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WAPA Reduces Bills by 18 Percent and More

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The Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority's petition to reduce the Levelized Energy Adjustment Clause (LEAC) factor, the customer fuel surcharge, by 22 percent was approved by the Public Services Commission on Thursday, October 2.

As a result, all bills rendered on October 1, which will reflect customer consumption mostly in August and September, will reflect overall reductions as follows: the bill of an average residential customer utilizing 500 kilowatt hours monthly will be reduced by \$45 or 18.4 percent; the bill of an aver-

age commercial customer utilizing 1,200 kilowatt hours monthly will be reduced by \$119 or 17.4 percent; and the average large power bill over 30,000 kilowatt hours monthly will be reduced by \$3,665 or 19 percent.

The water LEAC will decrease to \$13.72 or by 10.6 percent for the average residential water customer using 2,400 gallons monthly.

The utility held the bills printed on Wednesday, October 1, in anticipation of the PSC's approval on October 2, according to Hugo Hodge, WAPA's Executive Director.

Those bills reflected the old

LEAC charge of 42 cents. The new bills, which will reflect the new LEAC of 32 cents, will be issued early next week, Hodge explained.

Customers will receive their bills with an adjusted payment date that will take into account the delayed billing date but will still allow 20 days for payment.

Hodge is reminding customers that despite the decrease in the LEAC, conservation is still important in homes and businesses and when everyone works together to conserve, it means less fuel purchases from HOVENSA and lower fuel costs.



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GBS students show off their teddy bears as they get ready to read "Corduroy."

St. John Schools Join National Reading Campaign

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The Jumpstart's Read for the Record® is a national campaign to encourage thousands of children and adults to read the same book on the same day.

This year the Virgin Islands continued its participation as students across the St. Thomas/St. John

District read "Corduroy," written by Don Freeman, on Thursday, October 2, in an attempt to break the 2007 national record of 258,000 readers. Students at Guy H. Benjamin Elementary School in Coral Bay celebrated the day with a teddy bear picnic and reading party.

KATS Basic Skills Program Starting October 18

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KATS stands for Kids And The Sea — kids safely having fun on the water — through an educational program bringing together the Virgin Islands' greatest human resource, its youth and its greatest natural resource, the sea.

The KATS Basic Skills Program is a series of eight to 10 three-hour sessions consisting of classroom instruction, shore side and on-the-water activities. The children learn rowing, knot

tying, anchoring, docking, man overboard, capsizing recovery, weather and rules of boating. The program is intended to expose kids to basic principles and techniques of seamanship in order to prepare them with knowledge of life on, in or by the sea.

Interested children age 8 (by December 2008) or older should meet at Skinny Legs in Coral Bay on Saturday, October 18, at 9 a.m. Children can be picked up at 12 p.m. at Skinny Legs. The program runs from October

18 through December 20, with no session the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

A swim test will be administered the first session, in which the child must demonstrate basic swimming skills. A bathing suit, towel and water shoes — anything that can be worn in the water — are necessary.

Applications must be returned to Jennifer Robinson at Connection East or West by October 13. For more information call 514-3718.

Dept. of Health Fogging for Mosquitoes on St. John on Oct. 12

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The Department of Health's Environmental Health Division will begin fogging in neighborhoods territory-wide following heavy downpours and in anticipation of increased showers this month, the start of the rainy season in the Virgin Islands, Department of Health Commissioner Vivian Ebbesen-Fludd announced last week.

Fogging will occur from 6 to 9 p.m. on Sunday, October 12, on St. John. The department will routinely conduct fogging following heavy downpours because of the inherent increase in the mosquito population.

"Heavy rains mean there will be an increase in mosquito breeding and we want to do all that we can to keep that population down to lower the risk of there being Dengue Fever-causing mosquitoes," Ebbesen-Fludd said.

Dengue Fever is transmitted by the Aedes Aegypti mosquito, which can breed in man-made receptacles. Residents are reminded to check their yards after heavy rains for receptacles which could hold water. Residents should empty out flowerpot bases, keep barrels tightly sealed and place a screen or mesh over the overflow pipe of cisterns. Tires, which also collect water, should be kept in a dry place.

Health officials also urge residents with asthma and other respiratory problems to take the necessary precautions such as keeping windows closed to ensure that their health is not compromised.

UVI-CELL Offering One-day Excel Workshop on Tuesday, October 7

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The University of the Virgin Islands' Community Engagement and Lifelong Learning Center is hosting a one-day workshop on Microsoft Excel, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, October 7, at the UVICELL Center on St. Thomas.

In this hands-on workshop, participants will learn the basics of using Excel tools and commands, learn shortcuts to save time, and master the formulas that make working with Excel much easier. For more information or to register, call 693-1100 or visit UVI-CELL on-line at <http://cell.uvi.edu>.

HPR Seeks Information on Athletes

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The public is urged to submit information on any athletes they would like to be included in a database which the Department of Housing, Parks and Recreation is creating, according to HPR Commissioner St. Claire Williams. The public should also submit questions and answers about local sports to be included in a sports trivia section on HPR's website. Fax information to 774-4600, email to info@dspr.vi or call Kirby Callender at 774-0255.

Chiropractic Founder's Day Raises \$515 for Special Olympics

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A Special Olympics fundraiser in celebration of the founding of chiropractic 113 years ago on September 18, 1895, raised \$515, as the final pledges were received from the Coral Bay community.

Complimentary chiropractic adjustments to existing patients, and spinal analysis, postural check-ups and back pack safety assessments were performed by Dr. Robert De Bonis at the Island Life Chiropractic Center in Coral Bay.

"It was a successful day and I look forward to doing this event annually," said De Bonis. "I would like to thank everyone who turned out and contributed so generously in supporting Special Olympics and celebrating chiropractic's founding."

Most Residents Voice Support for Rezoning Requests at Public Hearing

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Three St. John landowners requesting rezoning for their properties drew mostly support at a Tuesday evening, September 30, public hearing at the Cruz Bay Legislature building.

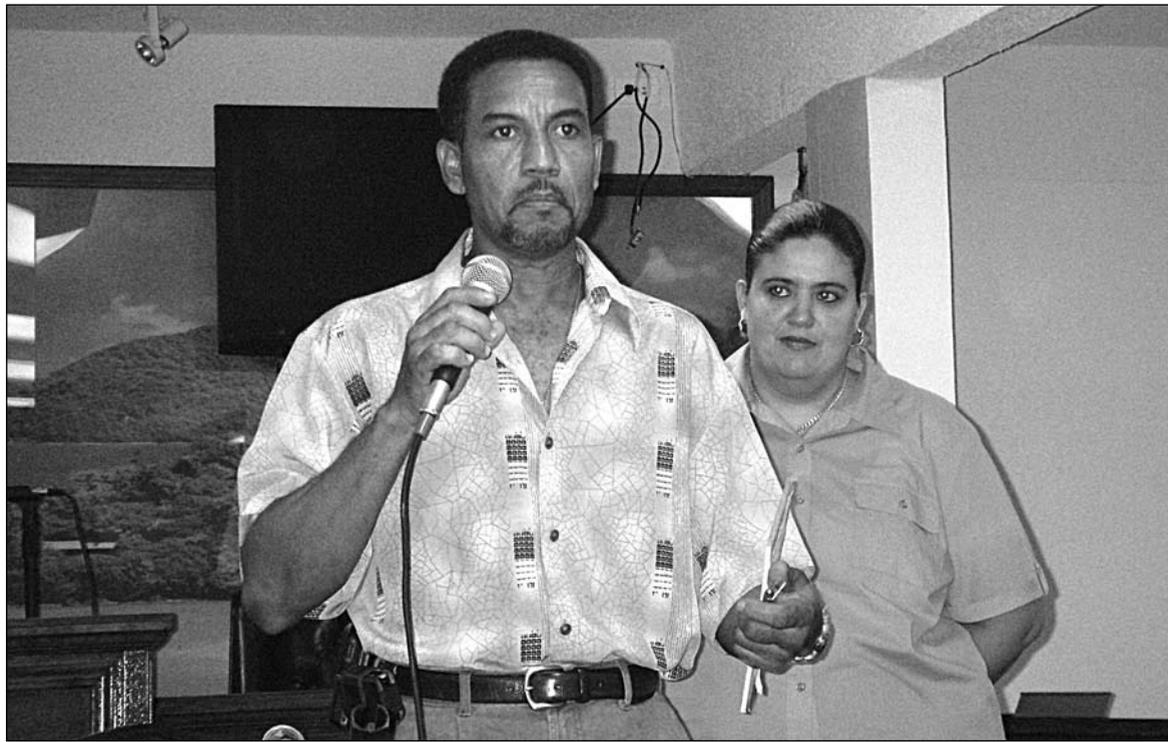
About 40 residents attended the Department of Planning and Natural Resources' Division of Comprehensive and Coastal Zone Planning (CCZP) public hearing which was led by CCZP acting director of planning Marjorie Emmanuel and CCZP senior planner Julius Jessup.

Alfredo and Marie Alejo's request to rezone their 0.67 acres in Estate Enighed overlooking Cruz Bay from R-2, residential low-density, to R-3, residential medium-density, was the sole request to draw opposition.

The Alejos are requesting to construct three buildings for 15 long-term low-income apartment units, two pools, two parking lots and a single-family cottage on their property. Their land is located atop Jacob's Ladder in the midst of an area that is home to several condominium complexes including Sirenusa, Serendip, Sunset Ridge and Upper Deck.

"Dream Come True"

Building the apartment complex would be a dream come true for the Dominican Republic-native and construction company owner, Al-



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Alfredo and Marie Alejo present their development plans for their Estate Enighed property, which the couple is requesting to rezone to R-3 from R-2.

fredo Alejo explained.

"It is my goal to have an income when I get old and to provide for my children," said Alejo. "This is my dream and I have been working very hard for my dream."

If granted the zoning change, the government would not be able to control what the Alejos build on their property, according to Attorney Nancy D'Anna, who spoke on

behalf of the Upper Deck Condominium Association owners in opposition to the rezoning request.

"No one is against low-income housing, but there are no controls here," said D'Anna. "Once the zoning is changed, the lot could be sold to someone else, who might not be interested in building low-income apartments."

Having a parcel of land design-

nated R-3 would be out of sync with the neighborhood, D'Anna explained.

Drastic Change

"The difference between R-2 and R-3 is drastic," said D'Anna. "R-3 allows for six-story buildings and 80 people per acre. Other condominiums in the area never required a zoning change."

"This parcel is 0.67 acres and if it

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— Alfredo Alejo, contractor

is changed to R-3, there could be a six-story building in the middle of a residential area," D'Anna said.

The danger of rezoning is the lack of control, according to Louis Revuelta, an architect who owns a unit in the Upper Deck complex.

No Controls

"It's commendable what he's trying to do, but it could be done in a different way," said Revuelta. "I've seen it happen again and again, the temptation to sell the property at a huge profit. No one has any ability to stop that."

The proposed entryway to the development would go straight through neighboring property owner Calvin George's land, he explained.

"Where he [Alejo] intends to enter is an encroachment of my prop-

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New Pedestrian Walkway Created



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As work on the Cruz Bay roundabout continues, pedestrians are being directed to cross the street through what used to be the Texaco Gas Station property, above.

Rain Data

at Trunk Bay

Sept. Rainfall

12.31 Inches

Average Sept. Rainfall

5.77 Inches

Year-to Date Rainfall

36.69 Inches

Average Y-T-D Rainfall

28.63 Inches

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While moored off shore of Cruz Bay, three engines were stolen off Noah's Little Arks dinghies last week, above.

Three Engines Stolen From Noah's Little Arks

By Jaime Elliott
 St. John Tradewinds

In the latest rash of marine crime, three engines were stolen off Noah's Little Arks dinghies in Cruz Bay on Sunday night, September 28.

The owners of the dinghy rental company, Joe and Kim Morris, left Cruz Bay beach around 4 p.m. on September 28, after making sure all of their boats were secured, explained Kim Morris.

"The dinghies were closed, locked up and secured with cable and locks," said Morris. "Joe went to work around 7 a.m. the next day and called me and said, 'we're missing three engines.'"

The three engines, two of which

were 30-horse power Yamahas and one a 15-horse power Yamaha, put the rental company owners out between \$3,500 and \$8,000, according to Morris.

The company has been robbed more times this year than in the eight years the couple has owned Noah's Little Arks, Morris explained.

"It's never been like this before," she said. "During Carnival we had a 30-horse power engine stolen and we've had another engine stolen at a different time this year. It's the worst crime we've seen."

In what was claimed as an attempt to create a swimming area in Cruz Bay, Department of Planning and Natural Resources offi-

cialists moved all boats and dinghies from the shoreline further out into the harbor.

Although the swim area has never been created, boats, including Noah's Little Arks dinghies remain on temporary moorings, Morris explained.

"Since we've moved out further from the shore, we've had more problems with crime," she said. "Because we're in a temporary spot, we don't have the same system we had before and we're not as secure."

The business owners were planning to install additional lighting and security cameras to hopefully put an end to the Cruz Bay nautical crime spree, Morris added.

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Sally's Birthday at The Beach Bar

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The "Queen of Jazz," Miss Sally Smith, was honored last week on her 36th birthday (I think that's right) — a gorgeous chocolate cake with candles and snapshots of band members on top — and a card signed by her fans — her candle hat made the picture complete (and hot!) After singing 25 choruses of "Happy Birthday," Steve Simon quietly announced that next Sunday was his 40th, we are gearing up for more cake and choruses.

Tennis Reorganization
 Meeting a Success

Pat Harley led the enthusiastic group in plans for renewing the St. John Racquet Club. The government has a grant that will cover rebuilding and

beautifying the courts. Classes will be held for beginners and tournaments will be renewed. St. John tennis is coming back!

Jimmy Boynes Passes

Every day I saw him walking to the little blue house on the corner as you turn to and from the Marketplace. That daily exercise kept him active until his 95th birthday.

He was a respected member of the Boynes family, always gracious, a typical member of the generation that is slowly leaving us. His companion, Miss Venecia Christian, cared for him, and often stood in the doorway of the blue house, waiting for him. Our deepest sympathy and prayers go out to her and his family.

Delta Airlines Offering Same Day Flight Connections from Copenhagen

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Delta Air Lines is now offering same-day flight connections from Copenhagen, Denmark, to St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, according to Department of Tourism officials.

Following months of ongoing dialogue between the Department of Tourism and Delta, the airline will adjust the departure time for its new Atlanta/St. Thomas service to allow passengers to/from Copenhagen to make a same-day connection with the territory.

The connecting service will be offered four days per week via Atlanta, Georgia, beginning December 20, 2008. The updated schedule will be reflected in the airline's timetable issued later this month.

Department of Tourism officials anticipate a substantial increase in Danish visitors to the destination as a result of the connecting service. Round-trip service is also available between St. Thomas and Amsterdam, Brussels, Dusseldorf, Frankfurt, London, Milan, Paris and Zurich.

"Denmark has long been a valuable market to the U.S. Virgin Islands, and we look forward to offering visitors from this market with an added incentive to experience the destination's deep-rooted Danish history," said Department of Tourism Commissioner Beverly Nicholson-Doty. "We are thrilled that Delta continues to support us as we seek to make travel to the USVI hassle-free for European travelers."

Food Care Program Workshops Offered

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The Virgin Islands Department of Education's State Office of Special Nutrition Programs will conduct its annual series of Child and Adult Care Food Program Workshops for all current and prospective non-profit and for-profit Child Care

Sponsors and Institutions.

The workshop for the STT/STJ district is scheduled for Wednesday, October 15, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Palms Court Harborview Hotel.

For more information contact Belinda Sanderson at 774-9373.

Elaine I. Sprauve Library Set To Open for New Year

By Susan Mann
St. John Tradewinds

If all goes as planned St. John book lovers will begin the new year with a long-awaited new chapter — the opening of the fully renovated, Elaine I. Sprauve Library.

Despite unexpected challenges faced by the construction work team, the renovation project is proceeding on schedule, according to Assistant Director of Libraries for the Virgin Islands Donald Cole.

"Our first unexpected hurdle was the extra time and effort we spent on the first floor, but it had to be done correctly," said Cole.

The government official spends one a day week at the Cruz Bay library, overseeing the renovation of the historic structure.

Citizens and island visitors alike will be pleased with the improvements being made to the building. While the new air conditioning units are a nice comfort in the Caribbean heat, they will also offer needed protection for historical artifacts and documents.

A concrete platform is now in place where a generator will be situated. With the new capacity for improved internet access, library patrons will enjoy fast access to the world wide web.

A home work tutorial software program will be installed on each of the computers. Students will



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Susan Mann

Work crews set up a foundation for a new generator at the Elaine I. Sprauve Library, above.

be able to go to the library after school, sign on to the tutorial program, then go home and complete their assignments by using the software program, Cole explained.

A new staff person will be hired to assist with children's library services, he added.

The centuries-old cemetery located on the property is also receiving the special care and attention it needs. Over the years, the root systems of two large trees located next to the graves, have extended into the cemetery.

The result is that the trees will have to be removed, and grave markers set back in place. Since the cemetery is located on the

Elaine I. Sprauve property, it is the responsibility of the facility to properly maintain it, explained the assistant director of libraries.

Cole anticipates opportunities for many more community-wide activities and events, with the addition of the new, more open-floor plan, he explained.

The assistant director of libraries hopes to soon have the funds for a book mobile which could travel to the Coral Bay area.

Elaine I. Sprauve's librarian Carol McGuinness recently traveled to the Library of Congress in Washington D.C. where she obtained free books and other resources for the library.

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Drunk Drivers Continue To Be Cited on Island Roads

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Commissioner James McCall announced the results of the recent "Over the Limit, Under Arrest" national campaign which was hosted in the Virgin Islands over the Labor Day holidays.

The initiative to target drunk drivers on V.I. roads and highways was conducted by Traffic Enforcement officers in both districts.

The national drunk driving crackdown, launched on August 15, included the use of sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols, especially during high-risk nighttime hours.

"Officers on St. Thomas, St. John and St. Croix made a total of 14 arrests in support of the national crackdown," said McCall.

Driving with a Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) of .08 grams per deciliter or higher is illegal in all 50 states and territories. Yet in 2006 alone, nearly 13,500 people were killed in motor vehicle or motorcycle crashes where the driver had a BAC of .08 or higher, according to statistics from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

"It's clear that many people still don't understand that impaired driving is no accident — nor is it a victimless crime" said McCall. "So our message to motorists is simple and unwavering. If you get caught driving while impaired, you will be arrested — No exceptions."

For more information on the national crackdown, visit the High-Visibility Enforcement Campaign Headquarters at www.StopImpairedDriving.org.

Police in the territory will continue to target drunk drivers even after the nation initiative has passed and urges drivers to drink responsibly and never drink and drive, McCall added.



Photo Courtesy of John Campbell

The ACC Flea Market is a great place to find gently-used toys.

"No Fleas Please" Flea Market Set for Oct. 18-19

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St. John Animal Care Center's (ACC) "No Fleas Please" Flea Market is October 18-19 at Winston Wells ball field. The flea market sale will open both days at 10 a.m. and continue through 4 p.m. on Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday.

The ACC is hoping residents and business owners will again consider the organization when cleaning out their closets. Last year many generous businesses and local residents contributed by donating furniture, household items, building materials, electronics, books, toys and more.

The ACC is ready to receive donations before the event. Donations of gently used items (no used clothing please) can be made directly at the shelter — look for the storage container outside.

Please bring items in boxes if possible. For drop-offs, see Connie at the shelter between Tuesday and Saturday.

Sell gently used items and clothing yourself by renting a space at the event. A \$25 donation reserves a

parking space on the field, so load up a car and have a personal sale. Contact the ACC at 774-1625 for space availability.

Find great deals — new merchandise will be unveiled each day. The "No Fleas Please" Flea Market is one of three annual fundraising events sponsored by the ACC.

Among the other treasures for sale will be several vans full of handsome furniture from the Westin Resort and Villa, including headboards, armoires, granite-topped tables, and 300 framed prints. There will also be a Children's Table full of toys and games for children of all ages. Cold drinks will be on sale, and there will be a table with information about the St. John Animal Care Center.

Each event raises critical funds needed to continue shelter operations, caring for and finding homes for orphaned dogs and cats, controlling the feral cat population and educating the community on animal care.

The ACC is open Tuesday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information call 774-1625.

St. John Sporting Center Announces Raffle Winners

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The winners of the St. John Sporting Center Raffle are as follows:

Francis Bidine won a weekend stay at the Westin Resort and Villas. Coraline Greenaway won a weekend stay at Caneel Bay Resort. Confesora Perez won two round-trip tickets to Puerto Rico on Seaborne Airlines and Dawn Henry won two round-trip tickets to Tortola on Seaborne Airlines.

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CBCC Official Are Set to Tackle Stormwater Runoff with EPA Grant

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

The brownish tint of Coral Bay harbor after the recent heavy rains was testament to the need to control sediment runoff within the island's largest watershed.

Armed with \$300,000 in grant funding from the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE) program, Coral Bay Community Council members are determined to stem the tide of stormwater runoff.

The non-profit group intends to use the two-year EPA CARE grant funds to hire a full-time storm water engineer, a part-time watershed coordinator and conduct community outreach and educational workshops, according to CBCC president Sharon Coldren.

As soon as EPA officials give the approval — which CBCC officials expect soon — a job posting for the stormwater engineer will be advertised locally and nationally. CBCC member and University of the Virgin Islands scientist Barry Devine will be hired as the part-time watershed coordinator, Coldren added.

Hiring Stormwater Specialist

"We'll be spending the bulk of our \$300,000 to provide on-site technical assistance and that person needs to reside in Coral Bay," said Coldren. "Previously when homeowner associations wanted technical expertise for an hour, they had to pay for three hours because that person had to come over from St. Thomas."

"If we could get free good technical advice it would be a big leg up," Coldren said. "We could get away from 'oh I do it all the time,' to the best way to do it."

While CBCC volunteers have been working to combat pollution in the Coral Bay area since the group's inception five years ago, success of the CARE project hinges on forging strong government agency partnerships, Coldren explained.

Key players in the CARE initiative gathered at the V.I. National Park maintenance building on Thursday afternoon, September 25, for the first EPA CARE project leadership team meeting.

Government No-shows and Early Departures

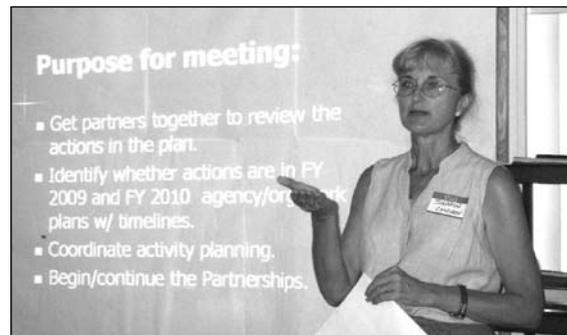
While those who attended the meeting were hopeful the CARE grant would lead to a decrease in sediment pollution, it was difficult to ignore the government officials who were not in attendance and those who left early. No one from the Department of Public Works or Coastal Zone Management office attended.

The 1:30 p.m. meeting — which followed a morning tour of the Coral Bay watershed — was just underway when all six Department of Planning and Natural Resources officials walked out in order to catch the 3 p.m. barge.

Coldren, EPA's Virgin Islands coordinator Jim Casey, EPA's regional CARE grant coordinator Derval Thomas, Julie Wright of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service, CBCC vice president and St. John Administrator's assistant Barbara Dalmida-Thompson, VINP Chief of Resource Management Rafe Boulon and CBCC member Elvis Marsh remained for the entirety of the meeting.

Implementing Watershed Management Plan

While Coldren was ready to explain the roles gov-



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Sharon Coldren outlines the group's initiatives.

ernment agencies would play in implementing the CARE grant initiative, the unexpected departure of the DPNR officials — including acting director of planning Marjorie Emmanuel — altered the scope and agenda of the meeting, she explained.

The CARE grant will focus on implementing the Coral Bay Watershed Management Plan, which was created in 2007 after the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration contracted the Center for Watershed Protection (CWP) to produce management plans for all U.S. territories. DPNR officials chose Coral Bay to be the site of the pilot watershed management plan for the Virgin Islands.

CWP scientists, along with EPA and DPNR officials, toured Coral Bay and conducted 30 site visits within the watershed, followed by CBCC-hosted community meetings. From those meetings and visits, the 48-page Coral Bay Watershed Management Plan was created.

Maintaining Marine Resources

The document outlines concerns within the watershed and spells out management goals and recommended actions to achieve those goals.

Improving water quality to maintain living marine resources and human uses, minimizing the impact of new and existing developments and creating a cooperative atmosphere of engagement between agency staff, local residents and the development community are among the goals listed in the management plan.

Providing on-site technical assistance, enforcing existing environmental regulations, evaluating and repairing erosion and drainage problems and improving post-construction stormwater management top the list of recommendations outlined in the plan.

During the meeting Coldren showed a number of photographs taken during the recent rains, documenting the stormwater runoff problem. While it's easy to see the problem areas, actually tackling the causes will take partnerships and technical expertise, Coldren explained.

Partnerships Necessary

"We need to work together," she said. "We can't have unilateral development. We need to collectively make decisions to create a standard practice."

The stormwater engineer — which CBCC officials hope to have on board by November 1 — would work with DPW and DPNR officials to target key problem areas in the Coral Bay watershed, Coldren added.

EPA CARE grant leaders will meet again in January to further discuss partnership roles, according to the CBCC president.

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Wharfside Becomes Well-Rounded With Opening of New Pizza Shoppe

By Katie Tarta
St. John Tradewinds

Americans have a high interest in the state of our seemingly depressed economy, according to several recent political polls.

People cite stagnate incomes, oil prices and higher costs as their primary worries in this election year. New business opportunities appear to be on the decline, at least stateside.

St. John residents, however, have been enjoying a rather significant improvement to their palettes as new eateries pop up all over the island with what has become expected regularity.

It all comes down to planning, explained Tim Cliff, owner of Mojo's Café and new co-owner of the Pizza Shoppe at Wharfside Village.

"Sales aren't as good as the last few years," said Cliff. "It's the survival of the fittest. Good fiscal planning, hard work and a clear business plan should get you through the tough times."

Waterfront real estate doesn't seem to have it nearly as tough as others though, maintaining the attention of both locals and visitors with restaurants like Mojo Café — catering to early breakfast risers and afternoon tourist travelers alike — and Joe's Rum Hut the scene of mojito-focused happy hours.

Pizza Shop/Italian Deli

The one thing missing from the Cruz Bay shore line, however, was a pizzeria.

Cliff and Joe Decourcy, co-owners of the Waterfront Bistro, have joined for another new project at the old Senorita Pizza location across from Joe's Rum Hut on the waterfront.

They opened the pizzeria/Italian Deli this summer, focusing on Italian style foods to go.

Certainly this complements Joe's Rum Hut as a place to toast the sunset with not just a cocktail but a slice.

Menu items like stromboli, calzones, Italian subs and fried calamari already have rumors running of the unforgettable food to come.

"An Italian deli is just what this island needs," said a frequent island visitor. "Something delicious to fill you up before a night out on the town that won't break the bank."



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Thomas Oat

A tempting New York City-style pizza from the newest eatery to open on island, the Pizza Shoppe at Wharfside Village.

Location, Location,

When asked if Mojo Café would be competing with the new pizzeria and deli, Cliff was accurate in pointing out how even the subtlest location placement can make all the difference. He cited Mojo's clientele as largely ferry-goers on the move.

The new pizza and deli will no doubt bring in the Italian-Americans who crave a good slice and any New Yorker looking to test their pizza theory that good pizza can only be made with the city's water.

Cliff and Decourcy credit their staff as professionals whom allow them to overcome the challenges in the restaurant business.

Golden Opportunity

Opportunity seems to abound in Love City if only one knows where to look and when to strike.

Cliff, a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America, arrived on island several years ago as a chef at Caneel's Estate Turtle Bay Restaurant.

From there he saw he could meet the ferry-goers needs and opened Mojo's Café. His ability to pay attention to his new environment and familiarize himself with the island's potential hiring pool seems to have been key elements to his success.

Clearly, it isn't just about being in the right place at the right time, because only proactive businesses are still around. Limin' may accurately describe the way of life on St. John, but it seems it does not necessarily describe how businesses triumph.

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Residents Can "Adopt the Future" by Sponsoring a Student of the Arts

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

While the importance of the arts in children's lives is well documented, some families on St. John can't afford the expense of dance, music or art lessons.

Through a new "Adopt the Future" program at the St. John School of the Arts, residents can make a tangible difference in the lives of children struggling to keep their dreams alive.

The program allows a resident or group of residents to sponsor a child at the school, explained SJSA Executive Director Jan Kinder.

"We have already identified promising children with potential who could benefit from this program," said Kinder. "People can do full sponsorships or get five people together and all sponsor one student."

While SJSA school officials have been considering the idea for several years, they decided to institute the program after being approached by a potential sponsor, explained assistant director Kim Wild.

"We've been thinking about this for a couple of years now and this year we had some people ask about sponsoring a student, so we thought it would be great to start up," said Wild.

Sponsors will also have the ability to see how their adopted student is progressing, added Kinder.

"Sponsors will receive progress reports and have correspondence from the student," Kinder said. "The sponsor will also get a personal invitation to the student's



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Ballet students practice their moves with dance teacher and St. John School of the Arts assistant director Kim Wild.

recital."

Justina Jackson, whose daughter is a third year ballet and tap student, has seen first hand how the arts has helped all areas of her daughter's life, she explained.

"She has big dreams and nothing keeps her back," said Jackson. "She wants to keep going for it, but I'm digging a hole in my pocket. She's getting better and better all the time and is an honor roll student."

"Nothing distracts her," Jackson said. "She is determined. People could really make a difference through this program."

Tina Pettito's daughter, who takes ballet, hip hop and art classes, is naturally inclined in the arts and would be lost without the instruction.

"She puts on plays and choreographs dances and writes poetry all the time," said Pettito. "It's really important for any small group of people to make sure that children have outlets other than just hanging out. It's these things that make a community a much more viable community."

"This year is a difficult year for us personally, but it would be a shame to let a kid fall through the

cracks because of difficult circumstances," Pettito said.

Finances should not determine whether a child is afforded an arts education, according to Kinder.

"Children interested in the arts should be encouraged to develop their potentials and not be held back due to financial constraints," Kinder said. "An arts education is not about creating professional musicians, dancers, visual artists, actors or writers, even though a number of our past students have successfully aspired in making the arts their life's work."

"Education in the arts helps

"She has big dreams and nothing keeps her back. She wants to keep going for it, but I'm digging a hole in my pocket. She's getting better and better all the time and is an honor roll student."

— Justina Jackson
parent of dance student
at St. John School of the Arts

inspire self-expression, self-confidence and self-discipline, supporting determination and commitment," said Kinder. "It emphasizes intellectual, emotional and social development, providing an atmosphere for creativity and imaginative growth."

Supporting the "Adopt the Future" program would make a difference a child's entire life, Kinder added.

"Arts education prepares students for school, work and life," Kinder said. "Investing in an arts education is an investment in a child's future and society."

SJSA offers classes in dance, music and art, for children between the ages of three and 17. Depending on how many classes a student takes, tuition can range from \$300 to \$2,000 a year. For more information about sponsoring a student call the school at 779-4322.



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SJCF-sponsored Senatorial Forum Oct. 28

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

As the election season heats up in the territory, residents are ready to hear what the candidates have to say and instead of listening on radio or television, the St. John Community Foundation is making sure the St. John public can listen to the senate hopefuls directly.

SJCF is hosting a senatorial public forum on Tuesday evening, October 28, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Westin Resort and Villas and hopes all district politicians come out, according to the group's executive director Paul Devine.

"We're inviting every senatorial candidate for the St. Thomas/St. John district and the senate at large candidates," said Devine. "We're also inviting government officials including the governor, lieutenant governor and the delegate to congress, not to participate, but to attend."

The group also expects to attract a large crowd of St. John residents, Devine added.

"We hope that every St. John resident will attend," he said. "In my opinion, this is the most im-

portant senatorial election in history because of the economic climate in the Virgin Islands. These are the most economically hard times we've had in years in terms of WAPA, and property taxes."

"We don't have a Virgin Islands-wide policy on energy or taxes," Devine continued. "We need to create policy, especially on St. John, and elect people with the political will to create policy and the will to work with the administration."

While SJCF is sponsoring the forum, the group is not endorsing any candidate, explained Devine, who added that the gathering will not be a debate.

"We will ask the candidates to stay away from making disparaging remarks," said the SJCF executive director. "It's not a debate, it's a forum."

The forum will be divided into three rounds with Devine as moderator. The first round will feature general questions based on concerns which affect the entire territory, according to Devine.

"This is when issues like energy, education and changing the gov-

ernment structure will come up," he said.

The second round of the forum will focus on questions from the public based on St. John-specific concerns, Devine explained.

"We want the public to submit questions about St. John issues that we can use during this second round," said the SJCF executive director.

The third round will allow the public to pose questions directly to the candidates. During the entire forum, the candidates' responses will be timed, to allow for equal participation, Devine added.

"There will be a one minute introductory for each candidate and they will have 30 seconds to categorize their answers," said Devine. "Each candidate will also have one minute to summarize their candidacy."

To ensure the senate hopefuls address your concern, questions can be dropped off at SJCF's office on the second floor of The Marketplace, emailed to allawe@sjcf.org, or faxed to 693-9410. For more information call Devine at 693-9410 or 514-6615.



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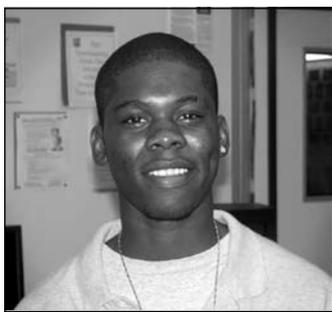
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Happy Giffit Hill School students celebrate their scholarship awards last week.

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Rhythm & Views

An outlook on young adult interests and concerns
by Malik Stevens

GHS Awards Scholarships

St. John Tradewinds

Money was in the air on Tuesday, September 30, as many Giffit Hill School students were rewarded with a number of different scholarships by the school's headmaster Ben Biddle and staff.

A sum of \$21,000 was distributed amongst a group of Giffit Hill students for their award-winning essays, academic achievements, character and hard work displayed during the previous school year. Students and parents alike gathered in the school's atrium on this special day as the many young individuals were called up one-by-one to receive awards, many of which came as a major surprise to them.

"I was so surprised and happy," said Coral Breuning, a ninth grader, who was one of the lucky individuals rewarded with a Stern Academic Scholarship. "It was nice to be rewarded for hard work."

Last year every student was given the opportunity to compete for the Stern Academic Scholarships, which were funded and judged by Mark and Judy Stern. For these scholarships, students had to write an essay titled, "What it Means to be an American."

Few took the challenge on and wrote great essays and of these few, eight scholarship were rewarded, four of which were awarded \$1,000 and another four of \$1,500.

These eight amazing essay writers included Sheniqua Davis, Maggie Wessinger, Careem Albert, Kiarah Penn, Jah'Sheada Griffith, Jackson Barry, the already mentioned Coral Breuning, and myself.

The next set of scholarships that were distributed were the Academic Scholarships. These were awarded to students for their academic achievement and character shown in their classes last year. These awards were voted on by faculty and were funded by anonymous donors to the school.

The Ken Damon Science Scholarship of \$2,000 was rewarded to Jessica Samuel for her excellent performance in the sciences last year. A \$1,000 scholarship

was rewarded to Nicole Goldman for her impressive performance in history.

What I feel was one of the most important scholarship was rewarded to Isaac Lalach. This was the Character and Spirit award and its name speaks for itself. This was an award in the amount of \$1,000 and the acknowledgment of knowing that good behavior and fair character do pay off.

I was also one of these few individuals, as I was rewarded with both the math and English academic scholarships, both of which were of \$1,000. I was surprised and happy to receive them.

The last of the scholarships awarded was the Trayser Scholarship in honor of Fred Trayser who has consistently been the school's strongest supporter. The scholarship was to be awarded to a rising leader in the school between grade 7th and 8th grades who shows Fred's characteristics of integrity, willingness to go above and beyond, generosity, and respect toward everyone and everything around him.

This scholarship was sponsored by Jerome and Liz Levy in the amount of \$5,000 and was rewarded to 8th grader Careem Albert, who has shown these qualities not only to his teachers, but to the many students around him who concurred that he was deserving.

"I feel honored that I won the scholarship," said Albert. "This makes me feel acknowledged for my hard work."

All of the young individuals who obtained these scholarships were well deserving and truly appreciative of the honor. After receiving the awards, the smiles could not be removed from the students' faces, including mine.

After the last scholarship was presented and the last round of applause was given, the gathering was called to a close. In the end, it was a great day for all the hard working individuals. It goes to show that hard work, good character, and determination do pay off, literally.

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St. John Tradewinds

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Much like other fashion weeks around the world, VI Fashion Week brings together designers of all genres to showcase their latest collections. Twenty designers from across the Caribbean, U.S.

mainland and Africa will be presenting their spring 2009 collections at this year's event.

Featured designers will include international celebrity women's wear designer Roger Gary of New York, top regional designer Sonia Noel of Guyana and Zulema Griffin from Bravo TV's Project Runway.

Frantz Coulanges, Deborah Elliott and Jamal Drummond of St. Croix, the recipient of the Best Country Designer Award at the

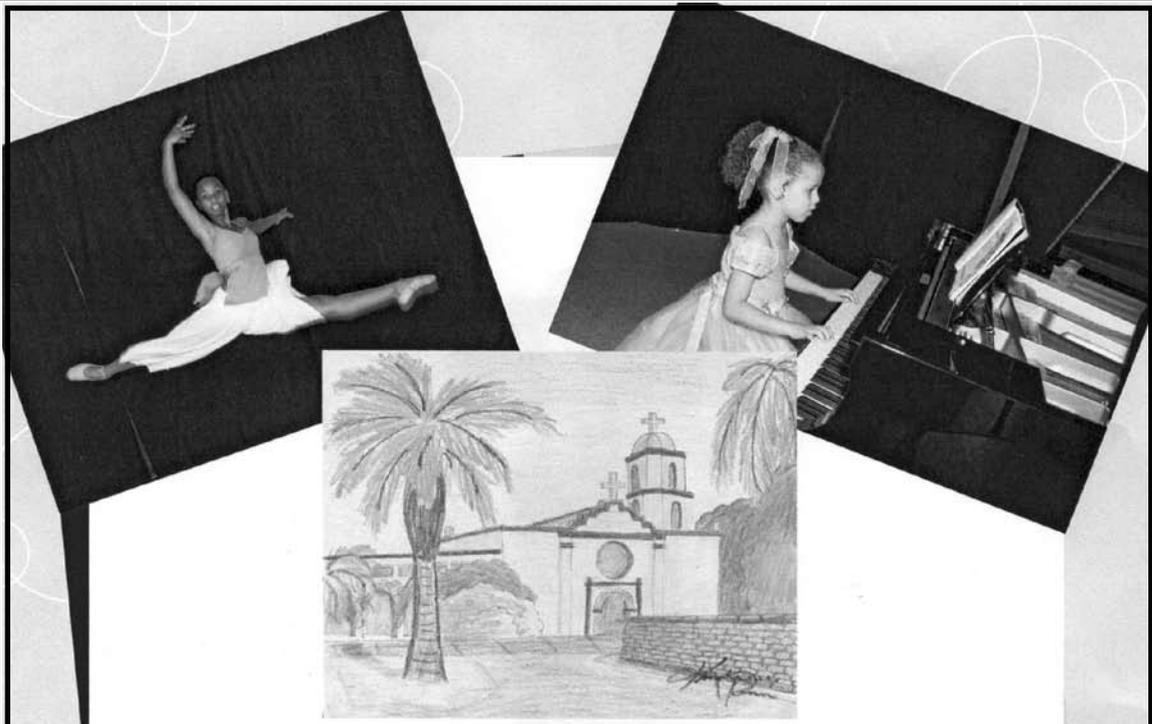
2008 Caribbean Fashion Awards will be featured along with a lineup of other designers from the U.S. Virgin Islands.

A new addition to the VIFW runway show will be the showcase of unique one-of-a-kind custom-designed shoes and jewelry by John Ashford and Earth Rowe of New York.

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Bianca Golden of America's Next Top Model will be the featured model. Golden has been featured in *Essence Magazine*, *Style Bermuda*, and is currently the face of a national Macy's ad campaign. She is presently signed with Major Model Management in New York.

St. Thomas-native Ginny Edwards, of Ginny Edwards Development NYC, will attend VIFW to scout for new faces. Edwards has more than 10 years in the fashion industry and is one of the top model scouts in the USA. She has worked with a number of local models, including Hannah Davis who is the face of Ralph Lauren and Lana, and is presently the director of US scouting for 1Model Management, one of the top 10 modeling agencies in New York.

Activities for VIFW 2008 will include the Caribbean Magic Trade Show and Fashion Expo, which is taking place on Saturday, October 11, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Tutu Park Mall.

This event is open to the public

and will feature live entertainment and a unique showcase of jewelry and accessories. A new addition to this year's event will be the "Fashion and a Cause" segment featuring the Clothesline Project and Cece's Closet benefiting the Family Resource Center of the Virgin Islands.

The Caribbean Catwalk Runway Show — the signature runway event — is set for Sunday, October 12, at the Wyndham Sugar Bay Resort and Spa. Designers will present their collections to the public under the bright lights and flashing cameras of the paparazzi.

Columbus Day, October 13, will be the climax of VIFW 2008. Swimsuit designers will present their collections at the all white affair beach party and swimsuit fashion show at Brewer's Bay starting 10 a.m.

What would a Fashion Week be without glitzy after-parties and VIP parties? The public can look forward to being fully entertained and dazzled by the unique designs presented in all genres of the fashion industry. For more information call 344-6078, or 998-1013 or email info@vifashionweek.com

STT/STJ Chamber Members Getting Ready for Season

**By Susan Mann
St. John Tradewinds**

St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Joe Aubain updated St. John Chapter members about tourism concerns, including ferry schedules and the reason for a proposed turnstile to collect money for the V.I. Port Authority, at a September 23 meeting.

Fifteen of the chapter's more than 40 members were on hand at the Wednesday evening meeting at St. Ursula Multipurpose Center.

The new Loredon Boynes dock "tourist greeting" service is about to begin, explained the group's tourism committee member Debbie Hime.

Sixteen applicants are scheduled to begin training in mid-October, according to Hime.

Island guests will be greeted inside the ferry dock entry gate where they will be treated to a Cruzan Rum beverage and be able to fill out a survey form, Hime explained.

"About six more employees are still needed," said Hime.

Feeling the Pinch of Reduced Ferry Service

A problem with evening ferry availability from St. Thomas to St. John has developed because of flight arrival times at the Cyril King airport, according to Kate Norfleet, the chamber's St. John representative.

Two scheduled flights from Miami and Puerto Rico are expected to arrive on St. Thomas during the evening hours, when ferry service to St. John may not be available, Norfleet explained.

Westin Resort and Villas and Caneel Bay Resort officials make ferry arrangements for their guests, Norfleet added.

A number of residents have already experienced the hardship of the reduced ferry schedule, including Elaine Estern.

"I arrived at the airport on a late flight and had no way to get to St. John," said Estern.

The St. John artist was finally able to make it home with a group of tourists, after making a phone call and getting special approval from a resort official, she explained.

The situation will be brought to the attention of the V.I. Port Au-

thority by Aubain, who will then follow up with the St. John Chapter, he explained.

No Information on Planner

Norfleet advised members that she had made calls about the status of the St. John planner position, but to date had not received a response, the chamber representative explained.

Aubain has been in contact with WAPA officials about how utility rates are affecting business owners, explained the chamber director.

Businesses are in "real trouble" because of the WAPA increases, according to Aubain.

VIPA's proposed turnstiles to collect a 25-cent fee from ferry passengers was not popular with chapter members.

VIPA collects fees at every other port of entry except St. John, without the use of a turnstile, Aubain explained.

VIPA Fees Included Elsewhere

The ferry companies include the fee in ticket prices, and then forward that amount to the VIPA, he added.

"The turnstiles are needed because the ferry companies don't want to collect it," said Aubain.

VIPA officials plan to host a town meeting on St. John, he added.

"Nothing will be decided until after the meeting," said Aubain.

Chamber members expect to announce information about an October 24 planned Business After Hours at Ocean Grill in the near future, explained Norfleet.

St. John Chapter members are planning to organize a "Festival of Lights" in the Cruz Bay shopping area again this year. No final date has been set for the holiday dining and shopping event.

A requested meeting time will be arranged for members of the Coral Bay Community Council to meet with the St. John Chapter to discuss the needs of business owners in Coral Bay, Norfleet explained.

Aluminum Can Recycling Available

The island's aluminum can recycling program is gaining momentum, according to member Sharon Ehle.

"Start saving your aluminum

cans to recycle," Ehle said.

Six to eight more drop off bins will be set up at different island locations soon, she added.

Aubain invited St. John Chapter members to contribute "on-island made" items to gift baskets for the 15 governors, and their families, who will be attending a summit meeting on St. Thomas in early November.

For more information about the St. John Chapter of the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce contact Norfleet at 693-9099.

Friends of the Elaine I. Sprauve Library Hosting Presentation for Archives Month

St. John Tradewinds

A presentation on the territorial archives, hosted by Friends of Elaine I. Sprauve Library, is scheduled for Wednesday, October 8, at the Bethany Moravian Church from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Each year across the nation, states and territories, in collaboration with the Society of American Archivists, representing more than 5,000 individual and institutional members, and the Council of State Archivists, recognize the month of October as Archives Month to highlight the importance of records of enduring value.

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**By Jerry Runyon
St. John Tradewinds**

A special thanks go out to the participants who came out to our first annual "Freedom Walk" on September 11, 2008. It is hoped that this "Freedom Walk" will continue and expand within our community of St. John to commemorate Patriot Day, honor all the lives lost and also to honor those who serve to protect us.

Displaying our flags — both American and the U.S. Virgin Islands — is a great way to show support of our nation and community. Fly the flags everyday and for the remainder of September and October, definitely on October 13, Columbus Day, and October 27, Navy Day. Remember to take your flags down during darkness unless the flag is illuminated.

The National American Legion Conference was hosted in Phoenix, Arizona August from 21 through 29. Dave Rehbeln was elected as our New National Commander.

Commander Rehbeln is from Ames Post #37 in Ames, Iowa. Visit the American Legion web site at www.legion.org for convention highlights.

The St. John American Legion Post 131

Commander's Bugle Call

American Legion Viggo E. Sewer Post #131



Fall Youth Flag Co-ed Flag Football Season has begun. Contact the Post 131 Sports Committee Co-chairman Edmund Roberts at (340) 774-0869 or Paul Devine at (340) 514-6615 for further information. They need volunteers to help with set up and fund raising.

The VI Veterans Affairs Office at the Battery is open on Fridays between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. The VI Veterans Affairs Office can help with transportation to visit the St. Thomas VA Clinic and the Puerto Rico Veterans Caribbean Health Care Hospital.

Veterans officials are also there to hear and act on our complaints. Keep this office busy and lengthen their hours — it is there to serve St. John veterans. This office will answer all questions and concerns about our benefits.

A meeting was hosted at the Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center on Friday, September 26. Dr. Sandra C. Gracia-Lopez, MD, Chief of Staff, plus other key staff from the Puerto Rico VA Caribbean Health Care System met with MKSCHC Administrator Harold Wallace, to discuss the feasibility to begin telehealth and lab services on St. John for our veterans.

Also at the meeting were Lorelei Monsanto, representing the Delegate to Congress, and Post 131 Commander Runyon. Wallace and the staff from the VA all agreed that the St. John health center could be used.

Details of the arrangements are now in the

planning and implementation phases. When in operation, this will ease the time, expense and inconvenience of traveling to and from St. Thomas for our St. John veterans. The VA staff will also be addressing St. John pharmacy prescription filling problems.

The latest census estimates 241 veterans on St. John, but only 41 are signed up for VA services and only 30 belong to the American Legion.

Unless more veterans come forward, the effort to create more accessible health care on St. John could be in vain. Time is of the essence.

It is important to locate and sign on the remaining veterans. All veterans should come to the VIVA Office at the Battery to sign in and obtain information or contact American Legion Post 131 Adjutant Paul Devine at (340) 514-6615, Vice Commander Aubrey Sewer at (340) 779-4158 or Corine Matthias at (340) 776-6041. Monsanto can also be contacted at (340) 776-1212.

Post 131 Commander Runyon is asking all St. John residents to assist us in obtaining information on our veterans, including those resting in peace, and those who are homeless. It is equally important to locate all active-duty personnel. "Please support us."

The new St. Thomas VA Clinic will be open by Mid-December. In the meantime, the temporary facilities at Havensight will continue to serve our St. Thomas and St.

John veterans.

The Annual Military Ball, hosted by St. Thomas Post #90 will be at Palms Court Harbour View on Saturday, November 8, at 7:00 p.m. The attire is formal, either military or civilian. Tickets for singles are \$70 and \$130 for couples. Please contact Yvonne Francis at (340) 514-1745 to purchase tickets, make hotel reservations or for any additional information.

The next Post 131 monthly meeting will be at Sputnik in Coral Bay on Saturday, October 11, at 10:30 a.m. This is an important meeting as Veteran Day activity planning will be finalized. Volunteers are needed to assist with programs, transportation, follow up with participants and setting up. This meeting will also address the nominations for the 2009-2010 Post Officer Election. Elections for Post Officers will be during the December 2008 monthly meeting.

Members are reminded that all future monthly meetings will continue to be at Sputnik in Coral Bay on the second Saturday of the month at 10:30 a.m.

The Auxiliary meetings are on the third Saturday of the month at Mooie's in Cruz Bay at 10:30 a.m. For information or to become a member contact President Marie Lett at (340) 715-0158.

St. John Administrator Leona Smith continues her effort to secure a site in Coral Bay for our Post 131 headquarters. Smith
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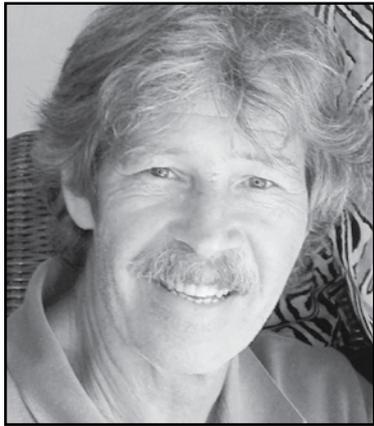
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COMMUNITY CORNER

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

**By Paul Devine
St. John Tradewinds**

The St. John Community Foundation is announcing another of their popular series of election forums. This time, the group is sponsoring a senatorial forum at the Westin Resort and Villas on Tuesday, October 28, at 6 p.m.

All senatorial candidates from the St. Thomas/St. John district will be invited to attend. Citizens are urged to contact the foundation to express their views and submit questions. Each response will be addressed to the delegates at the forum. This is a great opportunity for your voice to be heard! Stay involved with your community by attending this free forum...see you there! Call Paul Devine at the St. John Community Foundation at 693-9410 for more information or to submit your questions.

Culture and Arts Center

A new St. John Culture and Arts center is in the planning stages and community help is needed. Persons with architectural, construction, survey, landscaping or engineering skills are invited to participate in the planning process. This is a great opportunity to help the community by being involved with a needed facility for St. John. Call Paul Devine at 693-9410 or 514-6615 for more information.

Our Youth Count

Many children on St. John need extra help in the areas of math and reading. The teachers and leadership of our local schools are energetic about the prospects of raising proficiency in those areas and they need your help. Volunteers are needed to "adopt" and mentor children who require extra help. Support materials are also needed. If you have the time, the schools need you. Please contact Julius E. Sprauve School at 776-6336 to find out how you can help. You'll be glad you did.

Gardening Anyone?

Gardening experts and aficionados have met to form a St. John Garden Club and they are looking for membership. Membership

is free and open to all who have a love of gardening. A project to beautify the Cruz Bay area is now being planned. The primary objective of the club is to educate the public on the advantages and beauty of indigenous and disease-free plants and flowers. Please call 693-9410 or 514-6615 for more information.

Veteran's Unite!

November 11 is Veteran's Day. The American Legion Post 131 and auxiliary will host the event, joined by other St. John groups for a parade beginning at the V.I. National Park at 11 a.m. Groups who wish to join the parade are welcome. A youth flag football game, food and refreshments and community spirit are all part of the day's celebration. Please call Aubrey Sewer at 779-4158 for more information.

Youth on the Move!

The St. John Youth Committee has been re-energized with a new mission: to be advocates for all St. John youth. The Youth Committee has been successful in demonstrating the condition of facilities on St. John to the administration and legislature and they want to continue that momentum. The group is looking for new members to help solve the problems all youth face. St. John youths are welcome to join this exciting venture! Please call Paul Devine at 514-6615 for more information.

Kids Love Sports

You say there is nothing to do? Well, here's a line-up for kid's sports and activities:

The Department of Housing, Parks and Recreation has a new after-school baseball program at Winston Wells field. They meet on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. All kids are encouraged to participate. Please contact HPR for more information

The St. John Soccer League meets every Saturday morning, at 10 a.m. at the V.I. National Park field. Young children up to age 13 can come out to play! Just come down to the field and have fun!

Giff Hill School has teamed up with JESS for a flag football league. Students ages 12 to 14 can join. Practices have begun and games start soon. Call Kent Wessinger at Giff Hill School at 776-1730 for more information.

The American Legion Post 131 Youth Co-Ed Flag Football League has begun its fifth season! Teams are already practicing and games begin on October 11. Also planned for spring 2009 is recreational co-ed softball. To register for flag football, come to the VINP field at 4 p.m. and see any coach or pick up registrations at Connections or the St. John Community Foundation office at the Marketplace. Call Paul Devine at 514-6615 for information and registration forms.

HPR continues its usual after school programs each school day. Call 776-6531 for more information.

The Kids and the Sea (KATS) program offers sailing lessons to youth. Call Connections East at 779-4994 for more information. Friends of VINP offer programs on the environment, lead tours for kids and much, much more. For more information call the group at 779-4940.

Basketball programs, boxing, karate, tennis, Cub Scouts and a host of other activities are available on St. John for kids. Adults are needed to start evening recreational volleyball in Coral Bay and Cruz Bay. We need the adults to get their children registered and active.

Please take advantage of all these offerings. Let's get our kids involved in all these wonderful programs.

Seniors Count Too

The Department of Human Services' new Adrian Senior Center at George Simmons Terrace is now open. Abby Hendricks is the director of this beautiful facility. Seniors are involved in crafts, field trips and much more. Please! The center needs crafts materials, paint supplies, paper supplies and a lot

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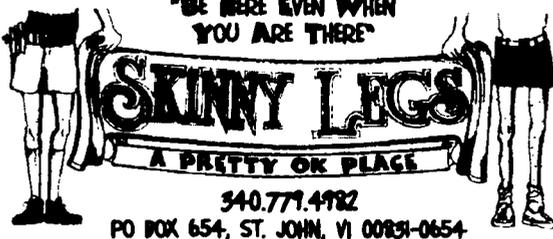
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Constitutional Convention Delegates Have Failed the People

Editor,

It is enlightening that so many citizens are now commenting on the recent constitutional convention plenary sessions. The delegation has a little more than a week to complete the document and it appears that they will fail to make the announced but precarious deadline date of October 6.

This date represents an extension from the original July 27 date for completion. Then what will happen? Will the delegates simply go home or will another extension be granted by the legislature?

It seems that past and recent citizen input has had no effect on the ability of the delegates to come to any conclusions on almost any matter before them. The squabbling and unprofessional behavior shown by this group has become legendary.

Of the 12 Constitutional Committees, only a few have been able to complete their tasks. Regardless of time limits and extensions, it has become abundantly clear that this group of elected delegates have utterly failed the people of the Virgin Islands.

The infighting, lack of quorums, philosophical differences, inability to grasp even basic constitutional realities and personal conflicts have combined to create what one can only be described as a dysfunctional entity. But it didn't have to be that way.

Most Virgin Islands residents know that the convention was delayed three months over a court battle for the right of a constitutional candidate to sit. The legislature, wisely, allowed an extension to make up the lost time.

About half-way through the convention things began to unravel and lack of quorums became the norm. In-fighting was prevalent and sides were drawn over fundamentals. The ability of the convention to gel into a cohesive unit was lost early into the debate.

In short, the delegates sealed their own fate of failure even though several delegates attempted but failed to keep the group on task. Leadership was lacking and personal philosophies took over every meeting. I believe most just gave up. If the delegation had stronger leadership things could have been different.

In my opinion, writing a constitution is a sacred duty given to a fortunate few in their lifetime. Dedication to a task which would affect the lives of more than 100,000 people and millions more to come in the future should have been reason enough to take the task seriously.

Instead, it became a philosophical battleground. The leadership of this attempt was saddled with a legislative mandate which required them to utilize

the wording of a failed document as the basis of their debate. This should never have occurred. Standing committees should have been fewer and the tasks of these committees should have been better defined by the delegation president.

The need for massive amounts of money to write this document was an ill-conceived notion and it caused the delegation to be delayed even further. I believe the document could have been written by August of 2008 if the following had occurred:

The people should have elected 60 delegates with five alternates. The convention leadership should have decided early on that the delegation would meet as a continuous body. This means daily committee meetings.

The number of committees should have been limited to no more than eight with seven members each. There would be no multi-commitments, as delegates would be assigned to one committee only.

Committees would meet every day for three continuous weeks on each island to hear public input. Any delegate who missed more than three meetings at any time would have been ejected and an alternate put in place. Each committee would then meet for an additional three weeks to discuss citizen input.

Finally, all delegates and alternates would meet for another three continuous weeks to hash out the committee reports. During this last time frame, the constitutional experts would have input. All this could take no more than five months to complete.

Would this be a hardship on the delegates? Yes, and if the arrangement was legislatively created, then only dedicated, sincere persons would run for the office of delegate. As it turns out, the attendance of the Fifth Constitution was regrettably low, the interest was lacking and the committees had no real guidance or vision of the future. A sad commentary indeed.

The document which this Fifth Constitutional Convention has attempted to create is a much poorer version of the failed fourth attempt. It demonstrates lack of vision for the future, the realities of the 21st century and does not consider the diversity of the people. In many instances, it cannot stand the United States constitutional test and cannot possibly pass muster at the presidential and congressional levels.

In short, it is doomed to failure and it could have been prevented. Perhaps someday we will have a Constitution for the Virgin Islands but not this time around.

Paul Devine
St. John

Recycling Committee Thanks Businesses for Support

Editor,

As you know, we have been collecting aluminum beverage cans at a test site in Coral Bay for over a month now, and we are happy to say that recycling has been welcomed with much enthusiasm by our community.

With this success under our wings, we were anxious to obtain more bins that could be placed around the island for all St. John residents to use.

Several businesses generously offered their help and we want to take this opportunity to thank them:

Paradise Lumber, for the wood; St. John Hardware, for the paint; and notably Dave Carlson, of Carlson Construction, who donated not only the use of his workshop, machinery, and paint sprayer, but who along with Matt Muller, helped build the new bins.

We need more volunteers and invite everyone to our next meeting which is on Monday, October 20, at 7 p.m. on the third floor of the Marketplace. For more information call 693-9410.

Susan De Bonis
for the St. John Recycling Committee

Letters to St. John Tradewinds

Sleeping Policemen — On the Job 24/7: Saving Lives

Editor,

I found Andy Rutnik's opposition to "speed bumps" absurd and rabble rousing. For the first time in a long time, our government agencies have come up with a realistic solution for one of our traffic safety concerns within the confines of our miniscule economic budget and available human resources — speed bumps — life saving, effective, low cost speed reducers.

The reality is that we don't have a bottomless wallet or any more time to waste studying and micro-managing "who" should be in charge of the placement of speed bumps.

I applaud the Deputy Commissioner of Public Works who listened to "complaints from residents, studied traffic accident data" and then made an informed decision to place the speed bumps by Greenleaf Commons where numerous families live. To claim this decision is a result of "a haphazard arbitrary process that has no end..." is unfounded.

Mr. Rutnik further claims that as a result of speed bumps, "back injuries have been documented." If you are getting your back injured going over a speed bump, guess what? You have probably been speeding!

He goes on to reveal that "car axles can get damaged" going over a speed bump. Yes, that is probably

true but only if — you have been speeding!

Here's where the light bulb goes on. Speed bumps make people slow down, that is why they are referred to as "traffic slowing devices." Speed leads to back injuries and broken car axles not speed bumps. What's next — speed bumps make you fat, speed bumps are a form of terrorism?!

Finally, I completely agree with Mr. Rutnik's suggestion that enforcement of speed limits through \$100+ citations would slow people down.

I would also add that, if enforced, these citations could potentially serve as a great revenue builder for our under-trained, under-funded and consequently under-staffed police force.

In reality however, if we can not get our police force to adhere to basic traffic safety laws themselves, like stopping at stop signs and signaling when turning (see letter in *St. John Tradewinds* Sept. 22-Oct 5), is it realistic to think they will enforce speed limits?

Here, I must agree with Mr. Rutnik again, "traffic slowing devices (speed bumps) are substitutes for police enforcement..." That is why they are sometimes referred to as "sleeping police men." They are on the job 24/7 saving lives and saving us money. Let's hire more!

Jennifer Knowles Donnelly

Don't "Turn Your Back" on Incumbent Senators

Editor,

It's election time again and we are hearing lots of little jingles but not much in the way of concrete promises on the part of the prospective senators and less from incumbent senators as to how they propose to address our real problems.

I am disappointed with the actions and accomplishments of the last senate and am not convinced that most of the sitting incumbents listen to the voices of the voters.

For years senators have ignored the referendum to reduce the size of the senate. They have gone around the referendum to not have gambling in St. Thomas and St. John. Input from town meetings is frequently ignored.

One of the most blatant examples of them ignoring residents voices was the legalizing of Sirensusa's illegally oversized buildings that no local residents who did not work for the contractor seemed to want.

Despite lots of sentiment against it, most of the senate voted to legalize the contractors' obvious contempt for the parameters of the building code. The one St. Thomas senator who voted against this is the only St. Thomas incumbent I intend to vote for.

One jingle we hear a lot goes "I will never turn my

back on you."

As many things this could be interpreted a couple ways — not that the guy promoting this jingle is any less receptive to the people's voice than his sitting constituents — my opinion is they almost all need to go.

What I think of is the stories of old heroes and outlaws that would never put their back to the door. I think we as voters should not "turn our back" on those who may — again — stab us in that back.

When I hear this jingle I hear little voices in the background saying, "Don't trust you man...what's that in your pocket man...nice watch man..watch them greasy palms man...where you been last night man...don't trust you man."

Other verses of this tune come to me:

"You say you do what you have to do for the people that do pay you, while I'm sure that's true, I don't know who is who. And I'll never turn my back on you."

In closing I would ask voters and political workers to support the candidates that say they will uphold specific issues you want, and put the incumbents that ignored us out.

Captain Paul Ray

St. John Tradewinds Resumes Weekly Publication

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Shootings: 2
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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
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1st Degree Burglaries: 1
Under Investigation: 1
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Under Investigation: 10
Solved: 0

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ACC Board Members Diana Ripley (Left, with adoptable ACC shelter dog, Humpty) and Bonny Corbeil (Right, with her adopted dog, Princess) accept the check from Cat Braaten (Beach Bar Owner).

Bar Wars at Beach Bar Nets \$3,500 for Animal Care Center

Editor,

The 8th Annual Bar Wars competition at the Beach Bar raised \$3,500 and the St. John Animal Care Center couldn't be happier!

On August 2, teams of between four and eight brave and competitive souls competed on the beach in front of the Beach Bar at Wharfside Village in Cruz Bay.

The obstacle course, designed to test team's bartending and service skills, took participants through water and sand challenges in a timed competition.

Teams progressed to the next round by winning or bribing the judges. All "bribe" money went directly to the ACC, as did the proceeds from the sale of the event t-shirts.

Bar Wars '08 was an entertaining and successful fundraiser!

Special thanks to Cat & Allen for their continued support of the ACC, and to all of the spirited participants and attendees, Thank You!

Jennifer Dale,
on behalf of the Animal Care Center of St. John



Photo Courtesy of Patsy Morgenthaler

Jesse Simonsen, number 60, returning to the sidelines following his team's third touchdown.

GHS Grad Simonsen Anchors Offensive Line at Lawrence

Editor,

Giffit Hill School 2008 graduate Jesse Simonsen saw his first collegiate football action on Saturday, September 13. As just a freshman at Lawrence University, in Appleton, WS, Jesse anchors the right side of the offensive line as a 288-pound tackle.

In the first half of his first game he was perfect in his lineman assignments and Lawrence scored three times. The third touchdown came from the Lawrence quarterback rolling right, setting-up, and passing into

the end zone behind an impenetrable double team block by Jesse and a teammate.

Playing the defending conference champions, St. Norbert, Jesse's Lawrence Vikings led 18-16 just before the half. As predicted the St. Norbert team did win the game. However, Jesse represented St. John very, very well and many fans commented on his freshman status and his St. John, Virgin Islands home town!

Steve Morgenthaler

Troy and Young Bobsledders Gear Up for Winter Olympics

Editor,

It looks like the Virgin Islands will have a strong presence in bobsled and skeleton, if nothing else, in the Winter Olympic games. These boys are serious and have already been to Europe twice for training. We are going to use them for both bobsled and skeleton and get maximum usage and exposure from our young investees.

I just need to find four serious girls so that we can have a female presence as well. We'd like to begin to send girls up to the World Cup as teammates for Alexa. And they will also have a chance to compete in skeleton and bobsled.

Since the Salt Lake 2002 Olympics, female bobsled is pretty hot. And on the Europa Cup schedule male and female bobsled and male and female skeleton all travel together, so it only makes sense for us to participate in all we can while we can.

I'm really glad the governor took notice of the program and these athletes. I am happy to announce that building bridges has merged and with the I.S.A.V.I. and are now a non profit registered with the Virgin

Islands government as the International Sports Academy of the Virgin Islands.

We have an account at Banco Popular, and one of our athletes, Juan Carlos Cirilo's mother has stepped up and taken the reigns in being executor of administration. This takes a huge load off of me.

I actually didn't go into debt with these last two trips. With the Rotary Club being official sponsors of the Sports Academy, many more doors have opened because we visit Rotary clubs around the world and bring them St. Croix Rotary Club flags.

It's funny how the Rotary Clubs of St. John and St. Thomas were my very first sponsors — Chris Angel, Ronny Lockhart, Kris Brunt and everyone — and now eight years later, Rotary is still there and in an even bigger way with St. Croix in now. It's pretty cool.

We leave again November 1 for skeleton and bobschool in Innsbruck. Hopefully I will have a full eight athletes with me with the four new girls. I'll keep you posted.

Blessed,
Troy in St. Croix

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James "Uncle Jimmy" Boynes, 95, Passes Away

St. John Tradewinds

Services were Wednesday, October 1, for James Boynes, better known as "Uncle Jimmy," 95, of Enighed, St. John, who died on September 26 on St. John.

The viewing was at 9 a.m. at Nazareth Lutheran Church with services following at 10 a.m. Burial was at Cruz Bay Cemetery.

He is survived by his confidant, a devoted and faithful companion, Venecia Christian; daughter, Carmen Boynes; granddaughters, Tashida Brewley-Hill, Nylah Brewley-McIntosh, Felecia Oliveri

and Clarrisa Doyling; grandsons-in-law, Delbert Hill Jr. and Wesley McIntosh; great-grandchildren, Delisha and Dajia Hill; nephews, Capt. Noel Boynes Sr., Capt. Clifton Boynes Sr., Anthon Boynes Jr., Capt. Fritz Boynes Sr., Capt. Lordeon Boynes Jr. and Gerwin Boynes; nieces, Bernice Boynes-Pearson, Karen Boynes, Priscilla Boynes and June Boynes; and many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Geraldine Boynes; father, Alfred Boynes; brothers, Theodore Miles and Anthon and Lore-



James Boynes

don Boynes Sr.

Arrangments were by Davis Funeral Home.

Debra J. Graham Passes After Battle with Ovarian Cancer

St. John Tradewinds

Debra J. Graham, M.D., of Moreland Hills, Ohio died peacefully on September 24, 2008, after a long and courageous battle with ovarian cancer.

Dr. Graham was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on June 23, 1959. She graduated Summa Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa from Washington and Jefferson College in 1981 with a degree in Biology. Dr. Graham went on to the Hahnemann University School of Medicine in 1985 where she was selected for membership in the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society. She completed her surgical residency at Case Western University in 1992, which included a two-year Dudley P. Allen research fellowship and work as a Metro Lifeflight physician.

During her residency she was honored to be awarded both the Junior and Senior Resident Teaching Awards in the Department of Surgery. Dr. Graham was an Associate Professor of Surgery at Case Western Reserve University and served as both an Associate and Director of the Integrated Surgery Training Program from 1993-2007. Her responsibilities included directing the educational activities for surgical trainees in general surgery and surgical subspecialties at University Hospitals, MetroHealth Medical Center, Mt. Sinai Medical Center and the Cleveland VA Medical Center. She was awarded the Department of Surgery Faculty Teaching Award in 2002.

Dr. Graham was a staff surgeon at the Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center and served as the Chief of the General Surgery Sec-



Dr. Debra J. Graham

tion and the Chief of Surgical Services from 2001-2008. The Cleveland VA Medical Center received national recognition for outstanding quality of care and surgical outcomes during her tenure.

Dr. Graham was a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and a member of numerous professional societies that included the Association for Academic Surgery, the Association of Program Directors in Surgery, the Midwest Surgical Association, the Central Surgical Association, and the Cleveland Surgical Society, where she was selected President in 2002. She was also an Associate Examiner for the American Board of Surgery Certifying Examination since 1992.

Dr. Graham will be remembered as a compassionate and caring surgeon, teacher, and friend. She was honored to care for her patients and their families, to teach and be a part of the professional development of surgery residents, and a member of the Cleveland medical community. Dr. Graham was an amazing woman and will truly be missed by her many friends, colleagues and family.

In addition to her professional career, Dr. Graham was an accomplished and eclectic home cook. In recent years she developed a keen interest in Thai cuisine and was widely admired for her Asian culinary skills. She was a patron of the Shaw Festival Foundation and eagerly waited each new season's theatrical productions and social events.

Dr. Graham was a great friend and frequent visitor to St. John. Despite her busy surgical practice and responsibilities, she and her husband Jim regularly vacationed for a month or more each year in Coral Bay and East End, always appreciating the beauty, peacefulness and friendships to be found on the island.

Dr. Graham is survived by her beloved husband, James Brown, her brother William Graham of Wexford, Pennsylvania; and sisters Barbara (Wayne) Harms of Glenshaw, Pennsylvania; Sharon (Timothy) Peretik of Havelock, North Carolina; and six nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her mother and father, Sheila and James Graham of Allison Park, Pennsylvania, and brothers James, Thomas and Michael.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests contributions be made in Dr. Graham's memory to the Hospice of the Western Reserve, 300 East 185th Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44119. A celebration of her life took place at the Amasa Stone Chapel at 10940 Euclid Avenue in Cleveland, on the campus of Case Western Reserve University on Sunday, October 5, at 3:00pm. A reception immediately followed the memorial service.

Commander's Bugle Call

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has been in contact with Dr. Peterson, Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture to obtain a location. A draft lease agreement has been prepared. This has been a long time in the making and we are hoping that a decision will be made in the near future to finalize this effort.

Post 131 membership continues to grow. We now have 60 members. 2009 Membership Cards are available for pick up. Membership dues continue to be a low \$30 per year of which \$23 goes to District, Department and National. Renewing early keeps our Post in the limelight.

The new National Commander will award his National Commander's Pin, until they run out, to any Legion Family Member who signs up at least five new members or renews/reinstates five current members into the American Legion. Any Legion family member who accomplishes both tasks will also receive an American Lapel Pin until they run out.

We need all eligible veter-

ans and current members of the Armed Forces to become members of America Legion Post 131 — with you we can make a difference.

Contact Vice Commander Aubrey Sewer for all details involving Veterans Day activities at 779-4158. For any veteran, Post 131 membership or post officer election information, contact Paul Devine at 514-6615 or Corine Matthias at 776-6041 or email cocom2168@yahoo.com.

The Satellite AL Post 131 Office in Cruz Bay is at The Marketplace Suite 204. If no one is there, leave your name and phone contact under the door or visit Paul Devine at the St. John Community Foundation suite across from the Tradewinds.

Our condolences go out to the family of "Jimmy" Boynes, our oldest St. John Veteran from World War II, who was laid to rest on October 1, 2008.

Your American Legion Post 131, Working to Serve our Community and Veterans. God Bless America and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

COMMUNITY CORNER

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more. Please call Abby at 776-6144 to help our wonderful seniors with their daily activities.

The St. John Community Foundation Dial-A-Ride offers transportation for our senior and handicapped population. This popular service helps seniors get to the centers, go shopping, attend events and to seek medical attention. If you are a senior or know a senior who needs transportation, please call Dean at 643-7335. The Dial-A-Ride van is wheel chair accessible. The foundation asks for a fare of \$1.00 for those who can. Donations are appreciated.

Recycling Helps Our Environment

Aluminum can recycling has begun on St. John! A group of concerned St. John citizens has joined together to help reduce the size of the landfills. Recycling sites have already been put in place at designated dumpsters with more to come island-wide.

It's easy to recycle...simply separate your aluminum cans from your trash and place them

in these containers. Cleaning and crushing cans helps with the disposal. Membership is open to all, so please call Paul at 514-6615 to join! We all need to do our part to help the environment so please start recycling today!

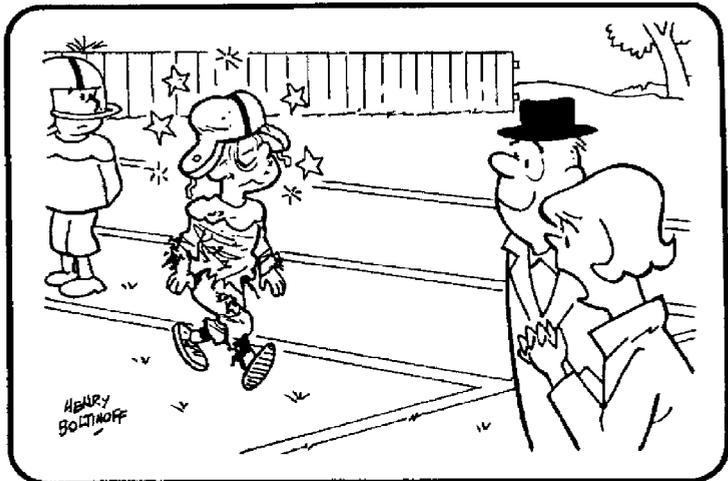
Soon Come...

An exciting crime-prevention, citizen-led initiative for all the Virgin Islands will be in place soon. The Crime Stoppers program allows citizens to help fight crime by providing the police with anonymous tips. Rewards are given if the case leads to an arrest.

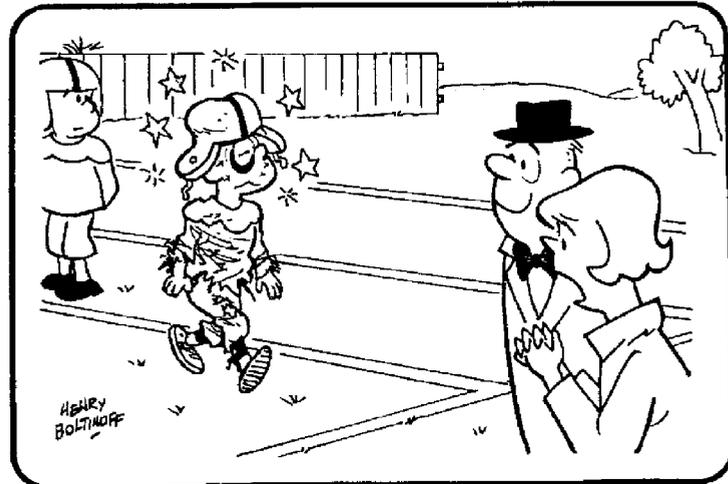
This is a great way to help reduce crime in your community. Your name will never, ever, be revealed. This program has the full support of the administration and the V.I. Police Department. Let's all help take "a bite out of crime." Business and individual memberships are available and every membership or donation goes directly to the reward pool. Call Paul Devine at 514-6615 for more information. Join Crime Stoppers today!

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Shoes are black. 2. Man has a bowtie. 3. Tree is moved. 4. Face guard is missing. 5. Boy has black eye. 6. Fence is shorter.

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AA Meetings

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

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Bailout Plan Passes Rum Tax Cover-over In

St. John Tradewinds

The \$700 billion financial rescue package passed the U.S. House of Representatives on Friday afternoon by a 263-171 vote and with it, the rum tax cover over extension for the U.S. Virgin Islands.

"We were assured by both the Democratic and Republican leadership that our rum tax extension was safe despite attempts by some Members yesterday to remove it from the bailout package," said Congresswoman Christensen. "The rum tax extension covers 2008 retroactively and covers

through the end of 2009." The Virgin Islands is expected to garner at least \$80 million in revenues which are used to finance public infrastructure bonds.

Congresswoman Christensen worked to defend the rum cover over provisions all day Thursday after they came under extra scrutiny in the media and the blogosphere by those who believed that it was a "pork barrel" benefit to rum producers. "We made it clear to uninformed members and the media that this was not a new round of spending, but a tradition-

al benefit to the governments of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands that were an important part of our economy."

The bailout bill, H.R. 1424 was amended to ensure its passage on Friday. It included taxpayer protections, requiring a plan for full repayment; it limits CEO compensation; it institutes oversight authority and it includes help for struggling homeowners and small businesses. It also includes AMT tax relief for 25 million American families and tax incentives for renewable energy and green jobs.

Most Residents Voice Support for Rezoning Requests

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erty," said George. "It is a long-standing issue. The road he plans to use sits right on my property."

"If you have boundary issues, the project will not get financing," George said.

Allowing the zoning change would set an unwanted precedent, according to Christie O'Neal, who lives next door to the Alejos.

Changing the Neighborhood

"My main objection is to setting a precedent of changing the zoning in a quiet residential neighborhood to allow buildings that are six stories high and uses other than residential," said O'Neal. "I am a real estate agent and I believe in the right to develop property within the zoning allowed."

"I would hate to see this set a precedent where the area could change from low-density to very high density," O'Neal said.

If one property is granted a rezoning, neighboring properties could easily be granted the same, according to Sharon Coldren, who opposed the request.

"The fear is what the zoning could do," said Coldren. "If you get R-3 zoning, it means someone next to you could get R-3 zoning and they might not plan what you're planning. There might be implications down the road you don't see now."

Low-Income Housing Needed

Several residents, highlighting the need for low-income housing, spoke in support of the Alejos' rezoning request. Emmanuel planned to schedule a meeting in the future with neighbors who claim encroachment.

Ronnie Jones requested a zoning change from R-1, residential low-density, to R-4, residential medium-density, for his 2.96-acre Estate Susanaberg property in order to

construct 18 units in six buildings, a pool, an on-site laundry facility, conference room and associated parking.

Jones' property is located off Centerline Road about two miles east of Cruz Bay, not far from the Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center, which is located on land once owned by his family, he explained.

Maximizing Property

"This rezoning would allow me the maximum use of my property," said Jones. "The property was owned by my grandfather and was mainly used for farming."

Jones' family donated land to the government whenever the need arose, he explained.

"My grandfather and his brothers were mainly responsible for establishing the Virgin Islands National Park by contributing land," he said. "My grandfather supplied land to the Department of Public Works when they needed a transfer station. When St. John needed a bigger clinic, my family supplied land to meet that need."

"DPNR was accommodating to the government and now that the family members have a need to rezone, we expect the same thought, consideration and accommodation," said Jones.

Residents Support Jones

While CCZP senior planner Jessup expressed concern with rezoning the land to R-4, a designation intended for mainly urban areas, no one spoke in opposition to Jones' request. Douglas Matthias, Abigail Hendricks and Brian Smith supported the rezoning request.

Attorney Jennifer Jones, speaking for property owner Gershwin Sprauve, requested a zoning change from R-2, residential low-density, to R-4, residential medium-density, to construct two additional units in

an already existing building on a 0.23-acre-parcel in Estate Adrian.

Sprauve's property is located off Centerline Road not far from Centerline Concrete. The property owner has already constructed a two-story building consisting of two four-bedroom units. The rezoning would allow him to build an interior wall to create four two-bedroom units in the building.

No Alternative

While Jessup again expressed concern about allowing R-4 zoning in an area that is not an urban setting, the current zoning laws allow no alternative, explained Attorney Jones.

"If we had our way, we'd ask for something to take us up the two extra units, but we don't have that option," said Attorney Jones. "Understand the quandary of the property owner who wants to increase the density a little bit but has to request what we are allowed to request. We have no other option."

Several residents spoke in favor of the rezoning request and no one opposed the request. Emmanuel will look into the possibility of amending the zoning law to allow for a small increase in density without having to request a drastic change, she explained.

Hodge Request Removed

Myrine Hodge, who was slated to present her request to change her .565-acre Estate Carolina property from R-2, residential low-density, to R-4, residential medium-density, asked to be removed from the agenda. Hodge's rezoning request will be on the next St. John public hearing agenda, which should take place in three to four weeks.

The requests which were discussed will be forwarded to the V.I. Senate, who will schedule a Meeting of the Whole to vote on the matters in the future.

Community Calendar

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

Tuesday, October 7

The University of the Virgin Islands' Community Engagement and Lifelong Learning Center is hosting a one-day workshop on Microsoft Excel, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, October 7, at the UVICELL Center on St. Thomas.

Wednesday, October 8

A presentation on the territorial archives, hosted by Friends of Elaine I. Sprauve Library, is scheduled for Wednesday, October 8, at the Bethany Moravian Church from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 12

The DOH Environmental Health Division will begin fogging in neighborhoods for mosquitoes from 6 to 9 p.m. on Sunday, October 12, on St. John.

Wednesday, October 15

The Child and Adult Care Food Program Workshops for all current and prospective non-profit and for-profit Child Care Sponsors and Institutions for the STT/STJ district is scheduled for Wednesday, October 15, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Palms Court Harborview Hotel on St. Thomas.

Saturday, October 18

E-MAIL info@tradewinds.vi or CALL 340-776-6496 or FAX 340-693-8885

The KATS Basic Skills Program is a series of eight to 10 three-hour sessions consisting of classroom instruction, shore side and on-the-water activities. Interested children age 8 (by December 2008) or older should meet at Skinny Legs in Coral Bay on Saturday, October 18, at 9 a.m. Children can be picked up at 12 p.m. at Skinny Legs.

Saturday and Sunday, October 18 and 19

The ACC second annual flea market, "No Fleas, Please" will be the weekend of October 18 and 19 at the Winston Wells ballfield, Cruz Bay, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday.

Tuesday, October 28

The St. John Community Foundation is hosting a senatorial public forum on Tuesday evening, October 28, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Westin Resort and Villas and hopes all district politicians come out.

Friday, October 31

Happy Halloween! Mongoose Junction will host its annual trick-or-treating for island youth.

Tuesday, November 4

Tuesday, November 4, is General Election day in the Virgin Islands. Vote!

Horoscope by Natasha Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) An upcoming trip could create some problems with your schedule unless you tie up as many loose ends as possible before you head out the door. Ask a friend or colleague to help you.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Being eager to start a new project is fine. However, moving ahead without knowing what will actually be expected of you could cause a problem down the line. Ask some questions.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Getting through some recent challenges in good shape might give you a false sense of security. Don't relax your guard. You need to be prepared for what else could happen.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Caution is still advised, even though you think you're as prepared as you need to be. Keep in mind that change is in your aspect, and you should expect the unexpected.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The Lion's gift of persuasion helps you get your points across, even to some of your most negative naysayers in the workplace. An old friend might seek you out for some advice.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Being sure of your convictions is fine. But leave some room for dissenting opinions. You might learn something that could help you avoid a possible problem later on.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Getting good legal advice on what your rights actually are

is the first step toward resolving that pesky problem so that it doesn't re-emerge at a later date. Good luck.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Long-time relationships work well this week, whether they're personal or professional. It's also a good time to invite new friends and colleagues into your life.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) This is a good week to do the research that will help you uncover those irrefutable facts that can back you up on your new venture when you most need it.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Change is an important factor in your aspect this week and could affect something you might have thought was immune to any sort of adjustment or "alteration."

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Being asked to share someone's deeply personal confidence might be flattering, but accepting could be unwise. Decline gracefully but firmly.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) As wise as you are, you still could be misled by someone who seems to be sincere but might not be. Take more time to assess the situation before making any commitments.

BORN THIS WEEK: You like to face challenges that others might try to avoid, and by so doing, you set an example of courage for all.

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St. John Police Report

Friday, September 19

10:53 p.m. - A citizen c/r the sound of loud music in the area of Estate Grunwald. Police assistance.

Saturday, September 20

4:15 a.m. - A citizen c/r a disturbance at the Tradewinds Building. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

Sunday, September 21

11:05 a.m. - A visitor from California p/r that she backed her rental vehicle into a tree in the area of Contant. Auto accident.

No time given - A citizen p/r being threatened by an unknown male while working on the boat Varlack Ventures. Disturbance of the peace.

Monday, September 22

1:30 p.m. - An employee of St. John Community Crisis Center c/r a battered woman at that location. Police assistance.

2:51 p.m. - An Estate Pastory resident p/r someone used his power saw without his permission. Malicious mischief.

Tuesday, September 23

9:40 a.m. - A citizen p/r that someone stole her dinghy from the Cruz Bay dock. Unauthorized use of vehicle.

11:14 a.m. - A St. Thomas resident p/r that a Chocolate Hole resident threatened him via the telephone. Telephone harassment.

1:00 p.m. - A citizen p/r his wallet was removed from his bag in Cruz Bay. Grand larceny.

Thursday, September 25

No time given - An Estate Contant resident c/r that her minor daughter was assaulted. Simple assault.

3:25 p.m. An Estate Carolina resident c/r a disturbance with her daughter. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

7:30 p.m. - An employee of Love City Mini Mart c/requesting assistance. Police assistance.

9:50 p.m. - An Estate Carolina resident p/r his ex-girlfriend has been harassing him via the telephone. Telephone harassment, D.V.

Saturday, September 27

8:30 a.m. - An employee of Parrot Club in Wharfside Village r/ that someone damaged the ceiling at same address.

11:10 a.m. - An Estate Contant resident p/r that he was threatened with a knife. Assault in the third.

12:00 p.m. - An Estate Fish Bay resident p/r that he was assaulted in the area of Inter-island Ferry Services. Simple assault.

Sunday, September 28

10:56 a.m. - A citizen c/r individuals outside her gate making a disturbance in the area of Francis Bay. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

Monday, September 29

8:00 a.m. - Owner of Noah's Little Arks r/ someone stole three engines off his boats. Grand larceny.

Tuesday, September 30

9:00 a.m. - An Estate Calabash Boom resident c/r a burglary in the area of the community center. Burglary.

4:45 p.m. - An Estate Contant resident p/r that two minors have been constantly harassing her minor son. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

11:39 p.m. - Units 403W and 403G observed a disturbance at Cap's Place. Police assistance.

Wednesday, October 1

7:00 p.m. - A VIPD officer p/r that his brand new Motorola radio battery was stolen from the charger at Jurgen Command. Grand larceny.

Thursday, October 2

10:45 a.m. - A citizen p/r his taxi license plate was lost. Lost license plate.

12:50 p.m. - A citizen p/r that he lost his wallet. Lost wallet.

Friday, October 3

10:18 a.m. - An Estate Grunwald resident p/r that while driving along Centerline Road a worker broke the back glass of her vehicle while cutting grass. Damage to vehicle.

St. John Church Schedule & Directory

3 Sail Church
10 Sunday
Bellevue Community Center

Baha'i Community of St. John
Race Unity Devotions
7:30 p.m. Fridays;
Study Circles 9 a.m. Sundays
776-6316, 776-6254

Bethany Moravian Church
Cruz Bay, St. John
11 a.m., Sunday School
776-6291

Calvary Baptist Church
13 ABC Coral Bay, 776-6304
Sunday School 10 a.m.,
Sunday evening 6 p.m.,
Thursday 7 p.m.

Christian Ministry
Cinnamon Bay Beach
Inter-Denominational
Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Christian Science Society
10:45 a.m. Sunday- Marketplace
Wednesday Testimonials
7:45 p.m. on last Wed. of Month

**The Church of Jesus Christ
of Latter-day Saints**
Sun. 9 a.m., STT. 776-2379
Sun., 5 p.m., STJ, Lumberyard

Cruz Bay Baptist Church
Sunday 11 a.m.,
6 p.m. 776-6315

Emmaus Moravian Church
Coral Bay, Sun. 9 a.m.
776-6713

Jehovah's Witness
7:30 p.m. Tuesdays & Thursdays,
10 a.m. Sundays
(no contact information given)

Missionary Baptist Church
9:30 a.m. Sunday Services, 10:45
Worship, Tuesday 7 p.m.
Bible Study 693-8884

Nazareth Lutheran Church
Sunday 9 a.m., Sunday School 8 a.m.
776-6731

Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Sat. 6 p.m., Sun. 7:30 & 9:30 a.m.,
Spanish Mass 5:30 p.m.
Monday and Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Wednesday and Friday, 8:30 a.m.
776-6339

St. John Methodist Church
Sunday 10 a.m., 693-8830

Seventh Day Adventist
Saturdays. 779-4477

St. John Pentecostal Church
Sunday 11:05 a.m., 6:30 p.m.
Tuesdays Prayer 7:30 p.m.,
Thursdays Bible Study 7:30 p.m.
779-1230

St. Ursula's Episcopal Church
Sundays, 8:30 a.m.
Bible Class, Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.
777-6306

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
9:45 a.m. Sunday, 776-6332

Word of Faith Church
Sunday, March 2, at 1 p.m. at the
Giff Hill School. Call 774-8617

Ferry Schedules

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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7:15 a.m.
3:45 p.m.

Leaves Cruz Bay (weekends)
11:15 a.m.

Leaves Downtown (weekdays)
9 a.m.
5:30 p.m.

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1 p.m.

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63 Oaf
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66 Part 3 of remark
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117 "The Kiss" sculptor
118 One of the Waughs
119 "East of Eden" director
120 Imminent
121 Upright
122 Michael of "Cabaret"
123 Unkempt
124 "Vissi d'—" ("Tosca" aria)
- DOWN**
- 1 Sport
2 O'Brien or Skinner
3 Mortgage, e.g.
4 Beer barrel
5 Baseball's Derek
6 Shaft
7 Freshen a fuchsia
8 Cover girl
9 Kapaa keepsake
10 Auto transaction
11 Actress
12 Fall birthstone
13 Craving
14 Lack
15 "— Lama Ding Dong" ('61 tune)
16 Prayer finale
17 Hong —
18 "The NeverEnding Story" author
24 — Office
25 Regret audibly
30 In the know
31 Nero's instrument
32 Duplicate
33 Savored the seitan
34 Fall flower
35 David of "Dark Shadows"
36 Too tubby
37 Twist and turn
38 Bee flat?
- 39 Born
40 You'll get a kick out of it
41 Texas landmark
42 Symbol
43 Buttercream, e.g.
44 Laramie or Sumter
45 Devour Dostoevsky
50 — carte
53 "Fee, Fi, Fo, — . . ."
55 Leading man?
56 Container
57 Arm bones
58 Annie of "Designing Women"
60 Jets and Sharks
63 Opening
64 UK honor
67 Delayed
68 Worn down
69 Cugat consort
70 Mississippi or Missouri
71 New York city
72 Bk. offerings
75 It's in the bag
76 Skilled
77 Romeo and Juliet
78 Banjo locale
79 Grouch
80 Register
- 82 Hogan or Hindemith
83 Perfect
86 Word with baby or snake
87 Horner's fruit
90 Sensed
91 New Jersey town
92 Adversary
95 One who no's best?
96 "What a relief!"
97 Charlatan
100 Uncool
101 Hard to find
102 Miasma
103 Portend
104 Rohmer or Carmen
105 Sign of sanctity
106 "Glad All —" ('64 hit)
107 Carpenter's tool
108 Knight's quaff
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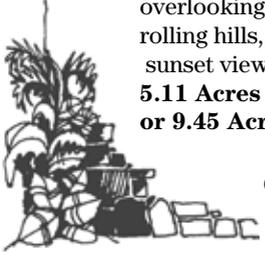
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WINDSONG – Stately Boatman Point villa, w/separate cottage, situated on a 1ac parcel w/panoramic views. 6 bdrms., 7 baths, huge pool, excellent vacation rental history, fully furnished. **\$3,495,000.**

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.**

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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 **SOLD!** 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.....**\$250,000**
 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/water view, paved road..... **\$186k**
 Coral Bay views, downhill site..... **\$280k**

ESTATE CAROLINA – Lower Bordeaux, BVI views, paved road..... **\$199k**
 View of Coral Bay, plans, driveway..... **\$255k**
 Gentle slope, Bordeaux Mt., 0.63 ac..... **\$349k**
 Coral Harbor views..... **\$350k**
 Ironwood Rd, views, house plans..... **\$360k**
 Upper Carolina, great views..... **\$379k**
 BVI views, one acre+..... **\$415,500**

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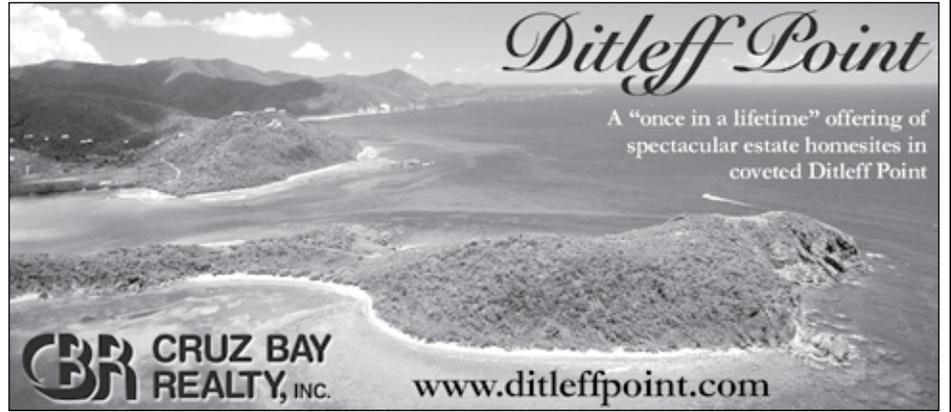


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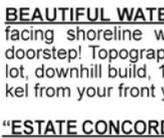


"INCREDIBLE FISH BAY VALUE!" Huge panoramic views and a quiet, breezy location that borders Nature Conservancy property make this 4 bed x 2 bath home a must see!
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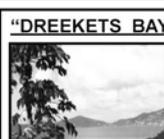
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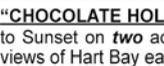
"ENDLESS VIEWS ACROSS THE WATERS" from these three premiere lots in Upper Peter Bay. This gated community is in the midst of Nat'l Park land, beaches & deeded beach access.
BEAUTIFUL WATERFRONT LOT on East facing shoreline with living reef at your doorstep! Topographical survey of .70 acre lot, downhill build, 175 ft of shoreline. Snorkel from your front yard! **\$1,575,000**



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"BOATMAN POINT" 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. **\$1,875,000**

"MANDAHL" Flat land, in remote walk to beach location. Build your dream island cottage on this level building site. **Reduced to \$145,000**

"SEAGRAPE HILL" .340 ac., Coral Harbor and Hurricane Hole views, downhill slope, paved roads, cooling breezes. Priced significantly below appraised value! **\$237,500**

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

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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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HOMES

FUN AND CONTENTMENT New masonry home with 180° views Coral Bay & BVI. Tiled pool deck, 2 large ac. and master suites. Stainless appliances, mahogany hardwoods, hurricane windows and doors, tasteful furnishing, stone accents. Plans for 3 more bdrms. **\$1,500,000**

ISLAND MANOR Hear and view the surf of beautiful Hart Bay. Walk to Hart Bay or Chocolate Hole Beach. Newly remodeled offering 4 bdrms with ensuite baths and elegant furnishings sited on .51 acre. Spacious kitchen with granite countertops, stainless steel appliances that opens to living room and pool deck. Multi-level floor plan offers privacy. **REDUCED TO \$1,700,000. SELLERS ARE MOTIVATED.**

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

ENIGHED REDUCED TO \$599,000 Lots of opportunity for this nearly flat town lot overlooking Turner Bay and zoned R-4. Currently configured as two units for a total of four bedrooms and two baths. Out buildings allow for ample storage and/or additional living space. Motivated seller. Masonry home with lots of potential!

RENDEZVOUS GARDENS Finish building a beautiful home with outstanding westerly views. Stonework highlights the upstairs master suite, ensuite bath and kitchen/greatroom. Walls and roof are complete. Beautiful landscaping. Plenty of room to add. .46 acre **\$1,095,000**

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

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