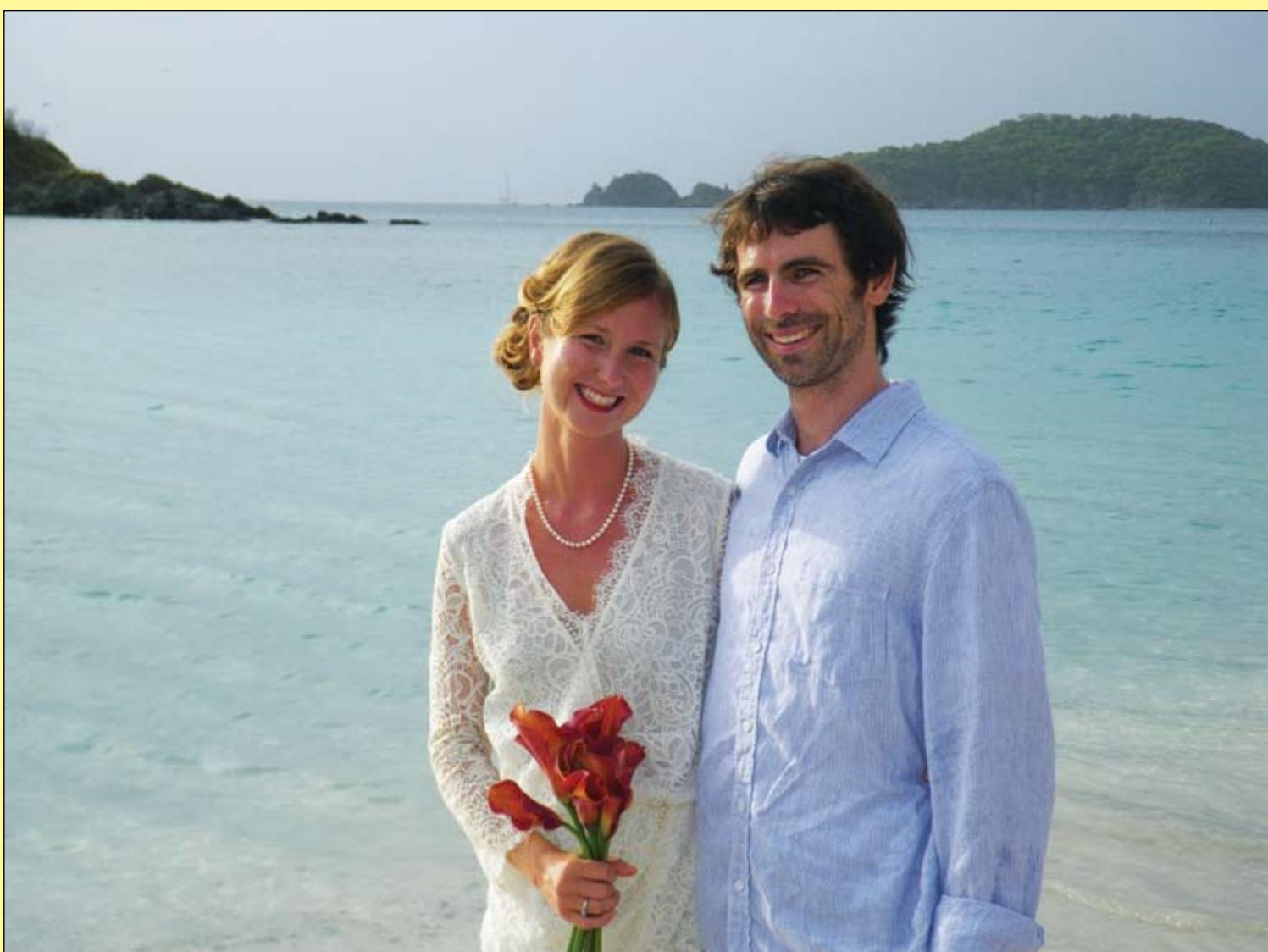


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Summer Loving at Cinnamon Bay

Wedding bells were ringing over the weekend. St. John residents Sarah Groves and Jim Donovan exchanged vows before about 75 family members and friends at sunset on Cinnamon Bay beach on Saturday evening, July 21. Officiant Anne Marie Porter led the beautiful front ceremony which was followed by dining and dancing back at the newlywed's Coral Bay home. Congratulations Sarah and Jim!

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St. John Olympic Sailor Arrives in London



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St. John Olympic sailor Mayumi "Mimi" Roller, above, arrived in London last week where she will represent the U.S. Virgin Islands. Roller headed down to Weymouth, where the sailing action will take place, as she gets ready to race Laser Radials against the best in the world, but not before taking part in the Olympic Opening Ceremony on Friday, July 27. Good luck Mimi!

DPNR Hosting St. John Town Meeting on CZM Management Act on July 24

The Department of Planning and Natural Resources Division of Coastal Zone Management will host a series of Town Hall Meetings throughout the territory, in an effort to receive public input and feedback on the department's efforts to update and amend Title 12 Sections 901-914, of the Virgin Islands Code, the Coastal Zone Management Act, Commissioner Alicia Barnes announced last week.

The St. John meeting will take place on Tuesday, July 24, at 6 p.m. at the Julius E. Sprauve School cafeteria. Barnes welcomes all persons interested in the CZM development application to attend and participate.

Free HPV Vaccines July 28 at MKSCHC

Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center officials are offering free vaccines for the human papillomavirus (HPV) Saturday, July 28, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the health center.

HPV has made headlines the last few years with increased cases of genital warts, cervical cancer in women and new research linking the virus to throat cancers in men.

Since HPV shows up in most sexually active people, vaccines often target those who have not yet had sex. The vaccine will available to all males and females between the ages of 11 and 26 years old and residents under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult and bring their immunization cards along.

Westin Resort Wins Best Floupe in St. John Festival Parade

St. John Festival and Cultural Organization officials last week announced the winners of the 2012 St. John Festival Parade.

Westin Resort and Villas won for best Floupe with "The Maltese Knights." Caneel Bay Resort took second place for Floupes with "A Musical Extravaganza."

Gypsies were named first place for Troupes, while Bubbles Festival Troupe took second place and King Shaka Zulu Nation was named third place.

BVI Sky Dancers won best Mocko Jumbie. St. Thomas Majorettes won for best Majorettes with Charming Twirlers taking second place in the category.

Mighty Groover won for Traditional entry while Pan in Motion took first place and Love City Pan Dragons were named second place in the "Other" category.

Help Available for Home-Bound Seniors

There is help for home-bound Seniors on St. John. Daily nutritional program geared to your needs. Applicants and caregivers, please call (340)693-8580 for further information. St. Ursula's Multipurpose Center.

"How to Apply" Grant Workshop Set

Virgin Islands Council on the Arts (VICA) is conducting a series of "How to Apply" workshops in preparation for the August 31, grant submission deadline.

Information on project and budget development will be discussed in detail. First time applicants are encouraged to attend.

The workshop on St. Thomas is scheduled for Friday, July 27, at 5:30 p.m. at the VICA office at 41-42 Norre Gade.

For more information contact Betty Mahoney at 774-5964.

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Residents Continue To Push for Alternative Road Access to South Shore

**By Jaimie Elliott
St. John Tradewinds**

On the heels of a well-attended town hall meeting last month, community activist Alvis Christian is determined to see a second access route opened from the remote south shore of St. John, and he is not alone.

"I have been speaking with different people and hearing how they feel about opening a road out to Estate Mandahl," said Christian, founder of John's Folly Learning Institute.

Currently the sole road access to Estate John's Folly, Mandahl and Lameshur is via Route 107, which abruptly ends just after Salt Pond Bay in Estate Mandahl. In order to drive back to Cruz Bay one must turn around and travel back through Coral Bay along Route 107.

The response time for emergency vehicles from Cruz Bay to Estate Mandahl could easily close in on an hour. Also with the sole access road being Centerline Road, if anything happens to wash the road out – which has occurred in the past – citizens on the south shore would be stranded, residents discussed at a June town meeting.

At that late June town hall meeting, co-

"I really don't see where any problems could arise with this route. I think it would be very, very hard for the National Park to say no to this. We need that road."

— Alvis Christian

hosted by Delroy "Ital" Anthony and Christian, a large crowd of residents remembered days when one could travel from Mandahl all the way to Estate Fish Bay or to Centerline Road via the L'Esperance Trail, located near Estate Catherinberg.

Most residents, however, want to see Route 107 connect to Route 108, near Bordeaux Mountain, according to Christian.

"I have been speaking to a lot of different groups of people and I think the route that most everyone feels comfortable with is connecting Route 107 to 108 up the hill to Bordeaux," Christian said. "Out of all of the

roads which have been discussed, this route is the shortest distance and in terms of cost would take the least amount of money."

The distance from the end of Route 107 to 108 is 2.7 miles, the shortest route to open by far of the three possibilities discussed. And the route is actually even shorter, since another 1.5 miles can be accessed via the V.I. National Park road to Lameshur Bay, which means only about 1.2 miles of roadway will need to be paved, Christian explained.

Both Route 107 and Route 108, which is often referred to Costanzo Hill and joins Bordeaux Road, are federally designated roadways, Christian added.

"Both 107 and 108 are federal roads which means there should be federal dollars for the project," he said.

The area from Lameshur to Bordeaux also is not as sensitive as other areas which were discussed for possible alternative routes from the south shore, Christian added.

"Even though some of the road will go through the National Park, that area is not as sensitive as going through Reef Bay," said Christian.

Next Christian planned to meet with V.I. National Park and Department of Public

Works officials about opening new roads and repairing damaged areas of the current sole access route, Centerline Road, this week.

"The next step is for me to speak with VINP and Public Works to hear what they have to say," Christian said. "I've heard that work on Centerline Road is supposed to start next month. But we are getting very close to September and the height of hurricane season so we can't be posturing on this."

"We could find ourselves in a lot of trouble with Centerline Road," said Christian. "We have to pressure Public Works to move on that, we need that road fixed and beefed up."

The issue of opening a second access route to the south shore neighborhoods has been discussed for years, yet this time, residents want to see action, Christian explained.

"I really don't see where any problems could arise with this route," he said. "I think it would be very, very hard for the National Park to say no to this. We need that road."

"We've been talking about this way too long," said Christian. "We have to go all the way here and put them at a point where they won't just talk about this, but open the road."



Route 107 ends at mile marker 4.6, at left, but cars can traverse another 1.5 miles on V.I. National Park land.

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VIPD Arrest Christopher Tronquet for Assault; Victim Received 15 Stitches for Head Wound

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V.I. Police Department officers on St. John arrested 37-year-old Christopher Tronquet of Estate Bethany after he assaulted another male causing a deep gash on the side of the victim's head which required medical attention.

The assault stemmed from an argument between the two men when the victim cautioned the suspect who reportedly nearly ran over a scooter with his vehicle.

VIPD officers said the victim told them that on July 15 he was near Warfside Village in Cruz Bay when he saw the suspect almost run over a scooter with his vehicle.

Although the scooter did not belong to the victim, he told the suspect to be careful and an argument ensued. The suspect punched the victim, causing him to fall and hit his head on a table.

The victim was treated at Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center and 15 stitches were needed to close the wound, according to medical staff.

Tronquet was arrested the next day, Monday, July 16, and charged with Assault Third Degree. His bail was set at \$25,000 dollars and he was remanded to the Bureau of Corrections on St. Thomas pending further court action.



Christopher Tronquet

VIPD Arrest Travis Bartlet for Assaulting Estranged Wife

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V.I. Police Department officers on St. John arrested 30-year-old Travis Bartlet on July 17 at about 5:45 p.m. and charged him with First Degree Assault Domestic Violence after his estranged wife told police that he assaulted her by grabbing her and touching her inappropriately.

VIPD officers said their inves-

tigation revealed that Bartlet went to his estranged wife's home and grabbed her, pulled her into the bedroom and attempted to take off her clothes off while touching her against her will.

Bartlet was denied bail due to the territory's domestic violence law and he was remanded to the custody of the Bureau of Corrections pending further court action.



Travis Bartlet

Kenneth Matthias Arrested, Charged with Trespassing, "Person of Interest" in Recent Burglaries

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V.I. Police Department officers arrested Kenneth Matthias of St. John and charged him with trespassing in Ultimate Villas, also located on St. John.

VIPD said Matthias is "a person of interest" in recent burglaries in that area.

Matthias, age 50, was arrested at about 2:15 p.m. Tuesday, July 17. Representatives of Ultimate Villas told police that Matthias was seen on the property and is believed to be sleeping, showering and using the rest rooms in the villa.

VIPD also said that Matthias was for-

merly subcontracted to perform maintenance at the property but was fired about three months ago.

Matthias was charged with Trespassing and Unlawful Entry and placed on a \$2,000 bail. Matthias attended his advice of rights hearing and was released on his own recogno-

nance by the courts.

VIPD officers on St. John continue to investigate and gather evidence on the burglaries and urge residents to report any thing they know to police. Matthias remains a person of interest in the crimes, VIPD officers added.

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New St. John Organization Focusing on Helping Friends with Hardships

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

When Craig Crandall was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma recently, friends and family members were devastated, yet through their grief, the family created a new organization designed to help residents dealing with similar situations.

While coping with the reality of the diagnosis, Crandall's daughter had the idea to host a fundraiser to help off-set the daunting cost of chemotherapy treatment, explained Laurie Crandall.

"It started with our daughter wanting to throw a fundraiser to help her dad," said Laurie Crandall. "And we decided to make this a little bigger and better. So we started a foundation called Friends Helping Friends and we'll have a fundraiser each year to help someone in need."

Friends Helping Friends plans to host yearly events to help residents in need and is operating under the fiscal umbrella of the St. John Community Foundation, according to information provided by the organization.

"Our mission is to the help ease some of the financial burdens of contributing resident members in need," according to prepared information from Friends Helping Friends. "Regardless of the nature



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Craig Crandall, above second from left, surrounded by family.

of their hardship, we would like to be a shining light to them and their family and hope to inspire our community along the way."

The group's first event, with proceeds going to Craig Crandall, will be a "Kick Cancer in the Cornhole" on Saturday, August 4, from 2 to 8 p.m. at the Inn at Tamarind Court on Saturday, August 4, from 2 to 8 p.m. to have some serious fun for a great cause.

For more information about Friends Helping Friends check out the website <http://www.goodwinelectricstjohnvi.com> and click "Fundraiser," or email friendshelpingfriendsstjohn@yahoo.com.

Resort in Cruz Bay. The second place winner will take home \$500 in cash and the third place prize is a \$250 gift certificate for Home Depot.

The event will also feature live music and great food, so be sure to come out the Inn at Tamarind Court on Saturday, August 4, from 2 to 8 p.m. to have some serious fun for a great cause.

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St. John Cancer Fund Designed To Help Support Residents

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St. John residents will now have another source of support in the fight against cancer.

The St. John Cancer Fund was formally organized on July 19 with a mission to provide monies for prevention, treatment and supportive services in the fight against cancer on behalf of the community of St. John, USVI.

This fund was formed by a committee of St. John residents who wanted to see financial support for cancer with an expanded list of eligible expense coverage, additional preventative screening options, and flexible cap limits.

The St. John Cancer Fund mission is to invest in the health of the community, and although the advisory committee may vote to make donations to other organizations which have and continue to support residents, the primary distribution of the funds raised by St. John is to St. John residents.

Seventy-five percent of St. John residents are small business owners and independent contractors. Most do not have access to corporate or government offered insurance coverage, and individual health insurance policies are expensive and restrictive.

The St. John Cancer Fund will be managed by the Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands. With more than 21 years of fund management, the advisory committee of the St. John Cancer Fund found CFVI to be fully able to manage and distribute the funds most effectively.

The committee urges all who are interested in helping plan fund raising events to get involved. The St. John Cancer Fund plans to host an array of fund raising events throughout the year. Individuals and businesses may contribute to the fund at any time. Visit the website at www.stjohnccancerfund.org for more information or email stjohnccancerfund@gmail.com.

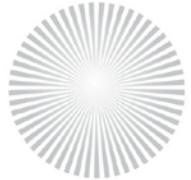


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JFLI Venturing to Ghana in 2014

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The John's Folly Learning Institute officials are planning their first pilgrimage to the Republic of Ghana, located along the West African coast, in August 2014.

The pilgrimage is a reaffirmation of established cultural links between Virgin Islanders and the people of Ghana. The pilgrimage is also an effort to redress the fact that V.I. cultural heritage, rooted as it is in Ghana and along the West African coast, is not accessed as a source of relevance when seeking redress of local issues.

Most critically, JFLI sees the importance of bridging the generation gap among young, middle-aged and elderly Virgin Islanders, adults and youth both. Thus, the contingent going on the pilgrimage will consist of both families and individuals; all sharing a unique experience as Virgin Islanders which will inform and infuse a sense of community and pride.

Toward this end, JFLI is hosting a Family Day Jam at the institute on Saturday, July 28, starting at noon to spread the word and nature of the pilgrimage, enlist con-



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JFLI Summer Camp students enjoyed swimming lessons recently at Estate Concordia Eco-Resort.

tributors for the fundraising campaign and ultimately to celebrate together as a community. Individuals and families are encouraged to attend and give support to JFLI while socializing, eating some fantastic local food and listening to some positive sounds.

Information on the pilgrimage

and current summer school activities will be provided by JFLI staff and students, musical entertainment will be provided by a DJ and steel pan and the food will be catered by executive chef Linda Chesterfield.

For more information call JFLI at 775-9594.



Mango Season Has Arrived

Mango trees across St. John are heavy with fruit and a local vendor has been setting up outside of Connections in Cruz Bay on Friday and Saturday selling just-picked local fruit.

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Campers study the sea floor in several feet of water, at left, and learn from researchers about coral decline, above.

VIERS Serves Up Science and S'mores at Eco Camps

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

About a dozen excited students between seven and 12 years old were adjusting their snorkel masks on Little Lameshur Bay last week, getting ready to assist Peter Edmunds' on-going coral research.

"They are doing transects," said Edmunds, who has been conducting research at the V.I. Environmental Resource Station for 26 years. "They are counting coral and rocks on the sea floor in two

to three feet of water. We've been counting corals here for years and there used to be more."

"That is the message we are trying to get across today — there used to be a lot of corals and now there are not as many," said Edmunds, a professor at California State University, Northridge.

The dozen students are just a fraction of the 120 students in total from St. Thomas, St. John and St. Croix who will enjoy either a two-night, three-day Eco Camp; a four-

night, five-day Science Camp; or a four-night, five-day Ranger in Training Camp at VIERS.

Located near Great Lameshur Bay on the remote South Shore of St. John, VIERS offers the perfect summer camp experience for students who stay in soft-sided structures, eat in an airy cafeteria and enjoy telling scary stories and roasting marshmallows by the campfire at night. VIERS is owned by the University of the Virgin Island and run and operated by

Clean Islands International.

In addition to learning how to conduct a seafloor transect, Eco Campers this summer also learned about organic gardening, sedimentation and fish health, explained VIERS manager Randy Fish.

"We showed them how to make a tree nursery, how to collect seeds and we're sending all the campers home with a little papaya starter," said Fish. "They also studied fish parasites with Paul Sikkel from Arkansas State University who has

been doing research down here for years."

With Sikkel, campers learned their way around VIERS' wet lab at Great Lameshur Bay and helped take blood samples and count parasites on collected specimens. Fish explained.

Campers also studied with Sarah Gray of the University of San Diego, who has been conducting sedimentation studies at VIERS, Fish added.

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Stop by Divine Scents & Accessories for the latest fragrances, handbags and jewelry.

Divine Scents and Accessories Opens in Lumberyard Complex

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

As the office manager for St. John Administrator Leona Smith, Barbara Dalmida Thompson certainly knows how to run an efficient operation.

Her organizational skills will surely come in handy as Thompson juggles her managerial duties along with running her recently opened fragrance store, Divine Scents & Accessories, in the former St. John School of the Arts space, in Building III of the Lumberyard.

"All my life I have loved fragrances and I've been thinking about opening this type of store for years," said Thompson. "From the time the fragrance store in Mongoose Junction closed, I said 'We absolutely need a fragrance store on St. John.'"

This month, Thompson made sure Love City residents don't have to travel to St. Thomas to pick up their favorite scent. Divine Scents & Accessories opened July 7 and Thompson has already received rave reviews from fellow fragrance lovers.

"This has been a dream of mine," said Thompson. "And now that the store is open, it's just great. People have been loving it."

Stop by the store to pick up a new or old favorite scent for men, women and children and be sure to browse Thompson's selection of designer bags and jewelry.

"I currently have a great line of designer bags and the jewelry is mostly sets with beautiful precious stones," said Thompson. "They are really high-quality pieces."



Shoppers who don't see their favorite brand should just ask.

Don't see that favorite brand? Just ask, Thompson added.

"I can order whatever people want," she said. "If you don't see what you want, just ask me and I'll get it in."

In addition to her office manager duties, Thompson also has two daughters and a son to take care of while she opens and operates her new business venture. The key to making it work is careful planning, Thompson said.

"I find the time for everything I do very carefully," she said. "I have a planned and scheduled life. Which is what I have to do in order to ensure that I have time for everything."

Stop by Divine Scents & Accessories for that perfect gift, or that special treat. The store is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and closed on Sunday.

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"I'm trying to fix things from the inside out. I'm trying to get things set here in the office first and then I'll branch out and come up with some fun, new things."

— Kate Webster, ACC Shelter Manager

Kate Webster Takes Over as Shelter Manager for Animal Care Center

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

After running a zoo in her hometown of Buffalo, New York, St. John Animal Care Center's new shelter manager Kate Webster will surely be able to handle anything that comes her way.

The Niagara County College graduate studied animal management and worked with everything from anteaters to giraffes during her last job.

"I was a zookeeper back in Buffalo and I worked with South American rainforest animals like monkeys, anteaters, cayman and tons of different kinds of birds," said Webster. "And I also worked with bigger mammals outside like rhinos, giraffes and bears. It was a pretty small zoo, so I worked with pretty much everything."

Webster and her boyfriend have spent time vacationing on St. John over the past two years and even adopted a dog during their last trip in January, she explained.

"We found the ACC during our last vacation in January and we adopted a dog from here," said Webster. "I kept in contact with people from the ACC and when the position was available it was brought to my attention."

The ACC is the island's sole animal welfare organization. It runs the no-kill shelter in Estate Enighed, coordinates cat feeding stations across the island and oversees cat neutering programs. ACC is funded largely through private donations and fundraisers with scant funding from the Virgin Islands government to cover its annual costs.

An ACC committee conducted a thorough search for candidates to take over as shelter manager since Sally Nelson stepped down from the post several months ago.

"It took everyone a long time to get finalize the position," said Webster. "But as soon as they



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Kate Webster smiles for the camera with a furry friend from the Animal Care Center.

hired me, I was down here three weeks later."

Webster has been loving her new job, likening it to a zoo with much more hands-on responsibilities.

"I love it; it's so much fun," said the new ACC shelter manager. "It's kind of like the zoo, but more personal and you get to handle the animals. I like that a lot."

Webster officially took over her new post on June 13 and has been busy overseeing adoptions and coordinating volunteers, she explained.

"I am doing the managerial things like adoption approvals, coordinating with volunteers and working with the day-to-day operations," said Webster. "We had our black cat party this month which was fun too."

Webster has also had a crash course in the St. John community, meeting new people each day.

"I have met tons of new peo-

ple," she said. "It's hard to keep everyone straight."

Moving forward, Webster plans to host events and gatherings, but is first making changes starting from the inside of the ACC.

"I'm trying to fix things from the inside out," Webster said. "I'm trying to get things set here in the office first and then I'll branch out and come up with some fun, new things."

Webster is hoping her dog and boyfriend will be joining her shortly, she added.

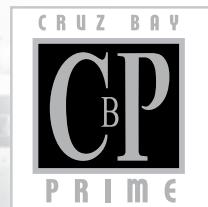
"My boyfriend is an eye doctor and he has to re-certify in order to work here," said the new ACC shelter manager. "He's inseparable from our dog, so they're both back in Buffalo. But we're working on getting them both here soon."

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by Lovango Cay resident Dan Boyd

St. John Tradewinds

Good day, my name is Dan Boyd. I am a Lovango Cay resident, having resided there for about 12 years and another eight years before that on St John.

Lovango Cay does not have a WAPA line which goes to the island, so we generate our own power from solar and wind power. Our company, Island Solar, does sustainable energy installations and we can also help with an energy audit of a home's electrical consumption. Efficiency is the key!

Two weeks ago we started a column here in the *St. John Tradewinds* detailing some energy saving methods. We will

be writing more columns full of energy saving tips every two weeks, so stay tuned.

As we all know here in the Virgin Islands, we pay very high electrical rates, about 48-cents per kilo Watt (kW), whereas state-siders are paying an average of about 8- to 12-cents per kW. We hope this column will help you save money on your WAPA bill and also decrease the size of your carbon footprint.

The less energy you use, the smaller your carbon footprint will be. The smaller your carbon footprint is, the better it is for the environment. We all win when this happens!

Take for example a house-

hold on St. John with a 100-watt ceiling fan that is running 24 hours per day. The fan would have used 2.4 kW in 24 hours, and 72 kW in one month. Those 72 kWs is equal to 0.04 metric tons of carbon dioxide (CO₂) released into our atmosphere.

Now, use that same fan calculation but now imagine we have 200 homes shut off their 100 watt ceiling fans. We would be not emitting 7.49 metric tons of CO₂ into our atmosphere! We all win!

Saving electrical energy is everyone's business. It's just like picking up trash off the street! It's a cleaner environment for everyone!

Finding of No Significant Impact for Proposed Construction of Floating Boat Pier and Dredging of the Creek in Cruz Bay

St. John Tradewinds

The National Park Service last week announced the availability of the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the proposed construction of a floating boat pier and dredging of the creek in Little Cruz Bay.

Copies of the FONSI are available at the Park Visitor Center at 1300 Cruz Bay Creek in Cruz Bay, St.

John. Directions to the center are available online (www.nps.gov/vi) or by phone (340.776.6201). The FONSI will also be available on the National Park Service's Planning, Environment, and Public Comment website <http://parkplanning.nps.gov>. Under "Choose a Park" click on "Virgin Islands National Park" and follow the link to "Dredge Little Cruz Bay EA".

Inner Visions Heads To U.S. for Summer Tour

St. John Tradewinds

Love City's unparalleled roots reggae band Inner Visions is about to head off to the states for their annual Summer Tour. Check out the dates below to catch a St. John reggae show stateside this summer.

Summer Tour Schedule

- July 27 — Port O' Call: 504 South Virginia Dare Trail, Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina 27948 (Outer Banks)
- July 28 — Bele Chere (Street Festival): Downtown Asheville, NC
- August 4 — Moon Dancer Reggae Festival: (Moon Dancer Vineyards and winery) 1282 Klimes Run Rd, Wrightsville, Pennsylvania 17368
- August 9 — Club Helsinki Hudson: Hudson, New York 12534

- August 10 — Schooner's Landing: 40 Main Street, Damariscotta, Maine 04543
- August 11 — The Iron Horse: 20 Center Street, Northampton, MA
- August 14 — The Saint: 601 Main Street, Asbury Park, NJ 07712
- August 15 — Sunset Park Summer Concert Series: Carolina 29319 Sunset Park, Harvey Cedars, NJ
- August 16 — Castle On The Crane: Crane Beach Castle Estates, 290 Argilla Road, Ipswich, MA 01938-2647
- August 18 — Private function, Bedford, NH
- August 23 — Music On The Main: Denny's Plaza, 200 E. Main Street, Spartanburg, South Carolina.

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Anderson Cooper, above at right, and his best friend Tito enjoy some fun at Canines, Cats and Critter's doggie play area.

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Canines, Cats and Critters' Doggie Day Care and Boarding Facilities Are Huge Hits with Island Residents and Pets

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Since relocating six months to its new digs on Centerline Road just past Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center, the island's sole veterinary facility Canines, Cats and Critters has expanded its operations, restocked its shelves and now offers some exciting new services for both dogs and cats.

Canines, Cats and Critters operated in the Palm Plaza complex near the Westin Resort and Villas for years and when the operation moved locations, it took some time for St. John residents to get used to the idea, explained office manager Laurie Damron.

"It took a little time for people to trust that we were going to stay here and have all of the things stocked that we used to have in our old location," said Damron. "We've been trying really hard and our shelves are constantly stocked with everything from dog food to fish tank systems now."

In addition to the wide array of high quality dog food, Canines, Cats and Critters also stocks a large selection of leashes, toys, beds and recently restocked its fish offerings too, Damron added.

"We have fresh water puffers and koi, small red tail sharks, catfish, betas and angel fish," she

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The website features a header with a palm tree logo and the text "DoYogaStJohn Virgin Islands". Below the header is a navigation bar with links to Home, Mission, Calendar, Events, Teachers, Locations, Store and Tickets, Archive, and Contact Us. A search bar is located at the top right. The main content area displays a banner for a "3-day Ayurveda Workshop – August 3rd – 5th" featuring a silhouette of a person in a yoga pose against a sunset background. To the right of the banner is a "JOIN OUR MAILING LIST" form with fields for First Name, Last Name, Email, and a "Signup" button. Below the form is a link to "ELEPHANT JOURNAL" with the text "How We 'Keep Calm & Carry On' in the Face of Violence." At the bottom of the page is a section titled "3-DAY AYURVEDA WORKSHOP – AUGUST 3RD – 5TH" with a small descriptive text and a link to "elephantjournal.com".

Yoga teachers across St. John share information on this new website.

Unity is the Mantra for St. John Yoga Teachers

St. John Tradewinds

Promoting good health and inner peace to all the residents and visitors of St. John are two key objectives for all the St. John yoga teachers.

Getting the word out, however, to people about when, where and what yoga classes are available on the island was a real challenge. So the St. John yoga teachers united and together formed Do Yoga St. John website, doyogastjohnvi.com, a yoga community website communicating the when, where, what and who for all the yoga classes and events on St. John.

The website contains a full daily calendar of all the regular yoga classes with information about each yoga teacher's certification, styles, and experience. The website also provides information on the locations for yoga on the island.

The yoga community has already organized two events: with Sacred Sounds in April at Concordia Eco-Resort; and Sacred Mother in May at Maho Bay Campgrounds. The next event is Ayurveda: Now is the Time to Balance which is happening the first weekend in August at Concordia Eco-Resort.

Many more events are planned for the rest of the year including yoga for back pain, participating in Peace Day - Global Mala and awakening the artist within. In addition to the website, all can join the Do Yoga St. John Facebook page. Facebook is a perfect venue for all the yoga teachers and locations to update class information, to post recent pictures and to provide details of upcoming yoga events.

For more information about yoga, check the website or contact nancy@doyogastjohnvi.com.



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Black Cats Find Homes; ACC Thanks Supporters

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ACC thanks all those who helped with the shelter's first Black Cat Celebration. Special appreciation to Tradewinds for its coverage of the event, to photographers Yelena Rogers and Jaime Elliott for coming to the shelter to take photos of the featured residents, to Lynda Lohr of St. John Source, to television station WVGN, and radio station Buzz for helping promote the event, to Kate Webster and Kimber Marnen for designing and distributing the flyers, and to Laurie Damron for posting the event on ACC's Facebook.

Special thanks go to Mandy Taylor for the dozens of chocolate mini-cupcakes decorated with paw prints which she baked for the refreshment table. Thanks to B.J. Harris for the cookies, and to Maia Mongie for the pot of delicious meat balls in sweet and sour sauce.

Thanks to Elaine Campbell for the tray of "pigs in the blanket," and to Anne Marie Porter for the huge box of cookies and pastries from Baked in the Sun which was shared by the staff and visitors. Finger foods were accompanied



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

ACC animal tech Kimber Marnen shows off one of the shelter's black cats.

by bottled water and cold beer contributed by Monica Munro and Jason Corley. It takes a village to keep the shelter going, and the village certainly came through in support of the shelter's very first Friday the Thirteenth Black Cat Celebration.

ACC also thanks all the visitors who came to the shelter to

say "hello" to Webster and her staff and to visit the kitties old and young. Visitors are welcome all year 'round Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Although there are no more Friday the Thirteenths on the calendar for 2012, Webster is already looking forward to another Black Cat Adoption Day in 2013.

New Pet Care Service Available on St. John

St. John Tradewinds

When it comes to taking care of their pets, St. John residents have long been in need of a reliable pet sitting service.

While St. John boarding facilities recently opened at Canines, Cats & Critters, those who prefer to keep their pets at home when they travel had been left to ask friends and neighbors. Until now!

Long-time St. John residents Jennifer Dale and John Bullock have pooled their love for animals and are now offering reliable in-home pet care and dog walking services. Prices start at just \$25 for a home visit or a two-mile hike.

St. John Pets provides island residents peace of mind when they travel. As anyone with a dog or a cat knows, spending time off the rock, even a long day of shopping in St. Thomas, can be challenging.

Clearly pet lovers, St. John Pets' owners have six dogs and two cats of their own, all rescued from the St. John Animal Care Center.

For more information contact St. John Pets at 779-7993 or email sjohnpets@gmail.com.



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Jennifer Dale, along with one of her furry friend Maggie, is ready to take care of St. John pets.



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Amazing views all the way to Puerto Rico, expansive decks and a huge pool and hot tub add up to one amazing place at Vistaero.



On the Market

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

Be Blown Away by Vistaero

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

With full 180 degree views from the enormous decks at Villa Vistaero, be prepared to be wowed.

A private villa perched high above Rendezvous Bay, the five bedroom, five and half bath Vistaero is listed for sale for \$1.875 million, explained Holiday Homes broker/owner Christie O'Neil.

"The best feature of this property is the phenomenal view," said O'Neil. "You can see all the way to Vieques and Puerto Rico. It's amazing."

Either gazing down to Rendezvous Bay below or taking in the expanse from the south shore of St. John to St. Croix, French Cap and Great St. James, it will be difficult to pull yourself away from the view. But if you do, you'll be rewarded by an enormous deck, a huge swimming pool, luxurious

hot tub and shaded gazebo area.

With steady, cooling breezes, plenty of privacy and both plenty of space to stretch out in the sun or curl up in the shade, Vistaero is a great place to entertain, explained O'Neil.

"This is a spectacular location for entertaining," she said. "I've been to weddings there before, and you can't really find a better venue. There is so much outdoor space, it's fantastic for parties."

If you do pull yourself away from the view and lounge chairs around the 26-foot by 26-foot swimming pool, you'll find exquisite details inside Vistaero as well. All five bedrooms are air conditioned and include en suite baths. High ceilings and luxurious furnishings will make you feel like you're in a five star hotel.

The upper level consists of a spacious great room with a fire-

place and open floor plan connecting the modern and recently renovated chef's kitchen. A half bath and laundry facility are also located on the upper level along with two bedroom suites.

Dine inside in the formal dining room or take the fun outside and enjoy the extensive covered deck areas stretching the entire floor.

Downstairs, find three large guest suites and a second laundry room. The spacious deck continues on the lower level and offers possibilities of adding a gym, gaming area or even a sixth bedroom, explained O'Neil.

"All five of the bedrooms are very spacious and have great details," said the HolidayHomes broker/owner. "This is a great place for large groups or large families and there is even some space to expand on the lower level."

Vistaero, located in the quiet



enclave of Rendezvous Bay, in an area called Rendezvous Heights, also offers supreme privacy, O'Neil added.

"It's a really nice, quiet neighborhood yet is still conveniently located close to Cruz Bay," she said.

As one of the most popular short term rentals on St. John, Vistaero could be an incoming producing

investment or a great family home, according to O'Neil.

"Vistaero is an extremely successful short term rental, but would be ideal for a large family or a family with lots of visitors," O'Neil said.

For more information about Vistaero, call O'Neil at Holiday Homes at 774-8088 or on her cell at 998-7451.

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Rapes: 1

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3rd Degree Burglaries: 21
Grand Larcenies: 41
Rapes: 1

Letters To St. John Tradewinds

Stop Trying to Screw the Little Guy

DPNR's plan to raise mooring fees 60 to 700 percent "to deter boaters from sub-leasing their moorings for big money" is utter nonsense and an outright lie.

It's a money grab and a way to drive lower and middle class boaters out of our harbors and save them for the rich.

DPNR needs to get out of their air-conditioned offices and enforce existing law by simply checking occasionally to see if the people living on a boat are

named on a mooring permit, just as the Coast Guard checks for safety equipment and holding tanks.

They already know who some of the commercial violators are (and allow them to operate with impunity). Their name is printed on the mooring balls they own. DPNR should just do its job and stop trying to screw the little guy.

**Mike Kolb
Reluctant Ex-boater**

Obituary

Austin Hendricks

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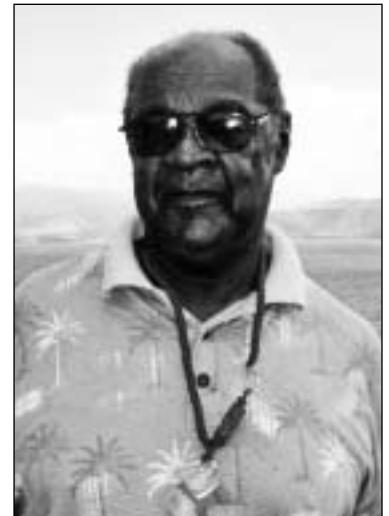
Services were Saturday, July 20, for Austin Hendricks, also known as "Beaver," 80, who died July 9, at his residence.

The viewing was at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Cruz Bay Baptist Church, with services following at 10:30 a.m. Burial was in Cruz Bay Cemetery.

Hendricks is survived by his wife, Helen Hendricks; sons, Lt. Bernard Hendricks and Byron Hendricks; daughters, Barbara, Beverly and Brenda Hendricks; adopted daughter, Noreen Lewis;

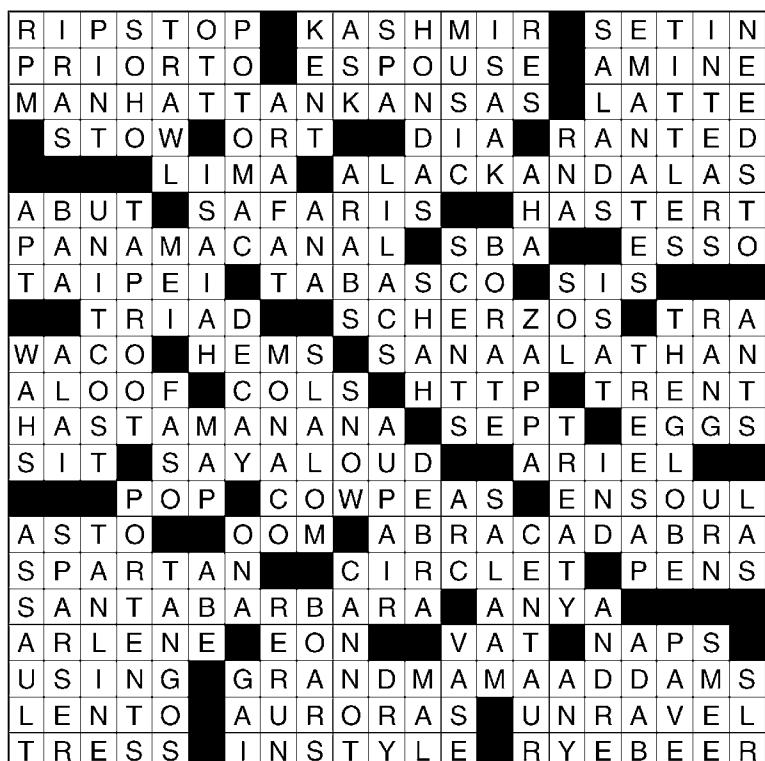
brothers, Verne Hendricks and Egbert Hendricks; grandchildren, Bernica Hendricks, Artara Wilkins, Brianna Hendricks and Wathan Lewis; daughter-in-law, Jacklyn Hendricks; brothers-in-law, Nicole Rymer and Charles Rymer; sisters-in-law, Enid Hendricks, Icis Malone, Harriet and Ann Rymer and Beatrice Dawson; nieces, Edwina Lanclos, Enid Doway, Errin Jon Baptiste, Voncelle Anthony and Desiree Edwards; and many other relatives and friends.

Arrangements were by Davis Funeral Home.



Austin "Beaver" Hendricks

Crossword Answers — Puzzle on Page 20



V.I. Police Search for Missing/Run Away Minors

St. John Tradewinds

V.I. Police Department's Juvenile Investigation Unit detectives on St. Croix are still searching for Shenikwa Brewster, a missing/runaway female minor who was last seen by her family on June 20.

VIPD detectives said Brewster has run away from home before, but in order to ensure her safety officers are asking anyone who knows her whereabouts, or has seen her lately to report her location to the police.

Brewster may have fled to St. Thomas or St. John, detectives added.

Brewster is 5-foot-1- to 5-foot-4-inches tall, and weighs about 120- to 130-pounds. She has a brown complexion and frequents Estate Mon Bijou, Christiansted and Harbor View Apartments. Brewster may also be on St. Thomas or St. John.

V.I. Police Department's Youth Investigation Bureau detectives on St. Croix are asking for assistance from the public to locate a missing/runaway minor.

Quanda Rodriguez was last seen by her family on July 7. Rodriguez has run away from home before, however, in order to ensure her safety, detectives are asking anyone who knows her whereabouts, or has seen her lately to report her location to the police.

Rodriguez is 15-years-old, 5 foot 6 inches tall and weighs 105 pounds. She has long brown hair and a brown complexion. VIPD said that she was last seen at a church function in the Estate Sion Farm area.

VIPD caution the public, including Rodriguez's family and friends that anyone sheltering, hiding and concealing this minor from her family and the VIPD can face serious criminal charges.

Anyone assisting this missing/runaway minor to stay away from home and/or evade police can face criminal charges. Anyone who knows where Shenikwa Brewster is or has any information about where she has been should call the Juvenile Investigation Unit detectives at 712-6013, 712-6028 or call police emergency 911.



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Gov. deJongh addresses the St. Thomas/St. John District Chamber of Commerce during its annual meeting.

DeJongh Addresses STT/STJ Chamber of Commerce

St. John Tradewinds

Governor John deJongh told Virgin Islands business leaders Friday, July 13, that their input and involvement was necessary to ensure public policy advanced the interests of the private sector while serving the needs of the greater community.

Addressing the same body he once served as president, the governor challenged members of the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce to use their tremendous influence in the community to help foster an environment of economic growth and prosperity for all Virgin Islanders.

"We cannot lose faith that the path that we set is really going to be determined by the private sector," the governor said, pledging to listen to business leaders when developing public policy.

"Even if we don't agree on everything, at least you are in the room as we try to come to the common good," he said.

But at a time of difficult choices forced by a global financial crisis that crippled the territory's economy, the business community must understand that steeply cutting government spending will cause even greater harm to the territory, and hobble the Virgin Islands' economy for years to come.

Since 2007, the government has lost just under \$200 million in annual revenue and removed approximately 1,000 government workers from General Fund jobs, some of whom have been shifted to federally funded positions, according to deJongh.

"Young people are concerned about opportunities, seniors are concerned about living on fixed incomes, businesses need to find ways to grow, families are struggling, and a much greater number of Virgin Islanders depend on food stamps and unemployment insurance," he said.

Early in his administration, deJongh made a fundamental decision to not cut spending at the same rate as the recession decreased revenues. Doing so would not only decimate critical services to the territory's

neediest citizens, but also accelerate the decline in business activity by reducing the spending capacity of the territory's residents, he explained.

The governor spoke about the measures his administration adopted to weather the economic downturn, and investments that could only be made by the government to ensure businesses would be in a position to thrive after the recession passed: education restructuring; clean energy systems; capital projects; and health care reforms.

While the governor said he shared with business leaders an intense dislike for tax increases, opposing them and other revenue raising measures could not be a knee-jerk reaction from the business community, he explained.

"In this changing environment, we cannot continue to do what we've always done," deJongh said.

The governor vowed his government would vigorously enforce collection from delinquent taxpayers, and do everything to increase government efficiency as he enacted necessary increases on some tax rates shouldered by the territory's businesses.

"Though it has been a tough stretch for both those in business as well as for those of us in government since last I was with you as a group, it is again good to be back among friends," deJongh told Chamber members. "I trust you know that no matter how tough the times are, I have never lost faith in the future of the Virgin Islands."

"I have never wavered in my belief that it is only through the growth and success of the private sector that the Virgin Islands and Virgin Islanders can move forward to better days," he said.

The governor closed his remarks by reminding those in attendance that four senators from the district, all of whom opposed the territory's partnership with Diageo Brands to develop a rum production facility on St. Croix, would not be running for reelection — a tremendous opportunity to affect public policy toward progress and economic growth.

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Serious sailing action is sure to be served up during the Carlos Aguilar Match Race.

Fifth Annual Carlos Aguilar Match Race Scheduled for December 5-9

St. John Tradewinds

The 5th Annual Carlos Aguilar Match Race (CAMR), presented by Ulysse Nardin/Trident Jewels and Time, will set sail in the scenic Charlotte Amalie harbor on December 5 to 9.

Twelve Open teams representing some of the best match racers in the world, both men and women, will put their skills to the test in fast-paced highly-competitive sailing action along the spectator-friendly Waterfront.

Past winners of the CAMR read like a Who's Who of sailing: Finland's Staffan Lindberg won the Open Division in 2011; while the USA's Genny Tulloch triumphed in 2008 and 2010; and France's Claire Leroy in 2009 in the Women's Division; and it was the US-

VI's Taylor Canfield in 2008 and Peter Holmberg in 2009; and Portugal's Alvaro Marinho/Seth Sailing Team in 2010 that won in the Open Division.

The USVI's America's Cup winning skipper, Peter Holmberg and top-ranked Caribbean and USA Open match racer, Taylor Canfield, as well as the USA's Stephanie Robles, who made it to the finals in this event last year, have already accepted invitations to return for the 2012 CAMR.

Finland's Lindberg and the USA's Sally Barkow, who matched off against Lindberg in the finals last year, as well as past finals competitor, four-time Rolex Yachtswoman of the Year, and the USA's Woman's Match Racing competitor in the Summer Olym-

pics, Anna Tunnicliffe, hopes to return. The winner of the British Virgin Islands' Pete Sheals Memorial Match Race will also receive an invitation.

The Open champion in this International Sailing Federation (ISAF)-provisional Grade Two event are awarded an Ulysse Nardin Lady Diver and Ulysse Nardin Maxi Marine Diver precision timepiece, respectively.

The St. Thomas Yacht Club and the Virgin Islands Sailing Association are organizing authorities for the CAMR, namesake for the late Carlos Aguilar, who was an avid sailor and match racer. For more information and to download photos of last year's event for editorial use, visit: www.carlosmatchrace.com

ATTENTION:

St. John Tradewinds Newspaper will begin its Summer Publishing Schedule next month.

**August 6th and 20th
September 3rd and 17th**



Reptile Health an Indication of Wider Ecological Well Being

Dear EarthTalk:

How are the world's reptile species faring in terms of population numbers and endangered status? What's being done, if anything, to help them?

Vicky Desmond, Troy, NY

The world's reptiles — turtles, snakes, lizards, alligators and crocodiles — are indeed in trouble. The International Union for Conservation of Nature, which publishes an annual global roster of threatened and endangered species called the Red List, considers some 664 species of reptiles — representing more than 20 percent of known reptile species worldwide — as endangered or facing extinction. Meanwhile, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service considers about 10 percent of American reptiles threatened or endangered.

Why care? The non-profit Center for Biological Diversity (CBD) considers reptiles "amazing creatures" with clever adaptations that have helped them survive for millions of years. CBD also points out that reptiles are valuable indicators of wider ecological health.

"Because many reptile species are long-lived and relatively slow-moving, they suffer from disturbances like habitat loss or pollution for extended periods," the group reported, adding that a diverse community of reptiles living in a given area is evidence of a healthy ecosystem that can support the plant and animal life they and other species need for food and cover.

So what's causing the reptiles' decline?

"While habitat loss is the most obvious cause of endangerment, declines are even occurring in pristine areas from threats such as disease, UV radiation and climate change," reported CBD.

Over-collecting and unregulated hunting also are taking a toll on reptile populations.

In order to help stem the tide of reptile loss, CBD

leveraged the court system to pressure the federal government to protect at-risk species. For instance, back in 2004 the group worked with the Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection in filing a petition to add the Tucson shovel-nosed snake, which dwells in the quickly disappearing wild desert around fast-growing cities like Tucson and Phoenix, to the federal list of endangered species.

Finally in 2011 the federal government agreed that it would add the snake to its list of endangered species which will help it get the habitat protection needed to ensure long term survival.

CBD also works on other fronts for reptiles. The group's campaign to outlaw "rattlesnake roundups"— contests whereby hunters collect and kill as many snakes as they can in a year—has helped stem population declines of eastern diamondback rattlesnakes.

And CBD's efforts to educate the public about the plight of freshwater turtles, which are "over-collected" for food and the pet trade in the southern and midwestern parts of the U.S., helped convince several states for the first time to regulate turtle harvests.

One way everyone can help reptile species in decline is to make our backyards friendly to them. The U.S. Geological Survey's Patuxent Wildlife Research Center offers tips on what to plant and how to arrange a landscape to encourage reptiles and other wildlife.

Landowners who take these steps may be rewarded with fewer pests, given reptiles taste for large numbers of mosquitoes and other insects as well as small rodents. Other pro-reptile tips include driving carefully (road mortality is a big issue for snakes, turtles and other species) and keeping outside areas around the property free of garbage which might attract raccoons, crows and other pests which also prey on reptiles.

DeJongh Signs Agreement for Bovoni Energy Facility

St. John Tradewinds

Governor John deJongh signed a Memorandum of Agreement last week, facilitating the development of an alternative power production station at the Bovoni landfill on St. Thomas.

The critical project will generate 815 kilowatts, enough to power 900 homes, by converting and burning the methane gas produced by waste at the landfill. The electricity will be used to power the Mangrove Lagoon Waste Water Treatment Plant and other needs of the landfill, with excess power sold to the V.I. Water and Power Authority.

The V.I. Waste Management Authority has executed a contract with Island Roads Corporation, a St. Thomas company, to build the gas-to-energy conver-

sion facility at the Bovoni landfill, which will alter methane emissions generated by buried waste into a clean burning fuel.

The MOA sets the terms by which the V.I. Energy Office and the Waste Management Authority work together to construct and implement the gas-to-energy system.

The amended agreement changes the completion date of the project to September 16, 2012 — 28 months after the project began. The deadline to spend all funds for the project has been pushed back from the end of last year to August 31 of this year.

The project is funded by a U.S. Department of Energy project grant of \$3,014,046 being administered by the VI Energy Office.

Grandparents Day Luncheon Set

St. John Tradewinds

The Eta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Alpha Chi Chapter will host its annual Grandparents Day luncheon on Sunday, September 9, at the University of the Virgin Islands Sports and Fitness Center on St. Thomas.

The honorees for 2012 are Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence Benjamin, Mr. And Mrs. Etienne Massac, Mrs. Lucille Solomon, Mrs. Eulaie Maltony and Mrs. Bernice Jackson.

Donations are \$45 and are now being accepted by sorority members. For more information contact Angelita Jennings at 779-2810.

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Doggie Day Care

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said. "People are so happy to see that we have the fish back. And we have the entire systems too; pumps and tanks and everything."

While residents have surely loved filling their fish tanks, the most popular new features at Canines, Cats and Critters are by far the facility's boarding and doggie day care offerings, Damron explained.

"People have been loving the boarding facility," she said. "I'm not exactly sure what the projections were, but we have been close to full all summer and we're totally full the next two weekends."

Canines, Cats and Critters can board between 17 and 20 dogs depending on the size and arrangements and up to six cats, according to Damron, who added that no dogs ever share space.

"We can shuffle some things around and some of the smaller dogs can come inside, which why we can accommodate more than 17 dogs sometimes," she said.

As the only boarding facility on the island, Canines, Cats and Critters has seen lots of pet owners take advantage of the opportunity to get a weekend away knowing that their pooch will be well cared for, according to Damron.

"We're seeing a lot of people going on vacation who will leave their dogs for a week or two," she said. "But we also get a lot of people who just go away for the weekend, because now that there is a place to leave their dogs, they can get away. And they have the time to get away since it's summer."

While pet owners love the new service, the highest praise comes from the boarders themselves, Damron added.

"I don't think we are tooting our own horn here, but when the dogs who have boarded with us before come back, they are really excited," she said. "You can kind of tell, they really like it here."

With three long walks a day, daily designated play time in the facility's doggie play area and tons of love, it's no wonder dog boarders at Canines, Cats and Critters don't mind spending a weekend, a week or longer at the facility.



Dogs enjoy the doggie play area at Canines, Cats and Critters.

"We have a full time staff member who takes care of the boarders," said Damron. "We all pitch in and help out, but our staff member makes sure they all go for walks and they all get play time. They either socialize with other dogs or if they can't, they get personal attention."

"The dogs go home calm, relaxed and happy and their owners love it," she said.

A courtyard just off Canines, Cats and Critters front office and retail area, covered in outdoor carpet and complete with shaded areas, potted trees and benches, serves as another popular service at the facility, a doggie day care center. Residents drop off their pets anytime after 9 a.m., either alone or with their favorite four-legged friends, for a few hours of socializing and recreation, Damron explained.

"Anderson Cooper is the king of doggie day care," she said. "He is one of our regulars who comes up to the doggie day care three times a week with his best friend Tito, who is available for adoption from the Animal Care Center. We all pitch in to cover Tito's day care cost."

"They also play with Latoya, Dr. Laura Palminteri's dog and they just have a blast," said Damron.

With no "dog park" like ones found in stateside cities parks, Canines, Cats and Critters' dog play area is a place where dogs can run play and socialize. Damron plans to host happy hour soirees for pet owners

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VIERS Serves Up Science and S'mores at Eco Camps

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But it wasn't all microscopes and fish parasites for the Eco Campers, Fish explained.

"They also got to hike out to Yawzi Point and they learned about medicinal plants, arts and crafts and traditional drumming with Delroy 'Ital' Anthony," said the VIERS manager. "They did some gardening and the science work, and they got to swim and snorkel. We also make a fire at night and roast marshmallows and they love telling ghost stories."

Fish and his staff were thrilled this summer with both the number of students who are taking part in the camps and the behavior of those students, he explained.

"At this point all of our camps are full and we even added an extra Eco Camp so more kids could come out and join us," said Fish. "The kids this summer have been great and very well behaved; it's been

amazing."

"One camper had such a great time that she signed up for the the next camp," said the VIERS manager. "And then she signed up for the next one after that. She'll be with us for three camps — she loves it out here."

All of the camps at VIERS are free, thanks to Friends of V.I. National Park with support from Paul M Angell Family Foundation, Lana Vento Charitable Trust, Disney, Anne Spychala Family Charitable Foundation, R & I Patton Goldsmithing, Starboard Investments, Glacial Energy VI, International Capital & Management Company, VI-EPSCoR and the National Science Foundation, and Rotary Club of St John, according to Friends' Development Director Heather Ruhsam.

For more information about VIERS, check out www.island.org/viers.

Crime Stoppers US Virgin Islands Seeking Information

St. John Tradewinds

Crime Stoppers needs the community's help to solve the following crimes. If anyone knows something, they should say something, as law enforcement cannot control crime without help. Even the smallest bit of information may be just what law enforcement needs to solve these cases.

St. John

On Wednesday, May 23, at 6:20 p.m., a woman at 6-0-12 Hansen Bay was home alone when she heard her front door open and close. Although she tried to position herself to see the intruder, she was unable to do so. The intruder left before being seen.

St. Thomas

On Saturday, August 22, 2009 around 4:30 a.m. while outside of the area near Lexus Night Club of Coki Point Plaza, 31-year-old Jesse Smalls was shot and killed. A female in the vicinity was struck by stray bullets, but she survived. Please report any information you have about this shooting, no matter how insignificant.

St. Croix

On Wednesday, June 27, just before 6 p.m., two armed black males attempted to rob The Pastry Hut in Estate Carlton. One of the men is about six feet tall and was wearing coveralls. The other was wearing black clothing. Although they attempted to open the register they were unsuccessful and got away with nothing.

Please continue to help law enforcement identify and arrest these criminals by telling what you know about these or any other crimes at www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org or by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

Tips are completely anonymous, and the stateside operators speak several languages. If a tip leads to an arrest or the recovery of stolen property, illegal drugs, or weapons, tipsters will receive a cash reward to be paid according to their instructions.

Crime Stoppers pays \$500 for the recovery of an illegal weapon and 10 percent of the retail value of recovered drugs and stolen goods, up to \$2,500. Only anonymous callers to Crime Stoppers are eligible for these cash rewards.

To date we have paid out \$50,495 in cash rewards to 63 tipsters, an average of \$801 per reward. Crime Stoppers is run entirely by volunteers; to join in the fight against crime, visit the website to learn how to help.

Doggie Day Care and Boarding

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to find friends for their dogs and maybe even set up future doggie day care play dates, she explained

"Doggie day care is just starting to pick up and we plan to do a lot more with the space," said Damron. "In our old office we had cats, but now that we have a more outdoor facility, we have a dog. And she's just great."

Canines, Cats and Critters also offers micro-chipping services, grooming and has a veterinarian on duty five days a week. The business is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturday, for the pet store only, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more

is the pride and joy of the Canines, Cats and Critters staff, who dote on the friendly dog.

"We've always had mascots in the office," said Damron. "In our old office we had cats, but now that we have a more outdoor facility, we have a dog. And she's just great."

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Friday, July 13

4:00 p.m. - An Estate Susanaberg resident p/r that his cell phone is missing. Police assistance.

4:22 p.m. - An Estate Quacco and Zimmerman resident c/r that she was in an argument with her neighbor. Destruction of property.

5:30 p.m. - A citizen p/r that he was threatened by a male. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

6:23 p.m. - An Estate Adrian resident c/r that a pit bull attacked his dog. Dog bite.

10:33 p.m. - A citizen c/r loud music in the area of Coral Bay. Loud music.

Saturday, July 14

1:27 p.m. - An Estate Bethany resident p/r that someone is squatting on her property. Trespassing.

10:32 pm. - A citizen c/r an accidental injury in the area of Cruz Bay. Accidental injury.

Sunday, July 15

7:07 a.m. - An Estate Adrian resident r/ that her daughter's boyfriend threw her clothes outside. Destruction of property, D.V.

3:25 p.m. - A Bellvue Village resident r/ that her house was burglarized. Burglary in the third.

3:54 p.m. - An Estate Pastory resident r/ that he was assaulted by another male. Assault in the third.

Monday, July 16

2:11 a.m. - An Estate Contant resident c/r that someone was on her porch. Police assistance.

6:56 a.m. - An Estate Susanaberg resident c/r someone trespassing on her property. Trespassing.

8:16 a.m. - A citizen p/r that she was assaulted. Assault in the third, D.V.

11:48 a.m. - An Estate Carolina resident p/r that she was slandered. Slander.

2:40 p.m. - Badge #11125 p/ at Leander Juergen Command with one Kenneth Matthias of Estate John's Folly under arrest and charged with unlawful entry. Bail was set at \$2,000 by order of the court. Unable to post bail he was remanded to

the Bureau of Corrections on St. Thomas.

4:41 p.m. - A Giff Hill School employee c/r that the school was burglarized. Burglary in the third.

6:24 p.m. - Badge #1242 p/ at Leander Juergen Command with one Christopher Tronquet of Estate Pastory under arrest and charged with assault in the third. Bail was set at \$25,000 by order of the court. Unable to post bail he was remanded to the Bureau of Corrections on St. Thomas.

Tuesday, July 17

9:36 a.m. - A citizen c/r a female wandering in the roadway. Police assistance.

12:20 p.m. - Government of the Virgin Islands c/r a disturbance of the peace in Frank Powell Park. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

3:05 p.m. - An employee of L&L Jeep Rental c/request police assistance. Police assistance.

4:40 p.m. - A citizen c/r a male making a disturbance in the area of Wharfside Village. Disturbance of the peace.

6:25 p.m. - An Estate Chocolate Hole resident p/r that she paid a man to do plumbing at her new business and he never showed up. Obtaining money under false pretense.

Wednesday, July 18

10:26 a.m. - A Cruz Bay Apartments resident p/r a lost document. Lost document.

1:00 p.m. - A female p/r a rape. Rape in the first.

7:16 p.m. - A citizen p/r that his vehicle was missing from in front of his apartment. Unauthorized use of vehicle.

8:24 p.m. - A citizen c/r that a male was causing a disturbance in Cruz Bay. Disturbance of the peace.

Thursday, July 19

2:51 a.m. - A citizen p/r a male causing a disturbance in downtown Cruz Bay. Disturbance of the peace.

12:55 p.m. - A citizen p/r that she lost her wallet. Lost wallet.

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Community Calendar

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Tuesday, July 24

— Department of Planning and Natural Resources Commissioner Alicia Barnes announced last week that the Division of Coastal Zone Management will host a series of Town Hall Meetings throughout the territory, in an effort to receive public input and feedback on the department's efforts to update and amend Title 12 Sections 901-914, of the Virgin Islands Code, the Coastal Zone Management Act. The St. John meeting is Tuesday, July 24, at 6 p.m. at the Julius E. Sprauve School cafeteria.

Friday, July 27

— Virgin Islands Council on the Arts (VICA) is conducting a series of "How to Apply" workshops in preparation for the August 31, grant submission deadline. Information on project and budget development will be discussed in detail. The workshop on St. Thomas is scheduled for Friday, July 27, at 5:30 p.m. at the VICA office. More details call 774-5964.

Sunday, August 11

A silent auction of fine art by St. John artists and raffle fun(d)-raiser for Steve Levin's family is planned for Saturday,

August 11, from 5 to 9 p.m. at Fatty Crab. Raffle tickets are available at both Connections for \$10 or six tickets for \$50.

Sunday, August 26

— The 2nd annual Chaotic Kayak Race is set for Sunday, August 26, at Oppenheimer Beach and last year's winner is already talking smack.

Sunday, September 2

— The Ivanna Eudora Kean High School Alumni Association is hosting the 2nd Annual Devil Ray Reunion Beach Party Sunday, September 2 at Magens Bay Beach shed #4 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

— Love City Triathlon and Aquathon is set for September 2

Sunday, October 7

— A fundraiser for the 4th Annual Using Sport for Social Change "Just Play!" event aboard the *Kekoa* catamaran is set for Sunday, October 7, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$100 per person. For more info: visit <http://www.usingsportforsocialchange.com>.

Monday, October 8

— Using Sport for Social Change is hosting the 4th Annual Free "Just Play!" day event on Monday, October 8, at Winston Wells field.

ALCHOLICS 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

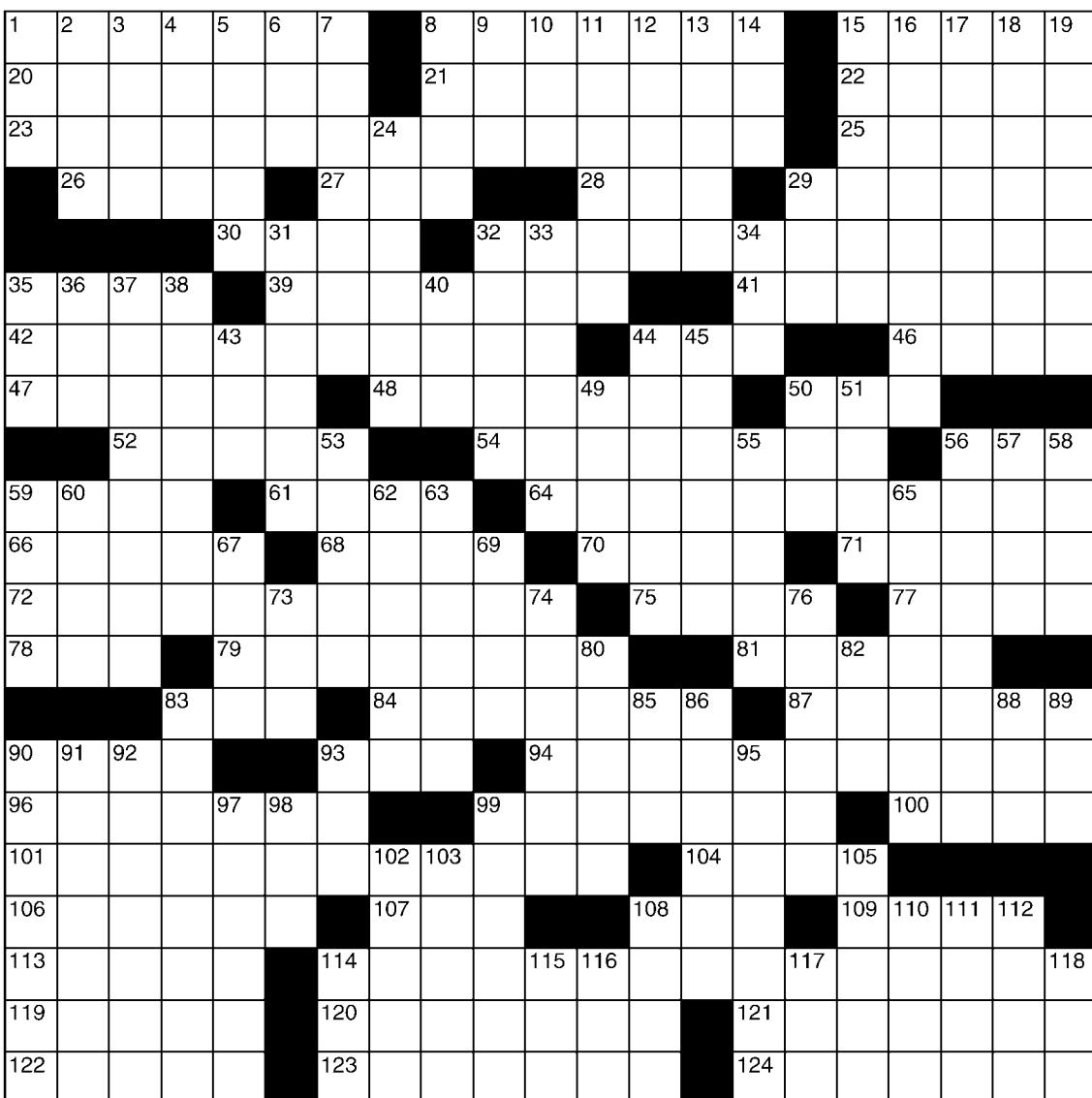
Narcotics Anonymous has open meetings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. every Saturday at St. Ursula's Church.

AL-ANON MEETINGS

Al-Anon meets on St. John every Monday at Scandic Executive Service's meeting room in Mongoose Junction from 6:30 to 7:30pm; and every Tuesday from 1 to 2 p.m. at the VINP ball field bleachers. Warm line: 340-642-3263.

Crossword

By Frank A. Longo



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ACROSS

- 1 Nylon woven so that tears won't spread
- 8 Disputed Asian region
- 15 Arrive, as the night
- 20 Before
- 21 Embrace, as a cause
- 22 Alkaline compound
- 23 1972 Glen Campbell hit
- 25 Starbucks menu item
- 26 Store safely
- 27 Supper crumb
- 28 Day, to José
- 29 Vented vociferously
- 30 Capital in the Andes
- 32 "Oh, woe is me!"
- 35 Be adjacent to
- 39 African outings
- 41 1999-2007 House speaker Dennis
- 42 Atlantic-Pacific linkup
- 44 Fed. loan agency for mom-and-pops
- 46 Bygone U.S. gas name
- 47 Capital of the Republic of China
- 48 Brand of hot sauce
- 50 Bro's counterpart
- 52 Three-note chord
- 54 Light, playful passages
- 56 Lilted syllable
- 59 1993 Texas standoff city
- 61 Clothing edges
- 64 Actress who starred in "Alien vs. Predator"
- 66 Indifferent
- 68 Gens.' inferiors
- 70 URL opener
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- 84 Southern U.S. forage plants
- 87 Permeate with a spirit
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- 93 — -pah
- 94 Cry of magic
- 96 Lacking any luxury
- 99 Ring-shaped head ornament
- 100 Cages
- 101 California coastal city
- 104 Writer Seton
- 106 Dahl of film
- 107 Millions of years
- 108 Extra-big tub
- 109 Brief sleeps
- 113 Exhausting
- 114 Gomez's mother in an old sitcom
- 119 Slowly, to a conductor
- 120 Northern and southern lights
- 121 Disentangle
- 122 Hair lock
- 123 Trendy
- 124 Specialty brew
- DOWN
- 1 Abbr. on a dashboard
- 2 Roth — (bank plans)
- 3 Pub quantity
- 4 Arty NYC area
- 5 Dragged fishing net
- 6 Mel of the old Giants
- 7 D.C.'s river
- 8 Clark of the Daily Planet
- 9 Invite
- 10 Healthful resort
- 11 Accord and Civic
- 12 Part of MTV
- 13 Singer Chris
- 14 Apartment, e.g.: Abbr.
- 15 Soups' go-withs
- 16 Radiates
- 17 lotas
- 18 Crying
- 19 Can't help but
- 24 Yasir of the PLO
- 29 Stranded cell stuff
- 31 Bible book after Song of Solomon
- 32 Saudis, say
- 33 Purple bloomers
- 34 "I've got it!"
- 35 On-target
- 36 Sheep peep
- 37 Price per pound, e.g.
- 38 Certain plant anchor
- 40 Doña — County, New Mexico
- 43 Travis Tritt's "Tell — Was Dreaming"
- 44 Odors
- 45 Sodium — (cleanser)
- 49 Bygone Iranian ruler
- 50 It's between fa and la
- 51 "Space — a premium"
- 53 Decompose
- 55 Frank of satirical rock
- 56 17th-century London theatre
- 57 Pealed
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Kenneth Hermon Presents 2013 Personnel Budget

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Personnel Division Director Kenneth Hermon told members of the 29th Legislature last week that the Virgin Islands Division of Personnel remains committed to advancing noteworthy initiatives despite the challenges presented by record low budgets and staffing levels.

The Personnel Division is a critical component of the Office of the Governor, and functions as the Human Resources Management and Consulting arm of the territory's executive branch.

The budget approved by Governor John deJongh is \$2,910,727, with \$2,494,667 from the General Fund — a reduction of \$311,931 from the previous fiscal year — and the remainder of the suggested budget charged against the Indirect Cost Fund.

The division administers the personnel merit system, human resource information system, group insurance benefits for all active and retired government

employees, management of employment records, and the government's employee development program.

"I have seen our budget and our workforce shrivel to record lows due to the territory's economic crisis and various retirement incentive programs," Hermon said.

Governor deJongh has made clear over the next two years his key area of focus: health, education, safety, energy and the economy. Despite the economic challenges, the division will support those key initiatives, and has adopted the mission statement, "ensuring the right people, are in the right place, at the right time."

The division has lost 23 percent of its employees since 2007, and the current requested budget covers salaries for 37 employees — 29 on St. Thomas and eight on St. Croix.

Personnel is responsible for the government's group health insurance, currently supervising a medical plan that covers more

than 15,000 participants.

"As with our personal budgets, so too must the division prioritize our areas of focus so we can obtain the biggest bang for the tax payer's buck," Hermon said.

Most resources will be directed toward two major initiatives — offering a comprehensive employee health and wellness program and the development and implementation of a succession management program.

The Wellness Program should bring down health care costs, and improve public health, by helping government workers lead healthier lifestyles, reducing the incidence of chronic health conditions in the community such as high blood pressure, heart disease, stroke and diabetes.

The Succession Management Program is more relevant than ever with the current hiring limitations. It aims to prevent the loss of critical operational knowledge as government employees are shed from the workforce.

Islanders Spotted on California Coast



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Islanders Xavier Trayhan, left, and Tommy Gibney, right, were spotted at California State Games Surf Competition at Camp Pendleton on Sunday morning, July 22. The two friends will spend part of their summer vacation in the Golden State.

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Bryan Wins 24th Annual Bastille Day Kingfish Tourney with 34.43-lb Catch

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The right place at the right time proved lucky for St. Thomas angler Vince Bryan.

When the official weigh-in was complete at the 24th Annual Bastille Day Kingfish Tournament July 15 at Hull Bay Hideaway, in honor and memory of Kimberley Brin, it was Bryan who reeled in the Largest Kingfish, a 34.43-pounder, aboard the Bayliner 24, *Absolutely*.

Bryan was one of 228 anglers, including 41 junior anglers, on 60 boats who celebrated a successful tournament at the Coors Light, Snapple and Captain Morgan angler bars, provided compliments of Bellows International Ltd., who distributes these brands and who has sponsored this tournament for over two decades.

"Our first plan was to head to Sail Rock," said Bryan. "Then, there was so much wind. I told my dad we should head over to Cricket Cay and we did."

"It was 6 a.m., just getting light, when we put all four lines in the water and hooked up on three of them," he said. "The seas were so rough that the lines at first got tangled. We lost one kingfish, and then reeled in the smaller one until there was nothing left except my line."

"Every time I'd get the fish up to the back of the boat he would head straight back down," said the angler. "It finally took me three tries before I reeled him in. I knew right away that it was a prize fish, but not necessarily the Largest Kingfish."

For catching the Largest Kingfish, Bryan pocketed \$2,000 in cash, sponsored by NEMWIL, managed in the USVI by Red Hook Agencies, Inc. and providing homeowners and business insurance in the USVI for over 20

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The Second Largest Kingfish prize went to Dale Brin, aboard *We Be Fishin*, who caught a 23.91-pounder and won \$1,000 in cash sponsored by Yanmar, distributed by Offshore Marine, Coors Light, distributed by Bellows International Ltd., and Frank's Electric.

Mark Quetel, fishing aboard *Miss Andrea*, reeled in a 21.41-pounder to win the Third Largest Kingfish cash prize of \$850, sponsored by Offshore Marine, distributor of Yamaha, Yanmar and Caterpillar.

With 13 fish (37.90-pounds) caught total, Capt. Mark Steihler aboard Double Header won Best Boat and was awarded \$1,000 cash from Offshore Marine and Yanmar.

Meanwhile, the catch of four kingfish (21.11-pounds) earned Capt. Shawn Berry, aboard Kingingaling, the Best Captain award and \$1,000 cash from Offshore Marine and Yanmar.

Dale Brin's catch of a total of 104.56-pounds of fish, aboard *We Be Fishin*, earned him Best Male Angler, and a \$750 cash prize from Offshore Marine and Yanmar.

It was Stephanie King, aboard *Red Bikini*, who reeled in a total of 53.13-pounds of fish to pick up the Best Female Angler award and a \$750 cash prize, \$500 of this sponsored by Red Hook Agencies.

The Best Junior Male prize of \$250 cash from Offshore Marine and Yanmar went to Nathan Gatliffe, who caught 44.05-pounds of fish aboard, Double Header IV.

Chelsea Aubain won the Best Junior Female prize, \$250 cash from Offshore Marine and Yanmar with the catch of 30.37-pounds of fish, aboard *Lady Marie*.

Although the tournament is focused around kingfish, other



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With a 34.43-pound Kingfish Vince Bryan, above, took home the trophy for Largest Kingfish in the annual Bastille Day Tournament.

species earned anglers \$375 cash each courtesy of TOPA Insurance Services, Inc.

Christopher Bryan caught the Largest Jack, a 10.39-pounder, from aboard *Feel Good*. Mark Quetel reeled in the Largest Barracuda, a 20.71-pounder from aboard *Miss Andrea*. The Largest Bonito was caught aboard *Livin Rich* by Jasmine Bryan and it weighed 4.36-pounds. Finally, Mark Quetel reeled in the Largest Mackerel, a 6.53-pounder, from aboard *Miss Andrea*.

Winners also received overnight stays at local hotels, dinners

for two, and a variety of luxury gifts and excursions all generously donated by the Virgin Islands' business community.

Judges Herman Richardson and Kevin LaPlace, Sr., officially weighed in the catches.

After weigh-in, the fun continued onshore at Hull Bay Hideaway. Cool Session Brass entertained throughout the afternoon. Later, crowds gathered inside Hull Bay Hideaway for the Awards Ceremony at 8 p.m., where the C4 band entertained.

All 41 registered junior anglers were eligible for a special "Catch In The Hat" award. In this award, sponsored by Red Hook Agencies, eight names of registered junior anglers were randomly drawn from a hat and \$50 cash is awarded, with the ninth name selected receiving \$100 cash.

Over \$10,000 was awarded in cash and prizes this year during the tournament.

Each year, the Northside Sportfishing Club makes donations to community organizations and individuals. This year's beneficiaries were The Joseph Sibilly School, St. Thomas Rescue and Nana Baby Children's Home. The Club also awarded \$5000 in college scholarships to five recipients; Christina Bryan, Amanda Ledee, Britteny Petersen, Alexander Querrard and Gabrielle Querrard.

Catherine Bryan, Gene Brin, Jr., Danny and Jessica LaPlace, and Carlyn and Wesley Ledee organized this year's tournament.

The Annual Bastille Day Kingfish Tournament is one of the most popular French Heritage Week activities, a week observed this year from July 8-July 14.

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