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The foundation and first floor of a partially-constructed home below Supreme Corner on Centerline Road in Estate Pastory, collapsed and slid down the hillside onto the driveway of a neighboring house Wednesday afternoon, October 15, as Hurricane Omar approached the island.

DPW officials are concerned about the condition of the roadbed above the site.



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Hurricane Omar Skims Past St. John

Category 3 storm passes to the east, sparing the island from major damage

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All was quiet at the Bethany Moravian Church, one of the island's two shelters, shortly after the territory-wide curfew at 6 p.m., on Wednesday, October 15.

HURRICANE OMAR: *Smooth Sailing for Island Agencies*

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Despite a few communications problems, the island's emergency responders were well prepared for Hurricane Omar, which passed just east of St. John as a major Category 3 hurricane early Thursday morning, October 16.

Although it was unclear which Love City residents were volunteering for the American Red Cross, operations at the island's two shelters ran smoothly, according to St. John Administrator Leona Smith.

"I was stationed at the V.I. Territorial Emergency Management office in Susanaberg, but I visited both of the shelters twice," said Smith. "We didn't know who was in charge of Red Cross at the time. Two or three people popped up, but we really need to have that ironed out."

Two Shelters Accommodate 16 Residents

Six residents spent Wednesday night, October 15, at the Emmaus Moravian Church shelter in Coral Bay, which can accommodate 175 people. The shelter was supervised by Smith's administrative assistant Helen Francis and a V.I. Police Department officer was on standby.

Dolores Powell supervised the Bethany Moravian Church shelter, where 10 residents rode out the storm. The Bethany Church can accommodate up to 60 people. While both shelters provided comfortable cots and blankets for residents, contacting Emmaus Moravian Church proved a problem, Smith explained.

Communication Issues

"One thing that was lacking in Coral Bay was the access to communications," said Smith. "They didn't have a phone there so I lent them my personal cell phone to use. In the future, we have to have a land line out there."

Along with Smith, a representative of the V.I. Tourism Department, a member of the V.I. National Guard,

"At first we had a small problem with people complying with the curfew. People wanted to go out in the morning and see what things looked like. The police did a very good job in terms of having people turn around and comply with the curfew."

— Leona Smith
St. John Administrator

a VIPD officer and VITEMA officials spent the storm at the St. John VITEMA office in Susanaberg.

Curfew Lifted at 11 a.m. Thursday

A curfew went into effect on St. John at 6 p.m. on Wednesday evening, October 15. Residents were originally asked to stay off the streets until 2 p.m. on Thursday, October 16, but the curfew was lifted at 11 a.m. Most residents obeyed the directive, according to Smith.

"At first we had a small problem with people complying with the curfew," said the island administrator. "People wanted to go out in the morning and see what things looked like. The police did a very good job in terms of having people turn around and comply with the curfew."

No Crimes Reported

"We didn't have any robberies or any problems," said Smith. "As far as I understand there were no injuries directly related to the storm."

While Caneel Bay Resort officials evacuated most of their guests to the Wyndham Sugar Bay Resort in St. Thomas, guests at the Westin Resort and Villas

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Free Flu and Pneumonia Shots for Seniors October 23 at St. Ursula's

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CareForce 2008 will be on St. John on Thursday, October 23, at St. Ursula's multi-purpose center from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Seniors will be able to get free flu and pneumonia shots plus free blood pressure and blood sugar checks, and feet and vision exams. Call 712-2444 for more information.

Annual Rotary Awards Dinner To Honor Dr. Barot, Bob Malacarne, Moe Chabuz

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The Rotary Club of St. John announces a celebration to present Dr. Elizabeth Barot with a vocational service award, and to present Robert Malacarne and Maurice Chabuz with community service awards for their outstanding service to St. John.

The awards dinner ceremony will be on October 25, at 6 p.m. at Ocean Grill Restaurant. Cost is \$50 per person. Seating is limited to 100 persons and advance reservations are required. For tickets, call Bill Willigerod at 776-0883.

Potluck Supper at Annual Meeting To Mark CBCC's Fifth Anniversary

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The Coral Bay Community Council is celebrating its 5th anniversary with a potluck supper and annual meeting on Monday, November 10, from 5 to 8 pm, at Miss Lucy's in Coral Bay. Save the date!

All Coral Bay residents are welcome. If you want to volunteer to help put on the event, please call the CBCC office at 776-2099 or email coralbaycommunitycouncil@hotmail.com.

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Free Adult Basic Education evening classes being offered at Julius E. Sprauve School in Cruz Bay, as are Pre-GED, Woodworking and Basic Education classes.

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HURRICANE OMAR: *Public Works Clears Roads After Omar Skims East of St. John*

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

While residents across St. John breathed a sigh of relief Thursday morning, October 16, as Hurricane Omar passed east of the island, Department of Public Works officials were busy clearing roadways of rock slides and felled trees.

"The small crew that we had did wonders," said DPW St. John Deputy Director Ira Wade. "Everyone worked really hard and the roads were mostly cleared by morning."

DPW officials responded to landslide areas from Bordeaux Road to Fish Bay, explained Wade.

Landslides in Bordeaux

"We removed about 32 cubic yards of landslide material that had piled up on Bordeaux Road in the southeastern section," said Wade. "That area is an unpaved section just above Pitcher Point. It was graded and filled the best we could under the conditions."

"We had three minor landslides on Fish Bay Road," Wade continued. "One contained a large rock that has been pushed to the side of the road and we'll get back out there and try to it pick up."

Felled trees posed the biggest



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This partially constructed home located near Supreme Corner slid down the hill during the heavy rains as Hurricane Omar approached the island.

problems in the Gift Hill area, Wade added.

Trees Down in Gift Hill Area

"On Gift Hill Road, in the vicinity of Estate Sans Souci, we had two large trees that fell down across the road," he said. "They were cut and removed on Thursday."

Debris from the sea piled up along Pond Mouth Road, which DPW officials cleared Thursday afternoon. Guinea Gut was also

cleared of debris to allow water to flow through the inlets, Wade explained.

There were numerous minor landslides along Centerline Road and more damage is expected, the DPW deputy director added.

"Just below Upper Carolina on Centerline Road we had a landslide and also a tree slide that blocked off one lane of traffic," Wade said. "In the vicinity of Estate Pastory, just above the mini

golf course, we had multiple areas of asphalt erosion covering a distance of a quarter-mile and five drains that had to be cleared."

Watch for More Rocks on Centerline

"We are advising the public that those people who are traveling anywhere along Centerline Road for the next three or four days, the area is subject to landslides as water percolates through the earth and can still take down trees and large rocks," said Wade.

While many passing motorists have been stopping to view the damage to a house under construction near Supreme Corner, which slid down the hill during heavy rains before Hurricane Omar passed the territory, the area is unsafe, Wade explained.

Collapsed House Near Supreme Corner

"A house collapsed in that area," he said. "The house didn't strike any other homes or vehicles, but it is an unsafe area. It's totally unstable right now and people need to be really careful."

After the house collapsed, a piece of equipment impacted the roadbed, Wade added.

"The house fell and we also had a small breach in the retaining

wall for the road there at Supreme Corner," said Wade. "A piece of equipment hit it and that is going to have to be repaired."

DPW officials are monitoring their telephone lines at all hours. Residents should report any landslide or road damage to DPW by calling 776-6346.

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HURRICANE OMAR: Major Damage to Unpaved VINP Roads

By Tom Oat

St. John Tradewinds

In the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Omar, a plume of brown runoff water drifted in V.I. National Park waters from Cinnamon Bay towards Johnson's Reef a half mile off the north shore of St. John – vivid proof of the most serious damage caused to the park in its brush with the late-season storm.

While VINP officials bemoaned the environmental damage the runoff water causes to the underwater environment, the economic damage to the park's infrastructure presented its own challenges.

"Our major damage was to our gravel roads on steep slopes," V.I.N.P. Superintendent Mark Hardgrove reported to *Tradewinds*. "We likely lost over 1,000 tons of gravel off our unpaved roads, making this a costly repair."

"The VINP will be submitting a storm damage assessment through our Regional Office hoping for assistance with emergency funding for our road repairs," Hardgrove added. "We are also bringing over a four-person team from San Juan NPS in Puerto Rico to help with the storm damage cleanup."

VINP Closed at Curfew

Virgin Islands National Park officials reported no significant incidents related to Hurricane Omar. The park closed Tuesday at 5 p.m. Cinnamon Bay Campground also closed at the same time and the Concessionaire reported they had six units occupied at the time.

"All staff are have been accounted for and no serious damage to their NPS residences or NPS staff private homes," Hardgrove added. "The St. John staff worked up until dark on Tuesday and until 4 p.m. on Wednesday doing our final preparations, especially when we were advised that the storm could potentially develop into a Cat (Category) III."

A check by *Tradewinds* staff shortly before curfew took effect found there was very little traffic on North Shore Road Wednesday afternoon, October 15, as the storm approached and Thursday morning, October 16, found the park wind-blown.

Before the hurricane passed east of the island, the roadside waterfall at Cinnamon Bay was running strongly. It became a towering, multi-level waterfall as the hurri-



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by MaLinda Nelson

Islander Oliver Oat poses at the Cinnamon Bay gut waterfall at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 15.

cane brought at times intense rain to different areas of the park.

Boating Community Sheltered

Dozens of boats were on hurricane chain moorings in the Borck, Princess and Water Creek areas of Hurricane Hole.

While park officials opened Hurricane Hole for storm anchorage, the public moorings along the North Shore were empty throughout the park.

"Our law enforcement patrols continued through Tuesday at 5 p.m. and we advised all of the boaters we could find about the storm and we inventoried all unoccupied vessels," Hardgrove said. "There were no losses of boats that we are aware of at this point."

Work Crews Tackle Debris

Work crews spread out through the VINP on Thursday morning clearing trees and branches from roads and parking areas before the territory-wide curfew was lifted Thursday afternoon.

"Thursday morning, we met

after the storm passed to locate all staff, start our damage assessments, remove the hurricane shutters, return facilities to WAPA power and bring our equipment back into regular operations," Hardgrove continued.

"Three crews went out North Shore Thursday morning at 6 a.m. removing five large trees across the park roads, also removing large boulders found on North Shore Road that were dislodged during the storm," he added.

Beach Water Quality

"We took our beach water quality samples this morning and we should get back the results tomorrow morning," Hardgrove reported Friday, October 17. "Trunk Bay is open today but we are not charging a fee, until we certify the water quality. All operations will return to normal by Saturday."

"USCG San Juan Helicopter flew all our islands Thursday and reported an all clear also," Hardgrove concluded.

HURRICANE OMAR:

Storm Delivers Unexpected Twist to Love City Vacationers

By Susan Mann
St. John Tradewinds

As many Love City visitors anticipated their first hurricane last week they were likely reassured by the care and emergency planning of the island's hospitality community.

Resort, hotel, villa and camp ground staff worked in unison to make sure worried guests continued to enjoy their stay to the fullest extent possible, while putting safety first.

With about 500 tourists on St. John when the hurricane watch was announced, this was certainly no small task. Nikolay Hotze, Managing Director of Caneel Bay Resort, and Cinnamon Bay Campground said he relocated between 40 to 50 guests from both locations to the Wyndham Sugar Bay Resort on St. Thomas Tuesday night, October 14.

"The last guests at Caneel Bay checked out at 11 a.m. Wednesday morning," said Hotze.

Carefree Getaways Owner Cindy Ward was pleased about how her company fared during the bad weather.

"All our guests were totally taken care of," remarked Ward.

VIVA Villas General Manager Karin Schlesinger was also pleased with how things went for their villa guests.

"A number of guests were staying with us," said Schlesinger. "We made sure their questions and concerns were addressed with



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The lobby at the Westin Resort and Villas was wet and abandoned at 12 a.m. on Thursday morning, October 16.

safety being our number one priority, and that they could resume the scheduled vacation plans as quickly as possible."

The Inn at Tamarind Court was able to accommodate guests from both Maho Bay and Cinnamon Bay campgrounds.

Caribbean Villas relocated their guests to Gallows Bay Resort and the Battery Hill area.

"We had a total of eight villas occupied, and only one villa remained occupied," said Caribbean Villas manager Christine Barbich.

"That couple signed a waiver, taking responsibility for their decision. They were from a part of the country where they do a lot of hiking in the mountains, and other outdoor activities."

"The hurricane threat was just something they took in stride," Barbich said.

As of Friday afternoon, October 17, the undaunted guests still did not have electricity restored to their villa, but remained quite happy with their accommodations.

Gallows Point Resort had a 100 percent occupancy rate Wednesday night, October 15, according to General Manager Akhil Deshwal.

"We have a 75-hour plan to prepare for tropical storms and hurricanes," said Deshwal. "In this case, we had much less notice, so we had to move quickly."

Members of the V.I. Police Department and other St. Thomas commuters took refuge at Gallows Point Resort when the ferry service stopped running.

Gallows Point Resort's resident manager mentioned a couple who were determined to snorkel "no matter what." The Midwest couple, although familiar with tornadoes, were not the least bit worried about the possible hurricane, and proceeded to don their snorkel gear Wednesday afternoon as Hurricane Omar approached.

The couple was greatly disappointed to learn they could not snorkel in Trunk Bay, then quickly made the best of it by snorkeling right off the beach in front of Gallows Point Resort, despite the murky waters.

Westin Resort and Villas General Manager David Yamada reported that the resort helped all its guests bunker down on the property for the duration of the hurricane watch.

"We had to limit some activities before and after the hurricane watch, but guests were understanding," said Yamada. "Two guests actually came and sought me out to express their appreciation for how things were managed."

In the end, while it seemed that Love City visitors definitely got more than they bargained for during their vacation experience last week, most were simply relieved that the hurricane made a last minute turn, sparing the island its wrath.

One thing is for sure, they will have an interesting story to tell about their trip to St. John when they return home.


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HURRICANE OMAR: Animals at ACC Weather Storm

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

"What storm?" asked St. John Animal Care Center shelter manager Connie Joseph on Friday morning, October 17.

The island's homeless animals who rode out Hurricane Omar at the agency's Estate Enighed shelter were just fine, Joseph explained.

"Everything is just perfect," she said. "Everybody was fine. I don't even think we lost a leaf off a tree over here."

"I thought we might get some flooding downstairs, but we didn't," Joseph said.

ACC staff and volunteers cleaned, fed and walked all of their charges on Wednesday evening, October 15, before the 6 p.m. curfew, explained Joseph.

"We tried to make everyone as comfy as we could," she said.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo Tom Oat

The Animal Care Center of St. John staff made the animals as "comfy" as they could before the storm.



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Rains flood the street in front of the Guy Benjamin School in Coral Bay on Wednesday afternoon as Hurricane Omar approaches the island.

HURRICANE OMAR: Island Schools Avoid Serious Damage from Omar

By Tom Oat
St. John Tradewinds

Island public schools suffered only minor damage from the heavy rains of Hurricane Omar, which turned a scheduled three-day school week into a week-long vacation for students.

Schools had been closed Monday, October 13, for Columbus Day and were scheduled to be closed on Friday, October 17, for an annual teacher workshop. Gov. John deJongh cancelled school on Tuesday to allow for hurricane preparations by staff.

"The teachers came in on Tuesday and wrapped up all the electrical equipment in plastic in case we

were flooded," Brenda Dalmida, Julius E. Sprauve School (JESS) assistant principal said. "Thanks be to God we weren't."

With the island saturated by recent heavy rains, the Guy H. Benjamin School in Coral Bay was inundated by runoff as the hurricane approached Wednesday afternoon.

The flooding threatened to flow into the school's covered cafeteria area and sand bags protected the classrooms near the road. The grounds adjacent to the road were severely flooded as the storm water flowed around the kindergarten and art building, according to GBS Principal Dionne Wells.

At JESS, stormwater runoff did only minor damage to the road construction around the Cruz Bay campus.

"We are set to go," Dalmida said Friday afternoon, October 17. "We didn't have any leaks."

Staff had sand-bagged the Claris Thomas Annex and the main building at JESS in preparation for flooding, but the school suffered little water damage, Dalmida added.

Education Department workers were on campus on Friday mending storm-damaged fences, Dalmida said.

Schools will reopen on Monday, October 20.

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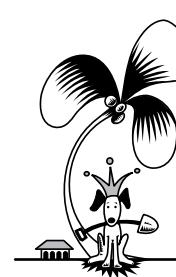
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IBM Selected To Build New 911 Systems for Territory; No St. John System Planned

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

While government officials have been touting their plans to establish new 911 systems in the territory, those plans do not include creating a separate system for St. John.

When St. John residents call 911, the call is routed to St. Thomas, and an operator must then relay the call to the proper St. John agency. Calls to 911 from St. John can even be routed to St. Croix at times, if the St. Thomas lines are busy or experiencing problems.

The system often creates confusion, as residents in the middle of emergencies sometimes don't remember to specify on which island the 911 call is being made.

Reporting Crime on St. John to St. Thomas

The issue came up during the V.I. Superior Court trial of the three men who were charged with the June 2007 killing of 21-year-old James Cockayne. In the minutes after Cockayne was stabbed in front of the Fashion Palace in Cruz Bay, a resident walking by called 911. While the frantic call was played in court, the jury was reminded that 911 calls on St. John are routed to St. Thomas.

The call was made sometime after midnight, but due to internal 911 problems, the time on the computer recorded during the call can be anywhere from minutes to hours off, explained a V.I. Police Department official.

No Answer at Leander Jurgen Command

A resident who lived nearby, who heard the commotion in front of the Fashion Palace before the stabbing, tried calling the VIPD's Leander Jurgen Command in Cruz Bay. That resident testified to calling the Cruz Bay station and letting the phone ring between eight and 10 times before hanging up and trying again. No one answered that call or the next two attempts to call the station, the St. John resident testified.

Cockayne bled to death before he was transported to Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center.

Governor John deJongh is committed to overhauling the territory's outdated 911 system, according to a prepared statement, which makes no mention of a St. John system.

Long-term Commitment To Protect Residents

"Our administration is working to overhaul its outmoded emergency 911 communications system to provide enhanced safety and security for all residents and visitors to the territory," deJongh said in the statement issued by Government House. "This project represents this administration's long-term commitment

"The systems will feature computer assisted dispatch technology that will promptly provide 911 operators with relevant questions to ask individuals reporting a broad range of emergencies — including fires, medical crises and crimes."

— According to a prepared statement from Government House

that will help to protect our residents and visitors from crime as well as natural or man-made disasters and provide a level of safety and security necessary to foster robust economic growth by attracting more businesses and visitors."

Technical Design by IBM

IBM was selected to update the territory's emergency call system, according to the government's prepared statement.

"IBM will provide technical design and installation, project management, and consulting and testing services for the systems, to be located at Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, and Kings Hill, St. Croix," according to the statement. "In addition, IBM will provide training to 911 operators, first responders, IT support personnel and agency leadership. Topics will range from the basics of using the system to improved practices for emergency response."

Prompting Questions to Operators

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IBM officials are excited to partner with the V.I. government, according to the press release.

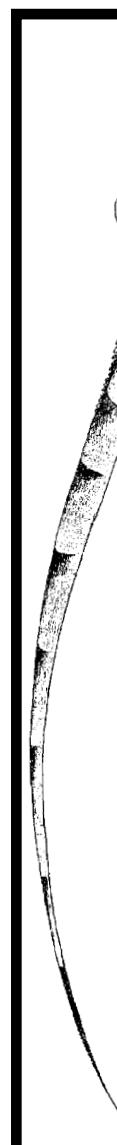
"An efficient and sophisticated 911 system is one of the key building blocks of modern society," IBM Partner Jeffrey Smith, was quoted in the statement. "The government of the U.S. Virgin Islands understands how this project is expected to assist in improving the quality of life for the islands' residents and many visitors."

The statement, however, did not mention St. John or its lack of a 911 system.

HURRICANE OMAR: Rain Data

From Sunday, October 12, through Thursday, October 16: 8.38 inches, Trunk Bay

"The most amazing part was on Wednesday afternoon, October 15, when I recorded 2.5 inches in about 45 minutes," said Rafe Boulon. "It was one of the hardest rains we've seen. That was the one that really flooded everything."



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Young racers in the Optimist fleet head out of the St. Thomas Yacht Club during the Columbus Day Regatta.

Wind and Squalls Light Up Columbus Day Regatta

By Lori Walden

St. John Tradewinds

Rough weather conditions and broken equipment did not stop the sailors of all ages from having an exciting weekend of sailing in the St. Thomas Yacht Club Columbus Day Regatta.

The regatta, hosted the weekend prior to the holiday on Saturday and Sunday, October 11 and 12, was filled with both high emotions and high adventure.

Children and adults from St. John, St. Thomas, St. Croix and Tortola showed off their talents on Optimists, Lasers of all rigs and 420s.

Bill Canfield, STYC Commodore, was on hand to start each race along with his contingent of volunteers who tallied the results and made sure everyone was safe and sound.

While lightning forced the fleets to retreat to the club house a few times on Saturday, racing proved to be excellent that day overall. Sunday's racing was cut short due to an incoming squall which overturned vessels and broke some rigging.

It was pandemonium at the close of the race day, but no one seemed too upset. In fact, sailors were sporting some pretty big smiles back at the club house.

Youth sailors from St. John were on hand to represent the island with nothing less than great sportsmanship. Racers from St. John included Colin and Kyle Brego, Yoshi Nemeth, Thomas Walden, Nic-nole Morrisette, Max Nickbarg, Augustina Barbuto and Alex Coyle.

Sailors from the St. John KATS organization were absent since the program is still on its summer break but the volunteer sailing program will resume in the next few weeks.

The overall winner of the Columbus Day Regatta in the Optimist fleet was 13-year-old Addison Hackstaff of St. Thomas. For more information regarding the upcoming racing schedule, check out the STYC's website at www.styc.net.

Race Results

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3. Olin Davis/Isabelle Teare — St. Thomas

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1. Mark Vanden Driessche — St. Thomas
2. Robbie Hirst — Tortola
3. Tom Kozyn — St. Thomas

Laser Radial

1. Emma Paul — Tortola
2. Cindy Hackstaff — St. Thomas
3. Joyce McKenzie — St. Thomas

Laser 4.7

- Karen Rice — St. Thomas

Optimist Overall

1. Addison Hackstaff — St. Thomas
2. Jason Putney — Tortola
3. Nicholas Gartner — St. Thomas

Optimist Red (age 13 - 15)

1. Kyle Brego — St. John
2. Augustina Barbuto — St. John

Optimist Blue (age 11 - 12)

1. Addison Hackstaff — St. Thomas
2. Nicholas Gartner — St. Thomas
3. Mollee Donovan — Tortola

Optimist White (10 years and under)

1. Jason Putney — Tortola
2. Owen McNeil — St. Thomas
3. Colin Brego — St. John

Optimist Green

1. Ryan Wooldridge — Tortola
2. David Hirst — Tortola
3. Barney Knockold — Tortola

Pan Dragons Ramp Up Fundraising Efforts for New Instruments

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

As the Love City Pan Dragons celebrate their tenth year in existence, the group is hoping to finally replace its instruments, some of which are as old as the band itself.

The Pan Dragons will host three fundraisers in the coming months with the goal of raising enough money to finish replacing their pans. Several pans are cracked and can no longer be tuned. The group also hopes to have enough instruments so each of its 39 members can practice on a pan.

Several pans have already been replaced over the past two years at a cost of \$28,000, according to the Pan Dragons' treasurer, Lottie O'Neal.

"The band is growing, and we need additional pans so everybody can have their own pan to practice on," said O'Neal. "Our main objective is to replace the pans that have not yet been replaced."

Currently, up to four kids share one instrument during practice sessions, O'Neal added.

"We're hoping to get enough for everybody to have their own," she said.

In addition to entertaining the crowd at numerous local events throughout the year, the Pan Dragons provides a positive outlet for Love City's youth. O'Neal's own



St. John Tradewinds News Photo File

The Love City Pan Dragons perform during the 2008 St. John July Fourth Parade in Cruz Bay.

11-year-old daughter has benefited from being a member of the group, she explained.

"It keeps the kids off the street," said O'Neal. "A lot of kids are musically inclined and this is one way

to keep them interested in music. My daughter was very shy before she joined, but she's not shy anymore."

The Pan Dragons will kick off its fundraising efforts on Octo-

ber 31 with a fish fry in the Frank Powell Park, where the group will show off their talents with a live performance.

The group will then host its annual pre-Thanksgiving dinner on

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treasurer
Love City Pan Dragons

November 22, where traffic will be shut down in front of the Cruz Bay ferry dock and patrons will enjoy a candlelit, buffet-style dinner in the street and music by the Pan Dragons. Finally, on December 13, the Pan Dragons will perform their second annual holiday concert at the Westin Resort.

Anyone interested in helping the Pan Dragons reaching its goal of having enough instruments for each child is welcome to attend the group's upcoming fundraisers, or to send a check, made out to the Love City Pan Dragons, to P.O. Box 1537, St. John, VI 00831.

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Skeleton Athlete Alexa Putnam Prepares for Third World Cup

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

St. John skeleton sensation Alexa Putnam is still in Germany, where she spent her entire spring and summer training with the country's national team as she prepares for her third World Cup and a hopefully a berth in the 2010 Winter Olympic Games.

"Alexa worked with a budget that is conservative but adequate, training all spring and summer with the German national team in preparation for her third World Cup skeleton tour and qualification for the 2010 Winter Games," said Putnam's coach, Steve Morgenthaler.

St. John residents have supported the local athlete throughout her career and Putnam is gaining popularity in her adopted home of Germany as well, Morgenthaler explained.

"Many Virgin Islanders have been consistent supporters of Alexa's remarkable effort," he said. "Not surprisingly, Alexa's personality has attracted nearly equal support from the Germans. In Alpine countries world-wide she brings her tropical beauty and extreme-sport courage to a more successful version of Jamaica's bobsled story."

Skeleton racing, which sends athletes head-first down a bobsled track, is televised live in Germany, where fans watched their national team win five of the six gold medals at last year's World Championships in bobsled and skeleton racing, Morgenthaler added.

Training with the German team is a wonderful opportunity for Putnam, who has been steadily improving, the coach explained.

"Alexa's in good company," Morgenthaler said. "Her roommate, Anja Huber, is the current world champion."



St. John Tradewinds News Photo Courtesy of Steve Morgenthaler

On a very tight budget, the Islands' winter Olympic hopeful, Alexa Putnam, shops at the local Bavarian market.

While Putnam's rise in the skeleton ranks has been impressive for a Virgin Islander, her performance is remarkable even within traditional winter sports countries.

At the 2006 Winter Olympic Games in Torino, Italy, only 11 of the top-ranked countries were represented in skeleton rac-

ing, Morgenthaler explained.

"Last March Putnam finished the season ranking the Virgin Islands 11th — ahead of the usual powers of Austria, Norway, Finland, Latvia and Italy," said the skeleton coach.

Although Putnam is ploughing ahead of the skeleton field, her Olympic dreams are far from certain, especially as Alpine coun-

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 Alexa Putnam's Coach

tries try to save face, explained Morgenthaler.

"The Olympic year qualification for the games will be determined only by world-ranking and Alexa's in very tough competition," Morgenthaler said. "The traditional Alpine powers may be slightly embarrassed by our island girl's storied efforts and will push their athletes hard to catch her."

The 2008-09 World Cup Tour opens in Winterberg, Germany, at the end of November and concludes with the World Championships in Lake Placid in late February, 2009.

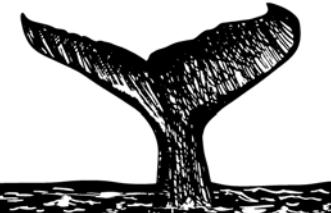
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Reef Bay Trail Waterfall



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Residents Bruce and Sharon Schoonover hiked to Reef Bay Trail from Lameshur Bay, crossing two large streams almost 10 inches deep, on Thursday, October 16.

Antilles School Senior Tops PR Tennis Tourney

St. John Tradewinds

Brian Oldfield, a St. John resident and senior at Antilles School, won the boys 18 singles tennis championship at the USTA tournament in Bayamon, Puerto Rico on October 12.

This is one of the three major tournaments of the year in the Caribbean section of the USTA.

On the final weekend of the tournament, Brian, who was the 2nd seed, defeated the #4 seed Andres Rosa in the semi-finals and the #3 seed Raymound Hatchadourian in the finals, both from Puerto Rico.

During the second set of the finals Oldfield had one of his racquets break and then the strings on his other three racquets broke. In the course of that he lost the second set and had to play a third set to win. Luckily he was able to borrow a racquet to finish, but this made for quite a bit of extra ten-



Photo Courtesy of Patrick Alle

Tennis star Brian Oldfield, right, poses with his coach, Patrick Alle, Caneel Bay Resort's tennis director.

sion in the match.

Oldfield lives on St John and is a senior at Antilles School. Pat-

rick Alle, the tennis director at Caneel Bay Resort on St John, is Oldfield's coach.

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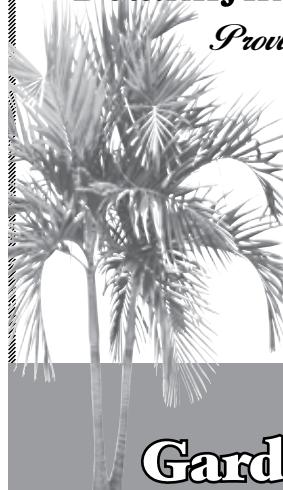
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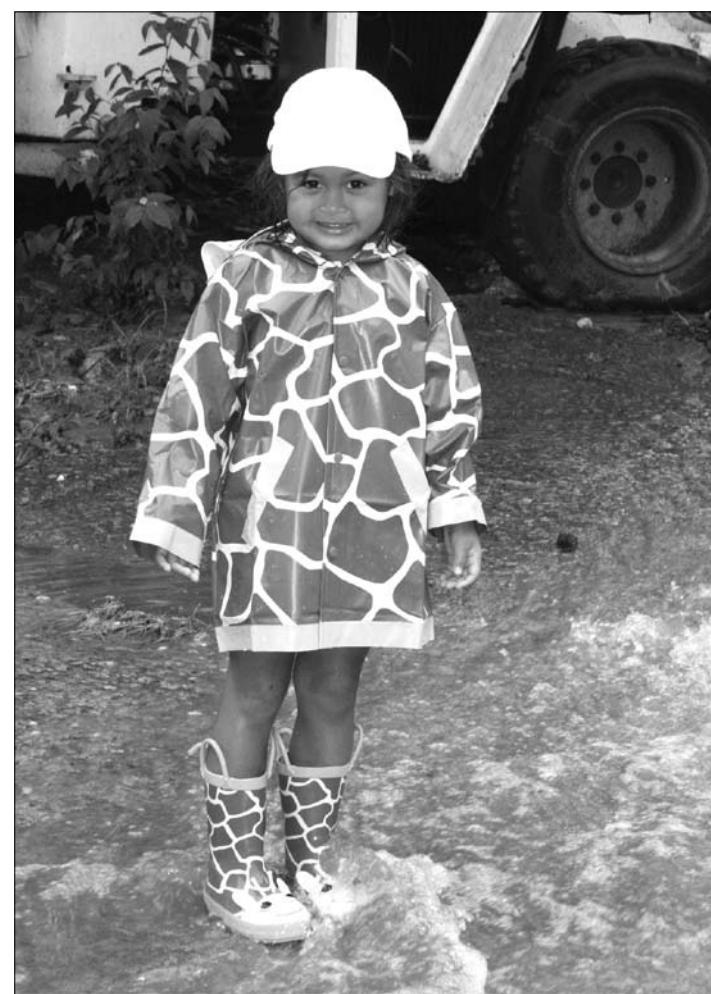
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Ready for Hurricane Omar In Style

A fashionable young lady decked out in a giraffe-printed rain coat and matching wellies is ready for the storm.

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Photo by Thomas Oat

HURRICANE OMAR:

V.I. Government Resumes Operations

St. John Tradewinds

After a flyover of St. Croix Thursday afternoon, October 16, with FEMA Federal Coordinating Officer Mary Ann Jackson and other officials to view damage caused by Hurricane Omar, Gov. John deJongh, received a briefing from members of his cabinet on the status of damage assessment and the response and recovery of the government in the aftermath of Hurricane Omar.

The briefing led to decisions about a curfew on St. Croix; the resumption of government and the status of public schools in the territory. DeJongh returned to St. Thomas Thursday morning after sitting out the storm on St. Croix.

He arrived on St. Croix early Wednesday and met with emergency service coordinators and VITEMA and had several conference calls with federal officials to secure assistance for the territory's response to Hurricane Omar. Throughout Wednesday night, he was briefed by Lt. Governor Gregory Francis, Adjutant General Renaldo Rivera and VITEMA State Director Mark A. Walters on the impact and track of Hurricane Omar.

"The more significant damage was experienced on St. Croix and that is where the focus will be over the next few days as we document and assess the damage and coordinate and execute the response and recovery," deJongh said Thursday evening.

Road damage, unearthed trees, fallen power lines and poles are among the damage on St. Croix.

"The St. Croix marine industry has also suffered a significant loss based on the preliminary assessments," said deJongh.

With the restoration of electricity to St. Croix being hampered by WAPA's ability to generate power at the Richmond plant, deJongh said that in the interest of safety for residents of St. Croix, he would implement a 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew on the island.

"I have asked police officials to cooperate with the business community whose workers are on shift and must traverse to and from work during the curfew period," said the governor. "Any employee who must be on the road during the curfew is asked to have on their possession, a company issued



St. John Tradewinds News Photo Tom Oat

Guinea Gut near the Westin Resort and Villas was flowing from the heavy rains.

identification card which serves as a curfew pass."

Public Works officials were working feverishly to clear the major roadways on St. Croix to allow WAPA line crews access to coordinate the repair of downed lines and poles. At the end of the day Thursday, the restoration effort was tied to WAPA's ability to generate electricity. Technical crews were expected to work through the night to troubleshoot the problems with the gas turbines and generators at the WAPA St. Croix plant in Estate Richmond.

FEMA dispatched additional personnel to St. Croix to aid local government officials in documenting damage on the island.

An initial assessment from the Department of Education has revealed that schools on St. Thomas and St. John are in fairly good shape but on St. Croix, school campuses are affected by debris spread across some campuses,

leaks, downed poles on campuses and some access roads remaining impassible," Education Commissioner La Verne Terry said Thursday.

"Governor deJongh has approved my recommendation that public schools on St. Croix remain closed on Friday," she added.

In the St. Thomas/St. John district, public schools were previously scheduled to be closed on Friday to allow teachers, paraprofessionals and support staff to attend the annual AFT Mini-Quest.

Government operations resumed Friday with all employees in the St. Thomas/St. John district expected to be on the job at the usual reporting times. On St. Croix, only essential government workers reported Friday. Non-essential employees were not required to report to work on Friday.

A price freeze instituted across the territory ahead of Hurricane Omar was lifted Thursday in the St. Thomas/St. John district, according to Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs Commissioner Kenrick Robertson.

DeJongh thanked the many government employees who worked tirelessly the last several days in finalizing the government's preparation for Hurricane Omar.

"Now that we have been spared the wrath of this dangerous storm, we should pause for a moment to give thanks," deJongh said.

In the wake of Hurricane Omar, the focus of the government was on the recovery effort necessary, especially on St. Croix, the governor explained.

Rev. Adrian Smith To Address St. John Moravian Churches October 27-31

St. John Tradewinds

The public is invited to participate in evangelistic services of the Bethany and Emmaus Moravian Churches of St. John featuring The Reverend Adrian Smith of the Antigua Conference of the Moravian Church, October 27-31.

The services, with the theme "Blessing Begins With Salvation," are scheduled for October 27 and 28 at the Emmaus Moravian Church in Coral Bay and October 29, 30 and 31 at the Bethany Moravian church. Friday night is Youth and Family Night.

Abandoned Property Listing Published

St. John Tradewinds

The office of V.I. Lieutenant Governor Gregory R. Francis has published the Abandoned Property listing pursuant to the Virgin Islands Code.

The list details the names and last known addresses of individuals having accounts at banks and other financial services institutions that have been reported as unclaimed. The Office of the Lieutenant Governor serves as the custodian of these unclaimed or abandoned properties.

In accordance with the Uniform Unclaimed Property Act, the listing of abandoned properties has been published in local newspapers. It may also be viewed at www.ltg.gov.vi.

Persons who are recorded as having unclaimed properties are asked to call the Division of Banking at Insurance at 774-7166.

Special Education Offering Training

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All former students, ages 16 to 21, who attended public or private schools and were recipients of special education services through the Virgin Islands Department of Education, and who may have exited schools in any manner other than graduation, are urged to contact the State Office of Special Education at 719-7682 extension 31 for information about post-school programs leading to job training or post-secondary education.

VIRCD Seeks Volunteers for St. Croix Nature Trail Expansion Project

St. John Tradewinds

Thanks to the help of Virgin Islands Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc. members and volunteers, TNC's Richard Gideon, HOVNSA, A9 trucking and the St. Croix Hiking Association members, the first bridge across the gut for the Estate Adventure Nature Trail Expansion was built on August 24.

VIRCD is now seeking volunteers to help build a second wooden bridge, cut bush and clear trail to complete the new Estate Adventure Nature Trail loop expansion. Volunteers are asked to meet at 8 a.m. on Sunday, October 26, at the Trail Kiosk across Queen Mary Highway from the V.I. Ag Fair Grounds in Estate Lower Love.

All students, teachers, hikers, birders, ecologists, researchers and nature lovers who want to help expand & improve the Estate Adventure Nature Trail are encouraged to participate. Please bring gloves (clippers, loppers or a screw driver if you have one) and wear clothing suitable for working in the bush! Water, snacks and tools will be provided. Contact Olasee Davis at 692-4053 or the VIRCD Office at 692-9632, ext. 5.

VIPA Board Meeting on October 22

St. John Tradewinds

The V.I. Port Authority Governing Board will conduct its monthly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, October 22, at 12 p.m. at the VIPA Administrative conference Room on St. Thomas.

Virgin Islands Artists Working To Fight Suffering in Haiti

St. John Tradewinds

Overwhelmed by the harrowing images of suffering in Haiti, a group of Virgin Islands artists will present Artists Unite for Haiti, a major benefit art show to raise funds for Haiti relief on November 14.

Phyllis Biddle, Art Department Chair at Good Hope School conceived the idea of the art sale as a way to raise funds to provide food and medicine to Haiti's peasant farmers in the aftermath of four devastating hurricanes, and the doubling of prices of basic food commodities.

"We've all been so deeply moved by the images of terror and misery being experienced by our neighbors in Haiti," Biddle said at a recent meeting of artists organizing the event. "Rather than just stand by in sadness, we VI artists are joining together to

create a show unlike anything ever done on our islands."

The show will feature a Who's Who of Virgin Islands artists, according to Biddle.

To accommodate so many diverse works, it will be held at the V.I.'s largest art exhibit space, Walsh Metal Works Gallery, in the center of the big island. Gallery co-directors Barbara Walsh and her sculptor husband Michael are donating their space to the effort.

"We're so proud to help," Barbara Walsh said. "We Virgin Islanders enjoy the highest standard of living in the Caribbean; we have to help those at the bottom of the ladder."

The show will benefit Haiti Community Support Inc. (HCS) a hugely successful local non-profit that has been building schools, feeding children and delivering emergency medical care in Haiti's most remote moun-

"It looks like it will be the largest and most diverse showcase of VI art assembled in one show."

— Mandy Thody, sculptor

tain region.

"Support from artists has been tremendous, we are hopeful that we can raise enough money to double our hot lunch program to 60,000 meals to hungry children in the next year and to deliver more life-saving medicine," said HCS Director Mathilde Au-relien-Wilson.

Just back from Haiti, HCS members saw

villagers hand-mix and pour a 4,000 sq ft roof for a new school just as the outer bands of Hurricane Faye arrived.

"What people need to know is that Haiti is on the brink of all-out famine," Wilson said. "Right now aid is streaming into the flooded port towns, but no food aid is even planned for the rural areas where much of the fall crops have been destroyed. Rural peasants depend on their gardens, they have no money to buy food."

"It looks like it will be the largest and most diverse showcase of VI art assembled in one show," according to St. John sculptor Mandy Thody. "Artists from St. Thomas, St. John, St. Croix and even Tortola are donating their best art, with 100 percent of proceeds going to Haiti. We already have pledges from many top artists."

4th Annual St. John Christmas Music Festival and Children's Parade

St. John Tradewinds

Steve Simon will present the 4th Annual St. John Christmas Music Festival and Children's Parade on Saturday, December 6. A glorious night of free concerts under the stars in the heart of Cruz Bay at Winston Wells Ball Field will follow immediately after the parade.

This renowned annual holiday family event is sponsored by the angels at Merchants Commercial Bank, The Luminary Complex, FirstBank, American Paradise Real Estate, Holiday Homes of St. John, Tropical Properties, Chelsea Drug Store, Carlson Construction, Catered To, The Westin Resort St. John, Theodore Tunick & Company, Donald Sussman and Steve and Helen Simon.

Food and beverage service will be available all evening so bring a chair or bring a blanket but please be cool — no coolers.

The St. John Children's Christmas Parade is set for Saturday, December 6, at 6 p.m. Celebrating its 4th anniversary. The St. John Children's Christmas Parade has become a tradition with many of the island's groups participating.

Starting in front of Mongoose Junction, Santa will lead the torch-lit parade through Cruz Bay, around by the ferry dock and then up to Winston Wells Ball Field.

Live Christmas music will fill the air with the island's youth steelband, Love City Pan Dragons, and plenty of Reggae sounds. The



parade route is filled with Christmas spirit as locals and visitors line both sides of the street.

Upon reaching Winston Wells Ball Field, Santa will be giving every child in attendance a free Christmas gift so plan on coming early and staying late to enjoy a fabulous free Jazz, Blues and Gospel concert.

St. John Christmas Music Festival kicks off on Saturday, December 6, at 7:30 p.m., starring 13-year-old Jazz piano prodigy Matt Wigler and his trio, 13-year-old Jazz trumpet sensation Tyler Lindsay and his band, and 'the Diva of all Divas' Ms. Maryel Epps.

A 12 midnight passenger ferry from Cruz Bay to Red Hook will be available so come early and plan to stay late.

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American Legion Co-Ed Flag Football League Results

Raiders 43 Packers 0

The newly-formed Packers did well against the veteran Raiders as new coaches Alex and Zach kept the players moving and active. After the game the coaches had nothing but praise for the players and their efforts. "It's all about having fun," said Zach. The Packers meet the Rams in next week's 2 p.m. game while the Raiders should have a good test against the Patriots in the second tilt of the day.

Patriots 26 Rams 15

Nick Lopes threw for 4 TD's as the Patriots came from behind to beat the tough Rams. Weston Patrie figured in all the scores for the Patriots while Justin Doran tossed two for the Rams. It was close at the half with the Rams up 15-12 but Lopes was up to the task and brought the team from behind.

STANDINGS

	W-L	PF	PA
Raiders	1-0	43	0
Patriots	1-0	26	15
Rams	0-1	15	26
Packers	0-1	0	43

On Saturday, October 18, Raiders vs. Patriots at 1 p.m. and Packers vs. Rams at 2 p.m.



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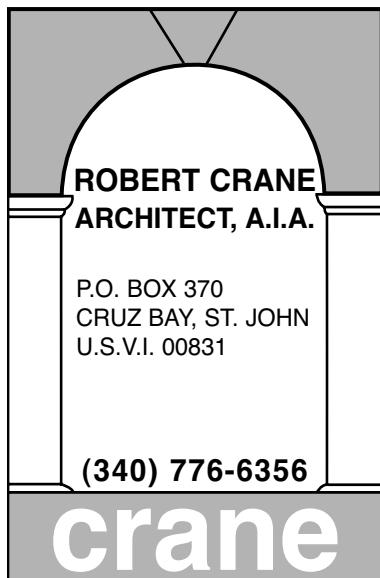
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**St. John Tradewinds Keeping Track**

Editor's Note: St. John Tradewinds' Keeping Track data comes from the V.I. Police Department's Leander Jurgen Command Incident Log, an unofficial record of calls to the Cruz Bay station, reports and arrests on St. John.

Letters to St. John Tradewinds**Constitution Should Include House and Senate Form of Legislature****Editor,**

In a Constitutional hearing on October 13 regarding the forming of the legislature, this was said: "Maybe we should do this and people will look at doing it." The reference was about the make-up of the legislature. It was also referred to as "cutting edge."

What people were they referring to? What "others?" The Virgin Islands is one of the few places on earth that does not have its own Constitution. Could they mean that other countries would use the language proposed? Why? Just about every country has a Constitution! Did the delegate actually mean that language produced here in the Virgin Islands could be used as a "model" for other countries? I hardly think so.

It's abundantly clear that the delegates do not have a clue about how to formulate a legislature. The continued reference to "at-large" (suggesting six) is pure folly! If the delegates would step back and realize

that at-large representation is really the formation of another representative body, then they would realize that the answer is to have a House and Senate. The House being the representation based on population and the so-called at-large being based on area representation.

I propose that the delegates consider a legislature consisting of a House and Senate. In this way, there would be no at-large representation at all. The make-up could consist of 11 members of the House (5 each for St. Thomas and St. Croix and 1 for St. John with sub-districting mandated) and six senators (2 for each island). This is new but it solves the problem. It also allows for more checks and balances while providing a greater amount of direct representation.

Come on delegates — get your thinking caps on. Your extra eight months will be over soon.

**Paul Devine
St. John**

Visitors Wish Best for St. John During Omar**Editor,**

My other half and I just celebrated our 15th anniversary last week on St. John. It was our fourth trip to the island and probably our most enjoyable. Absolutely everything was perfect — perfect weather, perfect beaches, perfect snorkeling — and as always, perfectly friendly people.

We even thought the earthquake was an exciting, and unique, finish to our stay. St. John is our favorite

place on the planet and it's very dear to us.

The pictures of Omar are already devastating. I really don't know what to say.

We sincerely hope for the best for everyone on the island — and for the island itself. Take care.

Regards,

**Mark Mortland & John Dorman
Flower Mound, TX**

Obituary**Andrew Griffith Passes****St. John Tradewinds**

Services were Friday, October 17, for Andrew Griffith, who died October 1, 2008.

The viewing was at 9 a.m. at Cruz Bay Seventh-day Adventist Church on St. John with services at 10 a.m. Burial was in Cruz Bay Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Anita Griffith; sons, Hendrickson Griffith and Andrew Griffith Jr.; daughters, Andrea Griffith-Nash and Donna and Marciana Griffith; grandchildren, Kinneshia, Briana, and Kurt Richards Jr., Kai Cooulbourne, Dontae Coley and Daviana, Gian-

na and Deja-Rayé Griffith; sons-in-law, David Griffith and Garfield Nash Jr.; brothers, Jacob Fustin, Ignatius Joseph, Stanley Joseph, Ferinus Joseph, Raphael Charlemagne, Harry Charlemagne, Grayson Charlemagne, Baptiste Joseph, Modestus Joseph and Trevor Joseph; sisters, Jane Francois, Barbara Charles, Ellene Charles, Martha Alphonso, Magdaline Polimis, Maryann Griffith, Editha Griffith, Lind Cazaubon and Sheila Joseph; brothers-in-law, Peter Alexander, Alexander Poleon, Gerald Alexander, Francis Lewis, Albert Alexander, Marcus Jn Baptiste, Vitus Al-

xander, Charles Polimis and John Francois; sisters-in-law, Anastacia Jn Baptiste, Anne Griffith and Morrella Prince; ex-wife, Gertrude Griffith; nieces and nephews too numerous to mention; special friends, Anthony Mathurin, Hamilton Eugene, Alfredo Smith, Simon and Mary Athanase, Steven Abraham, Vivian Varlack, Wilbert Smith, members of the St. John Taxi Association, members of the Cruz Bay Seventh-day Adventist Chruch; and many other relatives and friends.

Arrangements were by Turnbull's Funeral Home.

**GUEST OPINIONS:
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Letters to St. John Tradewinds

Resident Opposes Alejo's Rezoning Request

Dear Ms. Charmine Lans,

Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States, Department of Planning and Natural Resources, Division of Comprehensive and Coastal Zone Planning

Thank you and the DPNR, for the opportunity to share my views and thoughts last week on September 30, 2008, at the hearing in the St. John Legislature Building, and for entering my comments as well as this letter as part of the record. I wish to respectfully and formally, express my opposition to the request of Mr. and Mrs. Alfredo and Marie Alejo to amend official zoning map SJZ-3, and to "Rezone" their property from "R-2" Low Density (one and 2 families per acre/ 2 stories) to "R-3" Residential Medium Density (which I understand allows, 80 units per acre and 6 stories). But before going any further, and to make sure it is perfectly clear, I want to repeat again what I said in the meeting, and will continue to say in the future: I am not opposed to low income/affordable housing.

I am also not opposed to an owner's right to develop his or her property, as long as such development is within the scope of the Zoning Code and pursuant to the zoning classification in effect at the time such property was purchased. From my attendance at the zoning hearing, it appears that the public was sympathetic to the criteria for granting a "rezoning," presented by Mr. and Mrs. Alejo, Ms. Monsanto and another lady speaker, which was entirely based on arbitrary factors such as the following:

1. The ability to do with one's property whatever one's needs or wants, as long as one is a respectful citizen, which Mrs. and Mr. Alejo seem to be based on their good civic standing record.

2. Being a hardworking individual from sunrise to sunset, a volunteer in the community, and having noble, sincere dreams for a long time, of providing a roof for oneself and others of need.

3. Coming from a poor country and modest background, and having a spouse and children that were born in St. John.

4. Making lofty promises to develop low income housing without any legal guarantees to fulfill such promises or any legal recourse for citizens or the USVI Government to enforce such promises.

These are not legitimate Zoning factors or criteria for the board or the Government to consider in the zoning process. If these were the relevant factors, nearly every request for zoning would need to be granted. Allowing arbitrary factors to decide re-zoning petitions endangers the decision making process now and forever.

Mr. Alejo and his wife bought this property as an "R-2" classification with a clear understanding of the neighborhood surrounding context and what they could build on it,. It is important to consider that residents who purchased property around the Alejos property did so also, with the knowledge and anticipation that the Alejos property was zoned "R-2" NOT

"R-3."

The residents purchased such properties with the understanding that a 6 story building, and 80 units per acre, could not be developed next to them. Furthermore, Mr. Alejo still has not resolved the substantial issues related to his ownership of the subject property and is in the midst of a dispute with his neighbors and seemingly the state, related to his rights to the proposed development property and public roads.

Mr. Alejo has constructed a concrete block pillar that is seemingly not located on his property, and has done so seemingly without permits. This concrete block pillar is blocking access to parcel 9-1, and his proposed final design, seemingly blocks the right of access of his neighbors, Liz Vaughn, Calvin George and Andi Vacharat. In addition Mr. Alejo has illegally stored construction material in Upper Deck Villas' property without permission. William Culver has been forced to spend time and money to duly remove Mr. Alejos' illegally stored construction material despite numerous requests, and the inaction of Mr. Alejo.

The few developments in the area that have been zoned for multifamily use have had their classification for many years, and were not arbitrarily re-zoned in a manner that had a detrimental impact on nearby residents. Granting this arbitrary rezoning will open the flood gates to anybody who wants to make a quick financial profit and has enough political clout to do so, regardless of the will of the surrounding residents.

As a neighbor, I am tremendously worried that there is a risk that in the case Mr. Alejo is not successful in fulfilling his intended plans, that his property could be sold/flipped and developed, without any penalty to a "luxury residential developer" who would take advantage of the re-zoning to construct up to the maximum six stories/80 units per acre. Such a development would be totally out of context with the "R-2" adjacent properties, and without any legal recourse to stop it. I am therefore unequivocally opposed to this change.

And again,I am not opposed to low income/affordable housing. However, this "arbitrary rezoning" is not fair to the neighbors. Further, it does not make any planning or zoning sense for St. John, or the rest of the USVI.

The promise of development of low-income affordable housing is absolutely beneficial and a worthy cause. But, making these promises to develop affordable housing without a corresponding legal obligation to fulfill such promises is legally meaningless.

It would be irresponsible for the board to accept such promises without ensuring mechanisms to enforce the promises.The board and the rezoning process must not rely on arbitrary factors that suit the particular members of the board or an individual at any given time. The proper criteria has to be used to make this very important decision.

Granting a re-zoning arbitrarily, and for the benefit of one individual, who may be in good civic standing,

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2007 FINAL COUNT

Homicide: 3
Solved: 0

Shootings: 2
Under Investigation: 1
Solved: 1

Stabbings: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

Armed Robberies: 1
Under Investigation: 1
Solved: 0

Arsons: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

1st Degree Burglaries: 1
Under Investigation: 1
Solved: 0

2nd Degree Burglaries: 13
Under Investigation: 13
Solved: 0

3rd Degree Burglaries: 71
Under Investigation: 72
Solved: 1

Grand Larcenies: 89
Under Investigation: 89
Solved: 0

Rapes: 4
Under Investigation: 2
Solved: 2

2008 TO-DATE

Homicide: 0
Solved: 0

Shootings: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

Stabbings: 1
Under Investigation: 1
Solved: 0

Armed Robberies: 2
Under Investigation: 2
Solved: 1

Arsons: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

1st Degree Burglaries: 1
Under Investigation: 1
Solved: 0

2nd Degree Burglaries: 10
Under Investigation: 10
Solved: 0

3rd Degree Burglaries: 53
Under Investigation: 53
Solved: 0

Grand Larcenies: 54
Under Investigation: 54
Solved: 0

Rapes: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

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is not the due process of law. To allow this "rezoning" without proper reliance on the land use or master plan, due consideration of the legal and zoning factors, careful study/ implementation of the relevant criteria with public participation, and through an open and transparent process would not be legally responsible or wise public planning.

I am sure many other people in the USVI, will meet the Alejo's criteria, and depending on what decision is made with regards to this petition, more and more owners and developers in this area as well as other parts of St. John and the USVI, can and will continue with an even stronger argument, to take advantage of this precedent setting ruling, if it is allowed to proceed.

This is a dangerous precedent that will empower developers to make the most of political connections and influence peddling without the same honorable intentions as the Alejos. Potentially as petitioners and political seats change, there can be no end to irresponsible changes, appeals, litigations and most important of all, it will slowly lead to a destruction of the character of the islands.

Again, by opening the flood gates of "rezoning" opportunities, to people who purchased land with the understanding that certain classifications existed and who are able to exert political clout at any given point in time to change them, the government will set an irreversible precedent which will again slowly and inevitably continue to damage the character of St. John and the rest of the USVI.

The dreams of Mr. and Mrs. Alejo seem to be genuine, as well as I am sure are the motives of the honorable members of the boards voting on this re-zoning. At the same time, there are no guarantees to the citizens in favor of this change nor those of us who oppose it, that the honorable people in the decision making process now, will continue to be in their legislative positions forever, and who gets elected next, might not have the same noble and honest interest than the ones making these important decisions now.

We cannot ever forget, with time and economic hardships, circumstances, philosophies, scenarios and individuals change. More often than not, matters get out of our control, and we all need to be careful of what we wish for.

Our children and grandchildren will look back and form their own judgment about the wisdom of our irreversible decisions. They will ask if we made those decisions according to neutral and fair legal principles or according to the political winds of the times.

I support low income/affordable housing, and I admire the Alejos and people like them, who fulfill their dreams and wish to develop housing for themselves and those in need. However, abandoning the rule of law in favor of arbitrary re-zoning, is not good planning wisdom and unacceptable. "Arbitrary rezoning", is not the answer. To all, thanks again for your time and understanding on this matter.

Sincerely,
Luis O. Revuelta M. AIA.

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Wedding Announcement

Anderson and Roberts Wed



Stephanie Anderson and Rohan Roberts were married in front of hundreds of family and friends in the historic Lutheran Church in downtown Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, on Saturday afternoon, October 11. Following the wedding, the couple shared the afternoon and evening with guests at a beautiful dinner reception at the V.I. Taxi Association Hall.

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stjohnnews.com Readers Track Hurricane Omar in Great Numbers

St. John Tradewinds

Hundreds of internet readers tracked the progress of Hurricane Omar on St. John Tradewinds' web site, www.stjohnnews.com.

Readers were able to get hourly updates on the weather conditions on the island, including photos as St. John Tradewinds staff covered the storm through curfew.

More than 600 readers followed the storm on the web site.

The newspaper's web site posts daily updates and provides a downloadable PDF version of St. John Tradewinds for members each week.

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No Fleas Please, Flea Market



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Scores of people were waiting for the gates to open at 10 a.m. for first choice on toys, furniture, books, baskets and great deals at the Animal Care Center's annual "No Fleas Please, Flea Market" on Saturday, October 18, at Winston Wells ball field.



OFF-SEASON RESTAURANT CLOSURES

Aqua Bistro – 776-5336 – open
Big Belly Deli – open all summer
Asolare – 779-4747 – open all summer
Baked in the Sun – 693-8786 – open all summer
Balcony – 774-8470 – open all summer
Banana Deck – 693-5055 – unknown
Beach bar – 777-4220 – open all summer
Cafe Concordia – 693-5855 – reopening sometime in October

CANEEL BAY RESORT – 776-6111

- **The Equator** – open
- **Estate Turtle Bay** – closed until season
- **Beach Grill/ Breezeway Bar** – closed until season
- **Beach Terrace** – unknown

Chateau Bordeaux – 776-6611 – closed on Sundays

Chloe & Bernards – 714-6075 – open all summer
da Livio's 779-8900 – open all summer
Donkey Diner – 693-5240 – closed until early November
Fish Trap – 693-9994 – open all summer
Happy Fish – 776-1717 – closed for October
Inn at Tamarind Court – 776-6378 – open for lunch and dinner
Island Blues – 776-6800 – open all summer
Jake's – open 7 days, 7am to 4am
J's Texas Coast Cafe – 776-6908 – open all summer
La Tapa – 693-7755 – closed until the end of September
Lime Inn – 776-6425 – closed until November
Maho Bay Pavilion – 776-6226 – open all summer
Miss Lucy's – 693-5244 – reopening November 2 for brunch
Morgan's Mango – 693-8141 – open
Ocean Grill – 693-3304 – open
Paradiso – 693-8899 – open all summer
Pastory Gardens – 777-3147 – open all summer
Rhumb Lines – 776-0303 – open
Sun Dog – 693-8340 – so far open all summer
SoGo's – 779-4404 – open for now
Hinds Restaurant – 775-9951 – open

WESTIN RESORT – 693-8000

- **Snorkles** – open all summer
- **Beach Cafe** – open all summer

Woody's – 779-4625 – open

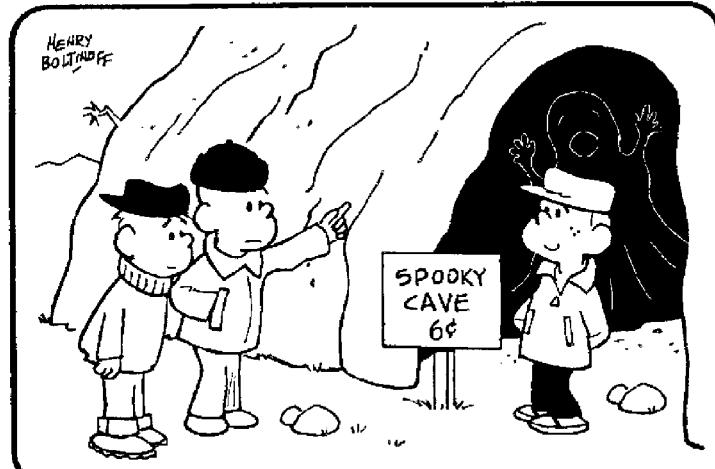
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Shipwreck Landing – 693-5640 – closed until November
Skinny Legs – 779-4982 open
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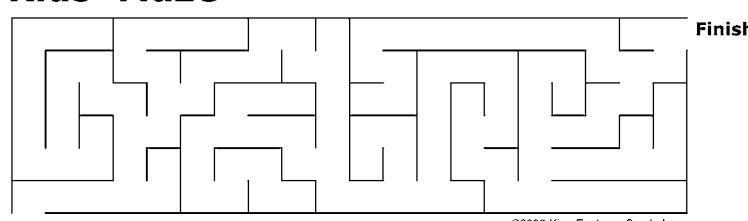
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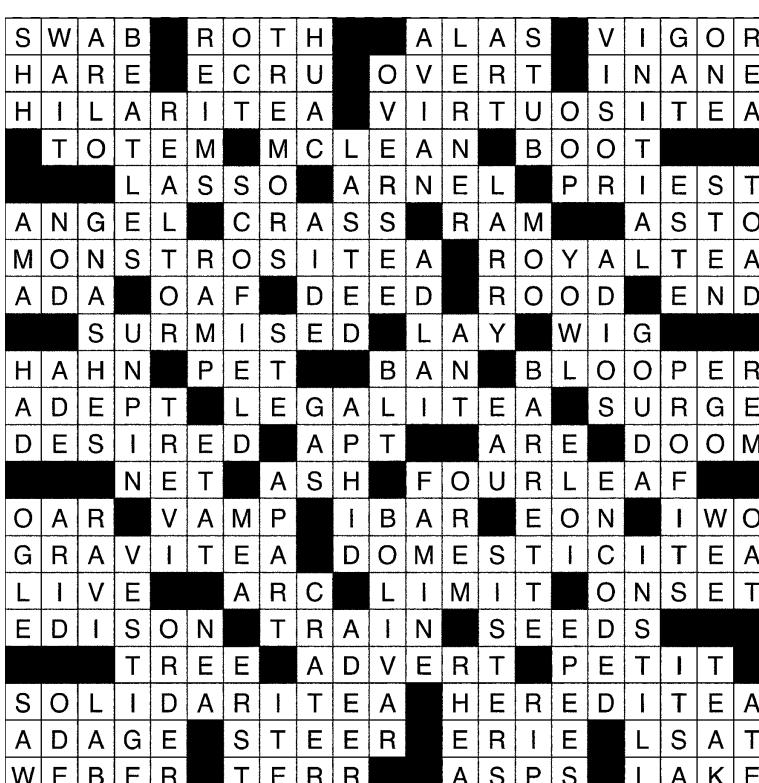
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Runoff in Coral Bay flooded the harbor Wednesday afternoon, October 15.

Kids' Maze



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All Territory Beaches Deemed Unsafe for Swimming, Fishing and Bathing

St. John Tradewinds

St. John's Territories

Due to the passage of Hurricane Omar and resulting heavy rainfall throughout the territory, all beaches in the territory are unsafe for swimming, fishing and bathing until further notice, according to the Department of Planning and Natural Resources.

DPNR staff advises parents to

keep children away from storm water impacted beaches as well as areas with manholes and storm water flooding. There may be an elevated health risk to anyone swimming in storm water impacted areas as a result of increased concentrations of bacteria. All persons should also be aware that storm water runoff may also contain

contaminants or pollutants harmful to human health and therefore all persons should avoid areas of storm water runoff.

DPNR will continue to monitor the impacted areas and update the public. For more information call the Division of Environmental Protection at 774-3320 on St. Thomas.

OMAR: Smooth Sailing for Island Agencies

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remained at the property in Great Cruz Bay (see related story page 5.)

Essential employees and other agency officials who require curfew passes, should obtain them well before there are any storms on the horizon, Smith explained.

Get Passes Early

"We had a major problem with the issuance of curfew passes," said Smith. "They shouldn't be given out as the storm is approaching. These passes should be dealt with at the beginning of hurricane

Beads Cleared

Roads Cleared
Department of Public Works and V.I. National Park officials ensured the roads were cleared as quickly as possible, Smith explained.

"Public Works did a great job clearing rocks and trees, and also with communicating with National Park who did a good job clearing their roads too," said Smith.

Overall, the island's government agencies were on top of hurricane preparations, according to the island administrator.

"We had some glitches that we need to work out in terms of communication and land lines and the Red Cross," said Smith. "But there was a good response. The government agencies and the public did a good job."

Horoscope by Natasha Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You're moving from a relatively stable situation to one that appears to be laced with perplexity. Be patient. You eventually get answers to help clear up the confusion around you.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A vexing situation tempts you to rush to set it all straight. But it's best to let things sort themselves out so that you can get a better picture of the challenge you're facing.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Financial matters could create some confusion, especially with a torrent of advice pouring in from several sources. Resist acting on emotion, and wait for the facts to emerge.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) That goal you've set is still in sight and is still in reach. Stay with the course that you're on. Making too many shifts in direction now could create another set of problems.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) It might be time to confront a trouble-making associate and demand some answers. But be prepared for some surprises that could lead you to make a change in some long-standing plans.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Congratulations. You're making great progress in sorting out all that confusion that kept you from making those important decisions. You're on your way now.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A dif-

ficult experience begins to ease. That's the good news. The not-so-good news is a possible complication that could prolong the problem awhile longer.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your self-confidence gets a much-needed big boost as you start to unsnarl that knotty financial problem. Expect some help from a surprising source.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Congratulations. Any lingering negative after-effects from that not-so-pleasant workplace situation are all but gone. It's time now to focus on the positive.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your self-confidence grows stronger as you continue to take more control of your life. Arrange for some well-earned fun and relaxation with someone special.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) As usual, you've been concerned more about the needs of others than your own. You need to take time for yourself so that you can replenish all that spent energy.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Stronger planetary influences indicate a growing presence of people eager to help you navigate through the rough seas that might mark your career course.

BORN THIS WEEK: You can balance emotion and logic, which gives you the ability to make choices that are more likely than not to prove successful.

Community Calendar

St. John Tradewinds welcomes notices of community-oriented, not-for-profit events for inclusion in this weekly listing. Call 776-6496, e-mail editor@tradewinds.vi or fax 693-8885.

Wednesday, October 22

The V.I. Port Authority Governing Board will conduct its monthly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, October 22, at 12 p.m. at the VIPA Administrative conference Room on St. Thomas.

Thursday, October 23

CareForce 2008 will be on St. John on Thursday, October 23, at St. Ursula's multi-purpose center from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Seniors will be able to get free flu and pneumonia shots plus free blood pressure and blood sugar checks, and feet and vision exams.

Thursday, October 23

Take Back the Night starts with a vigil on Thursday, October 23 at 6 p.m. from Cruz Bay Tennis Court to the Frank Powell Park.

Saturday, October 25

The Rotary Club of St. John's annual awards dinner ceremony will be on October 25, at 6 p.m. at Ocean Grill Restaurant. Cost is \$50 per person. Seating is limited to 100 persons and advance reservations required. For tickets, call Bill Willigerod at 776-0883.

Saturday, October 25

The St. John Community Crisis Center will recognize honorees at their annual Purple Ribbon Award Ceremony on Saturday, October 25 at Cinnamon Bay Pavilion. Cocktails, dinner, recognition of honorees and philosophical lectures on domestic violence awareness will help to raise monies. Tickets are \$40. To RSVP, call Tonia 693-7233.

Sunday, October 26

VIRCD is now seeking volunteers to help build a second wooden bridge, cut bush and clear trail to complete the new Estate Adventure Nature Trail loop expansion. Volunteers are asked to meet at 8 a.m. on Sunday, October 26, at the Trail Kiosk across Queen Mary Highway from the V.I. Ag Fair Grounds in Estate Lower Love.

October 27-31

The public invite to participate in evangelistic services of the Bethany and Emmaus Moravian Churches of St. John featuring The Reverend Adrian Smith of the Antigua Conference of the Moravian Church, October 27-31.

Tuesday, October 28

The St. John Community Foundation is hosting a senatorial public forum on Tuesday evening, October 28, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Westin Resort and Villas and hopes all district politicians come out.

Friday, October 31

Mongoose Junction will host its annual trick-or-treating.

Friday, October 31

The Love City Pan Dragons will have a fish fry fund raiser in the Frank Powell Park on Friday, October 31, where the group will show off their talents with a live performance.

Saturday, November 22

The Love City Pan Dragons will host its annual pre-Thanksgiving dinner on Saturday, November 22, where traffic will be shut down in front of the Cruz Bay ferry dock and patrons will enjoy a candlelit, buffet-style dinner in the street and music by the Pan Dragons.

Tuesday, November 4

Tuesday, November 4, is General Election day in the V.I.

Monday, November 10

The Coral Bay Community Council is celebrating its 5th anniversary with a potluck supper and annual meeting on Monday, November 10, from 5 to 8 pm, at Miss Lucy's in Coral Bay.

Saturday, December 13

The Love City Pan Dragons will perform their second annual holiday concert on Saturday, December 13 at the Westin Resort.

St. John Police Report

Friday, October 10

4:46 p.m. – Alexander Cameron reported that his windshield was broken by deceased Jamie Cockayne's brother. Destruction of Property.

5:15 p.m. – Auto accident in vicinity of Fish Bay.

Saturday, October 11

0:00 hours – Man reported that someone came into their villa while they were asleep and demanded money. Second Degree Burglary.

0:30 a.m. – Auto accident, Calabash Boom.

9:55 p.m. – Auto accident, Giffit Hill.

10:45 p.m. – A citizen reported a vehicle stopped in the middle of the road with the operator asleep at the wheel. DUI.

Sunday, October 12

8:12 a.m. – ADT reported activated alarm in Contant.

11:30 a.m. – ADT reported activated alarm at Pastory residence.

12:10 p.m. – Bellevue resident reported that her ex-husband assaulted her.

3:45 p.m. – Victoria Lozovosky of New York stated that someone stole her suitcase at Cyril E. King Airport.

8:50 p.m. – William Henderson of Upper Carolina stated that a short white male punched him in his face for reasons unknown.

Monday, October 13

7 a.m. – ADT reported an activated alarm at the V.I. National Park Maintenance Division.

11:20 a.m. – Glucksberg man p/r that someone unknown stole his back pack.

Tuesday, October 14

7:00 a.m. – ADT reported activated alarm at the rear door of Keep Me Posted.

10:30 p.m. – ADT c/r activated alarm at Cinnamon Bay Campground.

Wednesday, October 15

8:30 a.m. – Top Dog Security c/r an alarm at Cap's Place. All in order.

9:25 a.m. – Top Dog Security c/r an alarm at Cap's Place. All in order.

10 a.m. – Top Dog Security c/r an alarm at Cap's Place. All in order.

10:30 p.m. – Top Dog Security c/r an alarm at Cap's Place. All in order.

11 p.m. – Top Dog Security c/r an alarm at Cap's Place. All in order.

Thursday, October 16

0:25 a.m. – Citizen c/r meters popping and smoking in the area of George Simmonds Terrace. Contact made with WAPA.

2:30 a.m. – ADT c/r an activated alarm at VINP research division.

5:20 a.m. – ADT c/r an activated alarm at Best of Both Worlds, Mongoose Junction.

11:45 a.m. Citizen c/r a house collapse in Pastory. Collapsing Building.

2:50 p.m. – Citizen c/r a tree on fire in area of Chateau Bordeaux.

Fire Department and WAPA notified.

4 p.m. – Badge #1099 p/ with one Busta Brady under arrest and charged with destruction of property.

9:01 p.m. – ADT c/r an alarm sounding at Cinnamon Bay Campground.

Friday, October 17

1:25 a.m. –Top Dog Security c/r an alarm at Cap's Place.

8 a.m. – Bethany woman p/r she lost her bank book.

5:35 p.m. – Julia Somersall of Estate Adrian c/r that her tenant destroyed her property.

St. John Church Schedule & Directory

3 Sail Church 10 Sunday Bellevue Community Center	Jehovah's Witness 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10 a.m. Sundays (no contact information given)
Baha'i Community of St. John Race Unity Devotions 7:30 p.m. Fridays; Study Circles 9 a.m. Sundays 776-6316, 776-6254	Missionary Baptist Church 9:30 a.m. Sunday Services, 10:45 Worship, Tuesday 7 p.m. Bible Study 693-8884
Bethany Moravian Church Cruz Bay, St. John 11 a.m., Sunday School 776-6291	Nazareth Lutheran Church Sunday 9 a.m., Sunday School 8 a.m. 776-6731
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Christian Ministry Cinnamon Bay Beach Inter-Denominational Sunday 8:30 a.m.	St. John Methodist Church Sunday 10 a.m., 693-8830
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Cruz Bay Baptist Church Sunday 11 a.m., 6 p.m. 776-6315	St. Ursula's Episcopal Church Sundays, 8:30 a.m. Bible Class, Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. 777-6306
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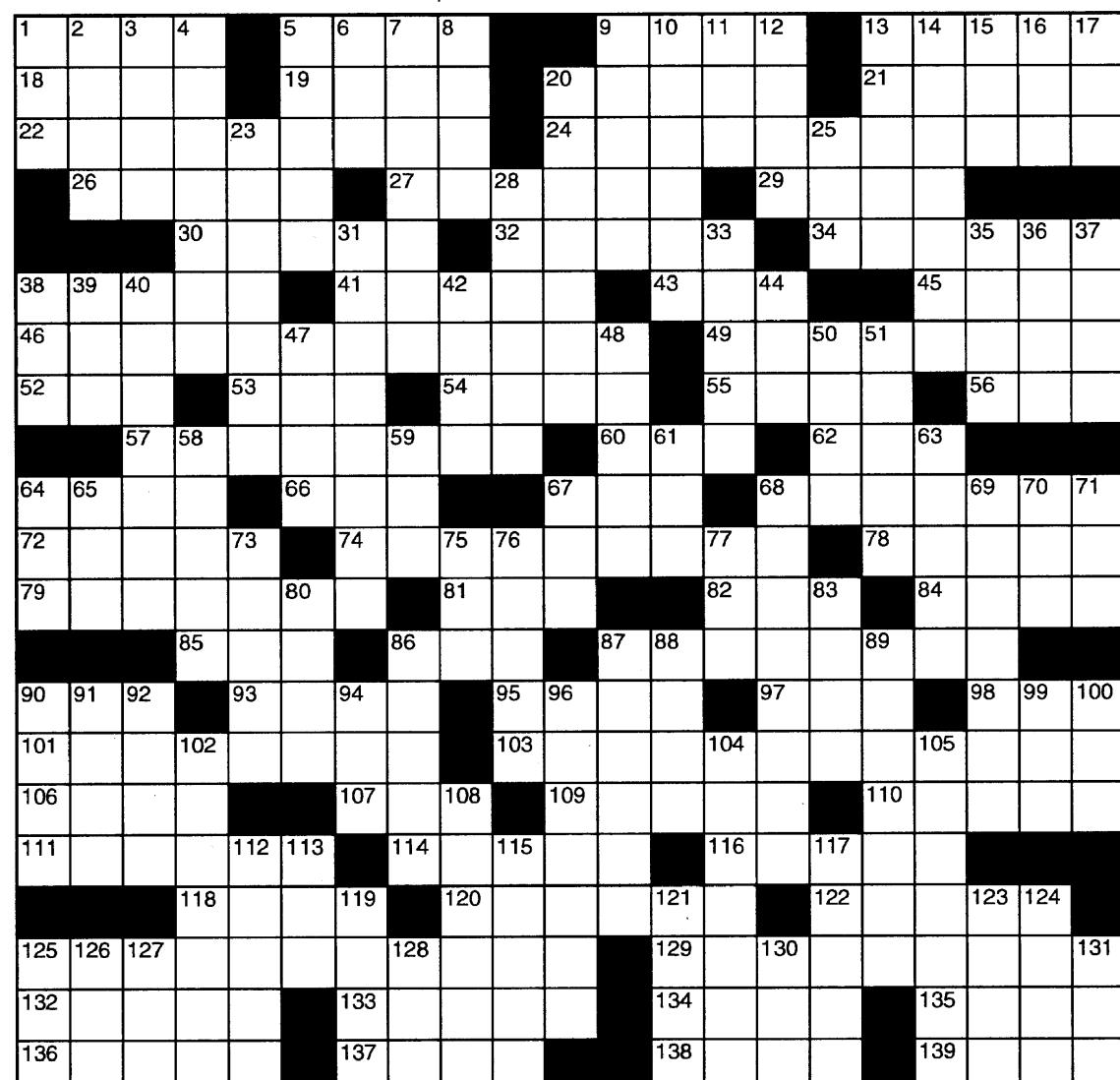
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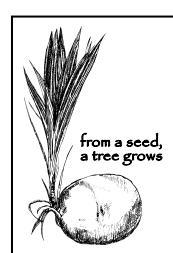
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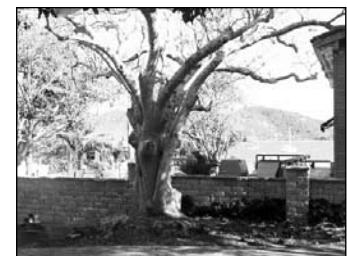
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