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The Moravian Church Council of the V.I. is waiting to hear from the beloved Kids And The Sea (KATS) sailing program to arrange for the continued use of the Coral Harbor waterfront owned by the Moravian Church and leased for development, according to Moravian Council official Sam Rymer.

"They just have to get in touch with me," Rymer told St. John Tradewinds on July 22. The historic KATS program has been a fixture in the Coral Harbor waterfront for decades teaching young sailors sailing and water safety. Early boats in the KATS fleet still can be found along the shoreline Moravian Church Council-held property, above.

Tourism Office Undergoing Renovations

The Department of Tourism St. John Administrative Office in Cruz Bay will be closed July 27 to August 2, 2015 for renovation. The office will reopen on Monday, August 3. In the interim, calls can be directed to the St. Thomas office, 774-8784.

Holy Ghost Gospel Crusade July 26-31

The Holy Ghost Gospel Crusade will be bringing the Intercessors International Ministries Inc. Holy Ghost Gospel Crusade to the Winston Wells Ball Park.

The March for change on July 26 will begin at Mongoose Junction at 5 p.m. and proceed to the Winston Wells Ball Park through Cruz Bay. The crusade will continue through July 31.

Barbecue Night at Bethany Moravian

Barbecue Night at Bethany is Friday, July 31, at 6 p.m.

Tickets are available from church members or call 340-776-6291 or e-mail Opti93@yahoo.com. The menu will include steak, fish, chicken and all the side dishes you can eat!

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— Luke 12:48

Kick Em Jenny Volcanic Activity Is No Imminent Threat to the USVI

St. John Tradewinds

ST. JOHN — NOAA's National Tsunami Warning Center at Alaska and the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center at Hawaii are continuously monitoring seismic activity and tide gauges near the Kick' Em Jenny volcano, located approximately 5 miles north of Grenada.

The volcano "currently poses NO imminent threat to the US Virgin Islands," officials announced July 24.

"There is no imminent threat from the volcano in terms of tsunami generation for the US Virgin Islands," said Christa von Hillebrandt-Andrade, Manager of the NOAA-NWS Caribbean Tsunami Warning Program at Puerto Rico, during a conference call with VITEMA Director Mona Barnes. "This volcano is quite a ways below water and it would take quite a powerful eruption for it to generate a tsunami."

If there is a threat to the Territory, the tsunami warning centers are prepared to immediately make contact with VITEMA's 911 Emergency Communications Centers, according to Hillebrandt-Andrade.

"At this time, there is no need for panic. There is no threat of a tsunami," Barnes said. "But we are asking the public to monitor news reports about Kick' Em Jenny volcanic activity."

VITEMA will remain in close contact with NOAA officials and that the Agency is also continuously monitoring reports of Kick 'Em Jenny volcanic activity, Barnes added.

On Thursday, July 23, the University of the West Indies Seismic Research Centre (SRC) reported that from 1:25 a.m to 3 a.m., a strong continuous signal was observed on instruments monitoring the Kick 'Em Jenny submarine volcano

Signs of elevated seismicity (earthquakes) began on July 11 and has continued throughout the day July 24. According to the center. There have also been observations from divers of degassing occurring off the west coast of Grenada in the Moliniere Sculpture Park area.

VITEMA will provide updates as more information becomes available.

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By TOM OAT
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CORAL BAY — After a site visit by officials of the V.I. Department of Planning and Natural Resources, DPNR notified Moravian Church Council officials the floating docks which serve the Coral Harbor boating community are not permitted and must be removed, according to Moravian Council representative Samuel Rymer.

The Moravian Council representative also posted the adjoining paved government parcel behind the V.I. Fire Service Coral Bay station that has been leased for the project which includes abutting church property.

Rymer apparently conducted an unpublicized meeting with Coral Bay boating community representatives as the property was being posted. *St. John Tradewinds* was not informed of the meeting at Skinny Legs in Coral Bay by Rymer or community members early in the week of July 20.

Rymer subsequently notified *St. John Tradewinds* that DPNR recently had conducted a site visit of the shoreline property to review the Moravian Church of the V.I. permit application for a mixed-use development which includes a ma-

rina on land that is owned by the church council and the neighboring property leased from the V.I. Government which had become an unregulated public parking lot.

The Moravian Council's application for a zone change for some of the property involved in the mixed-use development planned by for the council's waterfront property and the V.I. parcel was withdrawn from consideration by a V.I. Senate Committee of the Whole meeting on St. John in mid-July without explanation.

Although the posted Notice sign is undated, the Moravian Council's Rymer told *St. John Tradewinds* the 30-day notice period commenced as soon as the Notice was posted. Several vehicles were reported towed from the property before the remaining trailers and moveable cars were quickly removed by responsible parties.

Boating community leaders, meanwhile, were seeking a new location for the 30-foot-plus extension of the historic stone pier on the Moravian property shoreline which DPNR officials said the church council had to remove as part of its marina development permit application process.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tom Oat

Although the Notice sign, below, is undated, the Moravian Council's Rymer told *St. John Tradewinds* the 30-day notice period would commence as soon as a photo of the Notice, which was posted on or about July 21, is published in this edition of *St. John Tradewinds*.

No Parking Notice Posted — and Enforced



By TOM OAT
St. John Tradewinds

CORAL BAY — The Moravian Church Council of the Virgin Islands wasted no time in posting a notice on July 22 that they were re-taking control of the V.I. Government-owned property between Skinny Legs and the Coral Bay Fire Station and the shuttered Guy H. Benjamin School in Coral Bay and immediately towing abandoned vehicles parked on the property which is leased to the Moravian Church and slated for development.

A few vehicles were towed before residents arrived to remove others, including boat trailers stored on the open land, Mora-

vian Church Council property manager Samuel Rymer told *St. John Tradewinds*.

The Moravian Church Council officials and the developers also plan to meet further with the owners of Skinny Legs restaurant concerning parking for the iconic burger joint and tourist attraction, according to Rymer.

"We can work something out," the Moravian Church Council official said of the parking area that is V.I. public property that is leased to the council and sublet to the developers proposing a marina and condominium development on public lot and the neighboring Moravian Church Council property along the shoreline.

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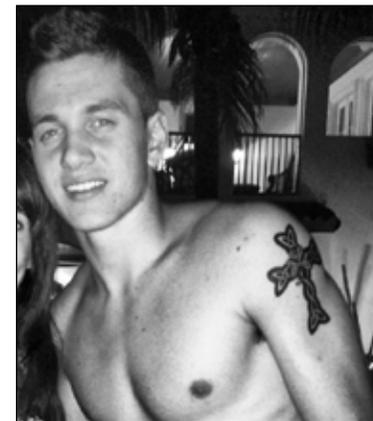
Sean Downes, 19, Charged in Assault on Farrell, Faced Similar Charges in Florida

By TOM OAT
St. John Tradewinds

ST. JOHN — A 19-year-old Florida man charged with the brutal late night assault on a popular St. John hospitality industry manager in Frank Powell Park was involved in a recent similar incident in West Palm Beach, Florida, in October 2014, according to an electronic media report in his wealthy hometown enclave.

Sean Downes of Delray Beach, Florida, was released on bail and allowed to leave the U.S. Virgin Islands to return for trial after being arraigned in Territorial Court on Monday, July 20, for brutally beating long-time island entrepreneur and entertainer Tommy Farrell early Sunday morning, July 19, as part of a small group of young visitors.

Farrell told *St. John Tradewinds* he approached the group in the park to ask them to stop vandalizing patio furniture at a closed outdoor restaurant in Frank Powell Park opposite the Cruz Bay ferry dock. The long-time St. John resident said he was punched in the



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Sean Downes in a mug shot, above left, and with Celtic cross tattoo on his upper left shoulder, above right.

head without warning and lost consciousness after the first blow.

From the multiple injuries to Farrell's face visible in photos taken after the attack it is apparent that Farrell also was struck numerous times, apparently while unconscious. Farrell also complained of bump on the back of his head from hitting the ground when he was knocked unconscious and back injuries possibly from being kicked

and beaten while unconscious on the ground.

Eerily Similar Case in Florida

Downes was charged with aggravated battery in an eerily similar assault on a stranger outside a private party in West Palm Beach, Florida, in September 2014, according to a police document provided by the internet news site operator and lawyer.

Events at the party had "Sean Downs" facing felony battery charges and his alleged victim left with potentially permanent facial scarring and disfigurement.

"As he turned away the suspect punched him in the left temple and he fell to the ground," reads the West Palm Beach Police Department report published by the internet site. "Valencia (the victim's friend and witness) said the victim was knocked out and the suspect kept hitting him on the ground."

"Valencia estimated the (sic) his friend was punched eight to ten times," the police report continues. "The victim only remembers after that was waking up in Palm Beach Gardens Hospital emergency room."

Florida Prosecution Dropped

The prosecution of the Florida case ceased in April when criminal charges apparently were dropped in a sealed settlement of the case in a legal maneuver allowed under Florida law, according to Warren Redlich, the founder of West Boca News, an internet news site opera-

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"Florida law allows people to buy their way out of a criminal charge."

Florida Victim Settles Case To Pay Medical Bills

St. John Tradewinds

WEST PALM BEACH, FL — When Joseph Scott Rey, 21, of West Palm Beach, Florida, was told that Sean Downes, the young man who brutally attacked him while he was leaving a private Florida house party in September 2014 had been accused of doing the same thing to someone else on St. John he cursed quietly in frustrated anger.

Unable to afford a lawyer, Rey acknowledged he had accepted a private settlement of the criminal case that the State of Florida had filed against Downes, 19, of neighboring Delray Beach for knocking Rey out with a "sucker punch" blow to the head before repeatedly punching Rey in the face and head while he was unconscious.

Such a private settlement is allowed under Florida law, according to West Palm Beach Attorney, internet news site operator and real estate agent Warren Redlich.

"Florida law allows people to buy their way out of a criminal charge," Redlich explained to *St. John Tradewinds*. The lawyer said he has applied for a copy of the case file which would include information of any settlement.

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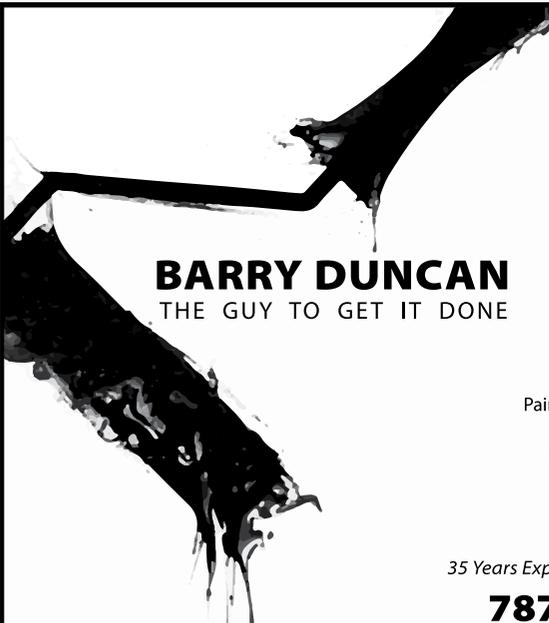
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“In a U.S. territory and U.S. citizen, why isn’t (the) FBI involved, especially given the poor reputation of the local police?”

— Ed Netherland’s personal physician

Family and Physician Want Information From VIPD on Privateer Murder Case

By TOM OAT

St. John Tradewinds

EAST END — Did his troubled stateside financial dealings or his St. John investments cost a Tennessee insurance entrepreneur his life in an apparent murder in an isolated home on the northeastern tip of the island in November 2014?

The family and personal physician of the insurance investment Edward Netherland, 60, of Nashville, are questioning the progress of any V.I. Police Department investigation into the suspicious death — or lack thereof. There has been no public further information about the VIPD investigation since shortly after the incident.

Major Crime detectives in the St. Thomas/St. John district reported the homicide victim was discovered unresponsive in his Cliffside home on the isolated east end of St. John at about 9:15 a.m. on November 18. Detectives also said the results of the autopsy received by them on November 20 list cause of death as blunt force trauma.

Police were dispatched to the residence after an employee of the victim entered the house, found the victim and called 911, according to preliminary VIPD information.

“Ed was a good friend of mine and I’m surprised so little has been accomplished in finding his killer,” said Netherland’s personal physician in Nashville. “As his physician, I would like to review the autopsy report.”

“I’m unclear as to the exact cause of death,” the doctor continued. “What forensic information on the murder scene is available?”

“I understand there may have been other blood at the scene for

blood type/DNA analysis,” the physician added.

“In a U.S. territory and U.S. citizen, why isn’t (the) FBI involved, especially given the poor reputation of the local police?” the Tennessee physician asked.

Controversy Quiets

With controversy surrounding Netherland’s insurance and financial dealings, representatives of news media in his home state of Tennessee were in contact with *St. John Tradewinds* immediately after the businessman’s body was found in the isolated home on East End.

Tennessee media has not reported much on the financier since his untimely death.

“I have no knowledge of his financial dealings except that he was an innovative person in new insurance products with a forceful personality,” Netherland’s physician told *St. John Tradewinds*.

“Ed’s family is very interested in resolution,” his personal physician added.

The murder of his patient and friend was “similar to the Malfetti situation in poor police response but circumstances of the individuals lives different,” Netherland’s personal physician said in an e-mail to *St. John Tradewinds* referring to the pending prosecution of the January 2014 murder of James Malfetti.

Personal Physician

Has Questions

“I don’t think Ed was involved with drugs,” his physician said in response to questions from *St. John Tradewinds*. “He did have a lot of financial relationships/deals with some dissatisfied clients; I agree they would be the first suspects to look into.”

“Ed was not just renting an iso-

lated house,” his physician added. “He had some ownership interest in that whole development and planned to build his own home out there.”

“Yes, I am very interested,” Netherland’s son Brad, also an insurance executive, said when contact by *St. John Tradewinds*.

Neighbor Describes Scene

“It looked like a tussle and they hit him or he hit his head,” a neighboring property owner told *St. John Tradewinds* shortly after the incident. “It wasn’t like (the house) was ransacked — his wallet was gone; his watch was gone.”

“I don’t think they knew he was there,” the long-time St. John resident surmised. “This guy didn’t go out.”

“This is an isolated spot,” the neighbor said of the modern house which hangs off a cliff on the north shore of Privateer Point on the East End of St. John with a porch cantilevered far above the shoreline overlooking Tortola.”

“He was renting,” the property owner said. “He never locked his doors. He was on the phone 10 hours a day,”

“He sat out there in the peace and quiet...,” the man said of the cliff-side home which is reached only by a circuitous unmarked concrete subdivision road overgrown with the brush of the semi-arid area.

“Of course forensics came out,” the source told *St. John Tradewinds* at the time. “They did the whole cop thing; but nothing ever comes of that.”

“He was a big guy,” the source continued. “There had to have been a fight.”

“There had to be a fight,” the *Tradewinds* source said. “He had a big wound on his head.”



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Report Reveals Five-fold Increase in Vehicles in St. John Rental Fleet

By JUDI SHIMEL
St. John Tradewinds

CRUZ BAY — Documents recently obtained from the VI government shows how much the local transportation industry has grown over the past 40 years. A five-fold growth, displayed in records made available through the Department of Motor Vehicles, was shown in the area of vehicle rentals commonly used by visitors.

Twenty-three St. John rental agencies are allowed to own and operate more than one thousand vehicles under a government directed quota system that was last expanded in 2012, according to those documents.

Five of those agencies, representing some of the oldest established car rentals, can have more than 50 vehicles apiece in their inventories. Nine more can have up to 50 vehicles available to rent. Eight more can have up to 21 vehicles apiece.

Five new rental agencies joined the roster, according to Department of Motor Vehicles Supervisor Libya Callwood. Two represent established businesses under new management.

Those numbers demonstrate how much the vacation market has expanded on island since car rentals first took root in the early 1970s. If all agencies were to have the maximum allotted inventory and those allowed to stock more than 50 vehicles apiece had, for example, ten extra, the number of St. John rental vehicles would be 968.

One local property manager

said he's pleased to see some of the changes and his customers benefit as well.

Far Cry from 1975

St. John Car Rental owners Albert and Lonnie Willis say the rental fleet of 2015 is a far cry from the days when they leased vehicles owned by private residents and rented them out. In those days, Lonnie Willis said, the total inventory at St. John Car Rental was 35. When added to the 1975 fleet from other companies, there may have been less than 200.

"Varlack Ventures may have been the first car rental service," she said, adding that a local travel agency got into the business as a sideline for their customers, then sold the car rental to a local businessman. That enterprise later evolved into St. John Car Rental.

One of the locals leasing privately owned vehicles to the Willis in the 1970s was Robert O'Connor. Today, O'Connor Jeep Rental has one of the larger rental fleets. Conrad Sutton Jeep Rental and Delbert Hill Jeep Rental join VV, St. John Car Rental and O'Connor with 50-plus vehicle quotas.

One new agency, Aqua Blu Car Rental, came into the market with a 50 vehicle quota.

They're competing in a category of businesses, old and new, with similar inventories including Best Car Rental, Bougainvillea Leasing, Caribbean Villas, Cool Breeze Car Rental, Courtesy Car Rental, Denzil Clyne Jeep Rental, Mr. Piper's Jeep Rental, Penn's Jeep Rental and Spencer's Jeep Rental.

The rest all have 21 vehicle



St. John Tradewinds News Photo File

Twenty-three agencies can operate a total of more than 1,000 vehicles.

quotas, including newcomers Sunshine Jeep Rental, Destiny Car Rental and Bay Isles Jeep, LLC. Long established agency Lionel re-emerged as Pine Cone. C & C Car Rental, Hospitality Car Rental, Just Sun Rental, Inc., and L & L Car Rental complete the St. John rental roster.

Inventory Please Villa Rentals

For St. John villa company manager Frank Reggio at Catered To, the array of rental agencies nicely meets the transportation needs of his customers.

"For the most part we feel that all our needs are filled," Reggio said. "We're never stuck unless a guest calls at the last minute at Christmas."

Even at those times Reggio said his business benefits from the courtesy and cooperative spirit found at some of the 23 St. John agencies. His favorites include

Denzil Clyne, St. John Car Rental and Mr. Piper, formerly Paris Jeep Rental.

"They'll bend over backwards to do bring extra service," Reggio said. "The hospitality side of the car rental business is improving."

Catered To books thousands of units a year from their inventory of 45 St. John rental villas at 75 to 80 percent occupancy in 2014. The vehicle rental companies also serve guests from established hotels including St. John Westin, Caneel Bay and Gallows Point, small inns and other villa rental companies.

St. Thomas Rentals Illegal Invaders

Still, the Willis complain the St. John fleet is threatened by rentals booked on St. Thomas and brought over by car barge. The subject of St. Thomas rentals invading the market came up at a July 23 hearing of the 31st Legis-

lature's Committee on Finance

Testifier Lawrence Olive, Director of the Motor Vehicles Bureau, said the VI Code clearly prohibits the practice and the St. John car rental association went to court several years ago to stop it.

The matter has come to his attention since he took office at the head of the MVB, Olive said. He's still trying to figure out what to do about it, especially in light of opponents who say blocking St. Thomas rentals from coming over to St. John interferes with interstate commerce.

"It's a funny situation but its the same as it is with taxis," Olive said. "I can't take my taxi from here and go to St. John with it or you can't take your taxi from St. John and come here with it. How can we clarify this matter because the Virgin Islands Code is clear. It tells you you're not supposed to take a rental from St. Thomas to St. John."

Lonnie Willis estimated between 60 and 100 rentals come over from St. Thomas on the barge daily but to be sure, she said, it's best to check with barge operators.

Albert Willis, her husband of 43 years and business partner, said he was not sure about the numbers but was sure that the practice should be stopped.

How could they let it happen, he asked.

At the same time Willis admitted the practice may not be soon to change because the St. John car rental association abandoned its legal challenge several years ago.

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“As of this date, there are 12 such vessels, or portions thereof, within the Coral Harbor Designated Mooring Area which have been there more than 30 days. Visible registration numbers are: VI5744TA, VI7729T; others have no identifying marks still present,” the notice continued.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by File

The Wrecks of Coral Harbor will be a memory if not a calendar subject, after CBCC gets its project underway.

DPNR Issues 30-Day Notice Paving Way for CBCC Abandoned Vessels Removal

By TOM OAT
St. John Tradewinds

CORAL BAY — The V.I. Department of Planning and Natural Resources has issued the first notice of a major clean-up to have sunk or wrecked vessels in the Coral Harbor “Designated Mooring Area” removed.

“Pursuant to 25 VIC § 408(b), owners of a vessel sunk or wrecked within a designated mooring or anchorage, or whose vessel sunk or washed ashore onto the shorelines of the Virgin Islands, must remove the vessel within 30 days,” according to a public legal notice from DPNR Commissioner Dawn L. Henry Esq. of DPNR) in the July 20 *St. John Tradewinds*.

“The owner shall be liable for any damages to public property, to the environment, and to other vessels caused by the owner’s vessel,” the legal notice announced. “Further, the Department may remove and dispose of sunken or wrecked vessels that can legally be deemed abandoned following a public notice period of not less than thirty (30) days.”

Twelve Vessels on CBCC Radar

“As of this date, there are 12 such vessels, or portions thereof, within the Coral Harbor Designated Mooring Area which have been there more than 30 days. Visible registration numbers are: VI5744TA,

VI7729T; others have no identifying marks still present,” the notice continued.

“In addition, 5 (five) identified moored or anchored floating abandoned vessels will be removed,” the notice read. “These vessels have not been registered in years and in some cases owners are known to be deceased.”

“The vessels are identified as follows: 1) NY Registration # NY 3762 BD power boat, name Dorado; 2) VI-3228TC Curmudgeon, Pearson Alberg 35; 3) Desparado, sailing vessel, approx. 45 feet; 4) Cape Dory sailboat, stripped hull; 5) powerboat in back of harbor, 30 feet, no identifying marks,” the notice continued. “Notices and vessel photos are posted on Coral Bay community bulletin boards.”

“All of these wrecked or sunk vessels will be considered abandoned if not removed within 30 days of this notice,” the notice concluded. “Pursuant to 25 VIC § 409(c), failure of an owner to remove any abandoned vessel, or portion thereof, within 30 days of this notice will result in the removal and disposal of the vessels by contractors authorized by the Department.”

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V.I. Supreme Court Rules for Boynes Trucking In Fuel Company Action for Restraining Order

By **JUDI SHIMEL**
St. John Tradewinds

ST. THOMAS — The Virgin Islands Supreme Court has rejected an appeal by a fuel trucking enterprise seeking a restraining order and injunction against Boynes Trucking

Associate Supreme Court Justice Maria Cabret and Designated Justices Harold Willocks and Bren-

da Hollar denied 3 RC's request for a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction because the request limited the power the court to seek an equitable remedy between the parties.

The dispute that led to the high court decision began with an agreement between 3 RC and Boynes Trucking to ship gasoline from St. Croix to St. Thomas in

February 2009. Principals with the St. Thomas trucking company said the arrangement went well at first. But financial provisions became sporadic and led to a 3 RC executive into trouble at a local bank.

Restraining Order Denied

Legal actions taken when the deal began to sour turned into an appeal after a Superior Court

Judge refused to hold a hearing before denying the request for a temporary restraining order. 3 RC then went to court asking that the terms of a joint venture between themselves and Boynes Trucking, Boynes Group and Breeze Shipping, Inc. be enforced.

In their opinion Justices Cabret, Willocks and Hollar said the legal complaint filed by 3 RC lacked a sufficient paper trail.

"Typically, it is appropriate — and necessary — for the trial judge to hold a hearing and make findings of fact, but where the moving party rests on allegations alone without submitting sufficient supporting evidence with its moving papers, it fails to present a colorable factual basis to support its claim for a preliminary injunction, and the Superior Court is not required to hold a hearing on the motion before summarily denying it," the appeals court ruled.

Also outlined in the ruling were four criteria needed for the complainant to show they were likely to succeed on the merits of the case, none of which were met in this instance. One of the criteria for the TRO was that the complain-

ant would suffer irreparable harm if the TRO was not granted.

Money Can Cure Harm

Justices said the harm caused by this situation could be cured with a monetary payment, making it repairable.

"The Superior Court did not err in denying 3RC's motion for a preliminary injunction without holding a hearing," the panel ruled. "3RC failed to make out any plausible claim for injunctive relief because the loss of its investment in the alleged joint venture cannot constitute irreparable injury, since it 3RC & Co. v. Boynes Trucking Sys., Inc. can be remedied through money damages."

"Further, the evidence 3RC submitted undermined the allegations it made in its complaint, and therefore 3RC failed to make any showing that it was likely to succeed on the merits."

"Accordingly, we affirm the Superior Court's January 8, 2015 order denying 3RC's motion for a preliminary injunction," the court said in its ruling in the case of 3 RC & Company, Inc. vs. Boynes Trucking Systems, Inc., et. al. which was published July 23.

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Interior Assistant Secretary Announces \$500,000 In Assistance to USVI Centennial Commission

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WASHINGTON, DC — The U.S. Department of Interior will provide \$500,000 to assist the U.S. Virgin Islands Centennial Commission, according to an announcement by Interior Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas Esther Kia'aina's on July 21.

"I am excited to announce with Interior Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs Esther Kia'aina, the grant assistance of \$500,000 for the U.S. Virgin Islands Centennial Commission, Congresswoman Stacey Plaskett said in announcing the grant.

"The grant monies, which are being provided through the Office of Insular Affairs Technical Assistance Program, are something that my office has worked closely with Secretary Kai'aina on since I first took office in Washington and I am proud of the efforts that we have made together with Pamela Richards Samuel and the local Commission that lead to today's announcement," Del. Plaskett said.

"These initial grant monies will be of tremendous help to the local Commission and I am thankful to Governor Mapp and the Centennial Commission who have engaged in a true joint effort at the local and federal level to help achieve this initial funding," Del. Plaskett said.

Clean-up Pile-up



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tom Oat

The Coral Bay Community Council's continuous clean-up of Coral Harbor has been maintained while uncertainty buffets the resident mooring field. A pile of trash collected from the shoreline by volunteers as part of the CBCC's on-going efforts to clean the marine environment, above, was ready to be removed in mid-July – before the Moravian Church Council of the V.I. abruptly informed resident boaters that they could no longer maintain a two-section floating dock extending from the historic stone pier on the shoreline to allow the only "dry foot" access for dozens of resident boaters.

Tennis Fundraiser for Noah Gessner Is Aug. 8 at Cruz Bay Courts

St. John Tradewinds

ST. JOHN — Eleven-year-old Giff Hill School student Noah Gessner has been selected to represent the U.S. Virgin Islands at the International Tennis Federation's Caribbean 12 & Under Team Championships this August in Curaçao and he needs the community's help to get there.

Noah Gessner and his father Eric Gessner, Director of Tennis at Caneel Bay Resort, are hosting a tennis clinic and hitting sessions on Saturday, August 8, at the public courts in Cruz Bay from 4 to 7 p.m.

Stop by and take part in one of three clinics hosted by Eric Gessner or enjoy a half hour of hitting with Noah Gessner and be ready to be impressed.

Adult group clinics with Eric Gessner will be limited to six participants with 4 to 5 p.m. and 5 to 6 p.m. slated for beginners. Intermediate players are invited to join a clinic from 6 to 7 p.m. Noah Gessner will offer half-hour hitting sessions for adults from 4 to 7 p.m.

Clinic and hitting session participants are invited to make donations to help offset Noah Gessner's travel costs in order to compete in the ITF/Grand Slam Development Fund Caribbean 12 and Under Team Championships in Curaçao August 23 through 29. The cost of the trip is estimated at \$4,500 with V.I. Tennis Association covering \$2,500 of that.

In Curaçao, Noah Gessner will be playing against teams from Anguilla, British Virgin Islands, St. Lucia, Antigua & Barbuda, Cayman Islands, St. Vincent, Aruba, Surinam, Bahamas, Dominica, Trinidad & Tobago, Barbados, Grenada, Turks and Caicos Islands, Belize, Guyana, Bermuda, Haiti, Bonaire and Jamaica.

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Team Westin celebrates their win at last year's event, above, as participants compete in different heats, left.

Fifth Annual St. John Chaotic Kayak Race Is Sunday, August 2 at Oppenheimer

By **JAIME ELLIOTT**
St. John Tradewinds

GREAT CRUZ BAY — Mark those calendars for Sunday, August 2, for a day of challenging competition and loads of fun on the water while supporting great cause as the Fifth Annual St. John Chaotic Kayak race takes over Oppenheimer Beach.

One hundred percent of the funds raised at the event support Team River Runner's Virgin Islands program which brings a group of wounded veterans to the island for a week of health and healing each November.

TRR was founded by Joe Morini a decade ago at Walter Reed Army Medical Center to introduce wounded veterans to adaptable kayak sports, encouraging inde-

pendence and fostering camaraderie among both men and women wounded in battle.

Today there are TRR chapters at military hospitals across the country which host regular kayak trips and special events, supplying both a welcome social link and intense physical outlet for wounded veterans.

TRR's Virgin Islands program brings potential chapter leaders recommended by their local chapters to spend a week at Cinnamon Bay Campground exploring the bays on kayak excursions and gaining a deeper understanding of the group.

The TRR Virgin Islands program is completely funded through in-kind donations and money from fundraisers; with the bulk of funds

coming from the annual St. John Chaotic Kayak race.

This year the kayak race is being called the Command Sergeant Major Robert Gallagher memorial race after a former member of TRR who visited St. John with the group. Gallagher died of a heart condition this past year, but not before impacting the lives of all who met him and served under him in combat. Gallagher is well known for taking part in the famous Black Hawk Down campaign and his death was covered by national news outlets.

The race this year is being coordinated by Sadie Sea owners Tom and Amy Larson, who have a full day of on the water and shore-side fun planned. The afternoon will feature delicious food, plenty of drinks and dozens of raffles, all

of which are available on a cash only basis.

Kayak races will kick off at noon with teams expected to arrive around 11 a.m. There are 32 team already registered for the race and no space for additional entries. All teams must attend a pre-race meeting at Inn at Tamarind Court on Saturday afternoon, August 1, at 3 p.m.

The race fee is \$150 but teams are encouraged to raise additional funds in order to purchase head-start time to the tune of five seconds for each \$100 raised.

"While all team members are welcome to attend the meeting, at least one member from each team is required to go in order to draw for their heat placement and buy head start time," said Tom Larson.

There is no parking allowed at Oppenheimer Beach and party-goers are encouraged to either meet Sadie Sea at the National Park dock around 10 a.m. for a ride to the beach, or take advantage of the shuttle donated by St. John Community Foundation which will pick passengers up at the gravel lot and Mongoose Junction starting at 10:30 a.m. The shuttle will begin returning to Cruz Bay at 4 p.m.

Glazer's Premier Distributors, Miller High Life and St. John Brewers are main supporters of the event with many local businesses donating food, drinks, raffle prizes and more.

For more information, call Tom Larson at (340) 514-0778. To donate raffle prizes call Kate Farrington at (917) 776-9450 or Suzanne Crosby at (704) 942-4594.

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Governor's Reading Challenge Books Arrive



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St. John Rotary women unloaded a 40-foot trailer of new books for the Governor's Summer Reading Challenge with the help of students Ariana George, grade 6; Denneth Dauvergne, grade 4; Jacob Wells, grade 2, Ah'asha Williams, grade 7; Malachi Toussaint, grade 2, and Coretha Marsh, grade 4, who got a first look at the trailer full of titles.



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Personnel Sets Correction, Police Officer Exams

St. John Tradewinds

ST. THOMAS — Testing has been scheduled for the ranks of Correction Officer and Police Officer territory-wide in accordance with V.I. Code Title 3; Chapter 25; Section 523, Milton E. Potter, SHRM-SCP; IPMA-CP, Director Designee, Division of Personnel announced in mid-July.

Qualifications for candidates includes completion of the Twelfth (12) grade or possession of an equivalency certificate. A candidate must also possess or be able to qualify for a Motor Vehicle Operator's License.

Candidates must be a US citizen at least twenty (20) years of age and not have reached his/her forty-six (46) birthday. Candidates must successfully pass a Civil Service Written examination, physical agility test, psychological exam, oral board interview, as well as a background check.

The sign-up period is July 27-August 7 and the testing dates are September 14-18. All interested candidates must sign-up and submit a complete application package at the respective district office by Friday, Aug. 7.

Candidates who submitted an application prior are required to notify the Division of Personnel of any changes in mailing addresses to ensure receipt of confirmed examination notice.

Preparation guide for the police officer written examination will be distributed July 27-31, 2015.

The Division recruitment policy has been amended to include new criteria which will allow candidates to be waived from sitting for the written examination; however, candidates are required to meet all other established criteria for qualification. The new criteria are as follows:

All degrees (associate, bachelor and master level) from accredited institutions will now be accepted in addition to the degrees currently accepted which include police science, criminal justice, (certain)- social science, criminology, forensic science, accounting, public and business administration; however, all accredited non-related degrees will require proof of completion via official transcript; and,

All military veterans who served full military service with an honorable or general discharge listed on their DD214.

Applications are available at the Division of Personnel St. Thomas Location at 3438 Kronprindsens Gade-GERS Complex 3rd Floor, St. Croix Location at, 3009 Orange Grove Shopping Center, or visit the website at www.dopusvi.org

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The Animal Car Center on-line auction of the landmark hand-painted Sloop Jones sign from the Coral Bay "triangle" went for a \$500 donation on July 16 from Jeannie Cockayne in memory of her son Jamie Cockayne. The iconic sign was replaced at the triangle before someone drove into one of the sturdy signposts recently.

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Photo by Tom Oat

An Afternoon of Insanity



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tom Oat

The St. John bar and restaurant workforce came out in full force for the annual Bar Wars competition on Cruz Bay Beach at The Beach Bar in Wharfside Village on Sunday afternoon, July 19. Service workers from establishments around the island competed in goofy relay races featuring challenging service of drinks — and the drinking of many of them.

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Acqua Blu & Red Hawk: Exciting Opportunity To Own Two Private Villas on One Acre of Land

By JAIME ELLIOTT
St. John Tradewinds

BOATMAN POINT—Acqua Blu and Red Hawk are two private villas with jaw-dropping water views located on almost a full acre of land in the desirable neighborhood of Boatman Point.

This is a rare opportunity to purchase two separate villas with a total of seven bedrooms and seven and a half bathrooms for \$3.9 million, explained Lynn Giovanna of Sea Glass Properties/Islandia Real Estate.

“This is a compound consisting of two private villas on almost an acre of land with stunning 270 degree panoramic views,” said Giovanna.

While the hustle and bustle of Cruz Bay will feel like a world away, the homes are only a five minute drive to the dining, shopping and nightlife the town has to offer. The famed alabaster beaches of the island’s North Shore are also only a short drive from Acqua Blu and Red Hawk, which are nestled in the private association of Boatman Point, Giovanna explained.

“Acqua Blu and Red Hawk have coveted end of road location in the upscale private association of Boatman Point,” said Giovanna. “The homes offer beautiful water views overlooking the Caribbean

Sea, Hart Bay, Rendezvous Bay, St. Thomas and beyond.”

Acqua Blu is a luxurious and well-appointed villa consisting of four bedrooms, four full baths and two half baths. The home also boasts a media room, a well-stocked library, a comfortable breakfast area and an extensive wine cellar.

Red Hawk cottage is situated below Acqua Blu and features its own private entry and driveway. This villa consisting of three bedroom and two bathrooms, a chef’s kitchen and a spacious, covered outdoor porch with beautiful views of the Caribbean Sea.

No detail was overlooked in the construction of these two impressive homes, Giovanna added.

“The owner supervised the construction and designed both villas for his family’s use so they are not the typical rental villas, but rather hand crafted, gracious, West Indian style structures built with the momentary fickleness of the Caribbean weather in mind,” said Giovanna. “The homes were constructed of solid poured concrete with professionally landscaped gardens that quietly nest on and in the sea scape of rocks. The villas are totally private, yet conveniently connected with a native stone walkway and each has its own

separate entrance and parking.”

“There is plenty of outdoor space, which is so important to tropical living, with seven different porches and balconies,” she said.

The property is ideally suited

for a number of scenarios and can easily be adapted to be a family enclave or corporate getaway.

“A buyer could rent both villas, live in one and rent the other, or live in main house with a caretaker in the cottage,” said Giovanna

“There are so many options.”

For more information about Acqua Blu and Red Hawk, call Giovanna at Sea Glass Properties/Islandia Real Estate at (340) 776-6666 or on her cell phone at (340) 344-1825.



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Fighting for Retirees Benefits

Fifty years ago, on July 30, 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed into law the Medicare and Medicaid programs, designed to protect the health and well-being of millions of Americans.

Still in 2015, many older Americans remain fearful about the downward trajectory of our national healthcare system. Millions of retirees did not solely rely on Medicare and possibly Medicaid as a safety net, but instead worked decades for employer guaranteed retirement healthcare benefits.

Unfortunately, many corporations have been walking away from their fiduciary duty dumping or diminishing their retirees' earned healthcare benefits. Retirees across the U.S. need to know that these vital earned benefits are secure and cannot to be taken away.

New federal legislation, the Employee Benefits Protection Act (H.R. 1856) can help by making it more difficult for companies to reduce or eliminated the earned healthcare benefits of their former long time and loyal workers. The legislation also treats these benefits as vested benefits. In 2015, Congress has the opportunity to protect seniors' earned healthcare like they did 50 years ago by passing H.R. 1856.

Fellow retirees, I urge you to join with the non-profit ProtectSeniors.org, which is fighting for these retiree protections in our nation's capital.

Sincerely,
Jose A. Torres

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Another Journalism Critic Assails St. John Tradewinds for Marina Report

I read your coverage of the Coral Bay marina in your July 13th edition. The standards of journalism were repeatedly violated specifically by Tom Oat and generally by your editors. I read the story on the developer's perspective that Tom Oat wrote. He took the developer's word on every aspect and no difficult question were ever asked. It is clear that the reporter did not fact check the SEG statements. To print a statement that the mooring field was deleted because the grant was withdrawn, to state that the application was started over again due to the addition of the land side development is just plain false. Mr. Oat clearly has not spoken to the Army Corps of Engineers. Had he done so, he would have been told that five different federal agencies rejected the original application because it was incomplete. Perhaps Tom Oat should have read the original application. If he had, he would not have printed the statement from the applicant "Summers said the moorings were never official part of the federal permit application..." Had Tom Oat undertaken just a minimum of journalistic effort, he would have found the negative comments made by those agencies. Had Tom Oat found those comments, he could have asked SEG to explain them. It is clear that they will not discuss this application unless they are being served up softballs by a reporter wearing kid gloves.

The contrast of the SEG story's great support for the project when compared to the condescending and derogatory tone of the Save Coral Bay stories is profound and despicable. The supportive vocabulary in the SEG story is in stark contrast to Tom Oat's and other writers use of words like gadfly for the opponent. And then there is the statement that Save Coral Bay is "fomenting opposition" that is clearly written to devalue the SEG opponents. How about the strangely positive description of the Army Corps of Engineers' statement instead of the neutral nature of the standard statements. Could it be that you printed the applicant's interpretation of the statements? That was a PR piece for SEG.

The appropriate approach would have been to combine the stories from both points of view and weave them together into a balanced piece that would have compared and contrasted their positions. A third element where you brought in the statements of the federal agencies were used to illustrate the first and second applications and their relationship to each other would have made the picture much clearer. You negated the journalism practice of getting second and third sources by printing separate stories and printing

none of the Army Corps of Engineers positions.

You, at *St. John Tradewinds*, would not have been able to publish that fluff story and perhaps cultivate a new advertiser if you had taken an objective approach to the story. Before you get too outraged and indigent, let's take a look at the PR piece you reprinted from MegaYacht News without taking any more journalistic responsibility for those words. The author was shown the facts by Save Coral Bay and the comments they received on line. As a direct result, they withdrew the story.

If the paper is going to support the marina, move that support to the editorial page. If that story was bought and paid for, then label it as a commercial advertisement. Your unethical practice of printing PR pieces and being advocates of issues under the cover of journalism is unacceptable.

Jim Gallagher
Rogers, Arkansas

Directions: First, Re-read First Paragraph Editor's Note:

As the writer, editor and proofreader, the undersigned (sic.) has acknowledged that my references to the withdrawn federal Fish and Wildlife Service grant for the Summer's End Marina in the first paragraph of the lead story in the July 13 issue were as inaccurate as they were irrelevant to the story. (See related Editor's Note.)

In creating transition paragraphs between the substantive quotes the writer, me, conflated two elements.

The confusion is apparently contagious.

Hence, the above letter.

To respond, the first paragraph of the lead story in the July 13 issue read:

ST. JOHN – *The federal Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) has opened a second official 30-day public comment period on an amended application for the 145-slip, megayacht marina in Coral Harbor that doesn't include the 75-buoy mooring field in Coral Bay that was included in the controversial original plan.*

That shouldn't be confusing, but the bold face type and underlining is to further accentuate the subject verbiage.

At least the writer agreed that the moorings now have been removed from the SEG application.

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NEXT DEADLINE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6TH

Letters to *St. John Tradewinds*



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tom Oat

MORAVIAN COUNCIL EVICTS DOCK OF CORAL BAY: The sturdy two-section floating dock was custom-designed to float off the historic stone and concrete pier that didn't have the capacity or depth to handle the marine traffic of Coral Harbor and is used by scores of live-aboard and recreational boaters with vessels in the harbor and no other public access to the shoreline.

CBCC Reaches Out to Moravian Council

To the St. John Community:

With regards to the Moravian Church VI Conference 30-day notice to remove the community dock extension in Coral Bay behind the fire station, the Coral Bay Community Council, along with other local organizations, is reaching out to the Conference leadership to request that the Moravian Conference either directly apply for the required DPNR permits for the floating dock or allow CBCC or another organization to undertake the necessary permitting process. As long as this process is initiated with DPNR before the floating dock is removed, the dock can

remain where it is and in community use while the permit process is underway.

Of course, hurricane preparation may require the floating dock's temporary removal at any time, so if your dinghy is stored on the dock and not in frequent use, please remove your dinghy now and store it behind your moored boat, or at your home or somewhere away from the shoreline until hurricane season is over.

**Thank you,
Sharon Coldren
Coral Bay Community Council President**

A Tribute to Captain Julien Ronan

The marine industry laid to rest one of our finest sailors, Captain Julien "Blackie" or "Rashung" Ronan, 54 in July. The Virgin Islands Captains Associations would like to extend sympathies and pledge our support to the family during this time of bereavement.

Red Hook will never be the same without seeing "Blackie" enjoying a drink and calling out a greeting to someone. On St. John, he was always down in the hold tinkering with a problem until it was fixed.

He loved his work and the people around him. Though gruff at times, he always seemed to be in a good mood. That's what life is about, say your piece and move on. Even though we have said goodbye, Captain Julien has left in his "Wake water" memories to cherish. As we sail these Caribbean waters, let us carry him in our hearts. We love you Capt.

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June 22-August 14

— Giffit Hill School will offer summer academic enrichment sessions for children ages 3 to 11 from June 22 to August 14. Qualified instructors will lead students in age-appropriate academic enrichment activities and field excursions that will enrich students' understanding of classroom work.

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.

January 29-30, 2016

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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

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Letters to *St. John Tradewinds*

Another Journalism Critic Assails *St. John Tradewinds* for Marina Report

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24 Paragraphs of Direct ACE Quotations

Thereafter, the lead story contained approximately 24 paragraphs of attributed direct quotations from the Army Corps of Engineers public notice – clearly marked with quotations – which SEG gadfly “David Silverman of Save Coral Bay” in his lengthy response (*St. John Tradewinds*, July 20) referred to as both “information furnished by the applicant” and “standard language used by the corps on many public notices for projects that are ultimately denied.”

The ACE public notice statements can't be both.

Actually, *St. John Tradewinds* professional reading of the ACE public notice available on line, based on this reporter's reading of ACE documents over more than four decades, coincided with David Silverman of Save Coral Bay's published opinion that the ACE public notice cited contained “standard (ACE) language.”

St. John Tradewinds determined the language was from ACE and was not “furnished by the applicant.”

The “retracted” promotional article about SEG was printed verbatim in italic type to differentiate it from a reported news story and was clearly identified as being reprinted from the *Mega Yacht News* on-line site. It was still posted on that internet site in July 2015 without caveat that it had been “retracted”.

Inept Inference = Error

The inept inference in the *St. John Tradewinds* story that SEG's withdrawal of plans for a mooring field was related to the withdrawal of the Fish and Wildlife Service grant for the transient boat marina was ungracefully based on the 60 percent contribution SEG was to have put up for the transient boat marina.

The reference was incorrect and a Correction is printed in this issue.

St. John Tradewinds, the writer, the editor and the proofreader regret the error.

I had a senior moment.

But the point is moot.

The matching contribution by SEG was non-specific and ostensibly would have included the cost of relocating the moorings now in the area of the proposed transient small boat marina and remove the sunken, abandoned, unregistered or inoperable vessels from the area of the FWS funded marina as part of its 60 percent matching contribution for the FWS grant.

The context of the reference was clear that the withdrawn FWS grant could only be used for infrastructure (docks). The connection to the matching SEG funds and mitigation efforts was muddled by the writer. A Correction has been published.

The new application by SEG now contains no relocated mooring field for those displaced by both the transient marina and the mega-yacht marina.

SEG Response Was in Context

SEG principal Chaliase Summers' properly attributed quote in the July 13 story that the moorings were never part of their ACE plan was presented in the context of properly attributed ACE statements to the contrary in accompanying stories in addition to the direct statement in the lead paragraph written by the undersigned as cited above.

The inference of their veracity was moot.

St. John Tradewinds can only hope SEG is at least as bothered by consistently being called a mega-yacht marina developer as *St. John Tradewinds* critics are by being inconsistently called gadflies.

I don't mind being called “profound.”

I think David Silverman of Save Coral Bay is doing an amazing job of fomenting opposition to the marina projects proposed. I think he thinks so, too.

There also was some initial contradiction between the ACE notice and the Coral Bay advocacy group as to whether parties who had commented in the first comment period could or should comment a second time in the new comment period.

David Silverman of Save Coral Bay has since fomented simmering opposition and unleashed his fervent force of foes.

No “Substantial” Adverse Impact

But, as stated in the subject *St. John Tradewinds* report, the federal permitting agency clearly stated its “initial determination” on the marina permit application in its notice of the new comment period that seemed to pave the way for its ultimate approval.

“The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest,” the ACE notice reads. “That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources.”

“The benefits, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments,” the notice foreshadowed.

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verb [with obj.]

be a warning or indication of (a future event): it foreshadowed my preoccupation with jazz.

“Based on the available information, the Corps initial determination is that the proposed action would not have a substantial adverse impact on EFH (Essential Fish Habitat) or Federally-managed fisheries in the Caribbean Sea,” the official ACE legal notice reads.

David Silverman of Save Coral Bay disagrees.

And so does Jim Gallagher of Arkansas.

That's two things they agree on.

Letters to *St. John Tradewinds*

Off The Cliff

As teenagers, we were always asked by adults, "If you see everyone else jumping off a cliff, would you join them?" Of course our answer then was no, but lately America has been saying 'yes'.

From the Supreme Court, to businesses, universities, civic groups, and churches have joined in the plunge over the edge.

The recent Supreme Court ruling has not settled the issue for many of us. In fact, this decision will spark a cultural revolution against the United States.

It is not our intention to flagrantly disobey the law; however our sense of right and wrong doesn't change because of five people's 'opinions'. This can of worms has now been fully opened to allow a small minority of folks to impose their sexual orientation on the majority.

It is hard enough to get kids to wait until an appropriate age to talk about sex and marriage. It will now be impossible if full-on flirting and other acts become visible in our public places.

The thought occurred to me: "What will the Carnival Committee say if a group of LGBT want to participate in next year's parade?" Legally, you can't stop them.

What will be the physiological impact on our kids and culture due to this spectacle? The graphic sex acts pantomimed during the parade is for another time, but to imagine two men or women displaying such behavior will surely cause big ramifications.

The courts follow the Ten Commandments in terms of 'Thou shalt not steal, thou shalt not lie' and etc.; however they fail to understand that the First Commandment is "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." Some folks in America have put the courts, their passions and agenda above our God.

A sad fact to us locally is that while the government has been slow in dealing with our land tax, high energy bills, trash and other issues, the governor wants to issue an executive order to speed up the process for same-sex marriages.

An even more distressing point is that he told us before the election that he would sign it into law. Therefore, we got what we voted for. Make up your mind and where you stand, because sooner or later you will be put to the test.

**One Man – One Woman
Emmanuel Prince**

Reader Questions Sewage Plans for Docked Boats?

After trying to write and send comments and questions on your system to no avail, I hope this note reaches the person it should.

Regarding the proposed project in Coral Bay, what are the sewage plans for docked boats? Surely there are plans to contain sewage and gray water. What exactly are the plans for this.

Hopefully, the island will quickly contain the sewage from other areas and boats moored.

**Susan Calloway
Calloway Real Estate
Highlands, North Carolina**

Sewage Issue Is Not Issue Editor's Note:

Susan,

There actually is a raging controversy about the Coral Bay Mega-Yacht Marina project – although not the sewage issue.

The SEG project proposes to have a pump-out system with on-shore storage and off-site disposal which would be available to any boats moored in the bay, although the SEG plan now makes no provisions for

the relocation of scores of moorings which will be impacted by the controversial mega-yacht marina which moorings were in the first SEG application.

The Army Corps of Engineers Public Notice itself cited the inclusion of upland portions of the project including the pump-out facilities in the plans now open for public comment.

The 100-plus vessels in the bay at peak season have not had access to a pump-out service. Some are live-aboard residences that do not leave the harbor on a regular basis to empty on-board septic systems at sea which is an accepted practice. There is no indication authorities currently enforce or otherwise monitor wastewater controls on moored vessels.

There are no public rest room facilities on shore.

Environmental studies have found elevated coliform levels in the harbor, according to the Army Corps of Engineers.

Thank you for your interest in saving Coral Bay.

– Tom Oat

Correction

Editor's Note — There were multiple incorrect references to the withdrawn \$1.27 million federal grant for Coral Bay which require clarification in the July 22, 2015, article in *St. John Tradewinds* concerning the Army Corps of Engineers notice on the Summer's End Group mega-yacht marina.

The incorrect references were to the relationship between the withdrawn \$1.27 million federal grant for Coral Bay and the developer's withdrawn plans for a mooring field which had been included in the original SEG application to ACE.

The statement *...despite the withdrawal of a federal Fish and Wildlife Service grant to the V.I. Department of Planning and Natural Resources which was to have been used to install a neighboring mooring field.* was incorrect.

The mooring field relocation would have been paid for by SEG as part of its 60 percent "match" of the now-withdrawn \$1.27 million federal grant for Coral Bay DPNR had received to fund construction of the transient "small boat" portion of the controversial mega-yacht marina project.

SEG received more than \$300,000 of that grant after the grant was "withdrawn" for preliminary work and SEG was told they could apply for the reinstatement of the remainder of the grant, developer Chaliese Summers told *St. John Tradewinds*.

St. John Tradewinds regrets the error.

The sentence *DPNR officials had earmarked the funds for SEG's cleanup of abandoned vessels in Coral Harbor and creation of a new mooring field to accommodate the vessels currently anchored in the area of Coral Harbor that would be covered by the proposed marina.* repeated the incorrect reference.

FWS designated its funding to DPNR for construction of the transient boating phase of the overall SEG project. The SEG can get "mitigation" credit for expenditures for clean-up efforts including the removal of derelict vessels, according to the Army Corps' most recent public notice on the SEG project.

St. John Tradewinds regrets the error.

The later reference DPNR officials had earmarked the funds for SEG's cleanup of abandoned vessels in Coral harbor and creation of a new mooring field to accommodate the vessels currently anchored in Coral Harbor and creation of a new mooring field ... again repeated that incorrect reference to the now-cancelled grant rather than to the SEG matching investment.

St. John Tradewinds regrets the error.

The final reference, *With the subsequent withdrawal of the related FWS grant intended to be used to relocate the existing moorings in Coral Harbor as part of an overall plan for Coral Bay...* reiterated that incorrect reference. The mooring field relocation would have been paid for by SEG after matching the now-withdrawn federal FWS grant. There is no mooring field in inner Coral Harbor in the new SEG the ACE application.

St. John Tradewinds regrets the error.

The point however is moot.

The FWS grant has been withdrawn instead of being reprogrammed by DPNR to be used for another Coral Bay Harbor boating infrastructure project such as an organized mooring field — or a permitted dinghy dock.

There is no public notice that the DPNR) ever sought to have the withdrawn FWS grant reprogrammed by DPNR to further support the current Coral Bay Community Council-DPNR scheduled efforts to remove sunken, abandoned and unregistered vessels from Coral Harbor — which will need additional funds to complete the task.

The \$1.27 million FWS grant could have been reprogrammed to provide funding for a mooring field dock to replace the community-funded dock DPNR is now ordering removed from the historic pier on the Moravian Church-owned shoreline scheduled for a second Coral Bay marina development.

Ed.

FYI. In seeking full absolution, I profess that the continued, intentional, redundantly-repeated references to the SEG proposal as a "mega-yacht" marina by *St. John Tradewinds* is not to be interpreted as an honorific. It is intended to be a pejorative reference. It may be somewhat unprofessional, but I admit it is intentional.

Apparently SEG is not offended by the reference and SEG opponents don't get it.

St. John Tradewinds does not mean to infer SEG and marina opponents agree on anything.

– Tom Oat

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Saturdays, 779-4477

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Letters to *St. John Tradewinds*

Marina Developer Steve Black Says "Thanks" To *St. John Tradewinds* and Jamie Elliott

In 1986, I paid for and created the Supermarket & Deli out of the Fern House Restaurant, where Dolphin is now. My partner was Armin Ewald.

I eventually sold out to Armin, but... I eventually got the market back and then I took on Winston Bennett and David Mugar and we created Starfish.

David eventually assumed Bennett's interest and then a few years later I asked David to buy me out when he was building The Marketplace. Prior to 1986 the only groceries store was Lilly's, Gladys's, and Oscar's tiny stores, so everyone shopped in St. Thomas.

I do wish to say kudos to *Tradewinds* and Jaime Elliott who were extremely helpful to me in the creation of the "gravel lot parking." I took my vision of a 150 space parking to every organization on St. John for help and only *Tradewinds* was an ally. Eventually, I got to Governor de Jongh who approved it. Without Jaime publishing all of my drawings and letters, we wouldn't have that amenity. By the way, it is the only capital improvement for St. John in the last 15 years.

So, hats off to *Tradewinds*!

I was really pleased by today's paper, thanks.

Steve Black
St. John, VI

Editor's Note:

St. John Tradewinds sincerely appreciates the professional support — and incumbent criticism — of Steve "Capt." Black, formerly Steve "Gadfly" Black, who has felt his share of slings and arrows in our editorial pages over the 40-year history of the St. John newspaper. *St. John Tradewinds* has supported many of Steve's prior efforts for the improvement of our island home over the years — sometimes with jibes inferring Steve's efforts to produce action can border on public nuisance. Steve understands that's our job mon. If we didn't run his letters, flattering or not, and report on him, he couldn't be the gadfly that he is capable of being.

"If a tree falls in the forest and no one is there to hear it, does it make a sound?" — Taoism

Barshinger and Hodge Finally Get V.I. Birth Certificate for Home-birthed Daughter Claire

It's a disgrace! In the 30th Legislature, senators passed a law that every VI Government Office that has contact with the public must post a sign that says what services are offered within. The sign must include the words, "A Checklist of the Steps Necessary to Obtain the Services is Available Within."

Departments are not complying with this law. I call upon Governor Mapp to implement it in the Executive Branch. The law applies to the Judicial and Legislative branches as well.

The sign may be a simple sheet of copy paper. If the office wants to get fancy, they can laminate it. The point is, the cost is almost zero, but the benefit to Virgin Islanders seeking Government services is tremendous. No more runaround.

The sign will tell you which office can help you and the checklist will let you focus on the exact steps you need to take. The checklist is to include where to go, what to bring, how much to pay, and what the hours of operation are.

My fiancée Jodi and I finally got our birth paper yesterday for our daughter Claire, born April 9. The DOH bureau of Vital Statistics had a checklist for registering a birth but it was a sham. In this office, there is only one person trained to process out-of-hospital births (Home Births).

She had a sham checklist. It turns out that many of the items requested are not authorized by V.I. Code, and on top of that, she asked for other items not on the checklist, such as a sonogram of the baby from last August. Then there was a paternity/maternity form that was introduced on July 8 that likewise did not appear on the checklist.

Then there was a \$12 fee per birth certificate (not unreasonable), and a \$100 fee for "1 outside delivery". I see no authorization in the VI Code to discriminate between outside deliveries (Home Births) and "inside deliveries" (Hospital Births). Does the \$100 fee apply to inside deliveries too?"

All of the steps and fees should be disclosed, fully, up front. I have never met a Virgin Islander who likes to be surprised by hidden fees and extra steps. So why do we let our Government do this to us? Transparency is needed in Government. All offices must follow the law, post the signs and update their checklists.

In the 1960s we expanded the Government sector and created a middle class in the Virgin Islands. In the 1980s and beyond we should have been focusing on tuning up our large government sector so that it delivered services very, very well. Big government may be acceptable if Virgin Islanders get excellent service, no?

In my eight years in the VI Legislature, I hoped to set a legal framework for things running just a little better. I sponsored the Legislation requiring Office Signs and Checklists.

I have switched from being a full-time lawmaker to being a full-time Dad, and I love it. But I would like to think that I left things a bit better for all of us.

Transparency of Government Offices is something that every Virgin Islander can and will benefit from. It will lead us to an era when every Government employee gives his/her fellow Virgin Islander good or excellent service. Let's do it!

Craig Barshinger
St. John, VI

Sean Downes, 19, Charged in Assault on Farrell, Faced Similar Charges in Florida

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tor who is also a lawyer and “high-end” real estate broker in West Palm Beach.

Florida law allows the accused to settle criminal actions privately, Redlich explained. The lawyer said he has filed a formal request for the public record of the prosecution and disposition of that case. (The original charging documents in that case also misspelled Downes name, a common tactic to obscure arrest records.)

“Florida law allows people to buy their way out of a criminal charge,” Redlich explained to *St. John Tradewinds*. The lawyer has applied for a copy of the case file from the prosecutor.

V.I. Territorial law apparently does not allow for a similar disposition of a criminal charge.

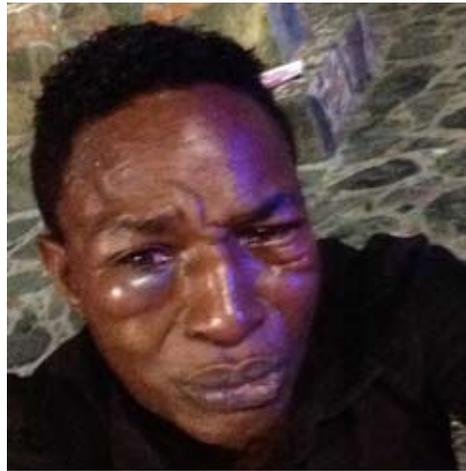
Additional Charges Possible

Downes was granted bail and was scheduled to leave the territory at the end of the week, according to Farrell. Downes was ordered to return to the V.I. for further court action on August 8, his victim reported.

When or if Downes returns to the territory for the disposition of the charges against him, he may have to try to buy his way out of more than one criminal prosecution however.

The alleged serial sucker-puncher also may face additional charges in a similar assault on a female employee of a popular Cruz Bay late-night spot and a male co-worker shortly before the park attack.

In that incident, Downes is accused of punching the young woman in the face and kicking the male employee in the groin while being asked to leave the bar with several friends shortly before the attack on Farrell in nearby Frank Powell Park. The bar attack was captured on surveillance video that was being brought to V.I. Police Department to



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Tommy Farrell after the attack

support additional charges against Downes, according to *St. John Tradewinds* sources.

In V.I. Territorial Court on Monday, June 20, the charges against the three people initially charged in the attack on Farrell were changed, dropped and shuffled before only Downes was charged with simple assault.

The ages of those arrested in the original police report and the charges were different in the delayed V.I. Police Department press release and the court record and subsequently were dropped, reduced or otherwise altered.

Witnesses to Florida Incident

According to the Sept. 21, 2014, incident reported filed by the West Palm Beach Police, which was filed several days after the attack and after the victim had received medical treatment.

“He was treated there for two hours and left,” the police report said. “The victim’s face had four large bruising areas on his right cheek and forehead. There were also three cuts on the left side of his mouth that

required sutures.”

“It appears the cuts will leave permanent scarring or disfigurement on his face. He also has a (sic) injury to the back of his head as he fell backwards,” the report continued.

“The victim and witness provided written statements,” the West Palm Beach Police Department report continued. “Based on the above facts the defendant Downes is charge(d) with one count of aggravated battery. This case was sent to the State Attorney’s office for a warrant request.”

“The Sheriff’s records indicate this Mr. Downs is a resident of The Oaks, a gated community...,” said the internet news site entrepreneur. “As best we can tell this is actually Sean D. Downes.”

“If we are correct (we’re pretty sure but you can never be positive), his father Sean P. Downes is CEO of Universal Holdings, Inc. who received an eye-popping \$9.4 million last year in executive compensation according to BusinessWeek at only 44 years old,” Redlich wrote *St. John Tradewinds*.

“According to the probable cause affidavit, the younger Downes was at a house party with a bunch of teens, running around looking for a fight,” Redlich e-mailed in providing *St. John Tradewinds* with a copy of the purported official document. “When the victim was leaving, Downes confronted him to start a fight.”

“The victim turned to leave and Downes then hit the victim in the left temple, knocking him out and to the ground,” Redlich added. “While the victim was unconscious on the ground, Downes continued punching him as many as ten times.”

“The victim woke up in the ER, and had suffered four large bruises on his face, multiple cuts on the left side of his mouth requiring sutures and likely to leave substantial and permanent scars, and an additional

injury on the back of his head where it hit the pavement,” Redlich related.

Delayed Prosecution, Dropped Case

“West Palm Beach police referred the matter to the State Attorney, who waited over 3 months before filing this case in court in early January,” the attorney continued. “Mr. Downes was booked Wednesday morning, minutes before his ‘first appearance’ court session began and released a few hours later on \$3,000 bond.”

“The timing suggests that he may have been represented by an attorney who surrendered him at the right time to make sure things moved smoothly,” Redlich wrote. “Court records do not yet indicate any attorney appearance, nor how the bond was posted.”

The home address for the younger Downes listed in the blotter is owned by Lori Downes, who is divorced from the father, according to Redlich. The seven-bedroom, 7,000 square-foot residence was purchased for \$1.4 million in 2013, according to the internet writer, real estate agent and lawyer.

The date of birth for the arrested Sean Downes matches the newspaper showing Sean Downes birth in 1995 to parents Sean and Lori Downes, according to Redlich.

Downes will turn 20 in August.

It remains to be seen whether he returns to the USVI and his case is prosecuted before then or if he celebrates his birthday on St. John, St. Thomas or St. Croix.

Atty. Redlich is the founder of West Boca News and a resident of West Boca Raton. He is a criminal defense and personal injury attorney in both Florida and New York, and also a real estate agent listing high-priced houses in West Boca Raton only. He can be reached by e-mail at warren@westbocanews.com or by phone at 888-733-5299.

West Palm Beach Police Department report on assault reads the like Cruz Bay incident.

St. John Tradewinds News Graphic

Florida Victim Settles Case To Pay Medical Bills

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“I wasn’t satisfied, but it is what it is,” Rey told *St. John Tradewinds* July 25 without confirming whether he had received a settlement or revealing any details of a purported settlement.

“I wanted to pay for my hospital bills,” said Rey who suffered facial injuries when he was attacked by Sean Downes, according to the police report on the incident.

“I didn’t have money for a law-

yer,” the young man added.

“I would have taken that case on contingency,” said West Palm Beach lawyer and “high end” real estate agent Warren Redlich.

– Tom Oat

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ACROSS

- 1 Clinic for getting clean
- 6 React to sticker shock
- 10 24 hours —
- 14 Blew a fuse
- 19 Reparations for wrongs
- 21 Head, to Hélène
- 22 Unevenly notched, as a leaf
- 23 Start of a riddle
- 25 Fighting fish of Asia
- 26 Division of the Roman army
- 27 — avail (futile)
- 28 California observatory site
- 30 Foxy
- 31 Grind, as one's teeth
- 35 Beat soundly
- 37 A B vitamin
- 38 Riddle, part 2
- 41 Planted
- 44 Swenson of "Advise & Consent"
- 45 Banana part
- 46 Riddle, part 3
- 52 Lie in the sun
- 56 Places to live
- 57 Feed holder
- 58 Activate, as a light switch
- 60 Silent assent
- 61 Haile Selassie follower
- 65 Kobe's home
- 68 Brits' coins
- 69 Conductor Sir Georg —
- 71 Riddle, part 4
- 73 Cussed
- 74 Windy City air hub
- 75 Land surrounded by water, in Italy
- 76 Spiny plants
- 78 — Mahal
- 79 Not at all, old-style
- 81 Arm bone
- 83 Conceive of
- 85 Struck disk
- 86 Riddle, part 5
- 92 Prefix with dose or watt
- 93 Actor's job
- 94 Class seat
- 95 End of the riddle
- 104 One lacking pigment
- 105 Slangy suffix with switch
- 106 See or smell
- 107 "— aboard!"
- 110 Ump's call halfway to a walk
- 112 "Falling Skies" star Noah
- 114 "No One" singer Keys
- 116 — worse than death
- 117 Riddle's answer
- 122 Strength of a chemical solution
- 123 Account
- 124 Absent
- 125 Arena strata
- 126 "Wise" birds
- 127 Man in Eden
- 128 16th-century Italian poet

DOWN

- 1 "Lady Love" singer Lou
- 2 Wife of Fred Mertz
- 3 Deli hero
- 4 Against
- 5 Clouds up
- 6 Ring rock
- 7 "That's — -brainer!"
- 8 Actor Gilliam
- 9 Quiet "Hey!"
- 10 Very many
- 11 Wolf down
- 12 Wolfed down
- 13 Dog cry
- 14 Flower anew
- 15 Eye ring
- 16 Became irate
- 17 Downton Abbey, e.g.
- 18 More loved
- 20 Heavenly food?
- 24 Ephron or Roberts
- 29 — Alex (racehorse)
- 32 In — hurry
- 33 Dads' lads
- 34 Writer Victor
- 36 Final, e.g.
- 38 How many TV shows are now shown
- 39 Greek T's
- 40 Old verb suffix
- 41 Farewell act
- 42 Sarcastic cry of sympathy
- 43 Bronx area with a historic cemetery
- 47 Eagle nests
- 48 Code-cracking org.
- 49 City south of San Diego
- 50 Alda or Bean
- 51 Debate need
- 52 Cold one
- 53 Comment on, as in a margin
- 54 Plato was his disciple
- 55 Leg reflex

- 59 Favorable aspect
- 62 Anat., e.g.
- 63 Set- — (rows)
- 64 Love, to Yves
- 66 "One thing — time!"
- 67 B'way site
- 70 Math branch
- 72 Miss, in Meuse: Abbr.
- 77 Involuntary wink, maybe
- 80 Heretofore
- 82 Razor brand
- 84 Boundaries
- 87 Frittata need
- 88 Site for a bite
- 89 Bits of physics
- 90 Aged, quaintly
- 91 Inert gas
- 92 Coin producers
- 95 "Blue" beer brewer
- 96 Sainted king of Norway
- 97 Flattened at the poles
- 98 Out of — (amiss)
- 99 "1984" author
- 100 Rolls- — (ritz rides)
- 101 "Hi, amigo"
- 102 Onetime Pan Am rival
- 103 Online protocol for remote log-in
- 107 Pines (for)
- 108 Some bank holdings
- 109 — rest (inter)
- 111 Preminger of film
- 113 Writer Ferber
- 115 "— date!"
- 118 "Hee —"
- 119 Divinity
- 120 SFO guess
- 121 LP speed stat

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NOTICE TO OWNERS OF SUNK OR WRECKED VESSELS IN THE CORAL HARBOR DESIGNATED MOORING AREA, ST. JOHN VI

Commissioner Nominee Dawn L. Henry Esq., of the Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR) announces that the Department is preparing to have sunk or wrecked vessels in the Coral Harbor, St. John Designated Mooring Area removed.

Pursuant to 25 VIC § 408(b), owners of a vessel sunk or wrecked within a designated mooring or anchorage, or whose vessel sunk or washed ashore onto the shorelines of the Virgin Islands, must remove the vessel within 30 days. The owner shall be liable for any damages to public property, to the environment, and to other vessels caused by the owner's vessel. Further, the Department may remove and dispose of sunken or wrecked vessels that can legally be deemed abandoned following a public notice period of not less than thirty (30) days.

As of this date, there are 12 such vessels, or portions thereof, within the Coral Harbor Designated Mooring Area which have been there more than 30 days. Visible registration numbers are: V15744TA, V17729T; others have no identifying marks still present.

In addition, 5 identified moored or anchored floating abandoned vessels will be removed. These vessels have not been registered in years and in some cases owners are known to be deceased. The vessels are identified as follows: 1) NY Registration # - NY 3762 BD PowerBoat, name Dorado; 2) VI-3228TC Curmudgeon, Peason Alberg 35, 3) Desparto, sailing vessel approx 45 feet, 4) Cape Dory sailboat – stripped hull, 5) powerboat in back of harbor – 30 feet – no identifying marks. Notices and vessel photos are posted on Coral Bay community bulletin boards

All of these wrecked or sunk vessels will be considered abandoned if not removed within 30 days of this notice. Pursuant to 25 VIC § 409(c), failure of an owner to remove any abandoned vessel, or portion thereof, within 30 days of this notice will result in the removal and disposal of the vessels by contractors authorized by the Department.

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January 25, 2012 May 23, 2012; August 30, 2012; November 20, 2012; February 27, 2013; and June 20, 2013.

In 2012 and 2013 there were 12 property auctions held Territory wide – six on St. Thomas and six on St. Croix. The notice of

attachment that was sent to property owners was defective and thus all sales are void.

All tax-auction sales conducted on the above-referenced dates are rescinded, and all property sold at said auctions are hereby re-conveyed to the original owner, his/heirs or assigns as the case might be.

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