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V.I. Port Authority's Public Dinghy Docks in Bad Shape on St. John

The Cruz Bay welcome mat for visiting boaters, the dinghy docks at the Loredon L. Boynes Ferry Dock are dangerously dilapidated, according to resident boaters.

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The two ferry companies operating between St. John and St. Thomas have eliminated extra runs at peak hours because of rising fuel costs.

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Ferry Companies Cutting Back Runs Between St. John and St. Thomas

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Blaming skyrocketing fuel costs, Varlack Ventures and Transportation Services of St. John are cutting back ferry runs between St. Thomas and St. John starting Monday, May 5, according to the companies' legal counsel, Claudette Ferron.

While the hourly Public Service Commission (PSC) required runs will remain in effect, the island's two ferry companies can no longer afford to schedule additional runs, Ferron explained.

"We had included additional runs and sometimes ran two boats to accommodate the demand and workers," said Ferron. "But we can't keep going with the fuel costs the way they are. Costs are increasing and revenue is staying the same."

The PSC approved a rate increase for the ferry runs in 2005, and in that time the cost of fuel has spiked more than 200 percent, according to Ferron.

"Since 2005 when we had the last rate increase — which was the first rate increase in almost two decades — the cost of fuel has gone up 234 percent," she said. "In the last six months the cost has gone up 28 percent and in the last three months it's risen 13 percent."

The ferry companies have re-

Red Hook to Cruz Bay

6:30 a.m.
7:30 a.m.
8:00 a.m.

Then every hour on the hour until midnight.

Cruz Bay to Red Hook

6:00 a.m.
Then every hour on the hour until 11:00 p.m.

Cruz Bay to Charlotte Amalie

7:15 a.m.
9:15 a.m.
11:15 a.m.
1:15 p.m.
2:15 p.m.
3:45 p.m.

Charlotte Amalie to Cruz Bay

9:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
1:00 p.m.
3:00 p.m.
4:00 p.m.
5:30 p.m.

quested another rate examination, which is currently pending before the PSC. Ferry representatives have also asked for immediate relief, but have not heard from the regulatory board, explained Ferron.

"We made a request for a hearing for a fuel surcharge a few months ago but have not gotten any response from the PSC on that," said the attorney. "The costs are rising and we can't do anything about it because we can't do anything about our rates. You can't get

blood from a stone."

In 1987 the companies were awarded an exclusive 30-year franchises to run ferry service between St. John and St. Thomas. Since the companies provide public transportation service, they should be subsidized by the government, according to their legal counsel.

"The companies have not received any subsidies from the government — they haven't gotten a dime," Ferron said. "They are providing public transportation which is a government responsibility but they aren't getting any subsidies."

"Everywhere else in the states, including Puerto Rico, when private entities provide public transportation they are funded by the government," the attorney continued.

With the ferry companies operating in the red, something needs to be done, Ferron added.

"The ferry companies have been going into debt for the last 10 years," she said. "How this is resolved will be dependent on what steps are taken to deal with the crisis facing public marine transportation."

"The issue of public transportation needs to be addressed by the appropriate entities, from the PSC to the legislative body to the executive branch," said Ferron.

CZM Hearing Scheduled for May 21

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The St. John CZM Committee will meet on Wednesday, May 21, at 1 p.m. at the St. John Legislature to consider the following:

- Request for modification of CZM Permit No. CZJ-2-03(L), Genoveva Rodriguez and James Phillips to add a vendor's booth (11 feet by 11 feet) to the existing retail building located at parcel no. 13, Estate Carolina, No. 1 Coral Bay Quarter, St. John, Virgin Islands.

- Request for modification of CZM Permit No. CZJ-54-87(L), Caneel Bay Resort, to replace the existing RO building and entry building with new stone and wood frame within the same footprint, and expansion of an existing manager's house to add a bedroom and a pool.

Monsanto Is STJ Rep for Christensen

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Delegate to Congress Donna Christensen has two new employees to her district staff. Aesha Duval will work out of the delegate's St. Croix office as public relations outreach specialist, and Lorelei Monsanto was selected as Christensen's constituent services representative for St. John. Monsanto will staff the delegate's St. John office on Monday, Wednesday and half day on Friday.

"She will be extending the community services of the Office of the Delegate on St. John and keeping us abreast of ongoing St. John issues," said Christensen.

St. John Rescue To Conduct Training

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St. John Rescue advises residents that rappelling training will be conducted on Thursday, May 8, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the end of the road at Boatman Point. Residents should not be alarmed at the lights and rescuers scrambling over the cliffs.

Power Swim Practice Swim May 18

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Get ready for the Friends of the V.I. National Park's annual Beach to Beach Power Swim on May 25 at the remaining practice swim, which is scheduled for Sunday, May 18, beginning at Maho Bay and ending at Hawksnest. The practice swim begins at 8 a.m. at the north end of Maho near the dinghy channel. For more information, contact the Friends at 779-4940.

Nominations Sought for CZM Award

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The Department of Planning and Natural Resources has announced a call for nominations for its 2008 Virgin Islands Coastal Zone Management Program Awareness Award. This award is open to individuals, private organizations, schools and government agencies, from the entire territory except for the department of DPNR employees or families of employees.

Individuals, organizations

and schools cannot nominate themselves, but may be nominated by others. Categories include: Coastal Zone Person of the Year, Organization of the Year, Coastal Zone School of the Year, and Coastal Zone College Student of the Year Award.

To obtain a nomination package, visit <http://www.viczmp.com>, call 774-3320 ext. 5117 or fax a request for a package to 714-9524. All nominations must be received by May 23.

Constitutional Convention Forums Set

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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 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.





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Pond Bay players (L to R): Jay Wicklund, Wharton-Smith; Claude Dupre, Pond Bay; Peter Pasqua, West LB; Ron Davoli, Wharton-Smith; Tracy Roberts, Springline Architects; Michael Casey, ARCAPITA; Governor John deJongh; Bob Emmett, Pond Bay; Beverly Nicholson-Doty, Tourism Commissioner; Leona Smith, St. John Administrator; Carmen Wesselhoft, Senator-at-Large; and Paul Hoffman.

Pond Bay Club Proves Construction Has Begun with Ceremonial Groundbreaking

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

Developers First American Development Group/Carib showed they are serious about moving forward with construction of the luxury fractional ownership resort Pond Bay Club on Tuesday evening, April 29, when nearly 150 supporters of the project — including several local dignitaries and Governor John deJongh — were welcomed to the Estate Chocolate Hole site for an official groundbreaking ceremony.

“It was a very classy affair,” said Pond Bay Director of sales Bill Orwig. “Governor deJongh had wonderful comments about how good it

is to work with people who add to the Virgin Islands.”

Senator at Large Carmen Wesselhoft, V.I. Department of Tourism Commissioner Beverly Nicholson-Doty and St. John Administrator Leona Smith were on hand for the festivities, along with Michael Casey of ARCAPITA, the project’s banker; Peter Pasqua of West LB, the project’s luxury hospitality vendor; and representatives of general contractor Wharton-Smith and project architect Springline Architects.

“We wanted to invite people we’ve had working relationships with,” said Orwig.

“For the most part, we extended the invitation to our local real estate

agents and professionals and a lot of those people who’ve worked on the project, whether in the field of law, architecture, engineering, the Department of Planning and Natural Resources and Coastal Zone Management, along with local business owners,” added Pond Bay Office Manager Heather Ruhsam, who helped coordinate the groundbreaking.

East West Catering put together the elaborate seafood spread, and guests walked away from the celebration with canvas bags featuring the Pond Bay logo filled with an introductory sampler from ESPA, which will have a 14,000 square foot facility on the resort’s property,

a custom Pond Bay beach towel and several informational brochures.

After guests had a chance to mingle and explore the beachfront portion of the 15-acre site to the tunes of a live steel pan player, 10 gold shovels were given to those who’ve been instrumental in helping the project come to fruition, and ground was officially broken.

“In for the Long Haul”

“We really wanted to show that this project is underway,” said Orwig. “It gives lots of credibility to the project and shows you we’re in for the long haul. I don’t think there’s any doubts we’ll be moving forward and it will be done with class and style.”

“We managed to do exactly what we set out to do,” Ruhsam added. “We wanted to project the image and the atmosphere of what Pond Bay will be. I think it was a smash hit.”

Infrastructure work is currently being done at the site, and the resort’s buildings should begin to rise in approximately four months, according to Orwig. Pond Bay Club’s villas and cottages should be completed within approximately 14 months, and the total buildout including the spa is expected to be completed within two years.

Arson Confirmed in Pond Bay Club Heavy Equipment Fire

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

An early morning fire which destroyed almost half a million dollars of heavy equipment Friday, April 18, at Pond Bay Club’s Chocolate Hole site was arson, according to a V.I. Fire Department inspector with the arson prevention unit.

Four uninsured pieces of heavy equipment — each worth about \$200,000 — were torched in the early morning blaze which was reported at 2:15 a.m. on April 18. All of the equipment, ranging from bulldozers to backhoes, was owned by WMK Mechanical Group.

As VIFD and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms officials continue their investigation, it is already clear that the blaze was intentionally set, explained Inspector Gustave Dowling.

“Arson has already been determined,” Dowling

said. “The fire is still under investigation. Evidence was sent off to ATF and we’re waiting for results of several tests.”

“Meanwhile, the case is still under investigation,” Dowling added.

Although the inspector declined to discuss specific information about the fire, officials initially suspected that an accelerant was ignited in the cab of each of the pieces of heavy equipment.

The inspector would not state how long the department’s investigation was expected to last.

St. Thomas-based WMK Mechanical Group owner William Koenig suspected foul play from the outset. Several employees and the owner himself were threatened since his company won a contract to conduct excavation work at the luxury fractional ownership resort Pond Bay Club’s 15-acre Chocolate Hole site.

“There have been threats made by disappointed bidders,” Koenig previously told *St. John Tradewinds*. “They told us that our equipment would be destroyed if we put it on the site.”

Although several other pieces of heavy equipment were parked at the site as well, only the WMK equipment was targeted.

Despite the loss of equipment, Koenig was determined to complete the Pond Bay Club project.

“We will finish this job and comply with the terms of our contract,” said Koenig. “We won’t let threats or any retaliatory actions like this stop us.”

The general contractor at the site, Wharton-Smith, has hired security personnel and WMK is offering a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the conviction of those responsible for setting the fire. Anyone with information is urged to call (340) 473-6658.

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One Campus Continues Push To Secure VINP Land for New School Complex

By Jaime Elliott
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After returning to the territory from Washington, D.C., One Campus officials last week kept up momentum to secure V.I. National Park land as a location for a new educational complex on St. John.

One Campus spokesperson Lorelei Monsanto testified before the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources' Subcommittee on National Parks on April 23 in support of HR 53.

Sponsored by Delegate to Congress Donna Christensen — who also testified before the senate subcommittee — HR 53 would allow the Secretary of the Interior to enter into a long-term lease with the government of the Virgin Islands to provide land on the island for a school.

The bill has already sailed through the House of Representatives.

On April 28, the same day she arrived back on St. John, Monsanto received a correspondence from Senate Subcommittee on National Parks Chair Daniel Akaka, a Democrat from Hawaii. In the letter, Akaka requested additional information regarding the school lease issue.

Although Monsanto would not share details of Akaka's questions, the correspondence is a good sign.

"This is very positive because we're having open dialogue," said Monsanto. "Even though some committee members have their reservations, the doors haven't been closed. They are still collecting all the facts."

The public can submit written testimony before May 13 to the subcommittee regarding the school land issue by emailing assistant Rachel Pasternack at rachel_pasternack@energy.senate.gov.

After years of discussions, the One Campus group has spearheaded the campaign to secure VINP land to use as the site of a new island educational complex. The group is focusing on a 55-acre parcel of land in Estate Catherineberg sold by Ethel Bishop to the VINP in 1968.

Plans for the land include relocating the Julius E. Sprauve School out of Cruz Bay and constructing the island's first public high school.

While National Park Service representatives have expressed opposition to the lease, Department of the Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne has not yet taken a public stance on the issue.

Wha's Happ'nin' by Sis Frank

Another Snappy *St. John Magazine* Is on the Stands

St. John Tradewinds

The spring/summer issue of MaLinda Media's *St. John Magazine* is full of glorious colors and great St. John stories! Congratulations to our own MaLinda Nelson — what a creative publisher!

Rafe Boulon's tales of traveling across Pillsbury sound on the early ferries — the *Explorer*, *Jolly Roger*, *Grey Gull* and the *Johnny* — brought back memories of our struggles as the population grew. Mr. Power Boyd and I were on the *Explorer* when we hit one of those high-rollers off Cabrita Point — we both dashed to the stern just to be ready to jump off. (That area has always been known as the graveyard!) I always sat next to Rafe's father, Ralf, so that he could hold my hand! He would laugh as I suffered through the crossing! I laugh now when I think of my "important" jobs with the St. John Corporation — secretary and director of the ferry boats. It was a blow to all of us to find the beautiful new boat, *Grey Gull*, lying on its side after hitting Stevens Cay! It was soon up and running again.

I certainly agree with Rafe's observation of the strong feeling of community togetherness before "progress" hit St. John.

This deep concern for fellow St. Johnians has not changed — Yvonne Wells is home after a stay in the hospital following an auto accident. She cannot say enough about the emergency agencies who came to her rescue and the many friends who were ready to help in any way possible.

There Is Only One Sheila

I can never forget my old friend who helped our famous Steel Unlimited steel bands go on tours of

Europe and the states! We could not have raised the money without the fish fries given on land, and on ferry boats! Sheila's creations, also featured in the new magazine, were always served!

Grasshopper Was the Heavy Metal Man in Steel Unlimited's Rhythm Section

I can see Grasshopper, featured in another article, standing with his fingers wrapped in adhesive tape as he kept perfect time. I would venture to say that he learned the basics of his discipline, so necessary for creating a good band, from Rudy Wells, the demanding director of our steel bands.

Another picture stays in my mind of Grasshopper (or "Pickos" as we called him in the 70s) with tears rolling down his cheeks as Mr. Wells lectured the band on good behavior! (Believe me, Mr. Wells did not tolerate goofing off at rehearsals!) Pickos was not guilty, but he took the lecture seriously. Congratulations to him, and to his band members. Inner Visions is a special creation.

Look for more stories of our own island entrepreneurs in the next issue of *Wha's Happ'nin'*!

Yvonne Wells Recovers from Accident

Yvonne and her family would like to express their deep appreciation to St. John Rescue, Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center, the EMT ambulance crew, the staff at R.L. Schneider Hospital — Dr. Schneider, Dr. Weisher and Dr. Ytbarrett — and to their many friends who were concerned about her condition. Fortunately, painful bruises are her main complaint, but tests are being taken. Yvonne would also like to thank the Coral Bay Fire Station, but wants to inform the powers that be that they ran out of oxygen.



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A resident illustrates just how shallow parts of the Cruz Bay Creek are, above. The Cruz Bay dinghy docks are missing several slats, at right.



Cruz Bay Dinghy Docks in Deplorable Condition

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

The two public dinghy docks in Cruz Bay, located off the main Loredon Boynes ferry dock, are in serious disrepair.

The center joist and side stringers are rotting out on the dinghy dock on the north side of the ferry dock. Four consecutive slats are missing and there are no cleats anywhere on the dock.

"It's just a nightmare," said one boater about the shape of the dock. "It seems like a lawsuit waiting to happen. It's not just in bad shape — it has reached a point where it's a hazard."

While the dinghy dock on the other side

of the main dock is in better shape, it too is missing several slats and is in need of repair before it gets worse.

Although there are no immediate plans to repair the docks, the V.I. Port Authority is aware of the deteriorating condition of the public dinghy docks, according to VIPA spokesperson Marc Stridiron.

"I spoke with the marine manager and she is aware of the problem there at the dock, as are her marine staff members," Stridiron said. "They are working to remedy the problem. They have requested the materials to make the repairs."

"The reason there are no cleats there is because they were connected to the slats and

the slats are missing," continued Stridiron. "We're trying to get the materials to replace those slats."

Dinghies can also be tied to the wall at the Cruz Bay Creek, near the V.I. National Park dock, but there are problems in this location as well. Heavy rains back in 2003 resulted in silt filling the creek, which is only a couple of inches deep in some areas.

The shallowness of the water renders the southeast corner of the wall unusable.

"There aren't many places to tie your dinghy to in the first place so losing space is even more important," said one boater. "It's been this way for five years now and it keeps getting worse."

The depth of the Cruz Bay Creek will not be changing for at least another year since VIPA has no funds earmarked to dredge the area, explained Stridiron.

"With respect to the Creek, there is no dredging budgeted for the Creek at this time," Stridiron said.

Since barge traffic moved from the Cruz Bay Creek to the Enighed Pond Marine Facility more than two years ago, there has not been any work done to the officially unused waterfront location.

Although several ferries, the *Leylon Sneed* and a few smaller power boats are tied to the seawall at the creek, VIPA has no concrete plans for the area.

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AARP Day of Service To Make a Difference May 8

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AARP Virgin Islands will observe AARP's eighth annual National Day of Service on Thursday, May 8, when local volunteers will join thousands of AARP employees, volunteers and members throughout the nation to perform activities which make a meaningful difference in local communities.

Last year, more than 33,000 volunteers across the country participated in Day of Service.

This year's local Day of Service activity will be conducting pedestrian safety surveys. This activity is intended to address the infrastructure concerns and driver behaviors which impact pedestrian safety in the Virgin Islands. AARP promotes and educates on the concept of liveable communities which encourages community planning, making it easy for a population to meet its daily needs and stay engaged in the fabric of the community. AARP's overall goal is to promote sustaining mobility as its members age.

In the Virgin Islands, walking is particularly difficult due to either the total lack of sidewalks or the lack of adequate support items like painted crosswalks, electronic light changers or appropriate signage. AARP feels the time has come to address these deficiencies and believes every resident in the community needs to be able to get where they need to go safely and affordably.

Volunteer teams will be focusing on specific areas throughout the V.I. On St. John, volunteers will work on Kongens Gade in front of the Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cruz Bay. The teams will be wearing bright orange vests and have gotten permission from the V.I. Police Department to carry out the survey during the hours of 8 to 11 a.m.

The survey's findings will allow AARP to formulate an assessment report which can be shared with government officials, ultimately urging consciousness of community needs. These needs not only support an aging population, but promote a liveable community where parents with strollers, children and the disabled can safely live.

Third Javon Jade Alfred Memorial Fun Day To Bring Families Together May 24

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

Several Love City organizations will come together to honor the late Javon Jade Alfred at the third annual Javon Jade Alfred Memorial Fun Day, scheduled for Saturday, May 24, from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the V.I. National Park ball field. The youngster would have turned 11 on May 12.

The St. John Community Foundation is helping fund the event, while the American Legion Viggo E. Sewer Post 131's flag football league will join the festivities. The St. John Rotary will announce its selection for the 2008-2009 Javon Jade Alfred Scholarship at the event.

"We'll have games for the kids with toy prizes, food, drinks and music by a DJ," said Deverell Alfred, Javon's mother. "It's a fun day for the kids of St. John."

The flag football league's regularly scheduled Saturday games will take place at the ball field, with league players joining the fun afterwards.

Alfred encouraged island parents to attend the event with their children. She knows all too well the importance of spending as much time with family as possible, she explained.

"It's important to me because a lot of parents here in the Virgin Islands work just to live and don't have time for their kids. This is a day you take out for the kids — and it's free."

— Deverell Alfred,
mother of Javon J. Alfred

"It's important to me because a lot of parents here in the Virgin Islands work just to live and don't have time for their kids," said Alfred. "This is a day you take out for the kids — and it's free."

Javon Would Have Enjoyed Fun Day

Javon was tragically killed in December 2004 when he was struck by a delivery truck as he crossed the intersection of Pond Road and South Shore Road on his way home from a Julius E. Sprauve School Christmas party. He was just seven years old.

Alfred hosts the fun day in her son's honor because it's the type of celebration he would have wanted, she explained.

"Javon didn't have time to live life," said Alfred. "His life got cut short. He was happy when he was doing something fun, so I remember him with the fun day."

Deciding to fund the fun day was a no-brainer for the St. John Community Foundation, explained executive director Paul Devine.

"We fully support the kids having this fun day," said Devine. "Certainly it's a good cause."

The St. John Rotary has yet to decide who will be chosen to receive the Javon Jade Alfred Scholarship, however there are three "excellent scholars" who are vying for the award, which provides \$5,000 during a student's first year in college, \$3,500 the second year, \$2,500 the third year and \$1,500 the fourth year, explained Rotary president-elect B.J. Harris.

"All three finalists are wonderful young people and we're very proud of them," said Harris. "After the accident, we wanted to do something meaningful for the children of St. John. It's just a way to keep Javon's name alive."

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Ned Gerard Is Sole Resident To Qualify for Olympics

By Andrea Milam
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Ned Gerard is ready to make his fellow St. John residents proud as he prepares to compete in the 2008 summer Olympic games in Beijing. The competitive shooter received word recently that he received a wild card, which allows athletes from countries which can't afford to support full-time athletes who achieve at a certain level to compete at the Olympics.

Gerard and his wife Karen Gerard returned late last month from the World Cup in Beijing, where they had the opportunity to go through a dry run at the Olympic shooting range.

"Every country brought out their best athletes," said Ned Gerard. "It wasn't as relaxed as a normal World Cup — there were a lot of tears and a lot of feelings hurt. The U.S. team brought 37 shooters and about 25 support people, including sports psychologist and chiropractors, so this was like the Olympics for them."

Ned Gerard, who ended up placing somewhere in the middle of the other competitive shooters, was pleased with his performance, and Karen Gerard, who is still somewhat new to the competitive shooting world, enjoyed the chance to participate at the event.

Heavy Pollution Affects Athletes

Most importantly, Ned Gerard got a feel for the range he'll be shooting on at the Olympics.

"I learned a lot about the range that we're shooting at, and it's the fourth most difficult range I've ever shot at because of the winds," he said. "The city is so polluted that there's absolutely no mirage, which changes your optics. The pollution worked in our favor when it came to that, because the mirage can absolutely kill you."

"The shooting range looked like a smoky bar room," Gerard added.

While many competitors complained about the pollution, Gerard took it all in stride, he explained.

"It affects your sinuses, throat, lungs and eyes," he said. "It didn't bother me because I knew everybody had to shoot in the same conditions. A lot of people whined and cried, but I said that if that guy from Hungary and that guy from India have to shoot in this, I do too."

Gerard will spend the summer preparing for the August Olympic games shooting at ranges around the world, including the two that he considers most difficult — Barbados and Milan. The competitive shooter is thrilled to have qualified to compete in the Olym-



St. John Tradewinds News Photo File

Gerard takes aim during a competition in Canada earlier this year.

pics along with three other V.I. residents, one competing in boxing and two in track and field.

"It's one of the greatest honors that can be bestowed upon an athlete, to be one of 50 people who qualified in my event," said Gerard. "I just plan to work hard and not let the game itself get to me. I'm just going to keep the pressure off and try to shoot as many matches before then as I can."

Fundraising for Olympics

Unfortunately, Gerard may be slightly distracted from his training by his efforts to fundraise for his Olympic showing. The V.I. Olympic Committee was promised funding by the V.I. government, however that money has not come through, Gerard explained.

"We've been preparing ourselves to get to this level, and now that we've achieved it, we're getting no support from the V.I. Olympic Committee because they are flat broke," he said. "Right now, the V.I. government is setting us up for failure by not helping our qualified athletes get the training and preparation they need for the games. So right now we're trying to get help from the public."

Gerard, who paid for his trip to Beijing for the World Cup out of pocket, estimates his trip to the Olympics will cost approximately \$20,000. Donations can be made by contacting the V.I. Olympic Committee at 778-2229 and asking for the funds to be earmarked for Ned Gerard.

"I'm not going to make it this far to lay down and play dead," said Gerard. "I'm going to give everybody hell."

ACC Announces "Help Us Care" Wagapalooza Art Contest

St. John Tradewinds

The St. John Animal Care Center is calling on all St. John students who love animals and drawing to help teach the message that all people must learn to love and respect animals in the 2008 Wagapalooza t-shirt art contest.

There are two categories: junior, for kindergarten through sixth graders, and senior, for seven through 12th graders. Pictures can include any island animals, and the message should say "Love and Respect All Animals." Artwork must be submitted by Monday, May 5, on 8 x 11-inch paper in a plastic sleeve, and must be signed, dated and include the student's school information on the back.

All artwork will be displayed at The Marketplace during Be Kind to Animals Week, May 5-10. The two winning pictures will be officially announced at this

year's Wagapalooza on Saturday, May 17, from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Winston Wells ball field.

This is a chance for local students to demonstrate they care about animals. Winners will be given a number of prizes including free t-shirts with their artwork for family and friends, a letter of acknowledgement, a gift certificate for pizza at Donkey Diner and 10 free movie rentals from Kaleidoscope Video.

Winners will also receive their artwork framed and matted by Frames of Mind, and their photo with Wagapalooza emcee and radio personality Roger W. Morgan will appear in the *St. John Tradewinds*.

Most importantly, winners' artwork will be instrumental in helping others in the community remember to be kind and respectful to animals. For more information, e-mail ACC board member Bonny Corbeil at bonnycorbeil@vipowernet.net.

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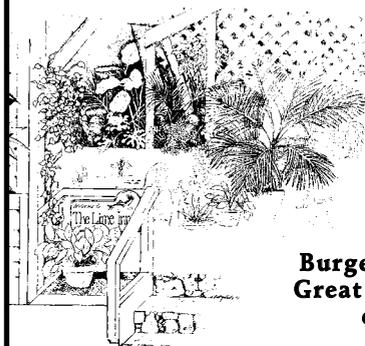
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Registration fee \$20 per category. Forms available at the ACC, Connections and Wagapalooza.com.

Wagapalooza is an annual fundraiser in support of the St. John Animal Care Center. The St. John ACC is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to the alleviation of pain and suffering as well as the provision of temporary shelter to the homeless and stray animals on St. John. In addition, we make every attempt to re-unite lost animals to their rightful owners and find good homes for animals presently un-owned. For more information, please call (340) 774-1625.

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V.I. National Park Announces New Procedures For Hurricane Hole Storm Use Registration

St. John Tradewinds

V.I. National Park and Coral Reef National Monument Superintendent Mark Hardgrove has advised the boating public that the VINP is implementing a new system for the 2008 use of Hurricane Hole as a storm refuge.

The new system came after taking public comments and considering many different options provided by those in the boating community who utilized Hurricane Hole last year, according to a VINP statement.

This new system is very similar to the one used in the past for selecting and occupying a spot in Hurricane Hole. By June 1, all 78 chain sites, or "storm berths," will be marked with numbered floats.

Prior to June 28, the VINP will continuously monitor all weather systems in the central and western Atlantic for storm formation. Park Service officials will notify all boaters, through whatever means possible, that Hurricane Hole is open for use as soon as a weather system that could potentially affect the Virgin Islands within 96 hours is detected.

At that time, vessel owners may go to Hurricane Hole, select an available spot on the chain or in a bay, and notify the VINP for a permit. Chain or other spots must be marked with a minimum of one buoy, having the vessel's name and registration or documentation number clearly marked on it.

If no weather systems approach prior to June 28, Hurricane Hole will be open at dawn on that date for vessel owners to select an available spot and notify the park for a permit. After June 28, vessel owners may register individually, or have their vessel registered by proxy, during business hours by appointment through Chief of Resource Management Rafe Boulon at 693-8950 ext. 224.

Vessel owners with genuine special needs will be considered prior to the June 28 opening (if no weather systems occur) to ensure that those special needs are met. Special needs include such things as draft considerations (greater than six feet), verifiable handicap, medical issues or compelling economic reasons that would prevent them from participating in a one-day site selection event.

A letter (no emails or faxes) must be sent and received prior

to May 30 detailing the special need. A panel of non-partial community and National Park Service members will review the validity of the request and assign locations for those vessels determined to have an actual special need.

Applicants will be notified by June 14 of the decision on their request. Letters must be mailed to: Rafe Boulon, Virgin Islands National Park, 1300 Cruz Bay Creek, St. John, VI 00830.

The VINP asks vessel owners to make every effort to work to-

gether to protect their vessels and the unique natural and cultural resources of Hurricane Hole and consider the needs or limitations of fellow boaters and make sure that everyone is in a location suitable for their vessel.

The VINP reminded vessel owners that tying vessels to mangroves is prohibited, and failure to remove gear when vacating the moorings will result in a citation.

The updated guidelines will be widely disseminated, and copies will be provided with permits.

New Hurricane Hole Storm Refuge Regulations Not Pleasing Everyone

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

After boaters lined up more than two days before the one-day registration for Hurricane Hole last year, V.I. National Park officials changed the regulations for the upcoming hurricane season.

Instead of the one day registration — which resulted in boaters arriving at the VINP maintenance building earlier and earlier each year — storm berths in Hurricane Hole will be dispensed on a first come first served basis almost a month into hurricane season.

Each of the 78 berths on the storm chain will be marked with a number by June 1, but boaters will not be able to pick a spot for their vessel until dawn on June 28.

If a storm approaches the territory before June 28, the VINP will "notify all boaters, through whatever means possible," that Hurricane Hole is open for use. If there are no imminent storms, boaters will be able to go to Hurricane Hole at dawn on June 28 when they will pick a spot and then notify the park for a permit.

Special Needs To Be Considered

There is a provision in the regulations for boaters with "special needs," such as vessels drawing more than six feet and people with medical issues, or "compelling economic reasons" which would prevent them from choosing a berth spot on June 28.

Boaters claiming special needs must write a letter to the park by May 30. A panel of "non-partial community and NPS members" will decide on the request and assign locations for vessels.

The regulations, which were issued by the VINP last week, include several sentences asking boaters to be fair to each other.

"Please consider the needs or limitations of your fellow boaters and make sure that everyone is in a location suitable for their vessel," according to the Hurricane Hole storm refuge regulations.

Park officials solicited boaters' opinions before creating the new regulations, explained VINP Chief of Resource Management Rafe Boulon, who issued the regulations before going on leave on Tuesday, April 29.

Can't Please Everyone

"We've been discussing a lot of different options with a lot of different boaters," Boulon said before heading off-island. "I have a two-inch thick file full of emails back and forth. Whatever we decide, there will be someone not happy with it, but that's life I guess."

Boulon was correct in his estimation. While some boaters have deemed the new regulations an improvement over years past, others feel they unfairly favor vessel owners in the Coral Bay area.

"I'm not in favor of the new regulations," said one Cruz Bay boater. "Anyone further away from Hurricane Hole will have a

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Siska Is 13th Person Voted Off *Survivor - Micronesia: Fans vs. Favorites*

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

St. John native Jason Wilder Siska outplayed and outlasted, but he couldn't outwit his competitors on reality the television show *Survivor - Micronesia: Fans vs. Favorites*. Siska was the 13th player of this season's starting cast of 20 to be voted off on the Thursday evening, April 25, episode.

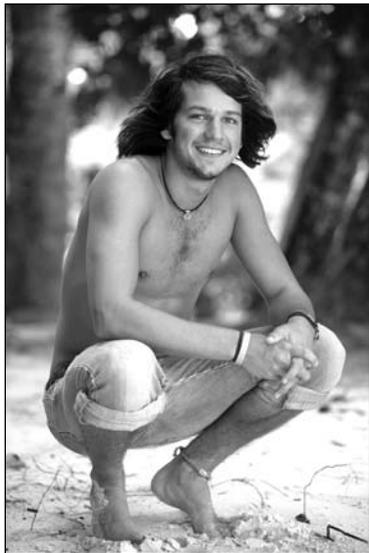
Although Siska found the hidden immunity idol earlier that day on Exile Island, his fellow competitors convinced him they would not vote him off and that he wouldn't need to use the idol at that evening's tribal council. Siska fell victim to their ploy and was sent home.

"I was lied to pretty hardcore," said Siska. "They convinced me not to use the idol, which ended up being my downfall."

"I don't think I'll come out of the situation with a lack of trust," Siska added. "I tend to believe in the good of humanity, and I'm not going to let what happened tarnish my view of the human race in general."

Siska had already been duped once before, when he found what he thought was the hidden immunity idol. The idol was actually a fake created by fellow competitor Ozzy Lusth, one of the season's 10 "favorites." Siska tried to do good by saving fellow competitor Eliza Orlins — also one of the season's "favorites" — from being sent home, only to discover the idol he had was not genuine.

"I was pretty duped," said Siska. "Ozzy did a good job of carv-



Jason Siska was born on St. John.

ing the fake idol. You're out there hungry and not always thinking 100 percent clearly, and I thought it was real."

Outlasting Top Competitor

"I tried to use it to save my friend Eliza, but it didn't work," Siska continued. "It actually turned out to be a pretty comedic moment in the *Survivor* series, so as long as people are sitting at home on their couches smiling and laughing, then I did something right."

Siska, who was one of the first scheduled births at the Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center in the 1980s and lived on St. John during his early childhood, credits his island upbringing for giving him an advantage in *Survivor*'s challenges, including one where contestants had to remain in the water underneath



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Parvati Shallow, background, and Jason Siska during the eighth episode of *Survivor: Micronesia - Fans vs. Favorites*, which aired Thursday, April 3, on CBS.

prison-like bars as the tide rose.

"There was less and less room to breathe, and eventually my entire

face was under water," said Siska. "I used my two fists to make a snorkel to breathe out of and I was

"Growing up on St. John and visiting there all the time, I was proficient with a machete and climbing coconut trees. A lot of challenges involved water, so being comfortable in the water was a huge asset."

— Jason Siska, contestant
Survivor: Micronesia, Fans vs. Favorites

able to stay under longest and win the challenge. I would definitely say that my snorkeling and scuba diving experience helped me remain calm."

In addition to overcoming the "nerve-wracking" water challenge, Siska was proud to beat Lusth, who he considered his number one competitor on the show, he added.

Siska's Love City childhood helped him survive in the tropical environment of the Rock Islands in Palau, Micronesia, where the show was taped last fall.

"Growing up on St. John and visiting there all the time, I was proficient with a machete and climbing coconut trees," he said. "A lot of challenges involved water, so being comfortable in the water was a huge asset."

One of Siska's fondest memories from the show is traveling to the small country of Yap with fel-

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The Antilles Sailing team pose after the final day of racing in Florida. The team is on track to repeat its 2006 Baker Trophy win.

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Antilles Sailing Team Wins Baker Trophy Regional Qualifier

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Antilles School's sailing team, anchored by two talented St. John seafarers, swept the competition at last month's district qualifier for the national high school team racing championship.

The Antilles sailors raced to a first place finish on April 26 in St. Petersburg, Florida, at the Interscholastic Sailing Association National Team Racing Championship for the Baker Trophy South Atlantic regional qualifier.

The win sets the Antilles sailors up to repeat their 2006 Baker Trophy win.

Racing on 420s, three Antilles team boats — one of which featured Love City's own Max

Nickbarg as skipper and Mayumi "Mimi" Roller as navigator — overcame light wind to top the competition.

"The wind was really light," said Nickbarg. "We were supposed to race for two days, but we only got out there one day because the wind was so light."

The Antilles sailors will head up to Lake Minnetonka, Minnesota, on May 24 for the Baker Trophy finals which pits the best high school sailors from across the country against each other.

Last year the Antilles team focused on fleet racing and finished up the season winning the Mallory Trophy — the national championship for fleet racing. This year the team is back in team racing competitions and

setting the bar high once again.

While Nickbarg, a 16-year-old sophomore, will return to the Antilles sailing team next year, Roller is racing in her final high school championship. The 17-year-old senior will head off to St. Mary's College of Maryland in the fall where she'll join the esteemed lady Seahawks sailing team.

Roller might also be sailing in Beijing late this summer if she is awarded one of the wild card berths for the Olympic games. The graduating senior will find out about the wild card berth this summer.

The ISSA established the Baker Trophy, named after legendary Tabor Academy sailing coach Toby Baker, in 1990.

Roundabout Construction Delayed Due to Problems with Lowest Bidder

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

After weeks of back and forth with the lowest bidder, the Department of Public Works finally moved on and awarded the Cruz Bay roundabout contract to the next lowest bidder, Island Roads. A pre-construction meeting with Island Roads will be scheduled soon, and construction is now anticipated to begin in June, several months later than expected.

"We kind of got delayed because we had to go to the second bidder," said DPW Design Program Manager Jomo McClean. "Federal Highway went back and forth with the lowest bidder for a while. We're a few months behind, but we're still on track."

The approximately \$7 million project will take an estimated 670 calendar days, or two years, to complete. The construction will be conducted in phases to allow for traffic to continue to flow through the busy intersection. The roundabout could be completed in about half the time if the entire intersection were shut down, according to McClean.

"They'll be working on individual segments of each of the five legs of roadway so we can maintain access for the motoring public of St. John through the intersection," said McClean. "That's really why the construction time is so long."

Despite recent opposition and concern over the roundabout's construction, it will be a positive move for Love City, explained McClean. DPW and Federal highway officials have said St. John residents chose the roundabout option at public meetings several years ago.

"One of the reasons why the roundabout was selected was opposition to having signalized intersections," he said. "We respected the opinions of the St. John community. Roundabouts are used all over the world, including in the United States, and we believe it will be a positive impact on the traffic of St. John."

8 Tuff Miles Photo Proceeds Goes to SJSA

St. John Tradewinds

Time is running out to purchase prints from the 8 Tuff Miles race, the proceeds from which benefit the St. John School of the Arts. Prints will not be available after May 15, however JPEG files will still be available. For more information, go to www.8tuffmiles.com, call SJSA at 779-4322 or email info@stjohnschoolofthearts.org with the photo number, which can be obtained from the 8 Tuff Miles Web site.

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The Elaine Ione Sprauve Library is moving into trailers positioned around the restored Estate Enighed great house in preparation for major renovations to the historic structure.

Library Moving Into Trailers, Scheduled To Reopen May 12

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

The Department of Planning and Natural Resources Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums has turned to its "last resort," according to assistant director Donald Cole, and is moving all of the Elaine I. Sprauve Library's resources, from books to computers, in to several Storage on Site trailers located on library property while renovations are underway.

Cole anticipates the library, which will operate out of two of the trailers during the estimated six-month-long renovations, will resume service to the public on May 12, the same day the renovations are expected to begin.

"Storage on Site was always our last resort if we didn't get commercial space," Cole said of the division's efforts to move the library into the former Simple Feast location at Palm Plaza, which fell through when an offer was made to purchase that building.

The trailer setup will actually save the V.I. government money, Cole explained.

"Storage on Site entered into a

contract, which was a good deal for the government of the Virgin Islands based on what we would have had to pay in the other deal that fell through," he said. "We're saving money because we didn't have to move so far. Everything is right there on site."

The trailer company is handling the move, from packing up the library's resources to setting up its temporary home.

All Services Available on Smaller Scale

It was DPNR's intention to keep the St. John library open during the entire renovation process, however the nature of the move forced a nearly month-long closure, Cole explained.

"We had to close the library because we have to get everything out of there and disconnect the internet service and relocate computers," he said. "We're hooking up the power this week, and the telephone system should be back up and running. We're basically on target."

One trailer will house the library office and computers, and the other will contain books and periodicals. Both trailers will be

air conditioned. Four additional storage trailers will be placed on the library's property for storage. When the library reopens from its new home on May 12, all services will be available, just on a smaller scale.

"By May 12, the facility will be open so you can come in and access services that we provide," said Cole. "We'll have computers, books, the internet — whatever you want to do, just on a smaller scale. We just ask the public to be patient with us, as we have to refurbish the library, and we look forward to it being back up and running as soon as this is over."

The building which houses the Elaine I. Sprauve Library dates back to 1750. The historic structure will undergo extensive renovations including an electrical upgrade, windows, doors and shutter repairs, air conditioning 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. Custom Builders has been selected as the contractor.

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Enighed resident Haynes Small stopped by the *St. John Tradewinds* office Friday morning, May 2, to show off this home-grown colossal cassava, but there was just one problem — he couldn't lift the approximately 80-pound root vegetable out of the trunk of his car.

Small grew the cassava on his Estate Enighed property near the Enighed Pond Marine Facility with no chemicals.

"I added nothing whatsoever to it," he said. "It grows from the bare ground. The soil is good."

The cassava will likely feed Small and his wife for months, he explained. He plans to peel the root vegetable then grate and dry it to make everything from bread to pudding. The cassava, which is planted from a stick, took approximately one year and three months to grow.

Small encouraged other St. John residents to try their hand at growing fruits and vegetables.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Andrea Milam

Haynes Small proudly displays his home-grown cassava.

"People should be having more food here than what they have now," he said.

Even Small, a local farmer

and beekeeper, was amazed by the size of the root vegetable.

"This is the first time I saw anything like this," said Small.



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Jeff Crokin Reels in Second Largest Dolphin During Fishing Tourney

St. John Tradewinds

Jeff Crokin aboard *Gone Ketchin'* caught a 35-pound mahi mahi on Sunday, April 27, during the 13th annual Offshore Marine Dolphin Derby, hosted by the U.S. Virgin Islands Game Fishing Club.

Crokin's haul was the second largest dolphin caught during the one-day tournament which attracted 143 anglers.

Carl Holley, a St. Croix-based sports fishing charter captain, won Top Angler and pocketed \$1,000 in cash with the catch of a 38-pound dolphin, the largest of the day.

Holley's vessel *Triple Secret* was named Top Boat, after hauling in a total of 14 dolphin. The prize was \$1,000 cash.

The \$25,000 grand prize for a dolphin over 55 pounds went unclaimed.

At the end of the day, the tournament fleet caught 54 dolphin for a total weight of 1,197 pounds.

Anglers and guests at the Monday night, April 28, awards cer-



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Jeff Crokin, third from left, shows off his trophy.

emony enjoyed a portion of the catch reeled in aboard several fishing boats including George Bransom's *Volcano*.

John Mills aboard *Volcano* caught the sixth largest dolphin, a 32-pounder.

Tournament sponsors were Offshore Marine and Premier Wines

and Spirits. The 13th Annual Offshore Marine Dolphin Derby is the second of the Budget Rent-A-Car Small Boat Tournament series.

The next event hosted by the VIGFC will be the 45th Annual July Open Billfish Tournament, July 15-17, 2008. For information, visit: www.vigfc.com.

Liburd Makes Final College Decision, Will Attend Stanford

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

It was the toughest decision he ever made, but Lincoln Liburd finally chose last week between Stanford University, Harvard University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology — three top schools to which he had been accepted.

The Giff Hill School senior decided to attend Stanford following a late April visit to the west coast university.

“I went up there last weekend and it was just amazing,” said Liburd on Tuesday, April 29, the day after he made his decision. “It’s definitely my place. I’ll have a brilliant four years there.”

Liburd was impressed with the warm welcome he received at the university, he explained.

“Everybody was so amazing and happy,” said Liburd. “A big thing for me was the environment and the people there. They were all really welcoming and intellectual, yet they still had a side of quirkiness.”

The GHS senior is also excited about the beautiful weather and sunshine at the California university, he added. It’s not just the people and the weather at Stanford that made it Liburd’s number one choice, however.

“Academically, they have some of the top programs in the nation in basically every field of study,” he said.

Liburd will receive financial aid from Stanford to help defray tuition costs.

“I feel excellent, like a 500-pound anvil was lifted off my back,” Liburd said of finally making his decision. “I can’t wait until the summer passes and I’m at college. It’s just going to be amazing.”

The St. John teenager is considering a double major in biochemical engineering and philosophy in an effort to get a fully rounded education in subjects which interest him, he explained.

Liburd was accepted to Stanford in December, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in March and Harvard in April. He was also accepted to the University of Southern California and the University of California Los Angeles earlier this year.

Few Delegates, One Testifier Attend Constitutional Convention Hearing

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

Just three delegates — one via live video feed from St. Croix — one testifier, and no residents attended the April 30, hearing of the Fifth Constitutional Convention’s Economic Development, Labor, Technology and Energy Committee on St. John.

Senator Celestino White’s chief researcher Karl Callwood testified on behalf of the Senate majority leader regarding worker’s rights in the Virgin Islands. White was invited to testify at the hearing, but could not attend due to a scheduling conflict.

Workers are not being paid enough, causing many Virgin Islands residents to struggle just to survive, Callwood testified.

“Too many people, working 30, 40, and 50 years cannot save up for their own homes and month after month, year after year, pour their hard-earned wages into apartments they can be evicted from next month through no fault of their own,” said Callwood. “And then we create a stressful, unhealthy crisis situation for them as they struggle to borrow, beg and in some unfortunate instances, steal to come up with first and last month’s rent and a security deposit. It has the effect of demeaning honest, law-abiding people who struggle daily to feed and house their families.”

Callwood also testified regarding the importance of ensuring that jobs are not taken from qualified Virgin Islanders by statesiders.

“I hear the cry that there are no jobs to come home to, yet I see thousands of management and ownership positions in these islands filled by people who were recruited here from away,” he said. “If continentals and Europeans are finding the high level jobs open, what is stopping Virgin Islanders from filling these posts?”

Callwood detailed specific ways to encourage com-

panies to hire Virgin Islanders, such as being billed by WAPA at cost in exchange for hiring locally.

“The return to the government in his salary going to the local economy and his being able to buy a home will allow the government to make that money back,” said Callwood.

Callwood cited a law passed in Hawaii several decades ago which required all employers to provide health and retirement benefits for employees as a good example of how workers should be treated. Shortly after this law was passed in Hawaii, however, the U.S. Congress passed the Employee Retirement Income Security Act to prohibit any other state from passing similar laws.

“I have a question of our constitutional experts,” said Callwood. “Can we write the Hawaii model into our own constitution and have it supersede federal law?”

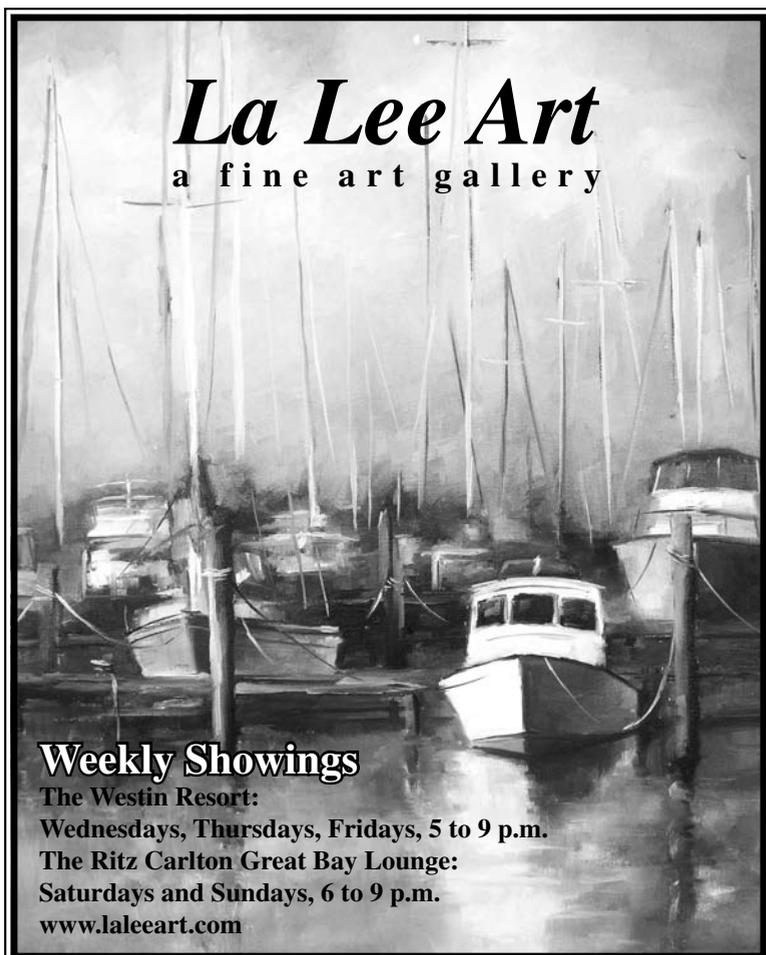
The constitution is not the right place to spell out labor laws, explained committee member Stedmann Hodge Jr.

“I work in the Department of Labor, and I can tell you the right place for this is not the constitution,” said Hodge. “It’s not going to fly.”

The constitution is more of a guideline, while it’s up to the V.I. Legislature to create specific laws to protect the rights of workers in the Virgin Islands, explained committee member Craig Barshinger.

“The question is, what goes in the constitution and what’s the responsibility of the legislature?” said Barshinger.

Committee member Kendall Petersen was also in attendance at the hearing via live video feed from St. Croix. Committee members Rena Brodhurst, Adelbert Bryan, Lois Hassell-Habtes and Mary Moorehead were absent from the hearing, and committee members Thomas Moore and Claire Roker were excused.



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VIVA! Villas Announces Mother's Day Essay Contest Winner

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

VIVA! Villas presents the winner of VIVA!'s Mother's Day Challenge, a contest which encouraged anyone to write an essay describing how much they appreciate the mother or mother figure in their life. Alexa Kirby, a second grader at Giff Hill School, won over VIVA!'s all-female staff with the essay she wrote about her mother, Abi Kirby. Honorable mention was given to Kaneeka Jamila Hodge, an eighth grader at Julius E. Sprauve School who wrote about her aunt Mary Harris-Belizaire, and Tommy Gibney, a GHS fourth grader who wrote about his mother, Teri Gibney.

Abi Kirby will receive several gifts donated by local businesses including a facial from Grapevine Salon, a car detailing donated by L&L Jeep Rental, a gourmet catered lunch from KatiLady Catering and handyman, cleaning and nanny services for the day donated by VIVA!. Hodge and Gibney will receive lunch with their aunt and mom, respectively, as their prizes.

Nearly 40 St. John children entered the essay contest. Essays may be picked up from VIVA!'s Boulon Center office and given to mom, just in time for Mother's Day.

The top three essays are below.

First Place:

Alexa Kirby, second grade, Giff Hill School (see letter in box)

Honorable Mention:

Tommy Gibney, fourth grade, Giff Hill School

Dear Mom,

You have been there when I got in trouble

My mom is the best. When I'm sick she takes care of me so well. I feel bad for the kids that don't have moms. My mom plays ball with me every day because I do not have any brothers or sisters to play with. She is the nicest. My mom puts me to sleep. With my mom I could say any woman can be a mother but it takes some[one] special to be a mom. My mom does not believe in hitting. She makes jewelry for me. My mom all ways says yes to playdates. She reads to me every night. My mom bought me a cat, a dog, some fish and she's buying me a buney! She is caring and loveing. She teach's me to sow and paint. My mom Abi plant's flower's with me. My mom LOVE'S me all day every day. On 2-26-08 she bought me a ball. She be's the nicest mom in the universe!

Alexa Kirby, second grade, Giff Hill School

and when I had my first foot ball game. So I entered this competition for you so you can feel like you had a million dollars for one day. This is how much I love you I'll even wright a report and enter a competition for you. I'll even go in the Army for you and go to the end of the world for you.

I remember for my fourth birthday when I flipped my tricycle copying Matthew and Michael but they were on bikes but I remember I kept on getting faster and faster

and I hit the gutter and did a hole flip in the air. When I landed I had a huge gash on my shoulder and you took me to the clinic and you hugged me tightly and kissed me.

I remember when I almost drowned when I was little and you came and saved me it was a lucky site cause if you did not sea that I would not be typing this report right now.

I hope I win this Mother's Day competition for you cause you have saved me and helped me when I need help with homework

and since you're a single mother you need to get a small vacation even though it is still on St. John and if you were never born I would never be hear.

Honorable Mention:

Kaneeka Jamila Hodge,
eighth grade,
Julius E. Sprauve School

The woman that inspired me to write this essay is Mary Harris-Belizaire. Mrs. Belizaire is a hard working mother of three. She takes care of my cousin, her three sons and me. My aunt takes care of us and still makes us happy.

My aunt is very special to me. My aunt took me under her wing when I got expelled from school in Georgia. My aunt tries to help in any kind of way she can.

My aunt may be tired of us making noise in the house, but then she comes downstairs and handles us. She makes the best food after my mother. My aunt takes care of us by buying us clothes for school, shoes for school, and cooks us healthy meals.

My aunt takes care of me by showing the values of life and to respect my elders. Everyday my aunt gives me a word of wisdom that my grandfather used to give to her. My aunt shows me to show respect to everyone including family members.

The reason I think my aunt should win this contest is because she deserves a day at the spa, away from house cleaning. She is always cleaning the house. My aunt deserves everything, because she works hard and still comes home and deals with homework, cleaning the house, and then has to cook dinner.

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Expectations of Education Forum Set for May 16 at Julius E. Sprauve School

St. John Tradewinds

V.I. Department of Education Commissioner Dr. La Verne Terry announced the debut of Expectations for Education, a series of monthly forums targeting educational issues and expectations for the territory's schools and all stakeholders.

The 90-minute public forums will encompass both districts with sessions on all three islands. The St. John forum will be on Friday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Julius E. Sprauve School.

Each of the initial meetings will take on a general perspective and all persons wishing to voice their concerns are welcome.

"Through these forums we will re-develop the department's expectations as the agency charged with educational oversight as well as outline what we see as the community's expectations of the department," said Terry. "Additionally, we hope to assist stakeholders with the expectations required of them by the department, all toward improving communications and smoother operational processes."

Subsequent meetings will be targeted to specific groups of persons.

"We at the department are committed to focusing on the needs of all stakeholders and in that effort we will schedule meetings to discuss concerns, propose resolutions, develop strategies and timelines to address the needs, as well as to assist persons with general information," said Terry. "These meetings however are by no means intended to keep anyone away — they are for the community and about the community. We are seeking input from a cross section of the community — parents, students, current and retired teachers and administrators, business persons, and anyone who has a vested interest in the education of our students and improving the quality of life in the territory."

Areas of particular concern in-

clude increased parent involvement and melding the home and school families; vocational education/career development; parents and educators of students

with special needs; maintenance of facilities; and the future of the department.

"I call on all residents to join us during our series of meet-

ings," said Terry. "We welcome your dialogue and collaboration toward positive outcomes and improved services to our students and the community."

For more information contact Juel Anderson at 774-0100, ext. 8136. To submit comments or suggested topics visit www.doe.vi/forum.

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Prevention Is Key When It Comes to Eye Disease

By Dr. Craig Friedenber, OD
 St. John Tradewinds

Many people ask questions about their eyes, so please permit me to answer a few. Before doing this, however, let me say that the most important things you can do to prevent eye disease is to wear sunglasses and a brimmed hat outdoors, wear protective eyewear when using power tools or yard care tools, and take multi-vitamins and anti-oxidant vitamins. This is especially important here where we drink rainwater which is devoid of minerals.

Concerning vision, Myopia, or being nearsighted, means that one has trouble seeing objects far away. It usually occurs when the eyeball is longer than usual or the cornea is too steep. This makes light focus in front of the retina. An eyeglass lens or contact lens is necessary to change the focus so that it falls on the retina, giving perfect vision.

Note that nearsighted people often see their close work perfectly without correction at any age.

Hyperopia, or being farsighted, means that the eye is shorter than usual. The image of the light ray's focus is behind the retina. The eye can change its focus by muscles attached to the lens of the eye. Many people with slight farsightedness do not need glasses for distance vision. About half of these people still need corrective lenses to read comfortably and do their near-point tasks. Eyestrain symptoms usually accompany moderate farsightedness. Severe farsightedness causes blurring of both near and far objects. Eyeglass or contact lenses are needed for clear comfortable vision.

Astigmatism occurs when the cornea or internal lens of the eye is shaped like a football instead of like a baseball. The oval shape causes distortions, slanting images, and usually eyestrain at both far and near distances. A spectacle or contact lens with the exact opposite oval shape is put in front of the eye to make the focus point shaped rather than oval. This gives clear, comfortable vision at all distances.

Presbyopia, or difficulty focusing at near or on close objects or print, occurs as a normal aging process. The lens and muscles that control near vision become less flexible. It usually occurs between the ages of 35 and 45, depending on genetics and the amount of near work done. Once again eyeglass or contact lenses overcome this problem, and allow clear comfortable vision. This prescription changes about every two years.

Drug store reading glasses are not harmful to the eyes, but often are not set up with the precision needed to give clear, comfortable near vision.

A pterygium is a raised fleshy tissue bump that appears on the white of the eye. It is frequently uncomfortable and is caused by long-term exposure to UV rays found in sunlight. It can also be a chronic irritation caused by wind, dust, dryness, and continuous exposure to salt spray or ocean water. The bumps can be quiescent and small, or grow large and interfere with vision by growing across the cornea. Surgery can remove large ones.

Lubricating eye drops and antihistamine eye drops are used to treat this condition. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, and wearing good sunglasses and a brimmed hat while outside, especially if this is your work environment, is the best prevention.

What are cataracts? Cataracts are the usually slow

deterioration of clarity of the lens located inside the eye behind the pupil. It is usually associated with age or accident. Frequently, one's prescription changes in the early stages, and new glasses dramatically improve sight.

At some point, surgery usually becomes necessary to restore eyesight. Cataract surgery has advanced miraculously, and is particularly non-invasive with suture-less replacement intra-ocular lenses. Sunlight (ultra-violet) protective sunglasses along with taking multi-vitamins combined with anti-oxidant vitamins go a long way toward the prevention of cataracts.

Glaucoma is the increase of fluid pressure inside the eye. This pressure pushes on the back of the eye where the blood vessels enter to nourish the inside layer, the retina, which gives the eye sight. There is usually slow deterioration of the retinal tissue from the outside — peripheral vision — in to the central vision. No early visual symptoms exist. By the time a patient becomes aware of the changes, legal blindness may have already ensued.

Though there are many simple treatments for glaucoma, nothing can restore vision lost to the disease. Glaucoma has a familial link. It is critical to have frequent eye exams to take the pressure of the eye, called tonometry. Your eye care professional will also look at the optic nerve head inside the eye to determine any changes. Occasionally, this happens in the absence of elevated intra-ocular pressure.

What is age related macular degeneration? This is usually a genetic related disease that often affects older people. The central spot of the retina where the cells that create central vision and are most densely packed can deteriorate, creating a central blind spot. It can range from mild distortion in the early stages to a complete central hole in one's vision in late stages.

There is laser surgery, and Photodynamic therapy which can slow down or halt the progress of this disease. Photodynamic therapy involves the injection of the drug Verteporfin in one's arm. A special light is then shined in the eye, which activates the drug. This slows down or hopefully halts the progression of the disease. This can be done in an Ophthalmologist's office in as little as 30 minutes.

There is a drug — anti-VEGF therapy — which can be injected directly into the eye that has a profound effect on the specific growth factor that causes wet Macular Degeneration.

Once again, prevention is the best medicine to slow development of the disease in the first place. Studies have shown that younger people who are genetically predisposed to this disease should wear protective sunglasses and a brimmed hat while outside in the sun. Nutritional factors are paramount.

A general multi-vitamin should be taken, along with high dose anti-oxidant vitamins consisting of 500 milligrams vitamin C, 400 international units of vitamin E, 15 milligrams of beta-carotene (also called Vitamin A,) 80 milligrams of zinc, and two milligrams of copper. This is found in Bausch and Lomb's OcuVite Extra. There are many generic equivalent vitamins available at your pharmacy for much less cost.

There are more topics to discuss, such as the effect of high blood pressure or diabetes on the eye, but we'll save that for a future article.

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Flag Football League Results and Standings

WEEK 6:

Patriots 19 Rams 12

Nick Lopez and Weston Patrie teamed up to provide the offensive punch which took the Patriots to a hard-fought victory over the Rams. The veteran Lopez threw three TD passes to Patrie for all the Patriots' scores. The Rams led at the end of the first half 12-7 with scoring on pass plays from Ohene Lambertis to Micquan Wilkerson. Throughout the game, both teams showed great defenses but in the second half the Patriots were able to break through the tough Rams to manage two scores and take the lead for good.

Raiders 32 Broncos 18

Aspen Moore continued his scoring touch as he threw for five TDs, four to deep threat Alexander Kellogg and one to Steven Conley. The first half ended with the Raiders up by the close score of 13-6. Both teams traded scores in both halves with Kwazi Browne, filling in for starting quarterback Jay Williams, tossing three TD passes to the speedy Bradley Fessale. At the mid-way point of the second half, the Raiders were only up by a point but the persistent Raiders were able to manage two scores near the end of the game, one on a Moore to Kellogg pass as time ran out.

Packers 45 Bengals 6

Carson Wessinger tossed five TDs and scored on another as the Packers led throughout the contest. The Bengals couldn't get it going as the Packers defense smothered the receivers and intercepted five times in the game. The Bengals did manage the last score of the game with Marquis Pilgrim passing to Kai Merten for their only score of the game. The Packers are now the league leaders and continue to be a threat as the league moves into week seven.

Standings as of April 28

Team	W-L	PF	PA
Packers	5-1	179	46
Broncos	4-2	160	127
Raiders	4-2	154	139
Patriots	3-3	135	126
Bengals	2-4	106	192
Rams	0-6	93	197

Check next week's *St. John Tradewinds* for the Patriots vs. Raiders and Packers vs. Broncos, both on Saturday, May 3, and the Rams vs. Bengals on Monday, May 5.

Clave Dale Leading Traditional Basket Weaving Class at AASJ on May 12

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

With the art of traditional market basket weaving on the decline in the Virgin Islands, there has never been a better time to learn the skill from a master.

Residents should mark their calendars for Monday, May 12, when Clave Dale will lead a basket making class at the Artists' Association of St. John gallery at the Lumberyard starting at 11 a.m. — but only if at least five people register.

The first thing participants will do is actually go out and find the raw material used in traditional basket weaving, known locally as hoop vine. After collecting hoop vine, class members will learn how to peel the vine and start the actual weaving process.

Dale will teach participants traditional weaving step by step, explained AASJ gallery director Claire Wilkinson.

"We start out learning to weave by using heavy twine with the starting hoop, so we don't waste hoop vine," said Wilkinson. "Once we get a hang of things, then we use the hoop vine. Clave is great at teaching people in a hands-on way."

Participants don't need any special skills or equipment, Wilkinson



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Dale's baskets are for sale at the Artists' Association of St. John's Lumberyard gallery.

added.

"Clave just uses a small paring knife to peel the vine," she said. "People don't need anything special for the class."

The class costs \$40 an hour and will last long enough so that at the end, each participant will have a basket to take home.

Dale has been teaching market basket weaving for years and residents should take advantage of his skill, explained Wilkinson.

"He's one of the last basket makers on St. John and St. Thomas," said the AASJ gallery director. "And because he's in his 70s, once he retires, there won't be anyone

around to teach this."

"It would just be wonderful to carry on this tradition," Wilkinson continued.

AASJ members hope to attract young adults to the class as well, and financial assistance might be available. A minimum of five participants are needed in order for Dale to conduct the class, so pre-registration is required.

For those who can't make the class, several of Dale's baskets are available for purchase at the AASJ gallery.

To register for the basket weaving class or for more information call AASJ at 774-2275.

Elaine Ione Sprauve Scholarship Accepting Seniors' 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.



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Letters to St. John Tradewinds

Inner Visions Reports on Stateside Tour

Dear Editor,

Greetings from the road!
It's been a while since I've checked in and reported in from the road. The tour is proceeding nicely. It's been at a hectic pace and we've covered more ground (literally) in the past month than we really care to remember.

The tour started in Baton Rouge, LA, and headed up to Oxford, MS. We then made our way into Austin, TX before heading out to El Paso, TX. Our next stop was Albuquerque, NM, before hitting southern California. California was interesting! We started in Orange County then went south into Solana Beach in San Diego. Next was Malibu before heading into northern California. We trodded way up north to a town called Arcata before heading back to the Bay area where we played Berkeley. Days later, we headed north again into a tiny seacoast town high above the rocky cliffs called Casper. Although the California audiences would have loved to be "InnerGised" more, we had to make a mad dash east as we had a previously scheduled gig in New York City and had to return as soon as possible.

Along the way, we drove through Salt Lake City, Colorado, etc. before gigging in St. Louis, MO. Next

stop was Ausbury Park in New Jersey before doing New York City. We found our way north into Connecticut for some much-needed rest with some family. A few days later we headed south into Atlanta where we hung out with more family before heading west into Mississippi. There we did a tiny (still a little bit segregated) little town called Carrollton. It was good for us to play there. The house was filled with not much of a mixture but the owner is serious about breaking down some of the separation his town sees as a result of the past. Next day we played a festival in Oxford, MS (second time in this town this year). They almost ate us alive there!

Currently, we are in Dallas before doing Austin, TX, again by popular demand. See other scheduled dates on our site, www.innervisionsreggae.com and while you are at it, check out our videos on MySpace, www.myspace.com/innervisionsreggae. There are two new videos posted of us live at Ashkenaz in California. Look and enjoy! We have missed July 4 for the past five years but intend to be home this year! Looking forward to seeing our friends, fans and families! Take care of yourselves!

**Blessings,
Grasshopper**

Strip Club Rumors Run Rampant



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

A strip club, complete with private booths, is planned for the former Mixology Warehouse space at the Lumberyard complex in downtown Cruz Bay, according to island rumors.

Letters to St. John Tradewinds

How Can a Strip Club Be Allowed in Cruz Bay?

Dear Editor,

I read with much concern the letter from Mizza Lompscho about the negative changes happening on St. John and the concern with the security of this wonderful island's visitors. I visited the island during the second week of April. According to folks at the Beach Bar, there were two muggings in Cruz Bay during my stay. It disturbed me to think that St. John might have the same problems as almost any other community in the states. I have always felt very safe in St. John.

Now I read that a strip club will open at the Lumberyard. How could this be allowed? Does anyone really think that this would be good for the community? Is this going to help improve the tourism that the island depends upon? Are there no zoning regulations against this type of establishment, or are they being

ignored? Mizza mentions the concerns about police investigations, or lack thereof. I can only imagine the additional problems and workload that a strip club will exert upon the police department — not to mention the degradation of the neighborhood.

It is my opinion that the only people to benefit from such an establishment would be the owners.

I truly love St. John and cannot wait until my next visit. Will others still feel the same way when they find that such an unsavory establishment has been allowed? Much effort has gone into keeping the beaches and waters clean and preserved. Why let Cruz Bay take such a large step backward?

John Bittner
Connecticut

It's Time for the Police Commissioner To Clean House

To the People of St. John:

Bravo! To the St. John property owner and Mr. Bender for your courage and having the wallet incident published in the Tradewinds Newspaper.

Without putting on the pressure and public awareness, Mr. Bender's money would never have been "found" and returned.

We feel a full explanation from the Police Commissioner and those involved within the police department as to how the money reappeared should be fully disclosed and published in this newspaper. Something must be done to protect the people in "paradise."

We only hope this incident is also published in the New York Times so people will begin to realize how this island is being destroyed for tourism. Will our new nickname be "Little St. Croix?"

We congratulate Mr. Bender who, with his persistence and notifying Police Department Internal Affairs, had his \$900 returned to him. And thank him for helping to start the ball rolling by exposing the extent of corruption here with our "officers of the law."

Even after reading that the money has been returned this is a good time for the Police Commissioner to clean house. A police department that is not held accountable for their actions or cannot be trusted is absolutely deplorable and an embarrassment to this island and the people of St. John.

We strongly urge everyone who depends on tourism or owns property here to write to the governor and remind him of his acceptance speech when he became governor on how he would clean up our police department.

Please!! We need protection. Not the corrupt police force we now have. People who live here are actually afraid to speak out for fear of retaliation. Is this any way to live in "paradise?"

Again, thank you, Mr. Bender. Please know, however, we are also embarrassed and ashamed that you had such a negative experience here. How sad it is that we face these situations every day.

Perhaps this is a blessing in disguise as long as those responsible are immediately terminated from their job(s). Otherwise, all will be swept under the carpet and it will be business as usual with the police department and they will continue to laugh at our inability to do anything about it.

St. John residents! Do we want more of the same? Are you embarrassed and disillusioned by the police track record that is published weekly with the same results year after year?

Now is the time to speak out, write the governor, demand accountability and change.

Name withheld for obvious reasons

Boat Captain Thanks Those Involved in Water Rescue

Dear Editor,

A special thanks to Ranger Jeff Mihan and Admin. Officer Cynthia Kretzschmar for their efforts during a medical emergency on April 24 on the waters of St. John. Their quick arrival by boat and immediate assistance was greatly appreciated. Also, thanks to the members of St. John Rescue and the St. John EMTs

for their help. Finally, a big thank you to the Coral Bay and Maho Bay communities for your kindness, understanding and words of encouragement.

Sincerely,
Cpt. Fred Renner,
S/V PEPPER

St. John Tradewinds Keeping Track

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

Next Letter Deadline: Thursday, May 8th, 2008

St. John Tradewinds Keeping Track

2007 FINAL COUNT

Homicide: 3
Solved: 0

Shootings: 2
Under Investigation: 1
Solved: 1

Stabbings: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

Armed Robberies: 1
Under Investigation: 1
Solved: 0

Arsons: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

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

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

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

Grand Larcenies: 89
Under Investigation: 89
Solved: 0

Rapes: 4
Under Investigation: 2
Solved: 2

2008 TO-DATE

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Solved: 0

Shootings: 0
Under Investigation: 0
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Stabbings: 1
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Solved: 0

Armed Robberies: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

Arsons: 0
Under Investigation: 0
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Under Investigation: 2
Solved: 0

3rd Degree Burglaries: 19
Under Investigation: 19
Solved: 0

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Scholarships

JESS PTA Announces Clarice A. Thomas Scholarship

St. John Tradewinds

The Julius E. Sprauve School PTA announces the availability of applications for the 2008-2009 Clarice A. Thomas Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. Eligibility requirements are as follows:

- Must have attended JESS for a minimum of four years
- Must have been accepted at an institute of higher learning
- Must be scheduled to graduate the year the scholarship is being offered

Applications may be picked up at JESS, the St. John Legislature, or Coral Bay Jewelers in Cruz Bay. The date for submission is Thursday, May 29, before 3 p.m. Applications must be returned to JESS.

For more information, contact Loren Abramson at 776-6285 or Alice Krall at 776-6167.

Ruby Rutnik Scholarship Fund Taking Applications

St. John Tradewinds

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.

SJSA Auditions for Ruth "Sis" Frank Scholarship Is June 1

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.

Obituaries

Jim Gillfillan

St. John Tradewinds

There will be a celebration of Jim Gillfillan's life on Sunday, May 11, at 1 p.m. at the Oppenheimer Beach Pavilion. Jim died on April 18 at age 37 after a brave battle with cancer.

Jim was born on March 23, 1971 in San Diego, CA, and made St. John his home in 1991. He started the successful bed and breakfast, Garden By The Sea, which he subsequently sold. He was currently a partner with his brother John in the popular Ocean Grill restaurant in Mongoose Junction.

Jim had an entrepreneurial spirit

and loved to travel. He was an avid golfer, surfer and enjoyed most sports. On February 10, the community hosted a golf tournament for Jim, "The Tahiti Open," named after one of his favorite places.

Jim is survived by his mother, Patty Tacquard, his stepfather, Tim Tacquard, his father Mike Gillfillan, stepmother Susan Gillfillan, brother John Gillfillan, sister Abby Gillfillan and niece Wren Gillfillan.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Jim's memory to the St. John Revolving Fund at P.O. Box 37, St. John, VI 00831.



Jim Gillfillan

Betty Jane Hamling

St. John Tradewinds

On the afternoon of April 28, surrounded by the husband, children and grandchildren whose souls she shaped, Betty Jane Hamling passed from this world with the same grace with which she lived.

Born April 5, 1918 in Two Harbors, Minn., to Harry and Alice Seitz, Betty's siblings affectionately called her "Bep." Reflecting her parents' belief in education and community, Betty distinguished herself academically and socially.

After receiving a scholarship to Hamline University in St. Paul, her fellow students crowned her as the school's first Homecoming Queen in 1938. Betty's many scholastic achievements at Hamline included her appointment to Phi Beta Kappa and graduation Summa Cum Laude.

With her dynamic personality and arresting dark-haired features, Betty won hearts at Hamline as easily as she won awards. But only one suitor could hold her interest. A strapping and charismatic young man from the plains of South Dakota, Coe Hamling used every bit of his acting skill, shameless puns and Hollywood chin to win Betty's heart and hand.

After exchanging vows on December 27, 1941 in Duluth, Minn., Betty and Coe launched a life full of children, community, and caring. In a marriage of uncommon equals, Coe's talent and drive were matched only by Betty's intellect and charm.

Together they worked to build a household where nothing was wasted and no goal was out of

reach. From 1944 to 1953, Betty brought five children into the world. After multiple moves the Hamlings finally landed in Avondale Estates. Betty declared she "left a trail of diapers from Pratt, Kansas to Atlanta, Georgia!"

Despite a hectic maternal schedule, Betty found time to apply her abilities to owning restaurants, managing Coe's thriving furniture business, supporting the Republican party, establishing the Unitarian congregation of Atlanta and promoting civic interests. As Campaign Manager, she guided Ben Blackburn's election to the United States House of Representatives.

Always a believer in strong education, she was instrumental in establishing DeKalb County's Elementary School Library program. While Coe performed on stages across Atlanta, Betty served as President of Theater Atlanta Women's Guild. Proud to carry on a tradition her grandmother had begun, Betty was active in Daughters of the American Revolution.

Knowing she had been blessed with many siblings and children, she actively supported TWIGS, a volunteer organization dedicated to Egleston Children's Hospital. Along with Coe, Betty was a Charter Member of Georgia Ensemble Theater. Later in life she shared her love of humanity as part of several memory-assist organizations including Forget-Me-Nots and Merry Makers. Between Avondale Estates and Roswell, greater Atlanta was Betty's home for nearly 60 years.

But her heart's home was a simple cabin in the north Geor-

gia mountains on Lake Blue Ridge. Into her 80s, she swam in the chilled green water. Summer mornings were for picking blackberries and making jam. Summer afternoons were for sitting on the dock with tall beers and tall tales from country characters.

But Betty's most cherished moments at the lake were the breezy days and crisp mountain nights spent with her large and loving family. Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day — these were joyous and spontaneous times when the cabin overflowed with the fruits of her life's work: children, love and laughter. She shared with us her flawless art of conversation during long walks down curling dirt roads, hearty breakfasts and spirited games of Rummy-O. At the end of clear days at the lake, the setting sun laid down on the water-top a glittering walkway that stretched from across the lake and seemed to end at our dock. Betty called this spectacular sight "The Golden Path." Now and forever, as always in her life, she walks the Golden Path.

With her natural way and genuine love of people, Betty was as comfortable with mountaineers as she was with chandeliers. As content with darning as she was with dancing. She was our Grand Dame and our Grandmother. Our Matriarch and our Mama. Our Maum Hamling. A regal woman with classical qualities and the sweetest sensibility. If you met her, you knew her. And if you knew her, you loved her. We always will.

Betty was preceded in death by
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Public School Registration for St. John Students Is Scheduled for May 30

St. John Tradewinds

Acting Insular Superintendent for the St. Thomas-St. John District Jeanette Smith-Barry advises parents wishing to enroll their children in public school for the 2008-2009 school year that public school registration for children residing on the island of St. John is scheduled for Friday, May 30, at the Julius E. Sprauve School from 8:30 to 11:45 a.m.

Parents and guardians are reminded that the child or children to be registered must be present at registration and the following documents are required for processing:

- Original birth certificate (U.S. citizens only)
- Passport (foreign or American) or Resident Card or Naturalization Certificate
- Virgin Islands Immunization Record and clearance form from the Immunization Clinic located at the R.L. Schneider Regional Medical Center. A V.I. immunization card with the attached clearance form issued at the immunization clinic at R.L. Schneider is a mandatory requirement of the registration process. No exceptions will be made.
- Report card or transcript from previous school
- Social Security Card or number
- Proof of physical address (example: official document such as a WAPA bill showing name and street address)
- Individualized Education Plan and evaluation data, if applicable
- Notarized letter granting temporary guardianship.

Parents are further reminded that students entering kindergarten must be five years of age on or before December 31, 2008.

For more information contact Student Affairs Coordinator Belinda West-O'Neal at 775-2250, ext. 8530.

EPA Applauds Environmental Champions in U.S. Virgin Islands

St. John Tradewinds

Three individuals and organizations from the U.S. Virgin Islands received top honors last week from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for their work to protect the environment. Their exemplary efforts were recognized as they were presented with EPA Environmental Quality Awards by EPA Regional Administrator Alan J. Steinberg during a ceremony in EPA's New York offices.

In addition, the agency recognized two recipients from New York for winning the nationwide President's Environmental Youth Award.

"These exemplary environmental stewards have gone above and beyond for environmental change

in local communities," said Regional Administrator Alan J. Steinberg. "Let their extraordinary contributions remind us all that we can make our world a better place and individuals really inspire others and make a lasting difference."

EPA selects Environmental Quality Award winners from non-profit environmental and community groups, individual citizens, educators, business organizations and members of the news media, as well as from federal, state, local or tribal governments and agencies. The honor is given to those individuals or organizations that have made significant contributions to improving the environment and public health in EPA Region 2, which covers New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and seven federally recognized Indian Nations.

The agency receives nominations for the awards from both inside and outside EPA. For information about the Environmental Quality Awards in EPA Region 2, go to <http://www.epa.gov/region02/eqa/>.

2008 Award Winners

Federal, State, Local or Tribal Government or Agency: Mirko Restovic, V.I. Waste Management Authority -

Mirko Restovic planned, constructed and operates multi-million dollar treatment projects and conducts field studies, marine surveys, ecological evaluations, hydrological control and coastal management studies. He has been instrumental in obtaining grants for improving water pollution control. Due to his direct involvement, the U.S. Virgin Islands gov-

ernment invested \$150 million to build four new state-of-the-art sewage treatment plants over the last nine years.

Environmental Education: Laurel Brannick-Bigrigg, V.I. National Park -

Laurel Brannick-Bigrigg educates Virgin Islands school children, local residents and visitors who come through the V.I. National Park facility on St. John about the island's historic, cultural and natural resources, and their benefits to the Virgin Islands and the nation.

She conducts tours of historic ruins and hikes to remote locations; hosts camping trips and trips to coastal sites to study marine life; and conducts tour dives along underwater marine trails. All of these activities are designed to educate visitors. Brannick-Bigrigg is also actively involved in her community as president of the St. Thomas/St. John Audubon Society.

Non-profit Organization, Environmental or Community Group: V.I. Resource Conservation and Development Council -

The strength of the V.I. Resource Conservation and Development Council program is that it empowers individuals and communities to solve their own environmental problems.

Since its incorporation in 1990, VIRCD has overseen more than 200 projects to help conserve natural resources, prevent pollution, improve grant-writing skills for individuals and organizations and to promote sustainable agriculture, ecotourism and environmental education. VIRCD has infused over \$3 million into the V.I. economy.



Gatekeeper, oil, by Karen Samuel

Karen Samuel and Maho Bay Glassworks at Bajo el Sol Opening

St. John Tradewinds

Bajo el Sol announces an opening reception for St. Johnian Karen Samuel and the talented artists at Maho Bay Glassworks on Friday, May 9, from 5 to 8 p.m. at its Mongoose Junction gallery.

Samuel, recognized as both an accomplished artist and seamstress, will unveil new works in oil that include her special talent at capturing the people of St. John, new floral studies and genre/landscape paintings. Samuel has often shared her talent and gift as an artist with the young people of St. John and her ability to capture the environment in which she lives is unparalleled. Look for her ability to capture that sense of realism and use of detail to delight viewers at the opening.

Art derived from glass is not a new concept. Art derived from recycled glass has grown to recognizable value due to the talented artists at Maho Bay Glassworks. Working in tandem, they create exciting pieces in vibrant colors. Expect to see their signature wave bowl pieces as well as multi-colored urns and vases.

Weekly Women of Worth Meetings

St. John Tradewinds

The St. John Community Crisis Center is happy to offer a new women's group, Women of Worth. WOW is free and confidential and offered on Thursday nights at the SJCCC office, located above the St. John Ice Company in the Lumberyard, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. beginning May 8. This group will focus on a variety of issues such as domestic violence, sexual assault or other types of abusive situations. The group will share information on creating a healthy lifestyle with equality and balance in relationships. Also, the group will explore topics of self-esteem and emotional intelligence. Please call 693-7233 to join.

Free Boxing Program on Saturdays

St. John Tradewinds

Pilates Bob Cioppa and Julian Jackson began a free boxing program for boys and girls on Saturday, May 3, at 9 a.m. at the Housing, Parks and Recreation building in Cruz Bay. The program will continue each Saturday at 9 a.m., and Jackson will continue to attend to mentor children the first Saturday of each month.

The program will aim to teach St. John youth about respect and discipline. Light up the darkness, and learn how to apply the discipline and respect it takes to become a boxer into schoolwork, friendships and the future. For more information, contact Cioppa at 514-4208.

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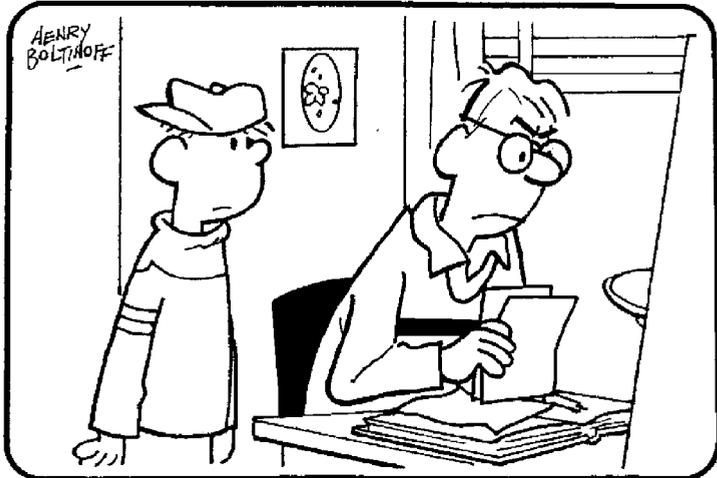
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Ninth Annual Commodore's Cup Set for May 17

St. John Tradewinds

All three of the island's yacht clubs are collaborating once again this year for the ninth annual Commodore's Cup on Saturday, May 17.

Sponsored by Budget Marine, the Commodore's Cup is hosted by the Coral Bay Yacht Club, St. John Yacht Club and Nauti Yacht Club. The single day of racing will include classes in pursuit, CSA and PHRF.

The winner of each class will go head to head on small laser boats for the chance at the Commodore Cup title.

The skipper's meeting for the race will be Friday evening, May 16, at Skinny Legs at 6:30 p.m. The race will start at 10 a.m. on May 17 in Coral Bay.

An awards ceremony is set for Saturday evening, May 17, at Skinny Legs.

Don't miss your chance to win

a brand new 12-foot Carib dinghy and 15-horse power Yamaha motor donated by Offshore Marine. Raffle tickets are available from St. John Kids And The Sea participants and St. John Hardware. All proceeds will benefit the St. John KATS program.

Entry forms are available at both Connections locations. For more information call Robbie Hoyt at 690-7979 or Jim Swan at 693-8780.

Hurricane Hole Storm Refuge Regulations

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harder time getting there. Speed will be the determining factor."

"St. Thomians will have the hardest time," the boater added.

Not surprisingly, members of the Coral Bay Yacht Club are in favor of the new regulations, according to CBYC Commodore Julie Fortunato.

CBYC Members Favor New System

"At our last meeting we discussed the storm refuge regulations at length and the unanimous consensus was that we liked the idea of the first come, first served system because it favors the people who care the most about their boats, rather than just leaving it up to a lottery," Fortunato said. "Of course, it does favor us because we're in Coral Bay."

The verdict from St. John Yacht Club members was not available as of press time, as the group was set to

discuss the issue at a Tuesday, May 6, meeting, explained SJYC Commodore Jim Swan.

The new regulations are actually a return to the way Hurricane Hole was filled before the area was designated an underwater monument in 2001, explained Acting Chief of Resource Management Christy McManus, who is filling in while Boulon is out of the territory.

"This is what happened before the Coral Reef National Monument was established," McManus said. "People would just decide among themselves who would go where. From my understanding, the majority of the boaters questioned chose this option."

"The park is trying to do what is best for everyone," continued McManus. "They have put so much money and so much effort to make this area safe for everyone and to protect the resources, they just want it to work for everyone involved."

Survivor – Micronesia: Fans vs. Favorites

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low competitors Lusth, Amanda Kimmel and Erik Reichenbach. The trip was won in a reward challenge.

Making Friends Off Air

"We went to this indigenous village, where they put on an excellent dance ceremony for us," said Siska. "We had a huge feast, and it was a wonderful time."

Siska, who now lives in Barrington, Illinois, where he works as a student teacher at Prairie Middle School, was a long-time fan of Survivor before becoming a player. This season pits 10 super fans of the series against 10 Survivor

veterans. Although he didn't stick it out until the end and win the \$1 million prize, Siska is happy with his experience on the show.

"It was totally incredible to go out there to a tropical location and compete in awesome challenges," he said. "I got a chance to meet some really cool people and do some really cool things. I couldn't have asked for anything more, except maybe to have survived a little longer."

The St. John native also enjoyed spending time with his fellow competitors, both on and off the show, he added.

"Amanda's a really great out-

doorsy-type girl, and I had a good time hanging out with her," said Siska. "Ozzy and I went surfing, wakeboarding and played guitar together after I got voted off. He's a really great guy, and I just wish I could've tapped into that friendship a bit more during the game."

Siska thanked St. John residents for watching him compete on this season of Survivor, and is planning a trip to Love City this summer, when he looks forward to going island-hopping on his uncle's sailboat, which is moored in Cruz Bay.

"I'd love to get back home," he said.

Obituary: Betty Jane Hamling

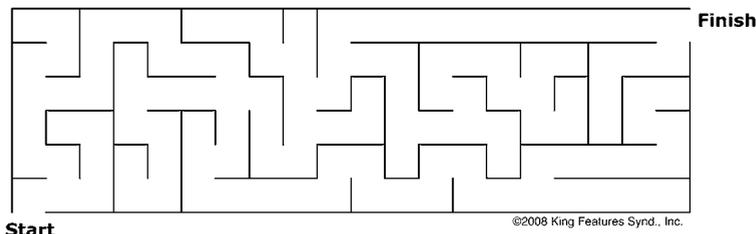
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her parents; her siblings, Robert Seitz, Leota Scott, Donald Seitz, and Alice Jean Allen; and a son-in-law, Larry Puckett. She is survived by her doting and loyal husband of 67 years, Worthy Coe Hamling; a sister, Harriet Krosch, of Mankato, MN; five children, Nancy Puckett of Roswell, Jeff Hamling and wife Laura of Roswell, Cid Hamling of St. John, Peggy Fulghum and husband Tom of Marietta and Robbi Palmer and husband

Dennis of Roswell; 10 grandchildren, Kelly Frommer and husband Creighton, Greg Puckett and wife Jessica, Erik Puckett and wife Julie, Kathryn Mulkey and husband Scott, Jeff Hamling Jr. and wife Caulie, Holly Blackwell and husband Matt, Shelley Fulghum, Melissa Palmer, Alison Hamling and Natalie Fulghum; and six great-grandchildren, Madelyn Puckett, Max Puckett, Claire Mulkey, Ryan Frommer, Elise Mulkey and Anna Frommer.

A memorial service for Betty will was Thursday, May 1, at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The C.A.R.T. Fund (Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust), C/O Erik Puckett, Sun Trust Bank, 121 E. E. Butler Parkway, Gainesville, GA 30501; to the Alzheimer's Association Georgia Chapter, 1925 Century Blvd. NE, Ste. 10, Atlanta, GA 30345; or to the charity of your choice.

Kids' Maze

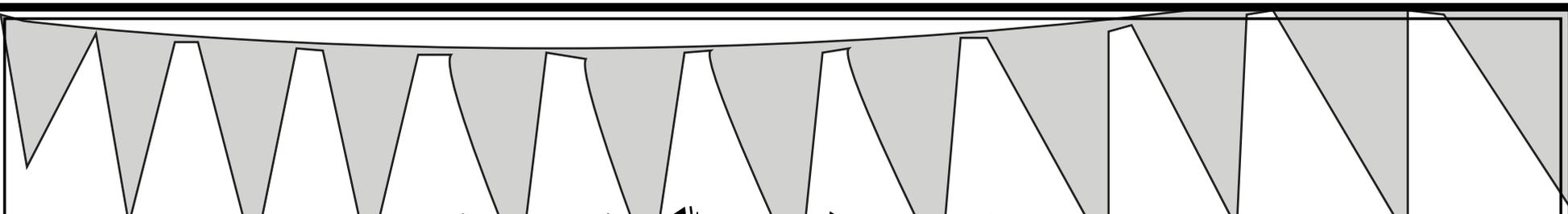


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St. John Festival

Jump Up and Congregate for Festival 2008

Festival Village Honoree: Irene Scatliffe
Food Fair Honoree: Yolanda Morton
Parade Marshal: Miles Stair

Saturday, May 31:

Pan-O-Rama, Frank Powell Park, 4 p.m. Contact person: Ira Wade, 776-6346



Friday, June 13:

Senior Variety Show, Winston Wells ball field, 7 p.m. Contact person: Jane Johannes, 776-6450

Saturday, June 14:

Festival bike race, V.I. National Park, 8 a.m. Contact person: 690-3692



Saturday, June 15:

Princess show, Winston Wells ball field, 6 p.m. Contact person: Enid Doway, 774-3838

Saturday, June 21:

Miss St. John Selection, Winston Wells ball field, 8 p.m. Contact person: Enid Doway, 774-3838

Sunday, June 22:

Food Fair and Coronation, Frank Powell Park, 1 p.m. Contact person: N. Thomas/L. Smith.
Boat races, Cruz Bay harbor, 3 p.m. Contact person: Janice Paris, 776-6171

Friday, June 27:

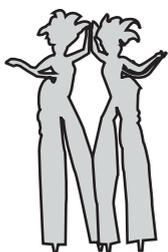
Festival Mix, Winston Wells ball field, 9 p.m. Contact person: Lucinda Jurgen, 776-1291

Saturday, June 28:

Festival Village opens, Cruz Bay parking lot, 7 p.m. Contact person: Jane Johannes, 776-6450

Thursday, July 3:

Cultural Day, Frank Powell Park, 1 p.m. Contact person: Alecia Wells, 776-6336



Friday, July 4:

- J'Ouvert, 4 a.m.
- Parade, V.I. National Park, 11 a.m.
Fireworks display, Cruz Bay harbor, 9 p.m. Contact person: N. Thomas, 774-3107

Additional information call the Festival Hotline at 690-3692 or 690-1725

St. John Church Schedule & Directory

<p>3 Sail Church 10 Sunday Bellevue Community Center</p> <p>Baha'i Community of St. John Race Unity Devotions 7:30 p.m. Fridays; Study Circles 9 a.m. Sundays 776-6316, 776-6254</p> <p>Bethany Moravian Church Cruz Bay, St. John 11 a.m., Sunday School 776-6291</p> <p>Calvary Baptist Church 13 ABC Coral Bay, 776-6304 Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday evening 6 p.m., Thursday 7 p.m.</p> <p>Christian Ministry Cinnamon Bay Beach Inter-Denominational Sunday 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>Christian Science Society 10:45 a.m. Sunday- Marketplace Wednesday Testimonials 7:45 p.m. on last Wed. of Month</p> <p>The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Sun. 9 a.m., STT. 776-2379 Sun., 5 p.m., STJ, Lumberyard</p> <p>Cruz Bay Baptist Church Sunday 11 a.m., 6 p.m. 776-6315</p> <p>Emmaus Moravian Church Coral Bay, Sun. 9 a.m. 776-6713</p>	<p>Jehovah's Witness 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10 a.m. Sundays (no contact information given)</p> <p>Missionary Baptist Church 9:30 a.m. Sunday Services, 10:45 Worship, Tuesday 7 p.m. Bible Study 693-8884</p> <p>Nazareth Lutheran Church Sunday 9 a.m., Sunday School 8:00 a.m. 776-6731</p> <p>Our Lady of Mount Carmel Sat. 6 p.m., Sun. 7:30 & 9:30 a.m., Spanish Mass 5:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, 7 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. 776-6339</p> <p>St. John Methodist Church Sunday 10 a.m., 693-8830</p> <p>Seventh Day Adventist Saturdays. 779-4477</p> <p>St. John Pentecostal Church Sunday 11:05 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays Prayer 7:30 p.m., Thursdays Bible Study 7:30 p.m. 779-1230</p> <p>St. Ursula's Episcopal Church Sundays, 7:15 am, 8:30 a.m. Bible Class, Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. 777-6306</p> <p>Unitarian Universalist Fellowship 9:45 a.m. Sunday, 776-6332</p> <p>Word of Faith Church Sunday, March 2, at 1 p.m. at the Giff Hill School. Call 774-8617</p>
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Ferry Schedules

<p>Cruz Bay to Red Hook Every hour on the hour from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.</p> <p>Cruz Bay to Downtown Charlotte Amalie</p>	
<p>Leaves Cruz Bay</p> <p>7:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 1:15 p.m. 2:15 p.m. 3:45 p.m.</p>	<p>Leaves Downtown</p> <p>9 a.m. 11 a.m. 1 p.m. 3 p.m. 4 p.m. 5:30 p.m.</p>

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Community Calendar

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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.

Saturday, May 10

Estate Fish Bay Owners' Association Annual Membership Meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. at St. Ursula's Multi-purpose Center in Cruz Bay.

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.

Sunday, May 18

Get ready for the Friends of the V.I. National Park's annual Beach to Beach Power Swim at a practice swim. The second is scheduled for Sunday, May 18, beginning at Maho Bay and ending at Hawksnest. Practice swims begin at 8 a.m. at the north end of Maho near the dinghy channel. For more information, contact the Friends at 779-4940.

Tuesday, May 20

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

Wednesday, May 21

The St. John CZM Committee will meet on Wednesday, May 21, at 1 p.m. at the St. John Legislature

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.

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 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.

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) A more harmonious aspect favors all relationships. Family ties with mates and children are strengthened. Libra is Cupid's choice to win the amorous Aries' heart.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The bold Bull is ready to take on fresh challenges. Expect some opposition as you plough new ground -- but supporters will outnumber detractors.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) An upcoming job change could mean uprooting your family to a far-distant location. Weigh all considerations carefully before making a decision one way or the other.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A long-standing problem is resolved by a mutually agreed-upon compromise. You can now focus on getting the facts you'll need for a decision you'll soon be asked to make.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The Big Cat needs to be wary of what appears to be a "golden" investment opportunity. That "sure thing" could turn out to be nothing more than a sack of Kitty Glitter.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You give of yourself generously to help others, but right now you must allow people to help you. Confide your problems to family and trusted friends.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Relationships benefit from a strong harmonious aspect. Things go more smoothly at work. Someone you thought you'd never see again asks for a reconcili-

ation.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A minor distraction interferes with travel plans, but the delay is temporary. Meanwhile, expect to play peacemaker once again for feuding family members.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Keep that positive momentum going on the home front. Arrange your schedule to spend more time with your family. You'll soon have news about that job change.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Control that possessive tendency that sometimes goads you into an unnecessary display of jealousy. You could be creating problems where none currently exist.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A new project holds some challenges you hadn't expected, but don't be discouraged. You'll find you're more prepared to deal with them than you realized.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Yours is the sign of the celestial Chemist, so don't be surprised if you experience a pleasant "chemistry" betwixt yourself and that new Leo in your life.

BORN THIS WEEK: You enjoy being fussed over, as befits your nature. You also have a strong loyalty to family and friends.

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St. John Police Report

Saturday, April 26

10:16 a.m. - A citizen c/r an auto accident in the area of Jacob's Ladder. Auto accident.

Sunday, April 27

8:30 a.m. - A visitor from Ohio p/r she lost her wallet at the Westin Resort and Villas' parking lot. Lost wallet.

10:20 a.m. - A resident p/r he lost his bag at Francis Bay with his personal items. Lost bag.

4:45 p.m. - A citizen c/r a fight at Sputnik's in Coral Bay. Police assistance.

Monday, April 28

10:43 a.m. - A resident c/r she needs assistance with a property dispute. Police assistance.

1:40 p.m. - An Estate Adrian resident c/requesting police assistance. Police assistance.

1:45 p.m. - An Estate Mandahl resident p/r she was in an auto accident. Auto accident.

Tuesday, April 29

9:30 a.m. - A citizen c/r an auto accident on Centerline Road near Pastory. Auto accident.

11:25 a.m. - A Cruz Bay Villas resident p/requesting police assistance with someone unknown who is trespassing. Police assistance.

11:50 a.m. - A visitor staying at a villa on Sunset Way c/r that he was burglarized. Burglary in the third.

5:50 p.m. - A citizen r/ a disturbance with a male. Disturbance of the peace.

6:00 p.m. - A male c/requesting assistance with an intoxicated female at Moorehead Point. Police assistance.

Wednesday, April 30

8:20 a.m. - An Estate Contant resident p/r that her child's father took a gold chain from her.

9:00 a.m. - A Peter Bay resident p/r that someone unknown stole household items out of his trailer on Centerline Road. Grand larceny.

9:30 a.m. - An Estate Caneel Bay resident p/r a destruction of property to her vehicle. Destruction of property.

11:10 a.m. - An Estate Carolina resident p/r that she lost her taxi medallion. Lost medallion.

11:20 a.m. - A Harold's Way resident c/r that he is the caretaker of said property and learned from a neighbor that a male broke into said property and is living there.

12:15 p.m. - A Fish Bay resident

c/requesting police assistance with his girlfriend who is schizophrenic and refusing to seek medical attention. Police assistance.

8:00 p.m. - A Privateer Bay resident r/ he was assaulted by a male.

8:25 p.m. - An Estate Carolina resident c/r someone with a flashlight is on her property.

Thursday, May 1

8:05 a.m. - A store owner at Coccoloba Plaza c/r a burglary. Burglary in the third.

No time given - A citizen p/r that she was assaulted by the security guard on the Port Authority dock. Simple assault.

10:00 a.m. - A citizen p/r that he was assaulted by a male on the General II barge. Aggravated assault.

10:20 a.m. - A citizen p/r that he was threatened by a male. Disturbance of the peace.

Friday, May 2

1:54 a.m. - ADT c/r an alarm sounding at Domino Gas Station in Estate Carolina. Activated alarm.

8:20 a.m. - An employee at Spencer Car Rental c/r damage to a vehicle. Damage to a vehicle.

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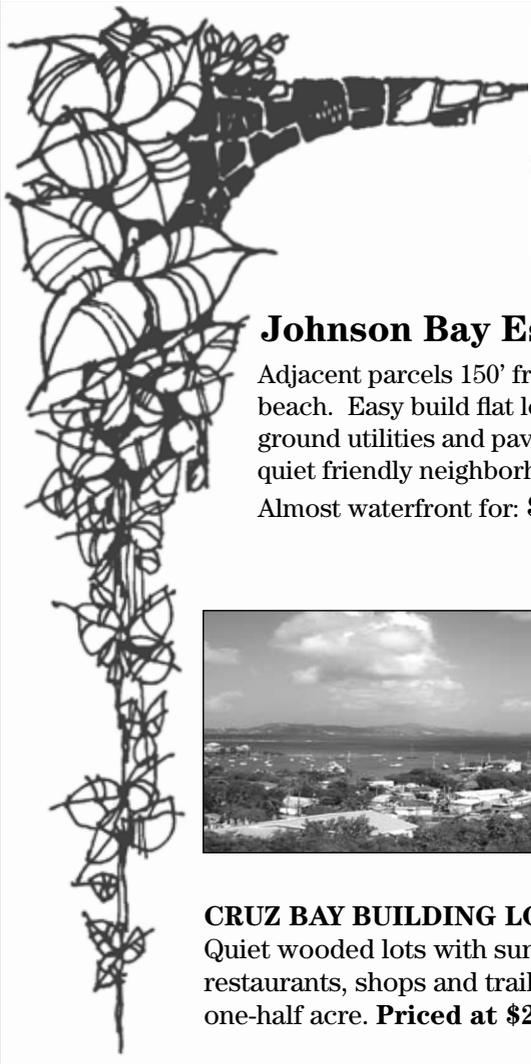
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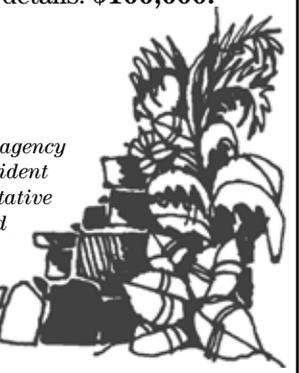
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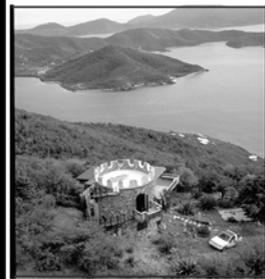
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"Sunset Pointe"- Enjoy beautiful sunset views from this breezy mountaintop location easily accessed by paved public road in Estate Glucksberg. The main home is masonry with stone accents featuring two bedroom suites, central living and kitchen area and dipping pool. Separate one-bedroom cottage of mixed construction offers flexibility in form of caretaker's quarters or added rental space. **\$1,495,000**

- FEATURED CONDOS -

MAHOGANY RUN CONDO - ST. THOMAS, VI. Nicely furnished charming 2 + 2 upper unit with golf course and water views. Loft ceiling, large deck off living room. Enclosed deck off 2nd bedroom for additional living space (home office, workout room, etc.) **\$350,000**



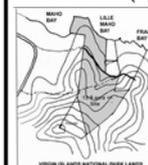
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- LAND -



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ZOOTENVAAL Quaint Caribbean cottage tucked in at the end of the road for added privacy. Walking distance to Coral Bay. Currently configured as two separate rental units. Solar water heater, bedrooms wired for AC, organic garden, washer/dryer. Room to add. Approved buildings plans available for additional home. \$749,000

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

MYSTIC RIDGE perched high on a mountain ridge offers dramatic, "down-island" views. This 4BR/4.5BA luxury villa has an impressive split level great room featuring a gourmet kitchen, a formal dining area & complete entertainment center. Magnificent seclusion can be yours as you lounge by the large pool or hot tub. \$2,795,000

ENIGHED JUST REDUCED TO \$659,000 Lots of opportunity for this nearly flat town lot overlooking Turner Bay and zoned R-4. Currently configured as two units for a total of four bedrooms and two baths. Out buildings allow for ample storage and/or additional living space. Motivated seller. Masonry home with lots of potential!

GARDEN BY THE SEA Bed and Breakfast is a quaint Caribbean home with West Indian gingerbread architecture and island style furnishings. Live in the spacious newly renovated owners apartment while renting the 3 income producing a/c units. There is room for expansion to a maximum of 12 units as per the R-4 zoning. Outstanding rental history and just a short walk to Cruz Bay Town as well as Frank and Turner Bays. \$1,800,000.

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LAND

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AURORA – Luxurious 4 bedroom / 4 bath masonry villa on Contant Point. Enjoy 180° views from Great Cruz to St. Thomas, great privacy, pool, multiple outdoor areas, gorgeous landscaping, beautiful furnishings, and excellent vacation rental history. Priced to sell at \$2,495,000.

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BORDEAUX – Force 10 system home has 3 bd/ 2 baths, lg. covered porch, water view, ½ acre w/gentle slope, room for expansion. \$760,000.

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.

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

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CATHERINEBERG (5X5) "CINNAMON 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 custom 8,000 sq. ft. villa close to Cruz Bay, 6 bdrms, 6.5 baths, designer detail and furnishings throughout!!! Spectacular views of Pillsbury Sound & 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!**

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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.**

UPPER CAROLINA: 3 bdrm, 3.5 bath villa has spectacular Coral Bay views from this custom 3 level home. Main level has spacious great room and front porch. Interior staircase goes to 2 master suites & a lower level studio suite below. **\$1,500,000.**



"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.**

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WATERFRONT

Dreekets Bay Estates, 2.5 acres, beachfront, BVI views, breezes, quality roads **\$2,500,000**
Boatman Point, .70 acre, 175 ft of east facing shoreline. **\$1,575,000**
Lovango Cay, A Slice of Heaven, .75 acre **\$899,000**
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.**

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.**

"CLIFFVIEW ESTATES" IN FISH BAY Seven parcels in new subdivision offer exciting views and adjacent to National Park. Underground utility access and paved roads. From .5 - .91 acre, **\$299,000- \$795,000.**



BEAUTIFUL EAST END LOT Views across Round Bay to Coral Harbor; moderately sloped; deeded access to homeowners' waterfront lot. **\$695,000.**

"VIRGIN GRAND ESTATES"

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

"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.**

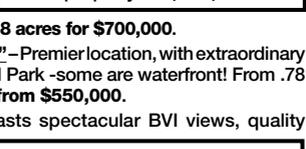
"DREEKETS BAY ESTATES" boasts spectacular BVI views, quality paved roads, underground utilities, stone wall & planters, common beach. Just 8 minutes from Coral Bay. **12 parcels priced from \$450,000.**

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.**



"BOATMAN POINT" Wonderful Waterfront lot, 1.2 acres. Community beach, underground utilities, paved roads. Primesouth shore property. **\$1,875,000.**



"CALABASH BOOM" .4 acre parcel adjacent to Sago Cottage. Great views, private. Topo map available. **\$550,000.**

Condos & Timeshares

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

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

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