Ms. Nita

– Chuck Pishko



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Historical Bits & Pieces

by Chuck Pishko

The Hurricane of 1916: A Defining Event in St. John History

St. John Tradewinds

Before hurricane hunting planes, elaborate tracking systems, the Weather Channel and early warning, St. Johnians were guided by a traditional warning rhyme:

June, too soon

July, stand by

August, it must

September, remember

October, all over.

Since the settlement of the island in 1718, hurricanes have struck St. John more than 40 times. Each hurricane not only has a story of courageous reaction and recovery for our residents, but also affected and created historical events.

For example, two hurricanes of 1733 were a major cause of the revolt of the enslaved Africans. The hurricane of 1867 and the subsequent earthquakes and tsunamis upset the pending purchase of the islands by the United States, which would have implanted the islands into the U.S. political systems then instead of just into its economic sphere.

We don't know all that would have happened, but most likely we would not have remained a military outpost as we did for some 20 years following the 1917 transfer.

George Tyson, in his 1987 study of historic land uses on St. John, concluded that hurricanes were as destructive to terrestrial and marine systems as man during his occupation. He reviewed photographic evidence that the severe hurricane of 1916 virtually annihilated the St. John forest and that our current wilderness is a product of that violent storm.

In the evening of Monday, October 9, 1916, the barometer dropped to almost 28 inches and devastating winds hit the island with speeds of up to 140 miles per hour. These came from the east with little warning

that came too late to take precautions.

As the eye of the storm moved over the island, the winds came from the west. Five people passed away on that day and the property damage was total. Every house in the villages at Denis Bay, Caneel Bay and Mary's Point were destroyed save one house.

Major coconut groves, an important source of income, were destroyed island-wide. New lime trees, bananas and bay trees were also leveled and with them the island's major sources of income.

Accounts and stories of the 1916 storm by survivors and passed on to their children are still repeated today and they're confirmed by newspaper and historical accounts of the day. The newspaper, *St. Thomas Tidende*, reported on October 14 that an eyewitness on St. John said "no homes, no food, no fruit trees, no provision grounds left; almost everything flat, boats, fishpots, all gone."

The hurricane of 1916 could not have happened at a worse time. The transfer to the United States put St. John in the middle of a World War, locally money was scarce, work was slow or abroad and there were no supplies and materials to repair the damage.

The injured were without medical attention for a few days except for those who made it to a temporary hospital at Bethany and then some were taken to the St. Thomas hospital or assisted by the doctor from the Danish man of war *HMS Valkyrien*. It was the worst of times.

To some, Hurricane Supplication Day in July and Hurricane Thanksgiving Day in October seem to be charming reminders of by-gone days. But even today, fervent prayers are offered in church weekly during Hurricane Season for the island's deliverance from storms, but if the storm must come, then for the fortitude and grace to survive.

Stand fast, for some time soon we will be tested.

Free Mammogram Screening Available in October

St. John Tradewinds

The American Cancer Society United States Virgin Islands reminds the community that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

The ACS encourages all men and women over the age of 40, to get a mammogram from October 1, through October 31, at a low cost for those with insurance and no-cost for those without insurance.

Registration will take place at the ACS offices in St. Thomas on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. On St. John, registration will be on Thursday only from

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the St. John Community Foundation office on the third floor of The Marketplace.

Registration will start September 3, and mammogram vouchers can be used for the entire month of October.

To register, participants must come to the ACS office. An authorization voucher from ACS will be prepared to present to the medical facility upon arriving at the actual appointment. Participants without authorization from ACS will not be screened!

For more information call 775-5373.

Grandparents Day Luncheon Set for September 9

St. John Tradewinds

The Eta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Alpha Chi Chapter will host its annual Grandparents Day luncheon on Sunday, September 9, at Pilgrims Terrace at 12:30 p.m.

The honorees for 2012 are Drs. Lawrence and

Lynda Benjamin, Mr. And Mrs. Etienne Massac, Mrs. Lucille Solomon, Mrs. Eulalie Mahoney and Mrs. Bernice Jackson.

Donations are \$45 and are now being accepted by sorority members. For more information contact Mrs. Angelita Jennings at 779-2810.

TS Isaac Whips Up Waves, But Little Else



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Mares Crane

St. John braced for Tropical Storm Isaac as the storm passed to the south on Thursday, August 23. Sea ports were closed for the day and flights were delayed and canceled, yet the island saw little other effects in the end except for high surf and several bands of strong wind and heavy rain. Waves pounded Frank Bay, above, and Lovongo Cay resident Dan Boyd clocked gusts of wind topping 40 miles per hour on the afternoon of August 23.

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DPNR's Alicia Barnes Defends Cutting of Legal Mooring

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"The mooring registration display requirement is standard; as in the case with car registrations, wherein a car may be registered, but if it does not have the registration sticker displayed in the designated area, the owner is subject to a ticket," Barnes wrote.

The boat owner, however, did not get a ticket. Instead, DPNR officers destroyed his property, to the tune of \$320.70. The boat owner pointed this out to Barnes in a fourth email, but, as of press time, had gotten no response from the DPNR Commissioner.

"My mooring had a 12 inch floating buoy and two small fenders on the pendants," the boat owner wrote to DPNR Commissioner Barnes. "My registration number was on the 12 inch buoy, it may have been faint, because it is hard to keep anything on a rubber ball sitting in salt water. Ninety-nine percent of the moorings have nothing because of this fact."

"A little bit of checking the records could have avoided this whole embarrassment to your department," the boater wrote. "This was truly an act of harassment and intimidation to the Coral Bay community in my opinion."

Celebrate Dial-a-Ride with Community Foundation

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graduated."

St. John Dial-A-Ride provides an average of 250 rides per month. In addition to transportation for medical, work, educational, personal, civic, recreational and social trips, St. John Dial-A-Ride provides assistance and supportive services, such as shopping, medical appointment coordination, assistance with bill interpretation and payment, scheduling and referral services for local and visiting seniors, disabled veterans and disadvantaged individuals.

Dial-a-Ride also coordinates and executes intergenerational community service projects for the seniors, disabled and disadvantaged, and in the past year, also included efforts to bridge the huge gap in services to the homeless on St. John.

The Virgin Island's Government provides critical funding from the Miscellaneous Budget which is distributed via the Department of Human Services.

Those funds were cut last year, but reinstated by an amendment when the program was going to have to cease vital services to the elderly, disabled and disadvantaged residents of St. John.

"The Senators heard our plea and acted swiftly," said Rosie Koonce, who has used St. John-Dial-A-Ride to get out of her home for shopping and medical appointments for the past nine years.

"If it wasn't for Dean, I'd be trapped at home since I don't have family on island who can help me," said Koonce.

Dean Thomas, St. John Dial-A-Ride driver for the past 10 years, took over the position from his uncle and his brother before that.

"I've grown up with most of our

clients," said Thomas. "They are more like friends and I am glad to be there for them."

"Providing transportation services to our seniors through the Dial-A-Ride program is a top priority that must be funded despite tough financial times," said Senator at Large Craig Barshinger. "St. John seniors use and appreciate the service, and they deserve it."

"We continue to count on the support of United Way and the services of the American Red Cross to make sure our residents are taken care of in times of disaster, as well as on a daily basis," said SJCF Director Celia Kalousek. "These two organizations have a long well respected history of dedicated service. Both United Way and The American Red Cross are charitable organizations, not governmental agencies."

"They depend on volunteers and the generosity of community donors to perform their missions," said Kalousek.

United Way's roots go back to 1887, when a Denver woman, a priest, two ministers and a rabbi recognized the need for cooperative action to address their city's welfare problems. They created an organization to serve as an agent to collect funds for local charities, as well as to coordinate relief services, counsel and refer clients to cooperating agencies, and make emergency assistance grants.

More than 125 years later, United Way is still focused on mobilizing the caring power of communities. The St. Thomas/St. John United Way has supported the St. John Dial-A-Ride since its inception.

The American Red Cross received their first congressional charter in 1900 which set forth the

purposes of the organization including giving relief and serving as a medium of communication between members of the American armed forces and their families, as well as, providing national and international disaster relief and mitigation.

Today, the supporters, volunteers and employees of the American Red Cross continue to fulfill their mission of preventing and alleviating human suffering in the face of emergencies using the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors. SJCF's Director is a Red Cross governmental liaison for St. John.

SJCF has successfully been carrying out their mission to support programs that positively engage people, build resources and strengthen the St. John community since 1989.

"We continuously look for ways to fill service gaps and cultivate community assets including people, organizations, programs, and resources to effectively respond to changing needs of the community now and for future generations," said Rob Crane SJCF Board President.

In addition to St. John Dial-A-Ride, other programs operating under the umbrella of the St. John Community Foundation include Using Sport for Social, St. John Film Society, St. John Recycling, JOY Volunteer Network, Friends Helping Friends Revolving Fund, The Giff Hill Community Garden Park, as well as other collaborative community projects and events.

Find out how to support the St. John Community Foundation's efforts by visiting the website www.sjcf.org, email allawe@sjcf.org, or call The Marketplace office at 693-9410.

VIPD Commissioner White Outlines Proposed Shift Change for Officers

St. John Tradewinds

Virgin Islands Police Department Commissioner Henry White elucidated his previous comments before the Virgin Islands Legislature last week regarding the implementation of four-day 10-hour shifts for sworn police officers in the territory.

The move will improve public safety by increasing police presence on VI streets, explained White.

The commissioner explained some reasons for the impending change.

"It has been well documented that the police force is being constantly depleted by retirement and attrition as well as temporary reductions due to officers on short or long term sick leave," said White. "Increasing officers' shifts will better address the needs of the

community at a time when safety concerns are heightened."

The change would have police officers working 40 hours in four days with three consecutive days off.

"This gives officers a longer down time to rest and be with their family," said the VIPD Commissioner.

White also clarified that the shift change will include all sworn personnel, not just patrol officers, as is being reported in some news media.

White will attend a scheduled meeting this week with St. Thomas/St. John and St. Croix LESU and PBA union representatives to discuss the changes.

"Nothing will be implemented until I have a chance to sit with the union and dialogue with them," he said.

Crime Stoppers U.S.V.I. Seeks Information

St. John Tradewinds

Crime Stoppers is asking the community's help to solve the following crimes. If anyone knows something, they should say something. Help law enforcement control crime in the community. Even the smallest bit of information may be just what law enforcement needs to solve these cases.

St. John

On Sunday, August 6, at 8 p.m. while leaving the Parrot Club Casino in Cruz Bay, a patron discovered that someone had stolen his iPhone 4S, valued at \$400. The minimum reward for the arrest of a thief is \$536 plus 10 percent of the value of any stolen property that is recovered.

St. Thomas

On Saturday, August 11, at 12:30 a.m., two women were walking in the back of Jane E. Tuitt School in Savan when a masked, armed man approached them. He demanded that they give him their bags, and then ran off. The stolen items include an LG cell phone, three Immigration documents and \$150 in cash. The arrest of an armed robber results in a minimum reward of \$900 plus 10 percent of the value of any stolen property that is recovered.

Tips make the community a safer place to live. Keep submitting information on these or any other crimes at www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org or by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). Tipsters will remain completely anonymous, and the stateside operators speak several languages.

If a tip leads to an arrest or the recovery of stolen property, illegal drugs, or weapons, tipsters will receive a cash reward to be paid according to their instructions. Only anonymous callers to Crime Stoppers are eligible for these cash rewards.

Crime Stoppers has recently authorized 10 new rewards totaling \$5,642. Anyone who submitted a tip, should check to see if they qualify for a reward.

Police Log

Friday, August 17

7:39 a.m. - A citizen c/r an auto collision in Coral Bay. Auto collision.

8:43 a.m. - A citizen c/requesting police assistance to make contact with an elderly woman. Police assistance.

8:44 a.m. - An Estate John's Folly resident c/r a disturbance with her boyfriend. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

11:16 a.m. - A citizen p/r that a male broke his vehicle's windshield. Damage to a vehicle.

1:43 p.m. - A St. Thomas resident p/r that someone removed items from her home. Petit larceny.

4:45 p.m. - A St. Thomas resident p/r that her cell phone was stolen. Grand larceny.

5:15 p.m. - A St. Thomas resident p/r that he was threatened by a male. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

6:00 p.m. - A visitor from California p/r that he lost his wallet. Lost wallet.

8:31 p.m. - A citizen c/r hearing shots fired in the area of Hawksnest Beach. Illegal discharge of firearm.

10:37 p.m. - A Bellevue Village resident c/r that someone was shot. Homicide.

Saturday, August 18

8:48 a.m. - A St. Thomas resident p/r that he lost his documents. Lost documents.

9:10 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r that someone damaged the windshield on his excavator. Damage to a vehicle.

10:58 a.m. - A Great Cruz Bay resident c/r that he was threatened by a male. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

7:55 p.m. - An Estate Hard Labor resident p/r that an unknown female threatened to kill her. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

No time given - An Estate Enighed resident c/r that her name is being slandered.

Sunday, August 19

7:01 a.m. - An Estate Giff Hill resident c/r an attempted suicide. Attempted suicide.

12:08 p.m. - An Estate

Enighed resident c/r a D.O.A. D.O.A.

3:40 p.m. - A citizen c/r hearing shots fired in the area of Estate Giff Hill. Illegal discharge of firearm.

Tuesday, August 21

12:13 p.m. - The manager of Island Blues c/r a burglary at the restaurant. Burglary in the third.

1:35 p.m. - A Calabash Boom resident p/r a disturbance of the peace. Disturbance of the peace.

2:02 p.m. - A Cactus Hill resident c/requesting police assistance. Police assistance.

3:07 p.m. - A citizen c/r that she had an argument with her child's father. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

3:36 p.m. - A Coral Bay resident c/r a burglary. Burglary in the third.

4:40 p.m. - VIPD Badge #1242 p/ at Leander Jurgen Command with one Emanuel Greer under arrest and charged with grand larceny. Bail was set at \$42,000 by order of the court. He was detained at Leander Jurgen Command and later transported to the Bureau of Corrections to be remanded.

8:00 p.m. - A citizen c/r hearing shots fired in the area of Estate Giff Hill. Illegal discharge of firearm.

8:18 p.m. - A security guard at the Cruz Bay ferry dock c/requesting police assistance with two males who are fighting. Police assistance.

9:30 p.m. - A citizen p/r that he was in a fight near the Cruz Bay ferry dock. Simple assault.

11:45 p.m. - A citizen c/r loud music in the area of Coral Bay. Loud music.

Wednesday, August 22

8:59 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident c/r that she was assaulted by a female. Simple assault.

8:54 a.m. - An Estate Bethany resident c/r a burglary at the Bethany Moravian Church. Burglary in the third.

Friday, August 24

5:12 p.m. - An Estate Enighed

resident p/r that someone stole money from her bag at her workplace. Grand larceny.

Saturday, August 25

3:55 a.m. - A Coral Bay resident c/r that she was involved in a disturbance with her roommate. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

1:07 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r that someone flattened her tire. Vehicle tampering.

5:20 p.m. - A citizen p/requesting police assistance to retrieve her personal items from her boyfriend's home. Police assistance.

Sunday, August 26

9:32 a.m. - The manager of Concordia Eco-Resort c/r a burglary. Burglary in the third.

7:57 p.m. - Government of the Virgin Islands p/r a drunken female creating a disturbance at the Cruz Bay ferry dock. Disturbance of the peace.

Monday, August 27

9:45 a.m. - An Estate Glucksberg resident c/requesting police assistance. Police assistance.

Tuesday, August 28

10:29 p.m. - An Estate Carolina resident c/r loud music. Disturbance of the peace.

Wednesday, August 29

12:38 a.m. - The manager of Castaways c/r a disturbance at the bar. Police assistance.

11:03 a.m. - An employee at the Westin Resort and Villas c/r that a guest had items stolen. Grand larceny.

6:28 p.m. - An Estate John's Folly resident c/r a disturbance with her nephew. Disturbance of the peace.

7:44 p.m. - A citizen c/r a D.O.A. D.O.A.

No time given - An Estate Hard Labor resident c/r that a male walked onto his property and stated that he was kidnapped.

Thursday, August 30

10:11 a.m. - An Estate Chocolate Hole resident p/r hearing shots fired in the area of Estate Giff Hill. Illegal discharge of firearm.

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.

Tuesday, September 4

— Parents and guardians are reminded that the opening day for public schools in the territory is officially Tuesday, September 4.

— The Department of Human Services Head Start Program encourages all fathers and male guardians to bring their children to the first day of school on Tuesday, September 4, at 7:30 a.m. for extended day and 7:45 a.m. for full day.

Sunday, September 16

— The Bethany Moravian Church invites the community to support its favorite sports team at a Friends and Family Sunday on September 16, with Sunday school beginning at 9 a.m. and service at 10 a.m. For more details call 626-6279.

Sunday, October 7

— A fundraiser for the 4th Annual Using Sport for Social Change "Just Play!" event aboard the *Kekoa* catamaran is set for Sunday, October 7, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$100 per person. For more information, go to www.usingsportforsocialchange.com.

Monday, October 8

— Using Sport for Social Change is hosting the 4th An-

nual Free "Just Play!" day event on Monday, October 8, at Winston Wells field.

Saturday, October 20

— The Animal Care Center's annual flea market, "No Fleas, Please," will be on Saturday, October 20, at the Winston Wells ball field. ACC Board member Jason Corley is the point-of-contact for the event. Corley can be reached at jrcorley5@gmail.com.

Friday, October 26

— The Department of Human Services, in partnership with the United Way of St. Thomas/St. John, will host Project Homeless Connect 2012 on Friday, October 26, on St. John. Volunteers are needed for escorts, guides, greeters and wait staff. Training will begin on Tuesday, September 25, at the DHS Sugar Estate Head Start conference room at 10 a.m. for the first session and 11:30 a.m. for the second session. Service providers are invited to a training session on Thursday, October 4, at the SBDC conference room in Nisky Center at 12 p.m. Be a part of the solution to homelessness in the Virgin Islands and volunteer for the 2012 Project.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

Alcoholics Anonymous meets as scheduled: Sundays, 9:45 a.m. at Hawksnest Bay Beach; Closed meetings for alcoholics only at Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cruz Bay at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays; Open meetings on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 6 p.m. at Nazareth Lutheran Church; Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 6 p.m. at Moravian Church, Coral Bay.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

AL-ANON MEETINGS

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

Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

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- 22 "Act — age"
- 23 Not "Five Easy Pieces," but the 1994 family film ...
- 25 Shape
- 26 Problems for vain people
- 27 Netman Arthur
- 28 Pipe fittings
- 29 Really wreck
- 30 Scout group
- 31 "This — be!"
- 33 "Zip- — -Doo-Dah"
- 34 Gloom-filled
- 35 Not "Three Amigos," but the 1986 comedy ...
- 39 Small vise in a wood shop
- 42 — standstill
- 43 Israel's — Aviv
- 44 Greek letters
- 45 She lived with TV's Bradys
- 46 Train travel
- 48 "The Pickle" star Danny
- 51 Not "Road to Rio," but the 1998 romantic drama ...
- 54 Compound of element #53

- 59 Eyeball
- 60 "Either you do it — will!"
- 61 Prudish sort
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- 65 Not "Rocky," but the 1974 parody ...
- 70 Celestial ram
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- 73 Urban trains
- 74 Film preview
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- 99 Track legend Ashford
- 100 Pianist Peter
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- 102 Bit of a bite
- 105 Multi-act show
- 106 TDs or RBIs
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- 111 Not "Shine," but the 1998 action comedy ...
- 115 Sheehy or O'Grady
- 116 Troop group
- 117 Old Buick
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- 5 It has a small charge
- 6 Baby lion
- 7 At an angle
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- 9 Stop dozing
- 10 Space ball
- 11 Stretchy swimsuit
- 12 Vegas game
- 13 Hill dwellers
- 14 "Yoo-hoo!"
- 15 Coercively
- 16 Extirpate
- 17 Russia's landmass
- 18 Sleeve bands
- 21 More vigorous
- 24 Wine region of Italy
- 29 Ontario's capital, on a scoreboard
- 31 Bit part
- 32 Abstract art pioneer Jean
- 33 "Caught you!"
- 34 Thousand: Prefix
- 35 Jungle knives
- 36 Finger's tip
- 37 WWII battle town in France
- 38 Toon pic
- 39 Taxi
- 40 Cessation of operations
- 41 West African country
- 46 Air, as an old episode
- 47 Walk — line
- 48 Gillette brand
- 49 "The devil — the details"
- 50 "Klutzy me!"
- 52 With 90-Across, high muckety-muck
- 53 Cook's wear
- 55 Discerned
- 56 Artist's studio
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- 58 Berlin article
- 62 Cranium
- 63 Start a volley
- 65 Vampire —
- 66 River in Belgium
- 67 Indian sage
- 68 Big hairdos, briefly
- 69 Opposite SSW
- 75 Emphasize gloatingly
- 77 Magnitude
- 78 "The rest — to you"
- 79 Like a — a cage
- 80 52-wk. spans
- 82 Apple on a desk
- 83 Ghosts
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- 87 A handful of
- 88 Be the victor
- 89 Unlike oil in water
- 91 A boxing ref may call one
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- 94 Humorist Bill
- 95 Like kale and endive
- 96 Crafty
- 97 Forest home
- 98 Medical vial
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- 103 Habituate
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- 106 Hypo liquids
- 107 "— ever so humble ..."
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- 109 "There's gold in them — hills!"
- 111 Practical joke
- 112 Cell stuff
- 113 VIP in D.C.
- 114 FDR follower

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- Two bedrooms, one bath, in Cruz Bay \$1700
- Two bedrooms, one bath, loft, in Cruz Bay \$2000
- Two bedrooms, one bath, furnished, A/C, w/d in Cruz bay \$2000
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Joan C. Oat, 03-cv-00115 Plaintiff

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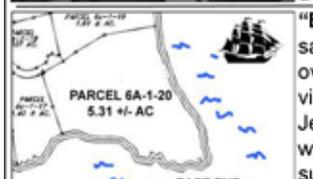
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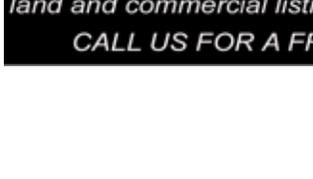
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"EAST END POINT" - The eastern-most point of St. John is now for sale. This estate sized lot is surrounded by water on three sides, is over five acres and has several natural building sites and unlimited views to the British Virgins from Tortola to Virgin Gorda, Fallen Jerusalem, Salt, Cooper, Ginger, Peter and Norman Islands. Located within "THE POINT AT PRIVATEER" St. John's newest upscale subdivision with minimum lot sizes of 1 acre, paved roads and underground utilities. True privacy at its best. **\$4.5M.**

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DEVELOPMENT/COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES: Hansen Bay 7A is an 18 acre parcel with studies done and a 15 lot sub division permit. All lots have water views and breezes and 4 lots are on the flat top of a ridge with almost 360 degree views. Parcel has access to a cobble beach. Reduced from **\$3.18M to \$2.8M**; Estate Zootenvaal 20 acres over looking the marine preserve at Bork Creek just east of Coral Bay and bounded by National Park on two sides **\$7M**; **Group Dwelling permit for 6 apartments** and a driveway permit have been issued for this 0.9 acre lot in Estate Rendezvous & Ditleff. With sunset and water views to St Thomas from this gently sloping lot, this is a perfect parcel for development or for a single family home with lots of privacy. **\$499,000**

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Second Annual Chaotic Kayak Race Raises \$23,500 for TRR

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job entertaining the crowd on his birthday. Also Mike Garbo and Skinny Legs did a great job with the food again and Celia at the St. John Community Foundation made sure that parking was not an issue."

"Our major sponsors were Miller High Life, Premier Wines and Spirits and St. John Brewers," said Schuld. "But so many people helped out, it was really the whole community that came together for this."

Several wounded veterans who took part in TRR's St. John program last year also made the trip to Love City last month to take part in the fundraiser, Schuld explained.

"A few of the veterans who were part of the program last year, who were so inspiring and have grown so much internally, came down for the race," said Schuld. "It was great to give these guys the opportunity to see the incredible outpouring of love and support of the St. John community and have them go back to their neighborhoods and friends and tell them about what we did here."

All of the funds raised at the event go to TRR's St. John program, which literally translates into airfare and accommodations for 24 wounded warriors, Schuld added.

"Raising \$23,500 means that we can con-

tinue the program," he said. "We'll combine that with other St. John fundraisers like Moe Chabuz's 8 Tuff Miles Run and that will allow us to bring 24 wounded veterans and staff to St. John November 3 through 11."

Schuld is already starting to plan next year's St. John Chaotic Kayak, and the trend might be spreading, he added.

"Of course, we'll be back next year; we're already planning on the third annual St. John Chaotic Kayak," said Schuld. "And Chaotic Kayak might spread across the country. There is a TRR group in Cincinnati which has asked about our fundraiser, so we're going to share things that we've learned putting this on twice now."

All of the fun and competition couldn't be for a better cause: helping wounded veterans, Schuld added.

"TRR is a fantastic program that really does put wounded veterans in a healing mode to move forward with their lives and do more for themselves and for other veterans," he said.

Anyone who missed the kayak race can still donate to TRR's St. John program. Just check out www.stjohnchaotickayak.com or email John Schuld at john@teamriverrunner.org.



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Competition was fierce, but in the end, Ararwak Expedition's team, top and bottom right, won the chaotic kayak race which raised money for wounded veterans in TRR's USVI program.

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Attention Heavy Equipment Operators: You Have a Job to Do

by Karen Vahling, Island Green Building Association



Whether you are a property owner, contractor, construction worker, or heavy equipment operator, the way you build in the Virgin Islands affects everyone and everything that calls these islands home. Heavy equipment operators and contractors play a vital role not only in constructing buildings, but also in protecting the environment and preserving the natural beauty of our islands.

Your work is your signature: a symbol of your craftsmanship that will last beyond the scope of the job. On our islands, going green is more than just a fad – it's a necessity in order to safeguard what we value most. And working green is about doing more with less and preserving the very amenities people seek.

Every single move you make on a site is felt throughout the island. Soil loss carries off important nutrients and the base needed for native vegetation to re-grow or landscaping to take hold. Lost soils end up in our waters, hurting fish, coral, and other marine life. Poor construction practices, like improper or missing sediment and erosion control and stormwater control measures can also destroy the scenic beauty of the area, affecting property values. Poor construction practices lead to erosion, slope failures, and



Heavy equipment like this leaves your signature on our island.

increased runoff that then cause decreased downstream and nearshore water quality, flooding problems, habitat loss for native plants and animals, and high utility and maintenance costs.

Implementing practices that prevent erosion and control sediment and runoff transport offsite can be achieved with simple steps taken before, during, and after site grading. No single approach will be successful. Rather, a combination of best

management practices (BMPs) including erosion control blankets, mulching, seeding, compost, silt fences, wattles, interceptor dikes, swales, pipe slope drains, surface roughening, slope tracking, and gradient terraces are required based on the characteristics of your site. Proper maintenance of these BMPs is important to keep them working! It is also important to leave native vegetation and soils in place in as much of the site as possible to act as natural BMPs. The Department of Planning and Natural Resources can provide information on the permitted clearing area for different project types.

While change is inevitable, loss of our environmental and cultural resources shouldn't be. When planned and completed responsibly, development provides a sustainable economic base for the Virgin Islands without sacrificing our unique natural diversity, ecological health, sense of community, and quality of life.

Look for upcoming green building workshops throughout the Territory as part of NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program efforts through NOAA Fisheries' Caribbean Field Office. As an important partner in the Green Building effort, you can visit the IGBA website to stay informed:

