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## Boats Wash Ashore

Two sailboats washed ashore on Chocolate Hole beach in front of the Pond Bay Resort development last week after heavy rains and winds tattered the territory as Hurricane Hannah passed north of the islands. The territory has been spared major impact from the hurricanes which have narrowly missed the islands in recent weeks.

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# Officials Respond to Parent Concerns Regarding Roundabout Construction

By Andrea Milam  
*St. John Tradewinds*

Parents of Julius E. Sprauve School (JESS) students were assured that their children's safety and learning experience are top priorities during the construction of the Cruz Bay roundabout at a Thursday evening, August 28, meeting at JESS.

Officials from the Department of Public Works, V.I. Department of Education, the Office of the Governor and project contractor Island Roads were on hand to answer questions.

Construction on the roundabout began last month at the busy Cruz Bay intersection where the JESS campus is situated.

Demolition of a wall which abuts the school's Clarice Thomas Annex began just days before students returned to school on August 25. The demolition was not scheduled to begin until phase three of the six-phase project, however contractors jumped ahead in an effort to avoid inhibiting students' learning experience.

"We jumped into phase three to minimize the impact on students," DPW Design Program Manager Jomo McClean told the more than 50 residents at the meeting. "Heavy demolition will be done after school and on evenings and weekends whenever it's possible."

Work will continue at the annex for the next several weeks, including the pouring of concrete footings and the erection of a new wall, explained McClean.

During that time, measures have been put in place to reduce the impact on students at the annex, including watering down the site to minimize dust, according to McClean.

Construction has already affected at least one class according to a JESS teacher, who complained of recent loud hammering near the annex's wall which lasted for



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Workers removed a wall adjacent to the Julius E. Sprauve School Clarice Thomas annex, above, as part of the Cruz Bay roundabout project.

two hours, impairing her ability to teach.

"That won't happen again," said Department of Education Deputy Superintendent Joseph Sibilly.

"Continue to bring your concerns to (JESS Principal) Mr. (Mario) Francis," added DOE Commissioner Dr. LaVerne Terry. "We want this to be a good school year. We want the students to be safe, and we don't want learning to be disrupted."

The impact on student safety is the school's number one priority,

followed by the impact on instruction, according to Francis.

The roundabout project will have at least one positive effect on the learning environment at JESS, explained the school's principal.

"A utility pole on the corner will be removed, which will widen the corner so the trucks don't have to do a three-point turn, minimizing the noise level," said Francis.

The slow-moving traffic generated by the closure of one lane of Route 201 has actually contributed

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## St. John School of the Arts Classes Start September 8; Registration On

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Register for classes at St. John School of the Arts as soon as possible since classes begin September 8.

New classes include Fiber Art, Adult Hip Hop, Adult Tap and the Body Eclectic. The arts school continues to bring instrumental instruction in piano, guitar, violin and voice as well as art, ballet, tap, tumbling and hip hop.

Visit the website at [www.stjohnschoolofthearts.org](http://www.stjohnschoolofthearts.org) for detailed information on classes and schedules or come by the arts school, located next to the Cruz Bay Legislature behind Julius E. Sprauve School.

## WAPA Standpipes Going Automated: St. John Hauler Meeting Is Sept. 8

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The Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority is advising its St. Thomas/St. John and St. Croix water haulers and private/commercial standpipe users that there will be meetings on all three islands to introduce the authority's new Automated Standpipe System.

The meeting on St. John will be Monday, September 8, at 5:30 p.m. at the Legislative Conference Room.

## JESS PTA Meeting Set for Sept. 10

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Mario Francis, principal of the Julius E. Sprauve School, advises all parents, guardians and the general public that a PTA meeting has been rescheduled for Wednesday, September 10, at 5:30 p.m. in the school's cafeteria.

Francis further announces that PTA officers will be elected at the meeting and a presentation will be made by a national PTA representative.

## St. John Singers Rehearsals Sept. 15

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The St. John Singers, directed by John Cahill, will start rehearsals on Monday, September 15, at the Lutheran Church in Cruz Bay. All singers are welcome. No auditions are required. Rehearsals: women at 6:30 p.m.; men at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call Polly Watts at 775-2814.

## 2008 V.I. Coastweeks Is Coming Soon

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September 20 is International Coastal Cleanup day, and also marks the beginning of V.I. Coastweeks, a three week period where community members rally together to remove debris from beaches and coastal shores.

Debris is removed not only to beautify the island, but to protect marine species and habitats and collect valuable information on the amount and type of debris found.

This territory-wide event is supported by Friends of VI National Park, Ocean Conservancy, UVI's VI Marine Advisory Service, VI Coastal Zone Management Program, and V.I. Waste Management Authority.

During last year's Coastweeks nearly 100 volunteers on St. John pitched in by removing more than 990 pounds of debris from 14 beaches and trails!

Be a part of the growing success of this event and join a Friends-sponsored beach cleanup on September 20, or consider joining our Adopt-A-Beach/Trail Program and adopt a beach or trail to clean throughout the year.

To find out more about V.I. Coastweeks, coordinated cleanups throughout the territory, or Friends' Adopt-A-Beach/Trail Program, contact Kristen at the Friends at 779-4940.

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# Senate Candidates Answer St. John Questions at Public Forum

By Susan Mann  
St. John Tradewinds

Senators Louis Hill and Alvin Williams were the only two elected senators who showed up at a Coral Bay Community Council-sponsored candidate's forum to answer questions and talk about the pressing issues on St. John on Wednesday evening, August 27.

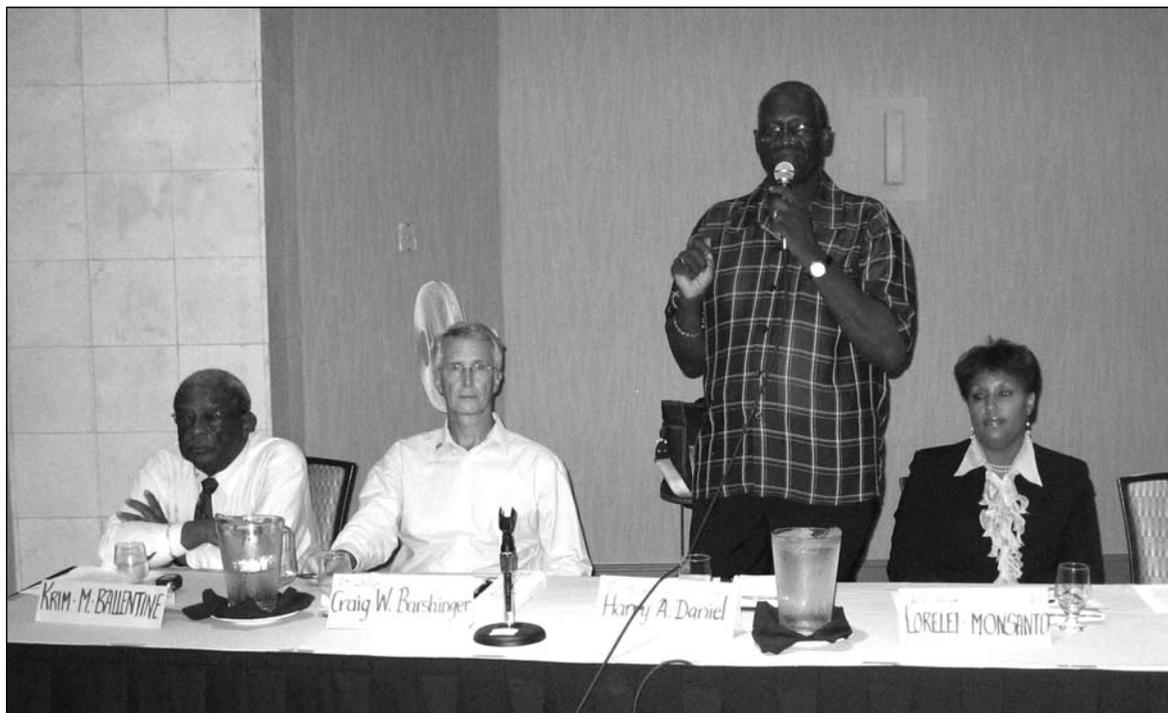
While the forum typically takes place in Coral Bay, it was moved to the Westin Resort and Villas this year due to the unavailability of John's Folly Learning Institute, explained CBCC president Sharon Coldren.

The conference room at the Westin was packed with concerned citizens from various backgrounds, ranging from retired politicians to members of the internationally-known music group Inner Visions.

In addition to Hill and Williams, senate hopefuls Moses Carty, Harry Daniel, Shirley Sadler, Craig Barshinger, Stedman Hodge, Helen Baker, Tregenza Roach, Lorelei Monsanto, Myron Jackson, Krim Ballentine, Samuel Harvey, and Adlah Donastorg also attended the forum.

Victor Frazer, who is running to unseat Delegate to Congress Donna Christensen, attended, as well as Emmett Hansen II, who is running for a chance to be seated as the territory's Democratic Party chairman.

Senator-at-Large Carmen Wes-



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Suan Mann

Senator at Large candidate Harry Daniel, standing center, answers a question from the audience during the CBCC-sponsored pre-Primary forum at the Westin Resort and Villas.

selhoft did not attend the meeting or send a representative to speak on her behalf.

Each senatorial candidate in attendance gave brief remarks about why they were seeking office.

### St. John Needs Action

"Not one major piece of legislation for St. John has been passed in the last few years," said Daniel, who is running for Senator at Large on the Democrat ticket. "We need

someone who can deliver. I was anticipating the Senator at Large would look out for St. John."

As a community activist, Democrat Senator at Large candidate Monsanto has proven her dedication to St. John, she explained.

"I have demonstrated that I am a community activist — no more false dreams and more follow-through is needed," said Monsanto.

As a former senator at large, Barshinger has already shown action, he explained.

### Reduced Barge Fees

"I brought people together and got barge fees reduced," said Barshinger, who was unseated by Wesselhoft in the last election, and has once again thrown his hat in the ring. "We were raped by Sirenusa's legislation passage."

During his two years in the sen-

ate, Barshinger was able to allocate \$4 million in funds earmarked for construction of a Cruz Bay parking garage, the former senator at large explained.

Six months later, however, Governor John deJongh reprogrammed the St. John parking garage funding, without a fight from Wesselhoft, Barshinger added.

The forum audience placed St. John property taxes high on its list of priorities.

### Residents Should Be Protected

"It needs to be a one-time thing," said district senator candidate Ballentine. "An assigned tax for a specific thing, such as paying for education."

"The tax laws are based on the states' laws, and we are not a state," said Harvey.

"The legislation needs to protect St. Johnians," said Daniel.

"Native St. John residents need to be able to protect their ancestors' land," Jackson said.

St. John residents are not just waiting for their elected officials to act on their behalf, explained Monsanto.

"St. John has taken on the charge and filed a lawsuit," Monsanto said. "We cannot stomach this anymore. Senators need to take a stand."

"If you haven't reviewed the law, don't vote for it," continued Monsanto.

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## Island Deer and Fawns Spotted in Fish Bay



A spotted Bambi and her family were recently seen enjoying the lush greenery in Estate Fish Bay, above and at right.



St. John Tradewinds News Photos Courtesy of Susie O'Leary

## Rain Data

at Trunk Bay

### August Rainfall

9.07 Inches

### Average August Rainfall

3.88 Inches

### Year-to Date Rainfall

24.38 Inches

### Average Y-T-D Rainfall

22.85 Inches

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# Wha's Happ'nin'

by Sis Frank

## Back To School Time!

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Bless the schools and their leaders who have their acts together! Most of the institutions, both public and private, are under the strain of daily changes in classes, times, days, teachers and the usual challenges. It would be an enormous relief to have it all run smoothly.

We should be grateful that so far the storms have avoided us, we just have to cope with the famous round-about as the machines and WAPA change the route.

### Alvis Christian Is On the Road to Recovery

We are all relieved to hear reports of Alvis's improvement as he attends rehab sessions weekly in the states. Keep it up, Alvis, we miss you and send best wishes and our love for a complete recovery!

### Middle Age Majorettes Are Aging

Only three marched in Coral Bay's Labor Day parade — maybe they should add walking sticks to their costumes! Oh my — the years fly by! (I should know)

### Tennis Stars Continue to Win

George Lewis and Fenella Cooper took top honors in the St. Thomas Racquet Club's Roebuck, Watlington, Wallace and Holland Tournament at

the Sub Base tennis courts. We need Pat Harley to renew our own tournaments!

### Congratulations to Our Joe Kessler

He was awarded the Bill Gladfelter award at Sunday's triathlon! This award is given to an inspirational individual who has shown strength in adverse circumstances. Our best wishes to you, Joe.

### Will We Ever See Steve and Helen???

The world-traveling Simons are new grandparents! Big congratulations, but you now need a little rest after China, the Wild West, blues concerts from coast to coast, etc. — we are beginning to think that travel is a mania with you!

### Miss Sally Smith, AKA the "Queen of Jazz" Celebrates Her Birthday

I know that it is in September, but the date is vague. Happy Birthday to Miss Sally — can she sing and play the piano? You bet!

Madeleine Meehan, the jazz fan and creative artist, also added another year two weeks ago!

### MaLinda Media's Next Sensation

The *St. Thomas Magazine* will be published in the next two to three months. Look for wonderful photos and stories — MaLinda has done it again!



St. John Tradewinds News Photos by BJ Harris and Tom Oat

St. John Rotary President B.J. Harris and member William Willigerod presented planners to students at Guy Benjamin School, above left, and Julius E. Sprauve School, above right.

## Thousands of V.I. Students Benefit From Rotary Planner Project

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In keeping with Rotary International's 2008-2009 theme to "Make Dreams Real" the Rotary Clubs of the Virgin Islands have partnered with the V.I. Department of Education and the V.I. National Guard's Counterdrug Task Force to provide public school students from third to 12th grade with school planners.

A total of 11,500 planners were provided free of cost to assist with character and academic development. The cost of the planners was in excess of \$27,000 and was made possible through a joint effort by 10 Rotary Clubs in the Virgin Islands and a matching grant from Rotary International and Rotary Districts 7020 and 7710.

"The Virgin Islands Rotary Clubs, along with the Rotary partners from our international clubs, are proud to sponsor this worthwhile educational project as it manifests our commitment to making a difference in our community by investing in our students," said Joseph Felicien, co-chairman of Rotary's Community Service Council.



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Most students returning to school for the first day of classes were all smiles at Guy Benjamin School, above, and Julius E. Sprauve School, at right.

## Students and Teachers Kick Off New School Year With Spirit

By Susan Mann and Tom Oat  
*St. John Tradewinds*

The smallest St. John public school Guy H. Benjamin in Coral Bay welcomed its largest student body in decades with 101 students in grades K-6, while the island's largest school, Julius E. Sprauve in Cruz Bay, dealt with road construction in the middle of its campus as the school year began.

Despite the rainy weather, students in crisp school uniforms, many of whom wore their best hair styles, along with proud parents, at-

tended this year's first day of school orientation on Monday, August 25, at both schools.

While puddles formed on the newly painted floor of the open-air cafeteria at GBS, parents and students were updated on staff changes at the school which has seen steadily increasing enrollment in recent years.

GBS Principal Dionne Wells hosted students, parents and guardians in the cafeteria to discuss changes at the island's oldest school. Class sizes this year range

from three students in kindergarten to 24 in Grade 4, the largest of the seven grades. Students Grades 4, 5 and 6 will be rotating between three teachers for different subjects for the first time this year.

In staffing changes this year, longtime GBS teacher Ms. Lucille Parsons will oversee just three students in the kindergarten as she replaces Patrice Harley who retired last year after more than 30 years of teaching. Idalia Scimeca has taken over Grade 2 while the school awaits the hiring of a new Spanish

teacher.

"You are not here to work for us, we are here to work for you and your child," proclaimed a large flip chart at the front of the room for teachers and families to see as soon as they walked in the door of the JESS cafeteria.

More than one kindergartner unsuccessfully made a valiant effort to keep their tears back on their big day, only to be seen later smiling with their classmates.

There was no short supply of "Dora the Explorer" umbrellas be-

ing carried by the little ladies entering the cafeteria as the lower grade orientation got under way.

Department of Education Assistant Superintendent Michael Harrigan came over from St. Thomas to lend his support and say a few words to those assembled.

### Discrimination

#### "Will Not Be Tolerated"

JESS Assistant Principal Brenda Dalmida spoke with conviction in her voice about the need for everyone — adults and students alike —

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# Jerry Runyon Wins Gold and Silver for V.I. at Veterans Golden Age Games

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

While he wasn't in China and it wasn't the Olympics, Jerry Runyon can still be considered the island's golden age Michael Phelps.

Runyon, an Army veteran and commander of the St. John American Legion Viggo E. Sewer Post #131, was one of more than 650 veterans in their golden age who was in Indianapolis, Indiana, August 20 through 24, to compete in the 22nd National Veterans Golden Age Games, the largest sporting event in the world for senior veterans.

All participants were U.S. military veterans from across the country age 55 and older, receiving medical care through the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Runyon, 70, represented St. John well and took home the gold in the 50-yard backstroke as well as a silver medal in the 50-yard freestyle.

Runyon credited his success to some tips he picked up at the pool in St. Thomas.

"I had a really nice girl at the St. Thomas pool who helped me with my turns," said Runyon. "We don't do the underwater turns, but she helped me pushing off of the wall faster."

The swimmer didn't post his personal best time, which might have had something to do with the water temperature, Runyon explained.

"The games were at Indiana University and the pool was just beautiful," he said. "But the water was freezing."

While the Golden Age Games were fun, they mean even more than just good times, Runyon added.

"I hope to continue the comradeship between servicemen and women who have given their all for our country," he said. "The Golden Age Games provide that competitive spirit we need to keep going."

The event was sponsored by the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Veterans Canteen Service and Help Hospitalized Veterans. Hosted this year by the Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Center in Indianapolis, the Golden Age Games demonstrate the



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Jerry Runyon proudly shows off this hard-won medals from the Golden Games, above.

value of regular exercise, recreation and friendly competition for all veterans, especially those dealing with age-specific illnesses.

Veterans competed in seven age categories in ambulatory, wheelchair, or visually impaired divisions. Events included swimming, bicycling, table tennis, dominoes, shuffleboard, horseshoes, nine-ball, bowling, checkers, golf, croquet, shot-put, discus and air rifles.

# Several Hundred VINP Forest Research Plots Vandalized

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Recently several hundred markers were removed from all the trees in several study plots which were part of a forest monitoring study in the Virgin Islands National Park.

These trees, which had been monitored for 25 years, can no longer be individually identified and the impact to the project as well as cost to the taxpayers is immense.

A considerable amount of money has been spent to monitor these plots, which are used to determine natural growth and recovery of our forests since the plantation era and changes in our forests due to natural events such as hurricanes.

This particular project involved the National Park Service, the U.S. Forest Service Institute for Tropical Forestry and several universities.

VINP and Virgin Islands Coral Reef National Monument have many research projects which involve park staff as well as researchers from universities and other federal agencies.

These research projects are intended to better understand our marine and terrestrial ecosystems and enable the National Park Service to better manage the natural resources that make these park units special.

Many of these research projects involve marking study sites or individual organisms, whether they are plants in our forests or creatures on our reefs.

Researchers try to use markers that are as inconspicuous as possible. When markers are deliberately removed or changed in any way, vast amounts of important data, time, and money are irretrievably lost.

Please remember that the National Park Service has many authorized activities besides research that benefit the parks, its visitors and residents.

Please do not remove tags or signs indicating trail or road locations, construction work, renovation of any type, safety warnings, educational information, etc. Vandalism should be a concern to everyone who works, studies, and visits the VINP and Coral Reef National Monument.

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Employees from the San Juan National Historic Site carefully measure the area in front of the VINP Visitors' Center before installing pavers, above.

## VINP Back To Work on Interpretive Display on Philanthropy at Cruz Bay

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

Almost a year after starting construction, V.I. National Park officials returned to work on a new interpretive display in front of the visitors' center in Cruz Bay.

In the first push to finish the project, employees from the San Juan National Historic Site were on St. John last week installing pavers in front of the VINP Visitors' Center as part of the new display.

Funded by the Friends of the VINP, the display highlights the importance of philanthropy in the National Park Service, showcasing Laurance Rockefeller's work establishing the St. John park as an example.

The first phase of the project, which included construction of a stone wall, brick work, interpretive signs and a covered walkway, was completed in December 2007 in commemoration of the VINP's 50th anniversary.

"We did a soft opening at the 50th anniversary celebration and we had planned to finish the project after the anniversary," said Friends' president Joe Kessler. "We got a bit delayed but now we're back on track. This interpretive display focuses on the role of philanthropy in the National Park Service overall, using the role of Laurance Rockefeller and the VINP as a case study."

"Basically since the inception of the National Park Service, philanthropy has played a major role," Kessler continued. "There is a total of 20 National Parks that were, at least in part, formed by donations from Laurance Rockefeller."

The interpretive display will include the pavers, a small garden consisting of native plants and several low sitting walls.

The entire project should be complete by December in time for Laurance Rockefeller's son Larry Rockefeller's annual visit to St. John, explained Kessler.

While installing the red stone pavers in front of the visitors' center is part of the display project, the pavers also serve another purpose, explained VINP Superintendent Mark Hardgrove.

"Before the ground was uneven with lots of rocks and didn't meet our accessibility standards," said Hardgrove. "With the pavers, the area will be more accessible and we'll be in full compliance with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act."

Since bids on the project received from private companies were too costly, VINP officials looked to their very-qualified partners in San Juan for help, Hardgrove explained.

"There are 40 masons employed at the San Juan National Historic Site who work on 11 million cubic feet of historic structures within the city walls," said Hardgrove.

The VINP superintendent knows all about the San Juan National Historic Site. Before accepting his VINP post, Hardgrove put in 11 years of service at the expansive park in Puerto Rico.

The pavers should be in place within two weeks and judging from the pace of the San Juan National Historic Site employees, they will easily meet that deadline, Hardgrove added.

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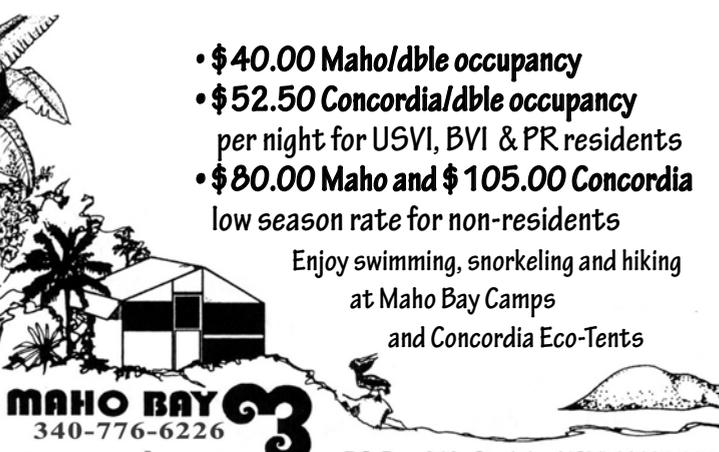
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## Woodturning Club Starts September 18 at JESS

### St. John Tradewinds

The Woodturning Club, an after school activity sponsored by the Beacon School Program, will begin again on Tuesday, September 16, at the Industrial Arts Classroom at Julius E. Sprauve School at 3:30 p.m.

Avelino Samuel, the Industrial Arts teacher, along with Eileen Duffy, assistant teacher, will be volunteering to provide this opportunity for sixth graders and above to learn to turn wood.

If you are a St. John resident in sixth grade or higher and want

to learn to do something fun after school come at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning September 16.

Former students are welcome to return as we have new projects in mind for our "advanced" students. There is room and equipment for 20 students to turn. Students will be in to two classes of 10 students each, with one group attending each Tuesday and Thursday.

Each year students taking the course have produced items such as tops, bowls, goblets, pens, pocket mirrors and paper towel

holders.

This is the fifth year the class has been offered, aided by the generous donations of funds and goods from the St. John Accommodations Council, Carlson Construction, the World of Woodturners, Woodturning Design Magazine, Harvey Fein, Chelsea Drugs and Starfish Market.

The class fee is \$15, \$10 for the Beacon School Registration and \$5 for materials fee. Donations of funds to purchase materials and additional equipment are always welcome.

## American Legion Flag Football League Receives Donations from Community

### St. John Tradewinds

As the American Legion Viggo E. Sewer Post 131 starts its fall season, an unexpected but very welcome gift came in the form of donations from Tropical Properties, St John Hardware and Alfredo's Nursery who each pledged donations of \$1,000.

"These donations come at a time when the league is expanding," said Paul Devine, league coordinator. "As the number of children participating increases, so does the cost of running the program. These pledges came at just the right time."

The American Legion has plans to start even more sports activities for 2009, Devine added.

"Youth co-ed recreational softball is something we have wanted to start and we think next spring would be a good time," he said. "I try to keep in close contact with the Department of Housing, Parks and Rec-

reation to make sure we don't duplicate efforts. I think we work well together."

"I have so much respect for Hubert Moscosco, HPR director," continued Devine. "He, along with the new St. John Sports Club, has a passion for this community and works tirelessly to bring sports and other activities to St. John. The American Legion wants to work beside him as we both create programs and activities, especially in team sports."

The American Legion wants to thank the generous sponsors, volunteer coaches and referees for all they do to make our flag football league a success. As the league grows, and adds more activities, we will need even more sponsors and volunteers.

Please consider coaching or becoming a referee for the upcoming fall season. Call Paul Devine at 514-6615 or email allawe@sjcf.org for more information.

## Lindy Returns from Hospital

*St. John Tradewinds*

Cruz Bay denizen Lindy Frazier spent several days in the hospital on St. Thomas during the last week of August.

A longtime fixture known for collecting leftover food and unfinished bottles of beer around town, Lindy was said to have been placed in in-patient medical care "against his will."

Apparently Lindy could not remain hospitalized against his will even though at one point he was repeatedly falling down.

Lindy, although not technically homeless, usually calls the streets between the Cruz Bay Post Office and the Fish Trap Restaurant his home.

The tall, thin Lindy, who often has a weathered bundle of newspapers and magazines under his arm, likes having a beer or two on a regular basis, and often asks locals and visitors for change, cigarettes, food and drinks.

Recently, Lindy's lifestyle, and lack of preventative health care and treatment, have apparently started to catch up with him. In the middle of August, Lindy started going down hill, appearing more and more physically ill by the day.

Rather than sitting on the side of the street or the curb as usual, Lindy started lying down just about anywhere in Cruz Bay — including in front of the Julius E. Sprauve School.

When several business own-

ers asked him to move along he did so, apparently as long as he was able to.

On August 20, Lindy was found lying on a large blue tarp directly in front of the entrance to the former Duffy's Love Shack location

Sources told *Tradewinds* that medical providers assigned to Cruz Bay informed concerned locals that the downtown fixture was in the process of dying. Medical para-professionals were reportedly checking on Lindy up to five times a day.

The police were repeatedly called, but said they couldn't do anything. Lindy's mother showed up one morning with an ambulance in hopes of taking him to the hospital, but didn't get him to budge.

On the evening of Friday, August 22, Lindy managed to remove his clothing. Three police vehicles showed up and somehow authorities managed to take him to the hospital, where he stayed for several days.

Lindy looked markedly improved upon his return to Cruz Bay several days later. He was walking about Cruz Bay again and actually smiling. Within a few days, however, Lindy's health had already noticeably started to decline again.

As of press time Lindy was still walking the streets of Cruz Bay and accepting well-wishes from passersby and was even spotted drinking an Ensure.

## Audrey Penn Taking Over from Maize As Friends of VINP Program Manager

**By Jaime Elliott**

*St. John Tradewinds*

When news of the upcoming departure of the Friends of Virgin Islands National Park's Program Manager Kristen Maize spread around St. John, the general consensus on island was fear the organization's many activities might start lagging.

Residents can put their fears to rest, however, since the Friends of VINP recently hired Audrey Penn to take over Maize's position.

Born on Tortola and raised on St. John, Penn is a graduate of Antilles School. After high school, she studied anthropology and African American studies at Rollins College in Florida.

While Penn always dreamt of working with the VINP, it wasn't exactly in this capacity, she explained.

"Having studied anthropology in college, I had actually wanted to be a ranger with the VINP," said Penn. "Then, two years ago I got an internship here at the Friends which led to me working at Concordia."

Penn spent the last two years managing at Estate Concordia, eco-pioneer Stanley Selengut's South Shore outpost. Over her tenure at Concordia, Penn was part of the eco-resort's successful expansion to include a restaurant and general store.

Working with the environmentally-conscious resort fit perfectly with Penn's ambitions, explained the new program manager for the Friends of the VINP.

"I always knew I wanted to work with preserving St. John and promoting the island," said Penn. "Working with Concordia was perfect for me."

Penn is already full of ideas for her new job.

"I want to work with the community here to change the perception some people have about the Friends," she said. "I want to show people all the work we support here, from educating local children and adults to trail maintenance. I really want people to embrace the Friends."

With an infectious smile and endless energy, Penn is determined to make a difference as the organization's new program manager.



*St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott*

**Audrey Penn**

"I'm really excited," said Penn. "I have some big shoes to fill, but I'm sure I'll do a great job. This is a new experience and I'm grateful for the opportunity."

Since Maize — who has been the Friends' program manager for the past three years — isn't leaving island for another month, she will have plenty of time to make sure Penn knows the ropes.

"The transition will go really well," said Maize. "I'm really excited. Audrey will be a great member of the team."

Friends' president Joe Kessler is equally enthused about the group's recent hire.

"I'm really excited to have Audrey on board," said Kessler. "She has a great knowledge of St. John and a lot of enthusiasm. She really loves St. John — the park and the people — and she's really enthusiastic."



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Caneel Bay's Managing Director Nikolay Hotze, center, poses with this year's scholarship winners on the resort grounds.

## *Caneel Bay Resort Awards 2008 Education Scholarship Recipients*

### *St. John Tradewinds*

Continuing a tradition of support for the island community it calls home, Caneel Bay, a Rosewood Resort, announced the recipients of its annual educational scholarships for 2008 to further the educational opportunities of local students.

Particular consideration is given to applicants who reveal a desire to return to the islands to put the fruits of their education to work.

There is certainly a precedent as the first recipient of a Caneel Bay Scholarship was Avelino Samuel, now a well-known Industrial Arts teacher at the Julius E. Sprauve School on St. John.

As part of the overall strategy of Corporate Social Responsibility of Rosewood Hotels & Resorts, Caneel Bay concentrates giving back to the local community, with particular attention toward encouraging the development of island youth.

The educational scholarships have been offered to the young men and women of St. John and St. Thomas since the 1970s, mirroring the spirit of support for the environment shown by resort founder Laurance Rockefeller. Over the past 20 years, Caneel Bay has awarded scholarships, totaling \$110,000.

"It is a great pleasure to acknowledge each of the eight recipients of this year's educational scholarships," said Nikolay Hotze, Caneel Bay's managing

director. "Together, they represent a range of career choices, as well as positive models for the community. We applaud their enthusiasm and accomplishments and wish them every degree of success in the future."

The 2008 Caneel Bay Scholarships recipients are: Makijah Crabbe, Business Administration, University of the Virgin Islands; Andy Smith, Chemistry/Ecology, University of Georgia; Jamella Smith, Behavioral Psychology, Lincoln University; Jamal Potter, Journalism, University of North Carolina; Chelsea Joseph, Pastry Arts, The Art Institute of Atlanta; Shenika Freeman, Nursing, University of the Virgin Islands; Jason Carbon, Culinary Arts, The Art Institute of Atlanta; Alysius Joseph, Electrical Engineering, St. Mary's University.

Beginning in February through April every year, Caneel Bay welcomes applications for the annual scholarships. The scholarships are awarded upon a number of criteria, including financial situations and career choice with a heavy focus in the Hospitality Industry and the Educational field.

Applicants are invited to contact their Guidance Counselors for an application to apply for the 2009-10 school year. For more information, contact Celine Joseph, Director of Human Resources at 776-6111 or by email at [celine.joseph@rosewoodhotels.com](mailto:celine.joseph@rosewoodhotels.com).

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# Retired National PTA CEO Urges Parental Involvement in Education

By Andrea Milam  
St. John Tradewinds

Retired National Parent Teacher Association CEO Warlene Gary believes so strongly in the importance of parents being involved in their children's education she took time away from her month-long St. Thomas vacation to speak to Julius E. Sprauve School parents about why they should join the JESS PTA at a Thursday evening, August 28, meeting at the school.

Gary, a native of Washington, D.C. who holds a master of education degree in special education from Howard University and a bachelor of science degree in physical education and health from the District of Columbia Teachers College, retired from her post as National PTA CEO on June 30. She urged all members of the community to get involved with the local PTA.

"We have to bring it down to the grassroots level," said Gary. "Everybody can be a member of the PTA. I'm committed to convincing people we have the responsibility to our children."

The PTA began with rich white women who felt the need to help immigrant children, Gary explained. She urged parents to set time aside for their children.

"We have to be more creative and think outside the box," said Gary. "There are no excuses now. Children take time."

Children would benefit from better communication

between parents and teachers, however both parties fear intimidation, according to Gary.

Parents should ensure their children are sent to school well-disciplined, she explained.

"It's going to take courage and getting dirt under our fingernails to get our children where they should be," said Gary. "If we can get families motivated, that makes the teachers' jobs easier. This is a very important issue."

"We have to move beyond talking about the problem and get the job done," Gary added.

## Push for Involvement of Fathers

Following her retirement, the position of National PTA CEO will be filled by a male for the first time ever, and there will be a "major push" for father involvement, Gary explained.

The JESS PTA has started off strong in recent years, only to find its numbers dwindling throughout the school year. Since the incorporation, however, of the U.S. Virgin Islands Parent Teacher Student Association in 1998, participation has been highest on St. John.

For more information on the National PTA, visit [www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org). For more information on the USVI PTSA, email [usviptsa\\_@pta.org](mailto:usviptsa_@pta.org). The JESS PTA usually meets the first Wednesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. at the school's cafeteria. The next JESS PTA meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 10.

# Former Schneider Medical Center CEO Rodney Miller Arrested

St. John Tradewinds

Special Agents from the V.I. Inspector General's Office and the V.I. Department of Justice, White Collar Crime Division apprehended former Roy Lester Schneider Medical Center President and Chief Executive Officer, Rodney E. Miller, Sr. at about 8:00 a.m. on Friday August 22.

Miller, who served as RLS Medical Center President and CEO from May 2002 to November 2007, was arrested at the office of a local attorney on one count of fraudulent claims against the government.

The charges stem from Miller's attempt to cover up a 1995 criminal conviction by providing false statements to the Virgin Islands government on his application for employment at the Hospital.

The personnel file of Miller, maintained by the government of the Virgin Islands, Division of Personnel shows that under the caption of "Veterans Prefer-



Rodney Miller

ence Information," in response to the question: "What was your discharge?" Miller checked the box for "Honorable or General" although there was a box for "Dishonorable" and a box for "Not Applicable."

As part of an investigation launched by the Department of Justice in October 2007 in to possible wrong doing by Miller, a criminal background check was conducted with respect to Miller in March 2008, through the National Crime Information

Center (NCIC), a national database containing criminal records of individuals arrested on criminal violations. The data base is administered by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The NCIC check revealed that Miller was arrested on March 22, 1994. At the time of his arrest, Miller was enlisted in the United States Navy. On September 13, 1995 Miller appeared before a General Court Martial and entered guilty pleas to charges, which included larceny and obstruction of justice. Among other penalties, Miller received a bad conduct discharge from the United States Navy.

V.I. Superior Court Judge James Carroll, III advised Miller of his rights August 22 and set his bail at \$75,000. Miller's arraignment was August 28 at 9 a.m. in courtroom #1 of V.I. Superior Court on St. Thomas.

While Mr. Miller is charged with a serious crime, he remains innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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St. John Recycling Committee members Dr. Robert DeBonis and Barb Douma, above left, load a truck full of aluminum cans ready for STS in St. Thomas, which also purchases copper wire and pipe, above right.

## Recycling Committee Members Deliver First Truckload of Cans to STS

By Jaime Elliott  
 St. John Tradewinds

Members of the St. John Recycling Committee delivered their first truckload of aluminum cans to STS on St. Thomas last week.

The group dropped off a total of eight bags, which were collected over three weeks from the sole Coral Bay dumpster site.

"It weighed 92 pounds and came to a grand total of \$22.75," said Recycling Committee member Cary Chapin. "Yippee! Although it doesn't even quite cover half the barge fee which is why we need to figure out a pick-up system to transport cans to St. Thomas."

"We are looking for some way to crush the cans,"

Chapin said. "Does anyone know where the 'Golden Goat' is?"

While Paradise Lumber and Carlson Construction are both donating materials to make recycling collection bins, the group still needs volunteers to help make the bins, Chapin added.

"As we put them up we will be looking for folks to 'adopt a bin' and be willing to monitor them," said Chapin. "So far someone will adopt the dumpster site at the basketball courts in Cruz Bay and the Coral Bay dumpster. We also have someone who has adopted the Giff Hill site."

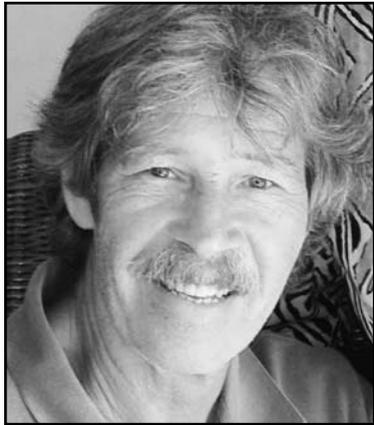
Anyone who wants to get involved should call the St. John Community Foundation at 514-6615 or Sue DeBonis at 715-0426.



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A STS employee weighs the Recycling Committee's aluminum cans, at right, and calculates the payment, above.





**By Paul Devine**  
*St. John Tradewinds*

# COMMUNITY CORNER

## AN OVERVIEW OF WHAT'S NEW AND WHAT'S NEEDED

A group of concerned citizens has revived recycling on St. John. This is the perfect way to help keep the landfills down and help conserve natural resources. The group also plans to join the new St Thomas/St John Recycling Association.

Aluminum can recycling bins have already been placed around the island so please throw any washed and crushed aluminum cans in the bins. It is hoped that Public Works can provide space as a pick-up point. Let's all do our share to help the environment and start recycling today. For more information call Paul at 514-6615.

### Breaking News!

The Virgin Islands Senate Committee on Education, Culture and Youth met on August 15 to hear testimony on a bill (27-0208) which would authorize the Department of Education to have K-12 education on St. John. The current law now

only allows K-9 education on St. John.

The bill passed the Education Committee by a unanimous vote. This is the first step on the road to having a new facility on St. John which would educate K-12 students.

Let's all contact the senators to let them know how we feel about this legislation and education in general. The bill will now move on to the Rules Committee which meets on September 15. Call the Legislature's main number 774-0880, or go to [www.legvi.org/LEGVI2007/directory.htm](http://www.legvi.org/LEGVI2007/directory.htm) to contact the senators.

### Planning is Everything

The St John Community Foundation (SJCF) is making plans to build a community center at Giff Hill near Bellevue Village. Our community needs a multi-purpose facility which would house various civic groups, provide a theater and meeting space, a pristine park and be a center for the entire community to visit and enjoy.

A committee to design the building and grounds needs volunteer help in the areas of architecture, landscape architecture, general construction and site development. This would be a great opportunity

to help your community by lending your expertise.

We hope to have a committee formed by the end of September, with actual plans being generated by the end of the year. Call the SJCF for details at 693-9410 or email [allawe@sjcf.org](mailto:allawe@sjcf.org).

### Epiphany Theater News

Epiphany Theater is at it again as the long-time St. John theater group has produced "Keep 'Em Guessin'" which ran from August 22 through 24. This "Fun-Raiser" proved to be a hilarious mix of comedy and just plain fun!

Epiphany has decided to open its doors for membership and is actively seeking people with an interest in theater to join the company. If you like grass-roots theater then you will love the Epiphany experience. Call Paul at 514-6615 or Cynthia at 513-0514 for more information and to join.

### Youth News

Hadiya Sewer reports that she received a four year scholarship to Spelman College. This vibrant young member of the St. John Youth Committee is continuing to do her family and home proud as she continues to be actively involved with future plans for the committee's goals even from a distance!

Check out her blog site at [www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=36795139248](http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=36795139248) or contact the St. John Youth Committee at [sjycteam@gmail.com](mailto:sjycteam@gmail.com).

### Get Out And Vote!

The Coral Bay Community Council hosted a senatorial forum on August 27 at the Westin Resort and Villas. Eighteen candidates showed up for this lively debate.

Issues such as property taxes, youth and education were discussed. As the primary election approaches, it is important to get out and vote for the candidate of your choice.

Make sure you know the issues and choose a candidate who feels as you do. After the primary election, the St. John Community Foundation will be hosting a debate forum in October. This is your chance to listen to the candidates' views so that you can make an informed choice in November.

The St. John Community Foundation wants to know which issues are most important to you. Soon, the *St. John Tradewinds* will post a questionnaire form for you to fill out.

The Foundation needs to know what issues are most important to you as your input will be the basis

of the debate. Questionnaires can be dropped at the SJCF office on the third floor of The Marketplace. Or write your own questions and fax them to 693-9410 or email to [allawe@sjcf.org](mailto:allawe@sjcf.org). Get involved, attend the debate and be sure to go out and vote!

### Flag Football Begins

The fall season of the American Legion Post 131 Youth Co-Ed Flag Football League is about to begin! The first sign-up was at the V.I. National Park ball field on September 6. The season will start on September 27 with a whole new league format.

The legion is creating two divisions to accommodate up to eight teams. The league is growing, so make sure to sign up early. As the league grows, so does the need for volunteers.

We need coaches and referees. Sponsorship is always welcome and much appreciated. Registration forms are also available at Connections and at the SJCF office on the third floor of The Marketplace. Contact Paul Devine for information or to sign up at 514-6615.

### What's Your Line?

If you have a plan for an event or a program which is community-based, I want to hear about it. Maybe we can find ways to fund your ideas or help with planning. Some of the best programs start with little ideas so keep those ideas flowing!

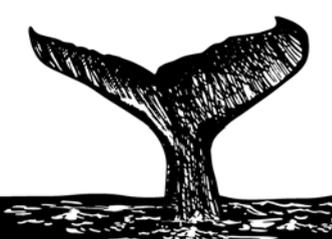
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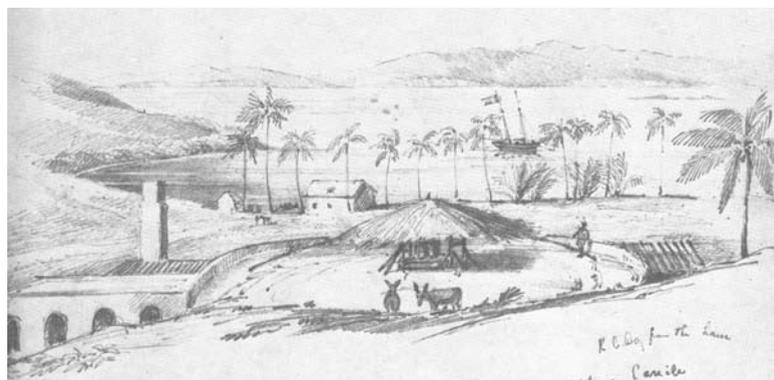
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# Historical Bits & Pieces

by Chuck Pishko

## The Mules of St. John

Date of Inventory	Number of Mules	Value
1802	29 mules @ 11 Joes each	\$3,987
1803	24 mules @ 12 Joes each	\$4,050
1821	32 mules	\$6,000
1822	30 mules \$200 each	\$6,000
1830	22 mules	\$3,235
1833	22 mules	\$3,235
1835	20 mules @ \$140 each	\$2,812
1859	9 mules @ \$80 each	\$720
1863	12 mules	

### St. John Tradewinds

I was fortunate this May to visit the Grand Canyon National Park. Although that park contains one of the wonders of the natural world, our park seems to have a wider range of activities available, a greater representation of local

workers, and more community involvement.

One afternoon we came across the barns and corrals that house the mules used to carry tourists on the Bright Angel Trail to the bottom of the canyon.

No less an authority on animals than Charles Darwin who loved mules. To him they possessed "more reason, memory, obstinacy, social affection, powers of muscular endurance, and length of life."

Mules conserve energy as they strenuously work, won't overreact, don't get sunburn, and are free from diseases. A mule has a male donkey father and a female horse mother and acquires the best characteristics of both.

Mules, however, are sterile which is why we don't see their descendents around.

The first known depiction of a mule is a three thousand year old Egyptian stone carving. Mules have played an important role in New World history from the time they carried Spanish treasure across the Isthmus of Panama.

They carried civilization west along the canal system and in mule

trains across the Great Plains. In 1920 there were over 6 million mules in the United States, there are fewer than 800,000 now, but more are being used today for pleasure riding.

In the Virgin Islands they powered the mills that ground sugar cane that released the white powder that drove the world economy. There's solid evidence of mules working on St. John. The inventories of the Caneel Bay Plantation show the number of mules.

We are also fortunate to have two sketches by Henry Morton of mules on St. John and St. Croix. The St. John sketch shows two mules on the grinding mill at Caneel while the St. Croix sketch shows a herd of mules being tended by a driver.

Perhaps the mule should be brought back to St. John to help the park to patrol the back country as well as to provide surefooted mounts and a steady gait for those who can no longer hike.

The artist Henry Morton misspelled "Kline Canile." The original sketch is hanging in the Executive Office suite at Caneel Bay.



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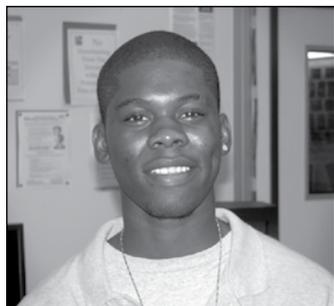
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Malik Stevens, far left, poses with fellow young attendees at the Democratic National Convention.



## Rhythm & Views

An outlook on young adult interests and concerns by Malik Stevens

### My experience at the DNC

#### St. John Tradewinds

On August 28, I was one of the few lucky Americans who got to sit in Invesco Field in Colorado, and witness what we all know was history, as presidential candidate Barack Obama gave his amazing acceptance speech.

Through the Junior Statesmen Program I was given the opportunity to attend this historic convention and with the financial help of many locals on this lovely island I sure did attend.

Attending this convention was important to me for many reasons. As a person who likes to learn and always thinks about the future, I do not let opportunities fly by, but this time I was excited for more than those reasons.

As I grow up, I will aspire to be someone as amazing as Barack Obama. He is charismatic, truthful, fair, loving and has a sense of humor. He is family oriented and seeks to bring the change that America so dearly needs.

This man of integrity and importance has awoken a whole country and made them more politically-enthusiastic and has stepped out of his box to bring a better future to all Americans. I definitely could not have passed up this phenomenal experience.

From the breakfast, to the speeches, the protesters and even to the tragic let-downs, my experience in Denver, Colorado was truly unforgettable.

#### V.I. Delegation Breakfasts

At the Democratic National

Convention, each state hosted delegation breakfasts, which took place everyday. These breakfasts consisted of many speeches and on the last day, a vote was taken for their presidential nomination.

Most states had a formal affair with press and professional speeches by governors, senators and delegates, but for the Virgin Islands it was a bit more laid back. Most of the people in the room were casual and there were less speeches and more announcements.

Delegate to Congress Donna Christensen, Senator Shawn Michael Malone, Assistant Commissioner of Tourism Brad Nugent, Cecile Benjamin, Simon Kayne and the Honorable Governor John DeJongh all did attend.

It was a great experience to sit among the Virgin Islands' most esteemed residents and to have breakfast with them as if we were casual friends.

Even though everyone's cell phones kept ringing during the breakfasts, I really enjoyed it. The people at the V.I. Delegation breakfasts were way more lively, young and enthusiastic than the others I witnessed.

#### The Speeches

All the speeches that I witnessed at the convention were inspirational and entertaining. Even though the speeches were a bit repetitive, I was privileged to witness them. They all focused on change, new beginnings, how eight is enough and McCain is just another President Bush clone, etc.

The most exciting night at Invesco field was when Barack Obama gave his acceptance speech. In the stadium I saw some of the most star-studded people ever: Jennifer Hudson, Tye Diggs, Robin Thicke, Al Sharpton, John Legend, Mary J. Blige and so many more.

The amount of people in the stadium was insane. It was estimated to be about 85,000. Now imagine how crazy the line was to get in.

#### The D.N.C. Brought Out the Crazy in Everyone

When the moment we had all been waiting for had finally arrived, the adrenaline inside my body was crazy. When Barack Obama came out to deliver his speech and everyone threw up the "Change" signs, the moment became surreal. When he gave his speech, he transformed.

He talked about bringing better health care for Americans, giving everyone the rights they deserve and respectfully explained why John McCain is the wrong choice without being insulting or rude. I was literally standing on my seat for most of the speech.

When everything was said, the fire works began, the streamers fell and the tears began to roll, I knew for sure I had just witnessed history.

The protesters who were out and about during the convention were sometimes hilarious, other times scary, but all the time crazy. People came out in costumes carrying outrageous signs, had the most in-

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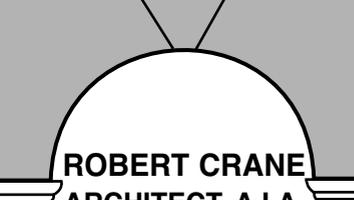
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## Winch and Callwood Wed



Laurien Callwood and Barbara Winch exchanged vows during a beachfront ceremony at the String of Pearls villa on Friday, August 22, at 1 p.m.

Reverend Emmanuel Jaggernauth conducted the ceremony and Callwood's best man Joseph Richards and Winch's bridesmaids Lyndsey Kistner and Heidi Morgan attended.

Best of luck to the newlyweds!

### Correction:

The August 25 edition of the *St. John Tradewinds* listed the incorrect phone number for Sue De Bonis, a member of the St. John Recycling Committee. Her correct phone number is 715-0426.

### Correction:

The owner of Love City Mini Mart invited *St. John Tradewinds* to review pricing of items in the store which was criticized in a letter to the editor in the July 21 issue. The shelf of several flavors of 16-ounce fruit juice were clearly marked at prices of \$5.95 and \$9.95, with the more expensive selection being 100 per cent juice. While the letter writer claimed the bottle in question was marked with a price of \$1.95, only the 6-ounce bottles in a nearby cooler were marked at that price.



## Letters to St. John Tradewinds

### Visitor Thanks Rhumb Lines Bartender and EMS

**Editor,**

I have been a seasonal visitor to your beautiful island the past 10 years and this time I'd like to extend my sincere thank you for the help I received from the Rhumb Lines bartender and EMS when I fainted while having my birthday dinner at Rhumb Lines on August 13, 2008. The bartender, whose name I do not

know, was absolutely amazing way beyond his bartending duties and EMS responded within minutes to "check me out."

Thank you again and see you next spring.

Sincerely,  
**Marketta Orrico**

### The Test of Time

**Editor,**

If we see the past and present as solitary events, rather than an on-going uninterrupted process, we dramatically limit the possibility of greater understandings. It is very much like looking at a 15-second excerpt of a movie, or the now standardized sound bites of a news clip.

Without the flowing continuum that advances from a reasonably detailed introduction, any assumptions will be based on an incident without the required context. Unfortunately, most individuals limit their sources, written or televised, and the resulting perceptions and opinions rarely coincide with the best interests of either that individual or society.

The temptation to consider just the "here and now" has an emotional appeal that a thorough study of history and the consequent investment of time and effort cannot duplicate. More often than not brevity leads to polarization, a process that utilizes an ever narrowing time-line in the consideration of factors deemed pertinent.

Let us consider the efforts of the Constitutional Convention. Here we have a grouping of 30, mostly ordinary citizens, a few politicians and a couple of wannabes.

Issues that sealed the fate of the previous effort once again are taking center stage in a drama that promises no better results.

Two flaws are readily apparent, and in their present forms, either are fraught with risk, but together, I would feel very confident in predicting the likelihood that the final act of what has until now been delivered as a comedy of errors will dissolve into an unforgivable tragedy.

In the structure of municipal government currently contemplated, where the power of taxation will rest solely with the central government, the resulting institutions will function very much like what we have today.

There will not be an improvement; the resulting entity will not resemble local government as now exists in other stateside jurisdictions, and the effort to offer this up as a genuine reform is, in fact, nothing more than a sham.

Without direct control of property taxes, no community can ever rationally implement a plan of development, nor effectively control tax rates, and, perhaps most significantly, determine budgets that cover identified needs from a dedicated revenue stream unencumbered by political considerations outside the immediate community.

To no avail, citizens of each island have for years been asking for an accounting that separates revenues and expenses on an island basis.

Administration after administration, the mystery and sacrosanct status of that black hole known as the general fund has remained intact. It is, at once, both the most essential mechanism and the single greatest monument ever constructed to the inefficiency and unaccountable nature of our territorial government.

To accept the wording as proposed for the new constitution will enshrine those faults that our government so

often exhibits due to its flawed centralized structure.

If Democracy is an edifice to equality and the guarantor of rights to all rather than privileges to a select few, then the proposed distinctions of "native" or "ancestral" versus "Virgin Islander" versus "citizen" are a not so subtle attempt to reestablish varying social classes and degrees of political affiliation that were long ago abandoned.

To suggest that such a hierarchy might stem the exodus of "local people" is without merit. Such an effort amounts to no more than a ploy designed to bolster the waning political fortunes of its sponsors. It reeks of pandering on a grand scale, and will only serve to perpetuate the arbitrary nature of our local government.

Long term this will only serve to further distance our various communities based on perceived differences. The real culprit that threatens the low to moderate income families of our islands, be they considered local or not, is a government that cannot be held accountable, and whose high costs of operation are the wedge which ultimately drives them from these islands.

With contracts and jobs historically going to the politically well connected, budgetary distortions leave little for past pay raises or the myriad improvements that never materialize in a timely manner.

If we set aside the political blather and confront the truth, there is little need to wonder why problems fester in our communities, providing the mounting fuel which eventually ignites the emotion.

Listening to self-interested politicians who cannot resist the opportunity that emotionally charged issues represent may at times seem soothing, but offers no real solution.

A well written constitution considers the changing perspective that the passage of time inevitably creates. In 500 years, when one family who can trace their roots back 550 years, and another 583 years, what will be the justice of one being considered "native" or "ancestral" and the other not?

Time, if we consider enough of it, reveals the faults in all our views.

The concept of a "native" or "ancestral" definition, by itself, is of symbolic significance only. To preserve the democratic context into which it must be introduced suggests the requirement of a standard that allows all families the prospect of attaining such recognition.

If the definition of such a term were based on a traceable, say, 200-year presence from the date of the laws inception, then an important litmus test would have been passed in preserving the promises democracy now offers to all, and likewise the presumed intent of such an article achieved.

Harmony is a needed element in the consideration of a constitution. Is the current batch of delegates able to consider such an essential element? If!

**Hugo A. Roller, Farmer and Citizen of St. John**

## St. John Tradewinds Keeping Track

### 2007 FINAL COUNT

Homicide: 3  
Solved: 0

Shootings: 2  
Under Investigation: 1  
Solved: 1

Stabbings: 0  
Under Investigation: 0  
Solved: 0

Armed Robberies: 1  
Under Investigation: 1  
Solved: 0

Arsons: 0  
Under Investigation: 0  
Solved: 0

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

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

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

Grand Larcenies: 89  
Under Investigation: 89  
Solved: 0

Rapes: 4  
Under Investigation: 2  
Solved: 2

### 2008 TO-DATE

Homicide: 0  
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Armed Robberies: 2  
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Under Investigation: 10  
Solved: 0

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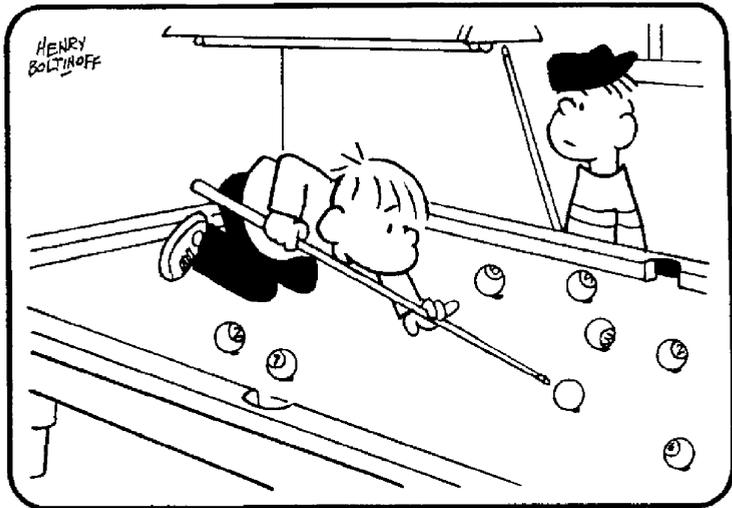
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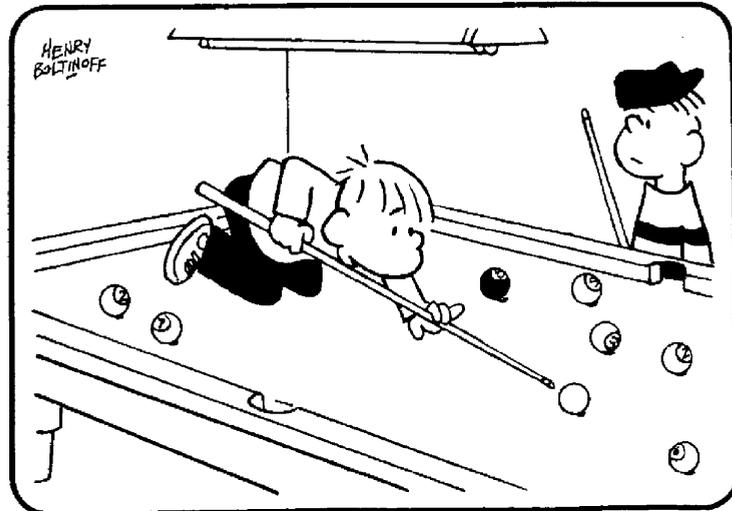
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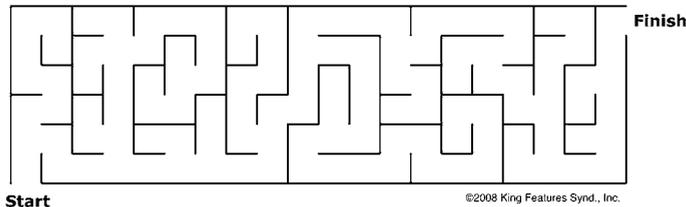


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## Kids' Maze



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Contact Connie at the ACC shelter at 774-1625 to adopt Humpty Bogart, at left.



## Paws for a Moment

### V.I. Animal Shelters Need More Volunteers

By Bonny Corbeil  
St. John Tradewinds

On Saturday, August 16, the St. Thomas daily newspaper's headline read, "Animal Welfare Center Calls for Help."

A three-page story reported on the struggles of the St. Croix Animal Shelter from the shortfalls in animal abuse laws and enforcement to the lack of funding to keep their doors open. The St. John Animal Care Center deeply understands these issues.

The ACC Board of Directors can emphatically and passionately concur with all of these important issues of its sister organization on St. Croix.

Emaciated dogs left behind and abandoned, dogs starving to death and dying of dehydration, left on chains alone and uncared for; cat populations left to create numerous problems at dumpsters, cockfighting and dog fighting as well — sadly, too many animals are brutally and violently abused.

Worse still is the fact that continual animal abuse going on unchecked eventually grows into serious social ills and community violence.

As I have mentioned in other columns the root of these issues are the feelings one gets from the mistaken "power and control." People who do not understand this lesson are "at risk" of their lives spinning out of control.

It is time for both animal advocates and those who love this community to take a stand.

Citizens must appeal to both the executive and legislative branches of the government as well as the Department of Agriculture, the V.I. Police Department, Social Services and even our Department of Tourism since visitors are impacted in their opinion of our islands when we do not indicate compassion toward animals!

Ask them to please consider the important work that these animal agencies do which impacts us all. There will be a full hard-copy list of government contacts at our ACC. Residents may also wish to email me for that list. It is time we voice our numerous needs for the many homeless, abused and abandoned animals that do not have a voice.

### Adoption Options

One of the main responsibilities of the ACC is to find loving homes for our homeless animals. Sadly there are many wonderful animals that have been at the shelter for too long.

They can be seen waiting anxiously for that special companion to walk through those doors. This ACC column will be featuring both a picture and a brief outline of those dogs — and cats too — that we believe you should consider making a part of your family.

### Consider Adopting "Humpty Bogart"

I met this great male dog for the first time when our Board Shelter Chair Diana Ripley brought him to the photo-op when we received the generous check from Cat Bratten for the Bar Wars ACC Fund Raiser.

What a great dog! Humpty has been at the shelter for a year. He is so ready to become someone's best buddy.

In the summer of 2007, Humpty was roaming St. John when he was noticed by some people who were concerned for him. He was skinny, with no collar and he wasn't neutered.

After a trip to the vet he was given a clean bill of health. Humpty is very lovable and a total ham. He loves people and a big cushion to sleep on. Humpty loves to go for walks and does well on a leash. He doesn't show much interest in cats and chills out like a longtime friend.



## Students and Teachers Kick Off New School

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to treat students of all cultures and backgrounds the same.

"If anyone makes fun of you because of the way you talk or the way you express yourself, I want to know about it," said Dalmida. "If you have trouble understanding what others are saying due to their language, how they talk, let us know. That will not be tolerated at this school."

JESS officials will focus on reading skills this year, Dalmida explained.

"The number one goal at JESS is to raise the level of literacy in younger children," said Dalmida.

Returning upper grade JESS students were next officially seated in the cafeteria with their new Guy Benjamin School graduate classmates for orientation.

"Failure is not an option," said JESS Principal Francis. "The goal is to be promoted to the next grade."

The students were on their best behavior, and were dressed in appropriate school uniforms, Francis explained.

"Keep it up, because we have so many more important things we need to think about," said Francis.

The JESS bathrooms were completely remodeled over the summer, the principal added.

A new JESS program called, "Positive Behavior Instructional Strategies" will be applied to all areas of school behavior, according to Lecia Richmond.

School uniforms are extremely important, Francis added.

"Why do we have rules in sports?" asked Francis.

"So every one can play at the same level and know the rules," replied one young lady.

### **School Uniforms Are Important**

Students must wear socks above the ankles or they will be sent home, the principal explained.

Francis has purchased a supply of socks for students to change into, if the ones they wear from home do not pass muster, he added.

Skirts can be no shorter than one inch above the knee, front and back, explained Francis.

Parents were advised to purchase skirts with long hems, so they can be let out through out the year, the principal added.

Parents will be informed if skirts are too short, prior to sending students home, according to Francis.

Shirts must be tucked in at all times without exception and boys are not permitted to wear their pants in

the baggy "hip-hop" style, Francis added.

### **Parental Involvement Needed**

The most important thing this year at JESS will have nothing to do with money, explained Francis.

"What I need most does not have a dollar value — it's parent involvement," said the JESS principal.

JESS elementary teachers for the 2008-2009 school year are: Catherine Stull, Kindergarten; Jewel Williams, 1st Grade; Kamisha Stephenson, 2nd Grade; Lucinda Parsons, 3rd Grade; Jacqueline Oliphant, 4th Grade; Eurcelyn Simpson, 5th Grade; Lisa Mars, Gifted and Talented; Dianne Cameron, 6th Grade; Ambrozin Fullerton, Transition 4th, 5th, and 6th Grade; Ann Sewer, Elementary Literacy Coach; and Mary Joan Wilder, Elementary Reading.

Itinerant Elementary teachers are: Joyce Whitaker, Physical Education; Jaime Lembach, Spanish; Christopher Horne, Computers; and Danielle Greenaway, Music. Claudette Cross is the Itinerant Counselor.

Secondary teachers for the 2008-2009 school year are: Eudith Browne, 7th and 8th Grade Social Studies; Miriam Sorhaindo-Otto, 7th and 8th Grade Science; Samuel Liburd, 9th Grade Science Lab 3-9; Kimberly Todman, 7th and 8th Grade English; Evans Williams, 9th Grade Social Studies; Abiola Hodge, 7th and 8th Grade Math; Angelique Thorpe, 9th Grade Math and Math Coach. The positions of 9th Grade English teacher and Literacy Coach were still vacant on the first day.

Additional professionals at JESS this year are: Gweneth Roberts, Special Education; K.D. Munnelly-Scheer, MIS I Jr. High; Mitzi Roberts, MIS I Intermediate; William Judkins, Elementary SIS/MIS I Primary, Secondary; and Kerry Ann Martin, SPIS.

William Johnson, Music, 7th, 8th, and 9th Grade; Lecia Richmond, Physical Education 7th and 9th Grade; Carolyn Hodge, Spanish, 8th and 9th Grade; Deborah Ledansky, Computer Lab, 7th, 8th, and 9th Grade; Joyce Sprauve, Family and Consumer Science; Avelino Samuel, Industrial Arts; Clemmie Moses, Business; and Milda Montes, English as a Second Language, are also teaching this year.

The upper grade Counselor is Dariel Bastian.

Alice Krall and Shatik Stephens are two JESS parents who plan to take the lead this year in rejuvenating the school's Parent Teacher Association group.

Both women have "a new vision for a cooperative parent group," they said.

## Rhythm & Views

### My experience at the DNC

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tense arguments and did the most bizarre things.

There was a group of people who carried signs saying "if you do not read the bible and believe in God you are going to hell and you are evil." No matter what our beliefs may be, we have to respect the beliefs and choices of others. I found this to be very ignorant and disrespectful.

Everyday being among the protesters felt as if it could probably be your last. There were few occasions when I was personally threatened by the protesters for something I said or for taking pictures of the wrong people. But that was when I found them more hilarious than threatening. They would have been jokes when I was finished with them.

There were protesters for the war, abortion, gay rights, people even protested to not vote for Senator Obama. Even though some of the protests were bogus, I was proud to see that the people actually cared.

### **Did I Meet the Guy?**

Going to the convention I had great expectations. Few were attained and still others were placed in the false hope box. On the way to the convention I thought that all the students would have front row seats to everything, but I was wrong.

Students had to get credentials to be inside the building where most of the speeches were given. They either had to obtain them from the state delegation — if they had extras — or go in the streets and practically beg people for theirs.

My experience did fall short of the one-on-one conversation which I had hoped would have taken place between me and Barack Obama.

I went to Denver thinking it will be easy to meet Barack Obama and shake his hands. Once again I was wrong. Millions of people were in the city all week and he only arrived on Thursday, so it was practically impossible to get near him. Even though I did not meet him, however, my experience was incredible.

Once again, "Thank you" to the amazing people of the island who made my experience possible. I always try to represent St. John well, especially for the amazing people who care so much and were kind enough to donate out of their own pockets.

To conclude, I leave you with the quote from our future President Barack Obama.

"Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek."

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## St. John Church Schedule & Directory

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

**RED HOOK TO CRUZ BAY**  
Every hour on the hour from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
and then 9 p.m., 11 p.m. and 12 a.m.

**CRUZ BAY TO DOWNTOWN CHARLOTTE AMALIE**

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## Community Calendar

### St. John Tradewinds

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#### Monday, September 8

Register for classes at St. John School of the Arts as soon as possible since classes begin September 8.

#### Monday, September 8

The Virgin Islands WAPA will be having a water haulers and private/commercial standpipe users meeting to introduce the authority's new Automated Standpipe System on Monday, September 8, at 5:30 p.m. at the Legislative Conference Room.

#### Wednesday, September 10

Mario Francis, principal of the Julius E. Sprauve School, advises all parents, guardians and the general public that a PTA meeting has been rescheduled for Wednesday, September 10, at 5:30 p.m. in the school's cafeteria.

#### Saturday, September 13

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

#### Monday, September 15

The St. John Singers directed by John Cahill will start rehearsals on Monday, September 15, at the Lutheran Church in Cruz Bay.

#### Tuesday, September 16

Woodturning Club starts on Tuesday, September 16, at Industrial Arts Classroom at the Julius E. Sprauve School at 3:30 p.m.

#### 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.

## Horoscope by Natasha Stars

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Changing your mind doesn't come easily for Lambs, who place a high value on commitment. But new facts could emerge that might persuade you to rethink your situation.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) This is a good time to put that fine Bovine's eye for beauty to work in redecorating your home or workplace. And don't forget to indulge yourself in some personal time as well.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Your sense of loyalty to someone who asks for your help is commendable. But make sure there are no information gaps that should be filled in before you move too far too quickly.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Don't let difficult people raise the Crab's ire levels this week. Avoid them if you can. If not, resist telling them off, even if you think they deserve it. Things improve by week's end.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Your suspicions about a colleague might be on the mark. But you could also be misreading the signals you believe you're getting. Do some discreet checking before jumping to conclusions.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Take some time out from your many tasks and see if someone might be trying to reach out to you. You could be surprised to learn who it is and why you might want to reciprocate.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) You still might want to do more investigating before taking on a new commitment. Later would not be the

time to try to fill in any crucial gaps in what you need to know about it.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) A new opportunity should be carefully studied. It might offer some of the things you've been looking for. Or it could contain new possibilities you never considered. Check it out.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) You might have to work harder this week to get people to listen to what you have to say. But if you stay with it, you could start to get your message out to many by the week's end.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Although family matters again take up a big chunk of the Goat's time, the week also offers a chance to explore a new career move you'd been contemplating for a while.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Applying your practicality (what does it offer me?) and your creativity (how can I improve on it?) could provide sound reasons for seriously considering that new offer.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) The single set will find that keeping their romantic aspirations on high gives Cupid a better target to aim at. Paired Pisces will also find that this week helps reinforce their relationships.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You believe in encouraging others to demand the best from themselves. You would be a fine sports coach as well as an enlightened teacher.

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## St. John Police Report

### Friday, August 22

10:25 a.m. - Badge #45 c/r an auto accident in the area of Fashion Palace. Auto accident.

1:00 p.m. - Government of the Virgin Islands c/r an employee of WAPA was electrocuted at said establishment. Accidental injury.

### Sunday, August 24

9:15 a.m. - A citizen c/r that someone broke into his villa and stole several items. Burglary in the second.

12:40 p.m. - A resident p/r someone damaged his vehicle. Damage to vehicle.

3:40 p.m. - A citizen c/r a vehicle was involved in an auto accident. Auto accident.

### Monday, August 25

8:10 a.m. - A resident p/r that he was involved in an auto accident on the barge. Auto accident.

9:40 p.m. - An Estate Rendezvous and Ditliff resident p/r that he recovered a run aground vessel in the area of Haulover Bay. Recovered vessel.

1:55 p.m. - ADT Security c/r a hold-up

alarm at Scotia Bank in The Marketplace. Activated alarm.

3:00 p.m. - A resident c/r that her brother is non-responsive. Auto accident.

8:00 p.m. - A citizen c/r that there is a dispute at his residence. Landlord/tenant dispute.

### Tuesday, August 26

3:40 a.m. - Management at St. John Inn r/ that a male was intoxicated outside said business. Police assistance.

### Thursday, August 27

10:40 a.m. - An Estate Adrian resident p/r that someone collided into his vehicle. Auto accident.

3:45 p.m. - A resident c/r that his father passed away in his house in Coral Bay. D.O.A.

### Friday, August 29

5:45 a.m. - A Rock Ridge Road resident r/ that his home was burglarized. Burglary in the second.

10:15 p.m. - ADT Security c/r an activated alarm at Colombian Emeralds in Wharfside Village. Activated alarm.

### Saturday, August 30

3:25 p.m. - A visitor from New Jersey p/r that someone stole his bag containing his personal items including a prescription dive mask in the area of Mongoose Junction. Grand larceny.

7:45 p.m. - A resident p/r someone hit his car with a baseball bat. Damage to a vehicle.

### Sunday, August 31

12:05 a.m. - A resident r/ damage to her vehicle. Damage to a vehicle.

7:08 a.m. - ADT Security c/r an activated alarm at Larry's Landing in Cruz Bay. Activated alarm.

### Monday, September 1

7:25 p.m. - A St. Thomas resident p/r that someone stole his laptop. Grand larceny.

7:56 p.m. - Security at the Cruz Bay dock c/requesting assistance with a minor with stolen property.

11:52 p.m. - A citizen r/ hearing someone scream for help in the area of a villa in Estate Contant. Suspicious activity.

### Tuesday, September 2

8:10 a.m. - A citizen c/r an auto acci-

dent in the area of Starfish Market. Auto accident.

### Wednesday, September 3

8:33 p.m. - A Hansen Bay resident c/r sounds of shots fired in the East End area. Unfounded.

### Thursday, September 4

2:55 a.m. - ADT Security c/r an activated alarm at Larry's Landing. Burglary in the third.

7:15 a.m. - A citizen c/r an auto accident in front of Joe's Diner in Cruz Bay. Auto accident.

9:00 a.m. - A citizen p/r that she lost her passport. Lost passport.

9:10 a.m. - An employee at the front desk of the Westin Resort and Villas c/r that a guest reported a stolen laptop. Grand larceny.

4:20 p.m. - A George Simmons Terrace resident p/r that he got a threatening phone call. Telephone harassment.

### Friday, September 5

8:20 a.m. - A resident r/ an auto accident in the area of George Simmons Terrace. Auto accident.

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**Caribbean Villas & Resorts**  
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## Parent Concerns Regarding Roundabout

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to a reduction of noise for students, who are no longer bothered by the sounds of cars speeding through the intersection, the principal added.

"Motorists used to gun through like mad, so the traffic is a plus of the project," said Francis. "The noise level should not increase beyond what we've become accustomed to living with."

While several residents posed questions regarding the roundabout's effects on different sectors of the community, Francis ensured the conversation stayed geared toward how the project will impact JESS students, as the meeting was called for the benefit of parents, he explained.

The principal encouraged parents to "come and walk where your children walk," and to continue to give feedback regarding the project.

Terry has been pleased by the willingness of project contractor Island Roads to work with the Department of Education, she explained.

DPW stated its commitment to ensuring the project is completed within the estimated time frame of 650 days, or approximately two years.

"We will definitely be working hand in hand with the Department of Education and the contractor to ensure we have a smooth, on-time project," said McClean.

"We will always keep the best interest of students at heart," added St. Thomas/St. John District Superintendent Jeanette Smith-Barry. "We will remain vigilant and make sure the children aren't negatively affected."

Former national PTA CEO Warlene Gary also spoke at the August 28 meeting (related story on page 11).

## Pre-primary Senate Candidates Forum

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### Change the Law

"In the constitution, we can place something similar to Proposition 13 in California," said Barshinger, who was elected as a delegate to the fifth Constitutional Convention.

The proposed law allows for houses to be assessed when they are bought, and are not assessed again until they are sold, Barshinger explained.

Another weighty matter on the minds of the St. John audience concerned recreational facilities for its young people.

Candidates were asked what should be done to provide recreational facilities now for the youth of St. John, and what is the legislature's responsibility to the youth of the Virgin Islands, specifically on Love City.

"The legislature has allocated \$1.5 million for all four islands," said Williams.

### No Community Center

"There are community centers on St. Thomas and St. Croix, but not St. John," Daniel said. "The Senator at Large goes by the basketball court every day, and we don't hear anything from our Senator at Large."

Jackson compared the recreational facilities at the Westin Resort and Villas to those available to the St. John public.

"On my way here, I noticed the inadequate recreational facilities only a mile from the Westin," said Jackson. "After I arrived, I saw what the Westin has on the property for its guests."

There is land available for recreation on St. John, Monsanto explained.

### Recreation Land Available

"St. John has had land for recreation for the last 40 years, with no set budget," said Monsanto. "It is all in one lump sum."

Investments need to be made in community service, explained Ballentine, who raised \$1 million for "Boys Club" programs in the states.

Bonny Corbeil asked the senate hopefuls for their opinions about the pay raises the senators approve for themselves just days before the deJongh administration took office.

Barshinger and Hill had discussed pay raises for the senate the previous June, but both were "against doing it in a lame duck senate," he said.

Donastorg was against the raises, he explained.

Hill, however, voted for the raises.

"I voted for it and I would do it again," said Hill. "I have a master's degree. I work very, very hard for the citizens of the Virgin Islands, and at the time I was making \$80,000 a year."

Residents raised the issue of Virgins Islands culture during the forum.

"We have gone from fish fries to dog shows," said Persey Sprauve. "Are we Americanized or West Indian?"

Each candidate strongly endorsed the West Indian culture.

Increasing ferry fares were discussed as

well.

### Federal Subsidies for Ferries

"How is it possible in Puerto Rico for people to pay only \$1 to \$3 for a lengthy ferry trip," said Barshinger. "Because that territory takes advantage of federal subsidy dollars. Ferry companies in Puerto Rico can do that because their records are in order."

Candidates for office who did not live on St. John were asked when they were last on-island.

"I was on St. John about a month ago to look for a certain tree to cure arthritis, which I was able to find," said Carty.

Closing remarks by the candidates also yielded a few surprises.

"Don't worry about whether your constitution is constitutional," said Ballentine. "White folks put what they want to in theirs. They didn't worry about whether it was constitutional or unconstitutional."

"It's constitutional until the courts say it's not," Ballentine continued.

### \$4 Million Owed to Love City

"I spoke to the governor (who was at the Democratic Convention in Denver) on the phone last night to let him know that I was coming here this evening," said Barshinger. "I told him I wanted to know if he would confirm for me that the \$4 million for the parking garage is still owed to us. He agreed with me that it is."

Better health care services are needed on St. John, explained Baker.

"By the time you get to St. Thomas, you are going to die," Baker said.

### New Emergency Boat

"Don't minimize the fact that I personally got an \$800,000 emergency medical service boat for St. John which is being inspected stateside this week, before being delivered here," said Williams.

The young senator had "made up his mind that something had to be done right away" when he saw the deplorable condition the old boat was in, he said.

"It was shameful and unacceptable," said Williams.

After the forum, the candidates lingered to answer additional questions from the public. The complete September 13 St. Thomas/St. John District Senate Democrat primary ticket will include Patrick Simeon Sprauve, Hill, Louis Willis, Shawn-Michael Malone, Myron Jackson, Adlah Donastorg, Shirley Sadler, and Williams. The Senate at Large Democrat ticket will include Monsanto, Barshinger and Daniel.

### General Election October 4

"We were gratified to have 14 candidates attend and share their views with the audience," said CBCC president Sharon Coldren. "We all got to know them better and learned much about them and their interest in St. John concerns. It was a very educational evening."

"We encourage everyone to take the time to vote," Coldren said. "In order to vote in the General Election, residents must register to vote by October 4."

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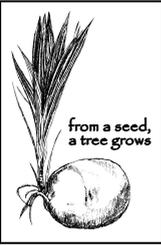


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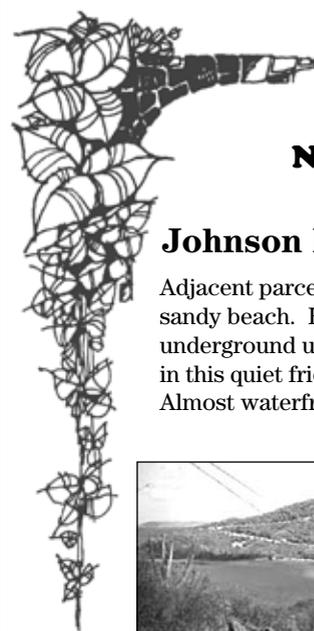
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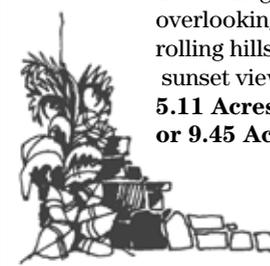


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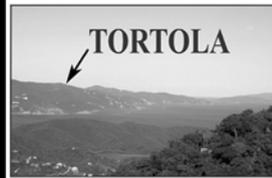
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**BORDEAUX MT.** – Three bedroom / two bath family home with large covered porch on beautiful, almost level, ½ acre lot. Southerly water views, including St. Croix in the distance, fragrant bay trees, lush vegetation. Take advantage of all the benefits of owning a Force 10 home. **\$675,000.**

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

**LOCATION, LOCATION!** – Dramatic cliffside setting, on coveted Maria Bluff, with sunrise to sunset views. three bedroom / two bath stone and concrete home with large wraparound veranda, travertine floors, mahogany cabinetry, tile roof, large spa, full air conditioning, large circular drive. **\$1,995,000.**

**BAYVIEW** – is a very private villa bordering the National Park, just minutes from Maho Beach. Traditional masonry design with two buildings connected by sunny pool, decks and patio. Amazing 280 degree views overlooking Francis Bay and Northshore, plus Coral Bay and BVI's. Excellent vacation rental history. **\$1,695,000.**

**GOLDEN DRAGON** – Magnificent stone villa with exceptional craftsmanship throughout. 4 bedrooms / 4 baths, infinity pool, exquisite furnishings, multi patios/decks, lush gardens, terrific Point Rendezvous location. **\$2,395,000.**

**WATERFRONT WITH DOCK** – Poured concrete 3 bdrm/ 2 bath home on a flat ¾ acre site adjacent to National Park. Enjoy all watersports from shared private dock, & hiking along the secluded shoreline. Priced below appraised value at **\$1,385,000.**

**WINDSONG** – Stately Boatman Point villa, w/separate cottage, situated on a 1ac parcel w/panoramic views. 6 bdrms., 7 baths, huge pool, excellent vacation rental history, fully furnished. **\$3,495,000.**

**PLUMB GUTT** Spacious 1 bd/1 bath tropical hardwood home, w/separate cottage, nestled on a lush ½ ac. on eastern side of Bordeaux. **\$574,900.**

**CHOCOLATE HOLE** – Unique ruins of 1700's Great House, along with 1960's island home on a beautiful 1.42 ac. lot. Reduced to **\$1,099,999.**

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**ESTATE BELLEVUE** – Views from Ram Head to Ditleff Pt. from this 6 acre parcel suitable for subdivision. R-1 zoning with C&R's. Access through Bellevue Village. **\$1,500,000.**

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

**CRUZ BAY TOWN** – R-4 zoning, plans and permits. Walk to Frank Bay Beach. Reduced to **\$285,000.**

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

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

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

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

**ZOOTENVAAL** – Terrific water views of Hurricane Hole, paved streets, underground utilities. Reduced to **\$400,000.**

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

**FLANAGAN'S PASSAGE** – Panoramic views, 0.89 acre lot, paved roads, house plans available. **\$350,000.**

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

**DITLEFF POINT** – 3 waterfront parcels **SALE!** 13 spectacular parcels available, starting at **\$895,000.**

**ESTATE FISH BAY** –

- Great Fish Bay & Ditleff views, privacy.....\$205,000
- Water views, borders green belt, paved access.....\$275,000
- Large parcel, excellent water views.....\$295,000
- Walk to beach, dingy dock, topo included.....\$329,000
- Marina Drive, ocean views, topo.....\$375,000
- Direct water view, corner parcel.....\$389,900
- Borders Nat'l. Pk., 0.87ac.....\$425,000

**ESTATE CHOCOLATE HOLE** –

- Pebble Way location, 0.65ac, water views.....\$299k

**SEAGRAPE HILL/EMMAUS** –

- Coral Hbr & Moravian Church views, 0.34ac.....\$185k
- Great Buy! 0.35ac. w/waterview, paved road.....\$186k
- Coral Bay views, downhill site.....\$280k

**ESTATE CAROLINA** –

- Lower Bordeaux, beautiful BVI views, paved rd.....\$199k
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<p><b>"ISLA VISTA"</b> Exceptional 5 bedrm., 4 1/2 bath, private gated villa with panoramic views. Superior features throughout. Richly landscaped. Pool &amp; spa. 2 car garage.</p>  <p><b>\$7,000,000</b></p>	<p><b>RENDEZVOUS BAY "VISTAERO"</b> (5 x 5) breathtaking views, huge pool &amp; spa, fabulous villa or residence!</p>  <p><b>\$3,000,000</b></p>	<p><b>"VILLA FAR NIENTE"</b> new construction in prestigious Point Rendezvous. 3 BR / 3 BA pool villa has great views and artistic landscaping.</p>  <p><b>PRICE REDUCED! \$1,890,000</b></p>	<p><b>"SAGO COTTAGE"</b> adorable Caribbean style masonry cottage with wonderful down island views and great rental history.</p>  <p><b>\$1,100,000</b></p>	<p><b>"SEABISCUIT" (2x2)</b> Caribbean style, masonry, panoramic views, pool &amp; hot tub. Immaculate, above Coral Harbour.</p>  <p><b>PRICE REDUCED! \$995,000</b></p>	<p><b>3 UNIT INCOME PRODUCER!</b> Near town, all masonry. Top floors each 3 bedrooms with decks, A/C, plus lower studio. Renovated 2003: Corian counters, new appliances &amp; tile floors.</p>  <p><b>\$775,000.</b></p>
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### Exclusively Listed Land

<p><b>"BOATMAN POINT"</b> Wonderful waterfront lot, 1.2 acres. Community beach, underground utilities, paved roads. Complete 5 bedroom, Barefoot Architect house plans with topographical survey convey with this prime south shore property. <b>\$1,875,000</b></p>  <p><b>"AZURE BAY" ESTATES IN CONTANT</b> .5 ac. with 180 degree views over Pillsbury Sound to St. Thomas &amp; St. James islands. Quiet, breezy convenient to Cruz Bay. Owner financing. <b>\$650,000</b></p> <p><b>BEAUTIFUL WATERFRONT LOT</b> on East facing shoreline with living reef at your doorstep! Topographical survey of .70 acre lot, downhill build, 175 ft of shoreline. Snorkel from your front yard! <b>\$1,575,000</b></p>	<p><b>"CHOCOLATE HOLE" VIEW LOTS:</b> Sunrise to Sunset on two adjoining breezy lots with views of Hart Bay east and St. Thomas west. <b>\$650,000, \$675,000 or \$1,175,000 for both.</b></p> <p><b>"LOVANGO CAY"</b> waterfront &amp; hillside properties feature upscale amenities and infrastructure; barge landing with piers, paved roads, underground electric, access to beach and much more! <b>Amazing views, realistically priced from \$600,000!</b></p> <p><b>ENDLESS VIEWS ACROSS THE WATERS</b> from these three premiere lots in Upper Peter Bay. This gated community is in the midst of Nat'l Park land, beaches &amp; deeded beach access.</p> 	<p><b>MANDAHL:</b> Flat land, in remote walk to beach location. Build your dream island cottage on this level building site. <b>Reduced to \$145,000</b></p> <p><b>"ESTATE CONCORDIA PRESERVE"</b>—Premier location, with extraordinary water views, some border National Park, and some are waterfront! Sizes range from .78 acre to 3 acres. <b>Priced from \$550,000.</b></p> <p><b>BEAUTIFUL LOTS ON QUIET EAST END</b> in the original Hansen Bay subdivision, Dreekets Bay and Privateer Bay, with pristine views &amp; lovely beaches listed from <b>\$285,000 - \$2,500,000.</b></p> 
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**"GALLOW'S SEAVIEW"** (2x2) .58 ac. R-4 & W-1 zoning allows multifamily dwellings & commercial uses. Spectacular views. Walk to beach & town. **\$3,200,000**

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**"GALLOW'S 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**

**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**

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

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

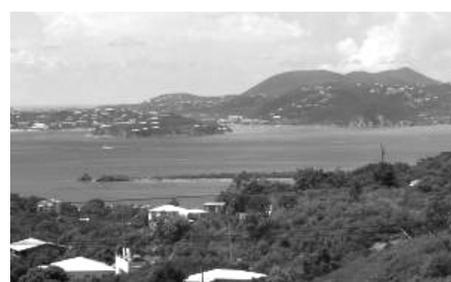
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**Excellent business opportunity.** Well established restaurant and mini-golf course. Breath taking views of Pillsbury sound and St Thomas from dining terrace, no better place to enjoy a good meal and view the sunset. Zoned B-2 which allows a multitude of commercial uses; ie retail, hotel, condos, apts., plenty of room for any of these uses on this 1.11 acre parcel. Adjacent 1 acre B-2 parcel available. **Just Reduced to \$3,900,000**



**Spectacular view location for variety of B-2 uses.** Hotel, condo, retail, offices, or a combination of all suits this one of a kind lot. Owner has plans for condo/hotel development, with feasibility study and preliminary plans. Zoning allows for 80 persons per acre, for a multi-story development. Panoramic views of Pillsbury Sound and West to St. Thomas, and south to St Croix. Minutes from Cruz Bay. **Just Reduced to \$2,800,000**

**Waterfront lot located on Chocolate Hole Pond.** Easily accessible lot with gentle slope to waters edge, easy build.. Located a stones throw away from the planned prestigious high end Pond Bay Club Development. This quiet residential neighborhood has great breezes and deeded access to Chocolate Hole beach. **\$475,000**

**Mostly Flat 1/2 acre + lot, part of Guavaberry Farms Sub-division.** Overlooks fresh water pond, off main road for easy access. Good breezes and quiet neighborhood with covenants and restrictions. Last lot in 7 parcel sub-division. **\$185,000**

**Spectacular view from this 1/2 acre + Fortsberg lot(s).** Moderate grade, with sweeping views of East End, Tortola, and Coral Bay. Easy access off main sub-division road. **Priced to sell at \$350,000.** Adjacent 1/2 acre lot also available for joining parcels together to make a very private 1 acre + lot for **Just \$700,000.**

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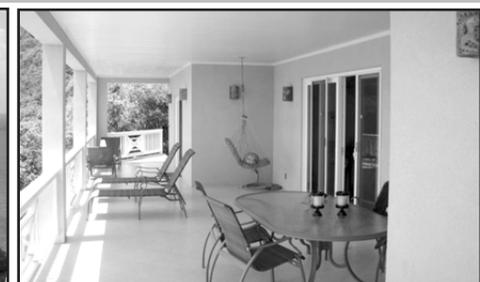
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### HOMES

**LOVE NEST** Welcome to this sparkling, bright & airy, brand new cottage overlooking Hurricane hole, Coral Bay, & BVI. A C/O has been obtained for this gem, and plans approved for an additional 2BR, 2BA w/pool on the 1/2 acre site. Move right in! Park your money here & watch it grow. **\$559,000**

**ADVENTURE VILLA** is located within a lush tropical setting of fruit trees & tropical palms with impressive Coral Bay views and beyond views. Remodeled in 2002 this 4 bdrm luxury villa is built for comfort, space, and privacy with large expansive new trex decks. Cathedral ceilings, native stone, mahogany & cypress, and custom stained glass accents detail the interior. Great breezes. **\$1,195,000**

**INN LOVE** A delightful short term rental villa in an excellent location in Great Cruz Bay! A tasteful 5 bdrm, 5 bath gem with a pool, spa tub, a/c bedrooms, attractive furnishings, marble and hardwood floors, professional landscaping, and beautiful views of Great Cruz Bay Harbor and St. Thomas. Stone entry arches lead to brick and stone courtyards and create an atmosphere of old world charm. **\$1,795,000.**

**NEW VILLA ELLISON** Spectacular, new construction in Virgin Grand Estates. Generous floor plan w/3 levels of living space offers privacy/views from all rooms. 3 spacious master suites, king beds, outdoor stone showers, granite counters, maple cabinetry. AC, satellite TV, high speed internet in all rooms. Pool level offers wet bar, sat. TV, and sunshine all day. Professional. landscaping w/grey water irrigation. Sunsets year round. **\$2,890,000**

**MAHOGANY TREE VILLA.** Create a charming B&B. This compound offers a gated entry, near to lovely Frank Bay and town. Multi unit property consisting of (4) 1bd/1ba units with A/C, common pool and garage. Motivated Seller! Price reduced to \$975,000 below appraised value.

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

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