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**“There were a few minor skirmishes that were quickly quelled by officers. That was to be expected because of the amount of alcohol that was consumed during the Festival.”**

— Darren Foy, VIPD St. John Deputy Chief

## VIPD Arrest Three Men on Love City During “Relatively” Quiet July 4 Week

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

While applauding a violence-free Festival, V.I. Police Department officials arrested three men and detained one minor on St. John the week of June 29 through July 6 for charges ranging from delaying the July 4 Festival Parade to assault.

Charles Dore was apprehended on Sunday, June 29, at 2:30 p.m. after he hit a male minor with a gun, explained VIPD spokesperson Melody Rames.

“Dore was arrested after complaints were received that he hit a male minor in the back with his licensed firearm,” Rames said. “He was placed on \$25,000 bail and probable cause was found at his advice of rights hearing. He posted 10 percent and was released pending further action.”

An Estate Enighed resident reported “on behalf of her minor cousin who was assaulted by a male with a gun,” according to the VIPD’s Leander Jurgen Command incident log, which listed the offense as a third-degree assault.

### No Record of Bolques Arrest

Jose Bolques of Estate Chocolate Hole was arrested on Wednesday, July 2, at 3:55 a.m. for disobeying a lawful order, according to the VIPD’s incident log.

VIPD officials, however, had no record of this arrest, explained Rames.

“Jose Bolques — the officers said there were no arrests on this date,” Rames said.

The third arrest of the week came early on July 4 after the traditional all-night Festival dance

party J’ouvert, when Roger Fleming Jr. was apprehended at 7:45 a.m., according to the Leander Jurgen Command incident log.

“Roger Fleming Jr. was arrested for delaying the parade,” said Rames. “He was disobeying a lawful order.”

It remained unclear what Fleming was doing to delay the parade at 7:45 a.m., when the annual July 4 Parade didn’t start until about 11:45 a.m.

VIPD officials detained a male minor that same morning for an unspecified offense, according to the VIPD’s St. John blotter, which did not list a reason for the 7:25 a.m. incident.

### VIPD Celebrate “Relatively” Quiet Festival

Police officials upped their presence on Love City throughout Festival and celebrated a “relatively crime-free” event, according to a prepared statement from the VIPD.

“The Virgin Islands enjoyed a relatively crime-free weekend over the four-day Emancipation and Independence Day holiday,” according to the release. “On St. John, the VIPD presence was highly visible throughout the annual Festival which ended late Saturday, July 5. Local law enforcement was augmented by peace officers from several local and federal agencies.”

### Ferry Passengers Searched

Transportation Security Administration officials partnered with the VIPD to ensure safety, according to the VIPD release.

“Additionally, TSA officials conducted random searches of people going to and from St. John

by ferry,” according to the VIPD statement.

While there were several small alcohol-related skirmishes, overall it was a peaceful celebration, VIPD St. John Deputy Chief Darren Foy was quoted in the release.

“There were a few minor skirmishes that were quickly quelled by officers, said Foy,” according to the release. “That was to be expected because of the amount of alcohol that was consumed during the Festival.”

### “Three For Three”

In the statement VIPD Acting Commissioner Novelle Francis congratulated the St. John police team on a violence-free Festival.

“We are three for three,” Francis was quoted, recalling that both the recent St. Thomas Carnival and St. Croix Festival were also violence-free. “The strategies we put in place are making a real difference.”

After months of hard work, St. John Festival Committee members were starting to unwind last week, explained Pageant Committee Chair Enid Doway.

“It was really, really wonderful seeing all our plans and hard work coming together,” Doway said. “It couldn’t have been better for me. Even though I’m not in charge of the Festival Village, I went a few times and saw the community really enjoying themselves.”

“I am very proud of all the girls who participated in the pageants,” continued Doway. “They all individually did an excellent job. I saw much improvement with the girls and that was a real pleasure for me.”

## Unit #18 Failure Shuts Off Power Across St. John and St. Thomas

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Water And Power Authority officials were still troubleshooting as of press time to determine what caused a fault on gas turbine Unit #18 which resulted in an island-wide power outage on Thursday, July 10.

At 3:15 a.m. July 10, the Virgin Islands WAPA experienced a fault on gas turbine Unit #18 which resulted in a total shutdown of the Randolph E. Harley Power Plant and outages which affected St. John and St. Thomas.

By 5 a.m. plant personnel were able to bring Units #12 and #15 on-line and all St. Thomas feeders were restored by 8 a.m.

While complete service on St. John wasn’t restored until around 12:30 p.m., Coral Bay residents reported service returned by 9 a.m.

WAPA initiated a rotating power schedule for the remainder of the day Thursday as technicians continued to work on the Harley Power Plant.

The V.I. utility company was forced to implement a feeder rotation from noon to 6 p.m. because plant personnel were having difficulty bringing its 21.5 megawatt as turbine Unit #23 on line, explained WAPA executive director Hugo Hodge.

Without this unit, WAPA is unable to meet its daily peak load requirements because several other units are down for repair, Hodge explained.

“Unit #23 needs a major overhaul and it is way overdue for maintenance,” said Hodge. “Because maintenance to this unit has been deferred for such a very long period of time, every time it goes down, it becomes increasingly harder to start the unit.”

WAPA personnel worked on the unit all day without success but with much frustration, Hodge added.

Deferred maintenance is a consequence of WAPA’s continuing inability to both properly maintain its equipment and meet its continually rising fuel costs, according to the executive director.

WAPA apologized for the inconvenience and thanked customers for their patience and understanding.

## VIPD-Hosted Town Meeting Is July 18

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V.I. Police Department officials are hosting a town meeting on Friday, June 18, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the St. Ursula’s Multipurpose Center. The purpose of the meeting is to give information to residents who want to be involved in Neighborhood Watch groups and apply for a police auxiliary program.

For more information call 643-7728.

## Free Victim’s Advocacy Training July 18

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For anyone interested in assisting with victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or other crimes, free victim’s advocacy training will be conducted on July 18 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the St. John Community Crisis Center.

Michelle Joshua-Thompson from the St. Thomas Family Resource Center will be the main presenter. This training is vital to helping victims in our community.

## First Aid/CPR Class Set for July 19

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The American Red Cross is offering a First Aid and CPR course on St. Thomas on July 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.



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St. John Tradewinds News Photos by Jonathon Doran

Four BVI men were arrested for removing the lower unit, computer and propeller from this Scarab in Chocolate Hole Bay, before stealing a Sea Vee from the bay.

## Four BVI Men Arrested for Possessing Stolen Vessels and Gear from St. John

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

While criminals have long plied the waters between St. John and Tortola, the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force has now had enough.

British Virgin Islands Police Inspector Bewadney Howe led law enforcement officials in quick action in the wake of a rash of thefts and stripping of boats from several St. John bays last month, which netted four arrests.

Kervin Rymer, Jerome Lettsome and two male minors all of Tortola, were arrested and charged with handling stolen property in connection with criminal activity in Love City.

The arrests were made following an investigation which began after long-time St. John resident Jonathon Doran discovered his 25-foot Sea Vee, with a 200-horsepower Mercury engine, missing from its mooring in Chocolate Hole Bay on Tuesday, June 17.

After reporting the theft to V.I. Police Department officials and the Department of Planning and Natural Resources' Division of Enforcement, Doran called the U.S. Coast Guard and was urged to call the BVI police, he explained.

### Boat Found In Less Than Six Hours

"I called the BVI police around 3:30 p.m. that day and reported my boat stolen," said Doran. "I got a phone call from an Inspector Howe at 9 p.m. that night saying that he had found my boat in Sea Cow Bay in Tortola."

"What happened is that night Inspector Howe left Sea Cow Bay and on his return, he discovered

**"They stripped the Scarab of its lower unit and then just let the boat roll up on the beach. They used my boat as a get-away and then stripped it once they were back in Tortola. There is about \$10,000 worth of damage to my boat."**

— Jonathan Doran, St. John boat owner

that the engine had now been removed from my boat," Doran continued. "He proceeded to stake it out and managed to catch one man, but he wasn't working alone."

Howe arrested Rymer in Sea Cow Bay the night of June 17 and located Doran's engine on shore. Doran's boat, however, wasn't what the BVI men were after when they snuck into Chocolate Hole Bay on June 17.

The men stole a counter-rotating lower unit, valued at around \$5,000, from a 33-foot Scarab also in Chocolate Hole Bay, Doran explained.

"They stripped the Scarab of its lower unit and then just let the boat roll up on the beach," said Doran. "They used my boat as a get-away and then stripped it once they were back in Tortola. There is about \$10,000 worth of damage to my boat."

### Incidents Reported in Cruz, Great Cruz Bays

Once word got out that Doran's boat was stolen, other reports of stolen and stripped vessels came flooding in, he explained.

"I heard they tried to steal this same lower unit off a boat in the Cruz Bay Creek which was tied up to the *Leland Sneed*," he said.

"They tried to take his gear box off and also tried to steal the unit from an Ocean Runner boat in Cruz Bay right in the water off-shore."

"They also stole a 25-foot local fisherman's boat from Cruz Bay Creek the week before they stole mine," Doran said.

Doran traveled to Tortola on Wednesday, June 18, to identify his vessel and was given a ride back from the BVI police, he explained.

"I went over to Tortola and identified my boat," said Doran. "Inspector Howe brought me back to St. John in his BVI Police boat. He went and interviewed the employees at Ocean Runner and the owner of the Scarab."

"We went by car to Chocolate Hole and looked at the Scarab and he said he would return for fingerprints," Doran continued.

On June 20, Inspector Howe did indeed return to St. John and met the VIPD's forensics unit, Doran added.

"Two days later Howe returned for fingerprints and called me to help him," said Doran. "He got two positive fingerprints off the Scarab which led to two more arrests."

The two minors were arrested

after their fingerprints were identified on the Scarab with the missing lower unit. After charging the two men with handling stolen goods, Howe didn't give up on the investigation.

### Lettsome's Scarab Has Stolen Unit

"After Howe came over and took the fingerprints, he got a tip as to where the stolen lower unit might be," said Doran. "He arrested the owner of a different Scarab in Tortola who tried to say that he had purchased his lower unit in Virgin Gorda."

The suspicious lower unit was running on Lettsome's Tortola-registered Scarab. Lettsome was arrested when the serial number on his lower unit matched that of the lower unit stolen from Chocolate Hole, Doran explained.

Doran's Sea Vee remains in Tortola as evidence to be used against the four men charged with handling stolen goods, but it's not in any danger, he explained.

"I called Inspector Howe concerned about the fact that there are no batteries in my boat now and I was worried about the bilge pumps not working," he said. "Howe said it would be taken care of and not to worry."

### St. Thomas Connection?

Howe's investigation is continuing, with a possible connection to St. Thomas marine criminals, however, officials were not willing to comment on the U.S. Virgin Islands connection, according to the inspector.

The criminals weren't just a few kids out causing trouble, but had extensive knowledge of boats, ac-

ording to Doran.

"They had stripped the computer, the propellers and the lower unit from the Scarab which is worth about \$15,000," he said. "They knew exactly what they were doing. They were very slick and organized."

The whole ordeal might have been a blessing in disguise as the criminals have been caught, Doran explained.

"For me, in one sense, it's almost a blessing that my boat was stolen because now they are doing something about these guys who come over and steal boats," he said. "The BVI police were excellent. A big thank you to Inspector Howe"

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 Middle Age Majorettes - 2nd Place
- Individual**  
 Chester Brady - 1st Place
- Steel Band**  
 Pan In Motion - 1st Place  
 Love City Pan Dragons - 2nd Place

## Wha's Happ'nin'

by Sis Frank

### An Exciting Festival and Parade

#### St. John Tradewinds

The weather was hot and clear — it was a mob scene along the parade route — I could not believe the number of local troupes! Even though I was enjoying my AC at home, I shared the excitement with those in the hot sun!

Whew! What a lot of organizing goes into making sure that it all goes off "pretty much" on time. The committee is drained, I'm sure!

Governor John deJongh was present at all major events even though he is coping with our problems daily, plus traveling to the states. We appreciate seeing his smiling face. It can't be easy, being in three places at once!

#### Rumors Fly and Drivers React Quickly

Apparently, radio-talk shows hinted that Domino Gas was running low — and guess what! Everyone raced to the E&C Gas Station — the four lines practically closed off the Pine Peace road. But it was only a rumor — so, the day after the mad rush, it was business as usual. Moral — always check out rumors before repeating them! No, they're not engaged, no, she's not expecting and Bertha went north of us!

#### New Restaurant To Open

It was once "Miss Lilly's" grocery store, and the last endeavor was "Tage." Now, it will reopen with Chef Walter Hinds as owner! Good luck and best wishes — can't wait to hear the sultry music.

#### Hooray for Reopening Citizens' Integration Team

Helen Simon is the perfect leader of the committee. We will expect to see auxiliary police officers controlling the speeding trucks and spilling cement mixers. Neighborhood watch programs

will be renewed — it worked before, now we need to eliminate crime again!

#### St. John Montessori School Will Bring More Good Education

I hope that Alvis Christian's health will improve with the new school opening at his John's Folly Learning Institute. This will be an exciting venture!

#### What a Joy To See So Many St. Johnians

Whether they're here for the Festival or summer vacation, it means so much to have old friends remember you, and stop to chat about how it used to be.

#### Captain Vic Sewer will be Honored As "The Creek" Is Named For Him

Handsome, full of charm and an expert on boats, Captain Vic was a wonderful St. Johnian. He enjoyed tormenting me when I "ran" the ferry boats in the early 60s. Miss Elaine Sprauve really was in charge, thank heaven, but she thought I should have a title when I worked for the St. John Corporation.

Vic and his wife Huldah wanted to open a dance hall on the lower part of Tamarind Court, which they owned.

I was complimented when they asked me to help decorate it. Fish nets covered the ceiling — the first party was their own 25th wedding anniversary. They always gave great parties in their home on the street above, but this celebration was very special. Those were the days!

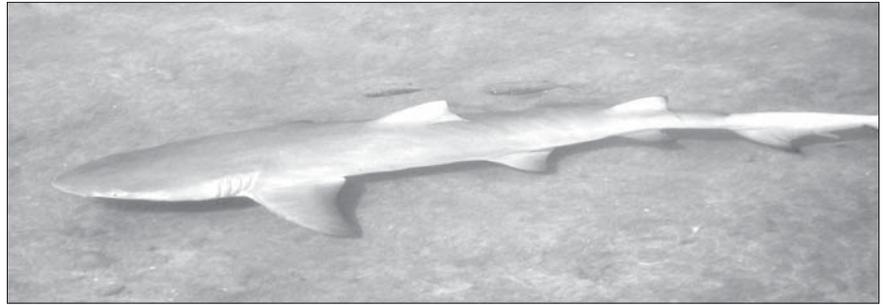
#### It Is Helen Simon's Birthday

Wow! A full page in Tradewinds from the family and Matilda (a sweet spaniel). I wonder what her comments were when she saw the paper?



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NOAA scientist Bryan DeAngelis, above, inspects a baby shark before tagging and releasing the animal. A second shark swims nearby, above right.



## St. John Shark Week: Researchers Studying Juvenile Sharks

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

While the word shark usually conjures up images of "Jaws," the juvenile sharks researchers are studying in the waters around St. John rarely grow larger than one foot.

But their diminutive size doesn't make these sharks any less important to the ecosystem, as a healthy juvenile shark population is a clear indication of habitat health.

While large hatcheries like Tampa Bay are extensively studied, surprisingly little is known about smaller hatcheries like Coral Bay and Fish Bay, explained Bryan DeAngelis.

A scientist with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Admin-

istration, DeAngelis, along with Greg Skomal, a researcher with the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries, were on island last week tagging juvenile sharks and installing electronic monitoring devices. The two were assisted by 16-year-old intern Ian Bouyoucos from New York.

Their research was not funded by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or NOAA, but through small grants which DeAngelis and Skomal wrote themselves.

### All Volunteer Work

"We're not getting paid for this or anything," said DeAngelis. "It's all volunteer. We're doing this because it needs to be done."

A former Virgin Islands resident, DeAngelis' interest in juvenile

sharks was piqued after working with them in the northeast.

"I used to live in St. Croix and I went back to graduate school in Rhode Island," said DeAngelis. "I was working in a shark lab in Narragansett and NOAA approached me to expand their nursery project to Puerto Rico. But I wanted to bring it to the Virgin Islands."

DeAngelis began his first formal research on juvenile sharks, focusing on overall population numbers, in 2003.

While DeAngelis spotted many species of sharks in the waters off St. John — including Caribbean reef, scallop hammerhead, great hammerhead and sharp nose sharks — his research is focusing

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# Students Enjoy Educational Fun at VIERS Summer Eco-Camps

By Barbara Winch  
St. John Tradewinds

As the dog days of summer drag on, children throughout the territory are anxiously awaiting the start of summer eco-camps at the Virgin Islands Environmental Resource Station (VIERS) at Lameshur Bay.

Open to students between the ages of 7 and 14, the three-day eco-camps are sponsored by the Friends of the V.I. National Park.

VIERS, managed by the non-profit organization Clean Islands International and the University of the Virgin Islands, is an extremely popular place for students to spend a weekend during the summer learning about their environment through interactive lessons and activities.

This year marks the ninth year the eco-camps have been offered on the island's remote south shore where campers stay in cabins on the property, located a short walk from Lameshur Bay.

The camps are run by Randy Brown, executive director of Clean Islands International and VIERS administrator, Hilary Maynard, VIERS environmental education coordinator, trained counselors and educators and many volunteers.

## Environmental Education and V.I. History

Five camp sessions run from July 14 through July 30, with each two-night, three-day session packed with fun and educational activities for the students.

The camp sessions focus on environmental education and the history and culture of the Virgin Islands, explained Maynard.

VIERS instruction teaches the students sustainable environmental practices which they can use to protect, preserve and conserve natural resources to make the Virgin Islands a place of beauty for years to come, Maynard added.

To learn these concepts, the students



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by File

Students at VIERS learn first-hand about their environment, above.

participate in hands-on activities such as gardening and composting. They will also study tropical ecology and participate in marine lab work and experiments, Maynard explained.

## Campfire Stories Under the Stars

But it's not all science and landscaping. Campers also swim, snorkel and hike the Yawzi Point Trail during their three-day stay. At night, the fun continues with marshmallows to roast and stories to tell around the campfire under the stars.

"We receive a lot of students from St. John and St. Thomas, and even some from St. Croix," said Maynard. "The camps are funded for Virgin Islands' residents."

Funding for local children means that any student who goes to school in the Virgin Islands during the year is sponsored to go to one camp session at VIERS during the summer for free, Maynard explained.

With sponsorship from Disney, Innovative Telephone, the Lana Vento Charitable Trust, FirstBank, Chevron Caribbean and Windsor Land Holdings, Friends of the VINP officials were able to raise enough funds to send 120 children to VIERS eco-camps this summer, according to the Friends of VINP's development director Karen Brady.

The eco-camps fulfill the Friends' mission to support environmental education for territorial students, Brady explained.

## Making Children Healthier

"Over the past three years, we've tried hard to work on environmental education programs for our kids starting from very young through their college years," said Brady. "We support a continuum of environmental education through those years and the eco-camps fill an educational need

for the summer."

A recent study released by the National Park Service extolling the health benefits of children spending time outdoors reinforces the Friends' commitment to supporting outdoor education, Brady added.

"The 'Children In Nature Report,' which the NPS put out a few months ago confirms spending time in nature benefits everyone, especially children," said Brady. "Spending time outdoors makes children healthier in every major way — physically, intellectually, emotionally, socially and spiritually."

As the nation faces a childhood obesity crisis, even the Center for Disease Control is urging children to spend time in the outdoors, Brady added.

## Combating Childhood Obesity

"Information from the CDC explains how children playing in a natural setting can combat the obesity epidemic," she said. "Our kids are very fortunate to have a National Park as their playground. The time the kids spend at VIERS is important time spent out in nature."

This summer the eco-camps focus will once again be on coastal ecology, with the primary resource being the UVI publication, *Island Peak to Coral Reef: A Field Guide to the Plant and Marine Communities of the Virgin Islands*, written by Toni Thomas and Dr. Barry Devine, Maynard explained.

Each camper will receive a copy of the thorough research guide to bring home, as well as a VIERS T-shirt.

With all five sessions — each with a capacity for 30 students — full this summer, VIERS popularity is evident. There is even a waiting list of hopeful campers, who are already dreaming about summer 2009.

For more information about the eco-camps or VIERS, contact Maynard at 776-6721. For information about donating to the Friends of the VINP, call Brady at 779-4940.

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The cost of riding a ferry from Cruz Bay, above, to Red Hook rose to \$6.10 each way last week.

## Ferry Fare Fuel Surcharge in Effect – Operators Want Protection of Franchise

By Tom Oat  
St. John Tradewinds

Brother can you spare a dime?

The new fares for ferry passenger service between St. Thomas-St. John — a \$1.10 increase to \$6.10 for a one-way, full-fare ticket from Cruz Bay to Red Hook — went into effect July 7, but fares could be going up again early in 2009.

The V.I. Public Services Commission has approved a full rate study for ferry operators Varlack Ventures and Transportation Services which PSC officials said should be completed by January 2009.

In their petition to the PSC, the ferry operators asked for a fuel surcharge while the rate study was being completed to help them deal with a reported 300 percent increase in fuel costs.

With a fuel surcharge approved, the ferry operators will be asking the PSC to protect their franchise rights, according to Attorney Claudette Ferron who represents the co-franchisees.

The PSC will be asked to protect the ferry franchisees' exclusive right to carry passengers between St. Thomas and St. John, Atty. Ferron told *St. John Tradewinds*.

In seeking a rate increase, the ferry operators complained that most of its riders paid reduced fares and that casual riders and tourists were the majority of the full-fare passengers.

The ferry operators also had cited a drop-off in commuter traffic in requesting schedule reductions

— including the elimination of a morning run between Red Hook and Cruz Bay — to help deal with the rapidly-rising fuel prices.

The PSC allowed the ferry companies to eliminate most daily runs to Charlotte Amalie and two evening trips between Cruz Bay and Red Hook.

### Construction Commuters

While the major construction projects on St. John continue to be blamed for the crush of workers traveling between St. Thomas and St. John at peak hours, an informal survey finds workers on the major projects represent only a small portion of the hundreds of daily commuters.

While the three projects are in different stages of construction, less than 200 workers currently are employed at Grande Bay, Sirenusa and Pond Bay construction sites, according to spokespersons.

### 50-60 Grande Bay Workers

Grande Bay has between 50 and 60 people working on the four-building project, according to Bill Terry, president of builder Breckenridge Homes.

Workers are "just finishing up" interior work on the upper two buildings of condominiums and work on the two lower condominium buildings across the road from Cruz Bay beach should be complete in 90 days, Terry added.

The steel structure in the Grande Bay project adjacent to Lavender Hill condominiums will be built out as residential space as early as January 2009, according to the

builder.

Excavation has been completed and construction started on the fourth part of the project, the "amenities" building for the development, adjacent to the Gallows Point Cemetery across from the beach, Terry added.

### 30-35 Sirenusa Workers

The Sirenusa condominium project overlooking Cruz Bay has a workforce of 30 to 35 people per day, according to developer Carlo Marzano.

The workforce is finishing the units from the top entrance to hillside project overlooking Enighed Pond with views to St. Thomas. The larger steel-frame buildings planned for the lower portion of the five-acre project

Closings have already taken place on a number of million dollar units in both Grande Bay and Sirenusa.

"You can't sit back and wait for people to come to St. John to buy," Marzano said. "There is a market — how you get results out of that market is another matter."

### Pond Bay Project

Site work is still continuing on the Pond Bay project on the beach at Chocolate Hole on the south shore of St. John east of the Westin Resort.

Currently, the workforce is employed in preparing the site for construction. A spokesperson could not be reached to answer how many people are expected to be employed on the project during the construction phase.

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Several of the island's signature free-roaming donkeys, like this mother and young one at right, were shipped to St. Croix last month.



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## Donkeys Sent to St. Croix To Race Are Cared for and Scheduled for Adoption

By Susan Mann  
St. John Tradewinds

Eight of the island's iconic wild donkeys were sent to St. Thomas on June 25, where they were then shipped to St. Croix to participate in the annual Emancipation Day Classic Donkey Derby race.

After the race, the donkeys were slated to be available for St. Croix adoptions. The donkey race, which included 23 donkeys, took place on Sunday, June 29, at Paul Joseph Stadium in Frederiksted.

The annual St. Croix race was organized by the community group "The Gentlemen of Jones," along with the "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" Emancipation Committee, according to an article in the *Virgin Islands Daily News*.

After reading the newspaper account some St. John residents expressed concern about the donkeys leaving the island.

### Residents Question Donkey Transport

The scant information in the newspaper, which accompanied a front page photo, left many unanswered questions about how the decision was made, who had the authority to make decisions about the wild donkeys, and why the choice was made to send them to St. Croix.

St. John Veterinarian Dr. Jan Perkins wondered whether the donkeys had received basic medical examinations before they were transported.

"They should have at least received an examination before they

left to be sure they were in good physical shape, and had no medical problems of any kind," said Perkins.

Two of the donkeys which were shipped to St. Croix were pregnant, according to a *Virgin Islands Daily News* article.

Race horse expert, Joe Palminteri who owns Cruz Bay Canines, Cats and Critters, made a comparison to horse racing. "It is fine to race a pregnant horse in a racing event," said Palminteri.

### Tourist Attraction

The free roaming donkey groups of St. John are also a significant hit with tourists, with local shops selling stuffed animal "donkeys" which wear a "St. John" label. Pictures of the St. John donkeys are found on numerous Internet web sites, brochures and other publications.

Three of the eight donkeys in the June 25 transport belonged to Dana Barlett, owner of Carolina Corral. Two of them had sustained injuries as a result of being hit by cars. A third, a female named "Lilly," had previously experienced trouble giving birth, according to Barlett.

If she becomes pregnant again, specialized medical help will be needed, Barlett added.

"The rest of the ones that went, just walked in to the corral when I opened it," said Barlett.

The stable owner was initially contacted by an official of the Department of Agriculture on St.

John about sending the donkeys to St. Croix, she explained.

"It was going to happen one way or the other, so I decided to help out, and be sure things went smoothly, and that's what happened," Barlett said. "There was no forcing, no trauma to the donkeys."

### Equine Specialist On-hand

Once arriving on St. Croix the donkeys were professionally cared for by University of the Virgin Islands Cooperative Extension Service Agent Sue Lakos, who was on hand to help unload them at the dock.

This was the third year Lakos, who holds a degree in Animal Science with an equine specialization, was placed in charge of the donkeys' well being before and during the race.

"They were immediately isolated and examined by Veterinarian Bethany Bradford, who administered tetanus immunizations to each animal, and implanted micro-ID chips as needed," said Lakos, who added that two of the donkeys already had the ID chips.

Lakos and Bradford were aware that two of the donkeys were pregnant before they were transported.

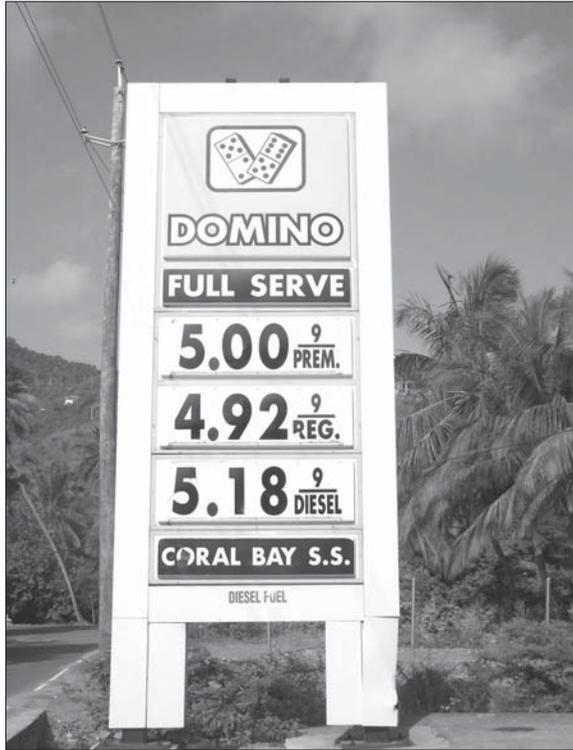
"The hope is there will be no further need in the future to bring donkeys from St. John to St. Croix for cultural events," said Lakos.

St. Croix culture bearers want to re-establish the once thriving, donkey population, which seems to have disappeared from the big

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## Gas Price Top \$5.00 in Cruz Bay and Coral Bay

A gallon of premium gasoline reached the frightening \$5 mark at Domino Gas and Service Station in Coral Bay last week. Before running out of gas over the July 4 weekend, Domino had the cheapest gas on St. John at \$4.53 for regular and \$4.60 for premium. The island's only other gas station, E&C Service Station in Pine Peace, is selling gas for \$5.05 for regular and \$5.20 for premium, up from \$4.78 and \$4.95.



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# V.I.N.P. Tackling Termites and Other Pests

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

From drug runners to illegal alien smugglers, V.I. National Park officials face a number of threats to the resources they are charged to protect as well as to the safety of residents and visitors, but termites?

The native insect is just one of the pests VINP officials will learn how to best handle at a three day Integrated Pest Management (IPM) workshop next month.

IPM is a broad category covering all non-native invasive species as well as native pests, explained VINP natural resource manager Thomas Kelley.

"What is a pest," Kelley said. "The definition is really broad. It involves all non-native species by definition, including plants and animals and even something like a virus or bacterium."

Several years ago the pink hibiscus mealy bug was a huge problem for park rangers, Kelley explained as an example.

### Native and Non-native Species

"In addition to all those invasive species, pests also include native things such as cockroaches," he said. "It's really a broad kind of thing."

The August 5-7 workshop will be led by the National Park Service's southeast regional IPM coordinator, an instructor from the University of the Virgin Islands' cooperative extension services and a facility manager from a state-side National Park.

The workshop will focus on the best way to deal with pests in the park in the least harmful way possible, according to Kelley.

"The goal is to manage these pest species on our public lands, historic structures, NPS residences and offices in the most safe and effective method for the visitor, the resident and the resource," he said.

IPM is not about eliminating a species, but usually comes down to making the right decision, Kelley added.

"It's basically a decision-making process to work with



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

VINP officials will brush up on dealing with pests in the park including this aboreal termite nest near Annaberg Sugar Mill Ruins.

pests in the park," he said. "We want to do the least harmful thing to handle the problem."

In addition to insects, park officials have their hands full

with a number of invasive species including non-native roof rats, added Kelley.

### Crack and Crevice Treatments

"We try to do effective crack and crevice treatments, where you add a barrier so the pest can't gain entry into a building," he said. "If we prevent their entry then we don't have the problems when they grow bigger and reproduce. If you put a bit of money up front using the IPM principles, then you save money later."

Goats, chickens, sheep and donkeys also pose problems to VINP resources and visitors, the natural resource manager added.

"We aren't anti-mammal," said Kelley. "People have a right to own them and that is a great thing. It's when they are released accidentally and they establish breeding populations in the park that they become a problem."

And don't forget about those pesky termites, both the subterranean and arboreal types.

### Environmentally Key Species

"Termites pose a really special issue to the park because they facilitate decomposition of wood and cellulose matter and are really key environmentally speaking," said the natural resource manager. "They are native and extremely important, so we don't want to just wipe them out."

"We just want to humanely keep them from our structures," Kelley continued.

Although the workshop is not open to the public, officials from the Department of Planning and Natural Resources, the Department of Public Works and all VINP concessions are taking part.

"This is for everyone," Kelley said. "We are trustees of this land, but the land is owned by everyone in the Virgin Islands and America. We want the visitor to be safe, the resident to be safe and the resource to be protected in the most sensitive way possible."

For more information regarding the IPM workshop email Kelley at [thomas\\_kelley@nps.gov](mailto:thomas_kelley@nps.gov).

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After two weeks on St. Croix, two dozen youth from around the U.S. with the Over Land program – joined by a few young Virgin Islanders – returned to St. John for the second year in a row to perform public service projects for two days. As they did in 2007, 12 of the young people painted the Clarice Thomas Annex at the Julius E. Sprauve School in Cruz Bay, above.

## DOE's Summer Maintenance Work Proceeding On Schedule

By Barbara Winch  
St. John Tradewinds

"School's out for the summer," is the joyous cry heard by students all over St. John each June.

As students enjoy their summer vacation, Department of Education contractors are hard at work repairing, upgrading and doing general maintenance for the upcoming school year.

Joseph Sibilly, the deputy superintendent for the St. Thomas/St. John School District, is in charge of operations and facilities. His goal this summer is to get all the schools ready in time for next school year and so far they are right on schedule, he explained.

"Work started on June 16, as soon as the students were done," Sibilly said. "Everything is on schedule, and the work will definitely be done by the time school starts."

### Refurbishing JESS Bathrooms

Julius E. Sprauve School in Cruz Bay is receiving major renovations this summer, according to Sibilly.

All of the bathrooms, for both faculty and students, are being completely refurbished with new tiles, partitions and fixtures, he explained.

The main building at JESS will receive electrical upgrades, new hand railings on the second floor, and six new air conditioning units, according to the DOE deputy superintendent.

Along with these renovations,

general maintenance such as replacing worn ceiling tiles and painting is also planned, Sibilly added.

The JESS Annex will also be getting a lot of repair work and general upgrade. The roof, windows, and plumbing will all be repaired before the new school year, explained Sibilly.

Guy Benjamin School in Coral Bay will be receiving its share of work as well. Electrical upgrades and two new air conditioning units will be in place when September comes, according to Sibilly.

Several air conditioning units will be serviced and general maintenance will take place on the entire building, he added.

### GBS Getting New Sewage Treatment System

DOE officials are also trying to install a new sewage treatment plant system at GBS, Sibilly said.

Work on the system began last year and while the design is complete, officials are waiting for EPA approval to move forward with installation, Sibilly explained.

Bids for janitorial services, landscaping, pest control, and fire safety contracts are expected to be back by July 14 or 15, according to the deputy superintendent.

Once all the bids are reviewed, contractors will be chosen. Work is expected to begin around August 1 and be completed in time for school to start at the end of August, Sibilly added.

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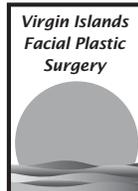
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**Part-time St. John Couple Sets  
World Record at North Pole**

By Susan Mann  
*St. John Tradewinds*

Lyndy Burdet and Heinz Fischer, avid sailors and scuba divers, first came to St. John more than 30 years ago.

Burdet and Fischer — now ages 76 and 79 respectively — knew they wanted to live in Love City at least part of the year in order to spend more time exploring the territory's waters. The couple then spent 11 years constructing their home in Coral Bay.

While that amount of activity would be enough to occupy the time of most people in their golden years, for Burdet and Fischer, it was just the tip of the iceberg!

On April 12, the two explorers broke a world record as the oldest couple to ski to the North Pole. They have since learned the expedition will qualify them for inclusion in the renowned Guinness Book of World Records in that category.

The couple's latest adventure began when they flew from the U.S. mainland to Oslo, Norway, then on to another Norwegian city. Next, they flew to Spitzbergen island, located off the coast of Norway.

**Russian Cargo Jet Ride**

Burdet and Fischer then boarded a Russian cargo jet to the seasonal ice camp Barneo, which is situated about one degree south of the North Pole. The two were finally lowered from a helicopter onto a sheet of ice.

The couple had set a goal to reach the North Pole within one day. The couple was able to successfully ski the 6.39 kilometers, or about four miles, to stand on the North Pole.

Even with careful planning and the best physical conditioning, many trekkers to the North Pole are not successful.

After six months of complete darkness, sunlight returns to the North Pole at the end of March. During the month of April, it is typically light 24-hours a day at the Pole.

This is because the sun circles around the top of the planet, and the North Pole region is literally at the very top of the world. Wind chill temperatures can drop to as low as minus 75 degrees Fahrenheit there.

**One Month Window**

It is only during the month of April each year, that the ice is



St. John Tradewinds News Photo Courtesy of Burdet and Fischer

The happy couple announces to the world where they are standing.

strong enough to land a cargo jet and build a camp. The ice starts to break apart the following month.

Dense fog, ice ridges up to 30 feet tall and open water can make it very difficult to locate a potential path through the ice.

The Australian guide who traveled with the couple on their record-breaking journey had to carry a loaded gun in the unlikely event they had an unpleasant encounter with a polar bear.

Fortunately for the small group, and especially the polar bears who call the area home, that did not happen.

**Unpredictable Weather**

The weather is known for being completely unpredictable throughout the region, and the weather immediately before and after the couple's trip stopped several individuals in their tracks, unable to travel further.

"It is important to realize that the North Pole is water surrounded by land, and therefore the Pole is always drifting," said Burdet.

Documenting this fact, the couple took a photo of their GPS upon arriving at the Pole which read exactly 90 degrees. To their delight, the couple saw that they were situated, for a few brief moments, on the North Pole.

"Within 10 minutes the Pole had moved and we had to find it again," said Burdet. "During our 21-hour stay at the Pole we had drifted about four kilometers from the original spot."

The week before they reached the North Pole, Burdet and Fischer

met two people who had already tried and failed.

**Lucky Drifting**

"They started about 25 kilometers from the Pole," she said. "After five days of vigorous skiing they were actually located 31 kilometers from the Pole. They never made it to the Pole because of the drift caused by the wind."

"That is where we were very lucky," she added.

Camp Barneo, at 89 degrees north, is built and run by the Russians each year which entails men and equipment being dropped onto the ice sheet from planes to build the landing runway.

"Without the Russians there would be no possibility for scientists and explorers to be there or to try to ski to the North Pole," said Fischer. "In the summer time the nuclear ice breaker Yamal is able to crush through the ice and sail to the Pole. Most people visit the Pole by this means."

"Very few people were able to ski to the Pole this year," said Burdet.

Burdet and Fischer are keeping mum about plans for the next few months, because not only is it bad luck to talk about their next endeavor, there is no way to know if they will accomplish their next goal, the two explained.

The best thing about reaching the top of the world was doing it together, according to Burdet.

"We love each other," she said. "It doesn't get any better than reaching the North Pole with your spouse."



# Del. Christensen Launches Campaign for Seventh House Term on St. John

By Tom Oat  
St. John Tradewinds

It could be a lucky coincidence, but V.I. Delegate to Congress Donna Christensen launched her campaign for her seventh term in Washington on the same U.S. Virgin Island where she launched her first campaign in 1996.

In an informal announcement ceremony at The Balcony restaurant on the shore of Cruz Bay on Monday morning, July 7, Del. Christensen reviewed the most recent accomplishments of her office and outlined future efforts in Washington, D.C., which would help each of the U.S. Virgin Islands and the territory as a whole.

"I won't give up until the St. John school is a reality," Del. Christensen said of her efforts to have the federal government provide land for a new island school on National Park Service land on Rte. 10 in Estate Catherineberg.

The delegate has sponsored legislation enabling a lease of the proposed site between the V.I. and U.S. governments while Gov. John deJongh has promoted a plan to swap V.I. government-owned land on St. Croix with the National Park Service for the Catherineberg property.

### Increased Role for Delegates

While touting the increased visibility for the U.S. Virgin Islands which comes with her seniority in the U.S. House of Representatives, including committee chairmanships and voting power in committee, Del. Christensen promised to build on efforts to give delegates a bigger role in the House of Repre-



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tom Oat

V.I. Delegate to Congress Donna Christensen, with husband Chris, on St. John — where she announced her first bid for the office in 1996.

sentatives.

"The V.I. is becoming a more important player," the delegate said. "I look forward, given the honor and privilege, to being part of an agenda of change."

In addition to moving legislation on children's health insurance to a vote in 2009, Christensen said her agenda includes supporting "economic policy that lifts the poor, comprehensive education reform and an end to the war in Iraq."

Del. Christensen said she would continue to focus on moving the

Puerto Rico status debate forward and moving the V.I. Constitution through Congress for a vote by the people of the Virgin Islands.

### Christensen Switches to Obama

Del. Christensen dealt with what remains one of her most sensitive re-election issues early on in her presentation when she spoke of her enthusiasm for the candidacy of Sen. Barack Obama after having stuck by her early pledge to support Sen. Hillary Clinton through the primaries.

The V.I. delegate took a lot of

criticism from V.I. Democrats for her continued support of Sen. Clinton after the territory voted heavily for Obama. Christensen said she kept her 2007 commitment to Clinton through the primaries "in large part because of all the support she (and President Clinton) has given the territory."

After meeting with Obama two weeks ago, Del. Christensen praised the Illinois Senator for bringing "a lot of energy and new people" to the Democratic Party.

"Long before we get to Denver,

**"The V.I. is becoming a more important player. I look forward, given the honor and privilege, to being part of an agenda of change."**

— Del. Donna Christensen

the Democrats will be in lock-step marching," Del. Christensen said.

### Federal Transportation Funds

As the rumble of ferry boats floated into the open-air restaurant, St. John Administrator Leona Smith asked Del. Christensen about federal assistance for inter-island ferry companies struggling with steadily increasing fuel prices.

The Delegate assured the top St. John official of the deJongh Administration that her office has already secured federal transportation funding for ferry service which should be coming through the V.I. government and that additional federal funding could be available.

Del. Christensen reported that her long-time St. John campaign chairman, Alvis Christian of Estate Hard Labor, was recuperating from a recent illness and would be returning to the territory to head her Love City campaign.

Although no official opponent for Christensen has surfaced, there are rumblings on St. Thomas that V.I. Senator Shawn Michael Malone may enter the race.

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# FASHION FORWARD

by vern tonge

## Summer Trends and New Bikini Looks

By Vern Tonge

St. John Tradewinds

The days getting hotter, the clothes getting thinner, and hem lines getting shorter are sure signs that summer is here and it's time to hit the beach!

On our pristine white sand beaches, you will find asymmetrical designs, geometric and African prints. Tankinis, itsy-bitsy bikinis, and cut-a-way swimsuits are just some of the trends for 2008, which totally redefine "beach chic," with bold, tropical colors.

There is also a revival of the more conservative retro 1940s and 50s styles including the one-piece suit, which is often more flattering than a bikini.

This summer's trends have something for every inclination. Most notable this season is the bandeau top, which is back in style and best worn with boy shorts or skippy bikini bottoms.

Classic white ensembles are being re-invented with the newest designer craze — eyelets, which are being injected with lots of colors this season.

However, the hottest piece of

swimwear this year is the cut-out or cut-away, according to Style-dash in online article, "Trend alert: Cut-out swimwear."

Sexier than a one-piece and less revealing than a bikini, the cut-away swimsuit is a great alternative, giving more coverage around the stomach area while providing a larger tanning area than a one-piece.

### Redefining Classic

Embellishments, such as fringes, appliqué, Swarovski crystals, beads and bows can be seen adorning swimsuit bottoms and tops this season, truly re-defining the "classic" suit.

One practical development in this season's swimwear trend is the inclusion of the reversible bikini, such as Vitamin A's Exotique shimmer print reversible halter bikini top.

The perfectly chic beach ensemble would not be complete without a statement-making accessory. Caftan dresses, sarongs, wide brimmed hats or fashionable panama hats, not forgetting stylish necklaces, beads and earrings are needed to create the "complete

look" this season.

### Underwear Becomes Outerwear

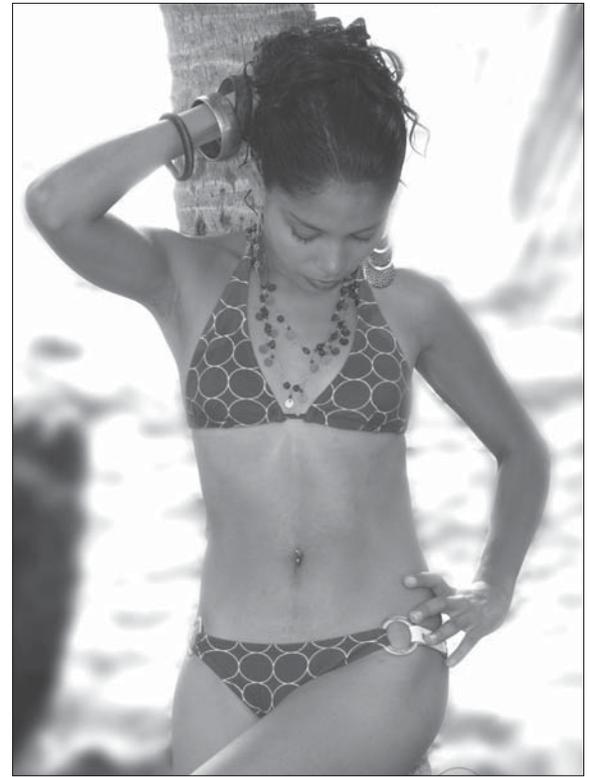
Lingerie inspired clothing is the "in" thing now. This was first introduced late in the eighties when Madonna wore her body-shaping bustier. Now, with the evolution of fashion and a shift away from the corsetry and structured tight-fitting forms, this season's trends flow, drape and fall in seductive styles.

### Nickolas Wilkerson Struts His Stuff

On June 21, 25-year-old Nickolas Wilkerson of STAR Models Management represented the Virgin Islands at the 2008 Renaissance Man Male Model Competition on Tortola.

Wilkerson took the 1st runner up position while also capturing the prizes for Mr. Photogenic, Mr. Congeniality and Best Swimwear from the line-up of delegates from five other Caribbean islands, including the BVI.

Virgin Islands Fashion Week and Signature by Terry Donovan will be hosting a model call on Saturday, July 19, at Tutu Park Mall from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Philbert Photos

Geometric prints and bold accessories are two of the latest trends.

Models will be selected for the BVI's Summer Sizzle and the 2nd annual Virgin Islands Fashion Week. For more information email [vifashionweek@yahoo.com](mailto:vifashionweek@yahoo.com) or call 340-998-1013.

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## Paws for a Moment

### Cockfighting: Training Ground for Violence

By Bonny Corbeil  
St. John Tradewinds

In 2004 when the Virgin Islands Legislature finally passed the anti-cruelty to animals bill after many years of unsuccessful attempts, the issue of including cockfighting was debated and discussed in great detail.

To include cockfighting would stop this bill from passing, many thought. The incidents of animal abuse were so great that in the territory animal shelters decided to focus on that.

Since that time, particularly in light of the Michael Vick dog-fighting issue, it has become apparent that both dog fighting and cockfighting are deeply related to creating and sustaining violent behavior in human beings.

One of the biggest arguments in allowing cockfighting to continue was that it was considered a part of the local culture. Slavery, sadly and regrettably, was also a part of the culture and we all know that was dead wrong and has resulted in suffering and issues that we still struggle with today.

At the base of it was a sick "power and control" of violent behavior over those weaker or less fortunate.

#### Long History of Cockfights

The first fighting roosters arrived in 1492 when Christopher Columbus landed on what became the Dominican Republic, according to historical publications.

The Greeks, Romans, and others were said to have held rooster fights. They continue to be popular today in Indonesia, Thailand, Mexico and Puerto Rico, especially in the countryside among the poor.

In the Dominican Republic some argue that cockfighting is a custom of national identity. This is usually among men who say it is "in the blood" for men as warriors and competitors.

When the issue of cockfighting was approached many people stated that there were much more pressing concerns than whether a rooster was being treated humanely!

In the Dominican Republic, 40 percent of the population lives below the poverty line. Quite often, Sundays consist of men playing baseball and attending cockfights — while the women go to church. The very young children will attend the cockfights.

#### A Cycle of Violence Is Maintained

Cockfighting becomes a training ground for violence in children.

In countries where there is a high poverty rate and a sense of hopelessness and anger at life's injustices, people look for ways to "feel powerful and in control" often to those smaller and less-powerful.

This is the basis of bullying behavior. Human beings have defense mechanisms for coping with life's adversities, in "fight or flight" patterns of behavior.

Unfortunately, the use of animals in "blood sports" seems to fill this psychological need for

some people.

It was once considered appropriate for men to beat their wives and children. We all know how this violence has seriously and negatively impacted our present day society.

People will rationalize any behavior, so that they can condone it's continuance. Culture and tradition are nearly always ways for people to hang on to unacceptable behavior.

#### Negative Impacts of Cockfighting

There are some good reasons to ban cockfighting or at least understand the detriment to our community in condoning it. The American Association of Veterinary's stand is that cockfighting is cruel.

Tens of thousands of people are involved in cockfighting in the United States, according to the Humane Society.

When birds are finished being forced to fight, they are held in each other's faces until they grow angry and fight again, which usually results in the death of one or both of the birds.

A typical cockfight can last anywhere from several minutes to more than half an hour.

The birds, even those who do not die, suffer in cockfights. The birds cannot escape regardless of how exhausted or injured they become.

Punctured lungs, broken bones and pierced eyes are some usual results. Such severe injuries occur because the birds' legs are usually fitted with razor-sharp steel blades or with gaffs, which resemble three-inch curved ice picks. These artificial spurs are designed to puncture and mutilate.

Law enforcement officials have discovered cockfights are a good place to find wanted criminals. Stabbings, shootings, rapes, drug dealing, and illegal gambling have all occurred at cockfights.

Unbelievably, children are still routinely taken to these events. Is it not evident at this point how these cockfights are training grounds for violent behavior in children?

The good news is that 47 states have now banned cockfighting. Thirty states did so in 1800. Unfortunately, however, cockfighting is still condoned and easily accepted here in the Virgin Islands.

Many of the young boys are involved with it at a young age. Roosters are "bagged" and a good amount of time is put into "creating" a fighting bird.

The Lt. Governor's wife, Cheryl Francis, is passionately promoting a wonderful "Stop The Bleeding" program to end violent behavior amongst the territory's youth.

We cannot possibly curb violent behavior yet continue with these "blood sports."

Cockfighting is, without a doubt, a training ground for bullying, street fighting and the violence we see escalating in our communities.

The question is will we open our vision on this subject for the good of our children, or continue to accept these "blood sports" as a training ground for violence?

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## Letters to St. John Tradewinds

### Visitor Thanks Sol at Royal Caribbean for Great Service

**Editor,**

I wanted to let you know about a wonderful experience I had buying a Movado watch for my girlfriend from Sol at the Royal Caribbean store in St. John USVI.

I had visited in late May with my girlfriend, and she had tried on the Movado Esperanza, and loved it. I was not ready to purchase it because we were on vacation and the trip was very expensive, so I had sticker shock.

However once we returned to Boston, Massachusetts, my girlfriend still had her mind set on that watch. In fact, that exact watch. I was able to get in touch with Sol, who was extremely patient with this admittedly fussy buyer.

Sol sent me pictures of the watch and carefully shipped the watch exactly as I would have done it

myself, if not better. My girlfriend was very pleased when she saw the watch was brand new, and therefore, I was pleased as well.

I did business with Sol because he is trustworthy, as how else can I agree to purchase an expensive watch overseas? On top of that, the price offered for the watch was far less than what I could get in the states.

You'd think I knew Sol before this vacation, but I never met him, or anyone with his company. However as someone who would have a hard time buying an expensive item I could not see for myself, I was able to put all my trust in Sol, and it worked out perfectly.

If I know anyone looking for a watch, I'm going to suggest to at least give Sol a chance. He deserves it.

**T. Waxman**  
Boston, Massachusetts



Josiah hand feeds an iguana on Whistling Cay.

### Tourist Enjoys Close Encounter with Iguanas

**Dear Mr. Servant,**

On Saturday, May 31, my family rented some kayaks from Maho Bay campground and then enjoyed kayaking out to Whistling Cay. We beached to the right (as you're looking at the cay from St. John) of the ruins and did some exploring.

My 14-year-old son, Josiah, quickly spotted an iguana. He had a bearded dragon as a pet and loves to interact with lizards of all kinds. Eventually we got hungry and decided to eat some lunch before snorkeling around the cay.

Within minutes of opening our cooler, we noticed four iguanas coming towards our kayaks. They were clearly interested in our food. This seemed to energize the other iguanas and they all began to pursue my son.

Josiah managed to hand feed one of the iguanas. It was then that my 10-year-old son, Caleb, thought

he'd like to feed the iguanas, too.

But he was not as familiar with their feeding behavior, did not wait for his brother or I to help him, and wound up getting bit by one of the animals. The bite was not severe, but did leave a mark.

Thank you for the use of your beautiful home while we were vacationing. It was perfect for our needs. The snorkeling off your beach was excellent — it was the only place we saw squid. What a neat creature they are!

We also enjoyed meeting and interacting with you. You were a very warm host and made us feel quite welcome. We have no idea where our next vacation will take us, but we have all said that St. John is a location we would love to return to.

**Warmly,**  
Karen Sytsma

## Letters to St. John Tradewinds

### Many Ways for Ferries To Cut Costs and Increase Revenue

**Editor,**

The recent demands from the St. Thomas –St. John Ferry Operators outrages my entrepreneurial spirit. It is a disgrace to know that these two companies are so near-sighted in their beliefs on how to run a business profitably that they believe the only way to be successful is to raise their rates and demand subsidies.

Basic understanding of business concepts will clearly point to a number of different options. Simply put, you can increase profitability two ways — increase revenue or decrease costs. This leads to a number of different ways of increasing revenue which, yes, does include raising per person rates in order to increase total revenue but may also include increasing ridership or even sources of revenue outside ridership such as bench seat advertising.

One other reason I can see that contributes to the ferry companies being unsuccessful is that there are two companies sharing the revenue. Eliminate one company and allow a single entity to operate as efficiently as possibly with all of the available revenue giving them the maximum advantage to succeed. The route is governed by the PSC so they will not be able to monopolize their status but will be able to increase their revenue.

The recent \$1.10 increase only helps to feed the two companies beliefs that they deserve to be bailed out by someone else instead of being independently responsible. Instead of offering to raise their rates and give them cash subsidies we should think about offering to pay for an external audit of these cash based companies that are claiming poor.

We could also pay for an external operations firm

to help them optimize their schedules and employee payroll in an effort to look long term at reducing costs. I apologize for the way this letter does not flow together smoothly but there are so many ways I can think of to help make the ferry run successful they just keep exploding onto paper.

- Increase Revenue –
  - Increase per person rates
  - New Revenue Streams – advertising within/on the boats
  - Control cash intake/loss by managing ticket collection more systematically
  - Eliminate one company to stop sharing the route
- Decrease Costs –
  - Reduce maintenance costs by investing in newer boats for long term success
  - Reduce daily fuel costs by investing in newer boats
  - Reduce daily fuel by running at optimum speeds not full throttle
  - Optimize employees needed to operate the daily schedules
  - Contract fuel rates beyond the current discount but not as low as WAPA

This knowledge will hopefully help the ferry companies think beyond handouts and rate increases to run their businesses. If they cannot think beyond handouts then I think it is time to let them fail and see a new business step forward with the entrepreneurial drive and sense to bring a reasonably priced and safely operated inter-island ferry to the people of the Virgin Islands.

**Josh Slayton**

### Obama Fundraiser Scheduled for July 26

**Editor,**

I have finally arranged for this great fundraiser for Barack Obama to take place on Saturday July 26 in Coral Bay across from the old Pickles location — near where 107 meets 10 — from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

All proceeds will be donated to the Barack Obama Campaign.

It will be a combination yard sale and bake sale, along with the opportunity to purchase Obama t-shirts (we have our very own “Virgin Islands for Obama” attire!) and other Obama items online thanks to Craig Barshinger who will be on-site that day with his laptop to help with purchases.

Much help is needed to make this the best possible fundraiser, and anyone wishing or willing to help is gratefully appreciated! Please call Dorie at 693-5706 for further information.

Items needed/requested: tables for set up; people to help on-site; lots of donations of food; and other yard sale items.

Anyone available to help with a truck to move a few large and somewhat heavy items from Dorie’s house (Andy Gordon’s “Dinosaur House”) in Calabash Boom, Coral Bay to the site early in the morning of the 26, please let me know!!

Please call Dorie if you can help out in any way at all. Leave a message with what you can help with, your name, and your phone number if you get the answering machine.

Thanks, and please do forward this to anyone on St John/St Thomas you think would be interested in getting involved.

**In Joy & Peace,  
Dorie**

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2nd Degree Burglaries: 13  
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3rd Degree Burglaries: 71  
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Solved: 1

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Under Investigation: 89  
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Rapes: 4  
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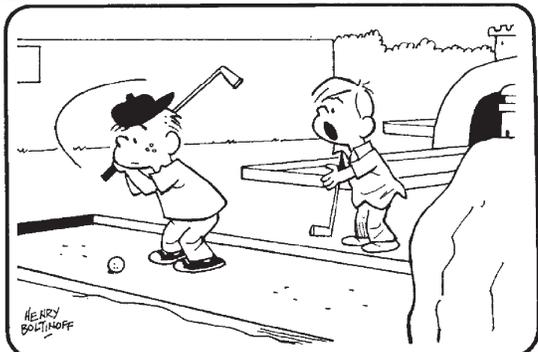
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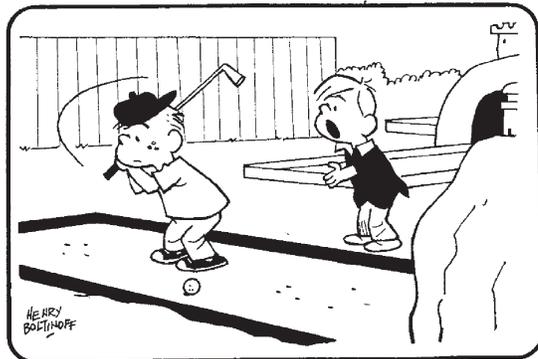
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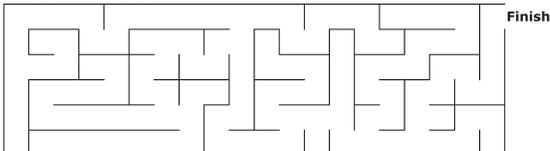


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## Kids' Maze



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# St. John Shark Week

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on lemon and black tip sharks which are the most prolific in Coral Bay and Fish Bay.

## Baby Shark Hatchery

The adult lemon and black tip sharks drop their pups — between eight and 10 each — in shallow water in the bays, explained DeAngelis.

“The adults come in to the shallows and drop their pups where there is a lot of food for them,” said DeAngelis. “The adults leave and the pups stay for an amount of time.”

After DeAngelis’ initial research, Skomal got involved with the project and the two expanded the scope of their work.

“Greg became interested in the work and then it grew into ‘how long do they stay,’” said DeAngelis. “We also looked at intra-species usage of the habitat.”

The two published a report of their work in the scientific journal Marine Ecology Progress Series in April and were able to receive additional grant funding to continue their research.

## Acoustic Telemetry

While on St. John last week, DeAngelis and Skomal installed acoustic telemetry systems in Fish Bay and Coral Bay. By placing receivers on the ocean floor which pick up sound waves and installing transmitters inside the abdominal cavities of baby sharks, the scientists will be able track the sharks’ movements.

“The transmitters pick up the signals from the baby sharks and store those signals,” said DeAngelis. “Then we can go back and upload the information. This lets us track how long the juvenile sharks stay in the bay, where they go and if they return.”

There are eight receivers on the sea floor in Coral Bay, 12 in Fish Bay and several more along the south shore of St. John, not all of which were installed by DeAngelis and Skomal. There are several agencies studying reef fish, juvenile sharks and conch in the waters off Love City, explained DeAngelis.

In order to install the transmitters, the scientists set a length of line with easy to set and remove hooks baited with squid and barracuda. Once a juvenile



Researchers tag a shark with identification.

black tip or lemon shark was hooked, the researchers surveyed its health and then either tagged the shark or installed the transmitter.

## Report Tagged Catches

While the scientists hope the species don’t get overfished, they urge anyone who catches a tagged shark — even if it’s slated for the dinner table — to contact them.

“We’re not anti-fishing people,” said Skomal. “It’s important to realize you can allow for a certain amount of harvest. You have to balance fishing mortality with natural mortality so you still have population growth.”

“We’re just trying to get information and results from our study,” said DeAngelis. “Anyone who catches one of these sharks won’t get into any kind of trouble. We just want to know.”

The juvenile shark study was a true community effort. Coral Bay Community Council members facilitated the juvenile shark research, Estate Concordia donated accommodations and the scientists also used private grant funds to cover the high cost of the acoustic telemetry systems.

Anyone who catches a tagged or transmitter-implanted black tip or lemon shark should contact DeAngelis at [bryan.deangelis@noaa.gov](mailto:bryan.deangelis@noaa.gov), or Skomal at [gstkomal@comcast.net](mailto:gstkomal@comcast.net).

# Donkeys Sent to St. Croix To Race

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island, the equine specialist — who owns three donkeys herself — explained.

## Second Generation Donkeys

This is the third time in recent years that St. John donkeys have been shipped to St. Croix.

“There are descendants on St. Croix today from a group that arrived here in 1993,” said Lakos.

Another shipment arrived on St. Croix in 2006 via Caneel Bay Resort, Lakos added.

“The males in that group were geldings, meaning they can not reproduce,” she said.

Lakos, who assists the Gentlemen of Jones committee, is also intimately involved in the adoption screening process for the St. John donkeys.

“Potential donkey owners who complete a lengthy application are

then very carefully screened,” said Lakos, who is personally adopting two of the eight new arrivals.

Among the requirements for adoption, the donkeys must remain available for the committee members and/or animal care specialists to inspect, at any time, following the adoption, she explained.

In addition to the three donkeys Lakos is adopting, one will join a community petting zoo, three are going to be guarding sheep and goats in place of guard dogs, and one has been adopted by a horse lover.

Lakos is glad to be able to help explain how the donkeys came to be transported from St. John to St. Croix, and provide details about the adoption process, she explained.

## Similar to Death Valley Cousins

In a follow up report to a 1998

research study, “The social organization of feral donkeys (*Equus asinus*) on a small Caribbean island (St. John, US Virgin Islands),” Rebecca Rudman of Colorado State University observed that St. John donkeys have formed 18 different grouping patterns or social units.

The study, which compared the grouping behaviors of three different U.S. groups of feral donkeys, found that the social organization of St. John donkeys is more similar to that of feral donkeys in Death Valley than to the stable harem bands seen in the donkeys on Ossabaw Island.

The St. John donkeys, as well as the other two donkey populations in the study, have adapted modern day, social groupings from their ancestral species and the true wild ass of northern Africa, according to the study.



All tables come with a view at Cafe Concordia, which overlooks Saltpond Bay.

## Mat Vacharat Takes Over Cafe Concordia

### St. John Tradewinds

Café Concordia is now featuring dinner entrees for the summer created by Mat Vacharat, former executive chef at some of the island's finest restaurants including Asolare, Paradiso, and Chateau Bordeaux.

The informal outdoor ambience of Café Concordia is a perfect setting for Chef Vacharat, along with his staff, to present culinary blends of local seafood, grilled steaks, and vegetarian entrees.

Café Concordia, one of the island's newest restaurants, is known for its expansive salad bar with a wide selection of organic greens and fresh vegetables.

Be sure to reserve a table for the two full moon dinners planned for Friday, July 18, and Saturday, August 16, featuring

elegant fine dining at "Moonlight Dinner with Mathayom."

Each of the full moon dinners will be a gourmet three-course feast offered at a fixed price. These special two nights will give diners the opportunity to enjoy the quiet moonlit skies of Coral Bay while savoring the unique culinary creations of some of the finest chefs on island.

Café Concordia, located on the southeast coast of Coral Bay near Salt Pond, serves dinner Thursday through Saturday from 5:30 to 8 p.m..

The final night for this season will be the Moonlight Dinner with Mathayom on Saturday, August 16, after which the cafe will close for two months and re-open mid-October. For more information call 693-5855 or email [concordia@maho.org](mailto:concordia@maho.org).

## Birth Announcement: Paul Dodge Biddle



St. John Tradewinds News Photo Courtesy of Biddle Family

Ben and Downing Biddle announce the birth of Paul Dodge Biddle, who was born July 1 weighing eight pounds and 14 ounces.

## Young Writers Camp Offered at JESS

### St. John Tradewinds

Virgin Island Summer Creative Writing Program is excited to be presenting a Young Writers Camp at the Julius E. Sprauve School.

VISCWP was founded by Coreen Samuel, a native St. Johnian, who teaches literacy abroad. Her mission is to provide cultural literacy to multiple levels of the community and to awaken the writer in every young student.

The camp introduces students to the world of writers and asks them to live the life of a writer. The camp's staff consists of Youme Landowne, a published writer, Tiphonie Yanique, curriculum direc-

tor, and Dr. Gilbert Sprauve, humanities advisor.

The staff will work with students and the community at large in promoting cultural literacy. Students in the camp will have fun while engaging in art, music, drama, storytelling, poetry, ecology and history.

The JESS Young Writers Camp, which meets on Thursdays from noon to 3 p.m, is open to students in kindergarten through sixth grade and will run through July 25.

For more information, or to register, call Samuel at 776-6706 or email: [viscwpyoungwriters@yahoo.com](mailto:viscwpyoungwriters@yahoo.com).

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## Ferry Schedules

**CRUZ BAY TO RED HOOK**  
Every hour on the hour from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
an then 8 p.m., 10 p.m. and 11 p.m.

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## Community Calendar

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

#### 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.

#### Tuesday, July 15, July 22, July 29

The St. John Community Crisis Center's "Sister Circle" meets at the SJCCC office, located above St. John Ice Company in the Lumberyard, on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 7 p.m.

#### 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 18

For anyone interested in assisting with victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or other crimes, free victim's advocacy training will be conducted on July 18 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the St. John Community Crisis Center.

Michelle Joshua-Thompson from the St. Thomas Family Resource Center will be the main presenter. This training is vital to helping victims in our community.

#### Friday, July 18

V.I. Police Department officials are hosting a town meeting on Friday, June 18, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the St. Ursula's Multipurpose Center. The purpose of the meeting is to give information to residents who want to be involved in Neighborhood Watch groups and apply for a police auxiliary program.

#### Saturday, July 19

The American Red Cross is offering a First Aid and CPR course on St. Thomas on July 19. For more info call 774-0375. For more information call 643-7728.

#### 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.

#### Through July 25

The JESS Young Writers Camp, which meets on Thursdays from noon to 3 p.m., is open to students in kindergarten through sixth grade and will run through July 25.

For more information, or to register, call Samuel at 776-6706 or email [viscwpyoungwriters@yahoo.com](mailto:viscwpyoungwriters@yahoo.com).

#### AA Meetings

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

#### Al-Anon Meetings

Al-Anon meets on St. John every Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the picnic table at the VINP ball field, and every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church.

## Horoscope by Natasha Stars

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Your zeal for challenges usually works well for you. But this week it's best to avoid jumping into new situations without more information. Vital news emerges by the 25th.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Once again, the Bovine's patience pays off as that pesky problem works itself out without taking too much of your valuable time. A new task opens interesting possibilities.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Those suggestions you want to share need to be set aside for a while so you can focus on the job at hand. There'll be time later to put your ideas into a workable format.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Be sure about your sources before you use the information in any decision you reach about your new project. Some of the data might be out of date or misinterpreted.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) A sudden challenge might rattle you at first. But pump up that strong Lion's heart with a full measure of courage and face it with the continuing support of family and friends.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Watch your expenses this week so you can have a financial cushion to fall back on should things tighten up later this month. Money matters ease by the 31st.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Uncertainty over workplace policy creates anxiety and

confusion among your colleagues. Don't be surprised if you're asked, once again, to help work things out.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) The workweek keeps you busy tying up loose ends and checking data that needs to be verified. The weekend offers a chance to relax and restore your spent energies.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) This is not the best time to go to extremes to prove a point. Better to set a sensible goal now and move forward. There'll be time later to take the bolder course.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) A step-by-step progression is the better way to move ahead. Taking shortcuts could be risky at this time. Important news arrives on the 31st.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Avoid getting drawn into workplace disputes that should be handled by those directly involved. Instead, spend your energy developing those new ideas.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) You still need to be prudent about money matters. But things start to ease by the end of the week. A weekend encounter with an old friend brings welcome news.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You handle challenging situations with boldness when necessary and caution when called for.

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## St. John Police Report

#### Sunday, July 6

4:40 p.m. - A citizen c/r an individual smoking a possible illegal substance in a vehicle in the area of Pastory Gardens. Police assistance.

5:01 p.m. - Ofc. p/ at Jurgen Command r/ finding marijuana plants. Police assistance.

No time given: An Estate Upper Carrot Bay resident p/r several males have been harassing him.

#### Monday, July 7

11:30 a.m. - An Estate Carolina resident p/r that he was assaulted by a male. Simple assault.

#### Tuesday, July 8

11:15 a.m. - A visitor from Florida p/r that someone unknown collided with his rental vehicle. Auto accident.

12:20 p.m. - An Estate Adrian resident p/r that someone stole her bag with her purse. Stolen bag.

1:30 p.m. - St. John Rescue c/r that there is an unknown male down in the area of the communication tower on Gift Hill.

6:15 p.m. - A resident p/r that someone took parts off his vessel. Grand larceny.

9:19 p.m. - A resident p/r a young female verbally abused her. Disturbance of the peace.

10:48 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident r/ someone removed her purse from her vehicle. Grand larceny.

#### Wednesday, July 9

7:20 a.m. - Fire officials c/r an accident with possible injuries in the area of Centerline Road by Estate Adrian. Auto accident.

10:00 a.m. - An Estate Eden resident p/r that she paid for items she has yet to receive. Police assistance.

10:30 a.m. - Coral Bay resident p/r that female attacked her. Simple assault.

4:00 p.m. - An Estate Bever-

houstberg resident p/r that he needs police assistance to retrieve a V.I. Taxi Association voucher from a male in Chocolate Hole. Police assistance.

9:20 p.m. - An Estate Grunwald resident r/ his son is creating a disturbance at his home. Police assistance.

#### Thursday, July 10

7:15 a.m. - The owner of Donkey Diner c/r that he was burglarized. Burglary in the third.

10:00 a.m. - An Estate Grunwald resident p/r that his stepfather is harassing him. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

11:10 a.m. - The owner of the Fish Trap c/r a burglary at said business. Burglary in the third.

11:40 a.m. - A visitor from Vermont p/r that he lost his wallet. Lost wallet.

7:40 p.m. - A resident p/r that a woman removed a crown from her daughter's head. Police assistance.

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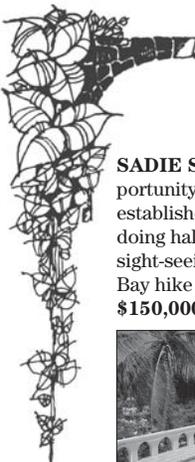
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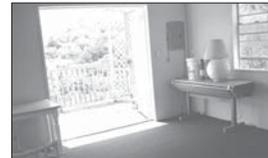


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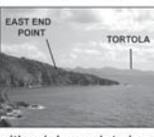


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Direct water view, corner parcel ..... \$399,900  
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**ESTATE CHOCOLATE HOLE** - Pebble Way location, 0.65ac, water views ..... \$359k  
**SEAGRAPH HILL/EMMAUS** - Coral Hbr & Moravian Church views, 0.34ac ..... \$185k  
Great Buy! 0.35ac. w/waterview, paved road ..... \$186k  
Coral Bay views, downhill site ..... \$280k

**ESTATE CAROLINA** - Lower Bordeaux, beautiful BVI views, paved rd ..... \$199k  
Ironwood Rd, great Coral Bay views, house plans ..... \$360k  
Upper Carolina, great views! 0.506 acre ..... \$379k  
Spectacular views, high on Bordeaux ..... \$599k

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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



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

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

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

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

**"GREAT EXPECTATIONS"** (7x71/2) 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 bdrm 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, water views, 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**  
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, undergrnd. utilities, stone wall & planters, common beach. Just 8 minutes from Coral Bay. 12 parcels priced from **\$450,000.**

**"UPPER MONTEBAY 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.**

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

## 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! \$585,000.**

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