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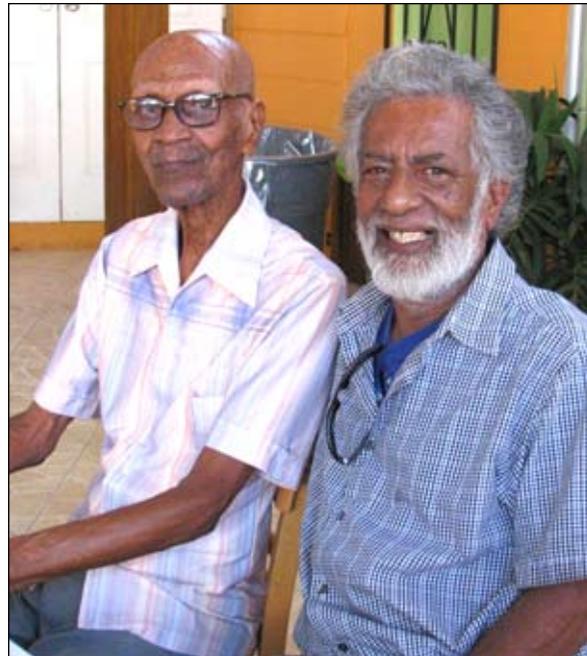
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Island Elder Guy Benjamin Celebrates 97th Birthday

Friends gathered at Fred's in Cruz Bay to celebrate eminent retired educator Guy Benjamin's 97th birthday last week. Pictured with Benjamin is Oscar James, above center, and "Trinidad Charlie" Deyalsingh, top right, Cid Hamling and Nyimah Jacobs, right, were among those in attendance.

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DPW plans to widen and pave Kingshill Road, once the island's roads recover from damage wrought by Tropical Storm Otto.

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DPW Continues Working To Keep Centerline Passable — Improvements Slated for Kingshill and Bordeaux Rds

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Government officials have plans to widen and pave portions of both Bordeaux Road and Kingshill Road — after the clean up efforts from Tropical Storm Otto are completed.

During a press conference last week, Department of Public Works Commissioner Darryl Smalls updated residents about on-going road repairs and future planned projects.

DPW crews across the territory continue to clear roadways from mud and rock slides which were impacted by TS Otto. The massive hillside slide in the Upper Carolina area of Centerline Road from Carey Mercurio's house continues to spill down into the

road, but crews did remove the septic system from the area last week.

One lane has been kept open since the slide from Mercurio's house above buried Centerline Road on Monday, October 11, and crews are keeping the soil in place to help stabilize the hillside, according to Smalls.

There are several other areas in the Carolina section of Centerline Road which have also been undermined. DPW officials erected cones in the most problematic areas, and asked residents to proceed with caution where the roadbed has been compromised.

DPW workers have also been concentrating on

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Mosquito Fogging Set for October 26

The Department of Health's Environmental Health division will be fogging for mosquitoes on St. John on Tuesday, October 26.

Pig Roast Fundraiser for Christensen

There will be a pig roast fundraiser for Delegate to Congress Donna Christensen at the Coral Bay Triangle on Friday, October 29. The fun starts at 4 p.m. with live music and lots of food and drinks for sale.

SJRC's Junior Tennis Tourney Nov. 5-7

The St. John Racquet Club will sponsor a V.I. Tennis Association Junior Tennis Tournament in memory of Madeline and Scotty November 5 through 7 in Cruz Bay.

The tournament is open to girls and boys aged 10 through 18. The entry fee is \$15 and all entries must be received by October 31. For more information call Patrice Harley at 776-6643.

STT/STJ Ag Fair Applications Due Nov. 5

Applications for vendors wishing to participate in the annual St. Thomas/St. John Agriculture and Food Fair are available from UVI's Cooperative Extension Service Office, the V.I. Department of Agriculture and Sea Chest.

The deadline for applications is Friday, November 5. This year the Fair will be on November 20 and 21, on the grounds of UVI's Reichhold Center for the Arts on the St. Thomas campus.

The theme for this year's fair is "Farm Today for a Healthier Tomorrow." For more information, contact the Department of Agriculture at 774-5182 or the UVI Cooperative Extension Service at 693-1080.

Moravian School Benefit Concert Nov. 7

The Moravian School Fundraising Committee is hosting a benefit gospel concert featuring evangelist Bridget Blucher-Simms, Marlon "Brother Paul" Anderson and Sister LaFleur Durrant on Sunday, November 7, at 6:30 p.m., at the Memorial Moravian Church.

There will also be appearances by local artists Redeem Brothers & Friend, Memorial Moravian Youth Steel Orchestra and the Unity Dancers of St. John.

Tickets, \$15 for adults and \$10 for children under 12, will be available at all Moravian Church offices and from members of the Moravian School Fundraising Committee or call Stacie at 626-6279.

The public is encouraged to come out and enjoy an evening of praise in song.

Historical Society Meeting Is Nov. 9

The St. John Historical Society will host its first meeting of the season on Tuesday, November 9, at Bethany Moravian Church Hall at 7 p.m. There will be a short business meeting and then a presentation entitled "When I Am Dust Upon The Wind..." by long-time St. John resident and former member and director of the Virgin Islands Humanities Council Magda Smith.

Smith will share some of the works of Albert E. Daniel and discuss her insights and comments on the life and work of this early St. Thomas painter and sculptor. Born in 1897, Daniel was one of the first Virgin Islanders of African descent to devote most of his adult life to painting and sculpture. A self-taught artist, who was motivated by deep religious feelings and love for his people, Daniel produced paintings and sculptures for more than four decades.

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Residents lit candles and donned placards with the names of women, men and children who lost their lives to domestic violence in the territory during the vigil.

Domestic Violence Vigil Honors Those Killed by Familiar Hands of Violence

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

“If you say ‘Yes,’ you get a slap,” said Eulie Ferrol. “If you say ‘No,’ you get a slap. If you say nothing you get a slap.”

Ferrol’s words were a stark reminder of why 30 residents gathered in Cruz Bay’s Frank Powell Park on Thursday night, October 21, for a candle light vigil in commemoration of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Hosted by the St. John Community Crisis Center, the vigil honored women, men and children who have lost their lives to domestic violence in the territory. Participants wore placards around their necks bearing the name of a victim, and there weren’t enough necks to carry all of the names.

“There were six new names added to the list just this year of people who have lost their lives to domestic violence in the territory,” said Missy Bergene, a SJCCC volunteer. “I’m here to let people know what is really going on out there.”

Ferrol brought along her daughter and two grandchildren to the vigil and her motivation was clear.

“I don’t want my children and grandchildren to be treated the way I was treated,” she said.

The effects of domestic violence are not always evident in bruises, Ferrol’s daughter Shani Carbon added.

“When you talk about domestic violence you can’t forget that it’s not always physical, there are also emotional and verbal violence,” said Carbon. “They can cause a lot of damage and you don’t always see that. They are silent killers.”

It is exactly the silence too often accepted as a part of domestic violence that must end, explained Pastor Lilette George, who spoke to the crowd.

“When I think of the stigma of domestic violence in our community I think of two words — silence and reputation,” said George. “Silence because too often in a community where we share so many things together, when it comes to domestic violence we are silent. We turn away.”

“Sometimes we don’t want anyone to know that we’ve been hurt,” George said. “So we hurt in silence. But if we keep silent there will be no help.”

Speaking up and seeking help is the only way to change the harsh reality of domestic violence, George added.

“The time has come for us to

speaking,” she said. “Nothing is going to change if we stay in silence.”

Too often the shame of admitting that one is abused or an abuser keeps them from speaking, George explained.

“I say reputation because we’re afraid and ashamed by what people will think of us if they know we’re victims or batterers,” said the pastor. “The question we need to ask is ‘What do we think of ourselves.’ No more silence and no more fearing our reputations because we have a responsibility to our community.”

“There are no more excuses,” said George.

Catherine Stephens attended the vigil both on behalf of her boss, Senator at Large Craig Barshinger, for whom she is the St. John office manager, and on her own behalf.

“I’m here personally because I am against domestic violence,” said Stephens. “And I am here because Senator Barshinger couldn’t make it and this is very important to him. He is against domestic violence and all forms of violence.”

Other attendees included Sisterhood Agenda founder Angela Coleman, Bonnie Corbeil from Crime Stoppers USVI and V.I. Police Department officials.

Maho Bay Camps Lease Extended

Eco-Resort Will Operate Until July 2012 at Least

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Maho Bay Campground is not closing any time soon.

With the threat of its long-term lease expiring this summer, the popular campground was gearing up to close down. Last week, however, the eco-resort was granted a reprieve for at least two more seasons.

The eco-resort is owned by Stanley Selengut, but the North Shore property it sits on is owned by three families. Selengut had a 35-year lease for the property, which was due to expire on July 31, 2011 — which would have made this upcoming season the campground’s last.

As the date of Maho’s expiring lease neared, a national non-profit organization got involved to help preserve the area. Trust for Public Land — which was instrumental in obtaining the majority of Estate Maho Bay for inclusion in the V.I. National Park — has been in successful negotiations with the three families who own the campground property.

Those talks, however, have not yet wrapped up and in the meantime, the property owners have agreed to extend the campground’s lease to July 31, 2012 and even further if needed, according to campground personnel.

“The three families who own the land under Maho Bay Campground have generously extended the lease to allow for two more full winter seasons,” said Maho general manger and vice president Adrian Davis. “Maho is not closing on July 31, 2011. We now have the extension until the summer of 2012 so we’ll have the 2010/11 and 2011/12 seasons for sure.”

“In addition, if current sale negotiations fail, another extension is promised,” Davis said.

While TPL continues to negotiate with the three families, officials remained tight-lipped about details last week.

“Negotiations are very much on track,” said John Garrison, TPL’s Virgin Islands program director. “We are pleased that the seller agreed to extend the lease while

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— Adrian Davis, General Manager and VP
Maho Bay Campground

we’re finalizing negotiations. I can’t really say any more than that.”

Ideally, Maho Bay Campground officials would like to operate the resort for at least another 35 years, according to Davis.

“The ultimate dream is for us to be here for another 35 years,” he said. “Maho would love to continue to operate forever regardless of who owns the land because of what we provide to tourists and to the community.”

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Pool Closed as Westin Resort Recovers from TS Otto Damage

By Jaime Elliott
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The pool won't open until next month, but Westin Resort and Villas officials continued to make improvements last week on resort grounds and facilities which were damaged by Tropical Storm Otto.

"Things are good," said Westin general manager Mike Ryan. "The resort is open and we are making very good progress. All the customer facing areas are looking better by the day."

After TS Otto dumped more than a foot of rain on St. John in early October, the Westin's Great Cruz Bay property was inundated with runoff. The worst of the damage affected the tennis courts, which were mostly ruined, the resort's signature pool, which was filled with mud, and the beach area, which was littered with several boats that had broken free of their moorings.

The resort remained open throughout the ordeal and officials are repairing the grounds and taking advantage of the opportunity to make upgrades to several Westin facilities, explained Ryan.

"November 14 is our targeted date to reopen the pool area," he



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Westin Resort's expansive signature pool won't open until mid-November as resort officials take advantage of recent damage from TS Otto to resurface the attraction.

said. "We're resurfacing the pool while we have the opportunity."

Snorkels Restaurant is set to reopen on November 14 as well and

the Beach Cafe should be up and running by the end of October, Ryan added.

The tennis courts are also get-

ting a face-lift, according to Ryan.

"We're going to resurface all of the tennis courts," said the

Westin general manager. "We're just in the process of putting the information together and moving forward."

The ballrooms, which were also damaged by the water, will receive new carpeting, Ryan explained.

"We have carpet en route and I would say we're shooting for the first week of November to have the ballrooms back up and running," he said.

The Westin's Kid Club area also suffered water damage and will get new carpeting as well. That area is set to open on the same schedule as the ballrooms, according to Ryan.

As for the beach area, Ryan was hopeful that two remaining sailboats on shore would be removed shortly. All in all, Ryan was pleased with the progress of repairs and improvements at the resort.

"It's going to be better than it was before," he said. "It was a great team effort and we still have teams of associates going around the property as part of the landscaping beautification."

"Customers are still coming and the services are getting back to normal," said Ryan.

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Community Celebrates Guy Benjamin's 97th Birthday

By Chuck Pishko
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Monday, October 18, 2010, was a Red Letter Day in the Cruz Bay community. The occasion was Guy Benjamin making his 97th birthday! It was a momentous event for all of St. John.

Mr. Benjamin presided over a large gathering of well-wishers, both family and friends, at Fred's Restaurant/Bar and Cut Rate Store. The party started at 4 p.m. and lasted well into the night.

Even before the party began, Fay Samuel fed Guy and Milton Samuel their favorites, corned beef and berry pie. There would be no time to eat as they greeted everyone.

No sooner had the guests started to arrive when the domino table was set up by Omar Stephens and the games began. There were plenty of drinks but no birthday cake.

Kim "Cupcake" Edwards, owner of Baked in the Sun, donated 11-and-a-half dozen frozen peanut butter chip and chocolate chip cookie dough with the proviso that Cid Hamling bake them! Well baked and delicious cookies were enjoyed by all.

Eirleen and George January were among the first to arrive and George was the first to sing "Happy Birthday" to Guy. Friends and family who are no longer with us were fondly remembered, especially Fred Samuel, the proprietor of Fred's and a close friend of Guy's.

Fred Samuel was no doubt there in spirit and well represented by his daughter, Fay, his twin granddaughters, Persha and Dawn, and great-granddaughters Kasia Cornelius and Nyimah Jacobs. Kasia arrived late in her spiffy school uniform while Nyimah



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Chuck Pishko

Island elder Guy Benjamin rang in his 97th birthday with friends, dominoes and cookies at Fred's in Cruz Bay.

had already serenaded Guy with her precious rendition of "Happy Birthday."

God willing, next year at the same time and place our primo culture-bearer will make 98. Plan on being there to help him celebrate.

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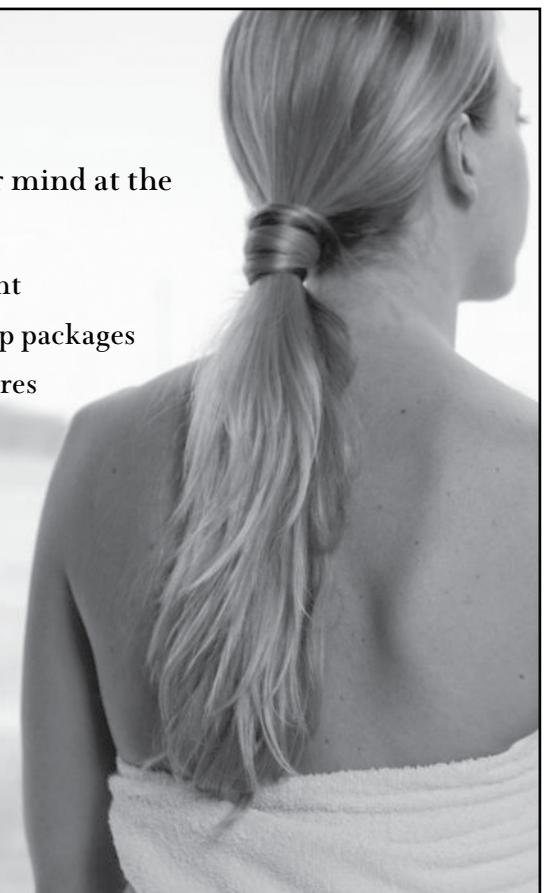
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Gov. John deJongh, far right, and First Lady Ceclie deJongh, share a smile with President Barack Obama, who endorsed the incumbent Virgin Islands governor last week.

President Obama Endorses Gov. John deJongh

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President Barack Obama announced last week his endorsement of Governor John deJongh for re-election as Governor of the U.S. Virgin Islands.

"Governor deJongh is a proven leader. He has done a tremendous job and deserves re-election," said President Obama. "His hard work has led to steady improvement in the Virgin Islands and his efforts to build the local economy and improve public education and health care for all in the territory have

been impressive. I am proud to stand with John, and his running-mate Greg Francis, and support their campaign for re-election."

"I am deeply honored to have President Obama's endorsement," said Governor deJongh. "I am determined to continue my work to keep our local economy moving forward and to build a better future for all Virgin Islanders. I thank the President for his support and for his inspiring leadership."

Governor John deJongh and Lt. Governor Greg Francis are run-

ning for a second term in office. The Governor has been a strong supporter of President Obama's legislative priorities including the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, health care reform and financial regulatory reform.

Governor deJongh's policies and priorities build upon the inter-connection of sound education and training of Virgin Islanders, the creation of economic opportunities for all by facilitating investment in local industries, and rigorous efforts to assure public safety.

Students Enjoy Fire Prevention Week Jamboree

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Julius E. Sprauve School students got a first-hand look at the importance of the V.I. Fire Department on Wednesday morning, October 20.

VIFD officials in Cruz Bay ignited a small wooden structure in the Winston Wells ball field for the Kid's Jamboree, a part of the department's annual celebration of National Fire Prevention Week. The event was originally scheduled for October 6, but had to be rescheduled due to Tropical Storm Otto.

JESS students donned plastic fire hats and watched from the bandstand bleachers as VIFD officials quickly extinguished the flames in the ball field.

The goal of Fire Safety Week is to increase public awareness of fire and this year's theme was "Beep! Beep! Beep! Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With." Students got a chance to see and hear a properly functioning smoke alarm and surely took home a life-saving lesson.

Following the fire demonstration, JESS students



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Students enjoyed a demonstration by VIFD's Cruz Bay firemen.

enjoyed Jerome Lake's inflatable slides and bouncy attractions in Winston Wells ball field.

As part of Fire Safety Week, VIFD stations across the territory hosted open houses and Kid's Jamborees centered around the importance of smoke alarms.

Kingshill Bio-Retention Pond Making a Difference

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Although Coral Bay still turned brown with runoff during from Tropical Storm Otto early this month, there was actually less sediment dumping into the bay thanks to a new bio-retention pond on Kingshill Road.

The pond is the first of 18 projects the Coral Bay Community Council is implementing as part of its share of a major grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The V.I. Resources Conservation and Development Council, in partnership with the Department of Planning and Natural Resources, CBCC, Estate Fish Bay Homeowners Association, The Nature Conservancy and University of the Virgin Islands, received a \$2.8 million grant earlier this year from NOAA as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

The grant is funding a number of projects on both St. John and St. Croix, including extensive road work in Estate Fish Bay and East End Bay on the big island.

In the Coral Bay area, CBCC has 18 projects planned, all of which are designed to



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

The bio-retention pond recently installed along Kingshill Road, above, was tested by more than a foot of rain from TS Otto, but held up well, according to officials.

stem the tide of storm water runoff.

The Kingshill Road bio-retention pond is the first of those projects to make significant headway. The pond is located on a one-third acre property which was donated by the Eg-

bert Marsh Trust and results have already been obvious.

The first step was removing a knee wall which had previously diverted run off from Gerda Marsh Hill down Kingshill Road

and directly into Coral Bay. Now that wall is gone and the runoff flows into the pond, where it percolates into the soil and eventually continues down the gut with far less sediment than before.

The pond is circled by gabion baskets, followed by an earth berm and finally a brush berm. An overflow channel in the back of the pond directs water back into the gut in the valley, which was evident during the recent heavy rain event.

The project was contracted to Sunny Rock Construction to the tune of \$66,000, and while officials hoped to be further along before the deluge from TS Otto, the pond held up well, according to the contractor.

“We would have liked to be further along before the rain, but the pond held up great,” said Steve Hendren, Sunny Rock owner.

The pond is being landscaped by Rosalee Gage of Love City Garden Center and will have a “natural feel” when complete, according to CBCC president Sharon Col-dren.

The project was designed by former CBCC storm water engineer Joe Mina, and

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Top: Dr. Cora Christian (center), the Director of the V.I. Medical Institute which has sponsored CareForce for the past 10 years greets Dr. Craig Friedenberg (right), of St. John Eye Care who has provided eye examinations at the event for several years, and Mr. Hussein Mustafa (left), owner of Fashion Palace and a CareForce participant. **Bottom:** CareForce volunteers in action.

The purpose of CareForce is to increase the provision of preventive health services to seniors by providing flu and pneumonia shots, blood pressure and glucose screening, and vision and foot exams. All services are provided free of charge to Virgin Islands residents.



“Giff Hill School Gives Back” Nov. 12

Giff Hill School has announced its first school-wide community service day “Giff Hill School Gives Back,” on Friday, November 12.

In September, letters were sent to non-profit organizations on St. John requesting information regarding their ideas for projects.

Teams of faculty members and students ranging in age from preschool through 12th grade will be working in the community all day doing service activities such as cleaning, maintenance, administrative help, repair work, and companionship for the elderly.

Questions or suggestions regarding GHS Gives Back can be directed to Beth Jones or Molly Murrill in the Development Office at GHS by calling 776-1730 or emailing ghsdevelopment@mac.com.

New Property Tax Deadline Nov. 16; Appeal Deadline Set for December 1

Governor John deJongh has extended the deadline for residents to pay 2006 real property taxes, residential and commercial, until November 16. The last day for filing an appeal of the 2006 Real Property Tax Bills is December 1.

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(Left to Right) Cheryl Francis, Sisterhood Agenda founder Angela Coleman, Senator at Large Craig Barshinger, COAST's Tito Livingstone and Vivian St. Juste of the Family Resource Center.

Sisterhood Agenda Looking To Expand, Launch Training Academy in Virgin Islands

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

After graduating from Princeton University in 1994, Angela Coleman decided to make a real difference in the lives of young girls and now she is bringing her successful and popular program right here to St. John.

"At school I was doing research on issues that were facing women and girls," said Coleman, who moved to Love City last year. "I wanted to do something in community development and I got to the point where I wanted to stop doing research and start putting things into action."

Coleman launched Sisterhood Agenda in Washington, D.C. and then brought the program to North Carolina when she relocated. Sixteen years later, she has empowered countless girls and boys to reach their full potentials, established partnerships with thousands of organizations around the globe and is gearing up for the next step — a global training academy.

"I moved to St. John last year specifically to set up Sisterhood Agenda's global training academy," said Coleman. "I really love it here and I just felt this really strong sense of community in the Virgin Islands and on St. John in particular."

Sisterhood Agenda focuses on positive peer mentoring and creates, implements and disseminates activities for women and girls aimed to prevent teen pregnancies, emphasize the importance of education and promote self-respect, explained Coleman.

Through the new training academy, Coleman has

expanded Sisterhood Agenda to include a Brotherhood Agenda division. With a similar goal as Sisterhood Agenda, the male-centric division of Coleman's organization focuses on keeping boys out of gangs and in school and preventing drug use and juvenile delinquency.

Coleman hopes to partner with V.I. Department of Education officials to bring her global training academy and its vast potential to schools across the territory.

"We're trying to get this off the ground here," she said. "We have a lot of things that are pending as far as funding and partnerships, but one thing we need is to locally adapt this program. That is one of the hallmarks that makes the program a success."

Sisterhood Agenda's first local meeting late last month drew Cheryl Francis, the wife of Lieutenant Governor Greg Francis, as well as Senator at Large Craig Barshinger and representatives from the Family Resource Center and the Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependency St. Thomas/St. John.

"We had a great meeting and there is a lot of interest in what we can do as far as empowering boys and girls in the territory," said Coleman.

Through the global academy, Coleman would train teachers and faculty members to implement a curriculum based on supporting respect, self-esteem, a holistic approach to health with exercise and fitness, healthy eating and life skills and sexual health.

"We don't implement the program ourselves, we

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ACC Reorganizes for Long-term Sustainability

St. John Tradewinds

In response to last month's cry for financial assistance, the St. John Animal Care Center was overwhelmed with a flood of help, both financial and otherwise, to keep the shelter open.

Hundreds of concerned citizens, many of whom do not even live on St. John, donated thousands of dollars online at the ACC website (stjacc.org), while others heeded the call by delivering food, toys and other supplies directly to the shelter.

Over the past few weeks the ACC Board of Directors worked to identify priorities and needs. A new strategy emerged, bringing into focus the many tasks required for long term sustainability. The newly divided duties more clearly define the efforts needed to ensure continued progress and ultimate success.

Sixteen different areas of responsibility were identified, each with a dedicated leader and supporting pack members. Several volunteers have already stepped forward to offer their time and talents, while many more leaders and pack members are needed. Below is a list of each area of responsibility and its corresponding pack so far.

- Shelter Operations - Diana Ripley
- Animal Neglect and Abuse - Anne Marie Porter (Pack Member: Paul Jordan)
- Fundraising Events - Monica Monroe and Karin Schlessinger
- Collection Cans - Dean Baldwin (Pack Members: M.Monro, K.Schlessinger)
- Non Monetary Donations - Karen Radtke
- Education - Paul Jordan (Pack Member: Diana Ripley)
- PR and Media - Elaine Campbell and Jen Dale
- Contact Management - Jen Dale
- Website Management - John Fuller
- New Building - BJ Harris (Pack Members: D.Ripley, J.Dale, P.Jordan)

Volunteers – Seeking an organized volunteer to coordinate existing volunteers and their talents, recruit new volunteers, and coordinate volunteer efforts for

Shelter Operations and Fundraising events.

Feral Cat Control – Seeking a passionate volunteer leader to manage the feral cat feeding stations (including maintenance, inventory consumption and distribution records) and arrange for construction and placement of new feeding stations across the island. Monica Monroe has volunteered to be a member of this pack.

Adoptions – Seeking a caring volunteer leader who will coordinate and manage the weekly adoption clinic at The Marketplace, take weekly photos of animals to be adopted and distribute to the Website Manager, manage distribution of “off-island” adoption flyers to villas and local businesses, and develop and maintain a Pet Sponsorship fundraising program and coordinate results with the Website and PR/Media leaders.

Big Dog Funding – Seeking a determined volunteer leader to research/identify/report on alternate funding sources available, including: contact and follow-through on all government funding requests; researching viable grant opportunities; and coordinating other large donations. John Fuller, Monica Monroe, Donna Traina and Anne Marie Porter have volunteered to be members of this pack.

Grant Writing – Seeking a detail-oriented volunteer leader to write, submit and follow-up on grants identified by the Big Dog Funding committee and approved by the Board. John Fuller has volunteered to be a member of this pack.

Member Communications – Seeking an organized and creative volunteer leader to coordinate annual member drives, prepare and distribute new member cards, design/print/distribute quarterly Member newsletter, and maintain accurate membership records (and updating the Contact Management leader). BJ Harris has volunteered to be a member of this pack.

The ACC will issue progress updates and announce new pack leaders for each area as the weeks continue. For more information, call the ACC at 774-1625 or stjacc@islands.vi.

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Alesia Georgiou, left, will lead Theater I and Theater II classes for youth this fall at St. John School of the Arts.

Q&A with Alesia Georgiou

An interview with SJSA's new theater teacher

St. John Tradewinds

Alesia Georgiou is a native New Yorker, and began studying the performing arts at age seven, when she enrolled at the Lee Strasberg Theater Institute. From there she moved on to the Fiorello LaGuardia High School of Performing Arts, (otherwise known as the 'FAME' school), and holds a BFA from the Moscow Art Theater. A founding member of Studio Six Theater Company, she will be performing in Montreal's Wildside festival this January.

TW: What is your name, what do you teach at St. John School of the Arts and how long have you been teaching at the school?

I'm Alesia Georgiou, and I teach theater to both older and younger students. This is my first year at SJSA.

TW: What is your background as far as education and/or experience in your subject or area of expertise?

My alma mater, the Moscow Art Theater, teaches a program for college graduates through Harvard called Stanislavski Summer School. I began by sitting in on those classes to gain a new perspective of the same topics I was studying, and eventually my theater company, Studio Six, began teaching workshops to children in 2007.

TW: What do you like most about teaching at SJSA?

The students at SJSA are fantastic, they have so much energy and imagination. They are fun to be around, and the environment at the

school is very supportive. St. John is so lucky to have such a great resource for both kids and adults.

TW: Why should someone take your class?

My class is a lot of fun! The kids become an ensemble through team-building theater games and we explore creative expression using the body, voice and imagination. During the course of the year students will create their own stories through object and animal etudes, in addition to working on scenes and monologues.

TW: What would you like your students to take away from the class?

I want students in my class to make new connections and develop their independence while also understanding the importance of collaboration. The ensemble that we create promotes confidence through creativity.

TW: Why do you think an arts education is important?

Arts programs strongly influence self-image, as well as enhance cultural understanding by developing new ways to perceive the world. The arts help students transcend previous limitations (whether real or imagined), and promote thinking "outside the box."

Georgiou will teach Theater I and Theater II classes to younger and older children this season at SJSA. Theater II meets on Mondays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and is open to students aged 11 and older. Theater I will meet on Fridays

from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. and is open to students between seven and 10 years old.

To register for classes or for more information call SJSA at 779-4322 or stop by the school, located next to the St. John Legislature Building in Cruz Bay.

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Letters to St. John Tradewinds

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There are screening questions which you can then answer to see if you may qualify for; food stamps (SNAP) help with medical bills, housing, etc.

You never know. Don't give-up! Also, please feel free to share this information with any agency, family or individual.

**Susan Mann
Cruz Bay**

Thanks for Help During Mud Slide from TS Otto

I would like to give Kudos/Halos to Delegate Donna Christensen, Governor deJongh and several of his cabinet members who was instrumental in getting much needed-assistance to the eight families who were shut off from the rest of the community during a massive mud slide that occurred on our road.

We were aware that it's an estate road, but this slide was above and beyond what we as residents could have handled. Thanks to commissioner Daryl Smalls for providing us with the necessary resources needed to get us out and join the rest of the community.

WAPA staff as usual was there to replace the poll that was taken out within a day. We await cable and telephone. Hopefully, they'll be coming in soon.

Much praises are to be given to Adam Cook and his two workers who brought in pallets and formed a bridge for us to walk out on, even though the first ones were taken out by a second slide. Not to mention how they dragged a generator through the mud and bushes so we could have electricity. He's our hero.

Thanks for the calls Administrator Leona Smith to check up on us. Ira Wade, thanks for coming to see with your own eyes and offering suggestions.

We have another hero and his mastery on the

Tracko. Thanks Brothers, you're very good at what you do. I didn't think you would have gotten out after being stuck in the mud. Believe me — we were all glad because there could have been an unhappy ending.

The neighbors of Bordeaux Road are the best. Thanks to all of you who so generously offer to leave a vehicle on the other side of the road for our use. It's in times of crisis that you find out who are true friends and neighbors.

I definitely cannot forget to thank the keeper of our road. Mud slide or not, he's always out there filling holes and cutting back bush growth. The neighbors have appropriately named it William's road. Thanks Will.

We are grateful that no lives were loss and we empathize with our neighbors who sustained damage to their homes and property.

There's a reason and a purpose for everything that happens in life. I hope we all find our purpose and use it. God bless you all and continue to shine for Him.

**Aldria Wade
Bordeaux Mountain Resident**

Keeping Track of Crime

2009

Homicides: 1

Shootings: 0

Stabbings: 0

Armed Robberies: 5

Arsons: 0

1st Degree Burglaries: 6

2nd Degree Burglaries: 17

3rd Degree Burglaries: 70

Grand Larcenies: 67

Rapes: 1

2010 TO-DATE

Homicides: 0

Shootings: 0

Stabbings: 0

Armed Robberies: 1

Arsons: 0

1st Degree Burglaries: 2

2nd Degree Burglaries: 16

3rd Degree Burglaries: 59

Grand Larcenies: 50

Rapes: 0

Giving Scripture Quotes Proper Attribution

Just wanted to comment on the statement attributed to Anonymous at the end of Dawn O'Bryan's letter "When You Look in the Mirror," and let her (and your readers) know that is actually a paraphrase of Scripture in Matthew 25:31-46, especially verse 45 "...then He (Jesus) shall answer them saying 'Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to Me.'"

This is in no way meant to be a criticism, but more

of a light shining on Truth. So many sayings are thrown around as just platitudes or cliches, but are actually secularized Scripture and I believe they should be given their proper recognition and respect.

A lot of people don't know the Bible at all, and it is the Power of the Word of God and should not be made to be anything less than what it really is.

Pam Dolson

Crossword Answers — Puzzle on Page 14

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Cruz Bay Apt's Tenants Appreciation Day Successful

Southwind Management Services, Cruz Bay Apartments' site manager Etel Dias, CBA tenants, their families and friends would like to thank Ashmore Hyndman with the John DeJohng campaign, Derek Athanase with the Parrot Club, Nedra Ephraim with Starfish Market and Cassandra Henley with Passion Fruit Chefs for all their contributions that made the first CBA Tenants appreciation day a community fun day.

We would like to acknowledge the kindness and cooperation of Mr. James Stevens for the grills, Mr. Dario Bartlett for his services as a chef, Ms. Lisa

Thomas for the children's entertainment, Mr. Ricky Abraham for bartending, Ms. Johanna Sealey for setting up and breaking down and, Mr. Ferguson for the wonderful music we danced to.

We would also like to thank Senator-at-Large Craig Barshinger for taking the time from his busy schedule to attend our tenant appreciation block party.

Without all of you it would not have been possible. Ordinary people can do extraordinary things.

**Etel Dias
Property manager
Cruz bay Apartments**

CORRECTION

John Bolding has not been convicted of burglary. An article headlined "Resident Commends St. John Police for Swift Action in Nabbing Burglar" in the October 11-17, 2010 issue *St. John Tradewinds* reported Bolding was arrested by V.I. Police and charged with burglary after a resident alleged he committed a crime. Bolding is innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

DOH Warns of Increased Dengue Risk

St. John Tradewinds

Recent and heavy downpours across the territory have made certain areas near the home a haven for mosquito breeding and residents are reminded to take steps to reduce their risk from Dengue Fever, Department of Health Commissioner Julia Sheen said last week.

Historically, October kicks off the rainy season in the Virgin Islands and coupled with the hurricane season, which does not end until November, residents can expect more of the downpours like those that were associated with Tropical Storm Otto.

As a result, DOH Environmental Health officers began visiting communities last week that were designated as hot spots for Dengue, to treat stagnant pools of water. The method, called larvaeciding, prevents mosquito eggs from hatching and kills the young mos-

quitoes, also known as Larvae.

Beginning Tuesday, October 19, Environmental Health staff started conducted spraying on the islands of St. John and St. Thomas, which the DOH has determined is dealing with a Dengue outbreak. Mosquito abatement will also be conducted on Water Island.

DOH has increased its previously released scheduled dates for mosquito abatement and will alternately be spraying and fogging areas. Spraying, during daylight hours, is scheduled to begin by 10 a.m. on St. Thomas and by 12 p.m. on Water Island and St. John. Fogging will occur between the hours of 6 and 9 p.m.

Residents will be alerted to any changes in the schedule and cautioned those with compromised immune systems to stay indoors and close windows at the times that the spraying/fogging is being conducted, according to Sheen.

The DOH commissioner also reminded residents that they are their first protectors against acquiring Dengue Fever and should frequently empty containers that collect water around their homes.

Residents should contact the Environmental Health Division at 715-5111 in the St. Thomas/St. John district to report stagnant pools of water near their homes and in their communities.

The Dengue Fever virus is transmitted by the female Aedes Aegypti which breeds in man-made containers and residents put themselves at risk if old tires, plant containers, empty drums and even food containers for animals are around the homes where water can collect and provide a breeding ground for the mosquitoes, Sheen explained.

"They should monitor those containers and empty them frequently," she said.



Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Friends Seek Volunteers for Cinnamon Bay Accessible Trail

St. John Tradewinds

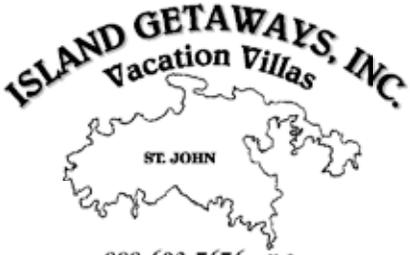
The Friends of V.I. National Park is constructing a handicap-accessible trail through the ruins at Cinnamon Bay and they need help on the boardwalk section.

Carpenters and others from the building trades are especially needed, but volunteers of all skill levels are also needed and very welcome.

Work will begin on Wednesday, October 27, and will continue until the boardwalk is complete. The non-profit organization needs help—donate a day or two, or three.

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Friends hopes to attract volunteers like those who helped construct the Francis Bay accessible trail, above.



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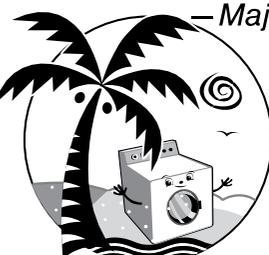
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Community Calendar

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.

Friday, October 29

There will be a "Child Find," a free developmental screening for children newborn to 5 years old on Friday, October 29, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The screening on St. John will be at the Cruz Bay Head Start Center.

Friday-Sunday, Nov. 5-7

The St. John Racquet Club will sponsor a V.I. Tennis Association Junior Tennis Tournament in memory of Madeline and Scotty November 5 through 7 in Cruz Bay.

Saturday, November 6

The St. John Historical Society is again teaming up with Clean Islands International and the Virgin Islands Environmental Resource Station to celebrate the legacy of Project Tektite. The activities will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday morning, November 6, at VIERS in Lameshur Bay.

Sunday, November 7

Moravian School Fundraising Committee is hosting a benefit gospel concert on Sunday, November 7, at 6:30 p.m. at the Memorial Moravian Church.

Tuesday, November 9

The St. John Historical Society will host its monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 9, at Bethany Moravian Church Hall at 7 p.m.

Friday, November 12

Giffit Hill School has announced its first school-wide community service day "Giffit Hill School Gives Back," on Friday, November 12.

Tuesday, November 23

The St. John Chapter of the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce will meet next on Tuesday, November 23, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at a location, which will be announced later.

Saturday, December 11

Mongoose Junction will host the 15th annual All Island Holiday Party on Saturday, December 11, starting at 8 p.m.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

AL-ANON MEETINGS

Al-Anon meets on St. John every Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the picnic table at the VINP ball field, and every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at St. Ursula's Multi-purpose center.

ALATEEN MEETINGS

Alateen will meet on Mondays at St. Ursula's Church from 6 to 7 p.m. and is open to anyone interested in attending.

PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

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- 39 EURASIA, EURASIA
- 40 Foot curve
- 41 — -mo
- 42 Opposite of ecto-
- 44 Hwys., e.g.
- 45 Bridge guru Charles
- 47 Hydrocarbon suffix
- 49 Mets' and Tigers' gp.
- 51 Blank
- 56 Italian gold
- 57 "Survivor" ailer
- 59 AFRICA, EUROPE
- 64 Caribbean capital
- 66 "Let's leave — that"
- 67 Bustle
- 68 Be a vagrant
- 69 ASIA, AFRICA
- 74 Hawaiian island
- 77 Dry red wine, briefly
- 78 Big name in frozen

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- 1 "The Family Circus" cartoonist Keane
- 2 Folk rocker DiFranco
- 3 Tpk., e.g.
- 4 Attire anew
- 5 "Is it hot — or is it

- drinks
- 79 Burial vaults
- 83 ASIA, AFRICA
- 87 Maude player Arthur
- 88 Color shade
- 89 Calf catcher
- 90 "Amazing!"
- 91 180 degrees from SSW
- 93 Taken an oath
- 95 Shag, e.g.
- 98 Potato skin
- 101 Cereal grain
- 103 Payment to a landlord
- 104 AFRICA, EUROPE
- 109 ASIA, AFRICA
- 112 Texas city
- 113 Itsy-bitsy
- 114 Eucharist plate
- 115 Witch who helped Dorothy
- 116 Wield needle and thread
- 118 Catlike
- 120 Right-minded
- 121 Annual October 24 observance related to this puzzle's theme
- 128 "The Champ" actor Roscoe
- 129 Be about to fall off of, perhaps
- 130 Paint solvent
- 131 Graded thing
- 132 Most tranquil
- 133 "Material Girl" singer

- just me?"
- 6 Honors
- 7 Rattle (off)
- 8 Old Spanish dollar
- 9 Mtn. statistic
- 10 "I told you!"
- 11 "E.T." genre
- 12 Italian erupter
- 13 Poitiers or Lumet
- 14 Prefix with fauna
- 15 In the ocean's direction
- 16 Sells virtually
- 17 Onion kin
- 18 Forearm bones
- 19 Ukrainian city
- 24 Comic Kevin
- 29 Mistreated
- 30 Dawn deity
- 31 PC shortcuts
- 33 Leave agape
- 34 — Tin Tin (old TV dog)
- 36 "Fresh Air" network
- 37 Be choked by
- 38 Sad cry
- 39 E. — bacteria
- 43 War-free area, briefly
- 46 Big 12 org.
- 48 Bible book after Neh.
- 50 Raging fire
- 52 Eel variety
- 53 Virtuoso
- 54 Lilted syllable
- 55 Thanksgiving side item
- 58 Ruth of "Laugh-In"
- 60 Is no longer
- 61 Lofty story
- 62 City in Oklahoma
- 63 Time being
- 65 Revue bits
- 66 "That's not news to me"
- 70 Intent
- 71 Div. of the 46-Down

- 72 Light in signs
- 73 401(k) alternatives
- 74 Actor Brooks
- 75 Car club inits.
- 76 Enterprise inits.
- 80 A friend on "Friends"
- 81 Hit the hay
- 82 "I — Letter to My Love"
- 84 Sweltering
- 85 Like viscid threads
- 86 Be liable
- 87 Pinto —
- 92 "Hold your horses!"
- 94 E-mails, e.g.
- 96 Double-dot diacritics
- 97 Young miss
- 99 Abel's mom
- 100 Be deceitful
- 102 Certain pudding base
- 104 Badgers
- 105 "It's going to start without me!"
- 106 Swimmer Rowdy
- 107 Borgnine or Hemingway
- 108 More like a yenta
- 110 French for "child"
- 111 Staffed
- 113 Preteen
- 117 Suffix with Rock
- 119 Neeson of "Rob Roy"
- 122 Michelle Obama, — Robinson
- 123 Rap music's Dr. —
- 124 Denials
- 125 Funny Knotts
- 126 Twin of Abby
- 127 Vote in favor

Sisterhood Agenda Looking To Expand, Launch Training Academy

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give the schools the tools, the training, the curriculum and workbooks and they take it from there," said Coleman.

As she strives to move Sisterhood and Brotherhood Agenda forward, Coleman is looking to attract volunteers and donations, she explained.

"We want to develop a local volunteer staff of youth counselors, and teachers and mentors," Coleman said. "There are some program expenses so we also need donations to cover those expenses. And then we just need support and to start moving these programs forward."

Coleman is hoping to be able to locate a safe space — a place for teens to gather in a safe and positive environment — and would love to hear from anyone interested in the group.

"From here we're looking for a safe space and

we've been able to identify several resources, but we do need more support," she said. "If anyone wants to be a part of the sisterhood movement and wants to put sisterhood, or brotherhood, on their agenda, they can support us."

The first big event for Sisterhood/Brotherhood Agenda will be a New Year's Eve Extravaganza at the Housing, Parks and Recreation building in Cruz Bay.

Leading up to that, Coleman is hosting a series of webinars which started on October 21 with "Sisters: Healthy and Empowered," at www.sisterhoodagenda.com.

Coleman is also taking part in the Department of Education's Conference for Girls at the Marriott Frenchman's Reef on St. Thomas on November 18.

For more information about Sisterhood Agenda or to find out how to help the organization realize its goals, call Coleman at 714-7076 or email acoleman@

St. John Police Report

Friday, October 15

6:00 p.m. - A citizen p/r someone is verbally harassing her. Harassment.

11:27 p.m. - An employee at Woody's Seafood Saloon r/ a disturbance. Disturbance of the peace.

Saturday, October 16

11:20 a.m. - An Estate Susanaberg resident p/r his puppy pitbull was attacked by another puppy pitbull. Allowing vicious animals to stray.

11:30 a.m. - An Estate Contant resident p/r he was threatened by his brother, against whom he has a restraining order. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

11:36 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r that someone removed his gold Gucci chain from his residence. Grand larceny.

Sunday, October 17

6:35 p.m. - An Estate Grunwald resident p/r he was assaulted in the area of Cruz Bay. Assault in the third.

No time given - An Estate Carolina resident p/r being in a disturbance with her boyfriend. Disturbance of the pace, D.V.

9:25 a.m. - A citizen c/r someone on the Seventh Day Adventist property. Trespasser.

10:37 a.m. - An Aqua Bistro employee r/ the business was broken into. Burglary in the third.

11:15 a.m. - A VIPD officer was dispatched to a citizen who

reported he was robbed, but wasn't there. Unfounded robbery.

11:41 a.m. - An Estate Giff Hill resident r/ Giff Hill School was broken into. Burglary in the third.

1:14 p.m. - A St. Thomas resident p/r that she was threatened. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

4:12 p.m. - A Cruz Bay resident p/r she was assaulted by her ex-boyfriend. Aggravated assault and battery.

Monday, October 18

7:30 a.m. - A citizen c/r that someone stole four tires from his boss' vehicle. Grand larceny.

Tuesday, October 19

12:10 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r her granddaughter has her vehicle and did not return it. Unauthorized use of vehicle.

Wednesday, October 20

10:30 a.m. - An Estate Bethany resident p/r that he was threatened by a male with a machete. Brandishing a deadly weapon.

1:50 p.m. - A St. Croix resident p/r that she lost her cell phone on the ferry. Lost cell phone.

3:45 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r her minor daughter was being threatened by two minor females. Police assistance.

4:00 p.m. - One minor female p/r that two minor females were threatening to jump her and her friends. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

7:50 p.m. - An Estate Grunwald resident p/r that she was assaulted by three females. Simple assault.

Thursday, October 21

4:13 a.m. - A Giff Hill resident r/ a disturbance. Disturbance of the peace.

4:18 a.m. - A VIPD officer was dispatched to Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center in reference to an assault. Aggravated assault.

10:18 a.m. - An Estate Giff/ Regenbeck resident p/r her neighbor's dog attacked her dog. Allowing vicious animals to stray.

2:00 p.m. - A citizen r/ that someone stole her napsack with her documents. Petit larceny.

2:51 p.m. - A citizen p/requesting assistance to seize some dogs from Estate Bethany. Cruelty to animals.

6:04 p.m. - A citizen c/r a burglary at Full Moon Cafe in Estate Carolina. Petit larceny.

7:35 p.m. - An Estate Pastory resident p/r being threatened by a male. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

10:34 p.m. - A citizen c/r a foul odor coming from the neighbor's unit. Unfounded suspicious activity.

11:14 p.m. - A citizen c/r loud music. Unfounded loud music.

11:22 p.m. - A citizen p/r that he was refused admittance on the ferry. Police assistance.

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7:30 p.m. Fridays;
Study Circles 9 a.m. Sundays
- 776-6316, 776-6254

Bethany Moravian Church
Cruz Bay, St. John
11 a.m., Sunday School 776-6291

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13 ABC Coral Bay, 776-6304
Sunday School 10 a.m.,
Sunday evening 6 p.m.,
Thursday 7 p.m.

Christian Ministry
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Inter-Denominational
Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Christian Science Society
10:45 a.m. Sunday- Marketplace
Wednesday Testimonials
7:45 p.m. on last Wed. of Month

**The Church of Jesus Christ
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Sun. 9 a.m., STT. 776-2379
Sun., 5 p.m., STJ, Lumberyard

Cruz Bay Baptist Church
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776-6315

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Jehovah's Witness
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340-715-0530

Missionary Baptist Church
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Tuesday 7 p.m.
Bible Study 693-8884

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Sunday 9 a.m., Sunday School 8 a.m.
776-6731

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Wednesday and Friday, 8:30 a.m.
776-6339

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693-8830

Seventh Day Adventist
Saturdays
779-4477

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779-1230

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VIWMA Environmental Enforcement applications are available at the VIWMA's Division of Human Resources Offices at Subbase Office on St. Thomas and Five Corners in St. Croix.

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DPW Works To Keep Centerline Passable

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Bordeaux Mt. Road, where residents were stranded behind a massive mud slide which covered the road. Workers continue to try to make that area more accessible, according to DPW officials.

Once DPW gets a handle on the after-effects of TS Otto — and recoups funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency — several roadways on St. John are slated for upgrades, explained DPW St. John Deputy Director Ira Wade.

First of all the southeastern section of Bordeaux Road will be prepped for paving, according to Wade.

“We’re going to prepare that area from the south eastern side to the corner of Spice Hill for paving,” he said. “Then when we’ll get in and pave it. That will make just about all of Bordeaux Road complete.”

“There is just a 300 to 400-foot section that has not yet been completed now,” said Wade. “The entire project will cost \$1.2 million.”

DPW has an \$800,000 project slated for Kingshill Road, Wade added.

“We’re going to prepare Kingshill Road

for paving,” said Wade. “We have \$800,000 for that now, but due to the rising costs of concrete, we’re going to need additional money to pave that road.”

Once funds for the entire project are secured, Kingshill Road will be paved in its entirety, Wade explained.

“We intend to concrete pave that road all the way to the existing asphalt,” he said. “That area is about eight-tenths of a mile.”

Crews are also expected to repair the concrete culvert which washed out from TS Otto.

DPW officials are cooperating with National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration personnel on the Kingshill Road project, Wade added.

“We’re also working with NOAA on that project as they’re going to be doing some silt studies,” he said.

Wade hoped residents would be patient as DPW works to alert motorists to dangerous areas on Centerline Road before making the planned road improvements.

“Most people think we’re not doing anything because you can’t get to them fast enough,” he said.

Maho Bay Campground Lease Extended

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ing and ceramic studios, Maho Bay Campground has been a vital component of island life and its economy.

“I know the effect we have on the economy here even though we’re just a little campground,” said Davis. “We bring in a lot of people, support food vendors and we’re a haven for people who are looking for affordable accommodations.”

Selengut also operates Maho’s sister property Estate Concordia Preserve, which is located on land Selengut owns.

That resort recently unveiled four new eco-friendly units certified by the Island Green Builders Association as four-star rated. Another four eco-friendly units are slated for completion next month, according to Davis.

With expansion at Concordia on track and a lease extension at Maho Bay Campground,

the island’s eco-resorts are now gearing up for a busy winter season.

“This reprieve from closing Maho has earned our landlords the heartfelt thanks of thousands of folks who find Maho an affordable vacation haven in these difficult times,” according to an email Maho sent out to 20,000 recipients.

Hoping to make those supporters even happier, TPL continues to work toward saving Maho Bay Campground, according to Garrison.

“Hopefully, I’ll have a big announcement soon,” he said.

Residents can help TPL’s effort by donating to the Save Maho Bay fund. Check out the website www.tpl.org and search “Maho Bay Camps.”

For reservations at Maho, call 800-392-9004, email reservations@maho.org or book online at www.maho.org.

Kingshill Bio-Retention Pond Makes Difference

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is being overseen by current CBCC storm water engineer Chris Laude.

“During normal rains, all of the water will be contained in the pond,” said Laude. “Water will percolate into the soil and the sediment will effectively be removed.”

The entire project has taken only a few months and was relatively inexpensive. In order to make a bigger impact on reducing the amount of storm water runoff, officials

plan to construct at least one additional bio-retention pond in the Coral Bay valley.

CBCC has also broken ground on several other projects under VIRCD’s NOAA grant for USVI Coastal Habitat Restoration through Watershed Stabilization project including work in Calabash Boom, Hansen Bay and Johnny Horn Trail.

Keep an eye out in future *Tradewinds* for more stories on these and other NOAA grant projects.


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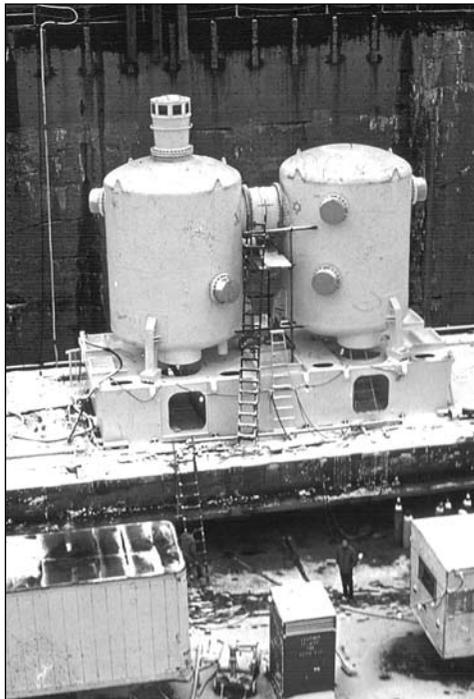
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(Left) The Habitat at Naval Yard in Philadelphia being assembled for shipment to St. John. (Above) Women aquanauts entering water for their mission. (Right) Habitat being launched in Great Lameshur Bay. (Below) The logo from the tektite program was made into a sticker.

Historical Society and Clean Islands Celebrating 40th Anniversary of Project Tektite II November 6

St. John Tradewinds

The St. John Historical Society is again teaming up with Clean Islands International and the Virgin Islands Environmental Resource Station to celebrate the legacy of Project Tektite.

The activities will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday morning, November 6, at VIERS in Lameshur Bay, on the south shore of St. John.

November 6, 2010 marks the 40th anniversary of the conclusion of Project Tektite, an ambitious underwater habitat program which took place in Lameshur Bay, St. John during 1969 and 1970.

The program was orchestrated by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Departments of Navy and Interior and General Electric's Missile and Space Division. Project Tektite I's seafloor program was conducted by four aquanauts from February 15 to April 15, 1969.

For Project Tektite II, 53 aquanauts participated in 11 missions (lasting 13 to 20 days each) from April 4 to November 6, 1970. And, in all, more than 500 people from numerous government agencies, universities and other places of high learning — both from within the U.S. and around the world — participated in this program right on St. John.

On November 6, the event will start with a brief video presentation by Astronaut Commander Scott Carpenter on "The U.S. Response to Sputnik." The launch of Sputnik on October 4, 1957 by the Soviets was one of those extraordinary events in history which would have ramifications far beyond simply placing the first satellite into space, igniting the Space Race. And, it was largely why the Tektite project was undertaken.

This video will be followed by a PowerPoint presentation on the Tektite program by Bruce Schoonover. Schoonover is a part-time resident of St. John, a member



of the St. John Historical Society's board and a docent at the historical Annaberg sugarcane plantation on St. John. He originally shared the findings of his research on Tektite in a presentation in connection with the 40th Anniversary of the start of Project Tektite I at an event in February 2009.

Schoonover has now updated the material and supplemented it with more information and insights into this remarkable undertaking. He will also provide a preliminary look at the video documentary that Steve Simonsen, Bill Stelzer and he are developing on Project Tektite.

"This is not only a fascinating piece of this island's history, but it is an important part of our nation's history during the turbulent 1960s," said Schoonover. "Underlying this project was our country's desire to regain its preeminence in science and technology, which the Soviet Union was clearly challenging."

After Schoonover's presentations, a panel of Tektite aquanauts will share with the audience their recollections about this historic scientific project and answer ques-

tions.

A confirmation has already been received from John VanDerwalker, who was one of four Tektite I aquanauts, as well as the scientific research manager and aquanaut for Tektite II. He later managed environment programs for the Department of the Interior, State Department and the Platte River Trust.

Dr. Alina Szmant will also be joining the group. She was one of five female aquanauts who participated in a Tektite II mission. She is currently a Professor of Marine Biology at the University of North Carolina. Other aquanauts and support staff are also expected to join the celebration.

Following the presentation by the aquanauts, the Tektite Underwater Habitat Museum will be open to the public. Recent additions to the museum include new artifact displays and video presentations.

"These events really help us learn more about the past and ourselves," said Randy Brown, museum curator and executive director of Clean Islands International, which operates VIERS for UVI. "The museum has been well received and more artifacts have been donated. We are pleased to share with all our visitors as much information as possible on the importance of Project Tektite in the history of sea and space exploration and its relationship to what has been going on here at VIERS in the past and today."

An afternoon snorkel to the habitat site is also planned. The habitat was located in Beehive Cove, just outside Great Lameshur Bay. Tours of the VIERS environmental education facility will also be offered.

VIERS will be serving a light lunch at a cost of \$10 per person. RSVP to jamierving@viers.org or call 776-6721 for reservations to assist with planning for parking and meals.