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Local Arrests: Isaac Piety, Steven Vassel, Cory Christian and Aswald Pickering

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V.I. Police Department officers made several arrests recently, including one for Obtaining Money Under False Pretenses and Identity Theft.

Isaac Weston Piety, 36, of St. John was arrested and charged with Obtaining Money under False Pretences for defrauding his employer Low Key Water Sports, according to VIPD officers.

The initial investigation revealed that Piety received a paycheck but told his employer that he was not paid. The employer issued him a second paycheck and Piety cashed both the checks. He was arrested at about 5:15 p.m. on September 10 and his bail was set at \$25,000.

In another arrest, Steven Vassel, age 54, was arrested based on a warrant charging him with Forgery and Identify Theft. Vassel worked as an accountant with the New Testament Academy Mt. Zion Church and in November of 2008 he used a co-workers' social security number, date of birth and other financial documents to obtain a loan to purchase a vehicle valued at \$29,250. Vassel was arrested on September 10 at about 10:30 p.m. and his bail was set at \$10,000.

Both men were remanded to the Bureau of Corrections pending further court action. Their cases continue to be followed up by VIPD's Criminal Investigation Bureau Detectives.

In a separate incident on September 11, VIPD officers arrested Cory Christian after he was found inside the High Tide Bar and Seafood Grill in Cruz Bay.

Christian, 27, originally from Wisconsin, was arrested and charged with Trespassing and other charges. He broke into High Tide at 3:30 a.m. on September 11, according to VIPD officers.

Christian was observed searching through cabinets and drawers, according to police. He was charged with Second Degree Burglary, Destruction of Property and Trespassing. His bail



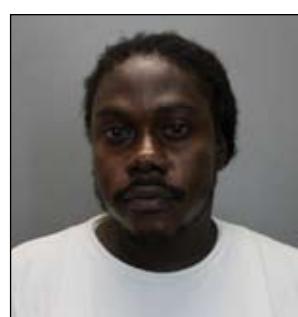
Isaac Piety



Steven Vassel



Cory Christian



Aswald Pickering

was set at \$26,000 and he was remanded to the Bureau of Corrections pending further court action.

V.I. Police Department's Criminal Investigation Bureau detectives on St. John arrested Aswald Pickering and charged him with a Third Degree Assault which occurred on St. John on July 19 at Killroy's Laundromat.

Pickering, 27, was charged with Assault Third and Use of a Firearm During the Commission of a Crime of Violence. He was arrested immediately following the incident and VIPD officers confiscated a weapon that he had in his possession.

The recent new charges stem from the same incident. Pickering was arrested on September 11 and placed on a \$25,000 bail pending further court action.

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Friends of VINP Celebrate Coastweeks

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Friends of V.I. National Park, with the generous support of V.I. Waste Management Authority, is sponsoring the Ocean Conservancy's Coastweeks international coastal cleanup.

Coastweeks kicked off on Saturday September 21, and continues through the month of October. Since 1986, millions of people around the world have joined the Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup, the world's largest volunteer effort to clean up the marine environment.

Anyone interested in joining the cleanup on is encouraged to contact local coordinator Karen Jarvis at 779-4940.

Join Tennis Play Day Each Friday

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Tennis Play Day on St. John is scheduled for Fridays from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Cruz Bay Tennis Courts each week.

Youngsters aged five to 17, whether beginners or advanced players, are all welcomed to come out and engage in the fun sport of tennis as well as play games that promote the sport. Parents are encouraged to attend and help in any way they can.

Racquets, balls, water, treats and give-aways will be provided. Participants should wear sneakers and bring a good attitude.

For more information contact Patrice Harley at 776-6643

Support USFSC and Enjoy Reggae Music at the Beach Bar on October 12

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Don't miss the chance to support the non-profit Using Sport for Social Change and enjoy a night of amazing reggae music and fire dancing on Saturday, October 12, at the Beach Bar.

The night will feature Love City's own Inner Visions and a performance by Flights of Fire on the beach after sunset. There will be great raffle prizes and many ways to support USFSC, which will host the fifth annual Just Play Day on October 14.

For more information check out www.usingsportforsocialchange.com.

JESS Students To Receive Backpacks

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Using Sport For Social Change, in conjunction with Global Backpack Project, will donate one backpack filled with school supplies to each elementary student at Julius E. Sprauve School next month.

The backpacks will be hand delivered by Dean Doeling, founder of Using Sport For Social Change during the week of October 7.

It is the hopes of these two initiatives that this will make it easier for the elementary aged school children to focus on their education without worry of not having the most basic of school supplies, and to give each student a means by which to keep all their homework together

and carry their homework and books to and from school, according to Doeling.

Last year, USFSC and Global Backpack Project were able to provide all of the students of Guy Benjamin School the same backpacks filled with school supplies.

For more information on USFSC go to www.usingsportforsocialchange.com or by call St. John Community Foundation at (340) 693-9410

Global Backpack Project is a community-based nonprofit organization that collects and delivers backpacks and school supplies to children in need around the globe. More information can be found at www.globalbackpackproject.org.

Puffers in Paradise: Juvenile Balloonfish Congregate in Local Waters

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

In a phenomena not seen in more than a decade, dense schools of juvenile Balloonfish, better known as Spiny Puffers, have been recently spotted in waters around St. John from the north shore to Hurricane Hole.

Swimmers and boaters first reported seeing large numbers of frigate birds gathering and circling over the waters off the island's north shore last month, explained U.S. Geological Survey marine biologist Caroline Rogers.

"The birds were diving on dense schools of juvenile Balloonfish (*Diodon holocanthus*), also known as Spiny Puffers," said Rogers. "Since August, people have seen these birds diving all around the island."

The Puffers' presence in local waters is popular, and fascinating, for several reasons. Besides their sheer numbers — hundreds were recently spotted in Hurricane Hole — the fish are tiny, measuring only about three to four inches. Scien-



St. John Tradewinds News Photo left by Dr. Bill Gladfelter; right by Jeff Miller



A Juvenile Balloonfish, above right (close up), and above left, in number seen off St. Croix in 1976, have been seen around St. John for the first time in a decade in dense schools.

tists have no idea how these fish find each other in the open sea, or why they journey to shallow water during certain times, explained Rogers.

"These schools do not arrive every year, and there does not seem to be any pattern to when they

will show up," Rogers said. "They came into St. Croix in 1976 and into St. John in 1993 and 2002. They were so abundant in 2002 that they were getting into the water intakes for boats."

This year, however, the fish seem to be staying close to St.

John only, Rogers added.

"People from St. Thomas, St. Croix and the BVI have not reported seeing these this year," she said. "They seem to come only every nine or 10 years, but there is not really any pattern to it. We do know it is really something spe-

cial."

Since they are so small in size, scientists are also in the dark about how Spiny Puffer fish find each other in the vast ocean and venture to shallow water like the bays around St. John in such dense schools, Rogers explained.

"These comical fish, with iridescent blue-green specks in their eyes, long spines, and variable dark bands and blotches, somehow have managed to find each other out in the open ocean to travel to the inshore areas where they will settle on reefs, seagrass beds and in mangroves," she said. "By the time the fish arrive in these schools, they are around three to four inches long and over a year old. Scientists know close to nothing about all of this."

The Spiny Puffers, distinguishable with their bright eyes and many small spines, and their signature puffing to ward off danger, have been spotted in dense schools from Maho Bay to Coral Bay.

Residents have even reported
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Jury Finds Grant Hayes Guilty of First Degree Murder

Former St. John entertainer sentenced to life in prison

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

A Raleigh, North Carolina jury found Grant Hayes guilty of murder in the first degree and sentenced the former St. John resident to life in prison without the possibility of parole on Monday, September 16.

Jurors deliberated for less than two hours before handing down the first-degree murder sentence, according to a report on wral.com, a Raleigh, North Carolina area online news site.

Grant Hayes, 34, was accused of killing and dismembering his ex-girlfriend and the mother of two of his children, Laura Ackerson, in July 2011. Ackerson and Hayes were in the middle of a heated custody battle when prosecutors say he murdered the then 27-year-old mother of two.

Prosecutors accused Hayes and

his current wife Amanda, also a former St. John resident, of luring Ackerson to their Raleigh apartment and killing her before dismembering her, putting her remains in coolers and transporting them in a rented U-Haul to Amanda Hayes' sister's house in Richmond, Texas, where they dumped the body parts into a creek.

Amanda Hayes, 41, is awaiting a separate trial for murder, which is scheduled for January 2014.

During last week's trial, jurors watched video security footage of Grant Hayes buying a saw at a Raleigh Walmart, which prosecutors said he used to dismember Ackerson, according to the wral.com report.

"Footage from a Home Depot in Texas showed him buying acid that the state argued was poured on her severed head before Hayes

dumped it in the creek," according to the report.

Grant Hayes did more than kill and dispose of Ackerson's body, Assistant District Attorney Boz Zellinger said during the trial, according to the report on wral.com.

"He didn't just dispose of her body," Zellinger is quoted on wral.com. "He engraved his hate by cutting off her head. That dismemberment means more than just disposing of the body. It's extreme abhorrence of the person he killed. What more dehumanizing things could you do to a person?"

Prosecutors did not seek the death penalty in this case, according to the report.

During last week's closing argument's Grant Hayes' lawyer tried to pin the murder squarely on Amanda Hayes, according to the wral.com report.

"Grant Hayes helped dispose of Laura Ackerson's body because of his wife," defense Attorney Will Durham was quoted in the report. "That's a terrible thing — and it's a serious crime, but that's not what this case is about. This case is not about disposing of a body. It's a terrible thing, but it's not murder."

The jury, however, did not buy that version of events and spent less than two hours deciding on their verdict.

After the first-degree murder verdict was handed down, North Carolina Superior Court Judge Donald Stephens sentenced Grant Hayes to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

"I think a jury verdict in an hour and a half speaks volumes," Superior Court Judge Stephens was quoted in a report on abclocal.com.

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Stars and Stripes Upside Down on 9/11 in Cruz Bay



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Residents were surprised on Wednesday, September 11, to see the U.S. Flag hanging upside down outside of the Cruz Bay Legislature Building. While the sight would be shocking on any day, September 11 marked the 12th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and United Airlines Flight 93.

JESS Students Enjoy 42 New Computers Thanks to Support of Community Event

"All of these computers and several more computers at Guy Benjamin School were all purchased from funds raised at the January party."

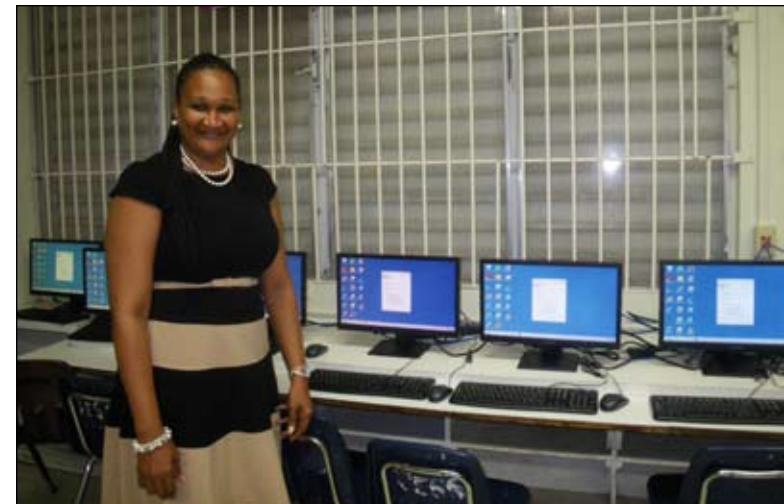
By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Thanks to generous community support, students in both the primary and secondary grades at Julius E. Sprauve School are learning lessons on brand new computers.

Twenty-one new computers were installed recently for the JESS primary students while another 21 computers were installed in a secondary classroom lab.

The funds to purchase the new and much-appreciated technology at the Cruz Bay public school were raised at a January event hosted at an Estate Rendezvous home and attended by many St. John residents.

"All of these computers and several more computers at Guy Benjamin School were all purchased



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

JESS Principal Dionne Wells, above, shows off the recently purchased computers in the Cruz Bay school's new technology lab.

from funds raised at the January party," said JESS Principal Dionne Wells. "Our students and our staff are really excited about the new computers."

The computers were installed and running by the time students returned to classes in early September, Wells explained.

"They are all up and running and are hooked up to a central system which is making it really easy to use and to monitor," said Wells.

Community support is vital to the school's success, Wells added.

"We want the community to know that we really appreciate the support," she said.

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Governor John deJongh and members of the Audubon Society of the Virgin Islands gathered recently at the Cruz Bay Battery on St. John to execute a Memorandum of Agreement for Frank Bay Pier. Looking on is Department of Property and Procurement Commissioner Lynn Millin Maduro at far right.

Gov. DeJongh and Audubon Society Sign Frank Bay Observation Pier Agreement

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

At a signing ceremony on Friday afternoon, September 13, at the Cruz Bay Battery, Governor John deJongh entered into a formal agreement with the Virgin Islands Audubon Society that will allow the territory's bird lovers to develop a new observation pier into the Frank Bay Marine Reserve and Wildlife Sanctuary on St. John.

The agreement permits the Audubon Society to extend the observation pier at the preserve just outside of Cruz Bay while freeing the territory's government from any liability associated with the project. The V.I. Audubon Society will oversee construction and purchase insurance for the site, the memorandum of agreement stipulates.

When completed, the wooden walkway and pier will create a special vantage point from which to observe and appreciate the diverse and spectacular birds that inhabit the sanctuary. It will allow observers for the first time to view the full pond without disturbing its avian inhabitants doing the important work of breeding and nourishing themselves. The project will also add new signs offering information to visitors about Frank Bay and its wildlife.

"The great ornithologist and naturalist John James Audubon said a true conservationist knows that the world is not given by his fathers, but borrowed from his children," said deJongh. "The native and migra-

"This, above all else, I consider a gift to our children, who in their backyard will find a world-class outdoor classroom that no amount of technology could replace."

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tory birds that populate our islands are a part of our children's inheritance."

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The new infrastructure at the Frank Bay sanctuary will enhance public awareness and understanding of a unique wildlife environment, and the local and migratory birds that populate it, by allowing visitors to view them in their natural habitat, the governor explained.

"This, above all else, I consider a gift to our children, who in their backyard will find a world-class

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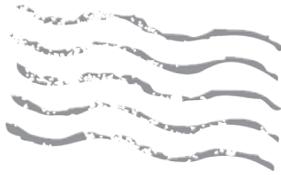
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Playground equipment was installed last week at the Pine Peace basketball court area as renovations near completion.

Pine Peace Basketball Court Renovations Near Completion

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

St. John youth will soon enjoy a beautifully updated basketball court — complete with covered bleachers, an illuminated scoreboard and a new playground area — thanks to a private and public partnership to refurbish the Pine Peace court.

While there is a half-court at Giff Hill School, the basketball court in Estate Pine Peace is the sole regulation size court on the island. Although used often, the often flooded area was badly in need of upgrades.

Government contractor Stone Masonry began work on the site, located across from E&C Service Station, several months ago. Work has included installing extensive drainage to solve the chronic flooding in the area, renovating the bathrooms, pouring a new court and installing new backboards and lighting.

The \$386,000 government allocation, however, was not enough to cover costs for purchasing and installing new playground equipment, bleachers, a scoreboard and bleacher covers. Community activists Alice Krall and Nedra Ephraim successfully led a campaign to raise the additional \$50,000 needed to complete the project.

The final pieces of equipment recently arrived on island and thanks to Stone Masonry workers and Fred Trayser Construction — which donated the time of a talented work crew — the playground was assembled last week despite a bit of a language barrier.

"Fred Trayser and his crew assembled the playground equipment and they're also helping to assemble the bleachers," said Gary Swanander, project manager for Stone Masonry. "There are great carpenters over there doing a tremendous job. The playground equipment instructions were in Chinese, so they had to figure that out."



Bleachers and a shading system will be installed soon.

A concrete truck was at the site last week pouring stanchions for the bleacher covers, which should be going up soon. Crews also began assembling the bleachers last week.

Renovation work should be completed in about two weeks and, until then, people are asked to stay off the court, Swanander added.

"Just while we have open excavation we need to keep the kids out of the area," said Swanander. "But it shouldn't be too much longer."

Final touches at the Pine Peace basketball court will include murals painted by Claudine Daniel, a shiny, new playground for tots, new bathrooms, a scoreboard and shaded bleachers along with the refurbished court itself, which will likely be the site of daily basketball action.

When work does wrap up, government officials will host an official opening ceremony and basketball tournament, according to Krall.

Fifth Annual “Just Play Day” October 14 at Winston Wells Ball Field

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Get ready for a day of positive competition, games and fun on Winston Wells Ball Field in Cruz Bay on Monday, October 14.

The non-profit organization Using Sport For Social Change, in conjunction with the St. John Community Foundation and the Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation, will host the fifth annual free Just Play Day! on October 14 starting at 12 p.m.

All youth between the ages of five and 17 are invited to come out for a fun-filled day of sports and fitness with field games, trophies and medals, free T-shirts and water bottles, a guest speaker and great music.

Pre-registration is required and parents are encouraged to sign their children up early. To register,

visit <http://www.usingsportforsocialchange.com>. Volunteers — to help keep score and help keep the kids moving in the right direction — are needed as well.

Once again this year, Mathayom Private Chefs/St. John Catering will be providing lunch to all participants and volunteers. Also back at this year's event will be Brenda Reckor-Wallce, who has agreed to take care of the day's emcee duties, and DJ Adonis, who will be providing great music to keep everyone moving.

The guests of honor this year are literally responsible for providing the ground upon which the event will be hosted. Charlie Palminteri, along with his mother Laura Palminteri, will be honored for their vision and hard work ensuring the seeding and watering of Winston Wells ball field.

Charlie Palminteri created the plan to clean and upgrade the Cruz Bay field as part of a Gifft Hill School fourth grade class project. The plan was so impressive, however, school officials and eventually government officials, took notice. The plan got the go-ahead from Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation officials and with a team of volunteers, Palminteri oversaw the field's improvement this summer.

Now that the grass is growing and the field is green, students of all ages will enjoy running, playing soccer and more on Winston Wells ball field during the fifth annual Just Play Day!

The event is the brainchild of Using Sport for Social Change (USFSC) founder Dean Doeling, who was inspired to improve sports opportunities for local chil-

dren during a Love City vacation in 2008.

Walking through Cruz Bay during that vacation, Doeling, who lives in Oregon and is a senior production artist with Nike, saw a few kids in Winston Wells ball field kicking around a flat soccer ball. With the goal of providing sports equipment to local students, Doeling created USFSC and hosted the first Just Play Day! in 2009.

Since then, Doeling and USFSC — which enjoys support from Nike, but is not a program of the sports wear corporation — has donated more than 1,000 basketballs, footballs, soccer balls and more to St. John schools and sports organizations.

Doeling has also handed out hundreds of sneakers, bags, water bottles, T-shirts and more at the Just Play Day! events, which foster

competition in a positive environment and encourage health and fitness as well as community spirit.

Working with the Global Backpack Project, Doeling has also given away hundreds of backpacks filled with school supplies to local students over the past two years. This year he'll be back at it again during the week of October 7, distributing free backpacks to Julius E. Sprauve School students.

It's not too late to volunteer, sponsor or register for the event. For more information about sponsoring, go to http://www.usingsportforsocialchange.com/2013_just_play_sponsorship_levels. Learn more about how to register or volunteer at <http://www.usingsportforsocialchange.com>.

See you on October 14 at Winston Wells ball field for the fifth annual free Just Play Day!

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No More Potholes at Coral Bay Overlook

Coral Bay Community Council Looking for Volunteers to Maintain Area

By Jaime Elliott

St. John Tradewinds

A popular stop en route to Coral Bay, the overlook between Bordeaux and Estate Upper Carolina provides a welcome place to safely pull off Centerline Road and snap photographs of the stunning view of Coral Bay harbor below and the British Virgin Islands dotting the horizon.

The gravel-filled area, however, had often been plagued by deep potholes and was a steep drop from the level of Centerline Road.

Thanks to Coral Bay resident Elvis Marsh — who owns the overlook property — and an anonymous donor, however, those potholes are now a thing of the past. Working with Marsh, and with funds from the donor, Coral Bay Community Council officials were able to ensure those holes were filled and also covered the area in fresh gravel.

"If you watched the repairs, you saw that traditional fill-

ing methods for 'dirt road potholes' were used," said CBCC President Sharon Coldren. "Large flat stones were brought in by Elvis Marsh with his heavy equipment and placed in the holes to fill them. Then, a volunteer hand-placed the stones so they are evenly wedged against each other, and will trap small stones and sediment between them, to become a stable surface again."

"Do this when any pothole is a mud puddle, and soon you won't have a pothole anymore," said Coldren.

After the stones were installed, CBCC officials, with funds from the anonymous donor, purchased a load of gravel from St. Thomas, which Marsh spread with his back hoe, explained Coldren.

"Thanks very much to Elvis Marsh, who is also the owner of the overlook property, who allows everyone to enjoy it and was willing to contribute his own time, equipment and expertise to making it a safe and attractive place again for

all the tourists and for us too," said Coldren.

The CBCC president urged residents and visitors who use the area to drive away slowly to avoid spinning in the new gravel.

"The renewed overlook will provide a better welcome to tourists who often stop to see the community from this vantage point, as they tour the island — and enjoy it," she said.

With the area now upgraded, CBCC officials are looking for residents to help keep the overlook looking good.

CBCC is looking for a team of two or three people — or a business — that will agree to come once a month to rake the gravel to avoid new pothole formation, pick up litter and prune the brush.

Anyone interested in keeping the overlook in its upgraded condition should call the CBCC office at 776-2099 or email coralbaycommunitycouncil@hotmail.com to volunteer.

ACC Announces New Flea Market Location at Giff Hill School

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ACC's annual fall fundraiser, the "No Fleas, Please" flea market, will be on Saturday, October 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Giff Hill School's Upper Campus.

The location is new this year. Instead of being at the Winston Wells ball field in Cruz Bay — as has been the custom for the past 10 or more years — this year the market will be at GHS.

Because the ball field was recently reseeded through the strenuous efforts of a crew of volunteers, ACC doesn't wish to bring trucks, cars, and other equipment onto the field that might spoil the newly completed landscaping job.

Instead, ACC volunteers, members and staff will host the flea market this year on the grounds of the GHS Upper Campus on Giff Hill Road.

ACC Board of Directors President Lucy Banks worked with GHS Counselor Megan

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Emanuelson for use of the school grounds for the flea market. While Emanuelson offered the use of any part of the school grounds Banks declined use of the school's beautiful soccer field for the same reason that the humane organization has moved away from the Cruz Bay ball field.

"What we really want to accomplish here, besides collecting money for the animals, is to leave the school grounds exactly as we found them; as if we had never been there," said Banks.

The plan is to host the flea market at the very entrance to the school. The entry driveway will be set up with tables in the center of the driveway entrance circle. Further displays of merchandise will be on the grassy

knoll leading to the front of the school.

As a result, the school's landscaped fields will not be disturbed, visitors and clients of the flea market will be able to easily spot the location of the sale from the road and parking alongside the road will be convenient.

ACC is still collecting donations for sale at the flea market. The large collection of books gathered has already been sold.

Two mini-flea markets have also been planned for selling clothing and household goods. The first sale, a clothing-only sale, was on Friday and Saturday, September 20 and 21, at The Marketplace. The housewares sale will be on Friday and Saturday, September 27 and 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., on the second floor of The Marketplace.

Call the ACC shelter at 774-1625, to arrange for pickup of furniture or other large items to be donated. Small items can be brought to the shelter on the library road in Cruz Bay.

The ACC shelter serves the entire St. John community with kennels for homeless and abused dogs, cat cages and free-roaming space indoors for as many homeless cats and kittens as the shelter can house, and also with feeding stations throughout the island for homeless cats and kittens who otherwise might starve. Every dollar and every penny earned at the flea market goes directly to the care, feeding, and medication of our island's needy companion animals.

Please join the ACC at the GHS Upper Campus on Saturday, October 19, to find small treasures and to help fund the ACC's efforts.

As former ACC Board member Bill Dove always said, it's all "for the animals."

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The meaning of success, for me

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Success can mean a lot of things to different people.

It could mean having a lot of money, a large house, excellent grades and much more. What success means to me is accomplishing any goal you make against all odds.

It is pursuing your dreams even when the difficulty rises. Being successful shouldn't be judged by how many cars or girlfriends you have; it should be judged by how many goals you have completed, and how happy you are.

Being successful is just a matter of repeatedly fulfilling your goals.

The more goals you complete, the happier and more successful you are. To be a successful person, you make achievable goals then let nothing get in your way of achieving them. You must be patient, and willing to work hard to be a true successful person.

As time goes on, you set your goals higher and higher. It may not always work out the way you want it to, but that's okay. A true successful person doesn't let a few failures stop them. They just pick themselves up and either start over, or start back where they stopped.

For example, I felt successful

by the time of my graduation from my last school. I started making small goals since my first day there. They started from getting an A on a quiz, to getting an A on a test, to passing an exam with a high grade, to getting put on the honor roll and it went all the way up until I graduated salutatorian. I was so happy!

I completed all my goals. I exceeded my own expectations, and I learned from my mistakes along the way. I made it!

Success is something I plan and work hard for in everything I do, and I know that as long as I believe in myself, I'll be successful.

Learn How To Ride Horses at Carolina Corral

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Starting in mid-October, Carolina Corral in Coral Bay will offer riding lessons.

Riders of all experiences and ages are encouraged to head over to the stables, explained Carolina Corral owner Dana Bartlett.

"We will start at beginner level hunt seat with some dressage," Bartlett said. "Eventually as riders progress we'll begin jumping."

With horses of all sizes, Bartlett will be sure to find the perfect match for all riders, she added.

"I have all sizes of horses, everyone of them well mannered with some more energetic than others," said Bartlett.

While the lessons are open to anyone, in order to learn the skill of riding Bartlett encouraged residents to register for two classes each week.

"I recommend students ride twice a week to get the full benefit of their lessons, plus the physical build necessary for good horsemanship," said the Carolina Corral owner.

Riding lessons will be available on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons as well as Saturday mornings. Both children and adults are welcome and classes will be limited to no more than five riders.

Private lessons are also available. For the very young there will be parent/child grooming and riding lessons with the donkeys.

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Crime Stoppers USVI Continues To Make a Difference in Territory Crime Rates

"The big accomplishment is that people are taking responsibility for keeping their neighborhoods and their islands safe. And it is the people who are doing it. Everyone is getting together on this."

— St. Croix activist Alan Brown

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Crime Stoppers USVI officials from all three islands gathered at Bolongo Bay on St. Thomas on Saturday, September 7, to celebrate four years of existence and focus on how to keep the organization going strong.

The international non-profit crime prevention organization was launched in the Virgin Islands in 2009, thanks large to a letter penned by St. Croix activist Alan Brown.

"In early 2009 the senate was getting concerned about the level

of crime in the territory," said Brown. "The senate was going to set up another government agency to come up with some kind of way for people to anonymously send tips. I said, 'There already is a program available in the states that does this, why don't we just adopt that?'"

Brown wrote a letter about Crime Stoppers' effective use in communities from New Mexico to Alaska. That letter was printed in a local newspaper and the Crime Stoppers idea began to catch on, he explained.

"I presented the idea to James

McCall who was the police commissioner then and he loved the idea," said Brown. "Along with Judi Fricks and two other people who are no longer involved with the program, we proceeded and put the program together."

Crime Stoppers is based on community members sharing what they know about crimes in their neighborhoods through a totally anonymous system. Calls to the organization's 1-800 number are routed through several computers systems which make tracking someone's identity impossible. The same anonymity is assured using the text option or email to report tips as well.

Without the fear of retribution, community members are free to help solve crime and even earn award money — which is arranged anonymously also — for information leading to the recovery of stolen property.

Since kicking off in February 2009, Crime Stoppers USVI, has received a total of 1,922 tips as of September 18, according to Brown.

"The big accomplishment is that people are taking responsibility for keeping their neighborhoods and their islands safe," said Brown. "And it is the people who are doing it. Everyone is getting together on this."

The Crime Stoppers program works by sharing information with the public on a weekly basis, through printing information in local newspapers and airing stories on local radio programs and television, explained Brown.

"The press on radio, TV and print, all of you guys have been putting out the word this program exists," he said. "Running our weekly releases keeps Crime Stoppers in front of everyone and in their minds."

Another crucial part of Crime Stoppers' success is its partnership with law enforcement, Brown added.

"The police are definitely helping by taking our tips seriously and following up on them," he said.

Before Crime Stoppers launched, Brown was repeatedly told that the program would never work in the Virgin Islands.

"People told me that no one is going to snitch on anyone," said

Brown. "Well as of today we have gotten 1,922 tips, so people are talking. People are taking responsibility and holding their friends and neighbors accountable."

Crime Stoppers is a completely volunteer program and four years after starting it, Brown remains as dedicated today as he was in 2009.

"I sailed into St. Croix in 2007 and loved it," he said. "I saw the potential and I saw the problems. I just wanted to try to make a difference and the Crime Stoppers program has made a fantastic difference."

Looking ahead, Brown hopes even more residents begin to supply tips to Crime Stoppers and become members of the all volunteer organization, he explained.

"I'd like to see Crime Stoppers continue to flower and blossom," he said. "There are still and awful lot of people who either don't totally understand the program or don't believe they are totally anonymous. The way the program is set up is fool-proof."

"There is no way anyone can find out a tipster's identity," said Brown. "People need to step forward and give the information needed to solve crimes in our community. The information is going to be gladly accepted and followed up on by law enforcement."

With no federal or local government support, Crime Stoppers relies on membership dues, Brown added.

"We are totally all volunteer and we get no federal funds or state funds or territory funds," he said. "We are running this program entirely through memberships from individuals and businesses."

At the Crime Stoppers USVI recent annual meeting, St. John resident Bonny Corbeil was elected the group's chairperson. The meeting also included a presentation by Crime Stoppers USA Chair John Lamb.

For more information on Crime Stoppers USVI and how to become a member, check out the group's website at www.crimestoppersusvi.org. To report a tip, call the toll-free number 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). To text the tip, text "USVI" plus the message to CRIMES (274637), or send a tip via email through the group's website.



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Grand Opening for Oxygen Generator and New Headquarters



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St. John Rescue volunteers, with government officials and Rotary Club of St. John members, pose with the group's new Oxygen Generator, the only one on the island.

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Greetings to all St. John residents and visitors. So far we have had an extremely quiet hurricane season. Not sure how the hurricane forecasters make their forecast.

They make a prediction before

the season begins, change it as the season begins, then modify it as the season progresses. No wonder why they are so accurate. Wouldn't it be great if we could bet on the horses that way. We would never lose.

The dedication for our "new"

headquarters along with the formal ceremony for the oxygen generator was on Sunday, September 8. It was well attended by interested residents and friends.

There were Rotary members from Puerto Rico, St. Thomas, and St. John, a representative from the governor's office, National Park Service, Attorney General's Office and from the Department of Education.

We are so very proud to that we have the only OGSI oxygen generator in the US Virgin Islands. St. John residents can breathe a bit easier knowing that our supply of oxygen is virtually unlimited.

Our Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) course is well underway. Ten members of St. John Rescue will, upon completion, be in compliance with the new National Standards for upgrading the First Responder certification to EMR. This level of training is more intense than First Responder and will better prepare our volunteers to provide superior emergency medical care to our residents and visitors.



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Emily Dulac, Lloyd Prince, Chai Tetirick, Dylan Baird, John Fitzgerald training on how to immobilize a trauma patient

The course will be completed on October 2. All participants will be required to pass a 100 question written exam and to demonstrate their skills at five skills testing stations. We are very serious about training. Well trained responders are more likely to provide appropriate medical treatment.

We have also been conducting CPR classes for the community and for members of St. John Rescue. These classes have been well attended. If you are interested in taking a CPR course please contact me at (340) 626-5118. Our classes are offered on the second Saturday of each month.

As of the time of my writing this article we have not received our funding allotment from the territory.

Both St. Thomas Rescue and St. Croix Rescue receive three times the funding that we receive. We really need help with our funding. Our expenses are always rising, but our resources are not.

We need an electric generator for our building along with solar panels to provide us with more affordable electricity. Our rescue boat was recently in dry dock for repairs. That bill was more than \$2,500. One of our rescue trucks also needed repair, which was more than \$1,000.

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Samuel Family Donates Four Acres in Estate Zootenvaal to UVI



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(L to R) Sisters Gloria Samuel and Marva Applewhite Samuel, seated, who donated land on St. John to UVI, pose with UVI President David Hall and Vice President for Institutional Advancement Dionne Jackson.

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A major land donation bequeathed to the University of the Virgin Islands was announced on Wednesday, September 11.

University of the Virgin Islands President David Hall announced the donation of four acres of property on St. John to the university. The property is located in Estate Zootenvaal in Coral Bay.

The gift was made by Marva Samuel Applewhite and Gloria Samuel, daughters of James Alphonso "Harry" Samuel, who owned Estate Zootenvaal. The appraised value of the four acres is \$740,000.

The four acres donated this year, adjoins two acres the sisters donated to UVI in 2002. The total six acres are valued at more than \$1.2 million.

"Education has been the number one priority for our family," Applewhite said at the September 11 reception at UVI's Academic Center on St. John. Applewhite and her sister are both retired teachers. "We decided to give back to the people of the Virgin Islands, the Caribbean and the world," Applewhite continued.

In thanking Applewhite and Samuel for their gift, Hall noted that ordinary people can make extraordinary contributions.

"There are common people who are not millionaires or billionaires, people who love and care about education and just give from their hearts," said Hall.

Samuel and Applewhite are those types of people, Hall explained.

"This gift feels like my mother is giving to this University," said Hall. "I'm just so thankful and honored that you were able to invest in this University."

Hall commended the vision and ingenuity of their father James Samuel, a mason who helped to build the original pier in Cruz Bay and the Benjamin Franklin School (now Guy Benjamin Elementary School).

Both Dr. Hall and UVI Vice President for Institutional Advancement Dionne Jackson remarked on the sisters' humility.

"They did not make this gift because they wanted public recognition or to boast about their family's largess," Jackson said. "They wanted to be a part of UVI's next 50 years of service to the Virgin Islands and St. John communities."

"I see a dream of a campus of the University of the Virgin Islands on St. John," Samuel Hall, the attorney of Applewhite and Samuel, said at the reception.

While a UVI campus on St. John may be possible in the distant future, initial plans are to build a cultural center on the property.

The cultural center will preserve the rich history of St. John, Hall added.

About 30 people attended the intimate reception on September 11, many of whom are heirs of James Samuel.



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Enjoy Sunset Views and Convenient Location at 1-G Gift and Regenback Cottage

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

With a convenient mid-island location, beautiful sunset views and plenty of space to expand, a quaint Caribbean-style cottage at 1-G Gift and Regenback is going to make someone very happy.

This charming cottage consists of two separate living units and is nestled on a little more than a quarter acre of land.

Priced at \$499,999, 1-G Gift and Regenback will be the perfect home for anyone looking to offset their expenses with a little rental income, explained Holiday Homes of St. John broker associate Jan Courlas.

"This home is perfect for family living," said Courlas. "A family would love the two bedroom and one bath main level while benefitting from the rental income from the downstairs, private-entry, studio apartment."

Nestled on a quarter acre lot in Estate Gift

and Regenback, the cottage is conveniently located in the middle of St. John, putting the island's alabaster North Shore beaches, as well as Cruz Bay's nightlife and shopping and even the fun town of Coral Bay, all just a short drive away.

"Since this home is centrally located on the island on Gifft Hill, the ideal buyer will appreciate the easy ride to work, school, beaches, shopping and more," said Courlas.

Outside the home, the beautiful, lush property is on a gentle grade, offering gardeners plenty of space to get their hands dirty.

Don't have a green thumb? With the gently sloped hillside at 1-G Gift and Regenback, the property would easily accommodate a refreshing swimming pool or even additional living space, explained Courlas.

Inside the main living level find a comfortable two bedroom unit with one bath and a generous great room. Step outside the sliding

glass doors and enjoy the spacious deck and views over Pillsbury Sound.

It will be hard to pull yourself away from that view, so be sure to bring along a BBQ for meals on the deck, and watch the lights of St. Thomas twinkle to life as the tropical sun dips below the horizon.

"A family, pets included, will love this comfortable home with a generous deck running the length of the house," said the Holiday Homes broker associate. "Enjoy the view of Pillsbury Sound and the BBQ at the same time."

The downstairs unit has its own entrance and offers a small screened in porch. The unit is a one-bedroom efficiency with one bathroom and a separate kitchen area.

For more information on 1-G Gift and Regenback call Courlas at Holiday Homes of St. John at (340) 776-6776 office or on her cell at (340) 643-5102.

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Grand Larcenies: 72
Rapes: 1

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1st Degree Burglaries: 1
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3rd Degree Burglaries: 21
Grand Larcenies: 53
Rapes: 1

Crossword Answers — Puzzle on Page 20



Letters To St. John Tradewinds

Boulon Thanks WAPA for Rapid Response, Sensitivity

I would like to extend a huge "Thank You" to WAPA, including the St. John supervisor Mr Winston Smith, who had support from the district superintendent, Mr. Clinton Hedrington and the Director of WAPA, Mr. Hugo Hodge and the entire WAPA crew.

On Saturday morning, September 7, 2013, one of the old power poles supplying electricity to residences at Trunk Bay broke and fell down, thereby severing power to these residences.

WAPA was called and they were on site by early afternoon. Their assessment was that, due to the location of the existing power line easement, and the deterioration of the old poles, repair was going to be extremely difficult or impossible.

The existing poles were installed around 1960, up on the hillside above Trunk Bay. These poles are quite small, maybe 500 pounds or less each and 30 feet tall, and at the time, were able to be carried up the slopes by hand and small holes dug for their placement.

Present day poles are substantially larger, at least

2,000 pounds and 45 feet long, making them much more resistant to failure. However, no amount of human effort would get these poles up the slopes and into deep holes that would have to be hand dug in rocky ground.

Working with the Park, the St. John WAPA crew worked diligently to restore power; starting before 8 a.m. on Sunday, September 8, even bringing the auger truck from St. Thomas on the first barge, and by September 10 power was restored.

To do so required installation of seven strategically located replacement poles (so as to cut the minimum amount of vegetation), brush trimming and stringing of dark-colored lines for minimal visual intrusion. I am personally thanking WAPA for their rapid response, sensitivity to Park resources and all-out efforts to get the job accomplished in a minimum amount of time.

Rafe Boulon

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St. John Animal Care Center Gives A+ to Student

The park-like appearance of the Winston Wells ball field is the creation of student Charlie Palminteri, and is the talk of the town.

It is now the responsibility of everyone using the field to treat it with great respect, and care for it in a manner that preserves its beauty for years to come.

With that priority in mind, the Animal Care Center of St. John has chosen to withdraw its request to host its annual No Fleas Please, Flea Market Sale at the ball field.

The ACC is presently looking to secure an alternative location in which to host the event, and be able to offer to the public the wide range of donated items they have collected.

The ACC is very proud of the community spirit and effort that has given this project "wings." The support from ABC Construction, Stone Masonry, Boopy Construction, Carolina Corral and Jonathon Doran has carried Palminteri's creation and dream through to

reality. The ACC salutes everyone who was involved in this project!

Thanks to Deb Marsh, manager of The Marketplace, two two-day mini sales have been planned in place of the ACC's traditional one day flea market.

The sales will be hosted in the former 212 Boutique store location near the second floor entrance to The Marketplace. Clothing was be offered for sale on Friday and Saturday, September 20 and 21; and household items and knick-knacks will be sold on Friday and Saturday, September 27 and 28. All sales will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tables will not be available for rent, because of the limited space. ACC officials, however, are still accepting donations of gently used household items. Please call the ACC at 774-1625 for donation information. All funds collected at these sales will be used to support the work of the St. John ACC

ACC Board President Lucy Banks

Parents Urged To Fill Out Socio-Economic Surveys

St. John Tradewinds

Beginning Monday, September 23, staff from the Department of Education's Division of Special Nutrition Programs will be hitting the schools and distributing an important socio-economic survey that will ultimately determine the number of students eligible within the territory for free, reduced price and paid meals.

Students chosen to participate will be asked to take the survey home, and parents are urged to fill it out and return it to their child's homeroom teacher by October 1. Participating in the survey

helps DOE secure the funding necessary to cover the cost of school lunch for students, according to Special Nutrition officials.

DOE's Special Nutrition Programs provide free lunches, breakfasts, and after school snacks to all children in schools who wish to participate, regardless of their economic need. The territory is not required to have all potential participants submit applications to determine individual eligibility. Instead, the Virgin Islands uses the socio-economic statistical survey to determine the percentage of children eligible for the meals.

Letter To St. John Tradewinds

Remiss Thank You

It has taken me a while to do this mainly because I was asked not to. But I need to Thank all the people who made my "Dan Pants Coral Bay Open" such a great success.

Bill Willigerod, Rick Yolman, Derrick Yolman, Doug Bean and Skinny Legs for putting together a fantastic event.

I was very down after have quadruple bypass surgery and full knee replacement and could not really do any work, either as employment or around my house.

Hurricane Otto had given me over \$30,000 in damages to my house on the outside, plus the loss of personal items inside. When I was up in Illinois at the VA rehabbing, my house was robbed at a loss of over \$40,000 plus all the damages. So I was very down with not too much, but just looking up.

Then along comes Bill saying how would I feel about having a Coral Bay Benefit Golf Open. I was not willing at first, but he made it clear how important it was to my well-being that I had to agree. I was thrilled with the outcome.

I was sad because I wanted to play a couple of holes, but I could not swing a club. Putt, yes; but

swing, no.

I have to also thank all the hole sponsors: Skinny Legs; St. John Hardware; Alfredo's Landscaping; Quiet Mon Pub; St. John Properties; Fred Trayser; CBT; Island Solar; Rob Crane; William Willigerod; SerenaSea; Douglas and Felicia In the Stars; Bolt Electric; The Tourist Trap; IGBA; Coral Bay Design Build; Island Solar; and East End Adventures.

I also wan to thank the fantastic volunteers who worked so hard and all the great golfers and party animals who helped make the event a great success. The monies were used to repair my house. Rick and Derrick along with Luma cleaned my roof and gutters, painted the roof and fixed the gutters. Dan Boyd then came and repaired by solar panel system. He fixed it and even installed a new water pump. Kiko from TuTu Much Jewelers helped me by removing trash around the house. They all have made my day!

Coral Bay is a very caring place and Love City is a great place to live. I have to thank my lucky stars very much for the friends and wonderful people of this place.

Thank you,
Dan Carlson

POEM: Chris

the sturgeon moon
was two days past full
the morning the hermit crabs
exploded onto the beach
thousands of them
pumping their eggs
into the shallow waters
of nanny point
down from the hills they'd come
crawling, scrabbling
inchng toward destiny
everywhere the land moving
dizzying, surreal
rocks and shells intertwined
clicking and clacking
sounding as eternal as the waves
falling like little unknowable
worlds into the tide
colors sparkling, opening, closing
breathing me full
all this as you were taking your leave
you and the migration
intimately tied to the sea
the moon, the stars
you with your gentle,
iron-willed ways
your healing hands

that helped so many
knower of bones and
tissue and ligaments
of wellness remedies
and Indian lore
of how we are put together
on the inside as well as the outside
lover of song and dance
of swimming and running
of the eight tuff miles,
triathlons and karaoke
believer in the steadfastness
of family and friendship
believer in miracles
even up to that morning
when the moon was
two days past full
when your ancestors
loosed your body
and dreamed you to them
leaving us with a fullness
a mystery, an unstoppable
wonder for your spirit

Beverly Melius
August 22, 2013

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Paddle In the Park Registration Now Open

St. John Tradewinds

Registration is now open for Friends of VI National Park's Paddle the Park.

The standup paddleboard race is set for Sunday November 3 and registration closes November 1.

All proceeds benefit Friends of VINP programs and projects which protect, preserve and educate. What better reason to go paddleboarding?!

The races will start and finish at the Maho Bay Pavilion and will consist of two concurrent courses:

- Open course from Maho Bay to Whistling Cay and back (about three miles);

- Elite course from Maho, around Whistling Cay, then around Cinnamon and back around Whistling Cay and back to Maho (about five and a half miles).

The race will start at 9 a.m. and finish between 11 a.m. and noon, at which time an awards ceremony and modest beach party at the



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Get ready for the first annual Paddle in the Park.

Maho Bay Pavilion will begin.

General Registration, from September 16 through November 1, will be \$60 for adults and \$30 for

youth under 18. Late Registration on November 2, before 2 p.m. at Friends of the Park Store only, will be \$80 for adults and \$50 for youth under 18 years of age.

Registration fees include event entry, a water-friendly rash guard that must be worn during the race, an event "goodie bag" and a picnic lunch at the awards ceremony. There will be no registration on the day of the event!

Participants may register online at www.friendsvinp.org/paddle, by phone at 340-779-4940, or in person at Friends of the Park store, or Friends of VINP office in Mongoose Junction, Connections in Cruz Bay or Coral Bay or at the Caribbean Surf Company in Havensight or Red Hook on St. Thomas

For more information go to Friends of VINP's website at www.friendsvinp.org/paddle. Be sure to check out the narrated video maps of the race courses!

Governor DeJongh and Audubon Society Members Sign Agreement for Frank Bay Observation Pier

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outdoor classroom that no amount of technology could replace," deJongh said.

The small pond at Frank Bay is a favorite outing for Julius E. Sprauve School students. After a walk over Kambeck Hill backstreets to the small pond at Frank Bay, they are able to observe a number of the island's varied bird species including White-cheeked Pintails, Great Blue Herons, Black-necked Stilts, Lesser Yellowlegs, Spotted Sandpipers, and other species pointed out by V.I. National Park Education Specialist, Laurel Brannick, who is a V.I. Audubon member and former president of the society.

The students' enjoyment when VI Audubon members build the newly approved pier out into the pond, is sure to only be enhanced, explained Terry Pishko, VI Audubon Society vice-president and coordinator of the Frank Bay pier project.

"The pier will allow the students to look back onto

the reforested shoreline where birds go to feed and escape the sun," said Pishko.

The shoreline plantings were completed more than a decade ago by Eleanor Gibney with help from Virginia Thorntwaite and other volunteers. Tourists will also enjoy these improvements, which only a short walk from the ferry dock, Pishko added.

The MOA which was signed between deJongh and VI Audubon Society on September 13 allows the group to make the critical addition of the pier.

At the signing ceremony at the Cruz Bay Battery, the governor noted that the wildlife sanctuary is part of St. John children's inheritance.

VI Audubon Society members will soon begin work on building this extended viewing pier. Society members thanked Governor deJongh and the government officials who had a hand in preserving this project as well as VI Audubon Society members who have worked on the pond over the past decade.

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Today's Cryptoquip clue: G equals A

The Man Who Swam to St. John: Part II

By Scott Fagan
Special to St. John Tradewinds

The boats were heaving now because the seas were heaving now, they were coming into "The Big Blue." A section of the sound a mile or more wide, in which, or perhaps I ought to say, through which, big serioso, fast moving, megalos mountains of Big Blue Heavy Water Waves (Waves of the sort that make you say "Good Lord" or "Mama Mia" or "Holy Freakin' Toledo" when you first see them even though you if you have good sense are looking at them from your perch on the deck of a big passenger ferry, ten or fifteen feet above the water line).

If you are in the water "down in the hollow" splashing along on your belly and craning your neck up trying to see the top of the wave, you will probably say a lot more than good lord, and if you are Tutsie and your rescue boat is manned by one "Fisherman John" a continental dipso juicehead that you recently helped to drag off the junk heap of life, but now haven't seen for over half an hour, most of it will not be printable in a general audience such as this one. But you can believe me when I say, you have probably never heard anything like it.

Eventually, Tuts discovered that if he swam like crazy faster and faster as he got closer and closer to the top and he could then flip over to his back at just the last second the wave would crest and the curl would break over his shoulders. He could "hang there" for seconds, (perhaps one or two of the longest this side of eternity) and contemplate his mounting misery and helplessness before having to roll over and slide headfirst down down down, ah..down down down, ah down down down, down. (Knowing that some thing is surely waiting in the "trough" to open its porky yaw and scrape the heck out of your back, belly and sides as it swallows you whole)

As I may have mentioned casually a short while ago, this section of the sound was just a splash over a mile or more wide, can you guess how many times your whole life can flash before your eyes before you get completely bored with it?

What you don't get bored with is

the fact that you cannot see either Island or for that matter anything at all when you are down in the valley, nothing but deep dark blue. So the desperate hope that you might be able to see something, anything, hinting at where you are, (is it Puerto Rico? Is it Berlin?) at the top of the next wave is a powerful draw, and can keep you going for many a repetition.

One time he did see something recognizable back on St. Thomas, it was the two super poles that mark the spot where the undersea cable goes down beneath the sea. Way down to the bottom, that's the bottom way, way down in the pitch black darkness beneath his own bottom. Better to see nothing he thought, than things as scary as that.

Pretty soon his primary concern had shifted from monstroso seas, to waves slapping him in the face, slap slap slap and he realized that he was in a different kind of swim now. The big blue was behind him, and he was battling offshore currents, lucky he had gone for Loango, because now, in spite of his forward motion he was being swept sideways, southward towards "Stephens Key," a small flat island outside of the Bay of Cruz Bay or Cruz Bay Bay, comprehend?

Tut knew that if he allowed himself to be swept southward beyond Stephens Key, he would be out in the Anegada Trench, and then as likely as not his rescuers would be the Venezuelan Navy. He determined that he had to get to and make it through the spiffy currents around Stephens Key.

If the current was running in his favor it could be a breeze. He was exhausted, but just on the inside of Stephens Key was the outer entrance to Cruz Bay. He was almost, almost there.

Alas, the current was not in his favor (unless he wanted to turn around and "go with the flow" back to the "Cabrita express" and the afore mentioned many points beyond) and this part of the swim took everything but the very best of him. The very best of him was all that kept him kicking; the current was so strong that the surface water was rippling backwards in protest. That's when the "wa-

ter under water" is moving too fast for the water "on the water" to keep up, so the surface ripples backwards in tiny little cascades of confusion, all of which seemed to be going right up his nose, and down his throat.

They say that the children of Africa can't swim. My friend Tutsie has proved time and again, that that is a racist lie, or put another way, demonstrably untrue. Although it is true that Tutsie's Mother, Miss Meu, born in Dominica, was one half Carib. And although the present effort of the Carib/Arawak Federation is to dispel the myth that they say King Charles of Spain used to promulgate and excuse the genocide of the indigenous Peoples of the Caribbean, specifically, that the Caribs were so wild and savage that they ate people, there is no question that the Caribs were and are among the toughest of the toughest human beings that have ever lived.

So our man, three quarters African, one quarter Carib (with a smattering of French and British, both in the African part of the pie) is lying all but dead in the water, having just burst through the impassable current hole at Stephen's Rock.

Tuts aka "El Toro" aka "Peperrino" aka "Skarpy" aka "The Rabbi" (that's another story) aka a hundred other desperado descriptors, is ready to give it up.

If only he had the strength to raise his arm to signal surrender or the voice to beg to be dragged out of the sea, he would have done so. But just then the cheerful voice of Fisherman John came sing-songing across the water, "Make it look pretty Tuts! Make it look pretty! We're almost there man!, Make it look pretty!!!"

Some day I'll build a statue at Cabrita Point to Victor Antonius "Tutsie" "El Toro" Edwards, one portraying a skinny little mahogany or brass hued dude in baggy boxers, tilting forward on one leg, the other angled up and out behind, with hands clasped (as in prayer) just above his head, Poised to dive into history.

Tuts became that day the first native Virgin Islander to ever in all time, swim from St. Thomas to St. John.

It wasn't pretty as he crawled and dragged himself ashore (water streaming from every orifice), and it wasn't pretty as he collapsed on the sand, unable to stand for a full three minutes. But in his defense, he was forty freakin' years old and working with a body that had been ravaged by drugs and alcohol.

The kids on the Dolphin swim team have much to be proud of, they did in their wetsuits, fins and organized swim formations, what the rough and tough UDT had given up on, they made the swim.

I know that wherever these kids are in the world, and wherever they will go, they will always remember that "once upon a time, when we were kids in the islands, my friends and me did the impossible together" they will also remember with awe and admiration "that skinny little fellow in the baggy boxer trunks" that did it alone and

bare footed, and then, passed on the champagne and praise, because "that's not why he was there."

Tutsie made the swim because it was Emancipation Day, and he wanted to demonstrate and celebrate freedom. He wanted to demonstrate freedom from fear of the sea and the ignorant idea that "black people can't swim." He wanted to demonstrate that "recovery is macho" and that people now need to be emancipated from the chemical slavery that is alcoholism and addiction, and because even though she was long gone, he wanted his mother to know that he could do what he said he could do, and now it was time to go home... And oh yeah, he did it for Shaky Acres.

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Balloonfish

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seeing the fish on the roadway, apparently dropped by frigates, explained Rogers.

“It is hard to say how successful the frigates are in getting a meal,” said the marine biologist. “The fish can inflate with air or water to become something similar to a puffed up sea urchin. This behavior leads to reports of juvenile puffers on land.”

“Some have been found on the road, on roof tops, and in swimming pools, where frigates have dropped them,” she said.

Spiny Puffers have lately been spotted in the largest concentrations in the waters of Hurricane Hole, a part of the V.I. Coral Reef National Monument.

“Hurricane Hole, within VI Coral Reef National Monument, is known for its high biodiversity and its function as a nursery for many reef fish,” said Rogers. “Fortunately, this unique area is under protection by the National Park Service. Now it is providing at least a temporary home for hundreds of these puffers.”

As recently as last week, literally hundreds of Spiny Puffers were reported in the Borck, Princess and Otter Creek areas of Hurricane Hole, Rogers explained.

“They are seeking protection behind mangrove prop roots,” she said. “We don’t know how long they will stay in here; they mostly eat snails and crabs and should be able to find plenty to eat. However, we don’t know how long they can escape being eaten by

Frigate birds have been trying to make some meals of the Spiny Puffer fish congregating in local bays.



barracudas or snappers, or sharks.”

Spiny Puffers are not the most skillful of swimmers and rely on their spines for protection, Rogers explained.

“They are not fast or particularly skillful swimmers and rely on their spines and ability to inflate to deter predators,” said the USCG marine biologist.

Although some of the puffers will likely become frigate or shark meals, it is likely they will settle in seagrass beds and reefs in significant numbers as well, Rogers added.

“Many of the puffers could move to other areas from the mangroves,” she said. “It is likely that a lot of them have already settled in seagrass beds and reefs in the Monument, the national park, and nearby bays.”

Rogers urged residents to grab a snorkel and head out to Hurricane Hole to get their own look at these fish. Snorkelers are reminded to respect the protections in place in the VI Coral Reef National Monument, which include not touching reef or prop roots and not allowing any wake from dinghies or boats.

“Anyone in the Hurricane Hole area can snorkel and look at these little guys,” said Rogers. “It’s another example of just how important Hurricane Hole and the VI Coral Reef National Monument protections are.”

Answer to Sept. 22 Cryptoquip:
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THINGS ABOUT PEOPLE: ANN
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St. John

V.I. Police Department and other enforcement agencies are seeking information from the community in identifying the individuals who are bringing illegal aliens and drugs to the various shores of St. John. If you see boats dropping off people along the shorelines, and/or packages being dropped in the water, please call 911 or Crime Stoppers.

St. Thomas

On Saturday, September 7, at 1:30 a.m., a man was walking in the vicinity of Ship Wreck in Havensight heading home when he was shot in the leg. The man is unaware as to who shot him. If you know anything about this shooting, please let us know.

St. Croix

On Wednesday July 23, in the Mt. Victory area, the burned body of Earl James was found inside his burned vehicle, a white Toyota Tacoma with the license plate CEQ-323. The night before, Tuesday evening, July 22, officers received a call that unknown individuals had stopped a vehicle similar to the one owned by James in the vicinity of Concordia Villas Housing Community and the Alexander Henderson Elementary School. The stopped vehicle was described as a white Toyota Tacoma driven by a black male. If you were in the area and saw anyone or anything involving this vehicle, speak up.

Step up, be part of the solution, and help make our islands a safer place to live and visit by telling us what you know about these, or any other crimes, at www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org or by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

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Police Log

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Friday, September 6

11:55 p.m. - A citizen p/r that when she returned from St. Thomas three tires on her car were deflated. Vehicle tampering.

Saturday, September 7

5:33 a.m. - A citizen c/r that someone was in his residence trying to harm him. Police assistance.

9:02 p.m. - A doctor at Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center c/r requesting police assistance with a male at the health center. Police assistance.

Sunday, September 8

2:13 a.m. - A citizen c/r loud music in the area of the Lumberyard. Disturbance of the peace.

9:32 a.m. - A citizen p/r that items were removed from her father's house. Burglary in the third, D.V.

3:14 p.m. - A Cruz Bay resident c/r a destruction of property. Destruction of property.

Monday, September 9

10:18 a.m. - A citizen p/r that items were stolen from his boat. Burglary in the third.

1:05 p.m. - A citizen p/r that she was struck by a stone in the area of Estate Pine Peace. Accidental injury.

9:07 p.m. - A citizen p/r loud music in the area of Coral Bay. Loud music.

Tuesday, September 10

7:49 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident c/r a disturbance at her residence. Disturbance of the peace.

5:46 p.m. - Badge #1242 p/ at Leander Jurgen Command with one Isaac Piety of Estate Grunwald under arrest and charged with obtaining money under false pretense. His bail was set at \$25,000 by order of the court. He was transported to the Richard Callwood Command on St. Thomas to be processed and remanded to the Bureau of Corrections.

8:00 p.m. - A citizen c/r that a mother was abusing her child at Calabash Boom. Police assistance.

Wednesday, September 11

1:00 a.m. - A citizen c/r that a male was trespassing. Police assistance.

3:25 a.m. - A citizen c/r a burglary at High Tide.

Burglary in the third.

3:30 a.m. - Badge #1222 p/ with one Cory Christian of Wisconsin under arrest and charged with burglary in the third. His bail was set at \$25,000 by order of the court. He was transported to the Richard Callwood Command on St. Thomas to be processed and remanded to the Bureau of Corrections.

4:38 p.m. - The manager of The Marketplace c/r requesting police assistance to remove several vagrants. Police assistance.

Thursday, September 12

9:30 a.m. - A citizen c/r a property dispute. Police assistance.

11:00 a.m. - A citizen p/r that his vehicle was broken into and items were stolen. Grand larceny.

8:48 p.m. - A citizen c/r that he was assaulted in the area of Coral Bay. Simple assault.

Saturday, September 14

3:48 p.m. - A citizen c/r that he was in a verbal argument with a female. Disturbance of the peace.

7:01 p.m. - A citizen c/r illegal discharge of firearm. Illegal discharge of firearm.

Monday, September 16

2:22 p.m. - A citizen c/r a male threatening him and creating a disturbance in the area of Mongoose Junction.

2:35 p.m. - A citizen c/r that she is being harassed on her cell phone. Telephone harassment.

8:55 p.m. - A citizen p/r that her vehicle is missing. Unauthorized use of vehicle.

Wednesday, September 18

10:13 p.m. - A citizen c/r a disturbance in the area of Cruz Bay. Disturbance of the peace, fight.

11:31 p.m. - An Estate Adrian resident c/r a disturbance at her residence. Disturbance of the peace.

Thursday, September 19

1:30 p.m. - A citizen c/r requesting police assistance with a vehicle on his property. Police assistance.

Friday, September 20

9:30 a.m. - An Estate Glucksberg resident p/r that an employee was stealing money from her business. Embezzlement.

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Community Calendar

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Through October

— Coastweeks kicked off on Saturday September 21, and continues through the month of October. Since 1986, millions of people around the world have joined the Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup, the world's largest volunteer effort to clean up the marine environment. Anyone interested in joining the cleanup is encouraged to contact local coordinator Karen Jarvis at 779-4940.

Every Friday

— Tennis Play Day on St. John is scheduled for Fridays from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Cruz Bay Tennis Courts each week. Youngsters aged five to 17, whether beginners or advanced players, are all welcomed to come out and engage in the fun sport of tennis as well as play games that promote the sport. Parents are encouraged to attend and help in any way they can. Racquets, balls, water, treats and give-aways will be provided. Participants should wear sneakers and bring a good attitude. For more information call Patrice Harley at 776-6643.

Saturday, October 12

— Don't miss the chance to support the non-profit Using

Sport for Social Change and enjoy a night of amazing reggae music and fire dancing on Saturday, October 12, at the Beach Bar.

Saturday, October 19

— "No Fleas, Please," the St. John Animal Care Center's annual flea market, will be Saturday, October 19, at the Winston Wells ball field from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Donated wares are now being accepted. Call the shelter at 774-1625 for information about pickup of furniture and volunteering to help with setting up the fair.

Through November 7

— In accordance with legislation recently enacted by the 30th Legislature of the Virgin Islands, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor is waiving penalty and interest fees for property tax years 2008-2011. The last day to take advantage of the property tax amnesty is Thursday, November 7. Payments for the past due years and the 2012 bill can be paid at the Tax Collector's Office at the Islandia Building on St. John. Property owners are also reminded that the 5 percent discount for the 2012 property tax bill has been extended until the bill due date of August 30.

ALCHOLICS 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

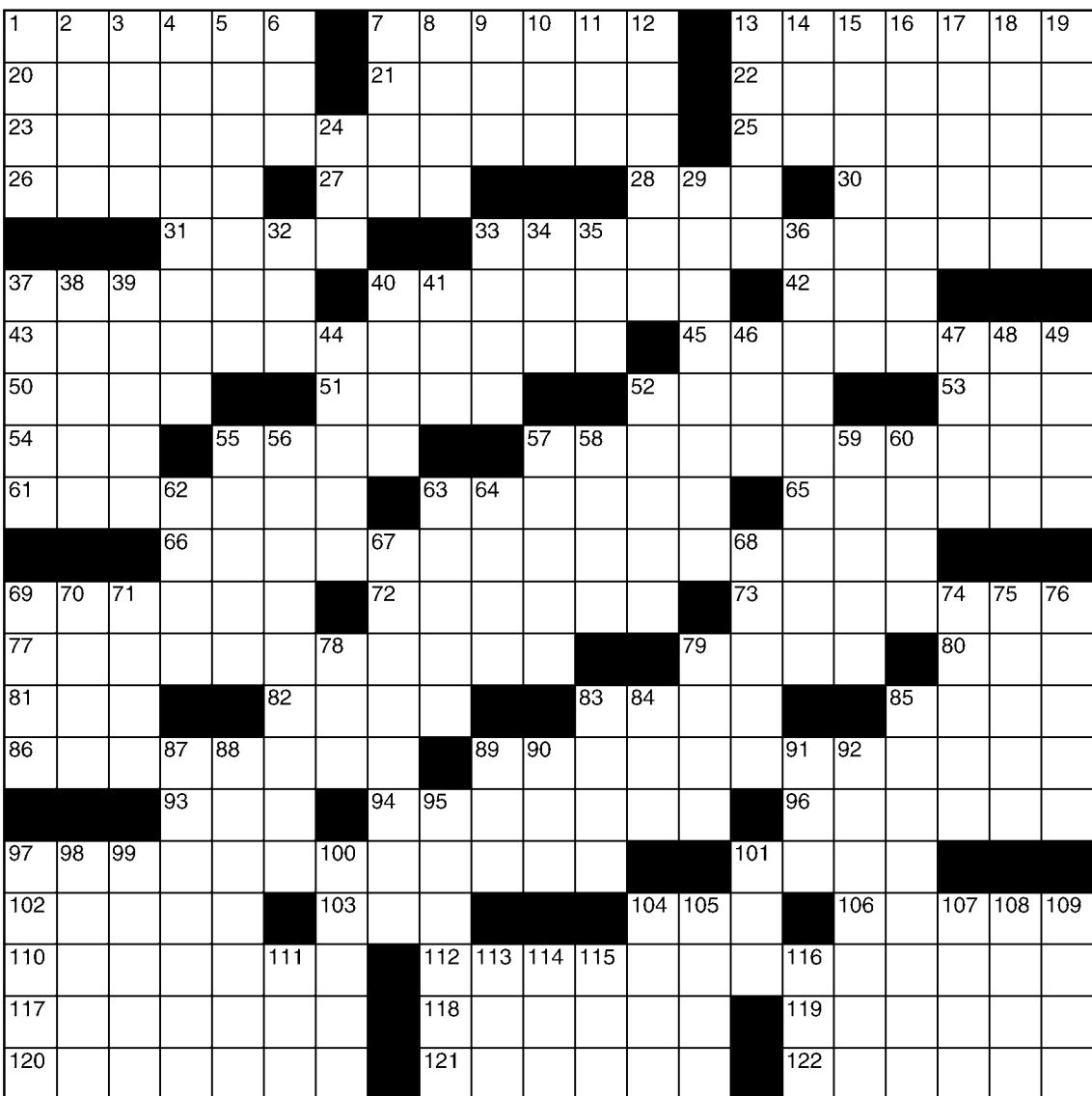
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Crossword

By Frank A. Longo



FIRST-CLASS ATHLETES

ACROSS

- 1 Shrimp —
- 7 Dismay
- 13 Like pre-1917 Russia
- 20 Stomach ailments
- 21 Republic of China capital
- 22 Old roof sight
- 23 Inductee in the inaugural year of the ... NASCAR Hall of Fame [2010]
- 25 Skin bubble
- 26 Jan of South Africa
- 27 Canon camera
- 28 Fiscal exec.
- 30 — throat
- 31 "As — Dying"
- 33 ... International Tennis Hall of Fame [1955]
- 37 One pelting
- 40 Bubbling on the stove
- 42 — "Gang"
- 43 ... World Figure Skating Hall of Fame [1976]
- 45 With 99-Down, Texas
- 50 Hearing pair
- 51 Moistureless
- 52 Bust — (laugh hard)
- 53 "Found it!"
- 54 Ending of enzymes
- 55 Groove of carpentry
- 57 ... National Baseball Hall of Fame [1936]
- 61 Reprieve
- 63 Stuck-up
- 65 Conundrum
- 66 ... Basketball Hall of Fame [1959] and College Football Hall of Fame [1963]
- 69 "Flashdance" director Lyne
- 72 One of Nod's two partners
- 73 Not legal
- 77 ... Pro Football Hall of Fame [1963]
- 79 Writer — Stanley Gardner
- 80 Less than bi-
- 81 Western treaty gp.
- 82 Hunky —
- 83 Maui, e.g.
- 85 Blue-ribbon
- 86 Pasture-raised
- 89 ... World Golf Hall of Fame [1974]
- 93 "What was — think?"
- 94 Compel obedience to
- 96 Shady alcoves
- 97 ... International Swimming Hall of Fame [1965]
- 101 — girl!"
- 102 Full of activity
- 103 Med. republic
- 104 Darlin'
- 106 Relative by marriage
- 110 Digital data display
- 112 ... International Boxing Hall of Fame [1990]
- 117 Almondy, say
- 118 Lake in New York
- 119 Director May
- 120 Racing driver
- 121 With 122-Across, barriers of pickets
- 122 See 121-Across
- 1 Lather

2 Quahog, e.g.

- 3 Rights org.
- 4 Encounters
- 5 Singer Elvis
- 6 "This — test"
- 7 — extra cost
- 8 Oom — (tuba sounds)
- 9 Actress Zadora
- 10 Showery mo.
- 11 Guided
- 12 Chinese fruit
- 13 Fifer's drum
- 14 NBC TV init.
- 15 Under debate
- 16 People taking breathers
- 17 The "I" of IV
- 18 Smile evilly
- 19 Infield covers
- 24 San Luis —
- 29 Scapegoats
- 32 Fido's noise
- 33 Sneak attack
- 34 "Son of," in Arab names
- 35 Wheel tooth
- 36 "Everyone experiences that, right?"
- 37 Trident
- 38 Pick on
- 39 Monsters
- 40 Flight prefix
- 41 "More than I needed to know" abbr.
- 44 Stows cargo
- 46 Suffix with venom
- 47 Zingy flavor
- 48 "Pardon me"
- 49 — avis
- 52 Singer Susan
- 55 "Joltin' Joe"
- 56 Expiated
- 57 Horn sounds
- 58 Be sleeping

59 Viewpoint

- 60 1958 Leslie Caron film
- 62 Match (up)
- 63 With cunning
- 64 Tri-plus six
- 67 Those giving out prizes
- 68 Spent
- 69 Very eager
- 70 Beloved one
- 71 Parks of civil rights
- 74 Mario of New York
- 75 — workings
- 76 Cake levels
- 78 Soil stirrer
- 79 Fashion magazine
- 83 Memo intro
- 84 Pt. of USSR
- 85 Tirana native
- 87 Do nothing
- 88 Estrogen or testosterone
- 89 Locale of mil. jets
- 90 Reiner of film
- 91 Overly glib
- 92 Paper story
- 95 Not wide
- 97 Loft locales
- 98 Expend
- 99 See 45-Across
- 100 Quoter
- 101 Santa —
- 104 Jekyll and —
- 105 Muscat site
- 107 Not clerical
- 108 Hathaway of "Get Smart"
- 109 Heartaches
- 111 Maui strings
- 113 1969 Beatle bride Yoko
- 114 Corp. honcho
- 115 Youngster
- 116 Foul caller

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DC Circuit Appeal Filed to “Turn Page on Insular Cases”

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A landmark new case in the D.C. Circuit challenges the application of the controversial Insular Cases doctrine to present-day U.S. territories

The question of whether citizenship for people born in U.S. territories is a right guaranteed by the Constitution or a privilege determined by Congress will be taken up by the D.C. Circuit, now that plaintiffs in the federal lawsuit *Tuaua v. United States* have filed an appeal of the district court's dismissal of their case.

Tuaua is brought by people born in American Samoa whom federal statutes label “nationals, but not citizens, of the United States.” Their status as “non-citizen U.S. nationals” mirrors that in other territories before certain acts of Congress recognized statutory citizenship in those places.

The *Tuaua* plaintiffs carry U.S. passports, but these passports are imprinted with a disclaimer in capital letters: “THE BEARER IS A UNITED STATES NATIONAL AND NOT A UNITED STATES CITIZEN.”

“Congress has overstepped its bounds by redefining what ‘born in . . . the United States’ means for purposes of the Constitution’s guarantee of birthright citizenship,”



A federal court will look into the citizenship of people born in the Virgin Islands and other territories as a right under the U.S. Constitution or a privilege granted by U.S. Congress.

said Neil Weare, President of We the People Project and lead counsel in *Tuaua*. “Citizenship by birth within the United States is a right guaranteed by the Constitution, not a privilege subject to congressional discretion.”

In June, the D.C. district court dismissed the *Tuaua* plaintiffs’ case. Setting aside the text and history of the Constitution, the district court instead focused its analysis on the

Insular Cases.

These controversial Supreme Court decisions from the early 1900s have been compared to *Plessy v. Ferguson* and criticized by First Circuit Judge Juan Torruella as establishing a “doctrine of separate and unequal” status for territorial residents.

While acknowledging that “none of the Insular Cases directly addressed the Citizenship Clause,” the district court nonetheless interpreted those cases broadly to conclude that “citizenship is not guaranteed to people born in unincorporated territories.”

“This is the kind of decision that should raise eyebrows in the Virgin Islands,” said Weare. “If the district court is correct, Congress can turn the Citizenship Clause on and off like a lightbulb in U.S. territories.”

Weare will be in St. Thomas on Thursday, September 12, to discuss the case.

“On appeal, the D.C. Circuit will have the opportunity to follow the words of the Constitution and recent guidance by the Supreme Court,” said Weare. “It is time to turn the page on the Insular Cases. Like *Plessy v. Ferguson*, these decisions are products of another era that belong in the dustbin of history.”

In 2008, the Supreme Court in *Boume-*

diene v. Bush cited approvingly to Justice Brennan’s view in an earlier case that “[w] hatever the validity of the [Insular Cases] in the particular historical context in which they were decided, those cases are clearly not authority for questioning the application of [constitutional rights in U.S. territories today].”

“[T]he Constitution grants Congress and the President the power to acquire, dispose of, and govern territory, not the power to decide when and where its terms apply,” according to the court in *Boumediene*.

A briefing schedule in the appeal should be announced in the coming weeks.

We the People Project (www.equalrightsnow.org) is a national organization working to achieve equal rights and representation for the nearly 5 million Americans living in U.S. territories and the District of Columbia.

Serving as co-counsel in *Tuaua v. United States* are Arnold & Porter LLP, an international law firm, and Charles V. Ala’ilima, a prominent American Samoan attorney.

More information about *Tuaua v. United States*, including case materials, is available; background on the plaintiffs is available at www.equalrightsnow.org/case_overview.

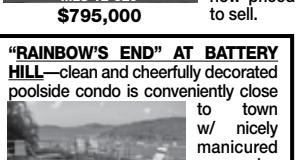
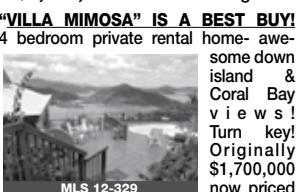
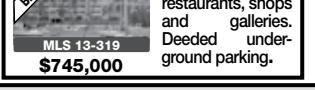
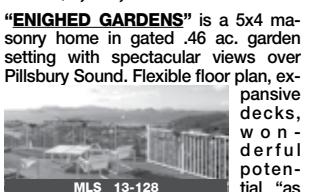
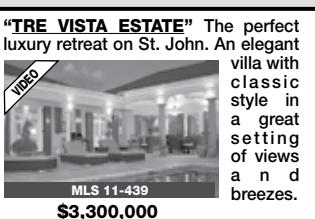
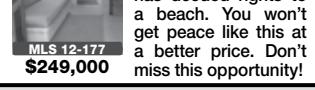
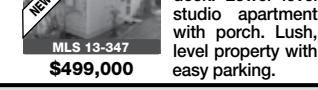
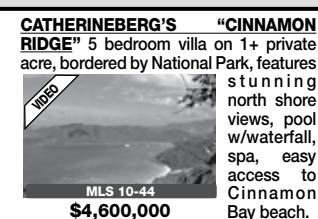
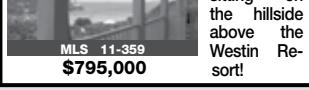
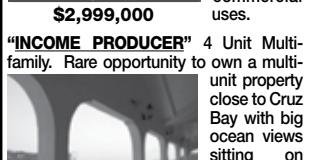
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St. John Rescue Members Celebrate Oxygen Generator

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Having to rely on St. Thomas businesses to fill oxygen tanks for St. John first responders, from V.I. National Park rangers to Emergency Medical Service officials, might not seem like a big deal; until it's too late, according to St. John Rescue officials.

Members of the island's volunteer emergency response organization have long been stressing how dangerous it was to depend on off-island sources of medical oxygen, which had to come from Miami via St. Croix and St. Thomas before reaching St. John.

"In the event of a disaster, the ferry stops running," said St. John Rescue's Bob Malacarne. "That would make getting oxygen tanks filled impossible."

Malacarne's pleas were taken to heart by Rotary Club of St. John members who agreed to help raise funds for St. John Rescue to purchase a Medical Oxygen Generator.

The group began the fundraising campaign back in March 2011. Since then, Rotary Club of St. John Project Leader John

Fuller also managed to attract help from Rotary Clubs in Puerto Rico and West Virginia, as well as The Rotary Foundation, to raise the needed funds to purchase the generator.

Together, Rotary managed to raise a total of \$52,750 for the oxygen generator, with another \$16,000 coming from St. John Rescue, to complete the purchase.

Recently, officials celebrated the success of the years-long project. Rotarians from the contributing clubs, along with Fuller and Rotary Club of St. John President Joan Bermingham, joined St. John Rescue members and government officials to officially celebrate the new equipment being operable.

About 20 officials filled St. John Rescue's new headquarters in Estate Lower Pastory for the grand opening of the new oxygen generator on Sunday afternoon, September 8.

"Our fundraising events, like Flavors of St. John, enable St. John Rotary to support community needs like this," said Fuller. "Generous donations from the community

and the support of local organizations like Scotiabank enable us to do this."

The September 8 Grand Opening for the island's new medical oxygen generator marked the end of a lengthy process. From March 2011 when Rotary Club of St. John officials launched its fundraising campaign, the generator finally arrived on St. John in March 2013.

"It was much larger than anticipated, but with a borrowed truck from The Westin, St. John Rescue and a Rotarian managed to man-handle it off the pallets and into Rescue Headquarters," said Fuller. "A forklift would have been really nice to have."

Before the unit could be used, however, St. John Rescue officials spent several months training and completing the final installations. Finally on May 6 St. John Rescue volunteers filled the first bottles with their new medical oxygen generator — a milestone they celebrated on September 8.

Malacarne posed with Fuller and other Rotarians who helped make the oxygen generator a reality as officials cut a ribbon, officially opening the equipment room

housing the generator.

Since filling those first bottles in May, St. John Rescue volunteers have been able to supply V.I. National Park and Department of Health's EMS with medical oxygen, which is actually a better grade than the organizations were previously using, according to Malacarne.

While St. John Rescue officials would like to fill bottles for residents and visitors, with its small group of volunteers, they don't have the time, Malacarne explained.

"For now we can only fill bottles for government agencies and we're working on a memorandum of understanding with Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center to fill their bottles," said Malacarne.

Following the ribbon cutting, guests, government officials and St. John Rescue member enjoyed drinks and refreshments at the group's Estate Pastory headquarters.

St. John Rescue supplies a critical need for the island and relies on donations and volunteers. To find out how to help or donate to the organization, check out www.stjohnrescue.com.



St. John Rescue Celebrates First Oxygen Generator for the St. John Community



The Rotary Club of St. John is pleased to have been able to work with St. John Rescue to bring a steady source of medical grade oxygen to St. John. Previously all first responders on St. John depended on being able to get to St. Thomas to buy oxygen. This is, of course, impossible when a storm happens.

This equipment was made possible by contributions from local donors, St. John Rescue, the Rotary Club of St. John, the Rotary e-Club of Puerto Rico y Las Americas, the Rotary Club of Buckhannon West Virginia, Rotary Districts 7000, 7020, 7530, and The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.

St. John Rescue hosted an open house on September 8, 2013 for the official "ribbon cutting". It was attended by numerous first responder representatives, and Rotary dignitaries involved in the project. Pictured are St. John Rotary Past President and Project Coordinator John Fuller with scissors and St. John Rescue Director of Training, Bob Malacarne, with the "Jaws of Life" to cut the ribbon.

