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Former St. John VITEMA Official Pleads Guilty to Abusing Immigrant

By Judi Shimel
St. John Tradewinds

An emergency management official once assigned to VITEMA on St. John has pleaded guilty to posing as a federal immigration agent.

The top federal prosecutor in the Virgin Islands announced the latest development in the case of George Lewis Jr. on November 6.

Appearing at a hearing in District Court, Lewis admitted representing himself as an immigration agent for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in order to coerce someone into having sex with him or face deportation.

Sharpe said the actions that led to the guilty plea began in October

2014, according to a statement issued after the hearing.

A complaint led to an investigation by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement division of Professional Responsibility. That investigation led to Lewis' arrest and indictment on charges of impersonating a federal officer and blackmail.

"Regrettably, schemes like this involving the impersonation of federal officers potentially undermine the public's confidence in their government and law enforcement," said David D'Amato, special agent-in-charge of Homeland Security Investigations. "HSI will continue to aggressively pursue those who exploit innocent in-

dividuals. Having people come forward to report such schemes is crucial to deterring this type of fraud and preventing others from becoming victims."

Anyone attempting to take advantage of foreign nationals in the immigration system will be met by actions reflecting the agency's no tolerance stance, D'Amato said.

For a few years during and after Hurricane Marilyn in the mid 1990s, Lewis was assigned to VITEMA's Emergency Operations Center in Estate Susanna-berg. Lewis, 50, is currently free on bond.

District Court Judge Curtis Gomez set Lewis' sentencing for March 10, 2016.

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VINP Biologist is Guest Speaker at Nov. 17 Audubon Meeting

Join the VI Audubon Society on Tuesday, November 17, at 7 p.m. on the second floor of The Marketplace for the group's next monthly meeting.

Alan "Shane" McKinley will be giving a presentation on Henley Cay restoration efforts and a mid-term update on the Virgin Islands National Park hawksbill sea turtle monitoring program.

34th Annual Thanksgiving Regatta

The Coral Bay Yacht Club's 34th Annual Thanksgiving Regatta will be Friday & Saturday, November 27 and 28. All meetings and events will be at Skinny Legs Bar & Grill, the home of Coral Bay Yacht Club.

Single-handed sailors and Gaff Rigged boats will race on Friday. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with the skipper's meeting set for 9:30 a.m. Music and after race party will be at 7 p.m. Pursuit racers planning on sailing Saturday must attend a registration meeting Friday night at 7 p.m. in order to sail.

Saturday will feature all classes — Pursuit, PHRF I, PHRF II, IC24 and Traditional — racing out of Coral Bay harbor. The skipper's meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. with the race course announced at that time.

Registration fee is \$40 with all proceeds going to the youth non-profit sailing organization Kids and the Sea St. John. Raffle tickets are on sale at Connections East and West and Keep Me Posted.

15th Annual Thankspiggin Feast Set for Nov. 26 in Coral Bay

The 15th annual Thanksgiving community potluck, called Thankspiggin, is scheduled once again this year for Thursday, November 26 in Coral Bay.

Thankspiggin will feature a roasted hog as well as all the traditional sides. The annual event is hosted by Ken Yolman and a dedicated group of volunteers at Skinny Legs, which is closed that day but allows the community to use the space.

In order to ensure the day's success, however, donations are needed, Yolman said.

"We are always looking for sponsors," said Yolman. "We need 20 people to donate \$100 each to cover all of our expenses."

This year's theme is "A Giver's Feed," since Coral Bay is an exceptional giving community, Yolman explained.

The potluck is open to all and people are asked to bring their favorite dish to share as well as whatever they want to drink. Dinner will be served at 4 p.m.

Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot

The St. John Landsharks is hosting the annual Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26, for all ages at the Annaberg Ruins parking lot.

The 3.1-mile course starts at the Annaberg parking lot and takes runners towards Francis Bay, along the Francis Bay boardwalk and walking trail, back through the Annaberg ruins, down part of the Leinster Bay Trail, and finishes at the Annaberg parking lot. The one-mile Kids' Fun Run is a loop towards Francis Bay and back to Annaberg.

The 5K and Kids' Fun Run both start at 8 a.m. with registration beginning at 7:15 a.m. Runners are advised to arrive early!

The entry fee is dog or cat food which will be donated to the St. John Animal Care Center. Tasty prizes will be awarded to top finishers.

Since parking is very limited, participants are asked to carpool. Email questions to stjohnlandsharks@gmail.com.

Golf Fundraiser Nets More Than \$6K for St. John Cancer Fund

Light Up the Event Night Drawing Near

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

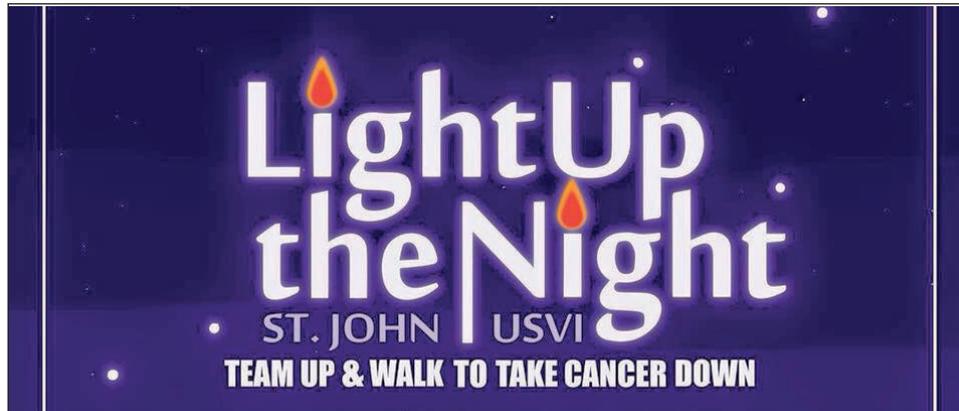
On the heels of a successful golf fundraiser, the St. John Cancer Fund is gearing up for their big annual event, Light Up the Night.

On Monday, November 9, nearly 60 St. John residents made the trip to Mahogany Run on St. Thomas, all in the name of raising money for the St. John Cancer Fund, which supports St. John residents who are battling cancer. The fundraiser brought in money through hole sponsorships, entry fees, and an after party at Cruz Bay Landing.

“We had 20 businesses sponsor holes and of course there’s only 18 holes, so we doubled up on a few of the holes,” said St. John Cancer Fund volunteer and event organizer Brian Daigneault.

The event raised \$6,700 for the Cancer Fund, an important support system for island residents battling cancer. Formed in 2012, the fund has raised \$178,000 during its three years in existence, and they’ve granted more than \$140,000 to St. John cancer patients, who are free to use the money for everything from medical bills to rent.

“Requests for assistance come to me, and I email the advisory committee,” said St.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Light Up the Night is scheduled for January 23 and 24. The event will kick off at 4 p.m. with a parade of St. John schoolchildren, who will wind through the streets of Cruz Bay beginning at Mongoose Junction and ending with a lap around the ball field.

John Cancer Fund founder and Light Up the Night event chairwoman. “It’s all anonymous; they never know who it is, and the committee has never said no. Every request we’ve had has always been approved.”

Bartolucci looks forward to seeing the fund continue to grow, not only so they can maintain approvals on the two to three requests they get every week, but also so they can eventually provide assistance for preventative measures in the future.

To that end, the all-volunteer St. John

Cancer Fund is deep in the planning stages for their popular annual fundraiser, Light Up the Night, when hundreds of community members will gather at the Winston Wells ball field to honor cancer survivors and remember loved ones who’ve passed from the disease.

The event, scheduled for January 23 and 24, will kick off at 4 p.m. with a parade of St. John schoolchildren, who will wind through the streets of Cruz Bay beginning at Mongoose Junction and ending with a lap

around the ball field.

The event will be simultaneously upbeat and somber; while amazing raffle prizes like weeklong villa stays and a five-night getaway complete with airfare are awarded to the sounds of live music, those in attendance will have the opportunity to visit a private chapel area to reflect on those who’ve lost their battle.

Community Event

“What I love about this event is that it’s the entire community, not limited to one segment,” said Bartolucci. “Cancer does not discriminate. It’s a family event.”

A luminary ceremony will honor those who’ve died, while a survivor lap allows those who have fought cancer and won to celebrate their victory with a lap around the ball field.

“The event keeps people entertained, but it’s also a place to come and remember and to mourn,” said Bartolucci. “That’s the beauty of it.”

Teams are now forming for the event, which has a \$1,000 minimum fundraising goal per team. To register your team, to sponsor Light Up the Night, to enter the raffle, or to donate to the fund, email st-johncancerfund@gmail.com or visit www.stjohncancerfund.org.



Giff Hill School Gives Back to St. John

Zohar Sofer-Greer helped scrape old paint off the walls of the Coral Bay Agriculture Center on Friday, November 13, as part of Giff Hill School’s Give Back Day. The event saw students volunteering across the island, helping groups like the Animal Care Center, St. John School of the Arts and more.

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Wounded Veterans with Team River Runner Return to St. John for a Week of Health and Healing

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

A group of 18 wounded veterans and three support staff with Team River Runner wrapped up a week of kayak trips, snorkel expeditions and camaraderie on St. John November 8.

This year marked TRR's eighth Leadership Program retreat on St. John. Thanks to the \$57,000 raised by the community at the Chaotic Kayak Race in August, the organization was able to bring its largest group of veterans to date.

"This week has been great," said Shelton Gore, TRR's St. John Leadership Program coordinator. "All of the guys have really pulled together to make this a very special week."

TRR was originally founded more than a decade ago by Washington D.C. area kayak enthusiast Joe Mornini at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Since then, TRR chapters have been founded at veterans hospital across the country, all of which have been launched and run by veterans themselves.

The organization offers wounded veterans the chance to enjoy adrenaline sports on their own. Since kayak paddling can be adapted to people missing a variety of limbs, or even missing their sight, the sport is the perfect way to get veterans back to active lifestyles, explained Mornini.

"We can get anyone into a boat," said Mornini. "I don't tell anyone, 'No.' If you want to paddle, we'll make it happen."

The fact that TRR is open to everyone, no matter their disability, is one of the most appealing aspects of the group, explained Gore.

"TRR is all inclusive," he said. "Every single vet, no matter their injury, can get out in the water and paddle. We're all out there together and we can make it work."



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

A group of 18 wounded veterans and three support staff with Team River Runner spent a week on St. John filled with kayak trips, snorkel sessions and camaraderie. The annual trip is a leadership clinic for the nation-wide non-profit dedicated to getting wounded veterans active again and in the company of fellow veterans.

During their week on Love City, TRR Leadership Program participants enjoyed boat trips, kayak paddles, snorkel sessions and meals at several island restaurants. While the veterans enjoyed beautiful weather, what the group really took away from their week on St. John was much more than a tan, explained Gore.

"The biggest highlight of the week was really the people in the group," said Gore, who is also the leader of his home chapter in Orlando. "Everyone really bonded and we all help each other. What I get out of this is really the satisfaction that I am able to help

my fellow veterans."

The experience astounded and humbled veteran Eddie Acker, who visited St. John for the first time with TRR.

"This was my first time to the island and I was astounded by the beauty," said Acker. "I was also humbled by my fellow veterans. It doesn't take a lot of theatrics to enjoy life. These men and women face so much difficulty but you never hear anyone complain."

"Everyone is so thankful for what they have and for being here," said Acker. "I was truly humbled by this experience. My life is forever changed by this program and this

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— Eddie Acker
Team River Runner member

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During the week on St. John with TRR, Tiana Lopez discovered that she is capable of more than she thought possible.

"I wasn't sure we could paddle all the way to Trunk Bay by ourselves," said Lopez. "It was challenging but I realized it was doable. I could do it and I did."

The week was a success thanks largely to the support of Tom Larson of Sadie Sea, who helped with transportation and logistics. Also the Dial a Ride van and driver were integral to getting the veterans around the island, Gore explained.

The TRR group capped off its week on St. John with a luncheon hosted American Legion Viggo E. Sewer Post #131, American Legion Auxiliary Group and AARP St. John on Saturday afternoon, November 7, at the Coral Bay Agriculture Center.

For more information or to support Team River Runner, go to the group's website at www.teamriverrunner.org.

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Lauren Hunter, Ph.D., is the new executive director of Coral Bay Community Council.

CBCC Welcomes Lauren Hunter as New Executive Director

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

The Coral Bay Community Council recently hired its first full-time Executive Director, Lauren T. Hunter, Ph.D.

Hunter has more than 10 years of nonprofit fundraising experience and comes to CBCC from Chicago, where she worked as the Corporate Membership Officer with the Museum of Science and Industry.

Previously, Hunter worked for Planned Parenthood Federation of America in New York City. She started her career at a small nonprofit organization in Houston, Texas at World Health & Golf Association. She has worked in administrative development, fundraising, outreach, event management and grant writing.

Moving to St. John to head a non-profit organization is a dream come true for Hunter, she explained.

"I was looking to down here," said the new CBCC Executive Director. "After visiting the island about 10 years ago, I spent a few months here last year and I fell in love with the island all over again. It was always in the back of my head and then I made it a priority to move here."

"No-Brainer" Move to St. John

"When this job opened up, it was a no-brainer," said Hunter. "It was the perfect situation and pushed me into coming down here."

Hunter's skills will enhance all of CBCC's project results and allow new project areas to get started. CBCC's agenda encompasses many areas; from stormwater management and environmental restoration to community improvement projects such as repair and painting of the Agricultural Center building, and events like the Coral Bay Bizarre Bazaar sched-

uled for December 12 this year, according to a prepared statement from the organization.

Focusing on Storm Water Projects

CBCC's new Executive Director plans to focus on the group's derelict boat removal, a new rain garden and storm water management projects, she explained.

"We're in the process of getting some permits for Calabash Boom Road, Johnny Horn and Gerda Marsh Road for storm water management," Hunter said. "We'll also have a gut cleaning project and we're working on a community waste management project."

Previously, Sharon Coldren had been both volunteer President and volunteer Executive Director. Splitting these functions will allow more time for Coldren to pursue the goals of CBCC and new project directions. This move will also take CBCC's administration to a new level of expertise and efficiency, and enhance its fund-raising ability, Coldren explained.

Hunter has been enjoying a warm welcome since moving to St. John this summer, she explained.

"It's been amazing," Hunter said about her recent move. "I loved visiting St. John, but living here is even better. Everyone has been so kind and nice to me."

"A lot of people have popped into the office and introduced themselves to me," she said. "I love that it's such a small community here."

Originally from a small farming community north of Seattle, Hunter earned her Master's Degree from Rice University and her Ph.D. in Biology from Hunter College.

For more information, contact the CBCC office at 776-2099 or cbcc@coralbaycommunitycouncil.org.

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Sounds great, doesn't it?

This summer, I went out to the new Tesla battery factory in Reno, Nevada. The complex has 5.5 million square feet of roof space that will be entirely covered with solar panels. It is the largest single roof in the world! The plant has two stories, so it will have more than 11 million square feet of manufacturing area.

So where is the catch? The Powerwall batteries are not cheap! Not yet, anyway.

One Tesla Powerwall battery costs around \$3,500. Then you will need an inverter to convert the D/C power into A/C power, which costs another \$3,000. Depending on your home electrical setup, the system installation will probably add around \$2500. For a total cost of about \$9000, you have a system that will produce only 2,000 watts (2 kilo Watts per hour) power per hour

You could stack the batteries and the inverters to generate more power, but the costs will go up and up. A 10 kW system would end up costing close to \$90,000.

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For comparison, you can purchase a 10 kW diesel generator for around \$12,000 (though you do have to feed it diesel, and it will create carbon emissions).

A typical stand alone 10 kWh battery system will cost around \$ 75,000.00 A typical Grid Tied Solar System will cost around \$32,500.00

I am not trying to be a naysayer on the Powerwall, but until the price drops, it will be out of reach for most consumers. Although if you look at the cost of Tesla automobiles, the prices continue to drop, so there is hope!

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DOE and Partners in Hope Hoping to Reopen Guy Benjamin School for Community Use

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

The Virgin Islands Department of Education has established a memorandum of understanding with the nonprofit group Partnerships in Hope-St. John which will revitalize the shuttered Guy Benjamin School in Coral Bay and use the 10,032 square foot facility as a multipurpose community center to house various educational, recreational and vocational training programs for residents.

“Great things can happen when people come together to support our students and our communities,” said DOE Commissioner Sharon McCollum. “We are pleased to join with Partnerships in Hope-St. John and use the Guy Benjamin School for the benefit of all residents on St. John.”

As part of the agreement, Partnerships in Hope-St. John, a South Carolina-based nonprofit corporation working to enhance the lives of children and families on St. John, will help facilitate the securing of funds to “retrofit, renovate and/or rebuild” Guy Benjamin School, as well as aid in identifying funds for recreational, educational and vocational training programs, among other responsibilities.

Additionally, the agreement states that DOE will assist Partnerships in Hope-St. John with developing the activities and programs expected to be offered at the facility.

CBCC Partners with DOE & Hope

The Coral Bay Community Council is also on board with the effort to revitalize Guy Benjamin School. For more than a decade, CBCC along with the Coral Bay Yacht Club and other local organizations, raised thousands of dollars in funding to support the public elementary school, which the DOE shuttered citing dwindling enrollment in June 2014.

The initiative to use Guy Benjamin School for the benefit of the community was on the Coral Bay Community Council’s agenda for this year, explained CBCC President Sharon Coldren.

“CBCC had this on our agenda for this year,” said Coldren. “If it could not be reopened as an elementary school, we hoped it would be turned into a community learning center. There are so many things we can do with that seven building campus that can serve the community.”

Of the seven buildings that make up Guy Benjamin School’s campus, CBCC first envisions housing a community meeting room and a computer learning center in one building. The group’s other suggestions include reopening some buildings as a preschool, a senior center or as a small museum, among other uses.

“People have so many ideas about uses for the campus and we want to be sure that they can share their ideas, which range from having a pre-school in one building to having a small historical museum in the historic building,” said Coldren. “The St. John School of the Arts also has some ideas in terms of after school programs for Coral Bay children.”

“I’ve heard so many good ideas, which should all get a chance to be vetted fully,” she said. “The Rotary Club of St. John is also working hard to refurbish the basketball court to use that for recreational programs.”

CBCC officials plan to host a community meeting within the next month to hear ideas about how to use the Guy Benjamin School campus, Coldren added.

First Step is Room 6

The group will first turn its attention to refurbishing Room Six at the school.

“CBCC is talking wit DOE about what needs to be done to have Rooms 4, 5 and 6 refurbished first,” Coldren said. “Room 6 is where we’ve had our meetings lately. We’re talking with DOE about the community refurbishing that room to be ready right away to be a community meeting area again. We are hoping to get that done quickly.”

The two adjacent rooms would be ideal spaces for a library and computer room, according to Coldren.

“The computer room is already hooked up to the VInGN fiber network because it was as school,” said the CBCC President. “All the equipment needs to be brought in again, but this could happen. The other room would be a great office resource center or library for students and others.”

“We’d like to get the rest rooms operational again too so we can start to have community meetings, training sessions and more there again,” said Coldren. “We’re working expeditiously on this first step with DOE and then we’ll move into the rest of the steps to rehabilitate the entire campus to enhance community learning and the ability of the community to do good things. We’ll be asking for volunteer work and funds to support this project.”

In the meantime, volunteers will clean the grounds on November 19 as part of a planned community clean up event.

Dedicated to Filling Island Needs

St. John resident and president of Partnerships in Hope-St. John Glen Hall said members of his organization simply sought to “find a need and try to help fix it.”

Partnerships in Hope-St. John’s mission is to “strive to cooperate with other supportive organizations making the hope for better tomorrows a reality today, on St. John, US Virgin Island,” according to the organization’s website.

The group is comprised of business men and women, teachers, pastors, philanthropists and service industry workers, and is guided by eight principles, two of which are “always have our children’s needs as a priority” and “only offer help where it is wanted and needed.”

“One of the main things that we want to try to do is to help kids on the island learn how to read before first grade,” Hall said. “It’s very difficult for anyone to be successful if they don’t know how to read. So, we want to start early.”

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St. John Murder Case Defense Lawyer Asks Supreme Court for Writ of Mandamus

By Judi Shimel
St. John Tradewinds

Providing defense for a client named in a 2012 St. John homicide case was the subject of an appeal before the Virgin Islands Supreme Court as it opened its ninth session on November 10.

A private attorney chosen to represent defendant Ralph Titre Jr. told the high court his law firm is being overburdened by his appointment as a pro bono lawyer for an indigent client.

Attorney Justin Holcombe, with the law firm Dudley, Topper and Feuerzig, was one of two attorneys asking Chief Supreme Court Justice Rhys Hodge and Associate

Justices Maria Cabret and Ive Arlington Swan to issue an order to the Superior Court as a corrective measure last week.

Both Holcombe and prominent defense attorney Robert King told the court they wanted to enforce a statute passed by the V.I. Legislature, which directs the creation of a volunteer pool of private practice lawyers. The statute further directs that a lawyer assigned to the volunteer pool receives no more than 15 percent of the pro bono assignments.

Outdated Volunteer Pool

The court, however, never created the volunteer pool and as a result a disproportionate number

of cases have been falling on an overburdened few, King said.

The statute was created long ago, when the number of lawyers serving in the Virgin Islands were few, King told the high court as it considered opening arguments on the first day of the new session.

Now the number of attorneys represented by the VI Bar Association has grown, which has not been reflected in the number of pro bono lawyers serving the poor, King said.

With a reputation as a high powered defense attorney who has handled many major cases, King said he had to draw the line when a realtor, accused of embezzle-

ment, tried to secure his services. The client said she was poor, while at the same time she held millions of dollars worth of real estate in an irrevocable trust, King told the court.

"I recognize the judge may have been in a difficult position, but she was in a difficult position because of a situation where she was excusing other lawyers for little or no reason," King said.

Holcombe, the other attorney who asked the high court last week for a supervisory writ of mandamus, has been assigned to represent Titre after the original defense attorney, Denise Francois, was appointed as a Superior Court

Judge by former Governor John deJongh.

Titre on House Arrest

Titre is accused in the fatal shooting of Tiny Jah Jarvis at the entrance of the Bellevue Housing Community in August 2012. Titre was held at the Criminal Justice Complex on St. Thomas for several months after the August 2012 incident. He is currently awaiting trial while on house arrest and performing community service.

A writ of mandamus is a court order directing a lower government official or entity to fulfill its duties or correct a situation where it has been determined that an abuse of discretion occurred.

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Schneider Recruits New Heart Specialist to Replace Flood

By Judi Shimel
St. John Tradewinds

The loss of a well regarded heart specialist prompted officials at the Schneider Regional Medical Center to announce an initiative to create a cardiac care center at the Roy Lester Schneider Hospital.

SRMC Chief Executive Officer Bernard Wheatley held a press conference in late October to inform the public about an executive search for a specialized cardiologist with similar expertise to Dr. Roy Flood.

Flood served as the medical center's heart specialist for 11 years prior to his departure for the U.S. mainland in August.

At the late October press conference, Wheatley also announced the formation of a partnership between Flood and the medical center to incorporate his practice, called VI Heart, into the St. Thomas hospital facility.

The new care center is being called SRMC Heart. The medical center expects to spend about \$150,000 to retrofit an area where diagnostic equipment can be installed, Wheatley said.

SRMC Chief Medical Officer Luis Amaro also appeared at the October 27 press conference, hosted in the auditorium of the Charlotte Kimmelman Cancer Center, next door to Schneider Hospital on St. Thomas. Amaro admitted that cardiac care services had declined since Flood resigned. Steps were being taken to make sure critical services remained in place, Amaro said.

To fill the gap, SRMC engaged heart specialists working at the St. Croix Cardiac Care Center and other travel physicians. Medical center officials estimated that between 600 and 800 patients from the St. Thomas/St. John district receive treatment for conditions like congestive heart failure and hypertension.

Many of those conditions also require follow up care, Amaro said.

SRMC was "not just looking for another doc," as a replacement for Flood, but a highly qualified cardiac care specialist, Amaro said.

He said recruitment of such an individual is bearing fruit and a new specialist could be named by the end of November.

Several years ago, during the administration of Governor Roy Schneider, health officials took steps in the direction of medical tourism. They decided to create a cancer center on St. Thomas and a cardiac care center on St. Croix. But Amaro said the services of the St. Croix heart center cannot be accessed by patients on St. Thomas and St. John within a 90 minute response window if they were to be physically transported there.

After Flood — an interventional and clinical cardiologist — returned to the mainland, SRMC officials said it was more practical to shuttle specialists from the St. Croix Cardiac Center over to the sister island.

SRMC is now exploring aspects of telemedicine to create an inter-island virtual link to reduce the need to transport patients or experts. Wheatley said steps are being taken towards creation of an Electronic Intensive Care Unit, where physicians on St. Croix — or even as far away as the mainland — could remotely monitor patient status and direct intervention from afar.

"We are very advanced in that concept," Wheatley said.

Once the new specialist is hired, SRMC officials will also seek to restore services for heart patients requiring interim, non-emergency services, the medical chief said.



Historical Bits & Pieces

by Chuck Pishko

Fortsberg March

St. John Tradewinds

On Friday, November 27, the day after Thanksgiving, the St. John African Slave Revolution Commemoration Committee and the Pan African Support Group will lead the 32nd annual march up Fortsberg, the site of the 1733 Revolution, to commemorate and celebrate the enslaved Africans and their attempt to establish an African nation in the Western Hemisphere.

The original plan had called for the revolution to begin here on St. John and then be carried to Tortola and St. Thomas. These people were the same Africans that had controlled the Gold Coast in Africa from the 1680s up to the 1730s.

At 8:30 a.m. participants from St. Thomas and St. John will gather on the Cruz Bay beach for a brief welcome from Dr. Gilbert Sprauve to outline the day's events. Strong supporters of this event in the past, Gene Emmanuel and Oswin Sewer, will be acknowledged and greatly missed.

Other presenters and leaders of the tour are: Professor Sele Adeyemi; educator, artist and drummer Leba Ola Niyi; and teacher and radio personality Lamumba Leonard.

The group will board a bus to visit the windmill at Estate Susannaberg and then proceed to the Adrian Estate where Dr. Sprauve will offer comments on the events in the revolution that took place there as well as innovations in the 1850s that brought a

steam engine for processing sugar to the site. The U.S. Historical and Industrial Archeological Institute lists this steam engine on its historic registry.

The next stop will be at the Catherineberg Estate where the unique windmill and underground storage will be explored. Participants will also learn about the cockpit animal mill with its sunken sugar rollers and raised areas for the working mules which allowed for the uninterrupted delivery of sugarcane to the mill. The tour will then stop at an overlook where both other U.S. Virgin Islands and British Virgin Islands are visible.

Fortsberg recently peaked the interest of the International Committee of Fortifications and Military Heritage, an advisory group to the UNESCO World Heritage Nominations Committee. This was ICOFORT's first visit to the Western Hemisphere and the Caribbean. They visited Fortsberg at the invitation of Milagros Flores, Historian for the National Park Service in the Caribbean.

Fortsberg is privately owned by the Samuel family who has given their permission for this hike. Further historical discussion, drumming, food and drink will be available after the trek up Fortsberg. The cost for the bus tour from Cruz Bay is \$15. Food and drink are available after the Fortsberg hike for purchase for \$10 a plate. Transportation up to Fortsberg is available for those who are unable to hike up the hill.



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Participants and observers at the annual Fortsberg hike on November 27 give libation to the ancestors as part of the day's commemoration of the 1733 Revolution.



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KATS leader Jenn Robinson (at left) greets new volunteers (above) at Johnson Bay, as well as veteran instructor Mark Eckhardt (below).

KATS Seeking Volunteers, More Donations as Officials Kick off 27th Season of Youth Sailing

By Margie Smith Holt
St. John Tradewinds

At the Commodore's Cup last May, Kids and the Sea, St. John Secretary/Treasurer and Director of the Rowing and Seamanship program, Jenn Robinson put out a Mayday: The venerable program was in trouble, in danger of going under because of lack of support, she announced.

Robinson's distress call was answered. On the first Saturday in November, she was surrounded by new faces at a volunteer orientation at Johnson's Bay.

"I had been wanting to get involved for a while but the time commitment was tricky," said new volunteer Jim Donovan, an experienced sailor. "I realized it was time."

"I am new to sailing," said another first-time volunteer, Sean

D'Abbraccio, whose children are part of the KATS program. "My kids have taught me all the knots and shared their knowledge and it's through them that I really feel that I need to go ahead and give back to the community."

"It's good to know that people do care," said Robinson. "We just have to let them know what we need. And get the word out there."

KATS, an all volunteer youth sailing organization, was created in St. Thomas in 1987 after three Boy Scouts drowned when their boat capsized. It expanded to St. John the following year.

"St. John's program has never lapsed," said Robinson.

For nearly 30 years, the all-volunteer sailing program has taught countless kids everything from basic water safety to competitive racing. And some of them are now

back to help.

"I'm just back on island after several years away and I'd like to give something back to this wonderful program that gave me so much for so many years of my life," said KATS graduate Abel Phillips.

"KATS is...one of the most singularly important programs I've ever been enrolled in," said fellow grad Carrie Conrad. "I just love the program and I want it to do well."

Robinson was thrilled to see her former students stepping up and hoped eventually to cultivate the next generation of KATS leaders. She, KATS President Vicki Rogers, and Vice President Thatcher Lord have been involved with the program since the beginning.

"It's time for us to pass the baton," she said.

But not quite yet.

Goals this year include sending at least 10 young sailors to the St. Thomas International Optimist Regatta in June, and enticing some of the older KATS kids back into the fold by drafting a team to race the program's new IC24 boat.

KATS can still use donations — of money or time. Sailing instruction is now underway every Saturday morning from 9 a.m. to noon. It is a time commitment but, undeniably worth it, according to veteran volunteer Marc Eckhardt.

"That first time when a kid who hasn't ever sailed before — you've

taken them through all the training, and all the safety, and shown them how to do it — and they're a little nervous, but then you let them go for the first time and they just sail out on their own and turn around and sail right back," said Eckhardt. "It's pretty rewarding to see that. They come back with a big smile on their face."

For more information about KATS ST. John and to get involved, call (340) 779-4994, email katsstjohn2001@yahoo.com or check out the KATS Facebook page.



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Notes from the Superintendent's Desk

By V.I. National Park & Coral Reef National Monument
Superintendent Brion FitzGerald

Cinnamon & Trunk Bay Concession Contract Under Review

St. John Tradewinds

Good day to the readers of the “new” Tradewinds newspaper. I would like to thank the new owners and staff for reaching out to offer me the opportunity to contribute this column to the paper.

The column is intended to be a monthly feature and we hope it will offer the reader an idea of some of the new (and old) things that are going on in Virgin Islands National Park and Virgin Islands Coral Reef National Monument.

I cannot think of a better place to begin than to invite you to check out the fine work our staff has been doing to revamp our park web page at www.nps.gov/viis.

In addition, we have ventured into the realm of Facebook in an effort to engage, inform and educate a wider audience. If you have a Facebook account I encourage you to “follow” us on our page at <https://www.facebook.com/virginislandsNPS>. We are using Facebook as a means to shine a light on the Park and Monument resources and to inform and educate visitors.

We are also using it to highlight the fine work our employees are doing and in some cases to explain management actions. This is a joint effort by our Resource Management and Interpretive staff and I humbly request you to support their efforts by tuning in and sharing their posts with your family and friends.

Speaking of new and exciting things, we are very happy to have

a new operator in our Visitor Center bookstore here in Cruz Bay. In early August, Friends of Virgin Islands National Park assumed responsibility for operating this bookstore. At the same time they agreed to assist us with staffing the Visitor Center as well.

Aside from the beautiful job they did in remodeling the sales area, Friends officials are in the process of gearing up with new books, maps, clothing and other items related to the Park and Monument. The assistance they provide in staffing will allow our interpretive staff to spend more time out in the park providing programs to visitors or in the schools helping to educate our local youth. If you have not had a chance to see the beautiful remodeling work, please stop by and meet the friendly and helpful staff.

I know that many readers are curious about what is happening with the Cinnamon and Trunk Bay concession contract. I can tell you that in early September a review panel evaluated the bids received using the principle and secondary selection factors laid out in the prospectus.

The review panel consisted of NPS personnel with expertise in areas related to the selection factors and with experience in the evaluation process. The group is advised on legal issues by an attorney from the Department of Interior Solicitors Office throughout the review process. The panel rec-

ommendation is being reviewed by the Solicitors Office and will be forwarded to the National Park Service Regional Director, Southeast Region.

Once approved at this level, it will be sent to the Chief Financial Officer of the National Park Service for approval. After it is approved, the selected party must sign and execute a contract. Since this contract will be for 15 years, the National Park Service is required by regulation to submit it to both the U.S. House of Representatives (Committee on Resources) and the U.S. Senate (Committee on Energy and Natural Resources). This review takes 60 days and must be completed before the final award can take place. We anticipate having the operator of the new contact in place by early summer of 2016.

Finally, as we enter this new season I want to encourage you to let your guests and visitors know about the interpretive programs that are being offered by our staff and volunteers. These include things such as our cultural demonstrations at Annaberg, guided walks and hikes and evening programs at the Cinnamon Bay Campground amphitheater.

Please check our web site for the latest information and program schedules as these will change throughout the season. I hope to highlight some of the new programs my next column. Thanks, I hope to see you out in the park.

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The signature event raises funds to support programs and projects in the national park, and is perfect timing for holiday shopping. Find great deals on retail goods and services such as jewelry, dining, clothing, art, hotel and villa stays and excursions. There are now more than 70 items published for bidding.

The online auction is a great place to build a vacation package, including great deals on vacation rentals — this year's auction has about 12 different villas and lodging options to bid on. Highlighted properties include seven-night stays at "...On a Clear Day...", "Bombalassy Villa," and Caneel Bay Resort, among others.

There is also an emerald, diamond and platinum ring from R&I PATTON Goldsmithing. Sailing and boating excursions abound, and there's a two-night stay with dinner at Sandcastle & Soggy Dollar Bar on Jost Van Dyke. Many restaurant gift certificates are up for bids, including the new Virgin Fire and in-home catering from Oasis Private Chefs. Also, a special new item has been added this year — a helicopter tour with Caribbean Buzz!

This year's goal is to raise \$50,000 to support Friends' mission to protect and preserve the natural and cultural resources of Virgin Islands National Park and to promote the responsible enjoyment of this unique national treasure.

For any questions about the auction, please contact Friends' Development Director Karen Vahling at 779-4940 or kvahling@friendsvinp.org.

Coral Bay Bizarre Bazaar is Dec. 12

St. John Tradewinds

Mark those calendars and dust off those jingle bells — on December 12, the Coral Bay Bizarre Bazaar hosted by Coral Bay Community Council returns for its third year to Pickles In Paradise from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

At last year's event, hundreds of St. John residents and island visitors alike reveled at the party of the season. While enjoying non-stop music, dancing, eating, drinking, shopping, and a surprise visit from Santa Claus, attendees raised more than \$15,000 through fundraising raffles, contests, auctions, and a yard and plant sale, which all supported Coral Bay Community Council activities.

And this year's party promises to be even bigger! There will be more entertainment, more shopping, more kids' activities, more prizes, more bizarre and more bazaar!

Naughty or nice, find the perfect handcrafted island gift for everyone on that gift list. Browse the wares of vendors offering unique art, crafts and edibles suited to every taste. Share the island life with friends and family by shipping home locally made specialties. Register for a vending space today! Generate holiday cash while supporting the community and having fun. Preferred placement for those who register and pay early; either six foot table space or 10 foot by 10 foot tent spaces are available. Rental tables are available on request. Contact Nancy Stromp at 775-0533.

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Tip: The slices of apple for garnish should be dipped in lemon juice to avoid them turning brown.

Appetizers for Thanksgiving should be simple, easy, tasty and not overly filling before a big celebratory meal.

Baked Brie with Cranberry, Rosemary and Balsamic Sauce

1 Cup frozen cranberries thawed, 2 Tbsp balsamic vinegar, 1/4 Cup granulated sugar, 1/2 tsp fresh chopped rosemary, 1 Tbsp water, pinch of salt, 8 oz wheel of Brie, 8 x 8 inch square of puff pastry.

Preheat oven to 375 F.

In a small saucepan combine balsamic, water, sugar, cranberries, salt and rosemary. Stir and bring to a simmer. Cook 10 minutes until thick, then cool slightly.

Place puff pastry on a greased baking sheet. Put Brie in the center. Pinch the dough up the sides of the Brie but don't cover the top. Brush with melted butter and spoon the sauce on top. Bake 12 to 15 minutes, until edges are golden and crisp. Allow to cool for 5 to 10 minutes before slicing. Serve with your favorite bread or crackers.

Parmesan Asparagus Wrapped in Prosciutto

2 bunches of thick asparagus (usually about 24 stalks, but if you can only get the skinny stalks just use three in each bundle), 1 Cup grated Parmesan, 24 slices of Prosciutto.

Take off the woody ends of the stalks, then toss in a little olive oil. Roll each stalk in the grated Parmesan and then wrap in a slice of Prosciutto at a slight angle so the single slice wraps from one end to the other with the end and tip poking out

Either bake in a very hot oven (425 F) for about 15 minutes on a baking sheet or grill 5 to 10 minutes turning slightly every few minutes until golden brown and cooked. Delicious served with a side of hollandaise sauce.

Grilled Shrimp with Smoked Paprika and Cocktail Sauce

Shrimp large 16-20 per pound, smoked paprika, bunch of fresh parsley chopped, lemon zest.

Make sure the shrimp are shelled and de-veined. Toss in a bowl with the some of the parsley, lemon zest and a sprinkling of smoked paprika. Place on metal skewers for grilling. Put grill on medium to high heat, cooking seven to eight minutes. Pile on to a platter, scatter with a bit more parsley and serve with lemon wedges and cocktail sauce.

Cocktail Sauce: 1 Cup ketchup, 1 Tbsp lemon juice, 1/2 tsp Worcestershire sauce, 1/4 tsp salt, dash of pepper or Tabasco, horseradish to taste.

Mix up all ingredients in a bowl and serve with the shrimp.

Dry Brined Turkey

When defrosting turkey, allow one day for every four pounds. Thaw in the refrigerator and be sure to rinse turkey before brining.

Use 1 tsp salt for every 2 pounds of turkey. Add additional herbs and spices, but not ones that contain salt. Finely grind the spice rub so it can diffuse into the meat. Apply mixture evenly under the skin and inside the bird. Wrap tightly and seal. Place in fridge for a couple of days. Once brined, remove, discard juices and thoroughly rinse the bird. Do not add anymore salt in the form of seasonings, bases or stuffings when cooking.

Cooking times are with oven temperature at 325 F. Depending

on size of bird and whether it is stuffed or unstuffed, roast from 3 to 6 hours, roughly 20 minutes per pound. Baste on the half hour after each hour. When cooked, the thickest part of the thigh should read 165 F on a meat thermometer.

Turkey Stuffing

There are many types of stuffing and I am sure everyone has their favorite. You can always add fried sausage to this.

1 stick butter, 5 large celery stalks chopped, 1 large onion chopped, 1 tsp dried thyme, 3/4 tsp salt, 1/2 tsp pepper 1/2 tsp dried sage, 1 can chicken broth, 2 loaves sliced white bread, slightly toasted, 1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley.

Preheat oven to 325 F.

Melt butter in a frying pan, add celery and onion. Saute for 15 minutes until tender. Blend in thyme, salt, pepper, sage, broth and 1/2 Cup water. Remove from heat and set aside. Place bread cubes in a large bowl. Pour over celery mixture and toss to mix well. Transfer to 13 x 9 glass baking dish and cover with foil. Bake 40 minutes.

Gravy

7 Tbsp turkey fat, 6 Tbsp all purpose flour, 1/2 Cup white wine, 4 to 5 Cups stock

Pour off all but 7 or so Tbsps of turkey fat from roasting pan. Set on the stove top in a pot. Sprinkle in flour and cook, stirring constantly until mixture is golden brown, about 8 to 10 minutes. Increase heat and add a little white wine, whisking as you go to let it reduce. Slowly add stock, stirring constantly until smooth. Continue to cook, stirring until gravy has thickened, about 8 to 10 minutes. Season to taste and ladle in to a gravy boat for serving.

Golden Mashed Potatoes with Fried Onions and Bacon

3 1/2 lbs large Yukon Gold potatoes, 6 slices bacon, 1 large sweet onion chopped or sliced, 1 Tbsp canola oil, 2 tsp fresh thyme, 1/2 Cup buttermilk, 2 Tbsp unsalted butter, salt and pepper to taste. Peel and cut up potatoes, cover with cold water in a pot and bring

to a boil. Simmer for about 20 minutes until they are fork tender.

Fry bacon until crisp and drain on paper towels. Discard all but 2 Tbsp of bacon fat from the pan, add oil and onion and saute for about 10 minutes until soft and light brown. Stir in thyme and cook for a few more minutes.

Drain potatoes in a colander and transfer to a large bowl. Add butter, buttermilk and mash with a potato masher until smooth. Stir in onions. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Place in a dish and crumble bacon over the top.

Shaved Brussel Sprouts with Parmesan

2 Tbsp olive oil, 2 lbs brussels sprouts, 4 tsp crushed red pepper flakes, 1/4 cup fresh Parmesan cheese, 2 Tbsp butter, 6 Tbsp water, salt and pepper to taste.

Cut out the core of the brussels sprouts and slice very thinly so they look like ribbons. Saute in olive oil for 2 to 3 minutes. Season and add crushed pepper. Add water and continue to cook for 5 to 8 minutes until tender. Mix in the cheese and serve.

Garlicky Green Beans with Flaked Almonds

2 lbs green beans trimmed, 4 Tbsp butter, 1/2 Cup flaked almonds toasted, 3 cloves garlic, salt and pepper.

Cook beans in boiling water for about 5 minutes until al dente, just to the bite. Drain. Peel and slice the garlic finely. In a frying pan, put in a spoonful of butter add the garlic and fry gently until light brown. Add rest of butter and beans, toss to combine and fry a couple of minutes. Season. Spoon onto a platter and top with toasted almonds to serve.

Bourbon Mint Cranberry Sauce

1 1/2 lbs frozen cranberries, 1 1/4 Cup granulated sugar, 1/3 Cup bourbon, 5 big sprigs fresh mint.

Put cranberries, sugar, bourbon, mint and 1/2 cup of water in a 4 quart saucepan. Cook over medium-high heat, stirring occasionally until the sugar dissolves and many of the cranberries pop, about 20 minutes. Add more sugar to taste and cook until dissolved. Cool to room temperature and remove the mint sprigs. Place in fridge for at least 2 hours. Return to room temp before serving. This can be made 2 days ahead.

Here are a few slightly different takes on the traditional desserts for Thanksgiving.

Chocolate Bourbon Pecan Pie

Preheat oven to 325 F.

1/2 package refrigerated pie crusts, 1 1/2 Cups chopped pecans, 1 Cup semi sweet chocolate morsels, 1 Cup dark corn syrup, 1/2 Cup granulated sugar, 1/2 Cup firmly packed brown sugar, 1/4 Cup bourbon or water, 4 large eggs, 1/4 Cup butter melted, 2 tsp cornmeal, 2 tsp vanilla extract, 1/2 tsp salt.

Fit pie crust into a 9 inch deep dish plate, fold edges under and crimp. Sprinkle pecans and chocolate evenly onto bottom of pie crust and set aside. Combine corn syrup, sugars and bourbon in a saucepan and bring to a boil over medium heat. Cook, stirring constantly about 3 minutes. Remove from heat. Cool.

Whisk together eggs, butter, cornmeal, vanilla and salt. Gradually whisk in 1/4 warm mixture into egg mixture and then add to warm mixture. Pour into crust and bake for 55 minutes until set, then cool. Serve with fresh whipped cream or ice cream.

Maple Apple Upside Down Cake

1 Cup pure maple syrup, 3 Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored and cut into 1/8th, 2 Cups all purpose flour, 1 tsp backing powder, 1/2 tsp baking soda, 1 tsp salt, 3 large eggs, 3/4 Cup buttermilk, 1 Tbsp vanilla extract, 1 1/2 sticks unsalted butter softened, 1 1/3 Cups sugar, creme fraiche for serving.

Preheat oven to 350 F.

Butter and flour a 10 inch round cake pan. In a pan bring maple syrup to a boil, then simmer over low heat until very thick and reduced to 3/4 cup, about 20 minutes. Pour into cake pan. Arrange apples in the pan in 2 concentric circles, overlapping slightly.

In a bowl, whisk the flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. In another bowl, whisk the eggs with the buttermilk and vanilla. Beat butter and sugar until fluffy, then beat in the other dry and wet ingredients alternating in batches until batter is smooth.

Scrape the batter over the apples and spread in an even layer. Bake the cake for 1 hour until golden on top and a toothpick inserted comes out clean. Cool on a wire rack 45 minutes. Place a plate on top of the cake and invert the cake onto the plate.

Tap lightly to release. Remove the pan. Let cake cool slightly, then serve with creme fraiche.

Letters to *St. John Tradewinds*

Coldren Updates Community on Stalled Marine Debris Removal

To the Virgin Islands Community,
 Many people have been wondering about the progress of the Coral Bay Community Council project to remove the derelict boats in Coral Harbor. Here is an update.

This project in Coral Bay being funded by the NOAA Marine Debris Removal program with required matching funds provided by in-kind services and dollar contributions by many in our community.

The Coral Bay Community Council finally received the Army Corps permit on October 19 to proceed based on review of the plans and approvals by numerous federal agencies and Department of Planning and Natural Resources. This took almost six months – and some hard work — and is finally accomplished.

Now SeaTow Virgin Islands, the contractor, can complete all arrangements and subcontracting with a clear target date for the project activities. In part because the holidays are approaching, the current plan is to do the removal work in January 2016 right after Three Kings Day, weather permitting.

This project will remove nine wrecks from the harbor, some dating as far back as Hurricane Hugo in 1989. It will also remove a few floating abandoned boats, so they

don't become future wrecks. After the project, there will still be a few visible wrecks that are too high on the shoreline and in the mangroves to be removed by the methods approved in the permit, or the amount of funding available now.

Perhaps future projects will be able to remove these wrecks, which will require permission from the shoreline landowners, among other hurdles.

Of course – we also need to avoid the creation of new wrecks. This means all boaters need to have the time, knowledge and funds to properly care for their boats, moorings, anchors and appropriate hurricane preparation. It is very important that current boat owners do not sell their old boats to people who do not have the wherewithal to maintain their boats.

Several of the current wrecks bear that history. Food for thought...here and elsewhere in the VI. This is the largest underlying problem leading to new wrecks and derelict and abandoned vessels.

That said, CBCC and the community are very happy that we could do this project to clear out most of the 24-year accumulation of wrecks, that were not previously removed. We need to recognize all who are

making this possible now.

As we have said from the beginning, the actual grant dollars are very minimal to accomplish our objectives – thus success is dependent on the generous contributions of many:

The Coral Bay Yacht Club and its 50 boating members for two cleanups and a \$1,000 cash donation from their fundraising efforts;

The Department of Planning and Natural Resources for being our active partner,

The VI Waste Management Authority and A9 Trucking for graciously waiving landfill special waste disposal and demolition fees;

The Friends of the VI National Park and all the participants in the 2014 International Coastal Cleanup on St. John – these volunteer efforts counted toward the required in-kind contribution match;

The US Coast Guard, which came forward to provide the funding of the necessary waste oil disposal;

The Moravian Church Virgin Islands Conference for kindly giving permission to use their shoreline land at the concrete boat ramp for the removal of the wrecks;

SeaTow Virgin Islands and Alan Wentworth for the extra effort and work in mak-

ing this project happen, as well as heavily discounted rates for this public improvement project;

CBCC members who have participated in cleanups, and several who have provided generous dollar donations to the disposal effort; and

Elliot Hooper, Diver Dicky and others in Coral Bay who selflessly, over decades, have provided their knowledge and services to reduce the chances of grounded vessels, and the impact when it happens, such as after recent TS Erika.

Without these very valuable community members, the bay would suffer both aesthetically and environmentally from more boat wrecks.

Lastly, thank you to the CBCC board, staff and members for continued encouragement and volunteer and dollar support of this project. Additional donations to this project and other environmental improvement projects can be sent to the Coral Bay Community Council at 9901 Emmaus, St. John, VI 00830 or via PayPal online at www.CoralBayCommunityCouncil.org.

Sincerely,
 Sharon Coldren
 CBCC President

More Pressure Treated Wood Problems Plague the Virgin Islands

Once again I am writing to ask you to contact a government official regarding the rapid failure of post CCA treated lumber in the Virgin Islands — i.e. the lumber treated with the more recent CA-C and others that have suffered from the wood-rot problems, rather than the more traditional CCA-treated lumber that I sell.

Apparently the Feds don't care. Virgin Islanders are still being forced to test new/unproven products by building our houses with them. Along with our particularly challenging environment for lumber (far more fungus/wood rot than in the states), most people are not aware that the newer CA-C treated lumber is planned to last only for a short time.

The designer of the CA-C lumber now being sold in most lumber yards points out that "15 to 25 years is often the durability time frame discussed for residential products." This lumber (CA-C) is for "uses where treated wood is not expected to and frankly, need not last 50 plus years."

This should not be the only product we have available to build our houses with. St. John Solutions is currently the only source of "lifetime" lumber in the Virgin Islands (CCA, which is designed to last up to 50 years) — and "the powers that be" are trying to stop us from selling it. The rules need to be clarified so that everyone can sell lifetime lumber.

Our Senator at Large Almando "Rocky" Liburd came by to discuss the situation with me this weekend. He said that if he receives enough requests, he will have a committee hearing on the use of pressure treated lumber in the Virgin Islands. There are a number of issues relative to the use of pressure treated lumber that need to be clarified in order to stop the ongoing problems. Consumers need to be protected and hopefully legislation can do it.

Please ask Rocky to look in to matters on behalf of consumers and help make him aware of the seriousness of the issue. Please ask other people who have been affected to do so also. Let him know that you want CCA lumber available in the territory!

His email is rockyliburd@gmail.com.

If you are able to email him, please copy me or forward your email to me stjohnsolutions@aol.com so we will have an idea of what people are saying about this, and the number of people willing to make their voices heard on this issue. I appreciate any support you can give on this!

Thanks,
 Todd Roskin
 St. John Solution

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SRMC Officials Accepted into National Health Corps; Still Seek Help for MKSCHC

By Judi Shimel
St. John Tradewinds

The medical chief of the Schneider Regional Medical Center announced that efforts to recruit new physicians to serve on St. Thomas and St. John will soon bear fruit.

Dr. Luis Amaro said SRMC is seeking applicants for both the newly anticipated cardiac care suite at the Roy L. Schneider Hospital and an addition to the medical staff of Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center on St. John.

Late last month, the chief executive officer for SRMC hosted a press conference to assure the public that extensive efforts were being made to make up for the loss of Dr. Roy Flood, a well regarded heart specialist with a large and loyal following.

Dr. Bernard Wheatley also announced the formation of a partnership with Dr. Flood to incorporate the services of his private practice with those available at RL Schneider Hospital.

The product of the partnership is called SRMC Heart and construction and preparation for retrofitting the equipment is set to begin next week.

In order to make the state-of-the-art cardiac care suite at RL Schneider Hospital eligible for certification, officials said they will have to retain the services of specialized heart doctors.

Amaro initially said the medical center was looking for one highly qualified physician. Now, a few weeks later, the search has grown from one to two, he said.

“We have a staffing plan to bring in two cardiologists,” said Amaro.

One cardiologist would be an interventionist who would perform procedures requiring surgery of invasive treatments. The other, a general cardiologist, would provide more generalized testing, diagnostic and treatment services.

The more specialized physician could be in the Virgin Islands as early as next week, to begin nego-

tiating an agreement, but several administrative steps would have to take place before placement is finalized, Amaro explained.

“And then I have several other candidates who are excited to come on as the second cardiologist, not as interventionists, but still here to be a cardiologist and to see our patients,” he said.

At the same time the medical center is recruiting extra help for the Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center on St. John. SRMC officials met with the health center’s administrator several weeks ago and decided to make some changes.

The only medical facility on St. John is staffed by two physicians, Elizabeth Barot and Joseph deJames, who work 12-hour shifts and respond on an on-call basis to after hour emergencies.

“They are real warriors,” Amaro said of the two St. John physicians.

To provide support without straining the medical center’s finances, officials at SRMC have turned to the National Health Corps. The corps offers physicians, nurses, physician assistants and nurse practitioners a chance to exchange work experience for student loan forgiveness.

SRMC took several steps to qualify for a partnership with the health corps, Amaro explained.

The next step, is to recruit someone who would see the opportunity to reduce their loan obligations as an added benefit, he added.

SRMC officials also decided to centralize the administrative duties from Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center on St. John in an effort to relieve the workload there.

Officials pointed out that because SRMC is made up of three entities — RL Schneider Hospital, Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center and Kimmelman Cancer Center — they wanted to bring conformity to the business side of the district’s health care system.

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Sincerely,

Tim Hanley, Todd Beaty and Brian Daigneault

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!!

Community Calendar

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

Tuesday, November 17

— VINP Biologist Shane McKinley will speak at the VI Audubon's monthly meeting on the second floor of The Marketplace at 7p.m. McKinley will be giving a presentation on Henley Cay restoration efforts and a mid-term update on the Virgin Islands National Park hawksbill sea turtle monitoring program.

Friday, November 20

— Project Homeless connect will be at the Department of Human Services' back lot and St. Ursula's Center. Please join the St. John Volunteer team under the direction of DHS and United Way offering a starting place on the journey back to safety, stability, health, and hope.

Saturday, November 21

— Flavors of St. John. Support St. John Rotary's scholarship fund and enjoy food from the island's best restaurants at Westin Resort & Villas.

Thursday, November 26

— Join St. John Landsharks at the annual 5K Turkey Trot and One Mile Kids run. Register 7:15 a.m., race at 8 a.m. at Anaberg parking lot. Tasty treats for winners.

Thursday, November 26

— 15th Annual Thankspig-

ging at Skinny Legs. Community pot luck. Dinner at 4 p.m. BYOB and bring a dish to share with the community.

November 26-27

— Coral Bay Yacht Club hosting the annual Thanksgiving Regatta in Coral Bay.

Sunday, November 29

— Join the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of St. John for an information meeting at 10 a.m. November 29, at Giff Hill School's Lower Campus to learn about the exciting new project, "Local Tree Education and Appreciation."

Saturday, December 12

— CBCC is hosting the annual Bizarre Bazaar at Pickles in Paradise. Shopping, beer competition and more. Fun for the whole family all day. Event starts at 11 a.m.

February 6, 2016

— This is the date for the Animal Care Center Winter Gala Fundraiser. It is scheduled to be at the beautiful Sirenusa Resort from 6 to 10 p.m. The theme for the event, and other information will be available very soon...Save The Date!

April 22-23, 2016

— "Broadway Comes to St. John" 2016 is scheduled for April 22 and April 23!

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

AL-ANON MEETINGS

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

Obituary



Renee Servant, 90, Had Long Real Estate Career on St. John

St. John Tradewinds

Rene A. Servant, 90, died on September 30, 2015 at the Roy L. Schneider Hospital on St. Thomas of natural causes. He loved to laugh and could always make you smile.

Rene was born in Malakoff, France on July 6, 1925. He was an only child and, with his parents, moved to Chevy Chase, MD at the age of one. He graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in Washington, DC in 1943 and from the University of Wisconsin in 1949 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Physical Education.

Rene enlisted in the US Army Air Force as an Aviation Cadet on July 2, 1943 and received an Honorable Discharge from the 2509th AAF Base Unit on November 8, 1945.

On a trip back to France after college, Rene decided to learn the hair-dressing business, like his father. While there, he met his future wife, Marie Therese Louisa Legeai, known to her friends and family as "Mimi".

They were married in September 1950 at LeMans, France. They discovered when they applied for a marriage license that both their birthdays were on July 6, though Mimi was 7 years younger. She predeceased Rene in 2007 after 56 years of marriage.

The couple moved to Bethesda, MD where their first son, Gaston, was born on July 8, 1951. Rene eventually took over the family business from his father and became the sole proprietor of "Gaston of Paris" salon. Rene and Mimi traveled to Puerto Rico for a convention and while on a day trip to St. John fell in love with the island.

They decided to move to St. John after tragedy struck the family when their second son, Christopher, was hit by a car and died at age 14. They bought property in Coral Bay in 1971, started building their home in 1974 and moved to St. John permanently in 1978.

Once settled on St. John, Rene was recruited by Inga Hiilivirta, the founder of Islandia Real Estate, and Realtor Cees DeGraff while at a party. Rene became a very successful Realtor, real estate speculator and investor during his 25 year career with Islandia.

Rene was well known around Coral Bay especially by the youngsters when he blew the air-horn on his Jeep which happened to play the French National Anthem, "La Marseillaise".

On January 1, 2007 Rene decided to retire, but he still kept up on all the latest real estate news. Rene loved the sea, was an excellent swimmer and both he and Mimi also enjoyed snorkeling, sailing, windsurfing and hiking.

He leaves his son, Gaston R. Servant (64) a resident of Coral Bay, and two nieces on Mimi's side, Elise Colaze and Christine Colaze, and Christine's two sons, Ronan and Julian, all of whom reside in France.

Like his dear wife Mimi, Rene's wishes were to be cremated, with some of the ashes spread in the Caribbean Sea and the rest interred in the family plot in Maryland.



On *the* Market

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

Enjoy Sweeping Views Of North Shore and BVIs from Rotunda

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

The view from Rotunda, which spans across the famed north shore of St. John out to the gems of the British Virgin Islands and beyond, is one you will not soon forget.

This luxury five bedroom, five and a half bathroom villa nestled in the elegant enclave of Upper Peter Bay is for sale for \$7.25 million, explained Holiday Homes of St. John sales agent Abigail Schnell O'Connell.

Designed by architect Michael Oxman, Rotunda at 8-1 Estate Peter Bay, is situated on a three-quarter acre parcel of land bordering V.I. National Park property, perched more than 550 feet above the turquoise sea.

"This is undoubtedly one of the island's premier houses," said Schnell O'Connell. "The spacious floor plan lends itself well to either a rental villa or a private residence as the fifth bedroom is easily able to double as a caretaker's unit

with its separate entrance and kitchen."

With a formal indoor dining room as well as an elegant outdoor dining space, a spacious and airy great room and wrap around covered verandahs, there is plenty of area at Rotunda to entertain.

Find beautiful travertine tile flooring throughout both the outdoors and first floor of the main house. The gourmet kitchen is equipped with stainless steel Viking appliances, finely crafted cherry wood cabinets and premium counter-tops.

Custom built Nicaraguan mahogany doors and windows are featured throughout Rotunda. And, while the main house is fully air conditioned with four separate control points, all windows also have screens to take advantage of the cooling hilltop breezes.

The master bedroom boasts a king sized bed and stunning 180-degree views from every angle of the room as well

as a private balcony. The master bath features double vanity drop in sinks and a generous walk-in closet. Red locust wood floors compliment the tropical exposed beam cypress ceiling.

The separate Carriage House, which could also be used as a caretaker's unit, has one bedroom with a full bath, a quaint kitchen and comfortable sitting area.

One of the most striking features of Rotunda, however, is outside, explained Schnell O'Connell.

"One of the main features of the villa is the over-sized outdoor pool bar with island stone detail," said the Holiday Homes of St. John sales agent.

With stunning views, plenty of privacy and attention to every detail, Rotunda is a one of a kind property on St. John.

For more information about this property, call Schnell O'Connell on her cell phone at (340) 998-1934 or at the Holiday Homes office at (340) 776-6776.



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Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

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

Commander's Bugle Call

American Legion Viggo E. Sewer Post #131



Remembrance Day



St. John Tradewinds News
Photos by Jaime Elliott

American Legion
Viggo E. Sewer
members march in
the Veteran's Day
Parade in Coral
Bay.

By Jerry Runyon
St. John Tradewinds

The 11th day of the 11th month at the 11th hour was the end of the First World War, the War to end all Wars. This is a day to remember and the reason for the emergence of the Red Poppy.

In 1915, Canadian Physician Colonel John McCrae, performing a burial service for a fellow soldier, wrote a poem entitled "We Shall Not Sleep." In it, the author noted the presence of blooming red poppies among rows of white crosses on the deserted battle fields of Western Belgium and Northern France.

The poem, which was later changed to "In Flanders Field," reads:

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The Torch; be yours to hold it high
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

Moina Michael, an American school teacher from Good Hope, Ga, was so spiritually inspired by the

poem that she quickly wrote out the following response in her memoirs entitled, "We Shall Keep the Faith"

*And now the Torch and Poppy Red
We wear in honor of our dead.
Fear not that ye have died for naught:
We'll teach the lesson that ye wrought
In Flanders fields.*

Moina Michael is known as the "Poppy Lady." Her efforts were complemented by the work of Madame Guerin in France. The poppy was made the official memorial flower of the American Legion in 1920 and by the American Legion Auxiliary in 1921. Poppies are made by wounded and disabled Veterans throughout the world. One hundred percent of the donations collected go to wounded and disabled veterans as well as veteran families in need.

Poppies are proudly worn on both Veterans Day and Memorial Day but can be worn everyday. They are the torch for keeping the faith.

Although, in America, Veterans Day now is for all veterans (including the Cold War Veterans, known as the forgotten veterans), the 11th hour on the 11 day of the 11th month is Remembrance Day and shall not be forgotten.

From my heart I must send a deserved Thank You to Giff Hill School students who all proudly wore the poppy in remembrance of all of our veterans and Flanders Field and joined our Veteran's Day Parade on November 11 in Coral Bay.

Jerry Runyon, Honored to continue to try serving all Veterans as a Past Commander of St. John Post 131.

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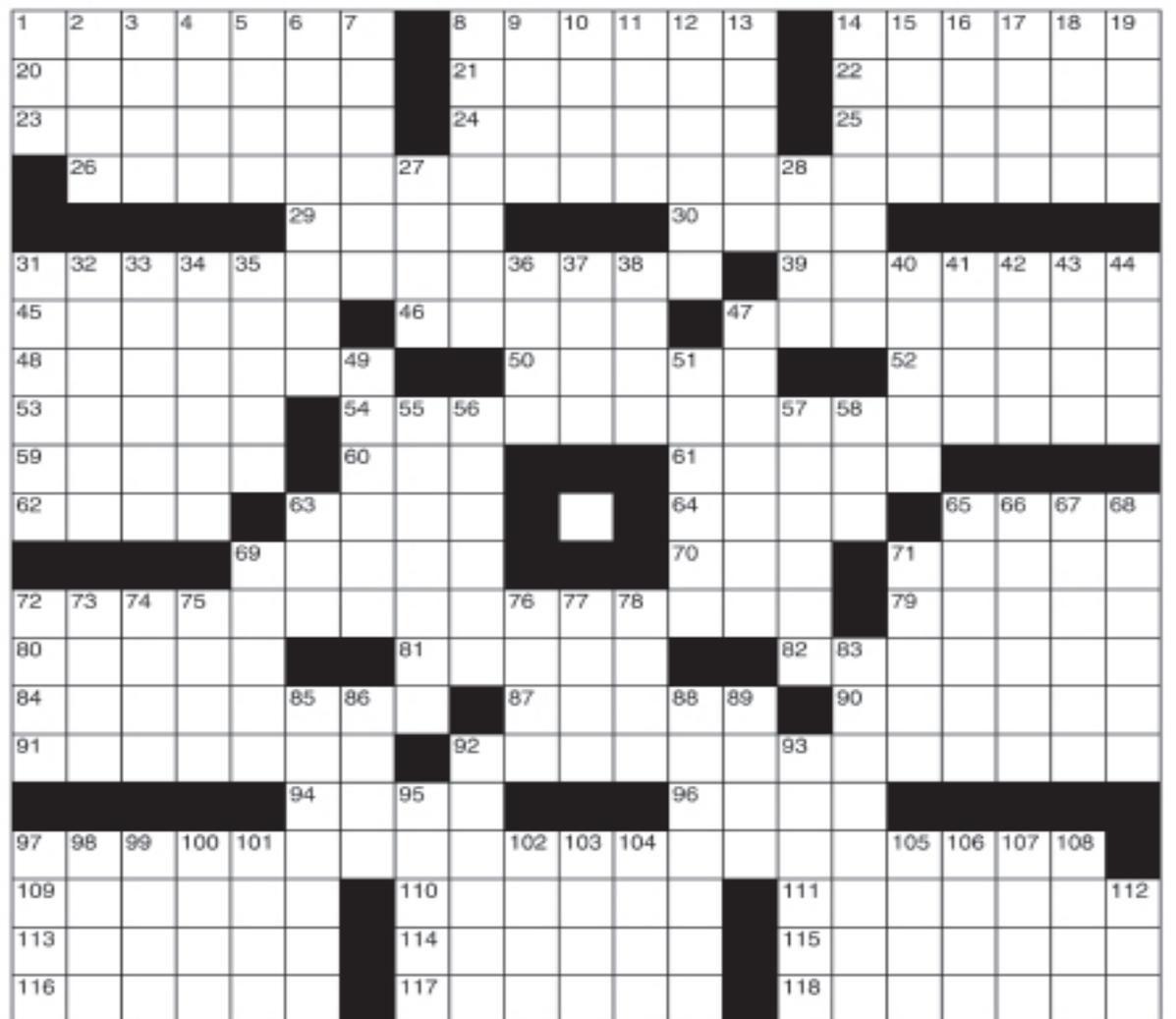
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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 Diamond shape | 1 Musical talk |
| 8 Swank | 2 Mata — |
| 14 Hit on the bean | 3 It's a sign |
| 20 "Winnie-the-Pooh" author | 4 Vibrapophonist Jackson |
| 21 Crescent-shaped | 5 Ho-hum |
| 22 Have a thought | 6 Inopportune |
| 23 Bishop, e.g. | 7 Shilly-shally |
| 24 Apparel | 8 Model |
| 25 It's hung and hit at fiesta | 9 Schiffer |
| 26 Start of an instruction | 9 Skating jump |
| 29 "Anne of Green Gables" novelist Lucy — Mont-gomery | |
| 30 — have thought it?" | |
| 31 Instruction, part 2 | |
| 39 Reindeer herders' region | |
| 45 Burrow | |
| 46 Scottish estate owner | |
| 47 1976 title film role for Robby Benson | |
| 48 Gin-and-lime cocktails | |
| 50 Weeper of Greek myth | |
| 52 Kitchen appliance brand | |
| 53 Everything considered | |
| 54 Instruction, part 3 | |
| 59 Catholic bigwigs | |
| 60 Huge time unit | |
| 61 Elf | |
| 62 With | |
| 63 — about (near) | |
| 64 Have — (know someone with clout) | |
| 65 Weak type | |
| 69 Terrif | |
| 70 NFL goals | |
| 71 See | |
| 72 Instruction, part 4 | |
| 79 Steamers, e.g. | |
| 80 Barbera's partner in cartoons | |
| 81 Artist | |
| 82 Onion's kin | |
| 84 Proceeds | |
| 87 Coffee option | |
| 90 Plaza Hotel girl of kid-lit | |
| 91 Venus, just before dawn | |
| 92 Instruction, part 5 | |
| 94 — Field (Mets' home) | |
| 96 One all, e.g. | |
| 97 End of the instruction | |
| 100 Team novice | |
| 110 Warrant | |
| 111 Actor Gary | |
| 113 Bee or ant | |
| 114 More timid | |
| 115 Put to use | |
| 116 Mall stands | |
| 117 Shines and smooths | |
| 118 Vended | |
| 10 Animated bug film | |
| 11 Go via sea | |
| 12 Scattered, as seeds | |
| 13 "For cryin' out loud!" | |
| 14 Two-footed | |
| 15 Aesir god | |
| 16 Confined, with "up" | |
| 17 Jack of early late-night TV | |
| 18 Bluesy James | |
| 19 Merger, e.g. | |
| 27 Knitting stitch | |
| 28 E. — (gut bacteria) | |
| 31 Band | |
| 32 Couscous alternative | |
| 33 Opens, as a gas tank | |
| 34 Sock variety | |
| 35 Film units | |
| 36 Baseball's | |
| 37 Shamrock's land | |
| 38 Revered one | |
| 40 Dinner piece | |
| 41 See | |
| 62-Across | |
| 42 Open a bit | |
| 43 Taboo thing | |
| 44 Unhearing | |
| 47 Carlisle of the Go-Go's | |
| 49 Awful smell | |
| 51 Indirect route | |
| 55 Tobacco pipes | |
| 56 Get clothed | |
| 57 Is | |
| 58 Material for some cans | |
| 63 Alley- — | |
| 65 Lambaste | |
| 66 Rome's land, in France | |
| 67 Acacia relative | |
| 68 Badger | |
| 69 Incline | |
| 71 Resell tickets | |
| 72 Mississippi senator Cochran | |
| 73 "Mary — Little Lamb" | |
| 74 One of the deadly sins | |
| 75 Santa — (some winds) | |
| 76 Lead-in to spore | |
| 77 67-Down, for one | |
| 78 Personal quirks | |
| 83 Article-preceding summary | |
| 85 Marks of distinction | |
| 86 Cat Nation tribe | |
| 88 Pollination organs | |
| 89 Pâté de — gras | |
| 92 Truck fuel | |
| 93 Vessel with a bag, maybe | |
| 95 Streetcars | |
| 97 With | |
| 71-Across, French avant-garde composer | |
| 98 TV actress Anderson | |
| 99 Ho-hum | |
| 100 — out (barely earns) | |
| 101 Lit candle bit | |
| 102 "Hmm ... yes" | |
| 103 Zap, as leftovers | |
| 104 Arduous hike | |
| 105 Lost traction | |
| 106 Solder, say | |
| 107 Jannings of old films | |
| 108 Demolish | |
| 112 Actor Romero | |



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St. John Rescue's 3rd Annual Rib Cook-off Draws Huge Crowd



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

A total of nine teams served up tasty ribs to a huge crowd at the Coral Bay ball field on Saturday afternoon, November 14, during St. John Rescue's 3rd Annual Rib Cook Off.

From salty to sweet and even deep fried, there were ribs for every taste. In the end Aqua Bistro's smoked ribs cooked by Sean Olson took top honors. The big winners of the day, however, were St. John Rescue officials who raised much needed funds to keep the all volunteer emergency response agency running.

See the next issue of Tradewinds for additional pictures and a full story on the 3rd Annual Rib Cook Off.

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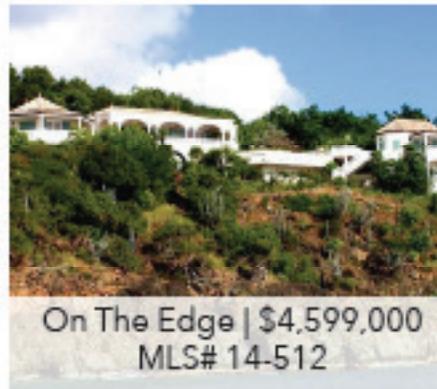
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Kick off the Holiday Season at Evening in the Courtyard November 27

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The Mongoose Merchants Association will be hosting Evening in the Courtyard on Friday, November 27, from 5 to 9 p.m. All are invited to kick off the holiday season in style, amid the beautiful courtyards and terraces, decorated for the season. Mix and mingle with friends old and new, and enjoy the sounds of Steel Pan carried on the breezes and our DJ sending out some lively beats. The attractions of the evening including a raffle, with two \$500 shopping spree prizes, plus more gifts and discounts from the merchants and restaurants in Mongoose Junction. It's a one of a kind event, only on St. John, and only at Mongoose Junction, St. John's Premier Shopping and Dining Destination.

Bamboula's fashion show with the latest tropical looks starts at 6 p.m. The Best of Both Worlds is giving away a \$50 gift certificate. Bougainvillea is having a super sale with everything in the store 50 percent off! Brewtique is giving away a free St. John satellite map with purchase of \$50 or more. Caravan Gallery is featuring gold plated designer jewelry at 20 percent discount. Enjoy 20 percent off at Fabric Mill after 5 p.m. Island Fancy will be giving 20 percent off orders of \$25 or more.

JustBEach is having a grand reopening swimwear sale. Nest is offering 10 percent off all purchases storewide. Ocean Grill will have a Prosecco special for \$6 a glass and \$25 a bottle.

Pick a message in a bottle at Portico to uncork savings from 10 to 50 percent off. R&I Patton goldsmithing is presenting a Special Opal Show. St. John Scoops is offering a free homemade waffle cone or topping with the purchase of an ice cream, sorbet, or frozen yogurt.

SugarBirds is offering free gift with \$25 purchase. Sun Dog Cafe is celebrating its 20th Anniversary with 20 percent off everything from 5 to 9 p.m. Tap Room is offering Happy Hour drink specials all night and half priced appetizers.

Virgin Fire Grill is hosting a Holiday Kickoff Party with Visions Reggae Combo from 6 to 9 p.m. and half price appetizers from 4 to 6 p.m. It's all happening in one Evening in the Courtyard — don't miss it! For more information please contact Michael Barry at (340)777-8612.

Get in the Spirit with Fun & Festivities Friday, November 27, 5 - 9p.m. Evening in the Courtyard!

Glen Speer Visionary Award

The winner of the "Glen Speer Visionary Award" will be announced. Started last year by the MJMA, this award recognizes a member of the St. John community for their contribution to the aesthetic visual appeal or to the quality of life on the island.

Fashion Show

The colorful **Bamboula Fashion Show** starting promptly at **6:00** in the lower courtyard, features gorgeous locals modeling the latest tropical fashions.

Fabulous Offers & Raffles

The Best of Both Worlds will be giving away a **\$50.00 gift certificate**.

Bougainvillea Super Sale...Everything in the Shop will be **50% off!**

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Ocean Grill will run a **Prosecco special** for evening in the courtyard: \$6/glass, \$25/ bottle

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