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Spring/Summer *St. John Magazine* To Wow Readers Once Again

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

After months of anticipation, the spring/summer issue of *St. John Magazine* has finally arrived on island and will be on sale at newsstands this week. The magazine, which is 16 pages longer than the inaugural fall/winter issue, is chock-full of content highlighting the best of what Love City has to offer.

Renowned local photographer Steve Simonsen's work once again graces the cover, and Simonsen also lends his talents in a photo essay capturing a true day at the beach from sunrise to sunset. The skillful photographer is thrilled to once again be a part of *St. John Magazine*, he explained.

"There is nothing better than having the cover of *St. John Magazine*," said Simonsen. "The style is nice and clean — that's what sets this magazine apart."

St. John Magazine publisher MaLinda Nelson, who worked tirelessly on the second issue of the glossy magazine for several months, said she loves the spring/summer issue just as much as the inaugural issue, which was released in November 2007.

"I think it has just as much of a wow factor as the first time around," said Nelson. "Once again, I thank all the contributors — photographers, writers and editors for their professional contributions. And I thank my family, who sacrificed many days, if not months, of

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Steve Simonsen's photograph of Hawksnest Beach graces the cover of the Spring/Summer edition of *St. John Magazine*.

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The Spring/Summer 2008 Edition Has Arrived

St. John Rescue's New Equipment Will Aid Emergency Communications

By Andrea Milam
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Thanks to a grant from the Department of Homeland Security's Commercial Equipment Direct Assist Program, St. John residents can rest assured that local agencies will have no problems communicating with one another to coordinate emergency services during a time of disaster.

The grant provided for the purchase of radio interoperability equipment, which allows government agencies to communicate over many different frequencies, phones and radios.

St. John Rescue's Radio Communications Specialist George Cline applied for the grant, and he traveled to Chicago last month to receive training on how to use the radio bridge, known as an Incident Commanders' Radio Interface (ICRI), made by Virginia-based Communications-Applied Technology (C-AT).

"The most obvious use for the technology is a mass casualty with multiple groups responding," said Cline. "Should four groups show up in response to the incident, there's no fishing for frequencies, because all radios come through this one."

The ICRI, valued at more than \$13,000, operates on eight AA batteries for 30 hours of use, and can also be plugged in to a car's cigarette lighter. It was designed to eliminate the need for a specialist who may not always be available when an incident requiring response from more than one agency occurs.

While all agencies on St. John operate using the VHF frequency, different bands and transmission modes are used. V.I. Territorial Emergency Management Agency's emergency operations center vehicles already have radio bridge technology, however theirs is a software-based system which



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Andrea Milam

St. John Rescue's George Cline demonstrates the group's new equipment for VINP Ranger Kishma Christian.

requires the use of a computer to operate.

"It's very cumbersome compared to the ICRI," said Cline. "C-AT really thought this equipment out. It's in widespread use by many government agencies."

Only One in U.S.V.I.

St. John Rescue's ICRI, which allows communication between up to five different radio systems, is the only one of its kind in the Virgin Islands. While the radio bridge can be used routinely, the volunteer rescue group will use it only in emergencies.

"I view it as a community asset," said Cline.

V.I. National Park Ranger Kishma Christian, a trained first responder who assists with EMS situations in the VINP, received a hands-on demonstration last week at Cline's Coral Bay home.

"It seems great compared to

what we have now," said Christian. "The way it is now, no one else can hear us transmitting. This will work better."

The technology could have been valuable in New York City during the tragedy of September 11, 2001, according to C-AT spokesperson Bob Morrison.

"When the towers were burning, police couldn't talk to firemen who couldn't talk to EMTs, because all their radios were different," said Morrison. "This equipment enables all types of users of different radio equipment — even cell phones and land lines — to all plug in and be able to talk to each other."

Another benefit of the ICRI is that it's very user-friendly, Morrison continued.

"The equipment is kind of intuitive," he said. "It doesn't require a lot of training."

Public Presentation Set To Highlight State of VINP on April 24

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The Friends of the V.I. National Park is sponsoring a presentation of two reports providing information regarding the health and well-being of the VINP, compiled by the nonpartisan advocacy group which works to protect and enhance the National Park System, the National Parks Conservation Association.

The presentation is scheduled for Thursday, April 24, at 6 p.m. at the Westin's Coral Bay Room opposite the ballroom. Senior officials from the VINP will also be on hand and will provide additional insights into the reports and the implications which the reports' findings have for the park.

The first of these reports is the Virgin Islands National Park State of the Park report. This report assesses the condition of natural and cultural resources in the park, and determines how well-equipped the National Park Service is to protect the park. The goal of this report is to provide information to help policymakers, the public, and the NPS improve conditions in VINP, share successful models for other parks and ensure a lasting legacy for future generations.

The second of these reports provides the first comprehensive look in decades at development threats to land within U.S. national parks. This new report, America's Heritage: For Sale, highlights 55 national parks with critical land now on the market, including an in-depth case study on the VINP, and calls on the U.S. Congress to provide the funding needed to acquire the land.

Public Input To Be Gathered at Constitutional Convention Forums

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Informational public forums led by St. John residents Paul Devine and Ronnie Jones are scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at the Julius E. Sprauve School on April 24, May 29, June 27 and July 17. The forums are intended to gather public input and to provide updates on what is happening with the Fifth Constitutional Convention. All input will be sent to Constitutional Convention delegates.

Taxi and Tour Certification on May 1

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Taxi and tour operators who wish to join their peers in receiving certification are being urged to register for the upcoming course. The Taxi and Tour Certification program will begin Thursday, May 1, on St. Thomas from 6 to 8 p.m.

The six-week program educates taxi and tour operators on customer service, V.I. history and culture, points of interest and presentation skills. The training will cost \$250 and includes materials. Students are required to pass a 100-question exam and put the presentation skills acquired in class to use in order to receive certification. Upon successful completion, participants will receive a certificate of completion and a certification identification card.

The certification program was developed by the University of the Virgin Islands' Community Engagement and Lifelong Learning Center and is endorsed by the USVI Hotel and Tourism Association and the Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Association.

To register, call the UVICELL Center at 693-1100 or visit <http://cell.uvi.edu>.

Governor Issues Administrative Leave

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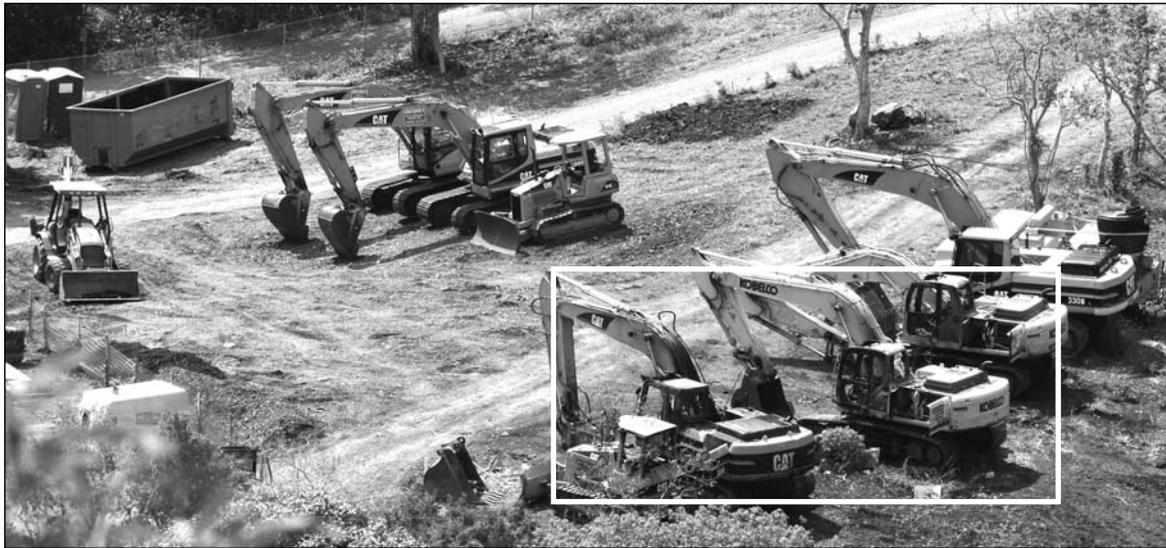
Governor John deJongh has issued a proclamation granting administrative leave for the 56th anniversary of Virgin Islands Carnival. In the St. Thomas-St. John district only, deJongh granted administrative leave from noon to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 23, and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 24.

The annual Food, Arts and Crafts Fair which honors Ruth Anthony will be on Wednesday in Emancipation Garden and J'ouvert will be on Thursday along St. Thomas' Veterans Drive.

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Only four pieces of heavy equipment owned by WMK of St. Thomas were set ablaze in the arson, above. The cabs of the equipment, were gutted, right.

Almost \$1 Million Worth of Heavy Equipment Torched at Pond Bay Club Site

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Almost a million dollars worth of heavy equipment was torched early Friday morning, April 18, at the Chocolate Hole construction site of the luxury fractional ownership resort Pond Bay Club, where a groundbreaking celebration is scheduled for next week.

Four uninsured pieces of heavy equipment ranging from bulldozers to trackhoes — each worth about \$200,000 — were destroyed in what appeared to be an arson at the site around 2:15 a.m. on April 18.

All of the equipment was owned by St. Thomas-based WMK Mechanical Group, which recently won the competitive bid to handle excavation at the Pond Bay Club construction site.

The site was locked down Friday as V.I. Fire Department officials, including the St.

Thomas-based arson inspector, investigated. Local officials were expected to contact the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms as well.

Preliminary investigations indicated that an accelerant was ignited in the cab of each of the pieces of heavy equipment, according to officials. No one was injured in the blaze.

WMK officials also suspect foul play as employees had recently been threatened by individuals who lost out in the bidding process, explained WMK president William Koenig.

“There have been threats made by disappointed bidders which have been reported to the fire marshal and it’s being investigated as we speak,” Koenig said. “They threatened me and my superintendent and independent people working for us. They told us that our equipment would be destroyed if we put it

on the site.”

Koenig placed some blame on the general contractor Florida-based Wharton-Smith, Inc. which didn’t act after being informed of the threats.

“I’m disappointed in the general contractor,” said Koenig. “They said they were looking into getting a security guard and we thought they would have done that by now.”

WMK’s four pieces of equipment were the only ones targeted, further arousing suspicion.

“None of the other equipment at the site was touched,” said Koenig. “There is more than a million dollars worth of equipment at the site and only our four pieces were torched. There is newer and nicer equipment at the site and only our isolated equipment was touched.”

Despite the set-back, WMK will continue

its work, Koenig explained.

“We’re moving more equipment over here as we speak,” he said. “We will finish this job and comply with the terms of our contract. We won’t let threats or any retaliatory actions like this stop us.”

WMK has been in business for 30 years and has never been the victim of retaliation, according to Koenig.

“Never before have I had these kinds of problems,” he said. “It’s a sorry state of affairs that disappointed bidders resort to this kind of action.”

Wharton-Smith has retained security detail at the site and WMK is offering a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the conviction of those responsible for setting the fire. VIFD officials are still investigating the scene.

Anyone with information is urged to call (340) 473-6658.

St. John Red Cross Volunteers Go Inactive Less Than Two Months Before Start of 2008 Hurricane Season

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

Less than two months before the beginning of the 2008-2009 hurricane season, Love City’s Red Cross volunteers have thrown in the towel as a result of numerous issues including a lack of communication and faulty equipment.

The majority of the island’s volunteers either resigned or went on inactive status last week after their requests to meet with American Red Cross Puerto Rico Executive Director Carmen Canino to express their frustrations were denied.

Many of the problems experienced by local Red Cross volunteers stem from the fact that the V.I. Red Cross has been under the auspices of Puerto Rico since July 2007. Soon after, the V.I. Red Cross lost its chapter president, who quit, and director of emer-

gency services, who moved to the states. The positions remain vacant, and officials in Puerto Rico claim the director of emergency services position will not be filled until a new chapter president is hired, explained former local communications chair Ian Satchell, who applied for the director of emergency services position late last year.

“My application was being processed when Puerto Rico made the decision to hire head hunters to fill the position,” said Satchell, who resigned from his post as communications chair last week. “I got a call that someone was interested in talking to me about the position, but when I tried calling back, I just got a voice mail. Then I was told they pulled the job posting because they want the new chapter president to hire the position.”

In addition to failing to implement new leadership, Red Cross Puerto Rico dropped

the ball on training and providing volunteers with adequate equipment, Satchell continued.

“Since we’ve been acting under the auspices of Red Cross Puerto Rico, they have not done a single bit of training,” he said. “They’ve got communications equipment but it’s not in service. We have zero training, zero preparedness and that’s not the way I want to play coming in to hurricane season.”

Eight St. John volunteers met on April 9 with Disaster Services Human Resources Senior Associate Tim Bachman in an effort to express their concerns, and their desire to meet with Red Cross Puerto Rico’s Canino — a paid Red Cross employee. The Puerto Rico executive director was unwilling to arrange for a meeting at a time convenient to

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US Coast Guard Suspends License of *Sundance Queen* Captain

By Jaime Elliott
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U.S. Coast Guard officials suspended the license of an Inter-Island Boat Services ferry captain who reportedly struck a female crew member in front of a vessel full of passengers.

The *Sundance Queen* was en route from Virgin Gorda to St. John on January 3 when the captain allegedly punched a female crew member in the face, according to a passenger aboard the ferry.

After interviewing several witnesses, USCG officials determined the captain did touch the female crew member, but did not establish that he actually punched the woman, explained USCG investigating officer Lieutenant Sancho Johnson.

While the USCG suspended the captain's license, Johnson would not comment on the duration of the suspension.

USCG officials also instituted "other remedial training," for the *Sundance Queen* captain, but Johnson did not specify what that training entailed.

The USCG's investigation is now closed and any



St. John Tradewinds News Photo File

The *Sundance Queen* ferry, above.

additional ramifications would come from Federal Bureau of Investigation agents, who were also looking into the incident, Johnson explained.

FBI officials in the St. Thomas office referred inquiries regarding the *Sundance Queen* violence to their Puerto Rico office. Several telephone calls to the FBI office in Puerto Rico went unanswered last week.

Wha's Happ'nin'

by Sis Frank

Beach Bar Regulars Cheer Steve's Return From Iraq

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Sunday's Jazz Islanders show was the best ever! Steve Simon returned in one piece from his "life-changing experience," full of praise for our soldiers who raved about the Bluzapalooza concerts. At least 25,000 attended each show given by top blues entertainers.

We all could see that it was an unforgettable experience for Steve, the entertainers and the troops. Steve is already planning the next concert tour for October.

The overflow crowd at the Beach Bar celebrated his return with expressions of love and gratitude for his courage and determination. (Those are two qualities of life that our Steve has plenty of!)

The music was wonderful — played from the heart — plus an attractive couple who overwhelmed us all with their dancing! "Wow" is the only comment I can make!

The evening ended with Steve playing his clarinet from the top of the bar!

If you have never enjoyed the Jazz Islanders on Sunday from 4 to 7:30 p.m. you had better do it soon before they run out of energy!

I hope that Steve is resting all week long!

Jude Woodcock Discovers Her New Identity

We all know that our crazy girl is full of talent, but she was introduced at Brown University as an eminent dance scholar this past week.

She was the dance captain for the famous group, Pilobolus, for 10 years before she landed on St. John to teach at St. John School of the Arts and build muscles at Gym in Paradise. Now we discover that she is known as a scholar! I think she is

a little undone by this label — oh my, she'll have a new t-shirt to wear.

Her students at Brown will perform a piece from Ciaon (choreographed by Pilobolus in 1972) in May.

A strict disciplinarian, Jude fined dancers who arrived late for class one candy bar. Yes, she brought back a bag full!

The university does not offer dance classes, their majors are law, education, math subjects, etc. You can imagine that they loved the challenges of dance with Jude.

Watch for the Next Issue

MaLinda Media's spring/summer edition of *St. John Magazine* is on its way! Can't wait!

Thanks to Ira Wade for His Help

I, personally, am grateful for his picking up the waste at the JESS annex. Often, in the past, boxes and chairs were left for weeks on the corner.

The Cruz Bay park and the Texaco roundabout are still waiting for more money — or something. Personally, I think the Texaco corner will be nothing short of a disaster for all in that neighborhood.

Avilda Thomas-Matthias Passes

My deepest sympathy to her family and friends. I'll miss waving to her as she walked down the hill to town. Her father, Thomas Thomas, was one of my first friends on the island. We worked together at Denis Bay. Avilda brought him to Peace Hill where we gathered to scatter Colonel Wadsworth's ashes. He owned Denis Bay and was the model for the Christ of the Caribbean statue. An important memory of the past.

Visitor Alleges VIPD Officer Removed Money from Returned Wallet

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Losing a wallet while on vacation can be a devastating occurrence, unless, of course, it's found by an honest person and returned in tact.

That is almost what happened to New York tourist Terrence Bender, who lost his wallet while vacationing on St. John last month.

An island landowner found the wallet and turned it over to the V.I. Police Department and thought all was well — except a large sum of money allegedly went missing after it was in the possession of VIPD officials on St. John.

Bender — a civil engineer and part time magistrate judge — and a group of family and friends spent two nights on St. John last month and then took a ferry to Tortola and rented a charter boat for a week.

The group arrived on island late Saturday night, March 22, and the next day, Sunday, March 23, they rented several vehicles to tour the island, Bender explained.

Wallet Out the Window

"I was driving one of the jeeps and I put my wallet on the dashboard so someone could put drinks between the seats," said Bender. "We drove up above the Westin where my brother had rented a house previously and wanted to show me. We drove a loop road above the Westin and then headed out to Trunk Bay."

Bender arrived at Trunk Bay around 10:30 a.m. and realized his wallet was no longer on the dashboard. Figuring it must have flown out the window, he got back in the jeep and set out to retrace his steps.

Around 11 a.m. back in Great Cruz Bay a St. John landowner was walking along Roman Road and discovered a wallet on the side of the street. As soon as he returned home, the man called the VIPD station in

"I don't want to cast a bad shadow on anyone, however, you'd like to think that anything turned into the police would be safer than it apparently is. While I don't want to see anyone lose their job, I don't want someone to get away with this."

— Terrence A. Bender,
tourist visiting St. John

Cruz Bay and informed them of his find.

Nine \$100 Bills

"At first it appeared that the wallet had no money in it," said the landowner, who asked not to be identified. "Upon further inspection, however, I discovered nine \$100 bills tucked inside a pocket in the wallet."

Meanwhile, Bender was driving through Cruz Bay and stopped at the VIPD's Leander Jurgen Command to see if anyone had turned in a lost wallet.

"When I walked in there was a female police officer behind the desk and I told her who I was and that I had lost my wallet," said Bender. "The officer told me someone had called and said they would turn it in in the next few hours. It was a great load off my shoulder and I returned to Trunk Bay."

The landowner dropped off the wallet at the VIPD Cruz Bay station around 1 p.m., but was careful to document who took possession of it and the cash inside.

VIPD Officer Signs Receipt

"I wrote out a receipt on a VIPD supplement report paper which stated that I was turning the wallet and its contents, including \$900 cash that belonged to Terrence A. Bender of New York, that I had found on Roman Road over to the police," said the landowner. "I had the officer sign the piece of paper and took it with me."

A VIPD officer did sign the receipt, a copy of which the landowner supplied to the

St. John Tradewinds.

Thinking all was in order, the landowner returned home believing Bender would go back to the station that day and pick up his wallet.

When Bender did return to the station between 3:30 and 4 p.m. — more than two hours after the landowner had left the wallet at the front desk — he was told there was no wallet.

"When I returned to the station after the beach to get my wallet, the same female police officer was at the desk," Bender said. "She said no one had turned it in yet."

Days Later and Still No Wallet

Bender, who was staying in Cruz Bay, returned to the VIPD's Leander Jurgen Command at 6 p.m. that evening to inquire about the wallet. There was a different police officer at the front desk this time, and he told Bender no one had dropped off the wallet, the tourist explained.

"We ate dinner in Cruz Bay and were returning to our inn around 9:30 and I stopped by the station again," said Bender. "The same man was at the desk and he said no one had yet turned it in."

On Monday morning, March 24, the group loaded into a taxi to catch the 8 a.m. ferry to Tortola to charter a sail boat for a week. Bender's daughter jumped out of the taxi at the Leander Jurgen Command that morning around 7:30 a.m. and inquired after the wal-

let once more.

Daughter Tries Too

"My daughter ran into the station and said there was a woman there who told her no wallet had been turned in," said the visitor from New York. "We got on the ferry and headed to Tortola and I thought my wallet was gone but I wasn't going to let it ruin my trip."

Later that morning, the man who recovered the wallet on Roman Road stopped into the Leander Jurgen Command to see if Bender had retrieved his property.

"I went to the station around 2 p.m. to see if the wallet had been picked up and (the female officer) was at the desk again," said the landowner. "She told me that the man had gone to St. Thomas for the day but his daughter was going to pick it up around 3 p.m."

Calling from BVI

On Wednesday, March 26, Bender, who was aboard the charter boat in the BVIs, phoned the Leander Jurgen Command to ask once more after the wallet.

"My nephew had his cell phone out so I tried the station one more time," said Bender. "I called and a lady officer answered the phone and identified herself. She told me to call back the next day between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m."

Bender called the VIPD station at 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 27, and talked to the officer again.

Getting the Run-around

"She told me there was a wallet there, but that there was no money in it and then she started reading me the cards," the visitor said. "It was my wallet she had and I told her that I wasn't going to be returning to St. John. The officer said that she would mail the wallet to me in New York."

On Friday, March 28, the landowner who

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Fisherman Phillip Fredericks Missing at Sea

By Andrea Milam
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Local fisherman Phillip Fredericks, age 45, has been missing at sea since Wednesday, April 16. The fisherman, a fixture on the Cruz Bay waterfront where he sells his freshly-caught fish, was traveling alone from St. John to Vieques, where he was expected to arrive late Tuesday, April 15.

U.S. Coast Guard Sector San Juan controllers received a phone call at 11:15 a.m. Wednesday reporting Fredericks never arrived.

Fredericks departed from St. John Monday afternoon, April 14, on his 27-foot fishing vessel, Don Chepo, a fiberglass and wooden boat with a blue hull powered by two 200 horsepower Evinrude outboard engines. He reportedly had three life vests, a VHF radio, three flares and two cell phones aboard the fishing vessel, according to a USCG press release.

Coast Guard aircrews from a Clearwater, Florida HC-130 Hercules aircraft and Air Station Borinquen HH-65 Dolphin helicopters are searching waters from St. John and surrounding Vieques. The search area spans approximately 2,483 nautical miles.

"Every day that passes the search area could increase," said USCG spokesperson Ricardo Castrodad. "The area we're searching has been saturated and we'll continue to fly there until we either have better information, or find anything that could lead us to believe the search area should be taken elsewhere."

The Coast Guard is currently broadcasting an Urgent Marine Information Broadcast notice to mariners over VHF radio requesting mariners keep a lookout for the missing fisherman, render



St. John Tradewinds News Photo File

Local fisherman Phillip Fredericks cuts a yellowfin tuna for customers on the Cruz Bay waterfront, where he was often found selling his fresh catch.

assistance if needed and report sightings to the Coast Guard.

Nearly 10 searches had been conducted as of Friday afternoon, April 18. Fredericks remained missing as of press time.

Rupert Walters Arrested for Gun, Drugs in Fourth Firearms Arrest of 2008

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

V.I. Police Department officers made the year's fourth arrest for illegal firearms on St. John on Monday, April 14, when Estate Pastory resident Rupert Walters was taken into custody and charged with possession of an unlicensed firearm and possession of a controlled substance.

At around 5 p.m. on Monday, April 14, VIPD officers observed Walters and other individuals loitering at Nature's Nook in Cruz Bay, which has been closed since a government task force raid in November, when the establishment was cited for a licensing violation.

Officers detected the odor of marijuana when they approached the group, and observed Walters walking away, according to a VIPD press release. Walters was then detained and searched by police, who found a handgun and ammunition in his front pocket, along with what appeared to be marijuana in his back pockets.

Officers recovered a Taurus 38 Special handgun with six bullets and a speed loader with six bullets, along with an unspecified amount of marijuana, all recovered from Walters' pockets. Walters told police he found the weapon "in a trash can," according to the VIPD release. He did not have a permit for the weapon. Unable to post a

"We are recovering firearms and we are making arrests. You have our pledge that we'll...make this a safer community."

- VIPD Commissioner James McCall

\$25,000 bail, he was remanded to custody.

VIPD officials have recovered a total of 37 firearms in the St. Thomas-St. John district. St. Thomas-St. John Chief of Police Rodney Querrard explained at a Tuesday, April 15, press conference at the St. Thomas Attorney General's conference room.

"This just goes to show the number of firearms we have here," said Querrard. "If you see something suspicious, give us a call and let us check it out. We'll determine if the firearm is licensed."

VIPD Commissioner James McCall urged residents to continue providing officers with information regarding possible crimes.

"We're reaching out to the community now," said McCall. "We are recovering firearms and we are making arrests. You have our pledge that we'll do whatever we can to make this a safer community."

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St. John Students Enjoy Friends of VINP's Early Earth Day Fair

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Love City students celebrated Earth Day a week early at a Friends of the V.I. National Park-sponsored fair at the VINP ball field on Tuesday morning, April 15.

The Earth Day festivities were scheduled ahead of time in order to include all of the islands' students, explained Friends' program manager Kristen Maize.

"We're having our celebration today to accommodate all of the schools on St. John because some are going on spring break during the real Earth Day on April 22," Maize said. "So we're having this to gear kids up for Earth Day and get them to think of ways they can celebrate the day."

"We have 500 kids here which is our biggest turnout ever," added Maize.

Representatives from a variety of agencies erected booths at the student fair this year, setting a record for the number of participants as well, Maize added.

"We have a lot of new presenters this year," she said. "We have new presenters from St. Thomas and even one from St. Croix."

"It's nice that we're spreading out the Earth Day celebrations in the territory this year because it gives people time to get involved in several different ones," said Maize.

Sunny Day After Heavy Downpour

Despite the heavy downpour which saturated the island — and the VINP ball field — the night before the event, the Earth Day fair went off without a hitch, according to Maize.

"The rain definitely threw us for a loop," said the

Friends' program manager. "I was especially worried about the field where the flag football teams play. But we managed to set everything up on the perimeter and it's fine."

"Considering this morning there were huge puddles everywhere, we're really excited that things turned out so well," Maize added.

Upon arrival, each of the students was given a questionnaire and had to go to each of the booths to find the answers, explained Maize.

"It was kind of like a scavenger hunt," she said. "Depending on their age, the students had to fill out questionnaires and at the end they got prizes like stickers and pencils and an activity book."

EPA Fosters Conservation Efforts

Presenters at the Earth Day fair included the Environmental Protection Agency for the Virgin Islands whose booth focused on environmental conservation.

"We're here to support the Friends of the Park and their Earth Day festival and to support their education for the kids," said the V.I. coordinator for the EPA, Jim Casey. "We're focusing in large measure on environmental health practices at home and schools."

"We're trying to foster environmental conservation early on," Casey added.

Representatives of the University of the Virgin Islands were on hand with a variety of household products.

No Need For Chemicals

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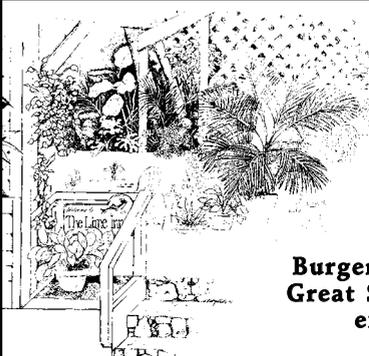
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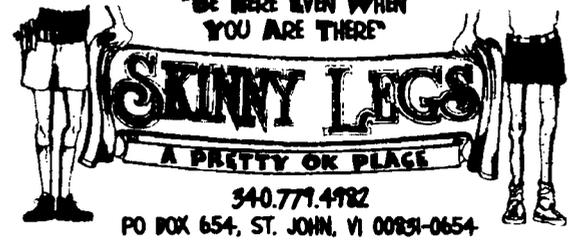



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Development at Creek, Enighed Pond Moving Slowly

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

The V.I. Port Authority is still progressing — albeit slowly — on plans for the beautification of the Cruz Bay Creek and the development of facilities at the Enighed Pond Marine Facility.

No decisions have been made on what the VIPA-owned Creek, which stopped accepting barge traffic in April 2006 due to the opening of the Enighed Pond Marine Facility, will be used for.

“DeJongh Associates is working on the creation of a plan from which we would probably determine what structures to build, but that will be down the road,” said VIPA spokesperson Marc Stridiron. “Right now they’re looking at what’s feasible, what’s desirable, the cost and benefits, etc.”

The process of deciding what to do with the property will include gathering input from St. John residents via a town hall meeting, Stridiron continued.

Town Hall Meeting in “Near Future”

“Having local involvement and getting the input of the St. John community is very important at all phases of the master planning process,” said the VIPA spokesperson. “One of the first steps of the process is going to be a town hall meeting to inform the community of what is going on and the scope of what is being considered in the master planning process, so they can provide input on what they want and need.”

The town hall meeting will take place in the “near future,” according to Stridiron, who added that advance notice of the meeting will be given in an effort to ensure as many residents as possible are able to attend the meeting.

Over at the Enighed Pond, negotiations are ongoing between VIPA and the V.I. Waste Management Authority (WMA) over a more than half-acre portion of the property which may be transferred to WMA. VIPA has considered paving the area at the northeast side of Enighed Pond, however that decision will not be made until it’s determined whether the piece of property is transferred to WMA.

“The paving project can’t proceed until that detail is worked out,” said Stridiron. “If it were transferred to them, we wouldn’t want to spend the money to pave the area, especially not if it would have to be ripped

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Marc Stridiron, VIPA spokesperson

up subsequently by Waste Management.”

Enighed Improvements Not Yet Funded

In the meantime, trailers are being stored on the property, many at no cost to the trailer owners. The trailers are stored for free for the first five days. The rate for the following five days is 50 cents per hundred pounds or 30 cents per cubic foot, and for the next five days, the rate increases to 90 cents per hundred pounds or 45 cents per cubic foot. VIPA encourages residents to remove the trailers long before fees are implemented, explained Stridiron.

“Because storage is so limited at the facility, we try to get the containers moved in and out as quickly as possible — maybe after one or two days,” he said. “There really is not sufficient space to accommodate multi-day storage for a lot of containers. It’s a general understanding among users of the facility, as it’s fairly obvious there isn’t a lot of storage space.”

Further improvements at Enighed, including a terminal building where VIPA business will be conducted, won’t be constructed any time soon. The project may not even be funded until 2009, explained Stridiron.

“That project is being looked at at the earliest for next year’s budget,” he said. “We’ve also just completed a grant application to the Department of Homeland Security to get funding for additional lighting and camera installation at the facility. The grant was just submitted recently, and we don’t have a timetable on when the federal government would respond to that or when we’d be able to proceed.”

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Chamber of Commerce, Dept. of Tourism Join Forces To Improve Visitors' St. John Experience

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

Tourists visiting St. John may soon notice a friendlier welcome experience when arriving in Love City thanks to the St. Thomas-St. John Chamber of Commerce and V.I. Department of Tourism's efforts to enhance tourism-related services at Cruz Bay.

The Chamber of Commerce's St. John chapter has taken on tourism as one of its initiatives, and members of the chapter's tourism committee met with Department of Tourism Assistant Commissioner Monique Sibilly Hodge on Thursday morning, April 17, for a walk through in Cruz Bay.

Walking Tour

The group walked from the ferry dock to Mongoose Junction, stopping at the Creek and the V.I. National Park visitors center.

"We just looked at the entire area to see where we can have a welcoming booth serving Cruzan rum, and where we can start working with our greeters program," said Hodge. "I think it'd be great to have greeters at the Creek, where cruise ship passengers come in, and the ferry dock."

The Department of Tourism is seeking to hire greeters to both welcome visitors to the Virgin Islands at various ports of entry, and to bid them farewell upon their departure and ask about their experience.

Chapter tourism committee member Debbie Hime was impressed with Hodge's enthusiasm and willingness to work with the chamber, she explained.

Already Seeing Results

"She had a lot of great ideas and she's totally engaged in making this happen in the very near future," said Hime. "It's going to be a really great boost to get us ahead of the game. St. John is a great destination, but we want to make it better."

The chamber hopes to partner with numerous government agencies to improve everything from crosswalks to signage, Hime added. A second meeting between Tourism and the chamber is set for sometime in mid-May.

"We're looking at the bigger picture," said Hime. "What is the first impression coming off the cruise ship? Where can we put signage, and how can we help people better



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Andrea Milam

Joe Aubain and Debbie Hime, left and center, greet Tourism's Monique Sibilly Hodge in Cruz Bay.

enjoy a day or more on St. John?"

The Department of Tourism has already stepped up to the plate and chapter tourism committee member Cid Hamling is happy to see results, she explained.

"When we first met with Department of Tourism Commissioner Beverly Nicholson-Doty, we told her there are three things on St.

John that were worthy of their promotion — 8 Tuff Miles, the Friends of the V.I. National Park's Beach to Beach Power Swim and the St. John Blues Festival," said Hamling. "Since then, Tourism sponsored the Blues Fest and they sponsored the last gate as well as hats and t-shirts at the power swim. It's very positive, and it's

just left everybody feeling very, very hopeful that this administration really wants to do something different."

Warm Welcome, Farewell

Hodge looks forward to working with St. John Administrator Leona Smith to improve Love City's tourism experience, she explained. Smith was off island last week, but Barbara Dalmida-Thompson of the administrator's office attended the meeting in her place.

"I'm going to let Leona take the lead, and we'll be supporting her and working with her on this," said Hodge. "We definitely want to create a warm welcome and a fond farewell experience."

Hodge is impressed with the energy and dedication of St. John chapter members, she continued.

"The St. John members are hard-working individuals and very community-minded," said Hodge. "The group is energetic and always ready to go to work, and the Department of Tourism is definitely in favor of working along with the Chamber of Commerce in doing anything we can — not only for our visitors, but for all of us who live here as well."

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An appointment will be given for vehicle inspections after review of the permit application. Vehicles must successfully pass an inspection, the following shall be assessed: *hydraulics system, vehicles' body and dump box, lights and tools (Tarpaulin, Rake/Shovel/Broom, and Scones/Reflector Lights).*

VIWMA Representatives will be on St. John on April 17th and 18th, between the hours of 9:00 am to 3:00 pm to process applications.

Please make money orders or certified checks payable to VIWMA.

For more information and associated fees, please contact the Division of Compliance Management and Environmental Enforcement at 712-4956, St Croix, and 776-4844 ext 292, St. Thomas.

Effective May 19th, citations will be issued to waste haulers without a valid permit.
All waste haulers' vehicles shall display a VIWMA 2008 decal to access to the
landfills and/or wastewater treatment facilities.

Report Cards To Be Distributed

St. John Tradewinds

Third marking period report cards distribution has begun in the St. Thomas-St. John district. Distribution at Charlotte Amalie High School was Thursday, April 17, from 1 to 3:10 p.m. Report cards will be distributed at Guy Benjamin School on Tuesday, April 22, from 9 a.m. to noon. Julius E. Sprauve School will distribute report cards at its PTA meeting on Wednesday, April 16, at 5:30 p.m. at the school cafeteria.

Audition Date Scheduled for Ruth "Sis" Frank Merit Scholarship

St. John Tradewinds

The St. John School of the Arts will be hosting auditions for the Ruth "Sis" Frank performance/merit scholarships on Sunday, June 1, at 2 p.m. at SJSA. All outstanding and talented students on St. John and St. Thomas are welcome to apply.

Qualified students must be at least 10 years old, and a reference letter from a teacher or professional must accompany the application. Application forms must be completed and returned to the SJSA office no later than Monday, May 26. Forms may be picked up at SJSA, located next to the Legislature building in Cruz Bay.

Applicants do not need to be students of SJSA, however students who are awarded a scholarship will be considered an SJSA student and will be placed in the appropriate field of study for the upcoming school year.

For more information, contact Kim Wild at 779-4322.

St. John School of the Arts Raising Funds with Raffle Drawing Set for May 16

St. John Tradewinds

Instead of hosting a major fundraiser this year, the St. John School of the Arts will have a raffle drawing at its student music recital on Friday, May 16, at the art school.

Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased from any SJSA student. Residents do not have to be present to win.

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VIPD Chief Querrard Readies Community for Carnival

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

St. Thomas-St. John Chief of Police Rodney Querrard outlined the V.I. Police Department's plans to keep everyone safe during St. Thomas Carnival, which culminates on Saturday, April 26, at a press conference at the St. Thomas Attorney General's conference room on Tuesday, April 15.

Querrard warned revelers not to drink and drive, and not to carry weapons of any type during Carnival festivities.

"If you plan to drink, get a designated driver because you will end up getting arrested," said Querrard. "We'll be enforcing seatbelt, window tint and cell phone laws. I'm just giving everyone a heads up in advance, so if you get stopped and ticketed, it's your fault."

Querrard advised residents that items such as sticks, bottles or anything else which could be used as a weapon found at J'ouvert will be confiscated. No trench coats should be worn, he added.

"We're taking all measures to make sure everyone has a safe and festive Carnival," said Querrard. "It will take effort from all of us to make this happen. We're asking everyone to assist us."

The police chief also asked residents to be alert for

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— Rodney Querrard,
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possible fights brewing, and to notify a VIPD officer immediately should such a situation arise. Parking will be available on the Veterans Drive waterfront apron, and anyone parked in a handicap space, loading zone or on a corner will be towed, according to Querrard.

The police chief also discussed firearms arrests. There have been 37 in the territory during 2008, including four arrests on St. John (see related story on page 6).

Miller Secures \$50 Million Environmental Cleanup Contract

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

St. John based engineer Greg Miller secured a multi-year \$50 million contract with the Department of the Army last week, according to a U.S. Congress news release.

Miller, who owns BGM Engineers and Surveyors, partnered with Minnesota-based international disaster recovery company Ceres Environmental Services for the contract, which is scheduled to expire on April 10, 2013.

The partners will design disaster mitigation measures on an as-needed basis following natural or man-made catastrophes in the Virgin Islands and meet Federal Emergency Management Agency requirements.

Miller has been in business in the territory for 13

years and has forged relationships with various government officials.

"The relationships I have with Department of Public Works, Port Authority, Waste Management Authority and Property and Procurement will help designing mitigation measures in the event of an emergency," said Miller.

While he was pleased that the contract — which has been in the works for more than a year — was finalized, Miller hoped it would not be necessary.

"I'm hoping we don't have to collect any money because that means there won't be any disasters here," Miller said. "But I'm certainly happy to help out if there is one."

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The new Cinnamon Bay museum will expose residents and tourists to the island's natural and cultural history.

Friends of VINP Leading Fundraising Drive for Cinnamon Bay Museum

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

There's just one problem with all the artifacts the history-rich soil of St. John continues to reveal — there is no place to put them where they can be easily enjoyed by the public. The Friends of the V.I. National Park hope to change that with its upcoming fundraising drive to outfit the Cinnamon Bay Archaeology Lab with shelves and display cases, turning the lab into a museum.

The goal of turning the archaeology lab into a central location for displaying the island's many historical artifacts is to allow residents and visitors alike the opportunity to learn more about the history of St. John, explained VINP Archaeologist Ken Wild.

"The primary goal of the whole thing is to have something that would allow a teacher and their class, or anybody really, to be able to walk through the history and heritage of our island," said Wild. "It kind of grounds you to know where you're from, and who came before you. It gives you a sense of place, which is something that everybody needs."

Museum Important to Cultural Preservation

The VINP archaeologist plans to keep the exhibits new and fresh, and hopes to set aside one display case to show off what his team discovered recently. Security of the artifacts has also been considered in the plan.

"We realize the museum is right on the water, and we designed the exhibit so we could get everything out of there within an hour," said Wild. "The main thing is the objects have to be safe and secure."

The project will cost around \$200,000, and \$45,000

has already been contributed by one anonymous donor. Construction could begin by the end of this year, according to Friends Development Director Karen Brady.

"We're interested in funding this project because it will be a great educational tool for both visitors and residents — particularly school-age children here on the island," said Brady. "It will be a place where they can go and learn about the history of the various peoples who have lived here. That's not something we have right now, and it's so important to cultural preservation."

The Friends will begin a more public fundraising campaign for the museum shortly, and Senator Shawn-Michael Malone has shown interest in helping find funding for the museum, Brady added. The Friends development director expressed the need for historical artifacts to be on display.

New, Permanent Museum in Future

"We have all these fascinating artifacts, but we don't have anywhere to display them," she said. "I've had the opportunity to see some of them, and it just breaks my heart that they're sitting in a building where nobody else gets to see them. They really help illustrate the story of the people who have lived here."

Converting the archaeology lab into a museum is just an interim move toward what the Friends eventually hope to accomplish — the construction of a brand new museum. The new museum could be funded under the National Park Service's Centennial Challenge — \$100 million in mandatory federal fund-

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Better Know a Ranger: Laurel Brannick-Bigrigg

By Andrea Miam
 St. John Tradewinds

V.I. National Park Education Specialist Laurel Brannick-Bigrigg loves what she does, and it shows. The wife and mother, who grew up a self-proclaimed tomboy in New York, gets to spend most of her time outdoors with children, who help her to constantly view the VINP's natural resources in a new light.

"I'm always seeing something new," said Brannick-Bigrigg. "I've been here 17 years, and a kid will ask me, 'what's that bug?' and I'll have to go home and Google it. There are so many things to see here on St. John — so many different habitats, coral reefs and forests."

The VINP's education specialist always knew she wanted to someday work with children. She studied sports management and recreation as an undergrad and in graduate school with the intention of following in her mother's footsteps by becoming a teacher. In grad school, she interned at a chain of health clubs in eastern New York, where she ended up working for nine years, rising in ranks to eventually become aquatics director. There, she enjoyed teaching children how to swim and working as a lifeguard.

Brannick-Bigrigg first vacationed on St. John in 1986, and after several subsequent visits during which she made friends who convinced her to move to the Virgin Island, she became a Love City resident in 1991. She went straight to the V.I. Department of Labor to apply for a job, where she was referred to the VINP.

Specially Created Position

"I came over and interviewed and got hired as a lifeguard at Trunk Bay, which I did for about three years," said Brannick-Bigrigg. "After a while, I got kind of burnt out because of the wind, the sun, and just the job. It's busy, and it's very physical."

Brannick-Bigrigg then moved to the Interpretation Division in 1995, where she was excited to share her love of nature with others.

"This was a chance for me to use my teaching skills," she said. "I like to share information with people about nature. I was one of six interpretive rangers, but not everybody likes kids and I gravi-



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Information Specialist Laurel Brannick-Bigrigg

tated toward them."

In 2005, former VINP Superintendent Art Fredericks helped create a position for Brannick-Bigrigg which could not have suited her more perfectly — education specialist. She was named to the position around the same time she was getting ready to take maternity leave for the birth of her son, Denny Bigrigg — affectionally called "Little Rig" — and celebrating her recent marriage to Marc Bigrigg. She came back from three months at home ready to jump head first into her new job.

"When I came back in February, that's when the field trips were really starting to gear up," said Brannick-Bigrigg.

The education specialist spends most of her time sharing the natural wonders of the VINP with students of all ages from throughout the Virgin Islands, and even from the states.

"I get to work with all kinds of kids," she said. "I get to work with kids from both public and private schools, and I also recently did two trips with students from Ohio and Maryland. The kids are all interested in the VINP and careers,

and they're always picking my brain about how to get a job in the park."

Enjoys Job, VINP

Brannick-Bigrigg's enthusiasm for the park is now shared with even more students thanks to a grant from the Friends of the VINP, which covers the cost of transportation to the VINP for classes who would not otherwise be able to afford such a trip.

"I just got a phone call from a preschool in St. Thomas that wants to come over, but they don't have a lot of money," she said. "So, I'll call the Friends' Program Manager Kristen Maize, and she'll hire the taxi to pick the kids up. They don't pay anything except the ferry to get here."

For Brannick-Bigrigg, who is happiest outdoors with children, life could not be better.

"I like how the kids get excited about the things I show them," she said. "I like their questions. Kids are observant, always looking at things."

"I didn't plan on this; it just kind of happened," Brannick-Bigrigg continued. "Everything seemed to

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Island Employers Learn How To Eliminate Sexual Harassment at Workshop by SJCCC

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Sexual harassment is a crime, the Department of Labor's Acting Assistant Commissioner told about 15 people gathered in a conference room at the Westin Resort and Villas for a St. John Community Crisis Center-sponsored workshop on Wednesday morning, April 16, as part of the organization's celebration of Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Virgin Islands residents do not often take sexual harassment issues seriously and that attitude doesn't change when people enter their places of employment, Glen Smith explained to attendees of the SJCCC's sexual harassment in the workplace seminar.

"We have a somewhat cavalier attitude toward sexual harassment here in the territory," Smith said. "I don't think that we'll ever get rid of it completely, but it's up to us to step up and take some level of responsibility."

Not A Part of Local Culture

"People think this is a part of our culture and don't do anything about it," Smith continued. "But it's not a part of our culture and it is against the law. It is in the community and it doesn't just disappear when you cross the threshold to the workplace."

While changing long-held views regarding what is acceptable in the workplace can be difficult, that doesn't mean it can't happen, according to Smith.

"We're trying to change attitudes here," he said. "I know sometimes that isn't easy, but trust me, it can be done. It's like trying to break a boulder."

"You can't do it in one day," Smith continued. "But if all of us chip away, one day that boulder will crumble."

Laws providing sexual harassment protection for employees from both co-workers and superiors —

which are included in the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the local Virgin Islands Code — were hard-fought victories by civil rights pioneers.

Civil Rights Protect From Harassment

"People died to have these laws passed," said Smith. "Civil rights leaders spent their lives fighting discrimination and fighting for civil rights for all Americans. We need not take these things lightly."

When sexual harassment occurs in the workplace, victims can file a report up to 180 days after the incident occurs and the company itself can be held accountable, explained Smith.

"Local law requires all employers to have a sexual harassment policy and to post that policy," the DOL acting assistant commissioner said. "The organization itself is responsible for sexual harassment occurring in the workplace so employers should be proactive."

"In order to protect the organization from punitive damages, the employer must show due diligence and investigate all allegations of sexual harassment," continued Smith.

Victims Should Seek Counsel

Victims of sexual harassment — who can be either male or female — are often scared and shy and should seek legal assistance, Smith urged.

"The process can be intimidating," he said. "And once you file a complaint that is what we base the case on. So I always recommend people seek out the assistance of someone to help put the best case forward."

Workplace harassment can sometimes lead to violence, and proactive employers can often avoid these issues, according to Smith.

"You have to deal with the small issues so they don't build up and up," he said. "Violence in the workplace happens. You can't ignore these issues."

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A trailer will be used to store books from the Sprauve Library during renovations.

Library Prepares for Renovations

St. John Tradewinds

The Department of Planning and Natural Resources advises the community that the Elaine I. Sprauve Library on St. John will be closed for circulation from Wednesday, April 16, through Monday, May 12.

This will allow staff to pack and relocate to temporary quarters adjacent to the existing library. Library services will resume regular working hours at the temporary quarters from May 12.

The Sprauve library will undergo extensive renovations to include: electrical upgrade,

windows, doors and shutter repairs, air condition installation, interior and exterior painting, landscaping, signage and the installation of a new generator. The cost of construction is \$689,000 and is funded by the Public Finance Authority. Construction is expected to last for six months. Custom Builders has been selected as the contractor.

The department apologizes for any inconveniences this may cause and asks for the community's patience as necessary improvements are made at the Sprauve Library.

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John's Folly Learning Institute Announces Plans for Marine Science Program

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

The John's Folly Learning Institute, located on the site of the island's historic Horace Mann School above John's Folly Bay, will grow from a neighborhood after-school center to a marine science destination under plans announced at the 12th anniversary celebration of the institute on Saturday, April 19.

V.I. Delegate to Congress Donna Christensen was the guest speaker at the annual celebration at the neighborhood center, which primarily serves the St. Johnian families of the southeastern end of the island, during which JFLI founder Alvis Christian announced plans for the expansion of the institute's educational efforts.

Schneider Regional Medical Center CEO Amos Carty was master of ceremonies.

Expanded Marine Program

Christian unveiled plans to restore a military-style boat for use in an expanded marine science program at the learning center.

JFLI is hoping to present a summer marine science program in June, according to Christian.

In addition to its long-standing agricultural program which has nurtured native island provisioning and medicinal plants, the institute has presented numerous educational programs in recent years including the construction of traditional fish pots and skiffs, in addition to environmental studies and collection of specimens for display in aquaria at the restored school building.

"The JFLI marine science project will seek to enhance the natural environment to nurture our pristine ecosystem," said Chris-



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tom Oat

JFLI volunteer Don Lynch stands before the military boat, *No. 8*, which was donated to the institute for its marine science program.

tian.

JFLI representatives have met with consultants from major marine attractions about the creation of a sea horse "farm" and other marine ecology and husbandry projects which would include the involvement of island high school and university students in studies in the protected waters of the bay.

At all times the integral goal is to support JFLI's after-school programs for neighborhood children including the marine science curriculum rooted in the history of the neighboring island community, according to

Christian.

"The goal of JFLI continues to be to enhance the educational resources available to the children of St. John and provide employment training and opportunities," Christian said.

Funding is being sought and educational staff for the after school and marine science curriculum is being interviewed, he added.

Mechanics Training Program Begins

At the close of the anniversary program, Christian announced the start of a JFLI mechanics training program for neighborhood

youth in which participating students also will be involved in a tutoring and mentoring program.

The program will be centered around the restoration of the military-style boat formerly owned by the late George "Yogi" Tuttle of St. John, which will be used as a marine science research vessel in the planned June summer program.

The documentation and title to the vessel, which recently was removed from Cruz Bay beach by the V.I. Department of Planning and Natural Resources, has been donated to the institute.

Christian thanked DPNR officials; the V.I. National Park; Yogi's widow, Anna Tuttle, of Great Cruz Bay, and St. John mechanic Ross Ortiz for their support in expanding the JFLI marine science program.

Cooking Oil-power Conversions

Under the direction of experienced island mechanic and JFLI volunteer Don Lynch of Cruz Bay, students in the after-school training program will convert the military-style boat and other vehicles to burn used cooking oil from island restaurants, according to Christian.

"We want to clean up a major environmental problem on St. John caused by waste cooking oil in the public sewer system and other improper disposal," Christian said.

Christensen and other dignitaries and guests enjoyed the annual luncheon with local families after a program of presentations about the institute's history, including its 2006 educational trip to Washington, D.C. to tour the Capitol with the Delegate.

JFLI students hope to travel to Puerto Rico this summer, Christian announced.

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St. John Magazine To Wow Readers Once Again

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me being at work.”

Nelson had a hard time choosing one article as her favorite.

“I love them all,” said the publisher. “When I look through the magazine, there’s not one article that I love more than another. I really think they all stand on their own.”

Several of the magazine’s subjects spent significant time with *St. John Magazine* writers and photographers to be a part of the spring/summer issue, including Sheila Liburd.

“I want to sincerely thank Sheila for an entire day of shooting her cooking and her patience with my photography team,” said Nelson.

The publisher also spent a whole day with local entrepreneur Delbert Parsons, who “took a full day out of his life for us to photograph his home and interview him,” she

“I love them all... there’s not one article that I love more than another. I really think they all stand on their own.”

— MaLinda Nelson, publisher
St. John Magazine,
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said.

The publisher also enjoyed getting to know St. John resident Robin Clair-Pitts, whose sailing vessel *Liberty* is featured in the magazine.

Up-and-coming island photographer Tristan Ewald’s work debuts in the spring/summer issue. The local teenager’s eye for photography is apparent in his photographic essay on surfing.

“I’m thrilled to have Tristan lend his talents in this issue,” said Nelson, who also enjoyed working with the teenager on the layout of his article. “He had some great ideas. We switched some photos in and out, and I think those changes we made together made the entire spread better.”

St. John Magazine is laid out so the articles can be read in their entirety without being interrupted by advertisements.

“It’s clean, and that’s what I love about it,” said Nelson. “It’s an easy-to-read publication, and it’s absolutely stunning. It’s full of interesting island stories that really capture the magic of St. John.”

St. John Magazine will be on newsstands Wednesday, April 23, provided the shipment arrives on island safe and sound as expected Tuesday. For subscriptions, visit www.stjohnmagazine.com.

Devine, Jones Reviving Constitutional Convention Forum Series on St. John

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

With the Fifth Constitutional Convention well underway including several committee hearings on St. John, Love City residents Paul Devine and Ronnie Jones have decided to resurrect their monthly Constitutional Convention forums, which the two hosted last July through October, when the convention began meeting. The forums are scheduled for April 24, May 29, June 27 and July 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Julius E. Sprauve School.

Devine and Jones welcome residents to share their ideas on issues they consider important to St. John, such as municipal government and property taxes, in an informal setting. Despite sparse attendance at last year’s forums, Jones is optimistic that residents realize the importance of the Constitutional Convention now that the process is more than halfway completed.

“We’re hoping that because there has been some activity by the delegates already, that will help to boost our numbers a little bit,” said Jones. “We understand people have things to do, but we’re just trying to keep the doors open.”

Input Delivered to Delegates

Input gathered at each forum will be personally delivered to convention delegates by Devine and Jones. Residents shouldn’t be concerned that the discussions which will take place at the forum won’t have as much weight as formal testimony, according to Jones.

“I know for sure that delegates are eager to gather information from anyone in the public, because it builds the body of information they have to make decisions which will truly impact us,” he said. “They’ve complimented us on our efforts for everything we’ve presented to them so far. Delegates are very willing to receive information from the community.”

“We still need residents’ thoughts because the delegates have not entirely made up their minds on some things,” Devine added. “We still need input to show

what we want.”

Residents have had the opportunity to speak directly with delegates at several committee hearings on St. John over the past few months, however people may be more comfortable discussing important issues in an informal setting with people they know, Devine explained.

“You don’t have to stand in front of the committee and testify,” he said. “You have the opportunity to do it informally with your friends and neighbors. This might be the last chance you’ll ever have to get your points made, as it doesn’t appear there will be many more committee meetings on St. John.”

Convention To Close July 27

Time is running out for residents to help craft a Virgin Islands constitution, Devine added. The convention is set to close on July 27, when, with a two-thirds vote of the delegation, the constitution will be approved. The document will then be submitted to both Governor John deJongh and President George W. Bush for review, and then to the U.S. Congress for further review. Following the review period — 10 days for the governor, 60 for the president and 60 for Congress — the constitution will be returned to the Virgin Islands, where residents will vote on whether to adopt the document.

“What we’re trying to convey in these forums is that if the constitution is approved, your life will be changed,” said Devine. “I think if it does pass the way the delegates have written it, it’ll be a change for the good. That’s why people should be involved with this process — you shouldn’t turn around one day and realize that your life has changed.”

“We just want people to understand this is history,” Jones added. “It’s something that’s going to impact us for the long haul. It’s very important that everyone participates so we can sit down with our grandkids and great-grandkids and say, ‘yes, I was involved in this process.’”



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Living Well in Love City

a column by island health care professionals

Study Shows Chiropractic Lowers High Blood Pressure

By Dr. Robert De Bonis
St. John Tradewinds

Chiropractic is not just good for bad backs. Hypertension or high blood pressure affects one in four Americans or over 75 million people.

A diagnosis of hypertension can mean being dependent on drugs for a lifetime. In the United States, the incidence of this chronic condition is greater in African American communities and often goes undiagnosed.

A recent study published in the "Journal of Human Hypertension," by a medical research team from the University of Chicago Medical Center, shows that chiropractic spinal adjustments to the upper neck can assist the body in properly regulating normal blood pressure.

Many individuals, while monitoring their blood pressure, are able to normalize their condition with dietary changes, exercise and weight reduction. Massage, meditation, and other stress reduction behavior methods may be helpful as well.

New Weapon in Fight Against Hypertension

Now science looks to an additional and alternative weapon in combating this health crisis — the inclusion of chiropractic.

In a pilot study, Dr. George Bakris, director of the hypertension center at the University of Chicago Medical Center, discovered that test subjects receiving chiropractic care had their blood pressure reduced by an average of 17 points. This is equivalent to simultaneously taking two prescription medications.

The study was conducted with an initial group of 50 hypertension patients, with only half of them receiving chiropractic care. The control group received a sham or "set-up" procedure.

Further Research Needed

A follow-up measurement eight weeks later concluded that the beneficial effects of those who received the chiropractic care were still present. No other lifestyle changes were introduced or reported.

While these are very interesting findings, further research with greater sample sizes is being planned before final conclusions are reached. But what is signifi-

cant, is how chiropractic affects a change in the body's ability to regulate an important function like blood pressure.

The underlying theory of chiropractic was established more than a hundred years ago in 1895. It is based on a simple concept that structure determines function. In other words, how well you are built determines how well you work — a concept which is universal in application to all systems.

The body is a self-regulating, self-healing organism which has an innate intelligence. This inborn intelligence is the same which runs the universe.

Bodies Out of Balance

When the intelligence of the body is interfered with, either by being inhibited or excited, bodies go out of balance and develop signs, symptoms and disease.

Chiropractic discovered that one of the major interferences to a properly working body can be the misalignment of the spinal bones. These misalignments, referred to as vertebral subluxations, alter the working of the nerve system. When the brain and spinal cord can't communicate properly with the body, the body doesn't know what to do and reacts to stresses inappropriately.

A chiropractic adjustment is a gentle force applied to the spine by hand. The misaligned or subluxated vertebra is released from its stuck position.

Removing Pressure to Nerve

This procedure is done by the chiropractor for the purpose of removing pressure to the nerve. When proper communication along the nerve is restored, proper function follows to whichever organ, tissue or cell awaits its orders.

The upper neck region of the spine is rich with nerves which make up the autonomic, sympathetic and para-sympathetic systems. The brain stem is in close proximity and also influences basic body functions.

Major blood supply to the brain has to go through this critical area. Pinch a nerve and the signals get interrupted or negatively affected.

Silent Killer

While some people are very sensitive to body changes, most patients with high blood pressure don't feel it. Hypertension is sometimes referred to as the silent

killer because, if left untreated for years, it wreaks havoc on the organs and body systems.

It isn't until those systems can no longer function that the body breaks down and symptoms appear. For many it's too late by then — the damage is done.

Most nerve fibers don't carry pain signals and aren't pain receptors. While some people can have extreme pain and discomfort when they pinch a nerve, most of the time when a spinal nerve has pressure on it there is no pain.

Symptoms, Signs and Disease

The pressure on the nerve just alters the nerve's ability to carry the signals to tell the body what to do. It is only after a period of time, when the body can no longer cope that symptoms, signs and disease appear.

The integrity of the body's nerve system determines the level of function and health expressed. The goal is proper blood pressure to meet the needs of the body — not just trying to reduce some numbers artificially to fit into a range.

If a person is 50 pounds overweight, abuses alcohol, eats poorly, smokes, has blocked arteries, and high cholesterol, his or her body may be trying to cope with these unhealthy situations by raising the blood pressure to force blood into and through the organs.

Part of a Healthy Lifestyle

So is high blood pressure good, or is it bad? In and of itself it's just a number. The question we should be asking is — is it appropriate for that body or is it detrimental? How can we better get the body into balance and improve overall function and health?

Chiropractic should be a part of a healthy lifestyle which includes a good diet, proper exercise and getting enough rest.

A chiropractor can locate and correct vertebral subluxations. The wisdom of the body can control and coordinate proper function, thus allowing that individual the greatest opportunity to express health to the fullest.

The patient's responsibility is a lifestyle of balancing the mind, body and spirit connection. The chiropractor's role is to find the interference and help correct it when possible. Together we make a winning team.

Elaine Ione Sprauve Scholarship Accepting Applications

St. John Tradewinds

The Elaine Ione Sprauve Scholarship Committee invites St. John high school seniors to apply for the Elaine Ione Sprauve Scholarship. Students graduating from a

local high school may obtain an application form from any high school principal or counselor, as well as the Elaine I. Sprauve Library on St. John. The application deadline is May 20.



American Legion Youth Co-ed Flag Football League Results and Standings

WEEK 4:

Patriots 30 Bengals 20

The Patriots never trailed in this exciting game as the Bengals gave them a scare. Veteran quarterback Nick Lopez tossed four TD passes to Weston Patrie to lead all scorers. The Bengals started the scoring in the second half to make it close at 18-14 but the Pats scored two TDs in the half and the Bengals made the final score of the game but it wasn't enough to stop the powerful passing attack of the Patriots.

Broncos 37 Rams 24

The Rams scored the opening TD of this hard-fought game but the Broncos came roaring back with three unanswered TDs. As the first half progressed the Rams tightened up and showed true signs of offensive power but trailed at the half 25 to 18. The second half was a defensive battle but the Broncos managed two TDs to the Rams' one to take the contest.

Packers 24 Raiders 18 (OT)

This contest was a thing of beauty as two tough teams battled it out and forced the first-ever tie breaker in league history. The Packers scored on the first play of the game and throughout the first half the teams traded TDs but the Raiders found themselves trailing 12 to 18 at the close of the first half. Aspen Moore for the Raiders and Carson Wessinger for the Pack were spectacular at quarterback with Steven Conley at the receiving end of Moore's tosses. Bryan Morton was also stellar as he received two TD passes from Wessinger and played great defense. The second half was a true defensive battle as the only score was by the Raiders to tie it up. The score remained tie as the clock ran out. League rules allow a 10 minute, sudden death overtime where each team has three tries to score before having to turn it over. Over a six minute span the two teams remained tied but the Packers managed to run a TD in with Careem Albert speeding along the sidelines for the winning score.

Standings

Team	W-L	PF	PA
Packers	3-1	107	40
Broncos	3-1	117	89
Raiders	3-1	102	93
Patriots	2-2	110	89
Bengals	1-3	72	127
Rams	0-4	81	151

Check next week's *St. John Tradewinds* for results from Raiders vs. Bengals and Rams vs. Packers on April 19; a special matchup between St. John vs. St. Thomas, also on April 19; and Patriots vs. Broncos on April 21.

Veteran Island Musician Mark Wallace Releases First CD “Cornerstone”

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Anyone who is too busy to stop by one of long-time island musician Mark Wallace’s weekly gigs, can now enjoy his signature sound right at home because — after playing across Love City for the past 25 years — Wallace released his first CD last month.

Three years in the making, “Cornerstone” is a full-length recording Wallace laid down on weekends between his carpentry day job, almost nightly music gigs both solo and with the In the Sand Band, and shuttling his two young sons between school and activities.

“I couldn’t have done it and wouldn’t have done it without my wife Brenda,” said Wallace, about his manufacturing, marketing and life partner for the past 17 years.

Documenting Music

While some spousal urging helped, the musician was inspired to record the CD for posterity as well, he explained.

“My grandfather played music with a group called the Hawaiian Cats and they never recorded or documented anything for my dad,” Wallace said. “So I felt like if I could document something for my children that would be pretty cool.”

“Cornerstone” features a collection of original tunes — including a Scottish-style lullaby written for Wallace’s children — peppered with a few popular cover songs from his repertoire.

Like the musician himself, the CD is hard to pin down to just one category. Instead it includes highlights of blues, rock, jazz and some examples of Wallace’s latest passion, finger styling.

Never Stop Learning

“There is always something new to learn,” said Wallace. “I still study the guitar on the internet or I’ll pick up new pieces to play. There’s always advancement, like the finger styling that I’m into right now which is a hybrid classical jazz interpretation.”

When talking about music, Wallace sounds like it’s just his second nature, which is close to the truth. Back when the musician moved to St. John in 1983, he was already a 10-year veteran guitarist.

“I was in the fourth grade and my parents made me take piano lessons,” said Wallace, about his start in the music world. “I hated

it. I had to practice in this cold, wet basement in Michigan.”

It didn’t take long before Wallace found his true musical love, the guitar.

“I switched to the guitar pretty quickly and I loved it right away,” he said. “I was pretty much self-taught and I did go to Lava Studios, a guitar institute in Detroit.”

Wallace, whose brother is also an esteemed guitarist, grew up in the Motown mecca of Detroit, which definitely left its mark on the musician.

Steeped In Motown

“When I was a kid, we used to go to the state fair grounds and we’d see groups like the Supremes, the Jackson Five and all these great Motown bands who would play all the time,” said Wallace.

“As far as playing with the band we do a lot of Motown music,” Wallace continued. “I don’t think of it consciously, but I know it’s there subconsciously that I know how to play that music the way it’s supposed to be played.”

Wallace originally heard about St. John from a student he was teaching guitar to back in Detroit. Soon after hearing about the island, Wallace and a friend made their way down to Maho Bay Campground, and what was supposed to be a short trip turned into something much bigger.

“I wanted to get out of Detroit so it seemed like a good idea,” said Wallace. “I had never heard of the Virgin Islands before and I figured I would be here two weeks.”

Before long, Wallace and his friend were entertaining fellow campers at Maho Bay and a short trip turned into a permanent move.

“The general manager at Maho noticed that we had guitars and some P.A. equipment and he asked us to play,” said the musician. “We played at Maho for a long time after that. After a while the manager took us out into the community and we met people and started playing everywhere.”

Still Loving the Music

Today Wallace continues to entertain crowds across the island both solo and with the In the Sand Band — which consists of Wallace, Shikima Jones, Greg Kinslow and Lemuel Liburd — and still loves every performance.

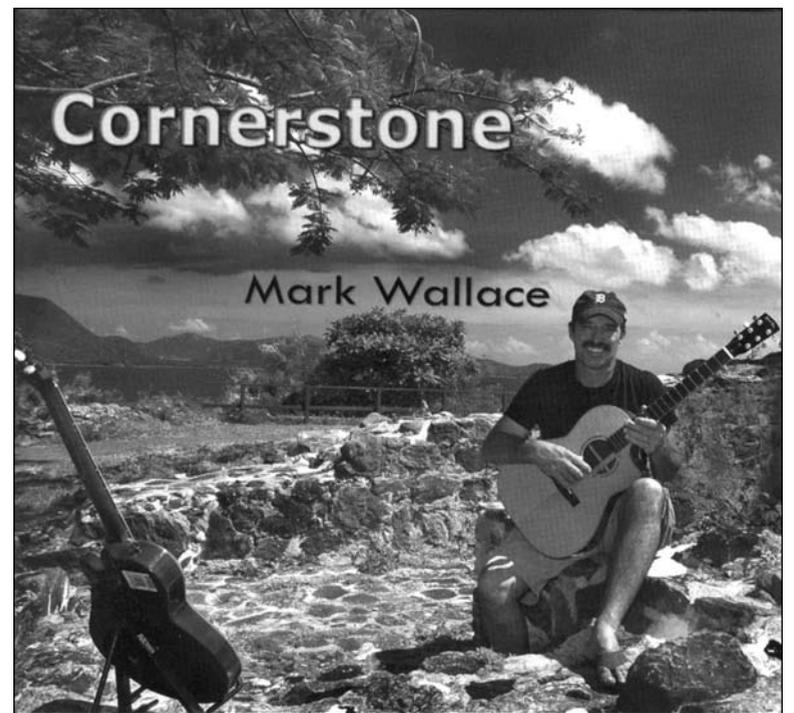
“I still enjoy it as much as I did when I came here,” said Wallace.

“I am very happy that I get to play music so much. I’ll keep doing it until I can’t anymore.”

Be sure to check out one of Wallace’s gigs before he reaches that point. He performs solo on Mondays at Ocean Grill at 6:30 p.m., Wednesdays at the Sun Dog Cafe at 7 p.m., Thursdays at Morgan’s Mango at 6:30 p.m. and Fridays at Aqua Bistro at 5:30 p.m.

Pick up a copy of Wallace’s “Cornerstone” CD at any of his gigs, or at Connections, St. John Hardware, Papaya Cafe and Big Fish in Cocoloba.

For more information about Wallace check out his Web site at www.markwallacemusic.com.

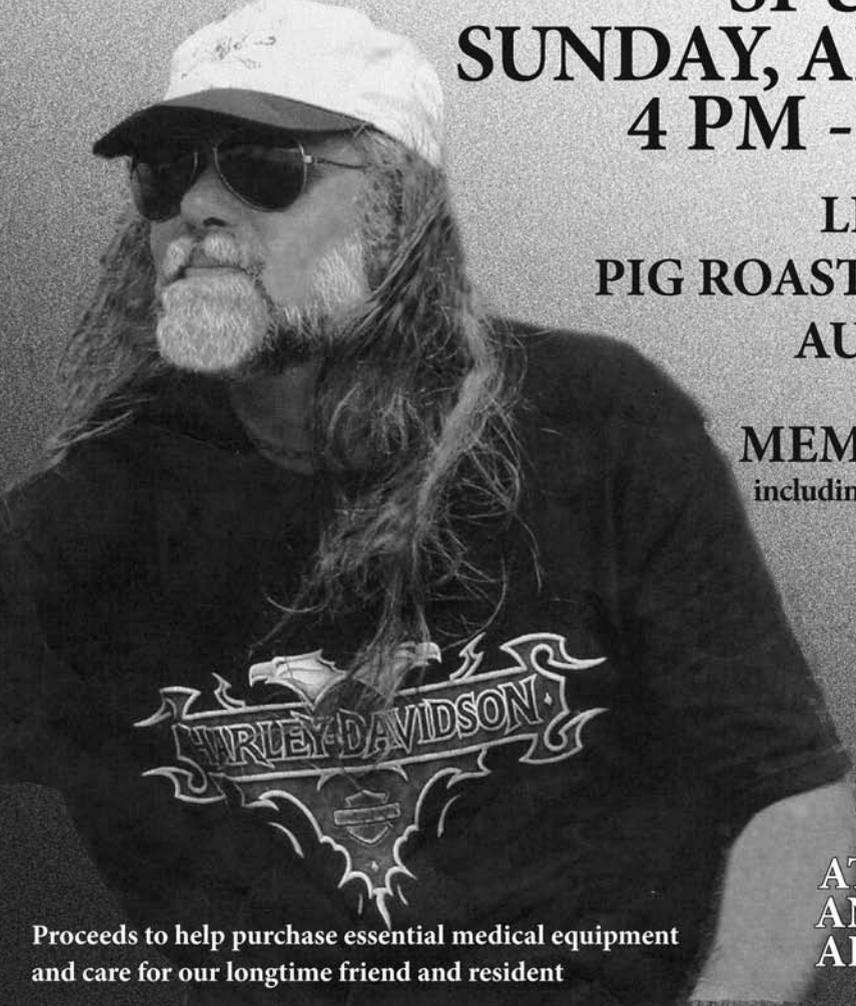


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Letters to St. John Tradewinds

Nuclear Power: Do We Dare?

Dear Editor,

Nuclear power. When one thinks of that form of energy production, we often think of Chernobyl or Three-Mile Island and the disasters they produced. One also has to consider the terrorist threat and security issues surrounding nuclear power plants. Yes, there have been and could be many problems concerning nuclear power but times have changed, so we have to look deeper.

Throughout the world, there are many manufacturers of nuclear plants. These "pre-packaged," "turn-key" plants have been reduced in size to serve smaller communities. Usually, a "small" plant is considered in the 300MWe (mega-watt electrical) range although much smaller packages are available.

These manufacturers have been able to come into existence primarily because of the new technologies and, in recent years, their ability to make them safe from possible acts of terrorism. Modern methods of producing nuclear power have shown increased safety through various methods of cooling. This is why the world-wide Nuclear Regulatory Agencies have proliferated its use.

China, India, Iran and many communities across the United States have installed nuclear plants to serve small populated areas instead of the large 300 to 1,000MWe plants of old. Russia is now producing plants which are sold world-wide. The U.S. Army is now developing nuclear energy as portable small field-operated plants with safety and protection from explosions being the primary concerns. Because of increased technology and safety, nuclear plants can now be "custom-made" to suit virtually any condition of use.

Because the world lacks sufficient water, small nuclear energy plants have been installed around the world. In most cases, the "plant" is already pre-packaged and simply "dropped into place." They use the same desalinization methods (reverse osmosis, etc.) as before except the power source is nuclear, not fossil fuel based. These same small plants can also be outfitted to produce electricity and thus have a dual purpose. The cost is not staggering, in fact, it costs about the same as fossil fuel plants of similar size. The long-term benefit is the fuel itself.

Usually, a plant does not have to be re-fueled for 20 to 30 years and the by-products (tritium — a form of gas) are recycled into medical use (inserted heart

monitors and defibrillators) or to power low-level equipment such as exit signs, watches and the like. Technology has increased where nuclear power can be used as battery sources and research is being done to create tiny nuclear cells cheaply which would replace expensive solar cells for producing electricity.

Should the Virgin Islands consider the use of nuclear power? Many would say no because of the ominous history of disasters most of us have witnessed. In recent years, even though the use of nuclear power world-wide has spread exponentially, we hear little about catastrophic events.

Safety and cooling being the primary issues, it can be said that the industry has solved those past problems. The fact that so many nuclear manufacturers have sprung up with approvals from world-wide monitoring agencies is reason enough to believe that the technology has made great strides in recent years.

The Virgin Islands needs to produce energy and it needs to desalinate water. It also needs to find ways to eliminate trash in a less costly way. The combination of trash burning plants and nuclear power plants just may be the answer. It would work like this: the old fossil fuel plants would be removed and a nuclear source would take its place. Desalination plants, which use huge amounts of electrical power, would use nuclear as its source.

Modern trash to energy plants could also produce electricity or simply burn the trash. Because the plants are relatively small, the actual footprint would be less than the existing fossil fuel plants. A benefit for the Virgin Islands is that we have an abundant water source for cooling and for making desalinated water. Ninety seven percent of the world's water is in the oceans.

I should think that the Virgin Islands government should consider every possible remedy when attempting to solve its energy and trash woes. I would also suggest that citizens seek information on modern nuclear use before making judgements on the industry or its ability to operate safely. If this government is serious about reducing our dependency on fossil fuel, efficiently ridding ourselves of trash and reducing power rates, then they should look into every option available to us. Nuclear is one of them.

Paul Devine,
St. John

Obituary

Avilda Thomas-Matthias Passes

St. John Tradewinds

Services were Saturday, April 19, for Avilda Thomas-Matthias, 64, also known as "Avie" or "Auntie Vilda," who died on April 10, 2008, at Schneider Regional Medical Center.

The first viewing was from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Friday at Davis Funeral Home. The second viewing was at 9 a.m. on Saturday at Bethany Moravian Church, followed by reflections at 10 a.m. and the funeral at 10:30 a.m. Burial was in Bethany Moravian Cemetery.

She is survived by her former husband and friend, Elvin Matthias; sons, Charles Jackson, Gary and Thomas Matthias; daughters, Corine and Monique Matthias; brothers, Noel Boynes Sr. and Carl Powell Sr.; sisters, Elsie Thomas-Trotman, Lydia Thomas-Brow, Carolyn D. Thomas, Carolyn A. Thomas and Cecile Thomas-Richards; grandchildren, Shania, Genece and Genae Matthias and Eric and Marcus Andrews; aunts, Ina Lee and Beryl Byard; and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by Davis Funeral Home.

Letters to St. John Tradewinds

Lack of Common Sense in Real Estate Taxes

Dear Editor,

Real estate taxes everywhere pay for services associated with living in the area. They pay for schools, police, court, garbage collection and local administration. The tax rates should be set so as to pay for these services. However, common sense is completely inverted: tax rates for houses are lower than rates for land. How can this be justified? Empty land does not require any services; there is no need for schools, police, garbage, etc. Apparently, the tax rates for land are proposed to be higher in order to put a higher tax burden on people who own large properties.

Obviously, this will have also unintended consequences: people will try to sell their empty lots because taxes will become prohibitive and empty land does not bring any return because there is practically no agriculture on this land. Land sales will increase and more remaining land will be taken over by developers. Small people who own only one lot and intend to build there sometime will have to abandon their plans and sell. Developers will speed up the development on their expensively taxed land to shorten their

tax liabilities and will build bigger dwellings. This is not desirable in the current transport situation because more traffic can be expected on our bad, small and insufficient roads and the impossible situation with parking will become still worse.

Apparently, the purpose of real estate taxes — pay for local services — is forgotten and more money is required by the government without proper justification. Individual townships, or islands, should have their own budget for local services and determine their tax rates according to their needs. Centrally mandated real estate taxes are totally unjustified. The government did not tell us what it is going to do with the increased taxes. Will they improve services like more police and teachers? It looks that this tremendous increase will not go into improved services and I doubt that they will decrease fees and other taxes or improve and enlarge roads and their maintenance. They should tell what they are going to do with the surplus!

Z. Hruza,
St. John

Delegates Elected To Listen To — Not Lecture — The Public

Dear Editor,

I happen to agree that issues of native rights, if not kept in perspective, will be the downfall of this constitutional process.

I have testified at several constitutional hearings. I have tried to bring forth relevant dialogue regarding the substance and objectives of the hearings. Often, that dialogue is lost in speeches by delegates having to do with nativity and not the issues at hand. This kind of long-windedness takes time away from the real issues which is to put language into a constitution that affects government operations and a better life for all our citizens. It takes away from the people who want to address the issues of government reform.

I testified, as did others, on April 10 on St. John to the Committee on Taxation, Finance and Commerce. The big issue was property taxation and the hardships that St. John residents will have to endure if the tax laws as they are written now are enforced. Other issues on gross receipts taxes and alternatives to that tax were brought up. We listened as one delegate took up well over an hour of our time bantering about native rights. This inappropriate dialogue took away our time as citizens of the Virgin Islands to express our views on taxation. To be honest, I would say that the delegates went away without ever really listening because of the near shouting down of testifiers. I was

sickened by the rhetoric.

Not only do I feel we all have a stake in this constitution, I feel we must be an integral part of it. When citizens do want to express their desires and when delegates all but ignore us, then the process is greatly flawed. This doesn't mean that any citizen cannot speak out on what is closest to their hearts. Delegates certainly have agendas but it is completely inappropriate to drown out the issues at hand with views that may not be shared by all. They were elected by us and their job is to listen to us and not to tell us how we are supposed to think. Leave issues of native rights to the committee on nativity only.

I firmly believe that this constitution will go forward despite the annoying few delegates who would attempt to be its downfall. I have no doubts that the people of the Virgin Islands are intelligent about the issues at hand and will look through the smoke screen and conclude that we are a diverse community where every person is equal. We are attempting to change our government, not our way of thinking. When the citizens of this great land have a constitution and when our freedoms are intact in its wording then we will truly be a free society. That is what this constitutional attempt is all about.

Paul Devine,
St. John

CBYC Thanks Flotilla Supporters

Dear Editor,

Last month (March 15, 2008) several hundred people enjoyed an afternoon of good food, music, beverages, and company at Vie's Beach on the East End of St. John. Due to generous gifts from local businesses, our benefit for the Guy Benjamin School children was very successful. The flotilla/beach party raised in the neighborhood of \$8,500!

The Coral Bay Yacht Club would like to thank:

Miss Lucy's; Skinny Legs; Shipwreck Landing; Aqua Bistro; Island Blues; Bellows Int.; West Indies Corp.; Pine Peace Market; Starfish Market; St. John Brewers; Maho Bay Camps; Merchants Market; Holsum of PR; Vie's Campground; Tall Ships Trading; Koko and the Sunshine Band; and of course, all the volunteers who made the event possible.

Sincerely,
Coral Bay Yacht Club

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Shootings: 2
Under Investigation: 1
Solved: 1

Stabbings: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

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Under Investigation: 1
Solved: 0

Arsons: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

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

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

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

Grand Larcenies: 89
Under Investigation: 89
Solved: 0

Rapes: 4
Under Investigation: 2
Solved: 2

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Ruby Rutnik Scholarship Fund Taking Applications

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The Ruby Rutnik Scholarship Fund is pleased to announce that scholarship applications are now available for the 2008-2009 school year. This year's renewable \$2,500 annual award is offered to a qualifying St. John female whose family or self has resided on St. John for five years or more.

A one-year, \$2,500 scholarship award is also being offered to a qualifying girl from this year's tournament championship winning school, Antilles High School of St. Thomas, to attend the college of her choice. Last year's championship winners, Central High of St. Croix and the 2006 championship winners, Elmore Stout High School of Tortola, are also eligible for the one year \$2,500 championship scholarship award.

Girls interested in applying should contact the Rutniks at 693-8069 or pick up an application at Connections in Cruz Bay or Coral Bay. The deadline for submission is May 15. Notice will be given on or before June 1. The Ruby Rutnik Scholarship Fund is supported by the annual Ruby Rutnik Memorial Softball Tournament which was hosted in the Winston Wells ball field the weekend of April 4. The Ruby Rutnik Scholarship Fund and the Rutnik family wish to thank the community for its support of this event, which was the 12th tournament.

Cook-Rutnik Awarded Fellowship By Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation and VCCA

St. John Tradewinds

St. John artist Janet Cook-Rutnik has been awarded a fellowship to the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts. The fellowship is made possible by a grant from Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation as part of its ongoing efforts on behalf of working artists.

The VCCA is located in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains in rural Virginia. Cook-Rutnik will be in residence with approximately 20 other artists focusing on their own creative projects at this working retreat for visual artists, writers and composers.

A typical residency ranges from two weeks to two months. Each artist is provided with a comfortable private bedroom, a private studio and three prepared meals a day. Beyond the breakfast hour and dinner hour, there are no schedules or obligations. This distraction-free atmosphere, as well as the energy that results from having 20 artists, writers and composers gathered in one place, enables artists to be highly productive.

Serving more than 300 artists a year, the VCCA is one of the nation's largest year-round artists' communities. For more information, visit www.vcca.com or call 434-946-7236.

Homeowners Encouraged To Take Advantage of Property Tax Credits

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Lieutenant Governor Greg Francis is encouraging property owners to take advantage of the property tax credits, formerly known as exemptions, which were recently signed into law by Governor John deJongh. Property owners of record as of January 1 have until May 30 to apply for tax credits against the 2006 tax year.

The law does not permit property owners to receive more than two tax credits.

"Rumors of multiple tax credits are unfounded," says Tax Assessor Roy Martin. "Property owners may not apply for more than two credits — homestead and any one of the other categories for which they may be eligible."

Property tax credits are offered in six categories. Two of these categories — one, for owners who have inherited less than five acres of unimproved property, and the other a tax credit circuit breaker applicable to property owners whose property tax bills have increased by 125 percent or more and whose gross income is less than \$135,000 — are newly established. The Tax Assessors Office is presently accepting tax credit applications for the following categories:

– General Homestead: Property

owners who occupied the home as their primary residence as of January 1, 2007, are eligible. Applicants must show proof of residency by providing a valid USVI drivers license or voters registration card. Applicants are also asked to show proof of occupancy by providing a current utility bill. Maximum tax credit: \$400.

– Veterans: Property owners must meet occupancy requirements and been honorably discharged from the U.S. Armed Services. Applicants must provide a copy of their DD-214 at the time of filing, in addition to a valid USVI drivers license or voter registration card. Maximum tax credit: \$650.00

– Seniors: Property owners must meet occupancy requirements. Applicants are also eligible to claim this credit for properties held by tenants in their entireties, if either spouse is 60 years or older on January 1, 2007. The credit is available only when individual annual gross income is less than \$30,000 and household AGI does not exceed \$50,000. Applicants are asked to provide a stamped copy of their 2006 tax return and proof of age at time of application. Maximum Tax Credit: \$500.00

– Disabled: Applicants must meet occupancy requirements and

be suffering from a disability as determined by the Social Security Administration as of January 1, 2007. Applicants are required to provide documentation from the SSA at time of filing, as well as a stamped copy of their 2006 tax return. Maximum Tax Credit: \$500.00

– Class 1 inheritance: Applicants must be owners of unimproved property of five acres or less. The property owner must have acquired the property through inheritance. Tax Credit: Credit equal to 80 percent of the real property taxes levied until \$5,000 or more of improvements are made on said property.

– Tax Credit Circuit Breaker: Available to property owners whose property tax bills increased by 125 percent or more and whose household gross income is less than \$135,000. Tax Credit: Credit equal to 40 percent of the real property tax increase for homestead and unimproved property. Tax credit not to exceed \$5,000.

Property owners who have not applied for the tax credits, formerly known as exemptions, are encouraged to visit the Tax Assessors Office on their respective island, or contact the office at 776-6737.

Burning Ban in Effect on St. Thomas, St. John, Water Island

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Due to the extremely dry vegetation that currently exists on St. Thomas, St. John and Water Island, the V.I. Fire Service is placing a ban on burning brush. Effective Thursday, April 10, no burning permits will be issued for St. Thomas, St. John or Water Island.

Persons with valid burning permits who are affected

by the ban can bring their permit to the V.I. Fire Service administrative office at the Cruz Bay fire station for credited time once the ban has been lifted.

Conditions will continue to be monitored and the status will be adjusted accordingly. This ban will remain in effect until further notice. For more information, call 776-6333.

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Governor John deJongh, center right, with U.S. Department of Interior officials last week.

U.S. Department of Interior Officials Present Grant Award to V.I. Energy Office

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The Virgin Islands Department of Agriculture, Urban and Community Forestry Assistance Program has announced the availability of grants for the 2008 Challenge Cost-Share program.

Non-profit organizations, neighborhood associations, territorial government agencies and educational institutions operating within the U.S. Virgin Islands may apply for a grant. Grants require a 50-50 match to the amount requested from the program. Awards will be allocated on a competitive basis until all funds are exhausted. The deadline for proposal submissions is May 2.

The primary goal of the U&CF Assistance Program is to encourage citizen involvement in creating

and supporting long-term and sustainable Urban & Community Forestry programs throughout the U.S. Virgin Islands. Urban Forestry activities include all of the practices undertaken by community members to plan for and ensure the conservation of existing native species as well as the establishment, maintenance, and protection of trees, green spaces and related natural resources within urban settings.

Proposal packets can be obtained at the Virgin Islands Department of Agriculture on St. Croix, or via the internet at www.viucf.org. For more information, contact U&CF Coordinator Marilyn Chakroff at the V.I. Department of Agriculture, #1 Estate Lower Love, Kingshill, VI 00850, call 778-0998 or email marilynchakroff@hotmail.com.

Calypso Charters Adds *Bad Kitty* to Fleet



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by MaLinda Nelson

Calypso Charters showed off their new 49-foot Wavepiercer "Bad Kitty" during a sunset sail on Thursday afternoon, April 17.

ACC's Annual Dog Festival, Wagapalooza, Is May 17

St. John Tradewinds

The most anticipated "island-style" dog festival has been scheduled for Saturday, May 17, from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Winston Wells Ball Field in Cruz Bay.

Now in its eighth year, the annual oddball animal event inspires dogs and their owners to show off their talents, tricks and good looks, and attracts animal lovers from across the islands. Wagapalooza raises much-needed funds for the St. John Animal Care Center and directly benefits the island's dogs and cats in need of care and temporary shelter.

Wagapalooza festivities include hot food, cold drinks, live music, great raffle prizes, police K-9 demonstrations, free dog nail clipping, fun activities and, of course, the popular dog show.

People are encouraged to bring their well-behaved dogs to the event, as both human and dog accommodations will be available, and the evening hours will help keep everyone cool.

The dog show marks the main attraction of Wagapalooza and dogs and their owners are honing their tricks, ironing their costumes, and fluffing their look-alike hair in preparation for the big event. New

to the dog show this year is the Waga-Meter! Designed to measure the level of applause emanating from the audience, the Waga-Meter will determine the dog show winners by increasing the wag of its tail.

Roger W. Morgan of Paradise Radio 93.5 is back for a second year as Wagapalooza's master of ceremonies, alongside St. John celebrities Paul Devine and Paul Jordan. In addition to the coronation of a Waga King and Queen, there will be nine competitive dog show categories: Best Old Timer; Best Puppy Love; Best Costume; Best Tail Wagger; Best Trick; Best Lap Dog; Best Jumper; Best Spots and Best Dancer.

Dog owners are encouraged to register for the event early. Registration is \$20 per category and forms are available at the ACC shelter, Connections and at www.wagapalooza.com.

Many volunteers are needed for this exciting event. Businesses can help by buying space on the coveted Wagapalooza t-shirts or by providing raffle prizes. Anyone interested in helping should call 774-1625 or stop by the shelter. The St. John ACC is open Tuesday to Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Dept. of Ag Offering Grants for 2008 Challenge Cost-share Program

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Correction

The St. John Community Foundation partners with the St. John Rotary Club for the annual Children's Carnival Village.

New Sign Posted at Caneel Bay Entrance



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by MaLinda Nelson

This Marine Security sign was recently erected near the entrance to Caneel Bay Resort. MARSEC Level One is the new security standard for routine maritime operations.

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St. John Red Cross Volunteers Go Inactive Two Months Before Hurricane Season Starts

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local volunteers, according to a slew of emails between her and St. John Disaster Chair Carol McGuinness.

“Carol, I cannot meet at 5 p.m.,” Canino wrote on Wednesday, April 16. “The meeting has to be between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.”

When McGuinness pointed out to Canino that most volunteers work and can only meet after 5 p.m., Canino simply responded, “Sorry then, I will not be able to attend.”

Puerto Rico has its hands full dealing with its own disaster preparedness, Satchell explained.

“I just don’t think we’ve reached their threshold of consciousness,” he said. “A little communication, a little direction — that’s essentially all we were asking for, and we couldn’t get a response. The Red Cross is best known for being able to rally troops together to bring them into an area of crisis and deliver services, so if we’re shouting that we’re having a crisis here in terms of management and training, it’d seem to me they could easily do that.”

Lack of Respect for St. John

St. John has long been treated poorly by the Red Cross, according to one volunteer who went inactive last week, who asked to remain anonymous. The volunteer, who has been on island for three decades, has personally witnessed the national Red Cross’ lack of respect for the island, she explained.

“During Hurricane Marilyn, the local volunteers really held it together until the national people got

down here,” she said. “People here know the community and know the people, but national comes in like gangbusters: ‘hurray, we’re here now and we’ll take over.’ It seems like a lack of respect.”

Love City volunteers are dedicated, and it’s sad the Red Cross is not working harder to keep them on board, explained nurse Fran Talbot, who went inactive last week.

“It makes me feel very bad to see our disaster team fall apart, because these people have been very dedicated and they’ve given a lot of time and energy,” said Talbot. “You usually only get a core group of people who will faithfully volunteer. People have given countless time and energy, and it’s horrible for them to be treated this way over something that could be resolved with a serious meeting.”

Although the situation seems dire, Satchell has confidence in the Love City community and believes residents would not go unassisted should a disaster strike while the local Red Cross attempts to work out its issues.

“Any community is going to pull together and do what needs to be done, and St. John is probably better at that than just about anywhere else in the world,” said Satchell. “We live here, and we’ll do what has to be done. It may not say ‘Red Cross’ on our foreheads, but we’re still going to jump in and help our neighbors and friends.”

Red Cross Puerto Rico and the St. Thomas Red Cross office did not respond to requests for an interview last week.

Visitor Alleges VIPD Officer Removed Money from Returned Wallet

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found the wallet phoned the VIPD station to inquire about the wallet one more time.

“I spoke to the officer and asked if Mr. Bender had picked up his wallet yet,” said the island landowner. “The officer told me that the gentleman’s daughter Amy had picked it up on Wednesday, March 26.”

Bender flew from St. Thomas to New York on Monday March, 31, and expected to see his wallet in the mail shortly. When it never arrived, he first faxed the VIPD’s Leander Jurgen Command on Thursday, April 3, and then called the station on Monday, April 7.

Wallet Mailed by Officer

“The same officer answered the phone and said she had mailed the wallet that morning,” said Bender.

Later that night, Bender received a phone call from the landowner who had found his wallet on Roman Road.

“He told me how he had found the wallet and the \$900 inside,” said Bender. “He told me when he turned it in to the police and that he had put a note inside the wallet with his phone number on it so I would call him when I picked it up.”

“That is when things started to seem strange,” Bender continued. “I don’t have a daughter named

Amy and nothing was making much sense.”

The wallet finally arrived in New York on Thursday, April 10, in a package with the police officer’s home address as the return address. Bender had the postal clerk witness him opening the package.

“I took out all of my credit cards, my license and everything seemed intact at first,” said Bender. “But the note from the man who found the wallet and the cash were missing.”

Complaint Filed with Internal Affairs

Hoping for restitution and a conclusion to the wallet saga, Bender filed a complaint with the VIPD’s Internal Affairs Division last week.

“I mailed a certified letter to Internal Affairs and to the commissioner of the police department,” said Bender. “I don’t want to cast a bad shadow on anyone, however, you’d like to think that anything turned into the police would be safer than it apparently is.”

“While I don’t want to see anyone lose their job, I don’t want someone to get away with this,” Bender continued.

VIPD’s Department of Internal Affairs is looking into the case, explained VIPD spokesperson Melody Rames.

“Internal Affairs has started an investigation which is currently in the preliminary stages,” said Rames. “The investigation is ongoing.”

Fundraising Drive for Cinnamon Bay Museum

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ing proposed by President George Bush to match donations made by citizens to improve national parks in an effort to prepare NPS operations, staffing, services and facilities for its 100th anniversary in 2016.

“We’re really hoping within the next 10 years, as part of the National Park’s Centennial Challenge, that we’ll be able to build an actual museum on the island somewhere,” said Brady. “That’s our ultimate goal, but

that’s far down the line and will be millions of dollars. We’re doing the Cinnamon Bay museum in the meantime to share these artifacts with visitors and residents.”

Blending Natural, Cultural History

Bids on the project have already been received, but a contractor has not yet been selected. The plans were designed approximately two years ago by a Barefoot Architects intern.

“We want to take you from 800 BC up to the founding of the

VINP,” said Wild. “We’ll have a tank where you can see the conservation of metal artifacts from shipwrecks, and we designed it so there’s a discovery area where you’ll be able to see the blend of natural and cultural history. There will be plants past inhabitants may have used for medicine and stones they made their beads from.”

Anyone interested in donating to the museum should call Brady at 779-4940. Donations to the Friends, a non-profit organization, are tax deductible.

Better Know a Ranger: Laurel Brannick-Bigrigg

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fall into place really well. I’ve always been in the right place at the right time.”

Not only is the VINP education specialist happy with her position, she enjoys the organization she works for as well. The VINP takes good care of its employees, she explained.

“The organization’s been good to me,” said Brannick-Bigrigg. “The park gave cash advances to employees during hurricanes, and there are a lot of benefits like health insurance, life insurance and credit unions, which are important. I’m really just doing my job, and I’m lucky that I really enjoy it.”

Brannick-Bigrigg hopes to extend her influence to the V.I. Department of Education in an effort to encourage them to promote swimming. Public school students are currently not allowed to swim on field trips, but the VINP education specialist hopes to change that, she explained.

“It’s amazing how many kids can’t swim, and they shouldn’t be told that it’s dangerous,” said Brannick-Bigrigg. “If you know your abilities and you’re supervised, swimming is a good thing. I would like to ask DOE Commissioner LaVerne Terry what we can do to allow kids to swim at supervised locations with a lifeguard and flotation devices.”

EPA Recognition

Swimming is an especially important skill for island children, who grow up surrounded by water, according to Brannick-Bigrigg. The ability to swim can open up new job opportunities, and allows children to experience the island’s underwater resources first hand, she explained.

“Instead of learning about science from a textbook, they learn about it on their own island,” she said.

The VINP education specialist’s efforts to share nature with children were recently recognized by

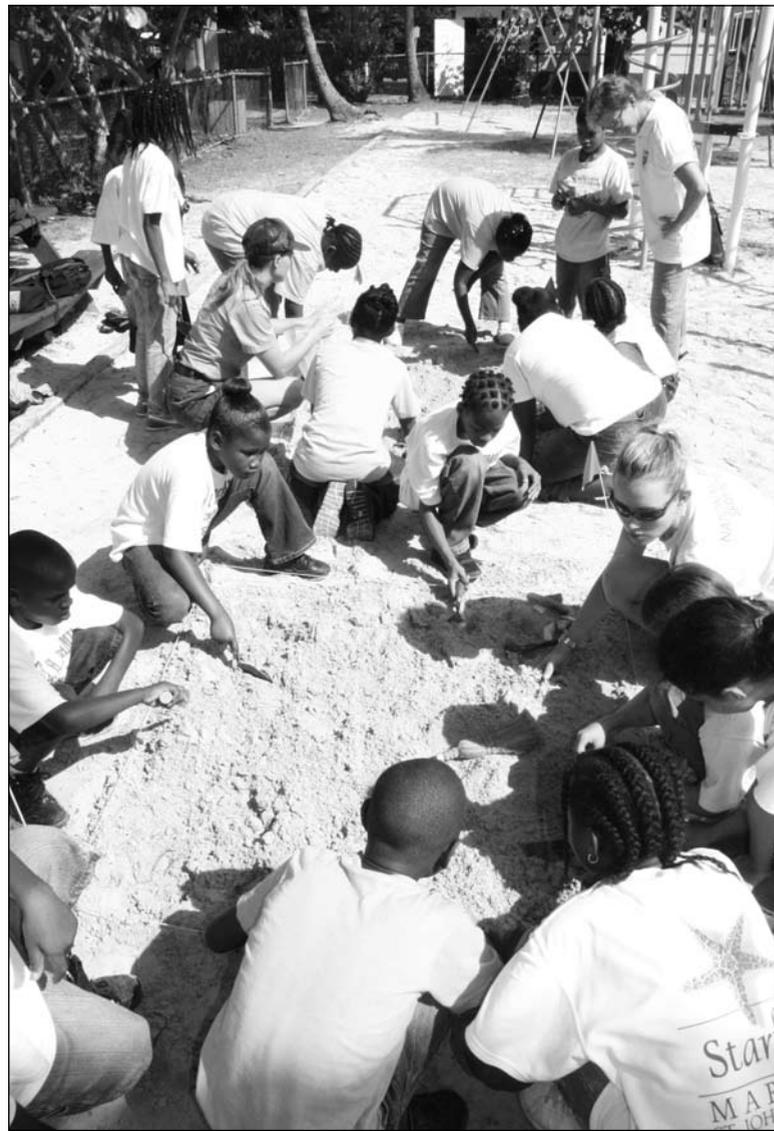
the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, which awarded her with its highest recognition given to the public — a U.S. EPA Environmental Quality Award. She will miss an upcoming reception in New York, but will be recognized at a local awards ceremony, which has not yet been scheduled.

“It seems like she’s gone above and beyond what she’s supposed to do for her job,” said local EPA Life Scientist Keshema Webbe. “She always takes extra time with the kids, and it’s great to give her this honor. She’s been working really hard and we figure she deserves it.”

Brannick-Bigrigg is excited to be recognized for her efforts, she explained.

“It’s thrilling, very exciting,” she said. “I just feel like I’m doing my job, but it’s nice to be recognized.”

To schedule a field trip with Brannick-Bigrigg, call 776-6201 ext. 257.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tom Oat

Students dig for artifacts at the VINP Cultural Resource Department’s attraction.

Friends of VINP’s Earth Day Fair

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tives that people can use instead of chemicals in their homes like borax, baking soda and vinegar.”

“We also have hydrogen peroxide which many people don’t realize has bleach and can be used as an alternative to Clorox,” Morton added.

Animal Care Center volunteers were on hand promoting kindness to animals. Members of the St. John Historical Society set up a table with local fruit and vegetables.

Officials from the Department of Planning and Natural Resources’ Energy Office displayed solar panels and light bulbs.

Energy Saving Displays

“We’re demonstrating electricity today and showing kids they can save energy by using different light bulbs,” said Don Buchanan, a representative of DPNR’s Energy Office.

Ital Anthony displayed his handmade crafts created from local natural objects.

“Children need to know more about nature and their environment,” said Anthony.

VINP officials had several different informational booths. Education Specialist Laurel Brannick led students in a rendition of Jeopardy based on marine questions.

Resource Management Ranger Christy McManus showed off a computer program she created called “Reef to Ridge,” which illustrated how what happens on the hillsides impacts coral reefs.

Carrie Stengel, also from the VINP Resource Management Department, taught students about endangered species and how important they are to protect.

Officials from the VINP Cultural Resources Department got their hands dirty in the ball field’s sand box, where they helped students dig for buried artifacts.

FirstBank VI representatives handed out reusable grocery bags to promote their “Think First, Think Green,” campaign.

Employers Learn to Help Eliminate Sexual Harassment

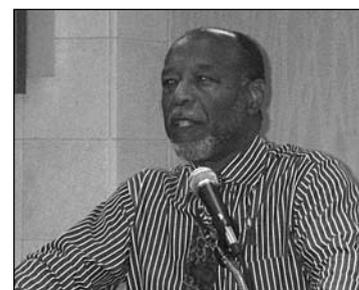
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It is important to report instances of sexual harassment when they occur, Smith explained.

“Let employers know that sexual harassment will not be tolerated,” said Smith. “Sexual harassment is illegal and we need to work together to reduce, if not eliminate, sexual harassment in the workplace.”

The SJCCC will sponsor future workshops on sexual harassment and other issues to empower the community, explained the group’s director Shelley Williams.

“Over the past year SJCCC has



DOL Acting Assistant Commissioner Glen Smith

conducted multiple outreach programs to educate the community about sexual harassment, sexual assault and violence,” Williams said. “If we are going to have a healthy and vibrant community

it’s important to provide information — which is power — to the people.”

Solving society’s ills is up to each and every individual, according to Williams.

“Gone are the days when you can just sit back and not be actively engaged,” she said. “It is going to take a community-wide effort to solve our problems and we should all be a part of that effort.”

For more information about sexual harassment in the workplace, contact the SJCCC at 693-7233 or the DOL’s division of labor relations on St. Thomas at 776-3700.

Community Calendar

St. John Tradewinds

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.

Thursday, April 24

The Friends of the V.I. National Park is sponsoring a presentation of two reports providing information regarding the health and well-being of the VINP, compiled by the nonpartisan advocacy group which works to protect and enhance the National Park System, the National Parks Conservation Association. The presentation is scheduled for Thursday, April 24, at 6 p.m. at the Westin's Coral Bay Room

April 24, May 29, June 27 and July 17

Informational public forums led by St. John residents Paul Devine and Ronnie Jones are scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at the Julius E. Sprauve School on April 24, May 29, June 27 and July 17. The forums are intended to gather public input and to provide updates on what is happening with the Fifth Constitutional Convention. All input will be sent to Constitutional Convention delegates.

Thursday, May 1

Taxi and tour operators who wish to join their peers in receiving certification are being urged to register for the upcoming course. The Taxi and Tour Certification program will be begin Thursday, May 1, on St. Thomas from 6 to 8 p.m.

Friday, May 16

The St. John School of the Arts will have a raffle drawing at its student music recital on Friday, May 16, at the art school.

Saturday, May 17

The most anticipated "island-style" dog festival has been scheduled for Saturday, May 17, from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Winston Wells Ball Field in Cruz Bay. Wagapalooza festivities include hot food, cold drinks, live music, great raffle prizes, police K-9 demonstrations, free dog nail clipping, fun activities and, of course, the popular dog show.

Through Tuesday, May 20

The Elaine Ione Sprauve Scholarship Committee invites St. John high school seniors to apply for the Elaine Ione Sprauve Scholarship. Students graduating from a local high school may obtain an application form from any high school principal or counselor, as well as the Elaine I. Sprauve Library on St. John. The application deadline is May 20.

Sunday, May 25

Friends of Virgin Islands National Park will host the fifth annual Beach-to-Beach Power Swim on Sunday, May 25, at 8 a.m. Registration is now open.

Sunday, June 1

The St. John School of the Arts will be hosting auditions for the Ruth "Sis" Frank performance/merit scholarships on Sunday, June 1, at 2 p.m. at SJSA. All outstanding and talented students on St. John and St. Thomas are welcome to apply.

AA Meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous meets as scheduled: Sundays, 9:45 a.m. at Hawksnest Bay Beach; Closed meeting for alcoholic only at Nazareth Lutheran Church at 5:30 on Tuesdays; Open meetings on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 6 p.m. at Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cruz Bay; Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 6 p.m. at Emmaus Moravian Church, Coral Bay.

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 Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church.

Horoscope by Natasha Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Don't be put off by a seemingly too-tangled situation. Sometimes a simple procedure will unsnarl all the knots and get you in the clear fast and easy, just the way the Lamb likes it.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's a good time to go through your work space -- wherever it is -- and see what needs to be replaced and what can be tossed (or at least given away) without a second thought.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Someone who disagrees with your position might try to intimidate you. But continue to present a fair argument, regardless of how petty someone else might be while trying to make a point.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You might find yourself exceptionally sensitive to family matters this week. An issue could come to light that you had overlooked. Ask other kinfolk to discuss it with you.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You might have more questions about a project (or perhaps someone you're dealing with on some level) than you feel comfortable with. If so, see which can be answered, which cannot and why.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) It's a good time to clean up and clear out what you don't need before your tidy self is overwhelmed by "stuff." Then go celebrate the Virgo victory over clutter with someone special.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You might feel a mite confused about why something you were sure couldn't go wrong didn't go all right either. Be

patient. Things soon move into balance, exactly as you like it.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) At this decision point, you could be moving from side to side, just to say you're in motion. Or you could be considering making a move straight up. What you choose is up to you.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Although your finances should be in an improved situation at this time, thrift is still the savvy Sagittarian smart move. Advice from a spouse or partner could be worth heeding.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Taking on a new challenge brings out the Goat's skills in maneuvering over and around difficult spots. Best of all, the Goat does it one careful step after another. (Got the idea, Kid?)

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Your well-known patience might be wearing thin because of a disturbing (and seemingly unending) problem with someone close to you. This could be a time to ask for help. Good luck.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Be careful about a new venture that lures you into a just-look-and-see mode. Be sure that what you're being given to see isn't hiding what you should be seeing instead.

BORN THIS WEEK: Aries and Taurus give you the gift of leadership and the blessings of care and concern for all creatures.

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St. John Police Report

Friday, April 11

10:30 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r someone collided into his vehicle causing damages. Auto accident.

12:45 p.m. - An Estate Contant resident p/r she lost her nurse's assistant license. Lost license.

3:45 p.m. - An Estate Grunwald resident p/r that her house was broken into. Burglary in the third.

4:00 p.m. - A visitor p/r someone struck his rental jeep while parked at Wharfside Village on 4/7/08. Hit and run.

Saturday, April 12

1:55 a.m. - A citizen c/r a car over the embankment with someone trapped inside. Auto accident.

11:41 p.m. - ADT c/r an activated alarm at the National Park Service's building 2. Activated alarm.

Sunday, April 13

10:00 a.m. - An Estate Carolina resident p/r that her minor daughter is missing from last night. Missing minor.

7:33 p.m. - A citizen p/r an auto accident on Centerline Road. Auto accident.

Monday, April 14

12:10 a.m. - An Estate Adrian resident r/ her boyfriend assaulted her. Assault in the third, D.V.

11:30 a.m. - An employee at Chelsea Drug Store c/r a disturbance with two individuals. Disturbance of the peace.

4:25 p.m. - An Estate Contant resident p/r that she was harassed by two individuals at The Marketplace. Disturbance of the peace.

4:55 p.m. - A citizen c/r that several individuals were smoking marijuana in the area of Nature's Nook. Possession of unlicensed firearm. Possession of controlled substance.

5:16 p.m. - A Calabash Boom resident c/r that someone broke into her property. Burglary in the third.

5:18 p.m. - A citizen c/r several people were fighting in the area of Joe's Diner. Simple assault.

6:35 p.m. - A resident c/r that someone destroyed some property at his business AC Art. Destruction of property.

Tuesday, April 15

4:45 p.m. - An Estate Rendezvous resident p/r that someone was following her an she believes

shots were fired in the area of Power Boyd Plantation. Suspicious activity.

5:00 p.m. - A visitor r/ his villa was broken into. Burglary in the third.

5:34 p.m. - A Methodist Church employee reported that a male picked up a child from the school without the parent's permission. Police assistance.

6:00 p.m. - A citizen r/ a disturbance (possible D.V.) in progress at Cruz Bay Apartments. Police assistance.

Wednesday, April 16

6:40 p.m. - A citizen c/r that a vehicle overturned in the area of Paradise Lumber. Unfounded.

7:09 p.m. - A resident c/r that she was assaulted by her sister at George Simmonds Terrace. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

Thursday, April 17

9:10 a.m. - A Cruz Bay Villas resident p/r that someone unknown cut the chain to his property. Destruction of property.

Friday, April 18

2:20 a.m. - A citizen c/r a fire in the area of Chocolate Hole. Vehicle fire.

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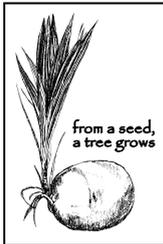
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- ST. JOHN LAND LISTINGS -

■ **6-3-55 Carolina** – Ridgetop lot in Upper Carolina with expansive down island views of the BVI's and Drake's Passage. Actual building envelope is very level. This parcel represents the best of St John at a reasonable price. Deeded access to beach at Johnson's Bay. 0.47+/- acre R-1 w/C&R's.....**\$599,000.**

■ **449 Chocolate Hole** – Downhill build parcel on top road in prestigious North Chocolate Hole. 0.45+/- acre. R-2 with C&R's.....**\$499,000.**

■ **6-o-2B Rem Hansen Bay** – Prime land located in Privateer Bay Estates with dual views of Coral Bay as well as to the north and east British Virgin Islands and Caribbean Sea. Amenities include paved roads with underground utilities and deeded access to two beaches and exclusive rental privileges to the Privateer Bay Beach Cottages. 0.62+/- acre of R-1 w/C&R's.....**\$475,000.**

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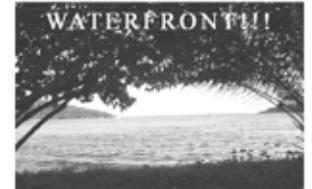
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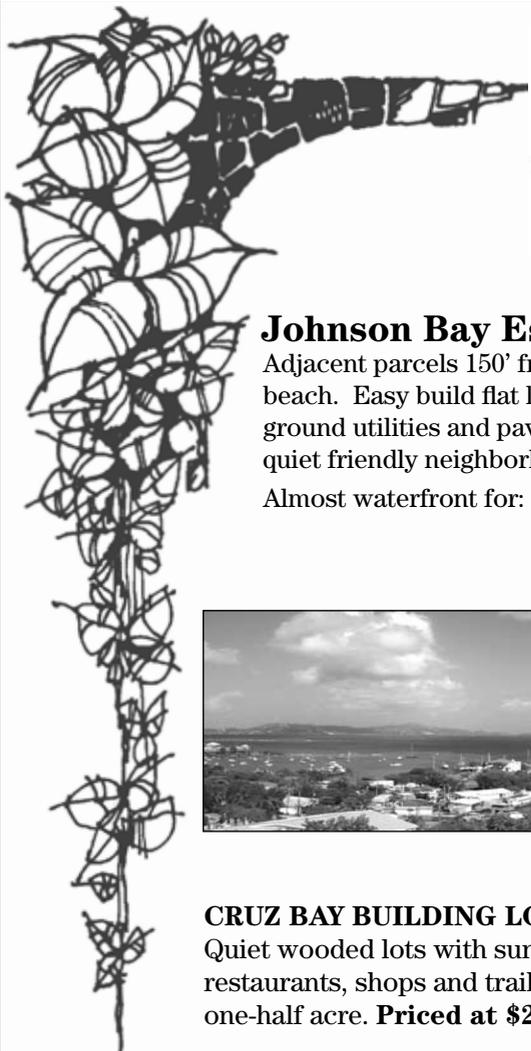
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- FEATURED CONDOS -

"Mango Terrace Condos" - Michael Milne designed condos under construction in Cruz Bay. Two, three and four bedrooms available, A/C, walk to Frank Bay beach and town. Water views, high quality appliances. These will be some of the most spacious condos on St. John. Only 20% down. Completion scheduled for mid 2008. Special pre-construction prices: **\$825,000 to \$1.6M**

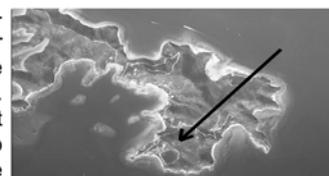


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- COMMERCIAL/DEVELOPMENT -

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HOMES

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CAROLINA Sunrises all year round overlooking Coral Bay up to Norman Island and Sage Mountain. This well maintained fully shuttered two unit cottage offers a 1 bedroom 1 bath on the upper level with a cozy covered porch. Lower level unit offers a studio apartment. .26 acres \$625,000

REDUCED \$100K! Bordering greenbelt, this tastefully crafted Fish Bay home features beautiful stone and hardwood accents, vaulted ceilings & large living/dining area & 3rd bedroom on lower level along with a lower level apt. Water views of Fish Bay. Private location. \$550,000.

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BEACH FRONT! "Sunset Beach" is a fabulous beachfront villa set at the water's edge on Dever's Bay that is luxuriously appointed and tastefully decorated with antique reproductions. The impressive "great room", opens on to a comfortable verandah and the 4 elegant bdrms feature antique four poster beds. The beach is at your doorstep. \$3,750,000

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LAND

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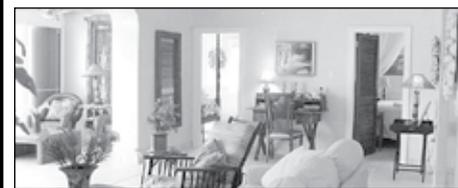
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CONDOS & TIMESHARES

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WATERFRONT ON MONTE BAY – Spectacular 13.44ac site, located between Boatman Pt. & Klein Bay on South Shore. Ideal for subdivision or private estate. \$4,700,000.

ADRIAN – Off the beaten path, wooded ½ acre w/ underground utilities and paved roads. \$250,000.

CRUZ BAY TOWN – R-4 zoning, plans and permits. Walk to Frank Bay Beach. Reduced to \$340,000.

REDUCED TO \$150,000 – Water views of Coral Bay, wonderful Est. Eden location. **GREAT BUY!**

CONTANT – 3 extra large homesites overlooking Cruz Bay. Paved streets, underground utilities. \$292,500 to \$315,000. Waterfront lot, \$1.4 m.

POINT RENDEZVOUS – Two superb parcels w/outstanding views. Priced to sell at \$425k & \$495k.

LEINSTER BAY – Great Thatch to Mary's Point views, access from Johnny Horn trail. \$265k & \$329,000.

ZOOTENVAAL – Terrific water views of Hurricane Hole, paved streets, underground utilities. \$450,000.

GREAT CRUZ BAY – 1.05 acre site w/fantastic harbor views & architectural plans. Walk to dingy landing. \$895,000.

FLANAGAN'S PASSAGE – Panoramic views, 0.89 acre lot, paved roads, house plans available. \$490,000.

CATHERINEBERG – Incredible north shore views, 1.05 ac. surrounded by Nat'l. Park. \$2,100,000.

DITLEFF POINT – 3 waterfront parcels **SOLD!** 14 spectacular parcels available, starting at \$895,000.

ESTATE FISH BAY –
Water views, moderate slope, topo map.....\$199,000
Great Fish Bay & Ditleff views, privacy\$250,000
Water views, borders green belt, paved access\$275,000
Walk to beach, dingy dock, topo included\$349,000
Direct water view, corner parcel\$389,900
Borders Nat'l. Pk., 0.87ac\$425,000

ESTATE CHOCOLATE HOLE –
Pebble Way location, 0.65ac, water views.....\$359k

SEAGRAPE HILL/EMMAUS –
Coral Hbr & Moravian Church views, 0.34ac.....\$185k
Great Buy! 0.35ac. w/waterview, paved road\$186k

ESTATE CAROLINA –
Lower Bordeaux, beautiful BVI views, paved rd\$199k
Ironwood Rd, great Coral Bay views, house plans\$360k
Upper Carolina, great views! 0.506 acre\$395k
Spectacular views, high on Bordeaux.....\$599k

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CATHERINEBERG'S "MANGO BAY" has amazing north shore views, total privacy! 1+ lush acre (fruit trees & exotic orchids), stone showers, fireplace, brick pool terrace, new kitchen, 4 A/C BRs, gated w/carpport. Exquisite Charm! **\$5,950,000.**



CATHERINEBERG (5X5) "CINAMON RIDGE" 1+ private acre, borders National Park; stunning north shore views, pool & spa **\$5,250,000.**

PRIVATE 5 AC. BEACHFRONT (5x3) "LIME TREE BAY" 490'

shoreline on Round Bay. White sand beach plus private cove with "pocket" beach. Adjacent 4 acres also available. **\$4,995,000.**



"CONTENTMENT" Fabulous Contant villa, 6 bdrms, 6.5 baths, designer detail and furnishings!!! Spectacular views to St. Thomas. **\$4,200,000.**



BEACHFRONT (4X4) "HARBOUR VIEW" new 1 ac. estate on Great Cruz Bay harbor. Boat & swim at Westin Resort. **\$3,700,000 Price reduced!**

Exclusively Listed Homes

BORDEAUX MTN. (5x4) STUNNING VIEWS! Charming, gated .5 ac. estate; spa, fireplace, poolside kitchen, ultimate privacy. **\$3,450,000.**

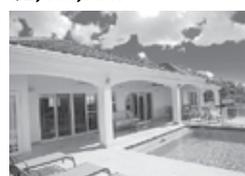
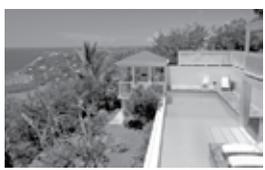
RENDEZVOUS BAY (5x5) "VISTAERO" breathtaking views, huge pool & spa, fabulous villa or residence! **\$3,000,000 Price reduced!**

WATERFRONT (3x3) "LA DOLCE VITA" with boat mooring, 376 ft. shoreline. W-1 zoning allows commercial uses **\$2,995,000.**

"GREAT EXPECTATIONS" (7x7 1/2) 1 ac., tennis, 2 homes, pools, spas, walk to beaches. Impressive rental. **\$2,495,000.**

"POINCIANA" 1.24 acres beachfront on Hart Bay. 3 bedroom beach house with spa, views and breezes. **\$2,495,000.**

CHOCOLATE HOLE NORTH (5x5) "SOLARIS" Spectacular views of 5 bays. 60' lap pool, courtyard, and great amenities. **\$2,400,000.**



"VILLA SIBELLA" Beautiful new 5 bedroom villa in Virgin Grand Estates! Spacious rooms with top of the line amenities. Views, pool, privacy! **\$2,200,000.**

"VILLA FAR NIENTE", New construction in prestigious Point Rendezvous is ready for you to customize. Great views and artistic landscaping. **\$2,100,000.**



"SEACAY VILLA", pool villa has unobstructed, panoramic ocean views and good short term rental history. Short drive to Cruz Bay. **\$1,995,000.**

"COCONUTS" 3X3 GIFFT HILL VILLA, impressive views with awesome sunsets and St. Thomas lights. Caribbean style. **\$1,499,999.**



NEW CONSTRUCTION - CHOCOLATE HOLE totally charming, 2x2 with private gated courtyard, large pool, planters & columns, arched doors and windows, island stone showers, a/c, hi tech kitchen, etc. **\$1,495,000.**

"WINDWARDSIDE COTTAGES"; super privacy highlights these two charming masonry cottages. Hot tubs, bricked courtyards and wonderful décor make this a very special offering. **\$1,400,000.**

"SEAVIEW" vacation villa. Charming 4 bdrm, masonry home in excellent condition with large pool in convenient Chocolate Hole. **\$1,395,000.**

UPPER CHOCOLATE HOLE GEM! Masonry 3 BR 3.5 BA home, pool, private lower BR w/ separate entry, large room for addl. BR, excellent rental potential. **\$1,390,000.**



"SEABISCUIT" (2x2) Caribbean style, masonry, panoramic views, pool & hot tub. Immaculate, above Coral Harbour. **\$1,150,000.**



"SAGO COTTAGE", adorable Caribbean style masonry cottage with wonderful down island views and great rental history. **\$1,100,000.**

"CASA NITA" 3 bed/3 bath St. Quacco villa with spacious & light rooms, big views to BVI. **\$1,050,000.**

TRADE HOME FOR LAND PLUS \$\$ - GIFFT HILL Delightful 3 bedroom income producing masonry home with pool and privacy. Beautiful water views to St. Thomas! Extensive exotic landscaping. **TRADE or \$999,000.**

COLORFUL FISH BAY RETREAT! Immaculate 3 bedroom / 3 bath home, borders National Park, views of Fish Bay & Ditleff Pt. **\$795,000.**

INCREDIBLE FISH BAY VALUE! 4 bed/2 bath home with huge panoramic views and quiet location. **\$750,000.**

"SANCTUARY GARDEN" Serene well-built home with 2 units, lovely pool, gardens & expansive decks in this quiet, private location. **PRICE REDUCED \$725,000.**

"CAROLINA FIXER-UPPER" - Two bedroom family home plus separate studio rental downstairs. View to Tortola. **\$415,000.**

OWN A MONTH (OR MORE) in a 3 or 4 bedroom luxury home. Magnificent views and sunsets from 3 homes with all amenities, pools with waterfalls and spas. Deeded home ownerships from **\$79,000.**

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WATERFRONT

Dreekets Bay Estates, 2.5 acres, beachfront, BVI views, breezes, quality roads **\$2,500,000**
Boatman Point, 1.2 ac, 5 bdrm house plans, cliff front **\$1,875,000**
Boatman Point, .70 acre, 175 ft of east facing shoreline. **\$1,575,000**
Lovango Cay, waterfront parcel, .65 acre **\$635,000**

ESTATE CAROLINA

Upper Carolina, .5 acre, Sunrise, Coral Bay Harbor views **\$495,000**
Sugar Apple West, .5 acre, waterviews, easy build **\$349,900**
Bordeaux Mountain BVI view, down hill build 0.537 acre. **\$345,000**
Bordeaux Mtn, water views, .5 ac downhill build **\$239,000**
Lower Bordeaux Mt, .27 acre, approved plans & cistern **\$208,000**
Bonus Villa Use, Seagrape Hill, dual water view, 0.387 acre **\$177,500**

ENDLESS VIEWS ACROSS THE WATERS from these three premiere lots in Upper Peter Bay. This gated community is in the midst of Nat'l Park land, beaches & deeded beach access.

"UPPER MONTE BAY ESTATES" - SPECTACULAR, PRIVATE SOUTH SHORE LOTS WITH PRISTINE VIEWS. Low density subdivision with 7 large parcels, paved road, stone walls & underground utilities; above Rendezvous Bay. **\$1,000,000 to 1,400,000.**



"SLICE OF HEAVEN ON "LOVANGO" Build your dream home on this .75 acre WATERFRONT parcel. **\$899,000.**

BEAUTIFUL LOTS ON QUIET EAST END in the original Hansen Bay subdivision, Dreekets Bay and Privateer Bay, with pristine views & lovely beaches listed from **\$285,000 - \$900,000.**

"LOVANGO CAY" 3 waterfront & hillside properties feature upscale amenities and infrastructure; barge landing with piers, paved roads, underground electric, access to beach and much more! **Amazing views, realistically priced from \$600,000 to \$899,000!**

"VIRGIN GRAND ESTATES" Gated community featuring underground utilities, paved roads, & gorgeous sweeping views. Five fabulous lots ranging from **\$469,000 to \$785,000.**



"CLIFFVIEW ESTATES" IN FISH BAY Six parcels in new subdivision offer exciting views and adjacent to National Park. Underground utility access and paved roads. From .51 to .91 acre, **\$299,000 - \$795,000.**

"CANEEL HILL" - SELLER FINANCING is a very private residential community just minutes from Cruz Bay with beautiful water views to St. Thomas. The gentle grade and easy access make these 3 parcels very desirable, easily buildable homesites. Total **1.78 acres for \$700,000.**

"ESTATE CONCORDIA PRESERVE" - Premier location, with extraordinary water views, some border National Park -some are waterfront! From .78 acre to 3 acres. **7 parcels priced from \$550,000.**

"DREEKETS BAY ESTATES" boasts spectacular BVI views, quality paved roads, undergrnd. utilities, stone wall & planters, common beach. Just 8 minutes from Coral Bay. **12 parcels priced from \$450,000.**

CHOCOLATE HOLE - Tropical breezes and delightful south shore views! Two parcels just over a half acre each. **\$399,000.**

FISH BAY - Two Great parcels - one with improvements & active plans and one with great views & end of road privacy. **\$375,000 - \$385,000.**



READY TO BUILD IN RENDEZVOUS: View parcel overlooks Pillsbury Sound and site has new and easy access. Seller including permitted plans for 3 bedroom, 3 bath home!! **\$350,000.**

Condos & Timeshares

EXCEPTIONAL PASTORY- 1 bdrm condo, great views, close to town, quiet neighborhood. Turn key. **\$529,000.**

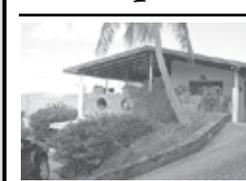
"RAINBOW'S END" Battery Hill condo, 2 bdrms, poolside, close to town. **Priced to Sell! \$625,000.**

BEACHFRONT "GRANDE BAY" RESORT Condos under construction, overlooking Cruz Bay Harbor. Walk to town & restaurants. 2 bdrm **\$895,000;** 3 bdrm **\$1,100,000 (Seller/Broker)**

"GALLOW'S POINT" 3 OCEAN FRONT units (2-upper & 1-lower) ea. w/ deck/patio, walk to town **\$1,400,000, \$1,275,000 & \$1,200,000.**

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Development Opportunity



"GALLOW'S SEAVIEW" (2x2) .58 ac. R-4 & W-1 zoning allows multifamily dwellings & commercial uses. Spectacular views. Walk to beach & town.

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