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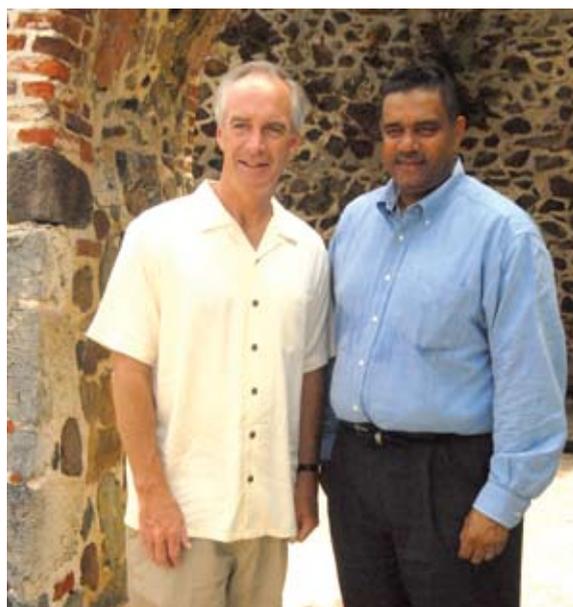
Several baby iguanas have been seen on St. John in the last few weeks. The one in this picture was found in Upper Carolina and is about a foot long. It probably hatched out of its egg a week or two ago.



Secretary of Interior Tours St. John

U.S. Secretary of Interior Dirk Kempthorne concluded his first visit to the U.S. Virgin Islands with a tour of the V.I. National Park on St. John with National Park Service and Territorial officials, above. Secretary Kempthorne toured the proposed Catherineberg school site with Gov. John deJongh, right.

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V.I. Election Season Heats Up

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

As the summer winds down, election season is just heating up in the Virgin Islands.

Three residents have thrown their hats into the Senator at Large ring as well as incumbent Senator Carmen Wesselhoft of the Independent Citizens Movement party, who is finishing her first term in the V.I. Legislature.

In addition to Wesselhoft, Democrats Harry Daniel, Lorelei Monsanto and former Senator at Large Craig Barshinger are all vying for the chance to represent St. John in the 28th Legislature of the Virgin Islands.

While the Senator at Large position can only be filled by a St. John resident, voters on all three islands can cast their ballots for the position.

Daniel hosted a community gathering to announce his candidacy in Franklin Powell Park on Monday evening, August 18.

Understanding the People

The former Department of Education official felt compelled to join the race for Senator at Large because St. John needs change, he explained.

"St. John needs a senator who the people will understand," said Daniel. "St. John needs a senator who knows the concerns on St. John. We need someone who will work for the people."

Daniel would bring integrity to the office, he added.

"St. John needs a senator who won't hide and say, 'I can't do anything,'" said Daniel. "We need someone who is sincere. That's why I'm in the race."

If elected, Daniel will take a look at relieving high Water And Power Authority bills as his first order of business, he explained.

"There is so much on St. John that needs to be looked at," Daniel said. "We all know the problems with WAPA, but what we need is action."

It's time for St. John to join the burgeoning international green movement, according to Senator at Large hopeful Monsanto.

Going Green

"We need to be looking at how to make our whole economy a green economy," Monsanto said. "We need to learn to go green."

If elected, Monsanto will focus on education and energy issues, she explained.

"I've always been a community activist working hard to get changes done on St. John," said Monsanto. "We need change in the direction we're going in reference to energy. We also need changes in our education system, the goals we're setting for our children and the curriculum."

"I want to bring the Virgin Islands together," Monsanto continued. "Even though we're separated by water, we need to come together."

Dedicated to a Proactive Democracy

Former Senator at Large Barshinger, who served one term in the position and is also a delegate of the Fifth Constitutional Convention, decided to join the race again this year in order to give the people of St. John a voice, he explained.

"I have a deep commitment to our continued move to a more proactive democracy and a government which meets people's needs and makes

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— Harry Daniel,
senator-at-large candidate

them feel well cared for rather than frustrated," said Barshinger. "I'm returning to continue that and, in fact, to pick up lost momentum."

"Sirenusa was a disaster that never would have happened if the people's voices were being properly registered," Barshinger continued.

During his time in office, Barshinger developed a five-point plan to address Cruz Bay congestion woes, which is just one of the initiatives which have been derailed, he explained.

Rebuilding Lost Momentum

"There are outstanding things that lost momentum which I haven't given up on and which I will never give up on like solving the parking problems and funding the planner position," said Barshinger. "I got a \$75,000 appropriation for a planner two and a half years ago, which they haven't hired. We're going to get that planner, but it hasn't happened yet."

"I still have the five point plan, but we're stalled on that because our \$4 million for a parking garage was raided and our senator at large allowed that," Barshinger continued. "Our senator at large didn't stand up for St. John. She hasn't taken any initiative to solve these long-standing problems."

Barshinger, whose Mamey Peak home is powered by solar energy, has the expertise to solve the island's energy problems, he added.

First Hand Solar Experience

"The entire economy and standard of living is being threatened by the cost of energy, both gasoline and electricity," Barshinger said. "This is the kind of problem that I know how to solve with my technical, scientific and business background."

"Myself, I live in a solar house," he continued. "When people talk about alternative energy, I can distinguish between real solutions which are economically viable and unworkable solutions. I can save us from adopting a solution that will take us down a dead-end road."

If elected, Barshinger would focus on issues which affect people's lives, he explained.

"We know that we have it pretty good in the Virgin Islands, but the cost of energy is no joke," Barshinger said. "It threatens to really reduce our forward march and our increasing standard of living. I am uniquely positioned to help with that."

Completing Initiatives

Wesselhoft would like to have the chance to see some of her many initiatives through to completion, explained the senator.

"First and foremost I'm seeking re-election because I have over 100 pieces of legislation in there that I'd like to see passed through the sen-

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CBCC Hosting Pre-primary Candidates Forum August 27 at Westin Resort

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A pre-Primary Candidates Forum will be hosted on Wednesday, August 27, at 6:30 at the Westin Resort and Villas. All senatorial and delegate candidates are invited to participate, whether or not they are in a primary race.

This will be an early opportunity for the public to find out about the candidates and their positions on issues of local concern. The public is encouraged to attend and ask questions from the floor. The sponsor of this forum is the nonpartisan Coral Bay Community Council. For more information, please call 776-2099 or email coralbaycommunitycouncil@hotmail.com.

Labor Day Festivities Scheduled for September 1 in Coral Bay

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The St. John Festival and Cultural Organization will host the annual Labor Day festivities on Monday, September 1, at the Coral Bay ball field.

There will be lots of games for kids with prizes, and arts and crafts and food vendors will have items for sale.

The parade will start at 11:00 a.m. at Love City Mini Mart. Live music will be provided from 12:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to bring their families and have a great day.

All vendors, musicians and parade entries who are interested in participating in the Labor Day activities should contact Jane Johannes at 776-6450.

Over the Limit, Under Arrest: Labor Day Crackdown on Drunk Driving

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The Virgin Islands Police Department and VI Office of Highway Safety will be joining with thousands of other law enforcement and highway safety agencies across the nation from August 15 throughout the Labor Day holiday to take part in the "Drunk Driving, Over the Limit, Under Arrest," crackdown on impaired driving.

The National Drunk Driving, Over the Limit, Under Arrest impaired driving crackdown is a prevention program organized by the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that focuses on combining high-visibility enforcement with heightened public awareness through advertising and publicity.

Law enforcement officers will be out in full force conducting sobriety checkpoints, saturation patrols and using undercover officers to get more drunk drivers off the road and save lives.

Love City Pan Dragons Youth Steel Orchestra Accepting Applications

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Looking for something new and exciting for your child? The Love City Pan Dragons Youth Steel Orchestra is now accepting applications for new members. Children between the ages of seven and 17 are welcome to join, with no experience necessary.

Registration is from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, September 5, at the Pan Dragons panyard by the Parks and Recreation Youth Center, across from the Cruz Bay fire station. A \$10 registration fee covers insurance.

Registration forms can be picked up at Courtesy Car Rental, located next door to the police station. Rehearsals are scheduled for Friday and Saturday afternoons.

Hollar Not Convinced To Merge Cockayne Murder Cases

Ward To Be Tried Separate from Boston and Thomas for Cockayne Murder

By Susan Mann
St. John Tradewinds

Tuesday, August 19, was the first day Kamal “Sixpack” Thomas, Anselmo Boston and Jahlil Ward formally appeared before V.I. Superior Court Judge Brenda Hollar for a pre-trial hearing and it was possibly the last day Ward will be in her courtroom.

That depends on whether Judge Hollar rules to consolidate the homicide trials, as requested by the prosecution, but opposed by the all three defendants’ lawyers.

The three men are charged with murdering 21-year-old James “Jamie” Cockayne during the early morning hours of June 19, 2007, in Cruz Bay. At the time of the murder, Cockayne, a Pennsylvania resident, had been on St. John for about month awaiting paperwork for employment in the British Virgin Islands, where he was to be a sailing instructor in Virgin Gorda.

V.I. Police Department officials arrested 18-year-old Thomas and 31-year-old Boston in August 2007, after Cockayne’s parents appeared on several national television news shows lambasting the department’s inaction.

**First-degree Murder,
First-degree Assault**

Ward, 20, was arrested more than a year after the murder on

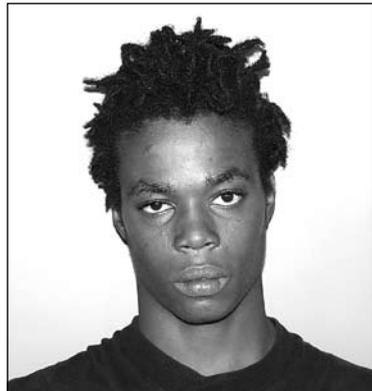


Anselmo Boston

June 27, 2008, when he returned to the territory from the mainland. All three face first-degree murder, first-degree assault and weapons charges.

Hollar will be the presiding judge over the trial of Thomas and Boston, which is already joined and begins Monday, October 6. V.I. Superior Court Judge Michael Dunston is currently the judge of record in Ward’s trial, which is scheduled to begin Monday, October 27.

Assistant Attorney General Renee Gumbs-Carty, who is prosecuting the case, began her nearly two hour pre-trial motions before Hollar with a motion to consolidate the two separate trials of the three men suspected in the June 2007 murder.



Kamal Thomas

**Three Eyewitnesses
Place Ward at Scene**

The prosecution has three eyewitnesses who place the three suspects together at both the Front Yard Bar — where they got into a fight with Cockayne — and in the area in front of Fashion Palace, where Cockayne was stabbed to death, according to Gumbs-Carty.

“I believe consolidating the cases would be the most judicial and economic thing for the court to do,” said Gumbs-Carty. “I now have tangible evidence that there are three suspects involved.”

In spite of a lengthy “side-bar” conference requested by the prosecutor about twenty minutes into the hearing which allowed the five lawyers to speak privately with Hollar, the judge was not con-



Jahlil Ward

vinced by Gumbs-Carty’s argument to merge the murder cases.

**No Mention of Third
Suspect in Affidavits**

One of Hollar’s main points throughout the hearing was that neither of the two original affidavits leading to the arrests of Boston and Thomas mentioned the possibility of a third murder suspect.

Ward was not included in the original affidavits because when the documents were filed, the only information implicating the third suspect was rumors, explained Gumbs-Carty.

But Hollar still wasn’t convinced. Gumbs-Carty could have easily added, “a third person, yet unknown” or “John Doe” in the affidavits, according to the judge.

Hollar “read the two affidavits

several times” and did not agree that the prosecutor had presented a satisfactory argument that all three defendants had “aided and abetted” one another in committing murder, the judge explained.

The affidavit only implicated Boston and Thomas, according to Hollar.

**Ward Admitted Killing,
Says Prosecutor**

“Mr. Ward even places himself at the Front Yard Bar on the night of the murder,” said Gumbs-Carty. “Kamal Thomas says he, Boston and ‘another guy’ all chased the deceased up the street to the Fashion Palace.”

The prosecutor can now produce a witness who has stated that Ward knocked on the door to his residence, told him he needed a ride and that he “had killed the white guy,” Gumbs-Carty said.

Boston had informed investigators that Ward had taken a pool stick away from him that he had been using to hit Cockayne which clearly places him at the bar with the other two defendants, explained Gumbs-Carty.

Witness Tried to Alert Police

Another witness now says he told all three suspects not to follow Cockayne when he left the bar, according to the prosecutor.

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Abandoned Illegal Boat Found in Brown Bay



By Jaime Elliott
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Hikers alerted V.I. National Park officials of an abandoned vessel on the beach in Brown Bay last week.

VINP officials found the 28-foot boat with twin 200-hp engines around 9:30 a.m. on August 18, but think the boat was abandoned on August 17 by human traffickers, according to VINP enforcement ranger David Horner.

“It’s the first boat we’ve found,” Horner said. “Usually they leave their human cargo behind and run.”

Rangers also found discarded clothing and money from the Netherlands Antilles aboard the vessel.

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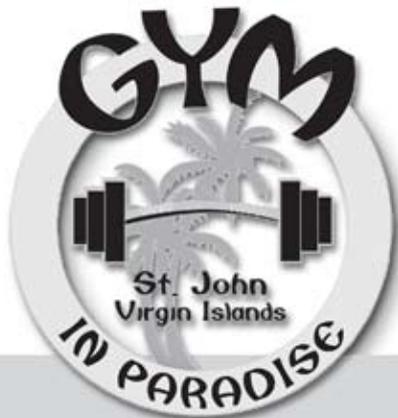
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Summer Maintenance Work on Schedule for Opening of Schools

By Barbara Winch
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While St. John students were enjoying their summer break, the Department of Education contractors worked hard to get all the repairs, upgrades, and general maintenance complete in time for the opening of school on Monday, August 25.

Although the contractors were moving slower than expected, the schools will be ready, even if more workers need to be hired at the last minute, explained DOE St. Thomas/St. John Deputy Superintendent Joseph Sibilly, who is in charge of operations and facilities.

The bathrooms at Julius E. Sprauve School are receiving a complete renovation and looking really good, according to Sibilly.

Some unexpected problems with the pipes were discovered when they opened up the walls, explained the DOE deputy superintendent.

"We are using this opportunity to completely upgrade the bathrooms," Sibilly said.

The main building at JESS is also undergoing elec-

trical upgrades along with the bathroom work, the deputy superintendent added.

"The electrical work is coming along really fine," he said.

The JESS Annex was pressure washed and 80 percent of the plumbing repairs are complete, according to Sibilly.

Electrical upgrades and repairs at Guy Benjamin School were completed, explained the deputy superintendent.

"We found some problems and had to change a couple of the main breakers," he said.

As of press time, there was no word from the Environmental Protection Agency regarding the planned new sewage treatment system at GBS, Sibilly added.

"A percolation test, which the EPA requires, was performed by HTA Caribbean," said Sibilly.

Once EPA officials approve the design, which was also created by HTA Caribbean, the contract will be put out for bid, Sibilly explained.

The schools will be all ready to go when students return and school begins on August 25.

Wha's Happ'nin'

by Sis Frank

Sherman Browne Moves Forward

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Raised in the Virgin Islands and now living in the Bronx, he will run for the New York State Assembly for the 83rd District this fall.

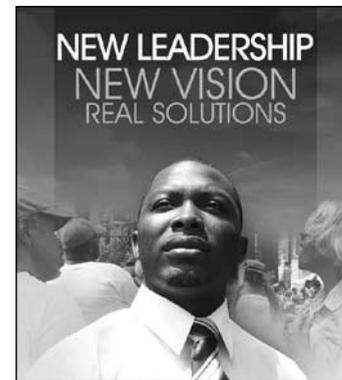
Ronnie's Pizzaman can tell you that he cried when Sherman left for New York, and I can say that he was the best break-dancer I have ever seen! He excels in whatever he tackles.

He is very involved in politics and furthering the education of Bronx youth. He received his B.A. in Business Administration from Monroe College and now is pursuing a master's degree in Public Administration at NYU Graduate School for public service.

He feels that the people of the North East Bronx are underserved, and deserve more — "a new vision and a new voice now!"

If you wish to help with his campaign, please send donations to 666 Mace Avenue, Bronx, New York, 10467.

He is a graduate of Sprauve School and Eudora Kean High School. Let's all support Sher-



Sherman Browne

man, he may be Governor of New York state one day, or maybe, the Virgin Islands!

Althea Ellis Has Left Us

Althea was a devoted housekeeper for Holiday Homes for over 40 years. She and Bernadine Hendrickson made our home rental business (the first on St. John) a great success.

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She cared for her children and when one daughter died, her young children were taken in

and brought up by Althea.

Her health declined in later years and, eventually, the family took her to Texas where she passed away last week.

We will all miss her very much and send our sincere sympathy to her family and friends.

St. Ursula's Lovely Garden

I said a few months ago that the Schnell building and churchyard save that street from being solid trucks and cars speeding past — at least you can enjoy the flowers and the beautifully-designed office building — I have nothing to say about the roundabout. I pray that the children will be safe.

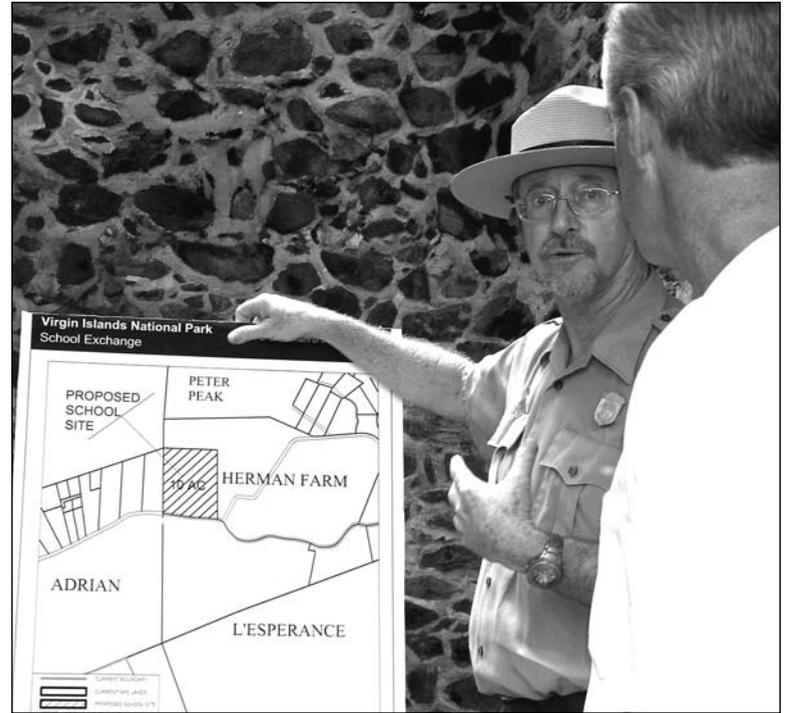
You Too Can Make Life Easier for "Wild" Cats

We have a "save the cats" system at my house! Susie O'Leary, my super housekeeper, brings a cage, catches mother, father and babies — Connie at the ACC tames them and arranges for the much-needed neutering operations. Susie brings them back home and I feed them. Lucky babies are adopted and the adults have no more parental responsibilities!



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Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne answers questions as (L to R above) Delegate to Congress Donna Christensen, Governor John deJongh, John Garrison of the Trust for Public Land, and VINP Superintendent Mark Hardgrove stand by. Ranger Rafe Boulon shows Kempthorne details of the proposed site of the new school on St. John, at right.



Secretary of Interior Tours St. John, Announces School Grants, R/O

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Officials are moving forward with plans to build a new school in Estate Catherineberg and construct a reverse osmosis plant in Coral Bay, Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne announced during a press conference on Friday, August 22, at the V.I. National Park Visitor's Center.

After years of discussion about moving the Julius E. Sprauve School out of Cruz Bay, federal and local officials have devised a plan which calls for swapping land in St. Croix — the site of Alexander Hamilton's island home called Estate Grange — for about 10 acres in Estate Catherineberg.

Trust for Public Land officials, headed by former Friends of the VINP executive director John Garrison, are working

to purchase the 115-acre parcel in St. Croix for about \$4 million.

TPL will then convey the land to the VINP in exchange for the Estate Catherineberg land, located along Centerline Road before the John Head turnoff, explained Garrison.

National Park Service officials, several members of Congress and local VINP officials are committed to collaborating to ensure the project's success, Kempthorne explained.

Friends in Washington, D.C.

"There is a need for a new school and it's time to do this for the children here on St. John," said the Secretary of the Interior. "We are all committed to working together. The USVI has many friends in Congress who have signed on to this plan."

The NPS appropriated \$200,000 for a suitability study of

the Estate Grange property and a resource assessment of the Estate Catherineberg property, Kempthorne explained.

"This is a top priority for us," said Kempthorne. "We will do it and we will do it sensitively. We know the people of St. John have their concerns."

A group of officials, who Kempthorne did not name, will conduct the study and report back to the NPS within 45 days, according to the Secretary of the Interior.

Investing in the island's number one resource — the children — is essential, according to Governor John deJongh.

Plan Links St. Croix and St. John

"The highest priority on our list is building a new state-of-the-art school on the island of St. John," said deJongh. "Using resources on St. Croix and meeting needs on St.

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Hadiya Sewer during graduation this year.

Hadiya Sewer Named Dean's Scholar, Awarded Full Tuition at Spelman

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Hadiya Sewer, a member of the St. John Youth Committee and recent graduate of the Giffit Hill School, was recently awarded a full four-year scholarship from Spelman College as part of the Dean's Scholar program.

"I am very excited," said Sewer. "This is a dream come true. I've always wanted to attend Spelman. It's the number one historically black college and university in the country according to U.S. News."

"It's a liberal arts college for women," Sewer continued. "They're dedicated to the social, spiritual, academic and ethical development of their students. I'm ecstatic really."

St. John Youth Committee member Bonny Corbeil has had the privilege of watching Sewer in action and was excited to share in her good news, she explained.

"My personal prediction is that we need to all pay attention to this young lady," said Corbeil. "She will return to St. John and I believe bring positive change for our youth here if little happens in the next four years."

Sewer started classes on August 16 and is sure to be making a difference on campus already. Congratulations Hadiya!

St. John Goes Green: Recycling Committee Collecting Aluminum Cans

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

As the environmentally conscious green movement continues to gain momentum across the globe, recycling has finally reached the shores of Love City.

While there has been a glass crusher on island for years, additional machinery and training is needed before glass recycling becomes a reality, according to St. John Recycling Committee members.

In the meantime, the recently-revived group launched aluminum can recycling with the first collection bin located next to the main dumpsters in Coral Bay across from Love City Mini Mart.

Volunteers collect the cans regularly and take them to St. Thomas where they are purchased by Sanitary Trashremoval Services (STS) for between 20-cents and 25-cents per pound, explained Recycling Committee member Sue De Bonis.

Aluminum can recycling on island is just getting off the ground and Recycling Committee members are hoping the effort expands as more people jump on board, explained member Barbara Douma.

"This is starting as a grass-roots movement," said Douma. "Which is to say that we are doing this all ourselves. It will grow as more people volunteer."

Recycling Committee members are hoping to have additional collection sites at dumpsters across the island, Douma added.

"We're looking for people to adopt a dumpster/recycling bin and volunteer to become part of a phone tree to transport the cans to St. Thomas," Douma said. "We're also looking for donations of cash, 55-gallon drums or other collection bins and clear plastic bags."

Refunds paid by STS for the cans will cover the cost of transporting them to St. Thomas and the Recycling Committee will use any additional money to purchase containers and bag liners, De Bonis explained.

While residents and visitors are already supporting aluminum recycling, more can be done, De Bonis added.

"We're really urging people to keep their cans clean — cigarette butts are tough to remove — and crush



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

St. John Recycling Committee members set up the first aluminum can recycling site in Coral Bay near the dumpsters across from Love City Mini Mart, above.

them so we can fit more in a bag," she said. "This is really just the beginning. We'd eventually like to get cans at all the dumpsters around the island."

"The recycling effort on St. John will develop further as people get into the mode of recycling, but we've started," De Bonis said. "We've begun and it's fun."

Help keep Love City green by dropping clean crushed aluminum cans in the collection bin in Coral Bay. To adopt a dumpster or join the St. John Recycling Committee, call DeBonis at 714-0426.

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Tax Assessor's Office Sends Out '06 Property Tax Bills Despite Injunction

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

The V.I. Government thumbed its nose at District Court Judge Curtis Gomez last week by issuing 2006 tax bills reflecting reassessed property values despite a federal court-ordered injunction which has been in place since 2003.

The Division of Property Tax, a division of the Lieutenant Governor's Office, issued a press release on Wednesday, August 20, announcing residents could expect to receive 2006 bills as early as Friday, August 22. As of press time, however, no tax bills had been received by St. John residents.

The move came despite a 2003 court-ordered injunction freezing property taxes at 1998 levels because the government's system of collection was ruled unconstitutional.

Per District Court Judge Thomas Moore's order to conduct territory-wide property revaluations, the V.I. government contracted BearingPoint to reassess all residential and commercial properties. Moore also appointed a special master to oversee the property revaluations, who signed off the process earlier this year.

Many residents on St. John, however, found glaring inconsistencies with the newly assessed

values.

A group of Love City residents retained Attorney James Derr and filed a lawsuit in April against the V.I. government alleging their property values were unfairly assessed. That case is currently pending before Gomez.

Move Questions Court's Authority

The government's move last week shocked Derr.

"We're all surprised that they would go ahead and do this," said Derr. "From my point of view, I think this is between the V.I. government and the judge."

"This calls into question the authority of the court and whether the government will recognize the court's authority or just thumb their noses at the judge and do what they want," Derr said. "From our perspective, we're just surprised that the government would go ahead and do something like this."

The government's action amounts to simple disregard for the letter of the law, according to Myrtle Barry, chairwoman of the V.I. Unity Day Group's tax committee.

"I think for the government to send a property tax bill for 2006 without acknowledging the injunction is a total disregard for the law," said Barry.

The group plans to address the issue, but is holding off until they

actually see a copy of a 2006 bill, Barry explained.

"We have every intent of addressing this but we need to first get a copy of a property tax bill to examine the evidence before we proceed because they have not been consistent," Barry said.

The most important thing is for residents to not panic, Barry added.

Unity Day Members Urge Calm

"People have to remain calm," she said. "When you panic, you can't think straight and this is a very serious issue. It's important that we make educated decisions and the key is to verify the information's accuracies and inaccuracies."

In light of many mistakes issued by the Tax Assessor's Office in the past, the office should make more of an effort to share information with the public, explained Barry.

"In the past, the Tax Assessor's Office has sent out erroneous delinquency notices and other wrong information," Barry said. "There were glaring errors in the revaluations too. In order to build an air of confidence, they need to precede the dissemination of information with hard facts."

"The Tax Assessor should have been more forthcoming with the public ahead of time as far as what to expect from these bills," Barry continued. "We don't know what these bills will look like."

Waiting for Action From Gomez

Derr is waiting to see how Gomez will respond before taking any action, the attorney explained.

"My recommendation is to wait until the bills starting hitting mailboxes," said Derr. "I would like to give the judge an opportunity to consider what he wants to do before we start tugging on his judicial coat tails. Depending on what he does, we'll see how we want to proceed."

V.I. Unity Day Group members urge property owners to contact the organization when they receive the new tax bills, Barry explained.

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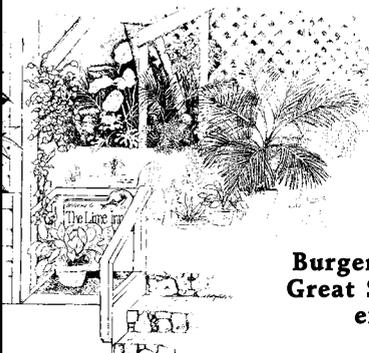
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Now in its tenth year, St. John is gearing up for another fun-packed day of swimming, biking and running at the Love City Triathlon and Duathlon on Sunday, August 31.

With the addition of the duathlon in its second year, anyone can participate without a bike — just swim and run.

Both events will start at 7 a.m. Athletes should arrive no later than one hour ahead of the start for body marking and any last minute arrangements.

The distance for the triathlon is a half-mile open water swim in Maho Bay which is normally quite calm. The bike is a 14 mile loop with a lot of hills and is technical. Athletes are asked to proceed with caution in certain areas.

The run is a four mile flat, but hot, course. There will be water stations along the route, but carrying extra fluids is recommended.

The duathlon will be the exact same half-mile swim, but the 3.4 mile course with a short hill is slightly different. Both races will have the same starting time.

To register on St. John, pick up forms at the Tap Room in Mongoose Junction. Participants can also register online at 8stuffmiles.com by clicking on the St. John Landsharks link.

Race numbers will be distributed at Maho Bay Campground on Saturday, August 30, the night before the race, between 4-5:30 p.m. A mandatory pre-race meeting will follow at 5:30 p.m. at Maho Bay.

The triathlon will have a relay



St. John Tradewinds News Photo File

Theresa and John Harper smile after finishing last year's race.

category so participants can do the event as a team. Teams are not allowed to participate in duathlon — athletes must complete the swim and run as individuals.

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Participants are asked to make reservations early to take care of this generous offer by calling Maho Campground's reservation department directly at 715-0500. The deadline for reservations is

August 30, but as a courtesy, please call earlier.

There will be no registration the day of the race.

The registration fee is \$30 for individual triathletes and \$25 per person for relay teams. The registration fee for duathletes is \$30.00.

The registration fee includes a T-shirt, goodie bag and a beach picnic after the race.

For additional information please contact Louise Wearmouth, race director of the triathlon, at louise@surfbvi.com or Jude Woodcock at 779-1416.

For information on the duathlon contact Jane Thill at 514-6611 or jandathill@gmail.com.

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Beach Advisory: Hart Bay Fails DPNR Water Quality Test

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The Department of Planning and Natural Resources announces that the Division of Environmental Protection's Beach Water Quality Monitoring Program, which evaluates weekly water quality at 43 popular swimming beaches throughout the territory, advises the public that Hart Bay did not meet water quality standards for swimming or fishing.

DPNR-DEP performed water quality analysis at the 43 designated beaches throughout the territory during the week of August 18 through 22.

The following beaches on St. John meet water quality standards and are safe for swimming

or fishing: Oppenhiemer; Klain Bay; Chocolate Hole; Frank Bay; Cruz Bay; Great Cruz Bay; and Johnson's Bay.

The poor water quality in Hart Bay was most likely due to the run-off from recent rainfall, according to DPNR spokesperson Jamal Nielson.

"It was probably due to the rains we've had lately which have been causing a lot of run-off in different areas," Nielson said. "We'll go back and test again and hopefully everything will be fine."

DPNR will continue to monitor the impacted areas and waters. For additional information regarding water quality call the Division of Environmental Protection at 773-1082 in St. Croix.

New President Looks to Energize V.I. Hotel and Tourism Association

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

With Lisa Hamilton at the helm, the V.I. Hotel and Tourism Association is focusing on combining its efforts with other tourism and business agencies to ensure the territory remains a top Caribbean draw.

"We'll be pooling our resources with the local Chamber of Commerce groups and the Department of Tourism," said Hamilton, HTA's new president. "We're all coming together to keep the Virgin Islands as competitive as possible."

Hamilton, who took over as HTA president in February, brings years of real world experience in hospitality and marketing to the association.

"I was with the Marriott Frenchman's Reef Hotel for almost 13 years," said Hamilton. "My background is in hotels and my career has been revolving around sales and marketing. I've lived here for 18 years and I love the Virgin Islands."

Great Opportunity

"I always knew I wanted to stay here and further develop my career," Hamilton continued. "When

"What it boils down to is filling our hotel rooms. We have less hotel rooms on all three islands than one hotel in Las Vegas. We have the ability to create so much demand that all of our rooms are filled."

— Lisa Hamilton, HTA president

the position became available it was a great opportunity to still stay within the hotel and hospitality industry and branch out into association management."

As one of her first initiatives, the former director of sales and marketing at Frenchman's Reef will be streamlining the association, she explained.

"Right now my initiatives are focused on the HTA in general and really making sure the association is functioning as an association should be in today's environment," said Hamilton. "At the end of the day we need to make sure the association works like a business. We must be able to show value."

"We're taking a great foundation and aligning it so that we can have continued success in the future," Hamilton continued.

It will be a return to the basics for the HTA, explained Hamilton.

Increasing Membership

"When I first came on board, people had lost sight of the benefits of the association," she said. "I want to increase membership, but I want to make sure that when we're ready to go out and offer membership, we have a clear message."

"It's a heal thyself kind of approach," Hamilton continued. "You get out of it what you put in."

HTA will be looking to expand its membership in the villa ownership world, Hamilton explained.

"We have a great opportunity with our villas and villa rentals," she said. "When it comes to our villa owners, I'm not sure they get the right representation in the market. We want to take a similar



Lisa Hamilton

strategy with villa rentals that we did with small hotels."

All About Occupancy

While working to increase membership and revitalize the association in general, Hamilton hasn't forgotten the HTA's main goal.

"What it boils down to is filling our hotel rooms," said Hamilton. "We have less hotel rooms on all three islands than one hotel in Las Vegas. We have the ability to create so much demand that all of our rooms are filled."

St. John businesses have a lot to gain from working with the HTA, explained Debbie Hime, who works on tourism matters for the

St. John Chapter of the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce.

"Win-Win Situation"

"Given our current cooperative efforts with the Chamber of Commerce and the USVI Tourism office, adding the HTA to the bigger picture is a win-win situation for St. John businesses," said Hime. "With the current state of the economy and travel-related competition fierce, we all need to be at our 'best game' and I encourage other businesses to take advantage of what the HTA has to offer."

Chamber officials are hoping to schedule a meeting with Hamilton to further discuss business initiatives on St. John, Hime added.

"We're hoping we can plan a time in the very near future for Lisa Hamilton to make a general presentation of HTA initiatives to interested St. John businesses, so those who want to increase their businesses know what is available through this very productive channel," said Hime.

For more information about the HTA check out the association's membership Web site at virgin-islands-hotels.com or their membership Web site at usvihta.com.

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New Fee Schedule at Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center

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A new schedule of fees and a new discount rate are now in effect at the Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center on St. John.

The health center's services were not being supported by the previous rates, which had been out-dated and inadequate for some time, according to MKSCHC Administrator Harold Wallace.

"No one likes to announce price increases," Wallace said. "But the fact is that we have to be able to support Myrah Keating financial-

ly, or we won't be able to offer the people of St. John the services they need on island."

While the new rates are higher, they reflect a compromise between the old fee schedule and what would be customary at the mainland, explained Wallace.

"They are based more on a customary local scale," Wallace said.

The administrator also reminded the health care's clients that the allowable discount rate will still apply when all payment requirements are met.

Wallace felt compelled to explain to some clients of the health center why they received bills reflecting the new rates before receiving public notice of the changes.

"Our management information systems have become very efficient," said Wallace. "In the past, it may have taken 60 days to update the billing system with a new rate schedule, but in this case, it took only a couple of weeks."

MKSCHC officials could not provide a list of the new fee schedule.

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Stephanie Hiltcher shows off her St. John-shaped birth mark.

St. John Sighting: An Island Birth Mark

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Without even trying, Stephanie Hiltcher was turning heads across St. John last week.

The 15-year-old North Carolina resident, who was visiting Love City with her parents and younger sister, has a birth mark on her back which clearly looks like the outline of St. John.

Everywhere Stephanie went during her family's week vacation she was stopped and asked if the mark was a tattoo, which it isn't, she explained.

Shoppers in the Friends of the V.I. National Park store in Mongoose Junction even got to compare Stephanie's birth mark with the large map of St. John on the wall, she added.

The Hiltchers, who have been vacationing on St. John for four years, first discovered the distinct likeness a few years



ago.

"My sister Rachel was joking about it last year and I had to agree with her," said Stephanie.

The birth mark is fitting as the North Carolina teen adores Love City, according to her mother.

"She is an island girl," said Hiltcher. "She wears her island hook bracelet all the time."

Back at home when Stephanie misses St. John all she has to do is look in the mirror at her birth mark to be reminded of her favorite island.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tom Oat

New speed bumps slow down traffic in front of Greenleaf Commons, above.

New Speed Bumps on South Shore Road in Place To Protect Public

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Speeding along South Shore Road is no longer an option since the Department of Public Works recently installed several new speed bumps aimed at slowing traffic along the busy roadway.

Three new speed bumps were put down on South Shore Road in front of Greenleaf Commons — an almost constructed commercial building located across from the Westin Resort and Villas — after DPW officials received numerous complaints from residents in the area, according to DPW St. John Deputy Director Ira Wade.

“We received so many complaints from the residents of Greenleaf Apartments about their inability to basically get out of the complex and cross the road because cars were going so fast,” said Wade. “I went and spent time watching to verify what the residents had said. What I found is that it was a race track.”

There were also several traffic accidents in the area which further highlighted the need for speed bumps, Wade added.

Avoiding Accidents

“We’ve had several accidents in that area where the vehicles ended up running into the wall or going into the gut,” said Wade. “There were three accidents which actually took a wall down that was in place to keep people from sliding into the gut.”

“There was a fourth accident where a car came down so fast, and with no wall, they ended up overturned in the gut,” continued Wade. “There were people coming down the hill so hard that we had to do something to slow them up until we can get in there and fix the wall. Once the wall is re-built we can take out some of the speed bumps.”

DPW placed another new speed bump on South

Shore Road, just past Chocolate Hole East Road and the entrance to Pond Bay Club, which was also spurred by residents’ complaints, according to Wade.

“There is a cluster of about six houses in that area and we had several complaints about speeding trucks and cars coming down the hill there,” he said. “People were worried that their children getting dropped off from the school bus were in danger. We went out there and watched and there was a need for the speed bump.”

DPW officials were in the area replacing two speed bumps located in front of Chocolate Villa and easily constructed the new speed deterrent, added Wade.

No Signs Yet

While DPW did not erect any signs warning of the new speed bumps, officials tried their best to make them visible, Wade explained.

“If there are signs available, we’ll put them up,” he said. “Right now, we’re painting them the brightest yellow we can find.”

Pedestrian Safety

All the speed bumps were put in place to ensure that the recent tragic vehicle and pedestrian accident in Red Hook — which claimed the life of 24-year-old Ashley Holdcraft — doesn’t happen on St. John, according to Wade.

“We don’t want to have the same statistics that we have in Red Hook as far as accidents and traffic,” said Wade. “I’d rather err on side of caution and not make everyone happy than risk serious injuries from speeding traffic.”

“Anytime we put speed bumps down it is a safety issue,” Wade said.

Residents who think their neighborhoods need a speed bump should call Wade at DPW at 776-6346.



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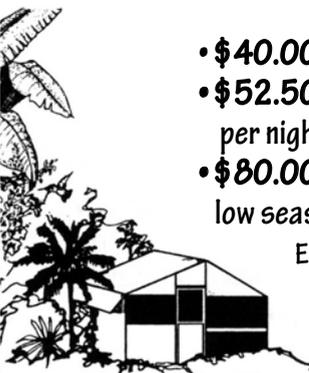
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FASHION FORWARD

by vern tonge

Determining Personal Style: Wardrobe Tips

St. John Tradewinds

Determining a personality in clothing which best suits you depends on more than just the season. It is also determined by facial features, height and bone structure.

A full length mirror is the most honest friend and the only way to get a realistic view of yourself. Stand in front of one and look at yourself, face first.

What do you see? You! Your true image — the first step in determining your own personal style.

The next step is to admire the other aspects of your body. Your neck? Is it long, short or average? Are your shoulders square, sloped, broad or narrow? Is your waist anything special in any direction?

The sooner you are able to understand and accept your body type and image, you will dress to enhance what you are instead of trying to be what you are not. As a result, you will ensure that you always look your best.

Here are some tips to ensure that your wardrobe contains what you need and what suits you, while helping you stretch your dollars:

1. Purchase clothing that you feel comfortable in.
2. Choose colors that compliment your skin tone. Have a professional color analysis done to determine what the most flattering colors are for you. By sticking to those colors you will be assured of a mix and match capability.
3. Clothing that fits you well, will last longer in your wardrobe.
4. Purchase fabrics that are multi-seasonal. This means that they can be worn all year round.
5. Building a wardrobe around the latest trend can be very dangerous (fashion-wise) and costly. When the trend passes you will look dated.
6. Every wardrobe needs accessories. Combining smart accessories with a basic wardrobe ensures that you will always look coordinated and polished.
7. Buy quality over quantity. Even in fashion, less is more!
8. Organize and categorize — once you determine your foundation colors for your wardrobe, you can organize and categorize your clothing for easy selection and wearing. Hang jackets by sleeve length and color for a start.

Your wardrobe is greatly determined by your value for comfort, style and fashion. Go out and define your personal style by ensuring that your wardrobe reflects your personality!

Virgin Islands Models Hit the International Runway

On Saturday, August 2, the British Virgin Islands played host to super models from the U.S. mainland, Puerto Rico, Curacao and the U.S. Virgin Islands for the annual BVI Summer Sizzle Fashion Show.

Sianna Wynters, Eke Utibe, Renata Christian and Nickolas Wilkerson of STAR Models Management represented the USVI, modeling designs from some top named designers such as Roger Gary of NYC, Johnny Suarez and celebrity menswear guru Nana Boateng and Simon Duncan.

Also gracing the BVI runway was Leslie Ann



Photo by Philbert Photos

Renata Christian shows off a floor-length dress during the BVI Summer Sizzle Fashion Show.

Ramos, the 1st runner-up of the Miss Puerto Rico Universe pageant, international male super model, Jamaican-born Oraine Barrett, Katarina Muniz of the hit reality series Project Runway, and Din Yates, an international model for Hugo Boss, John Varvatos and Giorgio Armani.

Summer Sizzle was produced by Terry Donovan of Signature by Terry Donovan and formed part of the 10th Anniversary of the BVI Car Show.

STAR Models' Renata Christian was also a featured guest at the Miss BVI Pageant 2008, which was attended by the reigning Miss St. John among others.

Christian showcased the exciting knit-wear swim-suit collection of local BVI designer ENVY and shared the stage with Camille Mac Donald of America's Next Top Model fame.

Major Model Call August 30

Virgin Islands Fashion Week Organization will host a major model call in St. Thomas on Saturday, August 30. For more information call 340-998 1013.



Commander's Bugle Call

American Legion Viggo E. Sewer Post #131



By Jerry Runyon
St. John Tradewinds

The resolution prepared by Post 131 members to have a Virgin Islands American Legion Department has been approved by all five American Legion Posts of the Virgin Islands and has been forwarded to the American Legion Department of Puerto Rico which has given their blessing.

The Department of Puerto Rico forwarded our resolution to the National American Legion for action. It is now in the hands of the National Legion to act on this long overdue entitlement to the Veterans and Armed Services Men and Women of the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Jonetta Darden from the Office of Management and Budget and the Territorial Public Assistance Officer, at an August 8 meeting, gave a presentation on Disaster/Hurricane Preliminary Damage Assessments.

Darden is asking legionnaires and veterans on all islands to assist with after disaster inspections and action reports. Workshops will be organized in the near future. Contact Jerry Runyon at 776-6445 or Aubrey Sewer at 779-4158 to sign up to help.

The National American Legion Conference will take place in Phoenix, Arizona from August 21 through 29. Members of our auxiliary will be attending.

Golden Age Games

August 19 through 24 was the 22nd Veterans National Golden Age Games in Indianapolis, Indiana. Post 131 was represented

at the games doing volunteer work, carrying the Virgin Islands flag at the Opening Ceremony and participating in a couple of events.

The event was co-sponsored by the Department of Veterans Affairs, Help Hospitalized Veterans and the Veterans Canteen Service and was hosted this year by Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Center.

Since its beginning in 1985, the games have grown to include nearly 600 veteran athletes from across the nation who compete for gold, silver and bronze medals. The games are open to all military veterans, 55 years of age or older who receive in-patient or out-patient care at a VA medical facility. Comradeship and keeping healthy are the goals.

Flag Football Season Approaching

September 6 is the start of the St. John American Legion Post 131 Fall Youth Flag Co-Ed Flag Football Season. The league is expected to expand into two divisions with four teams each.

Games will be played at the ball field next to the V.I. National Park Visitors' Center. Contact Post 131 Sports Committee Co-Chairmen Edmund Roberts at 774-0869 or Paul Devine at 514-6615 for further information.

Volunteers are needed to help with set-up and fund raising. This has been and continues to be a welcomed community youth program.

Freedom Walk Planned for Sept. 11

On September 11, Patriots Day, Post 131 will have a "Freedom Walk" starting at 8 a.m. at the V.I. National Park Visitors' Center. The public is invited to join along in the walk.

The walk will go from the VINP Visitors'

Center, along the waterfront/ferry dock, past the Lutheran Church, turn at Connections and end back at the VINP Visitors' Center with a brief ceremony and a moment of silence.

The Freedom Walk is intended to commemorate the attacks on the Pentagon and the World Trade Center, honor all the lives lost on September 11, 2001, and also honor those who serve to protect us now.

Post 131's September 13 monthly meeting has been rescheduled for September 14 at Oppenheimer Beach at 2 p.m.

Football and Legion Member Party

The post is hosting a Youth Co-Ed Flag Football gathering on September 14 at Oppenheimer, from 12 noon until 5 p.m. All post members and auxiliary, their families, all veterans and the flag football coaches, referees, players and parents are invited to attend.

All veterans are encouraged to come out, become post members, renew membership, pick up their new 2009 membership cards and meet our flag football participants.

Set up will start at 10 a.m. Attendees are asked to bring a covered dish. Hot dogs, hamburgers and soft drinks will be available. Donations to help sponsor community and veteran programs would be welcomed and appreciated.

All other monthly meetings will continue to be at Sputnik II in Coral Bay on the second Saturday of each month at 10:30 a.m.

Auxiliary meetings are on the third Saturday of each month at Mooies in Cruz Bay at 10:30 a.m. For more information and to become a member contact President Marie Lett at 715-0158.

Veterans are encouraged to visit the V.I. Veterans Affairs Office at the Battery open

on Fridays between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Let's keep this office busy and lengthen their hours.

Tuition Assistance Available

Veterans of the U.S. Virgin Islands are reminded that they are granted free tuition assistance to earn professional certificates through the UVICELL Center. Visit the Office of Veteran Affairs at the Battery to find out if you qualify and obtain additional information.

Also check UVI Cell's web site at <http://cell.uvi.edu/register.html> for course schedules, online programs and additional registration information.

Veterans Services Possible at MKSCHC

The Office of the V.I. Delegate to U.S. Congress is working with us to have better health services available for our veterans on St. John. A team from the VA Puerto Rico Caribbean Health System will be having negotiations and discussions with Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center officials to provide services on St. John rather than having veterans travel to St. Thomas. We are hoping that this will be a reality.

We need all eligible veterans to become members of the American Legion Post 131 — with you we can make a difference.

Contact Commander Jerry Runyon at 776-6445, email bshwcker1@aol.com, Vice Commander Aubrey Sewer at 779-4158, or Adjutant Paul Devine at 514-6615, email al-lawe@sjcf.org, for all veteran and Post 131 member information. Our satellite American Legion Post 131 Office in Cruz Bay is at The Marketplace in Suite 204. If no one is there, leave a name and phone contact under the door.

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The American Legion's flag football league continues to grow in popularity with St. John youth. Participants has a blast during a game last year, above and at right.



American Legion Flag Football Organizers Gear Up for Fifth Season

By Paul Devine
St. John Tradewinds

The American Legion Post 131 of St. John is now accepting applications for its Youth Co-Ed Flag Football fall 2008 season.

This is the fifth season the American Legion has sponsored this popular sport for all children ages 9 through 14 and the league continues to grow each year.

The league started in the summer of 2006 with an attempt to give St. John youth a chance to participate in team sports. The first season had 27 children participate.

In the spring of 2008, 77 children signed up and it appears that even more will participate in the fall 2008 season. Because of the

growth of the league, some changes in the schedule and in the format for the teams will take place.

Beginning in the fall, the league will be split into two divisions with four teams in each division. The total of eight teams is up from the six teams last spring.

The American Legion is proud that this sport has caught on so rapidly and our policy of "everyone plays" makes the experience inviting. The game itself is appealing because it is a fun and safe sport.

The league's "no blocking, no contact," and "let's have fun" rules are the reason the league has been so popular with kids.

The liberal sign-up policy al-

lows participants to join the fun even several games into the season. All practices and games are conveniently held at the V.I. National Park ball field in Cruz Bay.

This season, games will be on Saturdays, Mondays and Wednesdays. Practices begin September 7 and the season begins on Saturday, September 27.

For the fall season, parents can sign their children up starting now. Also, there will be two "Jamborees" hosted on August 30 and September 6 at 12 p.m. at the VINP field.

Parents will be able to register their children and players will join with our coaches for simple drills.

Registration forms are avail-

able at Connections or call me at 514-6615. The registration fee is \$20 per child per season which includes a game jersey, all game equipment, insurance, an individual trophy and a season ending party.

Throughout each season, parents receive updates and, thanks to *St. John Tradewinds*, the standings and game results are posted each week.

The league even has a Web site where all stats and scores are updated daily. Check out www.hometeamsonline.com/teams/default.asp?u=StJohnFlagfootball.

Teams fill up fast so get those registrations in early. The league cannot guarantee placement on a

particular team for late registrations.

As always, the league is looking for volunteer coaches, assistants and referees. With the growth of the league comes the need for more volunteers. We applaud the volunteers who have made this league such a success and we are hoping that more people will become involved in this very worthwhile youth event.

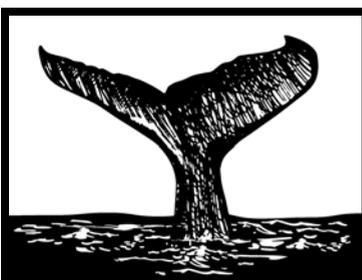
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Rhythm & Views

An outlook on young adult interests and concerns
by Malik Stevens

My Summer Vacation, Thus Far

St. John Tradewinds

Famous columnist Ann Landers once said, "opportunities are usually disguised as hard work, so most people don't recognize them."

I find this quote to be true in so many ways, especially after completing my eleventh grade school year.

Beginning high school, I felt that there were a number of activities I was limited to because of my financial status and because of where I am from. But this feeling quickly diminished as I got older and realized that all it takes is hard work and determination and you can do whatever, go wherever and be whatever your heart desires.

For the whole school year, I had been working extremely hard, juggling many extra curricular activities with my crazy junior year. At the end of the school year, I was so tired and stressed with everything.

I felt like I just needed to drop some things, but after the amazing and eye opening summer I have had, I do not mind doing the year

over ten-fold.

My incredible summer has consisted of a much-needed college tour, a one-day mentorship program at the Schnieder Regional Medical Center and an unforgettable month at Stanford University.

For the last week of the school year, I was up in the southern U.S. checking out many of the colleges it has to offer. I went on this trip with my school's college counselor, Chris Teare, who I consider to be one of the best in the world.

I spent the week there with some interesting students from Antilles School, seeing colleges like Washington and Lee, Morehouse, Georgia Tech, Duke and North Carolina University.

Out of the many I saw, I really liked Furman University, Wakeforest and the College of William and Mary. Even though I am still a bit unsure about what I want to be and where I want to go, this college trip was a great experience and the things I learned will play a major role next year when I am applying for college.

After attending such an amazing college tour I returned home to partake in an educational mentorship program at the Schneider Hospital. This mentorship program gave one high school boy from each school the opportunity to spend a day with someone who worked in the hospital, whether it be a doctor, accountant or technician.

Ironically, I spent the day with one of the accountants who worked in the Charlotte Kimelman Cancer Institute, which is now so big in the news. The program was not what I expected, but at the end I was happy I went.

All I really did was listen to a hospital worker for a whole day and get tons of awards and souvenirs, plus a delicious dinner. I also gained something that is now really vital in my life.

Now I know that I do not want to be a doctor (no offense to doctors). I do not like blood and being responsible for other people lives is not something I want to juggle. I will leave it to the professionals.

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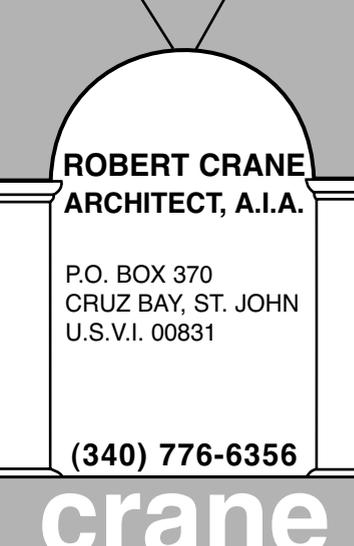
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Letters to St. John Tradewinds

Take a Closer Look at Candidates Before Voting

Editor,

In a month, the voters of the Virgin Islands will be making another attempt at changing the government by selecting the best candidates for the general election in November. This "narrowing down" of all potential elected officials in the primary election should bring to the surface the best of the best to run our government. To make these choices, it may be wise to consider just what our government is and who we want to run it.

First, it should always be recognized that the citizens are the government. A republican form of government, which we live under, means that the political power is in the hands of the people.

Since we cannot all attend meetings and make decisions, we select people to do that for us. We have all heard that elected officials "work for us." This statement can not be over-emphasized enough!

So, we must choose those persons who best represent our ideals, ambitions and hopes for the future. You have a right, as the holder of the power of government, to vote for that person who best demonstrates your philosophies. What every voter must do is decide how the government should function and then choose the candidate.

When a people start to feel that they have no control over governmental affairs, then we have lost republicanism itself. This anomaly seems to exist in our communities and it must change.

Fortunately, we can reverse the trend of hopelessness but we all have to do our homework. One should question past political practices and have ideas for resolving them.

Do your elected officials visit areas and talk to citizens regularly? How often do elected officials hold citizen meetings? Do elected officials take notes and actually attempt to affect government with your ideas.

Original Hummingbird Caretakers Glad Birds Are Safe

Editor,

I'm an online reader and I heard from a friend about a hummingbird story that was in the 8/11 issue. My husband and I are the couple who adopted out the hummingbirds to Clair and Bob Wilkinson. The hummers built their tiny nest under the swim platform of our boat while we were off-island, visiting in the states.

When we returned to the boat, it was obvious we had visitors. We stayed on our mooring in Coral Bay as long as we could, but as the days went by it became obvious that these were teeny, tiny babies and we were getting ready to leave the mooring to do a bit of sailing before putting the boat into Nanny Cay boat storage for the hurricane season.

We went online and discovered that it would be many weeks before the babies would be able to leave the nest. We scratched our heads and talked with a lot of people about what to do.

About two hours before we had to leave Coral Bay, we glanced over to Clair and Bob's houseboat, and a

big light went off in both of our heads.

Are your elected officials attending all the meetings required by the position?
For the legislature, this does not mean the public hearings they must have according to law. I am suggesting that individual senators should provide a block of time that citizens can depend on to meet with the people that voted them in. Remember, the people hold all the shares in our business — the government — not the elected officials.

If we don't take an active role in how it operates, the "business" will collapse. Just like any business, if the principles run it into the ground, then changes must be made to save it.

The reason government exists is to serve the people who pay for it and live under it. It does not exist to serve outside interests or the interests of those we elected to run it.

Serving as an elected official is a privilege given to only those who have demonstrated that they care deeply about the community in which they live. It is not a job. We want and need dedicated persons to represent us.

We elected them, hopefully, because they have the same agendas we have. If they, in turn, dedicate themselves to what we asked and expected of them, then their service to us would be complete. Often, we find that elected officials have made service to the people a "career."

This can only mean that the people feel strongly that they have represented them exactly as they wanted them to. Is this always the case? If not, each voter must look hard at what the elected official has accomplished to see if that person should be removed or retained. Soon, you will be making that decision — are you ready?

Paul Devine
St John

big light went off in both of our heads.

We headed over to the houseboat and asked Clair and Bob if they would like to be foster parents to the baby hummingbirds. They agreed and gave us a calabash bird feeder to transport the nest from our boat to theirs.

My husband put on surgical gloves and, like a surgeon doing delicate surgery, he removed the tiny nest from our boat and put it into the calabash shell. We carefully transported the nest with babies over to the new home on the houseboat. Mama hummer followed about half way there.

We left our charges in the most capable and loving hands we could have imagined and have wondered about their progress as we are now back in the states.

We were delighted to hear from our friend, Deborah Ramsey, about the article in *Tradewinds* that Clair and Bob have lovingly and successfully raised the babies and that they will soon leave the nest.

Blessings,
Patricia Schneider

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

Letters to St. John Tradewinds

Residents Support Steve Black's Simple Parking Plan

Dear Governor deJongh,

I'm writing you today in regards to Steve Black. I called him the other day after reading his letter in the *St. John Tradewinds* about the lack of parking in Cruz Bay and his solution to help alleviate this problem.

I was shocked to hear I was the first and maybe the only one that phoned him and said I thought it was a great solution. He was disappointed but still upbeat.

I just want to tell you, governor, that you know Steve as many people do. He is a sincere, honest problem solver who thinks how he can help the community without any pat on the back or platitudes.

He probably wouldn't make a good politician because of this, but that is his nature. I know you can help us out with this terrible parking problem. We need to work together to solve this pressing problem as it is affecting our small town.

No one seems to care, but I think many people are so frustrated they don't know where to start. Let's start by phoning Steve and reaching out.

I hope you read the Enighed Pond letter and can help us.

Sincerely,
Ric and Lolita of Coral Bay

Resident Urges Gov. To Implement Black's Parking Plan

Dear Governor John deJongh and Ken Hobson, Port Authority,

I just read a plan for the Enighed Pond Port in *Tradewinds* newspaper submitted by Steve Black. I hope that you consider this plan. Cruz Bay is out of control and these ideas seem so simple and will cost very little to do.

I have lived here for over 20 years and I have seen Cruz Bay becoming a nightmare and I have to agree with Steve that the Port Authority is "strangling Cruz

Bay." Any grandiose plan for the Creek will never happen because of the Port Authority, just like the government, is broke and wouldn't spend money on St. John anyway. This is why this plan is so good. It can happen tomorrow because it will cost almost nothing and is so simple to do.

Please do the right thing by doing this now.

Marty Freeman
St. John

Unity Group Calls on Gov. To Fill Civil Rights Commission

Dear Governor John deJongh,

We applaud your reaction to the recent hospital scandal by naming new hospital board members within days. These and other recent appointments illustrate the importance and function of a board of directors.

The Civil Rights Commission has had a vacancy for well over a year, which leaves its board unable to function, and lets civil rights violators go undeterred. This situation can lead to community discontent, unrest and damage to our tourist-based economy.

The Virgin Islands Unity Day Group, Inc. was

formed to take action to fight racism, social injustice and community deterioration. We therefore ask you to please take prompt action, to appoint a board member to the Civil Rights Commission.

The fight for civil rights and justice is ongoing. The vacancy on the board prevents the Office of Civil Rights from functioning. The vacancy's longevity brings to mind the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, "in the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends."

Virgin Islands Unity Day Group

Only In America

Editor,

Ask Homeland Security to search all the passengers and their belongings as they travel from St. Thomas to St. John.

I have traveled in Western Europe, Eastern Europe, South America, Africa, Pacific Islands and Asia in-

cluding China, by car, truck, bus, train, boat, ship, ferry, even up a mountain on the back of an elephant in Cambodia, and going from St. Thomas to St. John is the only time I have ever been searched while traveling within a country. Only in America.

Greg Miller

Watch Out for Stinging Cauliflower Jellyfish

Editor,

I had the pleasure of snorkeling on the west side of Lavango last week and spotted two jellyfish on the surface of the water at different times and places within an hour. My friend looked it up and it is a Stinging Cauliflower jellyfish.

These can be very painful and will cause instant welts and you can possibly go into shock. The next most painful/dangerous jellyfish is the Portugese Man-o-war to give you a reference to the degree of pain. There must be more around if I spotted two of these in an hour. The jellyfish were floating on the surface of the water and I could have easily not seen

them.

So, if you're snorkeling take a look around on the surface every now and then, don't just look down. A diver friend said that there have been reports of lots of jellyfish on the coast of the U.S. floating towards this direction, so just keep an eye out.

It is not the Moon Jelly (harmless and the food of the stinging Cauliflower jellyfish) which has a purple "four petaled flower" and is clear. You will know that this jellyfish is dangerous, it looks like something that will mess you up!

Keep swimming and keep your eyes open,
Gina Wellner

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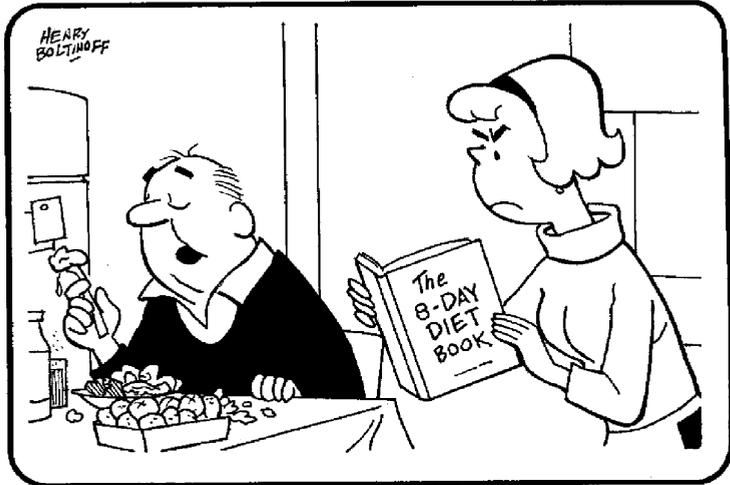
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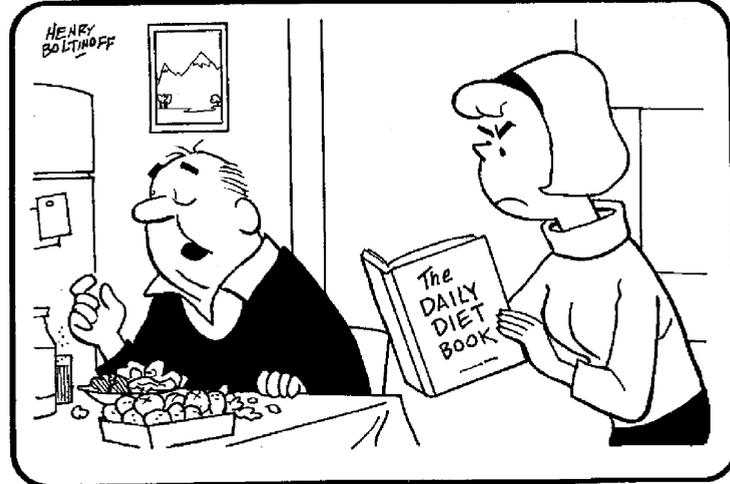
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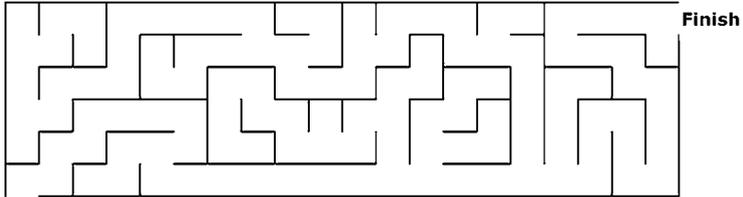
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Roundabout Construction Continuing



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Workers began tearing out a wall near the Julius E. Spruave School annex last week as construction of the long-planned and delayed round about got underway. Half of the road in front of the Boulon Center was closed to traffic, above, which officials expect to last at least another week. The next road closure is expected to be either the one-way road in front of Fashion Palace or the road leading down to the fire station, according to Department of Public Works officials. The \$6.9 million project is slated to last 675 days and is funded by Federal Highway Administration funds.



St. John Yacht Club Awards Scholarships



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SJYC Members awarded scholarships to Quincey Pentrack, third from left, KATS, which Robin-Clair Pitts accepted, fifth from left, and Max Nickbarg, whose parents Mary and Loren, fourth and fifth from right, accepted since Max was sailing.

Secretary of Interior Tours St. John

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John shows the linkages of our islands. This effort is endorsed by key members of Congress.”

“No doubt for all of us, our greatest resource is our children,” deJongh said.

Decades-long Struggle

The need to relocate JESS out of busy Cruz Bay has been an ongoing issue, Delegate to Congress Donna Christensen explained.

“On St. John the struggle to have a safe, healthy place of education for our children is decades old,” said Christensen. “The death of a second grader who was hit by a truck on his way home from school a few years ago made that need even greater.”

“We are finally resolving this issue,” Christensen continued. “Getting the grant to survey the land is the first big step.”

R/O Plant Coming

Thanks to a grant from the NPS, the V.I. Water And Power Authority will construct a reverse osmosis plant in Coral Bay, but officials refused to comment on proposed locations for the fresh water facility.

“We’re still in negotiations, so I couldn’t tell you where the property is we’re looking at right now,” said WAPA Executive Director Hugo Hodge.

The Department of the Interior awarded WAPA a \$981,000 grant which will be used to secure one acre of land, install intake and out-flow pipes and construct a 100,000 storage tank, Hodge explained.

“It will cover everything except the actual reverse osmosis plant,” Hodge said. “We’ll start producing 50,000 gallons a day and increase to about 150,000 gallons a day.”



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Department Commissioners, VINP staff and St. John Administrator Leona Smith listen during the press conference.

While there are currently no plans to install water pipes to residences in the Coral Bay area, it might be a possibility one day, according to Hodge.

“The first part is the standpipe,” Hodge said. “Then we’ll look to expand.”

Standard of Living

The Department of the Interior cares about the residents of St. John, according to Kempthorne.

“With the exception of a small well, Coral Bay does not have public fresh water,” Kempthorne said. “There are about 300 low-to-medium income residents moving out there. The average homeowner spends \$700 a year on fresh water.”

“This is the first step in bringing water distribution to Coral Bay,” Kempthorne continued. “We are committed to improving the standard of living here on St. John. We care deeply about the USVI.”

The Secretary of the Interior visited St. John as part of an official visit to the territory, which included tours of both St. Croix and St. Thomas.

Island Tour

While on St. John, Kempthorne visited the proposed site of the new school in Estate Catherineberg, the Estate Concordia Eco-resort, Maho Bay Campground and enjoyed a boat ride along the island’s north shore with VINP rangers.

The Secretary of the Interior was accompanied by Gov. deJongh, Delegate Christensen, Department of Education Commissioner LaVerne Terry, St. John Administrator Leona Smith and several other members of deJongh’s cabinet.

Kempthorne also announced a personnel change. Senator Basil Ottley accepted the position of Deputy Assistant Secretary of Insular Affairs for the Virgin Islands.

Rhythm & Views My Summer Vacation, Thus Far

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After my mentorship program I was off again. I headed to Stanford University to attend the Junior Statesmen summer school.

The Junior Statesmen program revolves around politics, government, law, speech, and a whole lot of no sleep. It was a rigorous and challenging program that demanded giving up many hours of sleep to do homework, but is now one of the best experiences of my life.

There were classes like moot court, constitutional law, speech, economics, and government. At the program, I took government and speech classes and in both classes I learned an extreme amount of information in just one month.

We also had debates every night. We debated issues like legalizing polygamy and gay marriages, lowering the drinking age, repealing the No Child Left Behind Act, abolishing capital punishment, and so much more.

The teachers and students were ridiculously cool. All the students were hard and motivated workers, but still knew how to have fun and all the teachers were nice, understanding and knew what they were doing.

I went there knowing hardly anything about government, speech and debate, but now I feel I can excel in either of the three. I even won a best speaker award, which is an award given to the most outstanding students in the art of debating.

Even with all the work and seminars, the program felt like it only lasted a week. It was hard to say good bye to everyone, but I knew I was coming home to prepare for something special.

For the end of August, I also have more extraordinary plans. I was invited to attend the Democratic National Convention, where Barack Obama will be giving his last speeches before the votes are cast.

This will be a once-in-a-lifetime-experience and with the help of several different generous donors throughout the community this opportunity was made possible for me. I will spend a week attending conferences, meeting a great number of congress people and witnessing Barak Obama in action, giving a powerful speech. Hopefully I will get a picture with him.

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Community Calendar

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

Wednesday, August 27

A Pre-primary Candidates Forum will be hosted on Wednesday, August 27, at 6:30 at the Westin. Resort and Villas. All Senatorial and Delegate Candidates are invited to participate, whether or not they are in a primary race.

Sunday, August 31

St. John is gearing up for another fun-packed day of swimming, biking and running at the Love City Triathlon and Duathlon on Sunday, August 31.

Monday, September 1

The St. John Festival and Cultural Organization will host the annual Labor Day festivities on Monday, September 1, at the Coral Bay ball field. The parade will start at 11:00 a.m. at Love City Mini Mart. Live music will be provided from 12:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to bring their families and have a great day.-

Saturday, September 13

Saturday, September 13, will be the primary election day in the territory.

Tuesday, September 23

There will be a meeting of the St. John Chapter of the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, September 23, at 5:30 p.m. at St. Ursula's Multipurpose Center.

Saturday, October 4

Saturday, October 4, is the last to register to vote in the general election in the Virgin Islands.

Horoscope by Natasha Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A chaotic atmosphere taxes the patience of the Aries Lamb, who prefers to deal with a more orderly environment. Best advice: Stay out of the situation until things settle.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Tension runs high in both personal and workplace relationships. This can make it difficult to get your message across. Best to wait until you have a more receptive audience.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) This is a good time to take a break from your busy schedule to plan for some well-deserved socializing. You could get news about an important personal matter by the week's end.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) An offer of help could come just when you seem to need it. But be careful about saying yes to anything that might have conditions attached that could cause problems down the line.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Sometimes a workplace colleague can't be charmed into supporting the Lion's position. That's when it's time to shift tactics and overwhelm the doubter with the facts.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You continue to earn respect for your efforts to help someone close to you stand up to a bully. But be careful that in pushing this matter you don't start to do some bullying yourself.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Don't ask others if they think you're up to a new responsibility. Having faith in your own abilities is the key

to dealing with a challenge. P.S.: That "private" matter needs your attention.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) This is a good time to use that Scorpian creativity to come up with something special that will help get your derailed career plans back on track and headed in the right direction.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) While change is favored, it could be a good idea to carefully weigh the possible fallout as well as the benefits of any moves you decide to make before you make them.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The Goat continues to create a stir by following his or her own path. Just be sure you keep your focus straight and avoid any distractions that could cause you to make a misstep.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A colleague's demands seem out of line. But before reacting one way or another, talk things out and see how you might resolve the problem and avoid future misunderstandings.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A personal matter appears to be making more demands on your time than you feel you're ready to give. See if some compromise can be reached before things get too dicey.

BORN THIS WEEK: You're able to communicate feelings better than most people. Have you considered a career in the pulpit or in politics?

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St. John Police Report

Friday, August 8

10:40 a.m. - A resident p/r that someone hit his vehicle while it was parked. Auto accident.

11:00 a.m. - A resident p/r that someone stole money from his bank account. Grand larceny.

Saturday, August 9

1:05 p.m. - A visitor from Louisiana p/r someone stole items from his rental vehicle. Grand larceny.

11:58 p.m. - An Estate Catherineberg resident p/r he lost his wallet at the Beach Bar in Wharfside Village. Lost wallet.

Sunday, August 10

7:00 p.m. - An Estate Contant resident p/r that she was involved in a physical altercation with her daughter. Simple assault.

Monday, August 11

8:30 a.m. - An employee of the Banana Deck r/ that the business was burglarized.

9:35 a.m. - A St. Thomas resident r/ that she was threatened.

3:30 p.m. - An Estate John's Folly resi-

dent r/ a telephone harassment.

Tuesday, August 12

11:55 p.m. - An Estate Bethany resident p/r that someone stole two of his checks and made a withdrawal from his checking account. Grand larceny.

12:12 p.m. - An Estate Bellevue resident p/r she and her boyfriend got into a physical altercation. Aggravated assault and battery.

1:55 p.m. - An Estate Bellevue resident p/r that someone stole a laptop out of his vehicle. Grand larceny.

Wednesday, August 13

12:14 p.m. - A resident p/r that someone stole two dogs from the area of George Simmons Terrace. Grand larceny.

1:21 p.m. - An Estate Quacco and Zimmerman resident c/r that someone broke into his residence. Burglary in the third.

3:55 p.m. - An employee of Caravan Auto Parts c/r that she was threatened by a male. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

4:50 p.m. - An Estate Pastory resident c/r an assault. Aggravated assault and battery.

7:45 p.m. - St. John Rescue c/requesting an ambulance in Cruz Bay. Police assistance.

8:30 p.m. - A citizen c/requesting assistance in Estate Grunwald. Police assistance.

Thursday, August 14

9:30 a.m. - An employee at Cruz Bay Watersports c/r that someone broke into said business.

1:30 p.m. - An Estate Fish Bay resident c/r that her property was destroyed. Destruction of property.

4:05 p.m. - A resident c/r some of her stuff missing. Grand larceny.

Friday, August 15

5:55 p.m. - An Estate Pastory resident c/r a disturbance. Disturbance of the peace.

8:23 p.m. - An Estate Bellevue resident c/requesting assistance. Police assistance.

9:16 p.m. - An Estate Grunwald resident p/r that he was assaulted.

Saturday, August 16

10:22 p.m. - An Virgin Grand Estates resident c/r he was robbed at gun point.

Unlawful entry.

Sunday, August 17

2:20 p.m. - A resident p/r someone threatened him. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

Tuesday, August 19

10:00 a.m. - An Estate Glucksberg resident p/r that she is being harassed via telephone by a female. Telephone harassment.

No time given: An Estate Enighed resident p/r being threatened by a mental patient. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

Wednesday, August 20

9:20 p.m. - A citizen c/r someone was fighting downstairs. Police assistance.

Thursday, August 21

9:30 p.m. - ADT c/r an activated alarm at a residence. Activated alarm.

Friday, August 22

1:10 a.m. - A male via central dispatch complained that his vessel ran out of gas. Unfound missing person.

10:25 a.m. - An officer c/r an auto accident in the area of Fashion Palace. Auto accident.

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V.I. Election Season Heats Up

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ate,” said Wesselhoft. “Any time we have a candidate that is a freshman senator and we keep putting in new people, it’s like starting all over again as far as the senate is concerned.”

“I think I’ve done a great job and I’d like to continue serving the people of the Virgin Islands,” Wesselhoft said.

If re-elected, the senator at large would continue working to decrease rising travel costs for St. John residents, she explained.

Addressing Port Authority’s User Fees

“I have co-sponsored a piece of legislation to have the Port Authority end the user fee they have been charging at Red Hook,” said Wesselhoft. “I will continue to try to make a difference with the electric bill and gas prices. I will also work to make sure that our retirees are taken care of.”

“There are a whole lot of things that we’ve started and I’d like us to see them through,” said the senator at large.

Wesselhoft will also continue the push to secure a dialysis machine for Love City, she added.

“In the last year’s budget we appropriated \$20,000 for the machine,” said Wesselhoft. “I’m hoping to get another appropriation to go toward purchasing a dialysis machine. From our research we need about \$80,000 and we’re trying to secure that amount.”

Primary Scheduled for September 13

The candidates will further share their plans at a Coral Bay Community Council pre-primary forum on Wednesday, August 27, at 6:30 p.m. at the Westin Resort and Villas.

Democrat candidates Daniel, Monsanto and Barshinger will face off in the primary election on Saturday, September 13. The general election is scheduled for Tuesday, November 4.

Cockayne Murder: Ward To Be Tried Separate from Boston and Thomas

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And a third witness says he blew his car horn to alert police that something was wrong when he saw the three men picking up pieces of wood and attacking Cockayne, Gumbs-Carty added.

Hollar reluctantly agreed to give the prosecutor one week to file supplemental briefs stating the reasons why the cases should be consolidated, with defense attorneys having three days to officially respond.

Ward’s attorney Anthony Quinn and Thomas’ attorney Michael Joseph objected to the judge’s ruling to give the prosecutor the additional time.

The two affidavits seemed to imply different theories about the circumstances leading to the homicide, according to Hollar.

Choosing Sides

Defense attorneys also raised concerns about the consolidation because it would put the jury in the position of being forced to choose sides, according to Quinn.

“It’s either they believe them, or they believe us,” Quinn said.

Attorney Joseph indicated during the sidebar that he was “going to blame the whole incident on Ward,” Quinn explained.

If the trials are consolidated and statements made by one suspect implicate another, the result might be a mistrial on constitutional grounds. An attorney for one defendant might also be prevented from questioning another defendant.

On the other hand, if the cases are not consolidated, there is the possibility that Thomas’ and Boston’s attorneys might not have the chance to make a case that Ward acted alone in committing the murder.

If Ward, who was implicated by spontaneous admissions he made to witnesses, took the witness stand, he would most likely “plead the fifth,” according to Hollar.

Suspect’s Bag Can Be Searched

Gumbs-Carty requested permission to search a bag confiscated from Ward when he returned to the territory. Quinn, however, asked the court to return the bag, stating that the government had already had plenty of time to search its contents.

The bag could have legally been searched while in U.S. Customs jurisdiction at the airport, according to Hollar.

The attorneys agreed to allow the prosecutor’s office and Quinn to examine the bag together and turn the contents over to Ward.

The prosecution wants to know if the bag contains a pair of blood stained sneakers which were described by a witness, explained Gumbs-Carty.

The prosecutor requested an extension of the trial date because DNA testing will not be completed and reported until October 1, and the defense attorneys need time to review the findings. Additional possible evidence in Ward’s bag might also need to be tested, according to Gumbs-Carty.

No Extension for Start of Trial

As the judge questioned Gumbs-Carty about the investigation surrounding Ward’s possible involvement in the crime, Hollar reminded her that “she was the one who sent Ward to the states.”

Hollar did not agree to an extension of the trial start date, because there would be enough time for the results to be examined by all parties, according to the judge.

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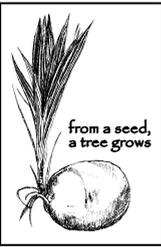
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A Sampling of our Exclusively Listed Properties

<p>"CATHERINEBERG'S CINNAMON RIDGE" 5 bedroom villa on 1+ private acre, bordered by National Park, features stunning north shore views. Exotic pool, waterfall, spa, easy access to Cinnamon Bay beach.</p> <p>\$5,250,000</p>	<p>"CHOCOLATE HOLE NORTH (5X5) SOLARIS"</p> <p>Spectacular views of 5 bays. 60' lap pool, courtyard, great amenities.</p> <p>\$2,400,000</p>	<p>"UPPER CHOCOLATE HOLE GEM!"</p> <p>Masonry 3 BR 3.5 BA home, pool, private lower BR w/separate entry, large room for addl. BR, excellent for rental potential.</p> <p>\$1,390,000</p>	<p>"POINCIANA" 1.24 acres beachfront on Hart Bay. 3 bedroom beach house with spa, views and breezes.</p> <p>\$2,600,000</p>	<p>"TRADE HOME FOR LAND PLUS \$\$ - GIFT HILL"</p> <p>Delightful 3 bedroom income producing masonry home with pool and privacy. Beautiful water views to St. T! Extensive exotic landscaping.</p> <p>TRADE or \$999,000</p>	<p>"CAROLINA FIXER-UPPER"</p> <p>Great family home plus rental income from small downstairs apartment. Two bedrooms, bath, and large living area on main floor. Studio apartment below.</p> <p>\$415,000</p>
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Exclusively Listed Land

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION!
 Beautiful WATERFRONT parcels ranging from .5 - 1.36 acres in some of St. John's best areas!
\$635,000 - \$2,500,000

"DREEKETS BAY ESTATES"
 boasts spectacular BVI views, quality paved roads, underground utilities, stone wall & planters, common beach. Just 8 minutes from Coral Bay.



12 parcels priced from \$450,000

"AZURE SKIES OVER THE CRYSTAL SEA"
 will entice you to build your dream home on this Upper Peter Bay lot. Deeded beach access to a white sandy beach!

\$3,200,000

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

"FISH BAY"
 Two great oversized parcels - one with cistern slab, well, and active plans/permits in place and one lot with expansive views, cooling breezes & paved access.
\$389,000 - \$438,000



AFFORDABLE VIEW LOTS IN CORAL BAY
 ranging from .340 - .51 acres just
\$177,500 - \$495,000



"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

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

"FREEMAN'S GROUND" STUNNING DOWN ISLAND VIEWS and cooling breezes from this .78 ac. parcel with upper & lower access. **\$425,000**

Investment Opportunities

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

SATYAMUNA - FOOD FOR THE SOUL is a healthy vegetarian restaurant and small health food store, with friendly outdoor café seating. Large local and tourist following, tons of growth potential - perfect business for a hands on owner. Prime location, great foot traffic, ample parking.
\$59,000

Condominiums

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

RAINBOW'S END Battery Hill condo, 2 bedrms, poolside, close to town. **Priced to sell! \$585,000**

"GALLOWS POINT" 3 premier OCEAN FRONT units (2-upper & 1-lower) each with private deck/patio. Walk to town!
\$1,400,000, \$1,275,000 & \$1,200,000

"VILLA LEE ANNA" Cozy 2 bedroom condo with water views. Easy walk to Cruz Bay and low condo fees. **\$325,000.00**

"GALLOWS POINT" Breathtaking views & cooling ocean breezes at this top floor unit!
Offered at \$1,400,000

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

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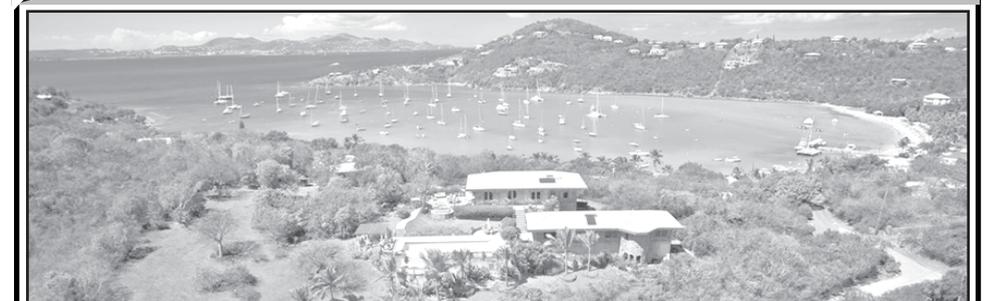
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Waterfront Lot on North Shore

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ESTATE ROSE The largest private estate listed for sale on St. John's South Shore. Double parcel knoll top site offers spectacular views. Completely refurbished main house includes 3 bdrms, 4 1/2 baths, mahogany library, office/media room, spacious great room, mahogany kitchen, spa, 12'x40' pool, plus a caretaker's cottage. 2.2 Acres. \$4,500,000

HOMES

NEW! Beautiful sweeping Coral Bay and BVI views with great tradewind breezes from this very large brand new three bedroom, four bath masonry home. Brick entrance patio, granite counter tops, Katherine Perry original light fixtures, top of the line appliances, beverage center, energy efficient washer and dryer are just some of the high end finishes included. This would be a great short term rental home or family retreat. .57 acres \$2,399,000

MYSTIC RIDGE perched high on a mountain ridge offers dramatic, "down-island" views. This 4BR/4.5BA luxury villa has an impressive split level great room featuring a gourmet kitchen, a formal dining area & complete entertainment center. Magnificent seclusion can be yours as you lounge by the large pool or hot tub. **Price Reduced to \$2,600,000.**

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

PRICE SLASHED \$500,000!! 'Sunset Beach' is a fabulous beachfront villa set at the water's edge on Dever's Bay. This stunning beach home is luxuriously appointed and tastefully decorated. The impressive great room is furnished with antique reproductions from the Virgin Islands Heritage series of the Whim Museum. The beach is at your doorstep. These sellers are motivated so make an offer. \$2,995,000

TEMPRESS has been recently renovated, painted and the pool has been resurfaced. Two bedroom suites are separated by two buildings - a living area and an impressive kitchen complete with granite countertops. All rooms open onto spacious, private decks, affording dramatic sunsets and sweeping views of the South Shore, including Great Cruz Bay, Chocolate Hole Bay and Hart Bay. \$1,650,000

BAREFOOT Newly constructed 2 bdrm, 1.5 bath guest cottage in quaint Coral Bay neighborhood with paved roads, expansive Sunrise water views of BVI, Leduck, Flanagan & beyond and steady gentle breezes. .5 acre with room for expansion of main house & pool. Lower level has plumbing roughed in. \$899,000.

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