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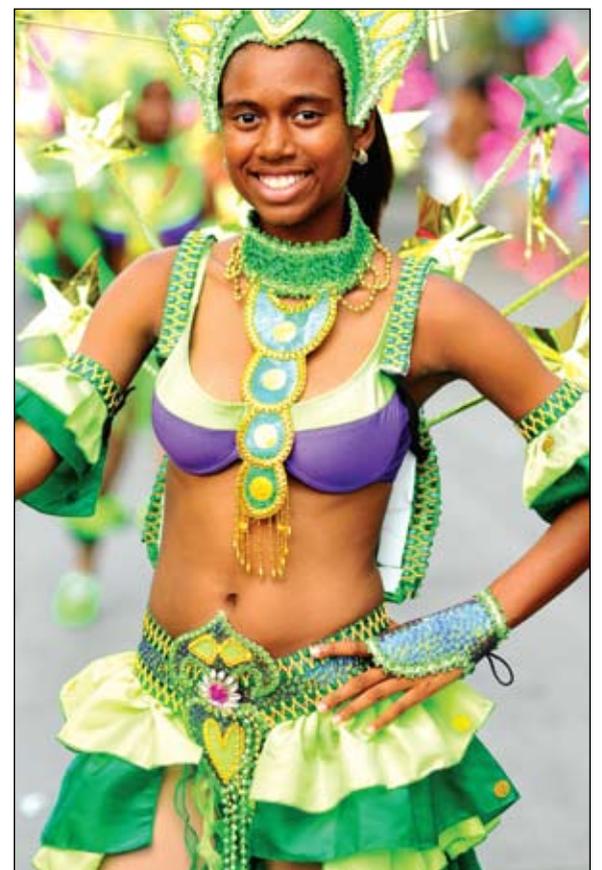
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## St. John Festival

Dancing Indians, stone age revelers, costumed major-ettes and African warriors thrilled the crowd in Cruz Bay during the Festival Parade on Friday, July 4.



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Westin Resort's General Manager David Yamada, above left, leads the resort's stone age Flinstone troupe.



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Middle Age Majorettes, above.



We and Dem Youth's mocko jumbie.



A one man troupe: The Mighty Groover.



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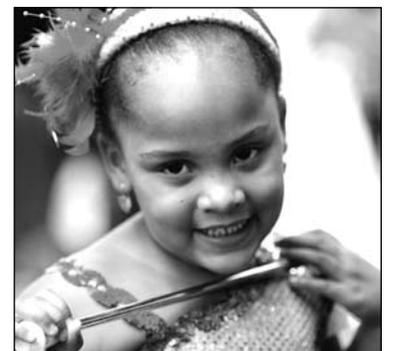
Caneel's Nikolay Hotze.



A Shaka Zulu member.



Princess Ja'Leah Stephens.



A Charming Twirler.



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2008 Festival Parade Marshal Miles Stair.



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Caneel Bay Resort's floupe donned feathers for their Tribal Escape in 2008 devoted to Hopi Inidan flute dancers.



A Diamond and Gem.



Westin's Arno Pfeffer.



A feathered member of Shaka Zulu troupe.



The Diamonds and Gems ladies get down.

## Feathers, Beads and Music Fill St. John Festival Parade

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

Crowds packed the streets of Cruz Bay, dancing along with mocko jumbies and revelers in florescent colored costumes for the St. John Festival Parade on Friday, July 4.

Mocko jumbies, the Mighty Groover — this year pushing a fruit cart and dispensing poems — and the Love City Pan Dragons were highlights once again as the fun-filled parade wound through Cruz Bay delighting new-comers as well as veteran Festival Parade-goers.

Bright costumes and feathers impressed first time parade attendee, Maisie Loo.

"I'm having a ball," said Loo, who was visiting from Georgia. "I love the costumes, the entertainment and the mood of the city. There is just a lot of gaiety."

"Everyone is in such a great mood," Loo continued. "In how many parades do you get to see so many feathers?"

Festival has become a tradition for long-time St. John resident Gary Emmons, who attended

**"You don't experience St. John unless you've been to Festival. It's part of the tradition here and it's just a lot of fun."**

— Gary Emmons,  
veteran parade attendee

his 31st parade this year.

"You don't experience St. John unless you've been to Festival," said Emmons. "It's part of the tradition here and it's just a lot of fun."

The St. John Brewers' float was popular once again this year, as owners Kevin Chipman and Chirag Vyas handed out free samples of their brew to the thirsty crowd.

The Westin Resort and Villas troupe transported the crowd back to the stone age as they rocked out in animal prints and faux fur. The resort's general manager David Yamada joined

the fun donning a Fred Flintstone costume as he rode in a car straight out of Bed Rock.

Teepees and feathers were the theme of the day for the Caneel Bay Resort troupe which embodied Hopi Flute Dancers this year. Caneel's managing director Nikolay Hotze showed his spirit in a feathered head-dress as he danced along with the troupe.

Towering mocko jumbies from the We and Dem Youth troupe beckoned the crowd to join in on the fun and even whisked a few adventurous souls down the streets.

Majorettes from St. Thomas and St. John entertained the crowds with intricate routines. Love City's Middle Age Majorettes were on hand again having an infectious good time. The members of the Shaka Zulu troupe were stunning in feathers and body paint.

The great weather continued throughout the afternoon and into the evening when a stellar fireworks display lit up the skies above Cruz Bay, wrapping up Jump Up and Congregate for Festival 2008.

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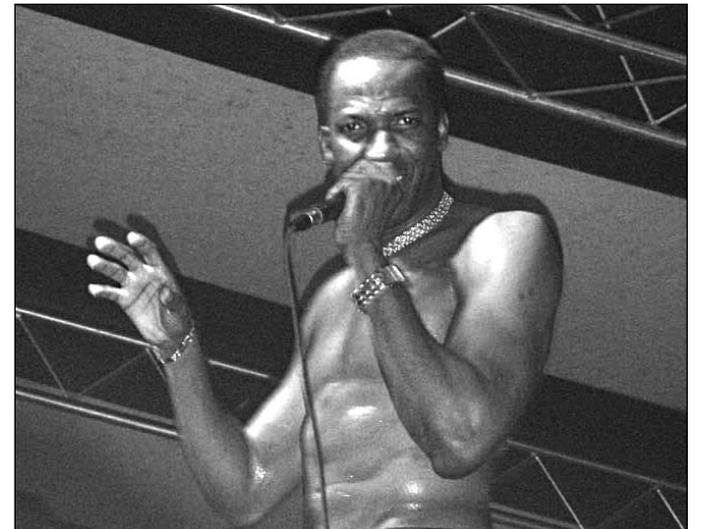
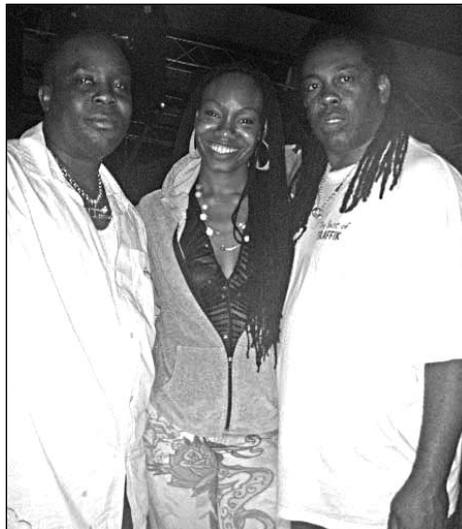
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Shurwayne Winchester, above right, kept the village crowd on their feet, as Traffik's new singer, Keran, center at left, got into the mix.

## Soca Explosion for Festival 2008

By Zarah Rose  
 St. John Tradewinds

The pre-J'ouvert night of July 3 was by far the most musically exhilarating this year for St. John Festival.

In the Winston Wells ball field Soul Bashment Entertainment presented "Girl Fete 2008" which featured Love City's very own Cool Session Brass as an opening act along with Jam Tyme, DJ Avalanche and Icon Sounds.

Radio personality "Deh Realist" hosted the event. Respect goes to Cool Session Brass for their many performances again this year, and for setting a high standard for other artists to follow. Leading lady Tishelle Knight sang many of our favorite hits including a crystal clear version of Alicia Key's "No One" proving again how dynamic her range can be.

A variety of Soca queens hit the stage into the early morning hours. Tizzy, hailing from Antigua and famous for her song "Expose," and Senell Dempster from Trinidad and Tobago backed by the also very sexy, all male Atlantik Band, both celebrated the independence and strength of women.

Headliner Destra Garcia, who is known for her eccentric punk rock fusion in both her fashion choices and her soca music, closed the show.

In 2003 Garcia became a star on the soca scene, with her first album "Red, White and Black" and the popular duet with Machel Montano "It's Carnival" a song that has since become an anthem throughout the Caribbean.

Unfortunately the crowd didn't funnel into the ball field until



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tom Oat

Claudette Peters, above far left, entertains a packed crowd at Festival Village on Thursday night, July 3.

around 2:30 a.m. because the action was at Festival Village.

The crowd was packed in the village to hear the other Trinidad and Tobago stars, Traffik Jam, with their sizzling hot front man Shurwayne Winchester.

Winchester and Traffik performed here for the fourth time, as they continue to build a broader fan base with their raucous soca rhythms and pop covers.

"O.K. St. John, this is our fourth time here, you know this is a family affair now," Winchester said on stage.

Band members threw bottles of water and baby powder to the excited mob and nobody left without getting powdered or soaked, part of a tradition that is rooted in carnival history.

Winchester was the winner of the 2008 Groovy Soca Monarch award in Trinidad and Tobago yet

again. In 2006 Winchester also made history winning both the Groovy Soca Monarch and the Power Soca Monarch in the prestigious International Soca Monarch Competition.

Traffik introduced their hot new female lead vocalist Keran, who was on stage with the band for only the second time!

Judging from her performance and solid vocals, she is a seasoned entertainer and no stranger to the stage. Hailing from Turner Point in Trinidad she "represents the east" as she told me after the show.

"I am so excited to be here and it's really extraordinary touring with the guys," said Keran. "They are all like my big brothers!"

We will undoubtedly see more of Keran on the soca music scene, and more than likely again for St. John Festival next year.

# Jahlil Ward Arrested for Jamie Cockayne Murder

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

The lure of Festival time on St. John is so strong, even suspected murderers can't resist.

More than a year after Jamie Cockayne was stabbed to death in Cruz Bay, V.I. Police Department officials arrested Jahlil Ward on June 27 at the Cyril E. King Airport on St. Thomas as the Gift Hill man was returning to the territory from the mainland.

Ward, 20, was the third man arrested in connection to the high-profile murder which occurred during the early morning hours of June 19, 2007. He faces charges of first degree murder, first degree assault and using a dangerous weapon in the commission of a crime of violence.

At Ward's advice of rights hearing on Monday, June 30, V.I. Superior Court Judge Brenda Hollar set bail at \$100,000. Unable to post bail, Ward was remanded to the St. Thomas correctional facility.

Following a media outcry by Cockayne's parents — who appeared on several national cable news outlets blasting the VIPD — Kamal Thomas, originally from Georgia, and Anselmo Boston, a St. Croix native, were arrested in August 2007 and charged with murdering the 21-year-old Pennsylvania man.

**"We found the murderer and now they are saying we aided and abetted him. This just shows that no good deed goes unpunished. They don't want to admit that they got the wrong two people."**

— Attorney Michael Joseph, counsel for Kamal Thomas

## Defense Lawyer Introduces Evidence

Both Thomas and Boston face first degree murder, first degree assault and weapons charges. Thomas also faces a witness tampering charge.

Ward's arrest came after Thomas's defense attorney Michael Joseph submitted an affidavit naming the St. John man as a suspect in a pre-trial motion.

In a May 12 affidavit, an Estate Enighed resident explained how he was at home with his girlfriend when Ward started banging on his door, according to written reports.

Ward bragged about killing Cockayne to the Estate Enighed man that night and to at least one other person the following day, according to a report in the *V.I. Daily News*.

Despite Ward's arrest, the government has not dropped the charges against Thomas or Boston.

## Charges Against Three

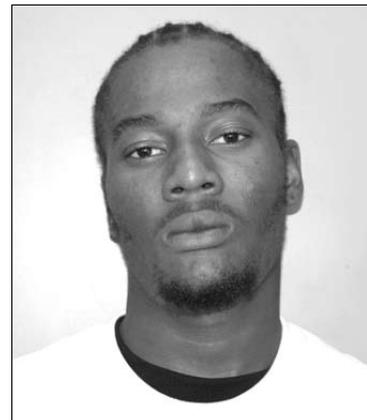
"Friday's arrest of Jahlil Ward

does not exonerate, at this time, either Anselmo Boston or Kamal Thomas of their involvement in the violent and fatal attack on James Cockayne," Attorney General for the Virgin Islands Vincent Frazer, said in a prepared statement. "Each of the men is charged, and will be tried as principals, who aided and abetted one another in carrying out this murder."

Department of Justice Officials aren't dropping the charges against Thomas because they simply can't admit they made a mistake, according to Joseph.

"We found the murderer and now they are saying we aided and abetted him," said Joseph. "This just shows that no good deed goes unpunished. They don't want to admit that they got the wrong two people."

At the time of the murder Cockayne had been on St. John for about a month while he was awaiting paperwork from the British Virgin Islands for employment at the Bit-



Jahlil Ward

ter End Yacht Club, where he was hired to be a sailing instructor.

## Front Yard Fight

On the evening of June 18, 2007, just hours before he was stabbed to death in front of the Fashion Palace, Cockayne got into a physical altercation with Boston and Thomas at the Front Yard Bar, located next door to the VIPD's Leander Jurgen Command.

Boston allegedly broke a pool stick over Cockayne's head before he and Thomas chased him up the street stabbed him to death behind wooden construction scaffold.

Witnesses say they saw Cockayne stumble out from behind the partition and say "why don't you just go ahead and kill me then."

Thomas and Boston, both out of jail but confined to house arrest,

are set to appear in court on October 6 with Ward.

Joseph predicted a contentious courtroom if Ward's case is joined with the case against Thomas and Boston.

"As far as we are concerned, it's going to be a very brutal trial if we are sitting next to the murderer," said Joseph.

## April 2006 Shooting

Ward's arrest late last month was not his first brush with the law. The Gift Hill man was involved in a rash of violence that occurred over two days across St. John in April 2006, which landed Ward in the hospital and cost him a kidney.

First a 16-year-old boy was shot in the hand on April 7, 2006 in Estate Enighed. The next day Ward ended up on the other end of a firearm when he was seriously injured in an apparent retaliatory drive-by shooting.

Ward pleaded guilty to possession of an unlicensed firearm in connection to the April 7, 2006 shooting of the teenager. Judge Hollar sentenced him to serve 15 months in jail and to pay a \$5,000 fine.

Denzil Stevens, a 19-year-old Estate Carolina man, was found guilty of attempting to kill Ward in the April 8 drive-by shooting. Stevens was sentenced to 15 years in prison for the shooting.

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# Ground Broken for Town Home Phase of Calabash Boom Affordable Housing

By Tom Oatt  
St. John Tradewinds

Workmen were carting away the decorative plants installed for the official groundbreaking for the 72-unit Calabash Boom affordable housing development as soon as the gathered dignitaries and St. Johnians went to the buffet in the community center.

After more than a year of delay due to legal challenges of the V.I. Housing Finance Authority-backed development on the shore of Coral Bay, the trappings for the formal groundbreaking were in the way of a fast-moving construction juggernaut that is expected to complete the project in 18 months.

Public officials, other dignitaries and their entourages almost outnumbered the several dozen St. Johnians in attendance, some from neighborhood families who could be future tenants of the new apartments and town homes.

Nevertheless, the public good of affordable housing development was the main topic for speakers.

"St. John is an island that is extremely expensive and hard to build on," said VIHFA Executive Director Clifford F. Graham. "St. John has always had a lack of affordable housing."

### Enticing Locals Back Home

Graham called the affordable housing an "effort to retain the workforce, to retain St. Johnians and entice those (who have left) to come back home."

"As he spoke, his commitment to this project was clear," said V.I. Delegate to Congress Donna Christensen of Graham's work to



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tom Oatt

Governor John deJongh, center, is joined by Reliance Housing President Bob Jackson, far right, and other dignitaries and V.I. senators at the groundbreaking of Calabash Boom affordable Housing on Monday, June 30.

"make it possible for average citizens to rent or purchase... to make homes for families."

"So many people can look forward to having a safe, clean place to raise a family," Del. Christensen said in praise of the Calabash Boom housing.

Sen. Celestino A. White made note of the rapidly progressing work on 48 units of affordable rental apartments which towered

above the groundbreaking site for the 24 affordable duplex town homes which will be for sale to qualified buyers.

A vocal and longtime supporter of affordable housing in the territory, Sen. White was critical of opponents of the Calabash Boom development who delayed the start of the project for more than a year with "frivolous obstructions."

"We are here to be friends of

homeowners," Sen. White told the assemblage. "Absolutely no one will get in the way."

### Sen. Celestino White Chides Opponents

"The court said 'Ah yo don't come back,'" White said — much to the delight of the supportive St. Johnian audience — of lawsuits filed by opponents to the project as he praised Reliance Housing Foundation Inc.'s Robert Jackson

and John Wessel of contractor GEC, LLC.

"I encourage St. Johnians to be sure to file," Sen. White said to those potential apartment tenants and townhome owners in the audience. "You can't just say, 'I'm from St. John so one is mine.'"

"I want you living in your island," Sen. White said. "I make no apologies to anyone for my strong efforts on home ownership."

"Let's find more land on St. John," Sen. White said to the other government leaders on the dais. "Let's find more land on St. Thomas and St. Croix."

"I want to see Water Island with units, so all the people of the Virgin Islands will be able to live there," added Sen. White.

### Gov. deJongh's Commitment to Housing

Gov. John P. deJongh, who also alluded to opposition to the project "based on selfishness" and "based on being restrictive," reaffirmed his administration's commitment to building affordable housing.

"It truly is about building a community," Gov. deJongh said. "It's not just about tourism; it's about being able to afford to have families stay here."

"It is about an island that has limited possibilities of home ownership," Gov. deJongh added. "It shows people want the ability of home ownership,"

"It shows that in the long run, if it's right, it will be able to be done," Gov. deJongh continued. "This project is going to cause development out here that we haven't seen."



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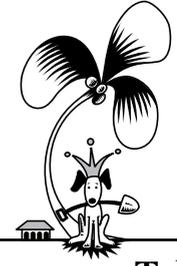
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“Little St. Jeff’s Pleasure Palace,” above.

## Disgraced Billionaire Epstein Leaves “Little St. Jeff’s” for Sex Crime Time

By Tom Oat  
St. John Tradewinds

One of the territory’s wealthiest and most well-connected residents, billionaire Jeffrey E. Epstein, will be registering as a sex offender when he returns to the U.S. Virgin Island he calls “Little St. Jeff’s.”

The New York money-manager left Little St. James, the official name of his private island south east of St. Thomas, at the end of June for West Palm Beach, Florida, where he pleaded guilty to soliciting prostitution from underage girls on July 1.

Epstein, who counts among his friends former President Bill Clinton, is building a reported 50,000 square foot house on the 78-acre island south west of St. John across Pillsbury Sound and regularly travels by private jet between the Virgin Islands and his state-side residences, which include a 50,000 square foot Manhattan townhouse.

Prosecutors alleged Epstein had a female employee hire young women, some of whom were as young as 14 years old, to give him massages in his Palm Beach home. Epstein was alleged to have solicited some of the underage women to perform sexual acts.

Former federal prosecutor Kenneth W. Starr and Harvard law professor Alan M. Dershowitz were part of Epstein’s legal defense team when a Florida grand jury charged the investment banker with one count of soliciting prostitution in 2005.

Defense attorneys claimed Epstein had no knowledge the wom-

**“The villa will occupy the island’s promontory, which offers views of the Atlantic on one side and the Caribbean on the other. It will have a separate library to house Mr. Epstein’s 90,000 volumes, a Japanese bathhouse and what he calls a ‘Ziegfeld’ movie theater.”**

– Excerpt from the New York Times

en were underage.

### Sexual Tourism?

“But then the United States attorney’s office in Miami became involved,” *The New York Times* reported July 1. “Last summer, Mr. Epstein got an ultimatum: plead guilty to a charge that would require him to register as a sex offender, or the government would charge him with sexual tourism, according to people who were briefed on the discussions.”

The *Times* did not elaborate on what would have supported charges of “sexual tourism.”

“Federal prosecutors initially threatened to bring him to trial on a variety of charges and seek the maximum penalty, 10 years in prison,” according to the *Times*.

“After years of legal wrangling, Mr. Epstein pleaded guilty to lesser state charges.”

When contacted by *St. John Tradewinds* in 2006, the Palm Beach Police Department detective who followed Epstein for months to bring the original charges against him declined to comment on whether he had tailed Epstein on the financier’s regular flights to St. Thomas on his private Boeing 727.

*Tradewinds* could not determine if federally-required flight records showed whether Epstein had been accompanied by any underage women on his regular trips to the territory.

Circuit Judge Deborah Dale Pucillo sentenced Epstein, 55, to 18 months in the Palm Beach County jail, followed by a year of house arrest.

### Little St. Jeff’s?

Little St. James, is being developed by Epstein as a “palm-fringed Xanadu,” according to the *Times*.

While development plans of the European owners of the neighboring Great St. James recently were denied by the DPNR’s Coastal Zone Management, Epstein’s grand plans for his private island have transformed its topography.

“The villa will occupy the island’s promontory, which offers views of the Atlantic on one side and the Caribbean on the other,” the *Times* reported on July 1. “It will have a separate library to house Mr. Epstein’s 90,000 volumes, a Japanese bathhouse and what he calls a ‘Ziegfeld’ movie

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Director of Veterans Affairs for the Caribbean Nancy Reissener, at left, talks to the audience as Delegate to Congress Donna Christensen listens.

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## Veterans Tell Delegate Christensen More Services Are Needed on St. John

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

As Veterans Affairs (VA) officials in Puerto Rico strive to improve services and efficiency, St. John veterans should take advantage of resources available on island, VA officials told about 25 residents who attended a Monday morning, June 30, meeting at the Cruz Bay Legislature building.

Delegate to Congress Donna Christensen hosted the meeting with Nancy Reissener, director of Veterans Affairs in the Caribbean; Sandra Gracia, chief of staff at the VA hospital in Puerto Rico; Myraim Zayas, chief of health benefits and eligibility; and Axel Roman, patient advocate and customer service representative. Harry Daniel, Assistant Director of the V.I. Office of Veterans Affairs, was also in attendance.

With no VA clinic on island, veterans on St. John must travel to the VA clinic on St. Thomas or the VA hospital in Puerto Rico for treatment. Not surprisingly, veterans complain most often of long travel time and high travel expenses, explained Jerry Runyon, commander of the island's American Legion Viggo E. Sewer Post #131.

"Transportation from St. John to St. Thomas can be difficult," said Runyon. "Sometimes taxi drivers won't make the turn-around to the clinic because they're too busy taking tourists to the airport."

"The clinic here is affiliated with St. Thomas, so why can't we get lab work done right here," Runyon said. "We need some services available here on St. John."

### Services on St. John

Veterans on St. John often deal with inconvenient appointment times, Runyon added.

"We need to catch a 6 a.m. ferry for a 7:30 a.m. appointment and often we have very long waits to see the doctor," he said.

To be reimbursed for travel expenses, veterans need only stop by the St. John Administrator's office on Fridays when officials from the local VA are on-island, according to Daniel.

"The local Veterans Affairs can reimburse you now," Daniel said. "It used to be 50 percent, but now it's 100 percent. All you need to do is bring your receipt."

"We work on the local side, but we can help with the federal side too," Daniel continued. "There is often paper work to sign, so you must be there in person."

Veterans, however, haven't been taking advantage of the local resource, Daniel added.

### Local Officials

#### at the Battery Weekly

"We've been at the Battery every Friday since March," he said. "We used to see a lot of people, but lately no one has been coming. We're ready to cut back to twice a month."

Inconvenience is the last thing a veteran needs, according to American Legion Post #131 member Elmo Rabstatt.

"A lot of veterans feel we're being betrayed on both sides," said Rabstatt. "When we have to go to St. Thomas or Puerto Rico, it's an inconvenience. I'd prefer to see the VA inconvenienced instead of veterans."

There is a social worker in Puerto Rico who is available to help veterans who are homeless or have substance abuse problems, explained Reissener.

"We are also trying to form partnerships with other agencies who provide these services in the territory to refer veterans to us," Reissener said.

### Expanding Tele-medicine

The VA clinic in St. Thomas will soon offer expanded tele-medicine capabilities to better monitor patients between appointments and increase psychiatric services, explained Gracia.

"Tele-medicine is the capability of using technology in remote areas when a specialist is not there," Gracia said. "With tele-medicine we can have close follow-up of our patients and cut down on their travel time. We will also use it to increase our psychiatry offerings."

"We can do psycho-therapy through tele-medicine," added Gracia. "Tele-medicine is being

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# Residents Look To Sun for Relief from Rising Energy Bills

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

As V.I. Water And Power Authority rates continue to skyrocket with no relief in sight, more and more residents are turning to one affordable resource the Virgin Islands has plenty of — the sun.

Households across St. John are already seeing the benefits of solar power as they switch appliances like pool pumps to run solely off the sun.

Now residents can go one step further than storing solar power in batteries, thanks to the V.I. government's recent approval of net metering.

Instead of storing power generated by solar panels in batteries — which require maintenance and get worn down — grid tie-ins allow residents who produce excess power to put that energy back into WAPA's grid system.

Just imagine a power meter running in reverse to get the idea.

The technology, however, isn't that simple so luckily there is Pangaea Solar and Electric on island.

## Selling Energy To WAPA

Founded two years ago by Will Lloyd and licensed electrician Steve Slade, Pangaea can help residents drastically reduce their WAPA bills, or even eliminate them all together.

Virginia Thornwaite can attest to that. Slade recently installed what he believes to be the first home net meter grid tie-in at Thornwaite's Estate Chocolate Hole house.

"We installed six solar panels and a grid tie inverter," said Slade. "It's fantastic.



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Solar panels in position soaking up rays from the Caribbean sun are a great alternative source of energy.

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Thornwaite's system allows the homeowner to use power when she needs it, whether the sun is up or down, Slade explained.

"If the system is producing more than she is using, like in the day when the sun is strong, then the meter runs backwards and the energy goes back into the grid," said Slade. "Then at night when there is no sun, the meter spins the normal direction and she uses what she put in earlier."

"With enough solar capacity she can cut her WAPA bill to zero," Slade added.

## Cost of Solar Panels Covered

And Thornwaite didn't even have to shell out any money for the solar panels. Through the V.I. Energy Office's rebate program residents can get refunds for solar panels capable of up to one kilowatt of production, as long as they patronize a certified rebate dealer.

After the initial investment of installing the grid tie in system — which can run about \$10,000 — residents only have to sit

back and watch their WAPA bills dwindle.

"It's quite simple," said Lloyd. "Place the solar panels and then just let them soak up the sun's rays."

## Caribbean Advantage

And the strong Caribbean sun means V.I. residents can save even faster than their neighbors to the north.

"This is the fastest return on investment for saving electricity and cutting down on electric costs," said Slade. "Usually it takes eight to 12 years for the system to totally pay for itself. Here it only takes five to eight years for the return on investment, then the electricity is yours free."

Residents producing their own power also translates into WAPA not having to increase production, which is already a problem during the winter months of peak tourism, Slade explained.

As eco-consciousness continues to catch on across the globe, solar energy and net metering simply make sense, he added.

## Clean and Maintenance Free

"Solar energy is the cleanest energy available and it makes no noise," said Slade. "There are no batteries needed and really no maintenance at all. These systems last basically forever."

"It seems so obvious," added Lloyd. "There is all this sun and electricity is ridiculously expensive. It just makes sense financially and the government is behind it."

To see how Pangaea can lower your electric bill, call Slade at 776-9628. For more information about the V.I. Energy Office's rebate program check out their Web site at [www.vienergy.org](http://www.vienergy.org).

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# KATS St. John Celebrates 21st Annual Promotion Ceremony at Skinny Legs

By Jaime Elliott  
 St. John Tradewinds

As another year of instruction came to a close, young sailors, their families and Kids And The Sea St. John volunteers gathered at Skinny Legs on Saturday afternoon, June 28, for the organization's 21st annual promotion exercises.

The KATS achievement awards celebration saw 26 students advance and continued the group's restructuring focus, explained KATS secretary Jennifer Robinson.

"We have been restructuring the KATS program, especially our method of promotion for our students," said Robinson. "U.S. Sailing Association provides certification for sailors and this has become the focus of our training. We are teaching the 19 skills required, using U.S. Sailing's standards of performance."

Instead of basing students' advancement on how long they have been attending the youth sailing program, the new guidelines are based on skill, Robinson explained.

"Each child is evaluated individually and sails in the group which reflects his or her ability," she said. "Within these levels there are phases of competency which allows us to track the kids' accomplishments and to determine their advancement based on skill, not length of time in the program."

"Experience has taught us that both instructors and students benefit from this approach," added Robinson. "There is no finite time frame for certification. When the skills have been mastered, a log book recording the achievements is sent to U.S. Sailing for their ap-



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Vanessa Campsey

St. John Kids And The Sea promotees gather on the steps at Skinny Legs.

proval and issuing of the certificate."

After sailing with KATS for 10 years, Hugo Jr. and Mayumi "Mimi" Roller graduated from the non-profit all-volunteer program in a June ceremony. Hugo has already headed off to the U.S. Naval Academy and Mimi is awaiting word of a Beijing Olympic wildcard bid.

For 26 other young sailors, their

KATS instruction will continue in the fall. KATS officials are compiling a list of interested adults for its Adults And The Sea program, which is slated to run on Saturdays for four weeks this summer.

The program fee is \$200 and will be taught on sailor-friendly ensign — jib and main — keel boats. To register for the summer ANTS program call Connections East at 779-4994.

## Making U.S. History More Inclusive of V.I. Figures

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A resolution which expresses the sense of Congress that children in the United States should understand and appreciate contributions of individuals from U.S. Territories to U.S. History, was set to pass the U.S. House of Representatives Monday, June 23, according to Delegate to Congress Donna M. Christensen.

Christensen was expected to go to the floor to speak on behalf of the resolution's passage.

The amended resolution, H. Con. Res. 2, calls for individu-

als from the USVI, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands who have made significant contributions to American culture, whether through politics, music, arts, science, sports, education and more, to be included U.S. history teachings across the nation.

"Our nation is strengthened by the diversity of its citizens, and individuals from the territories of the United States contribute to that diversity," said Christensen. "The sad reality is that some students, and some adults, do not know

where the U.S. territories are located geographically or the important contributions they have made, not only to world history, but to U.S. history, as well."

Christensen introduced the resolution following a visit to the Charlotte Amalie High School campus on St. Thomas a few years ago, in which the students questioned why children in the mainland knew so little about the Virgin Islands.

For more information contact Angeline M. Jabbar at (202) 225-1790.

## First Aid/CPR Class Set for July 12, 19

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The American Red Cross is offering First Aid and CPR courses on St. Thomas on July 12 and 19. Registration, on a first come, first served basis, is required. The cost for the combined course is \$60 for individuals and \$55 for non-profit and government employees. For more information or to register call the American Red Cross in St. Thomas at 774-0375.

## Wesselhoft Proposed Naming Cruz Bay Creek Afer Victor W. Sewer

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Senator at Large Carmen Miranda Wesselhoft proposed legislation to rename the Cruz Bay Creek the Victor W. Sewer Marine Facility.

Sewer, who was born in 1919 and joined the merchant marines in the early 1940s, became the St. John Development Corporation's first boat captain in 1956.

A lifelong captain and business man, Sewer owned and operated a community center, a guest house and began the first regular boat service between St. John and Tortola.

## ANTS Classes Starting This Summer

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Kids And The Sea St. John is getting ready to offer an adult sailing class on Saturdays this summer.

The four-week class costs \$200 and will be taught on sailor-friendly ensign — jib and main keel — boats. To sign up for the class call Connections East at 779-4994 and leave your name and number.

## Christensen Declares Re-election Bid

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Delegate to Congress Donna M. Christensen will announce her bid for re-election to the U.S. House of Representatives on Monday, July 7, at 10 a.m. at The Balcony restaurant in Cruz Bay.

Christensen is seeking a seventh term in the Congress. Members of the media and friends and supporters are invited to attend. The press conference begins at 10 a.m. Refreshments will be served.

## Boating Registration and Commercial Fisherman Registration Available on Island Every Tuesday and Thursday

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The Department of Planning and Natural Resources announces that boating registration will take place on St. John every Tuesday and Thursday from Tuesday, June 17, to Thursday, July 17, at the DPNR Office (next to Julius E. Sprauve School's Industrial Arts classroom) from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Contact the Division of Environmental Enforcement at 774-3320 on St. Thomas for further information.

Additionally, commercial fisherman registration will be conducted on St. John Tuesday, July 15, at the Division of Permits at The Marketplace.

Commercial fishermen registered during the 2007-2008 fishing year must have all catch records submitted to be eligible for a new fishing permit. After July 15, commercial fisherman registration will be conducted at the Division of Fish and Wildlife Contact the Division of Fish and Wildlife at 772-1955 or 775-6762 for more information.

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# Hinds Restaurant Will Bring European Expertise and New York Flair to Cruz Bay

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

Add a pinch of timeless European tradition to cutting edge New York gusto and blend well with fresh seasonal island sensibilities and you start to get a picture of the type of cuisine that chef Walter Hinds will present at his new Hinds Restaurant, slated to open this month at the former Taje location.

"Contemporary French with multi-ethnic influences," is how Hinds, the former chef at Stone Terrace, describes what to expect at his new endeavor.

A native New Yorker, Hinds knew from a young age that food would be in his future.

"I always knew that I would be a chef," said Hinds. "My parents are from Panama and growing up we had a housekeeper from Panama who was an incredible cook. I always loved food and knew it was what I wanted to do."

Instead of following in his father's footsteps in architecture, Hinds attended what was then Peter Kump's New York Cooking School (now known as the Institute of Culinary Education).

### Gotham Bar and Grill

After culinary school, Hinds served his first stint in the industry at the James Beard Award-winning Gotham Bar and Grill under world renowned chef Alfred Portale.

"Alfred was my mentor," said Hinds. "He taught me how to do great food consistently. He was phenomenal to work with and was a real trend-setter."

Portale isn't the only talented

chef Hinds has had the privilege with whom to share a kitchen. After several years at Gotham and 75 Main in Southampton, the budding chef crossed the pond for a taste of the Parisian life.

"I worked at a Michelin three-star restaurant in Paris with Lucas Carton," said Hinds. "It was traditional French cuisine and just an incredible experience. It was off the hook."

After a year in France, Hinds returned to his East Coast roots, cooking at 75 Main and other New York area restaurants for several years before the Caribbean came calling.

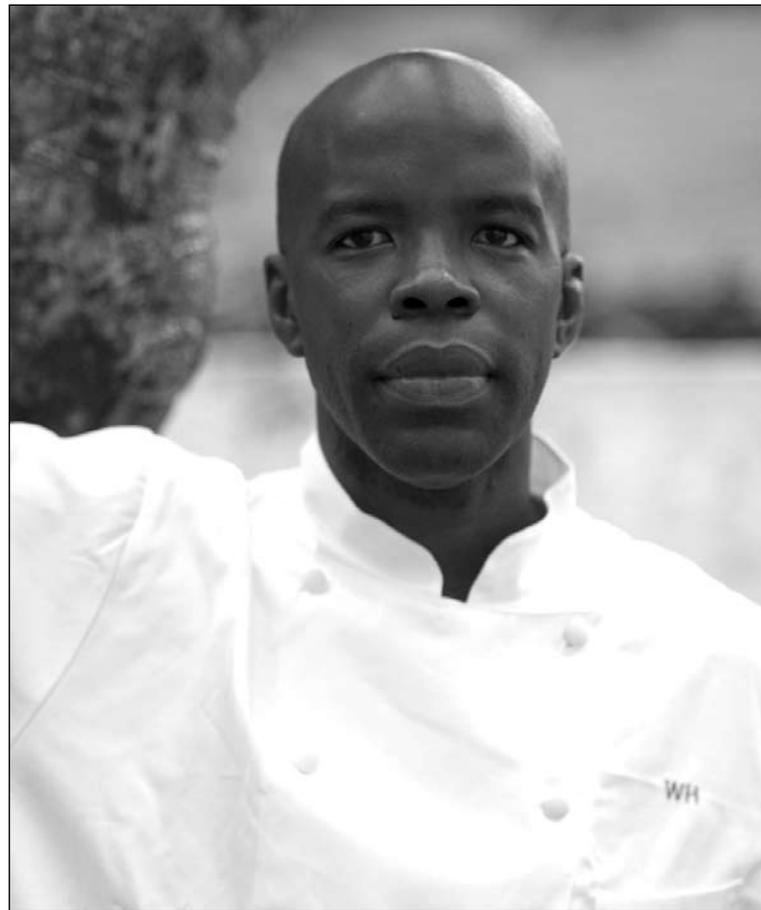
### Bliss-ful in St. Maarten

"A friend of mine bought a beach bar in St. Maarten, and wanted to buy the property behind it so I got a call to come down and open a restaurant," said Hinds. "We opened the restaurant and nightclub Bliss in 2001. Now it's one of the top clubs in the Caribbean."

Another stint in New York followed the St. Maarten experience and then Hinds took another phone call which would alter the direction of his life.

"I was back in New York and I got a phone call from the manager at Stone Terrace," said the chef. "He had just heard about me and they needed a chef. I was kind of open at the time, so I came down."

Hinds manned the kitchen at Stone Terrace for two seasons. Under his tenure, the Cruz Bay mainstay and the new chef on island both received rave reviews



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tristan Ewald

Chef Walter Hinds

before the restaurant doors were shuttered earlier this year.

### One Door Closes, Another Opens

With Stone Terrace closed, and no intention of leaving Love City, it was the perfect time for Hinds to branch out on his own.

"I love the island and I've met some really special people," he said. "As soon as I heard Stone Terrace was going to close, I want-

ed to do my own project and I fell in love with the old Taje space."

"It has this really sensual feel to it and when I heard it was available, I hopped on it," Hinds continued.

The chef has been busy redecorating the space and making it his own. When he opens, patrons can expect the atmosphere to be as enticing as Hinds' cuisine.

"It will be very sensual and very

cool with sultry music," he said. "It will be really inviting. Hinds Restaurant will be a place where you can go for martinis or a nice bottle of champagne or to enjoy an incredible dinner."

Hinds plans to offer weekly menus featuring the freshest ingredients he can find.

### Fresh and Exciting

"It will be cutting edge but also approachable," said the chef. "I want to have five and seven course tasting menus available with or without wine pairings. I'll have a very strong wine program which will include varietals from South America, Europe, California — the full gamut."

"My menu will be all about the freshest ingredients with minimal handling and simple presentations," continued Hinds. "I like letting the food speak for itself."

While the feel of the restaurant might transport diners with its urban vibe, the food will reflect the island locale.

"The food will cater to the climate," said Hinds. "Dishes won't be heavy at all, but will be really fresh and clean."

Keep an eye out for Hinds Restaurant to start operations with a soft opening this month. The veteran chef will close in September and prepare for a grand re-opening in October.

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# St. John Montessori School Coming Soon

By Katie Tarta  
St. John Tradewinds

If you have been off-island for a while you might be noticing that there seems to have been a baby boom over the past few years.

Strollers abound in The Marketplace, Mongoose Junction and just about anywhere there is a walk-able surface.

And don't forget the mummies-to-be. Bellies and babies are the newest St. John fashion trend and in-line with these new developments comes one in the world of childhood education.

Whether you are an expectant parent or have recently received a stork delivery or two, you may be interested to know a Montessori pre-school is slated to pop up in our own Coral Bay.

## Montessori St. John

Montessori schools have been widely available in the states for more than 50 years and while it has also been in existence on St. Thomas and St. Croix, St. John has been notably without one until now.

Opening mid-September at the John's Folly Learning Institute is the island's own Montessori School headed by Debra Polucci and assisted by Amelia Jones.

"Amelia Jones is a very dynamic mom and our goal is to bring St. John the very best a Montessori school can offer," said Polucci. "Amelia, a Montessori student herself, still remembers the joyful learning experience she had, as most Montessori students do."

"We are so grateful to Alvis Christian who has embraced a pre-school, specifically

Montessori, in Coral Bay and feel very supported by him and his board," Polucci continued.

## Encouraging Children's Independence

The Montessori philosophy provides an environment which encourages a child's natural desire to learn while strengthening self-esteem and offering a safe platform which allows them to assert their own independence, according to Polucci.

Children who learn in the Montessori environment are well-rounded individuals with moral focus and prove themselves to be good citizens working to better their own surroundings, according to the school.

St. John Montessori believes that education is nothing less than preparing a child for life by emphasizing respect for self, others and the environment as the core of their foundation. The school will admit 23 students this year of various races, religions and backgrounds exemplifying the diversity of the island, explained Polucci.

## Learning Through Creativity

Students of the Montessori learning program can expect to utilize their own creativity to further their education, she added.

Various stations are set up in the school including writing, reading and arts corners. Children choose where they want to spend their time resulting in stronger self confidence and increased skill sets, Polucci said.

Montessori kids tend to have a solid sense of self and community. They learn to play "nice" which is something everyone could benefit from, according to Polucci.

All students — children between 2.9 and 7 years old are welcome — are taught in the same room as they also benefit from being around different ages, according to Polucci.

The younger ones learn by watching the older ones and the older children discover the benefits of showing and teaching. Truly the setup is designed to bring the best of each age to the forefront of learning.

## Extensive Experience

Polucci has a BA in Early Childhood Education and has been accredited by the Association Montessori International. She has spent over 25 years teaching children in the Montessori classroom, most recently by providing home schooling for several families on St. John as well as private tutoring.

It was not very long ago, however, that she worked at the Virgin Islands Montessori School on St. Thomas and for the past 10 years has been running her own AMI Montessori school on Martha's Vineyard.

The need for inter-personal early childhood education on St. John will not only be met but will be accomplished in an affordable way, explained Polucci.

"We want to provide this sort of education for anyone on island who is interested," she said. "Even with full enrollment we only cover 50 percent of our operating costs."

"We are counting on participation from the community in several ways — by attending our fund raiser, and perhaps having products or services to donate," Polucci continued. "Starting up a new school has many initial costs. It's going to be very difficult if we don't get the participation from

families and general community.

## Financial Aid and Scholarships Possible

The St. John Montessori will operate mid-September through mid-June.

While it takes roughly \$6,000 per child for the school to operate as a non-profit organization, the St. John Montessori will be starting tuition at \$4,500 for half day students.

Polucci and Jones hope to have scholarships and financial aid available given that there has been such vocal support thus far by both families and the business community. Anyone interested in sponsoring a child or donating any amount is urged to email Polucci at [debrapolucci@yahoo.com](mailto:debrapolucci@yahoo.com). She is also available to elaborate on the details of the St. John Montessori School.

As the island's youth grows it is wonderful to note that the children's options for education increases as well. It has become widely publicized over the past decade that not all children learn the same way.

Having a Montessori school in our midst certainly helps in this capacity allowing for students who benefit from non-traditional methods to become not only valuable members of their community, but high achievers in their own right using their personal creativity to foster growth and learning.

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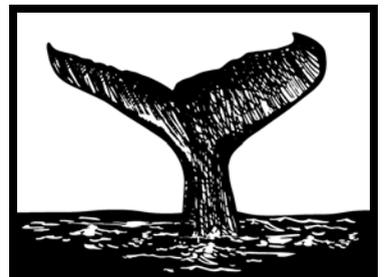
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# Living Well in Love City

a column by island health care professionals

## MRSA: Methcillin Resistant Stap. Aureus

By Mark Livingston, M.D.

St. John Tradewinds

One of the most talked about medical problems I am seeing in our office today is a relative newcomer to medicine.

Considering how quickly it is spreading, however, it is behaving like an epidemic. And it has many names, just adding to the mystery and confusion.

I sound like one of my long-bearded, gray haired medical school professors when I hear myself explaining to its latest victim that "this disease didn't even exist when I was in medical school" during my now almost daily discussions with patients.

The condition I'm referring to is — brace yourself — methcillin resistant Staphylococcus aureus cellulitis. I guess the CDC ran out of short names. "Staph infection." "Spider bite." "It really hurts."

It has as many names as it does symptoms — a rapidly spreading red patch on the skin which is increasingly warm, tender and eventually grotesquely swollen and alarmingly painful.

We in the medical profession have shortened our term for it to simply "mersuh," which is our pronunciation of the easy-to-abbreviate-in-your-medical-chart acronym M.R.S.A.

Even we drop the "cellulitis" part, which is the one word that best describes the condition, a bacterial infection of the upper layer of the skin. MRSA is a modern day Andromeda Strain, except it didn't come from another planet. We created this menace ourselves.

First, doctors over-prescribed antibiotics for what were more than likely viral syndromes. Then, patients didn't take all of their antibiotic prescriptions, stopping them as soon as the infection started to resolve, and hoarding the remainder to under-treat the next one, too, but without having to go see the doctor.

We mutated a harmless skin bacteria covering all of us, into this menace now colonizing more and more of us as we infect one another in ways we don't fully understand yet.

Our own immune systems struggle with this one, whereas the garden variety Staph. aureus infec-

tion of the past was nothing more than a paper cut that felt tender for a few days, and resolved even with one swipe of Neosporin and a band-aid.

When our own antibodies can't arrest the growth of this new super bacteria, our bodies do what they think is the next best thing and wall off the infection to starve it out. That sealed chamber — the containment of a hull breach to save the ship — is called an abscess.

Unfortunately, MRSA has learned how to eat the wall, so the abscess enlarges rapidly and can cause some serious problems if it ruptures internally instead of toward the surface.

Every pimple we've ever had was an abscess, but one successfully engineered and executed to lift the infection up and out of our skin, rupturing and emptying harmlessly on the surface. MRSA doesn't rupture on its own in the early stage, not before it has dug deep and firmly entrenched itself in our skin.

### Painful Abscesses

MRSA abscesses are incredibly painful before they decompress, but even when they do, they often don't resolve on their own without surgical and antibiotic therapy.

The first word in the ominous name deserves a little further explanation. Methcillin is a compound used in a laboratory to simulate the effect on bacteria of penicillin and its derivatives like amoxicillin and ampicillin.

I'm sure it's all done with lasers and i-Pods now, but back in my day in microbiology class the method we would use to test a bacteria's resistance to antibiotics was to spread the sample of bacteria in question we'd collected (don't ask) over a coaster-sized, clear plastic plate filled half an inch with a nutrient jell-o, and then apply little discs the size of hole punches soaked in individual varieties of antibiotics.

Throw it in a human body temp oven for 72 hours and then see which discs were overgrown with little bacterial colonies, and which ones commanded a wide berth with the plate still clear. So when I now take the pus from your neighbor's elbow sore, his Staph. aureus bacteria can override most of the

antibiotics we test resistance for in our lab.

### Multi-Drug Resistant

A better name for MRSA might be "multi-drug resistant staph. aureus," since it's not just methcillin/penicillin we're talking about, but also old standbys used for skin infections like Keflex (cephalexin, for those of you now checking the seven year old half empty medicine bottle you are still saving in your kitchen cabinet for that rainy day), erythromycin, and even Cipro (ciprofloxacin).

For those of us unfortunate enough to have ever had a nasty spider bite, it does in fact look and feel a lot like one — but if you didn't see the spider, I'd be suspicious. Some of the world's most menacing arachnids can cause necrosis (cell death) at the site of a bite, but they rarely — cause secondary infection.

MRSA often begins, though, with a superficial injury: a scald from a splatter of grease; a rope burn; a blister; a splinter. What is different than you've experienced before is how fast it spreads.

Patients often tell me just 24 or 48 hours later it has not responded to all the usual tricks of applying aloe or Neosporin, cleaning it with soap and water, poking a hole in it and 'squeezing the stuff out' (a personal favorite that makes all doctors cringe).

The infections are treatable, but often need to be opened and drained first to allow the immune system to get the upper hand. Yes, we numb them first.

Many inexpensive and safe antibiotics still work, but we sometimes need that culture and sensitivity testing to guide us to which ones. MRSA cellulitis is definitely contagious to close contacts, and if untreated, can lead to some major medical problems, even hospitalization.

Less seriously but more annoyingly, untreated MRSA is far more likely to cause major scarring.

All kidding aside in this light-hearted look at an illness I hope you have the good fortune to never experience, I ask that you please get some professional help with infections you suspect might be MRSA, whoever is most accessible and available to you.

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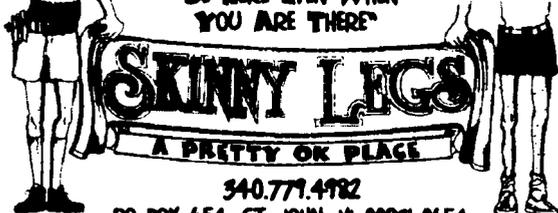
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# ISLAND NOTES

## The Spirit of St. John Festival

### St. John Tradewinds

What an incredible week (month acutally) of celebration. The St. John Festival was glorious in all its beauty — from Pan-O-Rama to the Miss St. John Show and the opening of Festival Village to the fireworks display over Cruz Bay Harbor — and everyone had a fabulous time.

St. John Festival is one of my favorite events of the year. It's a sign of summer for our family, with the school year ending and the genip trees ripening, we can't wait for Festival Village to open.

The opening of Festival Village was alive indeed. Old friends and familiar faces greeted each other with smiles, hugs and kisses while dancing to the rhythm and sounds of the Love City Pan Dragons and Cool Sessions Brass.

My son Oliver's favorite part

of village is hanging out with his best friends from Guy Benjamin School, Taevion and Tariq Calixte. They've been friends since kindergarten and there's nothing that can tear these eight-years-olds apart. They run up and down the street exploding stink bombs at each other — and unsuspecting passersby — and they can't get enough of that spray string, which makes a terrible mess when it gets in Oliver's hair.

The sound of laughter and giggles fill the air and it's priceless. It is in the Village where memories and long-lasting friendships are made.

### St. John Hospitality

In true St. John hospitality, Governor and Mrs. John deJongh and Lt. Governor and Mrs. Gregory Francis were on island and hosted a fireworks party at the Battery af-

ter spending the afternoon reviewing a colorful and enthusiastic parade.

This year's festival parade was one of the longest and most well-attended so far! The Shaka Zulu troupe wowed the crowd with its animated African atmosphere and the troupes and floupes from our two major resorts showcased our island talents and spirit.

Congratulations to the all of this year's festival honorees: Irene Scatliffe, Yolonda Morton and Miles Stair; and royalty: Princess Ja'Leah Stephens and Miss St. John Razzilee Oquendo.

A special thanks to the St. John Festival and Cultural Organization for putting on another unforgettable and entertaining festival, which brought thousands of visitors to this island.

— MaLinda Nelson

## Sprauve School Gala Committee Issues Accounting

### St. John Tradewinds

This year Julius E. Sprauve School, in partnership with Caneel Bay Resort, has celebrated the Eleventh Annual Sprauve Gala. Because of consistent support of the entire community, this event has evolved into one of the island's premier annual events.

Since its inception, the gala, as an event which unites the community in the interest of children, has been well received. Our motto is, "making it better for our children," has been a rallying point for the kindness and generosity we have seen, and this year's theme, "Our Children — A Worthy Investment," kept our promise.

The Sprauve School Gala started as a post Hurricane Marilyn idea to bring the community together and help the school raise funds to augment the school's meager resources.

Former principal, Shirley Joseph, and then managing director of Caneel Bay, Luis Agote, planned and threw an elegant party at Caneel in six weeks in the winter of 1997-98. The funds that were raised from that gala were utilized to gut and restore conferences to enhance their skills in behavior management.

In 1999 the then new managing director, Brian Young, embraced the annual fund raising idea and continued the tradition. The JESS Fundraiser Finance Committee was established to formalize and continue the fund raising effort stated two years earlier by Joseph and Agote.

This committee presides as the custodian of the funds and will release them only after they have met and voted unanimously on proposals submitted by the school. The members of the Finance Committee are listed below:

- Myron Allick, president
- Malcolm Preston, treasurer
- Sis Ruth Frank, secretary
- Nikolay Hotze, managing director Caneel Bay Inc.

- Leona Smith, St. John Administrator
- Faye Fredericks, JESS librarian
- Evans Doway, PTSA president
- Mario Francis, principal

In 2005, Rik Blyth became the managing director when Young was promoted. Blyth also committed to the Sprauve School Annual Gala which was in its tenth year. In 2007, Blyth resigned his post at Caneel Bay and Nikolay Hotze took over the post of managing director. He too upheld Caneel Bay's continued commitment to JESS.

Over the years, the community's generous contributions has totaled in excess of \$500,000.

We, the community as a whole, should continue to be proud of this collaborative effort despite the odds, and continue to be confident that together we can make it better for our children. We are grateful for all the support we have received and look forward to seeing you at our Twelfth Annual Sprauve Gala.

### 2008 Gala Receipts

- White boards
- original budget — \$70,000
- spent 07 — \$8,666
- balance to spend
- boards — \$66,000
- installation — \$5,000
- total project — \$79,666
- overrun — \$9,666

### 2008 Budget

- white boards overrun — \$9,666
- balance SJSA per contract — \$35,000
- summer school — \$14,000
- psychologist — \$6,000
- audit — \$2,000
- advance on 2009 gala — \$4,000
- total committed — \$70,666
- balance available — \$12,934

# Letters to St. John Tradewinds

## “Why was almost everyone local left out?”

**An open letter to the Governor, Senators, and the Delegate:**

On June 30th, 2008, a groundbreaking ceremony for the Calabash Boom Home Ownership Affordable Housing Community was held at the Coral Bay project site. Many dignitaries spoke and we assume that people considered significant to the project, such as yourselves, were invited to attend. Yet it appears local residents and potential future homeowners were not invited. Apparently no invitations or notices were made to any local organizations or churches, or generally to local residents. Are we not important to this project's ultimate success? We are very disheartened and disappointed that local residents missed your speeches at the ceremony. We are sorry we did not get to hear you.

We don't know who was responsible for issuing the invitations. Was it the VI Housing Finance Authority or Reliance? It was not the St. John Administrator's office. Why was almost everyone local left out?

It is a shame that nonprofit agencies and churches were left off the invitation list. We are the ones who will be dealing with welcoming new residents into the community, helping to organize government/social services, organizing school and preschool opportunities, and upgrading the infrastructure. We want to do this, so that everyone in the community feels connected together. There is a potential for over 300 new

residents to be added to the 1500 people who now live in Coral Bay. This will mean big changes. We all need to work together to have a happy, functioning community.

This is a good time to point out that the Coral Bay Community Council (CBCC) is aware that some parties have incorrectly and willfully spread rumors that CBCC has been opposed to this project and involved in the lawsuit. It has also been said that I am personally opposed. Both are totally untrue. We have supported the project actively from the beginning, and continuously sought to have community input and support. CBCC has only questioned the adequacy of storm water drainage provisions. The developer has recently upgraded these. This is important not only for the health of the ocean waters, but also to prevent flooding of the affordable housing units.

We are hopeful that this housing project will be a realized success for all Virgin Islanders, especially our community of St. John. Again, we are very sorry we missed your visit to Coral Bay. We wanted to hear you speak. It is time for the responsible parties to start involving community agencies, including CBCC, in all aspects of making this a successful affordable housing initiative.

**Sharon Coldren, President  
Coral Bay Community Council**

## JESS Sixth Grade Students Write To Soldiers in Iraq

**Dear Major,**

I think you're very brave because you made a choice to join in the military and fight for our country. I also think you're respectful. You're respectful because you respect your country and you will do anything to keep it from wars,

I respect you very much.

**From,  
Adelta George**

**Dear Soldiers,**

My name is Isaac Samuel. I live on St. John. My teacher, Ms. Munnelly, showed me pictures of soldiers in Iraq. I like your guns and your helmets. I hope you get home safely.

**Your friend,  
Isaac Samuel.**

**Dear Commander,**

My name is Ce-khoi Scatliffe. I live on St. John, USVI. My teacher Ms. Munnelly wanted me to write to you. I like your army trucks.

Come home safe and tell the other soldiers the same. Thank you for protecting my country, USVI.

**Sincerely,  
Ce-khoi**

**Dear Sergeant,**

I've heard Army life is a very dangerous life. Why is the war still going on?

Have you ever been shot before?  
Do you miss your family and friends?  
Are you afraid of dying?  
Do you like the food there?

**Your friend,  
Nyree Doway**

**Hi Sergeant,**

My name is Lashawn Jackson. I am in the sixth grade and live on St. John.

I like your uniforms. What kind do you wear?  
Is Iraq hot? It looks hot and dry.

I wish for you to come back to the United States safely.

**Sincerely,  
Lashawn**

**Dear Sergeant,**

Hi, my name is Akiyah Conliffe. I just want to know how it is like in Iraq. How do you sleep with all the noise in your head, if I was you I would have been very mad and scared at the same time. I live in St. John, USVI. Do you get scared when you have to fight and kill people? I know I would have been scared. How old were you when you started in the Army? Well I had a good time writing to you. I hope you write back.

**Sincerely,  
Akiyah Conliffe**

# 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

Homicide: 0  
Solved: 0

Shootings: 0  
Under Investigation: 0  
Solved: 0

Stabbings: 1  
Under Investigation: 1  
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: 6  
Under Investigation: 6  
Solved: 0

3rd Degree Burglaries: 44  
Under Investigation: 44  
Solved: 0

Grand Larcenies: 39  
Under Investigation: 39  
Solved: 0

Rapes: 0  
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Solved: 0

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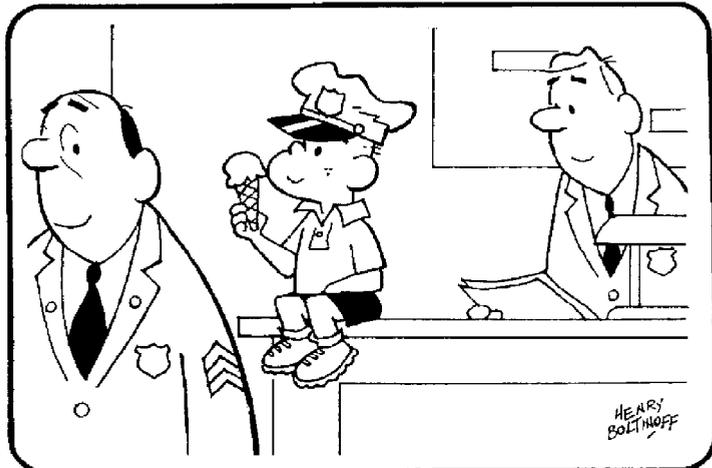
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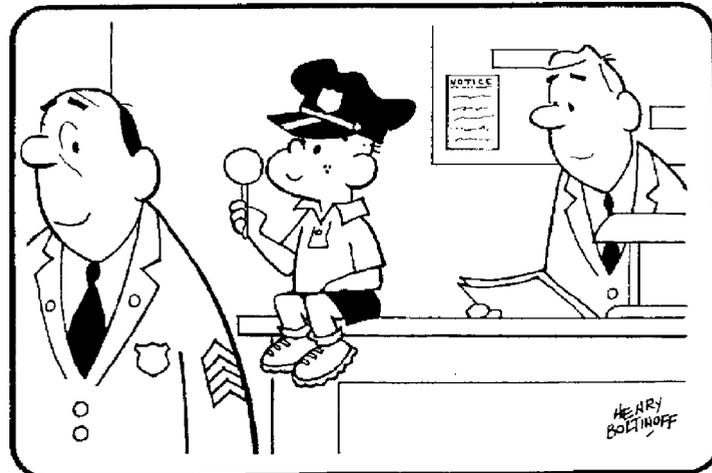
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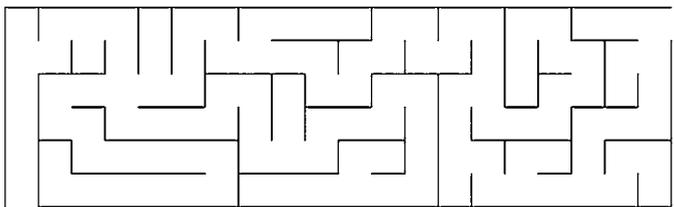
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## Kids' Maze



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## Flamboyant Trees Starting To Bloom



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Trom Oat

An island flamboyant tree is starting to bloom and will soon be covered in red.

## Epstein Leaves "Little St. Jeff's" for Sex Crime Time

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theater."

V.I. Department of Planning and Natural Resources officials had no information on the approved plans for development on the island when contacted by *Tradewinds*. V.I. State Historic Preservation Office officials reportedly toured the island before major work began and found no historic sites would be impacted.

### House Site Reported Moved

The plans to construct the massive residence have been approved, although Epstein decided to move the location of the massive residence to another point on his island, according to the anonymous V.I. official.

"He moved the location," the St. Thomas official told *Tradewinds*. A palm-tree-lined driveway from the existing residence on the west end a road which runs the length of the island to a cleared knoll on the east end which has been cleared and topped with a towering flag pole.

Although the *Times* referred to his island residence as "his pleasure dome, with its staff of 70 and its flamingo-stocked lagoon," Epstein's development of his private island — which reportedly includes construc-

tion of an "office building," according to one contractor who was invited to bid on the work.

Whatever shape it may finally take, Epstein's development of what the *Times* called his "palm-fringed Xanadu" probably won't be done by the time the billionaires finished his 18-month jail term.

### EDC Requirements

Epstein's connection to the U.S. Virgin Islands became a political hot potato in 2006 during John P. deJongh's campaign for governor. DeJongh's wife Cecile, a former banking professional, is the manager of Epstein's Virgin Islands company.

Due to the territorial holidays, the V.I. Economic Development Commission could not be reached to comment on what V.I. Economic Development Commission (EDC) tax benefits Epstein's company receives.

One of the requirements for EDC participation is residency in the U.S. Virgin Islands for 183 days per year. It could not be determined whether Epstein could maintain his residency requirement for tax benefits while serving time in a stateside prison or whether he could serve his probation on Little St. Jeff's.

## Veterans: More Services Are Needed on St. John

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used around the world when main services are located far away from patients' homes."

The Puerto Rico VA hospital is also restructuring its diabetes care under a new endocrinologist, explained Gracia.

"We have a large amount of diabetes patients," said Gracia. "The only way to control the end results — blindness, renal failure, etc. — is to watch patients' blood pressure and blood sugar."

Giving patients the tools to keep track of their own symptoms is another step toward bringing medical care closer to home for veterans, Gracia added.

"We want to provide the right care at the right place at the right time," she said. "We think the right place is closest to your home. We want to be very aggressive with care at home to keep vets out of the hospital."

"A hospital is not a good place to be," continued Gracia. "We want to give you access as close to home as possible."

VA officials will explore new partnerships to bring more services to St. John and make off-island appointments, when necessary, more efficient, explained Reissener.

"We're here to partner with you," she said. "We must look at creative things we can do to have alternatives for travel to St. Thomas or Puerto Rico. We need to do a better job of communicating."

### Summit Planned for August

"We need to look at opportunities instead of obstacles," Reissener continued. "Our job is to take care of our patients. We look forward to working with the American Legion and the VA to improve our services in the Virgin Islands."

Local VA officials are planning a summit in August which will bring all stakeholders together, announced Daniel.

For more information about the planned summit call 774-6100. Daniel is at the St. John Battery every Friday between 10 a.m and 3 p.m.

## Baby Shark Researchers Return July 7

*St. John Tradewinds*

Juvenile shark research is continuing this summer in Coral Bay as researchers Bryan DeAngelis and Greg Skomal will be on island July 5-11 using passive acoustic telemetry to monitor shark movements along the coast of St. John.

This summer's research is being funded by two private grants totaling \$10,800 from the New England Biolabs Foundation and Peter, Carol, Ian and Ilsa Bouyoucos, being channeled through the Coral Bay Community Council.

Accommodations for the researchers are being donated by Maho Bay Resorts Estate Concordia Reserve. Anyone who would like to meet the researchers informally and ask questions about the shark nursery in Coral Bay and the research, should meet at the Coral Bay dock from 6 to 6:30 p.m. on Monday, July 7.

## VIWMA Urges Hurricane Preparedness

*St. John Tradewinds*

The Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority advises residents to remove and dispose of unnecessary debris, waste and other non-hazardous waste materials from around their homes and properties.

VIWMA reminds the public to refrain from disposing of unacceptable waste, such as, batteries, tires, medical, liquid or hazardous waste, appliances and vehicles, asbestos, grease, junked cars, gas cylinders and construction & demolition debris at the public disposal bin sites. Many of these items are to be taken directly to the landfill or transfer station.

Items that are acceptable at the landfills and transfer station

include: appliances without fluids; vehicles without tires; batteries or fluids; gas cylinders that are punctured or have the tops cut off; and construction and demolition debris in 4-inch cubes; and yard waste and scrap metal that is reduced to 4-foot lengths.

Hazardous waste, including but not limited to medical and liquid waste, fluorescent bulbs, and electronic waste, are to be disposed of through a permitted private waste hauler and at a permitted disposal site.

For more information, contact your respective landfill: Anguilla Landfill 778-1231, Bovoni Landfill 775-3665, and the Susannaberg Transfer Station 776-6346.

## GERS Workshop Planned for July 25

*St. John Tradewinds*

Government Employees' Retirement System invites members and retirees to participate in a retirement workshop on St. John on Friday, July 25, at the

Cruz Bay legislature building from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The pre-registration deadline is Wednesday, July 23. For more information or to pre-register call 776-7703, extension 4202.

## Cultural Day Celebrated



*St. John Tradewinds News Photos by Trom Oat*

The Echo People perform during Cultural Day in Frank Powell Sr. Park on Thursday, July 3.



Native arts and crafts were available for purchase, including festive mocko jumbies, above left, and carved calabash, above right.

*Celebrating 35 Years*

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## St. John Church Schedule & Directory

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

**Cruz Bay to Red Hook**  
Every hour on the hour from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.

**Cruz Bay to Downtown Charlotte Amalie**

<b>Leaves Cruz Bay</b>	<b>Leaves Downtown</b>
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9:15 a.m.	11 a.m.
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# Super Crossword

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| <b>ACROSS</b>                              | <b>51</b> Choose, with "for"               | <b>104</b> Man the bar                  | <b>6</b> Maui greeting        | <b>43</b> Unsullied               | <b>92</b> Await judgment         |
| <b>1</b> Forum wear                        | <b>52</b> Part 2 of remark                 | <b>106</b> Belarusian city              | <b>7</b> Poirot's concern     | <b>44</b> — Gatos, CA             | <b>94</b> As a group             |
| <b>5</b> Wolf gang?                        | <b>57</b> Cartoon canine                   | <b>108</b> Cote cutie                   | <b>8</b> Handle               | <b>47</b> Basilica                | <b>95</b> Canvas cover?          |
| <b>9</b> Drive the getaway car             | <b>58</b> Part 3 of remark                 | <b>109</b> Bantered                     | <b>9</b> Tickle               | <b>48</b> Italian rumbler         | <b>96</b> Nuremberg numeral      |
| <b>13</b> Positive thinker                 | <b>59</b> Delany and Wynter                | <b>111</b> November 11th                | <b>10</b> Wodehouse's Wooster | <b>50</b> Diffident               | <b>97</b> Cinnabar, for instance |
| <b>18</b> Lipinski leap                    | <b>60</b> Time of your life                | <b>113</b> Stirrup site                 | <b>11</b> Send out            | <b>53</b> Kind                    | <b>98</b> "— the season . . ."   |
| <b>19</b> Deejay Freed                     | <b>63</b> Head line?                       | <b>115</b> Create a chemise             | <b>12</b> Peter of reggae     | <b>54</b> Use a toboggan          | <b>99</b> Wilderness trans.      |
| <b>20</b> Interoffice commu-nique          | <b>65</b> Susann or Shake-speare           | <b>116</b> End of remark                | <b>13</b> Dieter's discomfort | <b>55</b> Handle harshly          | <b>100</b> "Holy smoke!"         |
| <b>21</b> Hickman or Strawberry            | <b>69</b> Entreaty                         | <b>125</b> Monastery bigwigs            | <b>14</b> Cleared the slate   | <b>56</b> "Alley —"               | <b>105</b> Unseat                |
| <b>22</b> Canadian coin                    | <b>70</b> Mrs. Eddie Cantor                | <b>128</b> Tivoli's Villa d'—           | <b>15</b> Cardigan part       | <b>61</b> Indian export           | <b>107</b> Pot                   |
| <b>23</b> Ordinary                         | <b>73</b> Prom date                        | <b>129</b> Neighbor of Can.             | <b>16</b> Pipe cleaner?       | <b>62</b> Toque or topee          | <b>109</b> Dairy cow             |
| <b>24</b> "Trinity" author                 | <b>76</b> Gulliver's first name            | <b>130</b> Concept                      | <b>17</b> Building wing       | <b>64</b> Piggy                   | <b>110</b> Be obligated          |
| <b>25</b> Kind of paint                    | <b>78</b> Portly                           | <b>131</b> He had things done by Friday | <b>21</b> Signifies           | <b>66</b> Medical grp.            | <b>112</b> Boca —, FL            |
| <b>26</b> Start of a remark by Don Marquis | <b>79</b> Wattle's partner                 | <b>132</b> — breve                      | <b>27</b> HST's pre-decessor  | <b>67</b> Uproar                  | <b>114</b> Winning               |
| <b>30</b> Narcs' org.                      | <b>81</b> Speculation                      | <b>133</b> Unusual                      | <b>28</b> Crusader kingdom    | <b>68</b> Price twice             | <b>115</b> Burning bit           |
| <b>31</b> "Agnus —"                        | <b>83</b> Conductor Klemperer              | <b>134</b> It's nothing                 | <b>29</b> Persian, presently  | <b>70</b> Infamous Amin           | <b>117</b> Have on               |
| <b>32</b> Cinema sled                      | <b>84</b> Gold brick?                      | <b>135</b> Off the plate                | <b>33</b> Early epic          | <b>71</b> Singer                  | <b>118</b> Presque —, ME         |
| <b>33</b> "Agnus —"                        | <b>86</b> Pageant prop                     | <b>136</b> Basketball's Willis          | <b>34</b> Ref                 | <b>72</b> Enhance                 | <b>119</b> Mata —                |
| <b>36</b> Lineman's tool                   | <b>89</b> Part 4 of remark                 | <b>137</b> Black                        | <b>35</b> Speck               | <b>74</b> Generator parts         | <b>120</b> Dash                  |
| <b>40</b> Seville shout                    | <b>90</b> Sixth sense                      | <b>138</b> Seth's son                   | <b>36</b> Talk-show pioneer   | <b>75</b> Stumble                 | <b>121</b> — up (evaluate)       |
| <b>42</b> Renown                           | <b>93</b> Part 5 of remark                 | <b>DOWN</b>                             | <b>37</b> Mechanic's offering | <b>77</b> Isolated                | <b>122</b> Actress Barbara       |
| <b>45</b> Debut recording                  | <b>99</b> Mellow                           | <b>1</b> Baja bite                      | <b>38</b> Pressing need       | <b>80</b> Tropical snake          | <b>123</b> Sleuth Wolfe          |
| <b>46</b> Atmosphere                       | <b>101</b> Studio sign                     | <b>2</b> The yoke's on them             | <b>39</b> — de Cologne        | <b>82</b> Connecticut campus      | <b>124</b> New Mexico resort     |
| <b>47</b> Discontinue                      | <b>102</b> "— Breath You Take" ('83 smash) | <b>3</b> Passed-on item                 | <b>40</b> Above, to Arnold    | <b>85</b> Spinks stat             | <b>125</b> Parker of football    |
| <b>49</b> Sharpens a skill                 | <b>103</b> Computer image                  | <b>4</b> Choir member                   | <b>41</b> Installed tile      | <b>87</b> Go back                 | <b>126</b> It may be padded      |
|  |  | <b>5</b> Whales                         |                               | <b>88</b> "— Good Men" ('92 film) | <b>127</b> Except                |
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## Community Calendar

### St. John Tradewinds

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

#### Monday, July 7

Delegate to Congress Donna M. Christensen will announce her bid for re-election to the U.S. House of Representatives on Monday, July 7, at The Balcony restaurant in Cruz Bay, St. John. Christensen is seeking a seventh term in the Congress. Members of the media and friends and supporters are invited to attend. The press conference begins at 10 a.m. Refreshments will be served.

#### July 12 and 19

The American Red Cross is offering First Aid and CPR courses on St. Thomas on July 5, 12 and 19. For more info call 774-0375.

#### Tuesday, July 15

The next St. John Chapter of the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce meeting is set for Tuesday evening, July 15, at 5:30 p.m. at St. Ursula's Multipurpose Center.

#### Thursday, July 17

An informational public forum led by St. John residents Paul Devine and Ronnie Jones is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at the Julius E. Sprauve School on 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.

#### Friday, July 25

GERS invites members and retirees to participate in a retirement workshop on St. John on Friday, July 25, at the Cruz Bay legislature building from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## Horoscope by Natasha Stars

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Aspects favor socializing with family and friends, but an irksome workplace situation could intrude. No use grumbling, Lamb. Just do it, and then get back to the fun times.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) There's still time for you Ferdinands and Fernandas to relax and sniff the roses. But a major work project looms and will soon demand much of your attention through the 23rd.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Your enthusiasm persuades even the toughest doubters to listen to what you're proposing. But don't push too hard, or you'll push them away. Moderate for best results.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Your energy levels are rising, and you feel you can handle anything the job requires. That's great. But don't isolate yourself. Keep your door open to your workplace colleagues.

**LEO** (July 23 August 22) A workplace change could lead to that promotion you've been hoping for. But you'll have to face some tough competition before the Lion can claim his or her share of the goodies.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Your rigidity regarding a difficult workplace situation could be the reason your colleagues aren't rushing to your assistance. Try being more flexible in your demands.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) That easy mood could be your Libran inner voice reminding you that while it's great to be with your

new friends, you need to take care not to ignore your old ones.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) A sudden spate of criticism could shake the Scorpion's usually high sense of self-confidence. Best advice: You made a decision you believed in -- now defend it.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Your reluctance to help restart a stalled relationship could be traced to unresolved doubts about your partner's honesty. Rely on a trusted friend's advice.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) The capricious Sea Goat is torn between duty and diversion. Best advice: Do both. Tend to your workaday chores, then go out and enjoy your well-earned fun time.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Cutting back on some of your activities for a few days helps restore your energy levels. You should be feeling ready to tackle your many projects early next week.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) A co-worker might be secretly carping about your work to mutual colleagues. But associates will come to your defense, and the situation will ultimately work to your advantage.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** Your ambition makes you a success at whatever you choose to do -- especially if it's in the world of the performing arts.

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## St. John Police Report

### St. John Police Department: 693-8880 or 911 Cellular 911: 776-9110 . St. John Fire Service: 776-6333

#### Saturday, June 28

2:30 p.m. - A nurse from Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center c/r an assault.

8:15 p.m. - An employee of Cruz Bay water sports at the Westin Resort and Villas c/r a burglary at said business. Burglary in the third.

1:50 p.m. - The owner of s/v Dulcinea p/r that his vessel was stolen on Memorial Day weekend. Stolen vessel.

4:37 p.m. - A Cruz Bay resident p/r someone stole his briefcase from inside his vehicle. Grand larceny.

#### Sunday, June 28

12:25 a.m. - A resident p/r that he and his girlfriend got into an altercation. Aggravated assault and battery.

1:00 a.m. - A resident r/ that she feels like committing suicide. Attempted suicide.

6:30 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident c/r that her residence had been burglarized. Burglary in the second.

10:50 a.m. - An Estate Tutu resident p/r a disturbance with her boyfriend. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

12:35 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r on behalf of her minor cousin who was assaulted by a male with a gun. Assault in the third, D.V.

2:30 p.m. - Badge #1099 p/ at Jurgen Command with one Charles Dore under arrest.

#### Monday, June 30

9:30 a.m. - An Estate Contant resident p/r someone unknown stole her wallet. Petit larceny.

11:15 a.m. - The general manager of Maho Bay Camps c/r a former employee was brandishing a bag that contained a firearm. Recovered firearm.

3:20 p.m. - An Estate Contant resident p/r she lost her bag. Lost bag.

6:06 p.m. - An Estate Adrian resident p/r someone stole his bag out of his vehicle. Stolen bag.

#### Tuesday, July 1

8:15 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident c/r a disturbance with a male. Simple assault.

4:00 p.m. - A Cruz Bay resident p/r he was involved in an accident. Auto accident.

9:10 p.m. - A resident c/r that her residence was burglarized. Burglary in the third.

#### Wednesday, July 2

3:55 a.m. - Badge #706 p/ at Jurgen Command with one Jose Bolques who was placed under arrest for disobeying a lawful order. Disobeying a lawful order.

9:20 a.m. - An Estate Contant resident p/r someone removed documents from her vehicle. Stolen documents.

11:15 a.m. - An Estate Enighed resident c/r that someone unknown removed several items from one of his vehicles. Grand larceny.

#### Thursday, July 3

2:20 a.m. - An Estate Beverhoutsberg resident p/r an assault. Simple assault.

2:55 a.m. - An Estate Grunwald resident p/r an assault. Simple assault.

1:30 p.m. - A resident p/r a burglary in Estate Rendezvous. Burglary in the third.

4:15 p.m. - A visitor p/r someone unknown removed a Dell laptop from her suitcase.

#### Friday, July 4

7:25 a.m. - Badge # p/ at Jurgen Command with one minor who has been detained.

7:45 a.m. - Badge # p/ at Jurgen Command with one Roger Fleming Jr. of Upper Bellevue arrested for delaying and obstructing.

2:00 p.m. - Central dispatch c/r four people in the water off Moravian Point. St. John Rescue notified.

#### Saturday, July 5

10:00 a.m. - A resident r/ a larceny. Grand larceny.

12:30 p.m. - An employee at Santo's Laundry r/ that her keys were taken.

#### Sunday, July 6

10:50 a.m. - A visitor p/r that someone burglarized her vacation villa in Chocolate Hole East. Burglary in the third.

# St. John Tradewinds Business Directory

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kathy@islandgetawaysinc.com

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Web-based project reports and pictures

## **Excursions**

**SerenaSea**  
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Classic Wooden Picnic Yacht

**Galleries**  
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tel. 776-6226 - Glass blowing, pottery,  
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**Quin House Galleries**  
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Fine mahogany furniture

**Grocery**  
**Dolphin Market**  
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**Health**  
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**Landscaping**  
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info@towncountryusvi.com

**Restaurants**  
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tel. 693-8786, Call for Take-Out  
Third Floor, The Marketplace

**Compass Rose at Pastory Gardens**  
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Serving dinner nightly - 4 to 10 p.m

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Dinner 5:30-8 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday  
Just above Salt Pond 693-5855

**La Tapa**  
tel. 693-7755  
P.O. Box 37, STJ, VI 00831

**Lime Inn, The**  
tel. 779-4199 or 776-6425  
Located in Cruz Bay

**Morgan's Mango**  
tel. 693-8141 fax 693-9061  
P.O. Box 37, St. John, VI 00831

**Skinny Legs**  
tel. 779-4982; www.skinnylegs.com  
"A Pretty OK Place"

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P.O. Box 1103, STJ VI 00831

## Classifieds

### Help Wanted

#### Hot! Hot! Hot!

Full time, part time, lots of benefits, free scuba, snorkeling, sailing trips to the BVI, etc. Growing watersports company has immediate openings:

- Beach Attendants at Westin Resort
- Retail Store Staff
- PADI Instructors

Cruz Bay Watersports 776-6857

### Help Wanted

#### PROGRAM MANAGER

Friends of Virgin Islands National Park, a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and protection of the natural and cultural resources of VI National Park, seeks a talented program manager. The program manager is responsible for the development of new projects, liaising with park staff on Friends-funded projects, overseeing projects implemented directly by the Friends, recruiting and coordinating volunteers and accurate and timely donor reporting. The PM also performs certain administrative functions.

Successful candidates will have: a degree in environmental studies or other relevant fields; two years project management and office administration experience, ideally in a non-profit organization; experience with volunteers; strong computer skills in word processing, spreadsheets, databases, and internet search skills; excellent written and oral communication ability; and a solid understanding of, and commitment to, conservation and environmental issues. We seek a creative, detail oriented, and enthusiastic team player.

The position is based on St. John. Salary and benefits are competitive.

Interested and qualified candidates should send a letter and resume to:  
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## Governor Signs TIF Legislation

*St. John Tradewinds*

Governor John deJongh has approved legislation which implements tax increment financing in the Virgin Islands.

The administration proposal, which passed the Senate on an 11-4 vote last month, creates another economic development option for those interested in making significant investment in the territory.

"I applaud the passage of this significant piece of legislation, and will work with the V.I. Economic Development Authority and the V.I. Public Finance Authority to implement this program," deJongh said in a letter to Senate President Usie R. Richards.

The approval of this legislation puts the U.S. Virgin Islands on par with the 48 states, the District of Columbia, and the numerous local governments which utilize this vehicle to spur economic development via public-private partnerships. The first project anticipated to flow through this program is targeted for the island of St. Croix, and will help to stimulate that economy in particular, and the Virgin Islands economy as a whole, explained deJongh.

The governor approved other sections of the bill but line-item vetoed some appropriations contained in the measure.

"My actions were prompted out of concern for the amount of funds available from the General Fund in Fiscal Year 2008," deJongh wrote. "As you are aware, I submitted proposed legislation re-programming certain funding in order for the government to meet the financial challenges presented during this Fiscal Year. In a similar vein, I have, and will continue to, look at new appropriations with these considerations in mind."

The governor line-item vetoed Sections 3, 4, and 5 of the bill. DeJongh said he does not object to the purposes of these appropriations, but cannot approve them based on previously delineated concerns regarding the limited financial resources of the government's coffers.

Section 3 would have provided \$50,000 to the Health Department to hire a dental hygienist for the dental clinic on St. John.

Section 4 would have appropriated \$27,200 for Little League district operations and Section 5 would have provided \$73,800 to cover travel costs and expenses associated with the 2008 Little League Inter-Island Regional Tournament.

"I have approved Sections 6 and 9 of this bill, but advise you that, at this time, the government will only allot 50 percent of the funds appropriated in both sections," wrote the governor.

DeJongh explained that his decision to find funding to support Section 6 was driven by his commitment to assist our young people in their team sporting activities which are beneficial for their health, as well as their personal growth.

"I proudly note that the Virgin Islands team is the defending champion of this tournament, and I support its continued success," deJongh wrote.

Allotting funding in support of Section 9 is consistent with the governor's theme of developing private-public partnerships which will inure to the benefit of the public at large.

"I am acutely aware of the challenges facing the Virgin Islands in the area of mental health care, and my approval of this measure represents a step, albeit a small one, towards beginning to address this concern," the governor wrote.

DeJongh told senators that if additional funds come available through the remainder of Fiscal Year 2008, the government may be able to allot additional monies in the future.

Section 6 requested \$150,000, of which only \$75,000, will be provided to the Elrod Hendricks West Charter Little League to host the Latin American/Caribbean Senior League tournament in July.

Section 9 appropriates a \$100,000 grant to Clear Blue Sky for administering community mental health programs, purchasing medical supplies and materials and maintenance of facilities.

The Chief Executive vetoed Section 12 of the Bill as it would impact some companies which already receive tax incentive benefits from the V.I. Economic Development Commission.

Section 12 would have prevented prohibited any amphibian commercial boats, water taxis or tour operators to be eligible for EDC benefits.

"Our waters are one of the Virgin Islands' most precious natural resources and an integral part of our tourism product," wrote deJongh. "There are challenges we face daily on the appropriate balance between preservation of these resources and their use as an integral component of our economic activity."

"Therefore, a blanket prohibition as exhibited in this legislation is counter-productive," deJongh continued. "This measure would create a disincentive to develop water-based businesses, and, therefore, adversely impact our tourism product, and entrepreneurial opportunities that could be available to so many of our young people."

DeJongh also said that there are local concerns, such as a taxi organization, currently exploring water-based activities to expand their existing business, and this measure would hinder this potential business expansion, at a time when we need to encourage economic development at all levels.

Sections 2, 7, 8, 10, 11, and 13 of Bill No. 27-0182 were approved.

Section 2 addresses administering the Tax Increment Financing legislation; Section 7 speaks to provides funding for travel per diems and retention bonuses for the V.I. Police Department; Section 8 provides funding for Kid Scope; Section 10 amends a technicality in a previously enacted legislation; Section 11 provides funding to paint public school buildings territory-wide; Section 13 makes a technical adjustment to previously passed legislation as regards the Virgin Islands Public Finance Authority.

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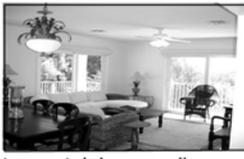
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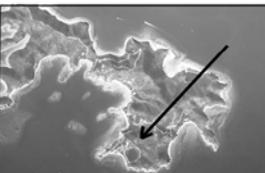
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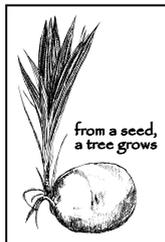
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**STONY BAY BEACH HOUSE – WATERFRONT** 1 bdrm, 1 bath, high-quality masonry construction beach house, located on a large 1.36+/-acre parcel in Privateer Bay. The house, designed by Michael Milne, is very private, cannot be seen from the estate road & is only steps from the water. It is fully shuttered with covered decks & clear cypress ceilings. **Stony Bay Beach House** can be purchased “as is” or can be finished out to suit your taste. An excellent value with its pristine & private location, wonderful views & cooling tradewind breezes. ....\$1,550,000.



**RIDGETOP** – a 2 bdrm, 2 bath Caribbean style vacation home located in a secluded enclave of Estate Eden. Custom mahogany doors, hibiscus motifs, outdoor showers, decks off every living space and a welcoming grass backyard make this a easy and comfortable tropical home. **Ridgetop** enjoys access to a shared pool, cabana and deck, located just below the property .....\$775,000.



**TEQUILA SUNRISE** – two bedroom, 2.5 bath home with pool and guest cottage. From a location on north side of Bordeaux Mountain, **Tequila Sunrise** is aptly named for its gorgeous down island, sunrise and moonrise views. Quiet and private with lush tropical landscaping, this home is a real value .....\$1,375,000.

## LUMINARIA

– has a commanding and private location on the ridgetop in Upper Carolina. Extremely successful short term rental with three separate bedroom suites, spacious upper and lower level decks take advantage of the wide ranging views overlooking Coral Harbor to Drakes Passage and the BVI's. Luxuriant landscaping surrounds the pool and villa. The large four car garage could easily be converted to living space. ....\$2,925,000.



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## Exclusively Listed Preferred Properties

**"L'AUTRE MONDE"** Exquisitely custom designed with 2 pools, luxurious master & 6 additional bdrms, plus soaring ceilings, extensive stone work, exotic African slate floors, custom mahogany cabinetry. Walk to beach & dinghy dock. **\$8,400,000.**



**"ISLA VISTA"** Exceptional 5 bedrm., 4 1/2 bath, private gated villa with panoramic views. Superior features throughout. Richly landscaped. Pool & spa. 2 car garage. **\$7,000,000.**



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



**CATHERINEBERG (5X5) "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.**

## Exclusively Listed Homes



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

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



**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. 3BR/3BA pool villa has 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 bedrm, 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.**

**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.**

**"SEAVIEW"** vacation villa. Charming 4 bedrm, masonry home in excellent condition with large pool in convenient Chocolate Hole. **\$1,300,000.**

**"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 \$890,000.**

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

**3 UNIT INCOME PRODUCER!** Two 3 bdrms plus studio. Near town, all masonry, A/C. **\$775,000.**

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

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

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

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

## Exclusively Listed Land

### WATERFRONT

Dreekets Bay Estates, 2.5 acres, beachfront, BVI views, breezes, quality roads **\$2,500,000**  
Boatman Point, 1.2 ac, 5 bedrm house plans, cliff front **\$1,875,000**  
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**

### CORAL BAY LAND

Upper Carolina, .5 acre, Sunrise, Coral Bay Harbor views **\$495,000**  
Freeman's Ground, Down Island views, cooling breezes, .76 acre **\$425,000**  
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.

**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 - \$2,500,000.**

**"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.**



**"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.**

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



**CHOCOLATE HOLE VIEW LOTS:** Sunrise to Sunset on two adjoining breezy lots with views of Hart Bay east and St. Thomas west. **\$650,000, \$675,000 or \$1,175,000 for both.**

**"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.**

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

**OVERSIZED FISH BAY** lot has expansive views and cooling breezes. Paved access and a moderate slope provide for an optimal down hill build. **\$389,000.**

**"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.**

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## Condos & Timeshares

**"GALLOW'S POINT"** Take in breathtaking views and cooling ocean breeze at this top floor unit! Offered at **\$1,400,000.**

**"VILLA LEEANNA"** Cozy 2 bedroom condo with water views. Easy walk to Cruz Bay and low condo fees. **\$325,000.**

**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.**

**BEACHFRONT "GRANDE BAY" RESORT** Condo under construction, overlooking Cruz Bay Harbor. Walk to town & restaurants. 2 bedrm **\$799,000.**

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

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## Development Opportunity

**"GALLOW'S SEAVIEW" (2x2) .58 ac. R-4 & W-1 zoning** allows multifamily dwellings & commercial uses. Spectacular views. Walk to beach & town. **\$3,200,000.**

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