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Obama, Obama, Obama!

Change has finally come. St. John residents — including Preston, above, celebrating outside Joe's Diner — were ecstatic about the presidential election results on Tuesday, November 4, in which Barack Obama became the President-elect of the United States of America.

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"It is the greatest event that has happened in my lifetime. It is the greatest moment in the lives of us black folks, to experience what we never thought we could see. Only God gives us special gifts, and they are for special people. All blacks here and in America, have seen the impossible come to pass."

— Guy Benjamin, island elder and educator

President-elect Barack Obama Is Talk of Love City, St. John!

**By Susan Mann
St. John Tradewinds**

On Tuesday night, November 4, Cap's Place in Cruz Bay was strangely quiet. Patrons sat glued to the television set monitoring coverage of the historical statewide election results.

The same scenario appeared to be the case at most of the island's bars and local-frequented eateries. Many St. John residents stayed up a little later than usual on a typical work night, taking an opportunity to witness unprecedented history in the making.

By Wednesday morning, November 5, Love City was clearly all abuzz about U.S. president-elect Barack Obama! St. John residents seemed to be wearing all the Obama attire they had acquired during the campaign.

Julius E. Sprauve students, teachers and staff took to the streets celebrating the next first family of the United States.

"I am absolutely thrilled," said John Dickinson, owner of Pink Papaya Café, who said he had only one book about Obama left in the store for sale.

Gardener Charles Jackson was beaming about the thought of Obama taking office.

A Message of Love

"He will do good like Bob Marley," said Jackson. "Obama loves every one like Bob Marley. One Love."

Obama is a "spiritual motivator," Jackson added.

St. John Community Foundation Executive Director Paul Devine was pleased that the USVI, and particularly St. John, would have Obama in the White House to represent its citizens, he explained.

"I haven't talked to one person today who isn't very happy about Obama's win," said Devine. "People are elated. I'm elated."

Senator At Large-elect Craig



President-elect Barack Obama in front of the Capitol.

Barshinger saw Obama's win as a dream come true.

"I grew up believing in the dream of Martin Luther King," said Barshinger. "As a boy I learned to be 'color blind,' not judging people based on their external appearance."

Barshinger saw Obama's election win as King's dream coming to pass.

A Dream Come True

"Obama was judged on his abilities, not his color," Barshinger said. "He was the most highly qualified and the most caring candidate with the strongest potential to reach out to other countries. He has a 'core of honesty' that people

can see."

Mooie's remained open until after 1:00 a.m. Wednesday morning, November 5, with locals and tourists alike celebrating Obama's presidential win, explained owner Theodora Moorehead.

A Coming Of Age

"I am delighted that America has come of age," said Moorehead. "I remember when I was in the south in the sixties. There were still separate water fountains."

"This wasn't chosen by Obama, it was chosen for him," Moorehead added.

The Mooie's owner and her 89-year-old mother have been

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CBCC Annual Meeting Is Nov. 10

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The Coral Bay Community Council is celebrating its fifth anniversary with a potluck supper and annual meeting on Monday, November 10, from 5 to 8 p.m., at Miss Lucy's in Coral Bay. Save the date!

All Coral Bay residents are welcome. Anyone who wants to volunteer to help put on the event, please call the CBCC office at 776-2099 or email coralbaycommunitycouncil@hotmail.com.

Veteran's Day Parade Is Tuesday

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Love City's American Legion Post #131 is hosting a fun-filled celebration on Veteran's Day, Tuesday, November 11. The festivities will kick off with a parade at 11:00 a.m. starting at the tennis courts. The parade will wind through town and end at the V.I. National Park ball field where there will be a short ceremony to honor all who have served in America's Armed Forces.

A youth co-ed flag football game will take place at the ball field and food and beverages will be for sale.

Historical Society Meeting Is Nov. 11

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It's Movie Night at Bethany — featuring 1950s films and stills of St. John from the Rockefeller and Stick archives, as well as the National Park Service archive at Harpers Ferry, WV, and the Virgin Islands National Park archive on St. John. The St. John Historical Society will host its first meeting of the season on Tuesday, November 11, at the Bethany Moravian Church Hall at 7 p.m.

Pan Dragons' Thanksgiving Dinner

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The Love City Pan Dragons will host their annual Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner on Saturday, November 15, in Frank Powell Park starting at 6:00 p.m.

In addition to a full West Indian-style dinner, live music will be provided by the Love City Pan Dragons and the island's own homegrown reggae band Inner Visions.

Donations are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children under eight years old. To buy a donation ticket ahead of time, ask any Pan Dragon student or parent, email pandragons@unitedstates.vi or call 693-8807.

Come join the Love City Pan Dragons for this fun-filled night.

Church Concert at JFLI on Nov. 15

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Calvary Baptist Church will present a rebuilding concert at the John's Folly Learning Institute on Saturday, November 15, at 5 p.m. As church members continue their rebuilding efforts, the public is invited to a free concert featuring Vision from Mt. Carmel Church on Tortola, BVI, Ebenezer Baptist Church singers and dancers, St. Paul's Baptist Church worship team, Shikima Esprit and Brother Freddie of Tortola.

There will be refreshments on sale and residents are asked to bring a love offering. For more information call Joseph Alexander Luke at 776-6304 or Barbara Dalmida Thompson at 774-0566.

ANTS Classes Starting This Month

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St. John Kids And The Sea will host two adult sailing programs in November. One Adults 'N The Sea (ANTS) program will start on Wednesday, November 12, and the second will start on Saturday, November 15. Each program will be four classes and cost \$200. For more information or to register call Connections East at 779-4994.



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JESS Students Celebrate Obama Win with Parade

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Julius E. Spruave School students hit the streets of Cruz Bay on Wednesday afternoon, November 5, to celebrate the historic election of Barack Obama as the 44th president of the United States of America.

"We're just jubilant about the outcome of the election," said JESS vice principal Brenda Dalmida. "Our older students have been following local and national politics and this is the culminating event and what we think is a fantastic end result."

Students, teachers and staff wound through Cruz Bay waving placards reading "Yes, We Did," "Barack Can Be the Change," "I Love Obama," "First Black President," and "Dreams Come True."

Other signs read, "One Nation, One People" "A Dawn for America, A Victory for the People" and "Open That Door, We Are Coming Through."

"Everyone is just so excited here, we've decided to have an Obama as President Parade," Dalmida said. "It's a celebration of the new stage in American history."

JESS students and staff proudly showed off hand-crafted posters and banners during a parade through Cruz Bay to celebrate President-elect Barack Obama's victory.



Gov. John deJongh Celebrates An Historic American Election

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The election of U.S. Senator Barack Obama as the next president of the United States has filled people around the world with both excitement and pride, Gov. John deJongh said last week.

"There is excitement at the possibilities that his election has made possible and pride that America has taken this historic step forward towards fulfilling its promise," said deJongh. "All in the Virgin Islands rejoice in the moment. And so do I."

People can now look to their children and see their future in a new and hopeful way. Residents can now speak to their children with a greater conviction that what they speak is true, deJongh explained.

"We can stand before the world confident that America will again be a force for good and a true reflection of our finest principles," said the governor. "And here at home in the Virgin Islands, I believe that we can take from this moment a renewed sense of hope, a renewed belief that by working together we can indeed make things better for us all and especially for those less fortunate than ourselves."

If America can stand together for hope and change, surely the Virgin Islands can also, deJongh added.

There was overwhelming support for Obama in the Virgin Islands throughout his bid for the U.S. presidency. The Virgin Islands Democratic Caucus voted with overwhelming support for Obama to become the Democratic Party's presidential nominee during party primaries.

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Barshinger Regains Senator at Large Seat from Incumbent Wesselhoft

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

As stateside voters historically changed the political landscape last week by electing Barack Obama as the first African-American president of the United States, voters in the Virgin Islands shook things up on the local political scene.

Incumbent Senator at Large Carmen Miranda Wesselhoft, a member of the Independent Citizens Movement, was voted out of office after serving one term in the V.I. legislature. While the senator at large position must be filled by a St. John resident, voters on all three islands vote for the candidate of their choice.

Former Senator at Large Craig Barshinger — who was voted out in 2006 after serving one term — earned a seat in the 28th Legislature. He took almost 54 percent of the votes, compared to 45 percent for Wesselhoft.

Barshinger, a Democrat, is eager to get back to work.

"I'm really excited about being back in the legislature because I feel that St. John has some serious problems that we can now focus on," Barshinger said. "One of those problems is fixing our parking problem. It takes a sustained effort and now I'm in a position to do something about it."

"I'm also eager to restart our town meetings so St. John can continue to lead the



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tom Oat

Anna Tuttle showed her support for senator at large candidate Craig Barshinger on election day outside of the JESS polling station.

Virgin Islands in participatory democracy where all the people feel their voices are heard," said Barshinger.

As senator at large, Barshinger will focus on lowering the cost of electricity territory-wide, he explained.

Electricity Is Number One Issue

"My number one issue is bringing the cost of electricity down below 20 cents per kilowatt hour," Barshinger said. "The senator at large will lead the charge for afford-

able electricity."

In conceding defeat, Wesselhoft thanked her supporters.

"I would like to thank the 10,000 voters that demonstrated their continued faith in my leadership and to also thank every voter that actually took the time to go to the polls on Tuesday," Wesselhoft said in a prepared statement last week. "It is critical that we continue to take an active role in the political process and, though we could not take

part in the national election, we can all be proud to bear witness to this historic day."

Looking back over the past two years, serving as the Virgin Islands senator at large was an invaluable experience, Wesselhoft explained.

"This opportunity to serve our beloved community at this level is truly an honor," said the former senator at large. "I am proud to be among the handful of Virgin Islanders privileged enough to be selected by the people to represent them. I owe a debt of gratitude to my family, my campaign workers and all those new friends I met along the way."

While Barshinger came out on top at the Guy Benjamin School polling station — by a margin of 137 votes to 69 votes for Wesselhoft — voters at Julius E. Sprauve School showed their continued support for Wesselhoft. She took 390 votes at JESS compared to 288 votes cast for Barshinger.

Barshinger was the clear winner on St. Croix while Wesselhoft came out on top at several polling stations on St. Thomas. In total Barshinger garnered 12,027 votes territory-wide compared to 10,223 votes for Wesselhoft.

Delegate to Congress Donna Christensen — who ran unopposed — was re-elected by an overwhelming majority. Territory-wide she garnered 99.5 percent of the vote, a total of 18,237 votes.

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Greeters To Share Smiles, Information and Rum with St. John Visitors

By Jaime Elliott
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When visitors to St. John arrive at the ferry dock, they will soon be greeted by a friendly face — and a complimentary sample of Cruzan Rum.

A joint project between the St. John Chapter of the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce and the Department of Tourism (DOT), the tourism greeter program will feature residents positioned on the secure side of the Loredon Boynes ferry dock welcoming visitors to Love City.

Nine greeters have already been hired and trained and officials expect the program to be launched soon — as long as a booth is constructed.

While DOT will cover the greeters' salary, the department doesn't have enough funds to build a structure where the greeters will be based, explained the ST/SJ Chamber of Commerce's St. John representative Kate Norfleet.

"Tourism does have a budget from the government but it isn't a lot of money especially for all the goals they have," said Norfleet. "They got an estimate of \$4,500 from an individual on St. Thomas to build a booth and they just don't have that kind of budget."

MSI owner — and ST/SJ Chamber of Commerce president — Tom Brundt has agreed to donate the materials for the booth and officials are now looking for volunteers to help with construction.

"We need to have some sort of way to store a cooler and cups and present the rum," Norfleet said. "We're just looking for a little covered shaded area where the greeters can stand and some storage space."

Chamber officials are compiling island information for greeters to distribute, but will not be promoting any businesses, Norfleet added.

"We're not promoting one business over another," she said. "The greeters will be there to give a positive, happy welcome to St. John. We're trying to get a government-issued map, but no one specific business or publication will be presented."

As the project gets underway, chamber officials hope to have additional greeters positioned at the Cruz Bay Creek area to

welcome cruise ship guests, explained Cid Hamling, a member of the St. John Chapter of the ST/SJ Chamber.

"It's overwhelming for people who come in off the cruise ship tenders — they don't know where

to go," said Hamling. "The plan is to have someone greeting them and offering information about where to go and where things are."

The tourism greeter program's success is an example of hard

work and collaboration, Hamling added.

"It's really been Kate Norfleet and the Chamber of Commerce, Debbie Hime and St. John Administrator Leona Smith working on this," Hamling said. "We

weren't just going to sit down on this one. We really wanted to see it happen and it's exciting."

Anyone willing to help build the greeters' booth should call Hamling at Connections at 776-6922 or Norfleet at 693-9099.



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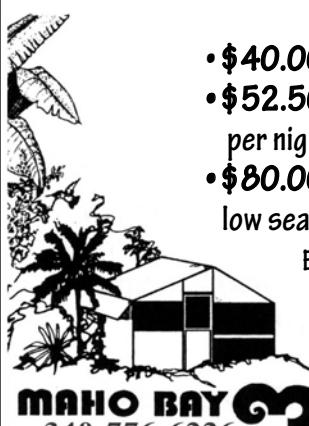
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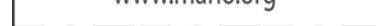
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(L to R) GHS students Jessica Samuel as Sarah Palin, Tafari Oliverie as John McCain, Zenobia Howe as Cindy McCain, Kerla Fessale as Michelle Obama, Malik Stevens as Barack Obama and Chade Edwards as Joe Biden.



Rhythm & Views

An outlook on young adult interests and concerns by Malik Stevens

Presidential Candidates at GHS

sional interview.

After team McCain had its few minutes of fame, team Obama was up to the plate. GBS seniors Kerla Fessale and Chade Edwards spoke about the wars and health care in America as they posed as Michelle Obama and Joe Biden.

More Than An Interview

Being the huge Obama fan that I am, I took playing the part of Barack Obama very seriously. I decided to do much more than an interview, because I did not feel that just an interview would do Senator Obama any justice.

With this in mind, I wrote a song entitled "John McCain," which I sang in front of the entire school, followed by a speech in which I spoke about the economy and the plans and goals which Senator Obama wishes to fulfill. I was extremely honored to pose as who we all know now as, the President-elect of the United States of America.

After we finished, and watched all the Power Point presentations and listened to the speeches and interviews, we carried out a mock election. GHS students were able to vote for the president of the United States. Just like in real life, Barack Obama won by a landslide.

Local Election

While the U.S. presidential election took up most of our attention during the last few weeks, we must not forget about our own local politics. Members of the 28th Legislature were chosen on the same day as the U.S. president-elect. With a new president-elect in the states, and a somewhat new legislature here, hopefully the island of St. John and the rest of America can realize that change which we have all been promised.

"John McCain" song on Page 19.

Student Candidates
On Election Day, November 4, half of the 12 students in American Government class acted as John McCain, Sarah Palin, Cindy McCain, Joe Biden, Michelle Obama, and Barack Obama, and the other half of the class made Power Point presentations which poked fun at the candidates and their entourage.

The event was truly a scene as GHS senior Jessica Samuel gave a phenomenal interpretation of Sarah Palin. She had the accent down pat and she answered all the questions she was asked, just as Sarah Palin would.

"I watched tons of speeches she made, and interviews of her on YouTube to get to know this one-of-a-kind woman," said Samuel.

Tafari Olliverie and Zenobia Howe also did fine jobs as they posed as Senator John McCain and his wife Cindy. They talked about their goals and policies in an interview conducted by American Government teacher Mary Willen. The crowd was a bit rejecting of the two, but they managed to carry out a very profes-

Commercial Vessels Using Creek Not in Compliance With USCG

U.S. Coast Guard Regulations Will Be Enforced Soon

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

While it is common to see British Virgin Islands-bound boats picking up passengers at the V.I. National Park dock in Cruz Bay, it's not allowed according to U.S. Coast Guard regulations.

The VINP dock, the Cruz Bay Creek and the Great Cruz Bay beach are not USCG-certified facilities for vessels carrying 12 or more passengers embarking on international travel.

Under the regulations, Inter-island Boat Services — which has been operating ferry service to the BVI off of the Cruz Bay Creek for years — is not in compliance either.

Only Cargo OK at Creek

"The Creek is certified only for cargo, not passengers," said USCG Marine Safety Detachment St. Thomas Lt. Commander Tim Grant. "While they do have a facility there, the ferry company is not supposed to be operating out of there because it is not a regulated facility."

"The Creek dock is owned by the V.I. Port Authority and they have only provided a plan to handle cargo, not passengers," said Grant. "The National Park Service dock used to be a certified facility, but they are not certified any longer."

Enighed, Westin, Caneel Docks Are In Compliance

The Loredon Boynes ferry dock, Enighed Pond Marine Facility, Westin Resort and Villas dock and the secured dock at Caneel Bay Resort are the only facilities in com-



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tom Oat

pliance with USCG regulations for international travel of Safety Of Life at Sea (SOLAS) certified vessels.

A SOLAS certified vessel is any vessel which carries more than 12 passengers and provides service to another country.

USCG officials received reports of commercial operators who fall under the SOLAS certification using facilities which are not in compliance. After receiving reports

of this activity, Coast Guard officials decided to issue letters detailing the infraction, explained Grant.

"The letter was in response to a report that there were SOLAS certified vessels picking up and dropping off passengers at facilities not in compliance with regulations," said Grant.

Education Before Enforcement

"We forwarded the letter to all SOLAS

"The Creek is certified only for cargo, not passengers. While they do have a facility there, the ferry company is not supposed to be operating out of there because it is not a regulated facility."

— Tim Grant,
 USCG Marine Safety Detachment
 St. Thomas Lt. Commander

companies because we heard the issue was occurring and we wanted to send out information first," Grant continued.

While there are steep penalties for the violation — including a suspended or revoked master's license and a \$25,000 fine — USCG officials wanted to get the information to the public before taking enforcement actions, according to the USCG Lieutenant Commander.

"I've only been here three months, so I didn't want it to seem like I was coming out with my guns blazing," said Grant. "I want to educate the public first."

Education is also what VINP officials are advocating, according to VINP superintendent Mark Hardgrove.

Civic Engagement Needed

"There has been intermittent enforcement
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No Fee at Trunk Bay on Veterans Day for Military Vets and Families

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Virgin Islands National Park Superintendent Mark Hardgrove announced last week that in recognition of Veterans Day, Tuesday, November 11, has been declared a Fee Free Day for veterans and their families.

On this day, VINP will admit free-of-charge all U.S. Military veterans, current members of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families to Trunk Bay Beach on St. John.

"This day recognizes the sacrifice and service these men and women have made for our country, and for that we are grateful," Superintendent Hardgrove said.

The National Park Service is proud of the Virgin Islands citizens and visitors alike who have served in the military and hope they will bring their families to one of the special places they served to protect.

Trunk Bay Beach is one of the most visited beaches on St. John, and is home to an underwater trail where swimmers are able to snorkel over the reef and read the plaques which identify coral and fish below.

Superintendent Hardgrove encouraged visitors to Trunk Bay Beach during Veterans Day to ride safari taxis or carpool in order to avoid overcrowding in the Trunk Bay parking lot.



Wha's Happ'nin'

by Sis Frank

Obama, Obama, Obama

St. John Tradewinds

To repeat the Today Show's comment — Wow! That gathering in Chicago — 200,000 strong — was overwhelming — Obama's acceptance speech was unforgettable — tears running down Jesse Jackson's and Oprah's cheeks — the whole world hanging on every word, I can't believe how many hearts were touched by Obama's success.

Congratulations to the V.I. Winners

To the senators and board members: Good luck in the coming years!

It's Winter — Long-time Residents are Returning

Welcome back to our old friends — Fred Fradley and Bob Nellis look the same as ever — after all these years — Richard Simmons and Wade Smith (surrounded by BVI security) and Avis Browne's youngest boy from California.

Obama Obama Obama!

Firstbank Awards Grants To Stevens, STJ Youth Committee



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

Malik Stevens and the St. John Youth Committee were awarded competitive grants from First Bank Virgin Islands last week as part of the local bank's annual neighborhood grant program. Stevens and the youth committee were each awarded a \$500 "First in Service" grant. Stevens was nominated for the award by St. John Youth Committee chairperson Paul Devine.

"Malik is unique in that he continues to be a positive role model for youth while being engaged in a variety of community and school-based activities," Devine wrote in the First Bank grant application.

Stevens and Devine, who accepted the grant on behalf of the St. John Youth Committee, were awarded the grants at a reception at First Bank's St. Thomas waterfront branch on Thursday evening, November 6. (from left to right) First Bank marketing officer Sadie Taylor-Clendinen, Malik Stevens, Paul Devine and First Bank senior vice president commercial banking Joseph Hosie.

Sprucing Up the Dump

By Andrea Milam
St. John Tradewinds

An approximately 20 foot tall lignum vitae tree found a new home last week when it was removed from the Cruz Bay roundabout site near Dolphin Market on Thursday afternoon, November 6, and relocated to the Department of Public Works' Susannaberg transfer station.

The tree, an endangered species, had to be removed to facilitate continued construction of the Cruz Bay roundabout.

"It was our intent to save it and not throw it in the dump," said DPW's St. John Deputy Director Ira Wade, who was unsure of the tree's age. "It was planted in the yard behind the Public Works shop in Susannaberg."

When Wade received word a few days earlier that the tree would need to be removed, he informed contractor Island Roads



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The lignum vitae tree was relocated from the Cruz Bay intersection to the Susannaberg transfer station.

that the lignum vitae could not be destroyed, he explained.

"We were going to do everything we could to save it," said Wade.

Other trees, including a few palms, will also need to be removed from the roundabout site, Wade added.

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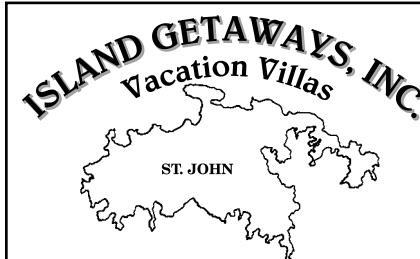


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Coral Bay Business Owners Hear from CBCC and Chamber Officials

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

The Department of Tourism really tries to be effective, St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce executive director Joe Aubain told a group of Coral Bay business owners at a Thursday morning, November 6, meeting at Skinny Legs.

Facing an anticipated difficult economic landscape, Coral Bay Community Council and local chamber officials hosted a meeting with about 18 business owners on the traditionally quiet eastern side of St. John.

Bemoaning perceived shortfalls by the Department of Tourism (DOT) in promoting the territory and St. John in particular, business owners were asked to be patient as the department was preoccupied trying to ensure airline carriers didn't decrease the number of flights to the islands.

DOT Playing Catch-up

"So much time and money was spent making sure there were airline seats down here, now they're playing catch-up and trying to get those seats booked," said Aubain.

While the department has been focusing mainly on St. Croix, DOT has also been busy changing the direction of its advertising campaign, explained Kate Norfleet, the St. John Chapter representative of ST/SJ Chamber of Commerce.

"Tourism has refocused its campaign away from 'America's Paradise' to offering a vacation that is unique and one visitors can create themselves," Norfleet said. "There is a big push for St. Croix, but there is also a push for St. John in the eco-tourism area and getting away from it all. They are just starting this now."

The chamber will try to arrange for DOT Commissioner Beverly Nicholson-Doty to meet with the Coral Bay group, Aubain added.

CBCC president Sharon Coldren gave



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Town and Country owner Liz Ford, third from left, shares her concerns with fellow Coral Bay business owners during the meeting at Skinny Legs.

a brief overview of the five-year-old, 200-member strong non-profit organization which works on a variety of community issues, including development and environmental concerns.

Business and CBCC Partnership

"We're pushing very hard for a St. John planner and we encourage volunteer action," said Coldren. "We try to make government more effective. We'd like the business community to help take us from the first five years to the next five years."

Members of the St. John Chapter of the chamber have been working on the greeter program (see related story page 5), ensuring late-night arrivals can get passage to Love City after ferries stop running and the proposed V.I. Port Authority user fees.

"VIPA plans to install turnstiles at Red Hook and Cruz Bay for users to pay 25 cents each way," said Norfleet. "St. John residents felt they were being singled out, when in fact, the St. John community was the only one not being charged a fee. The fees are usually built into ticket prices."

Turnstiles at Docks

"It is within VIPA's legal rights to institute a fee," Norfleet continued. "They say they need the fee in order to maintain their facilities and continue to grow."

While the idea sounds foreign to St. John residents, stateside visitors are familiar with turnstiles, Norfleet added.

"It might be odd for us, but anyone who lives in a city is comfortable with turnstiles," she said.

"Coral Bay is more popular now than ever. There is less over-head here so our prices are lower, there is plenty of parking and cheaper gas. All of those things are positive."

— Christy Dove,
 Coral Bay Businessowner

Visitors to the islands, however, are looking to get away from city life and things like turnstiles, Skinny Legs owner Moe Chabuz explained.

"What makes the islands attractive is getting away from it all," said Chabuz. "They want to get away from turnstiles. The key thing is the laid-back, friendly atmosphere that makes the islands and Coral Bay special."

As parking woes and large scale developments continue to plague Cruz Bay, Coral Bay is becoming more and more popular, explained Christie Dove, who owns the retail store Big Fish and the villa management company Boot It V.I.

Coral Bay Attracting More Visitors

"Coral Bay is more popular now than ever," said Dove. "There is less over-head here so our prices are lower, there is plenty of parking and cheaper gas. All of those things are positive."

"We need a way to market ourselves out here," Dove said.

As the local chamber continues revamping its web site — a project which has taken more than a year and remains unfinished — Coral Bay could have its own page, Norfleet

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Mix and Mingle at November 13 Chamber Business After Hours

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

One year after its resurgence, the growing St. John Chapter of the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce is hosting its second Love City Business After Hours on Thursday, November 13, at Ocean Grill from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

As the economic landscape remains murky, there hasn't been a better time for island business owners and professionals to network and band together, explained the local chamber's St. John representative Kate Norfleet.

"Anyone who hasn't already, should become a chamber member because the more members we have, the stronger our voice is and the more we're able to really let the whole St. Thomas/St. John district know that St. John is a viable location that needs to be listened to," said Norfleet.

Protecting Business Interests

"The way development has happened, we all need to make our voices heard and the chamber is a really good forum for that," Norfleet continued. "The more St. John speaks out, the stronger our voice is."

Chamber membership offers a variety of privileges, including health insurance benefits. Also, with a legislative committee which works directly on legislation that impacts businesses, the chamber ensures its members' interests are protected, Norfleet added.

When Norfleet took over as St. John representative of the local chamber, she focused on resurrecting the long-defunct Love City chapter, she explained.

"We've been at this for a year now and it's time to think about the chapter's focus for the future," Norfleet said. "We've accomplished some things already and we're making a lot of progress on our initiatives."

Chapter members have been working on the tourism greeter program, ensuring additional security

"We're also trying to make it easier on our guests who arrive late at night. We're contacting water taxis and trying to find out what we can do for people who get to Red Hook after the last ferry has left. We're trying to get a sign posted to inform visitors of their options at that hour."

— Kate Norfleet, St. John Representative STT/STJ Chamber of Commerce

cameras are placed throughout Love City, and discussing the proposed V.I. Port Authority ferry fees, which are currently pending.

Looking Out for Late Night Arrivals

"We're also trying to make it easier on our guests who arrive late at night," said the local chamber's St. John representative. "We're contacting water taxis and trying to find out what we can do for people who get to Red Hook after the last ferry has left. We're trying to get a sign posted to inform visitors of their options at that hour." (See related story on Page 5.)

"In general we're trying to get the word out that everyone needs to work together to ensure that we remain a top market," Norfleet said.

While networking will be on the evening's agenda, with the chamber's famous \$2 bar and complimentary hors d'oeuvres, the St. John Business After Hours promises to be a fun-filled event. Door prizes and a 50/50 raffle will be available as well as membership applications. For information about the St. John Business After Hours call Norfleet at 693-9099.

WAPA Making Repairs

Virgin Islands Water and Power workers hooked up new equipment at the generator in Estate Enighed.

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VTELCO and PSC Square Off at Rate Investigation Hearing

By Jaime Elliott

St. John Tradewinds

Public Services Commission officials and representatives of the Virgin Islands Telephone Company, VTELCO, squared off at a rate investigation hearing on Thursday afternoon, November 6, at the St. John legislature building.

The mandatory five-year rate investigation comes a month before an expected sale of the telephone company, with VTELCO's parent company Innovative Communications continuing through Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings. VTELCO will be sold to pay down hundreds of millions of dollars of debt incurred by Innovative.

The PSC hopes to have a new rate schedule in effect by December 3, which is expected to make a late December sale of the company easier as it would paint a clearer picture of the company's value.

PSC attorneys and consultants are looking at lowering the current rate of 11.5 percent to 9.42 percent. VTELCO consultants, however, maintain that the current 11.5 percent rate is fine and could even be raised to a reasonable 13 percent.

"All we're saying is that the current rate is OK," said David Blessing, a Maryland economic consultant for VTELCO. "Even 13 percent is reasonable — there is no cause to lower the rate. To lower the rate will make it harder to attract a buyer and attract capital in today's market."

In addition to the expected \$185 million price tag, any buyer would have to invest millions more to upgrade the severely outdated system, explained Atlanta-based telecommunications engineer Keith Milner, in testimony before hearing examiner David Nissman.

"VTELCO's network is in a serious state of disrepair," said Milner. "Upgrading the network will not be easy, quick or inexpensive. Newer technologies which are common stateside are virtually absent here. The failure to incorporate technology severely limits the service VTELCO can offer to customers and causes deficiencies and disruption of service."

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— Keith Milner,
Atlanta-based tele-communications engineer

condition, and even that portion requires repair, Milner explained.

Repairing the network, however, might not be the best route, added Milner, who examined VTELCO's operations on all three islands.

"I use the analogy of a 40-year old car," said the engineer. "I can spend a lot of money and time repairing the car, but at the end of the day, I've just spent a lot of money and time and I still have a 40 year old car."

VTELCO offers its customers seriously outdated technology, Milner explained.

"VTELCO's customers deserve better than 1980s technology," he said. "Investments in upgrading technology just were not made. Even routine maintenance of clearing brush around power

lines, was just not being done."

Any network is only as strong as its weakest link, Milner explained.

"Here, there is no strong link," he said. "I've seen worse cases on an individual basis, but I've not seen such a poor network on such a pervasive level."

While attorneys and consultants for PSC and VTELCO filled the legislature conference room, no St. John residents attended the hearing.

The rate investigation hearings began on St. Croix on November 5 and continued on St. Thomas on November 6. Nissman is expected to compile findings and present them to the PSC board in the next several weeks, after which the board will announce a rate schedule.

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Learn To Play Steel Pan with Sorzano

By Jaime Elliott

St. John Tradewinds

While the Love City Pan Dragons has long been a great program for youth, adults who wanted to learn to play steelpans didn't have anywhere to turn — until now.

Mike Sorzano is offering classes every afternoon at St. Ursula's Church for anyone — adults and children — interested in mastering the quintessential Caribbean instrument.

As a native of Trinidad — where the instrument was invented — Sorzano has been playing pan almost as long as he can remember.

"I've been playing a long, long time," said Sorzano. "I started playing when I was young, and now I'm an old man, so it's been a while. I started in Trinidad and then I moved to New York and I've been playing and teaching there."

While Sorzano called St. John home about 10 years ago, the pan called him back to the island two years ago.

"A friend teaches on St. Thomas and asked me to come down and tune drums for him," said Sorzano. "So I came down and now I've decided to stay."

The pan player, who has taught hundreds of people to play the instrument, also makes and tunes steelpans, Sorzano explained.

"I make and tune all the different drums, from tenor or pans to double seconds," he said.

Although steelpans are usually associated with calypso music, they can be used to play many different types of music.

"You can do just about anything on the steeldrum — classical, jazz, pop, calypso — anything," said Sorzano. "It's such a versatile instrument."

The pan offers a perfect introduction to the world of music, the instructor explained.

"I teach because I want to expose people to steel-drum music and give them a sense and a love for music," Sorzano said. "Part of my teaching is helping people develop an ear. Which helps with all music."

While teaching basic steelpan instruction, Sorzano also includes music theory in his classes.

"It's important to read and write music," he said.



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Mike Sorzano, far right, at St. Ursula's Episcopal Church with Cleamena Duncan and Rev. William Potter.

"You are at a disadvantage if you can't read music. You can't really do anything on your own on the drum if you can't read music."

"When you learn some theory, you can do things on your own more rapidly and that is when things get interesting," Sorzano said.

Sorzano's classes will enable students ample opportunity to practice. Once students can play a few songs, they will be able to show off their new talents, Sorzano explained.

"We'll be playing at church services at St. Ursula's in the near future," he said.

Pan classes are available weekday afternoons at St. Ursula's Episcopal Church. Classes are \$5 a month and a yearly \$25 registration fee is also charged. Call Sorzano at 642-2998 for more information or to register for classes.

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Patriots 19 Rams 15

The only way to describe this game is exciting! The Patriots were able to squeak out a victory to remain undefeated against the very tough Rams. The Patriots led off the scoring but the Rams came right back with two scores and led at the half 13-7. The Rams' momentum could not carry them through the second half as the Patriots stepped up to take the lead. The Rams were able to manage a two-point safety on a bad snap. Leading the way for the Patriots was Nick Lopes who passed for 3 TDs, two to Weston Patrie and another to N'Kosi Jones. Rams' quarterback Justin Doran passed for two, one to Enzo Newhardt to give them the lead at the half. Defense was key as both teams played tough throughout the game.

Standings as of November 1

Team	W-L	PF	PA
Patriots	4-0	97	58
Raiders	2-2	111	63
Rams	2-2	89	59
Packers	0-4	14	131



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While the USPS box was installed by government officials, second from right, residents agreed to maintain the area to ensure the continued delivery of their mail

Wait A Minute Mr. Postman

St. John Tradewinds

Neither snow nor rain, nor heat nor gloom of night stays these carriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds — except if the mailbox is located in tall grass.

Residents on the East End were informed last week that their U.S. Post Office appointed mail boxes would not be serviced because the contractor

who delivers mail felt it was unsafe to walk in the tall grass which surrounds the boxes. While the area is supposed to be maintained by the Department of Public Works, residents weed whacked the troublesome grass themselves and mail made it into their boxes by the end of the week.

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- November 18, 2008 @ The V.I. Port Authority Conference Room at The Henry Rohlsen Airport in St. Croix
- November 19, 2008 @ Victor's New Hideout Conference Room in St. Thomas
- November 20, 2008 @ The St. John Legislature Conference Room (located in the former Hilltop Restaurant Bldg.) in Cruz Bay, St. John

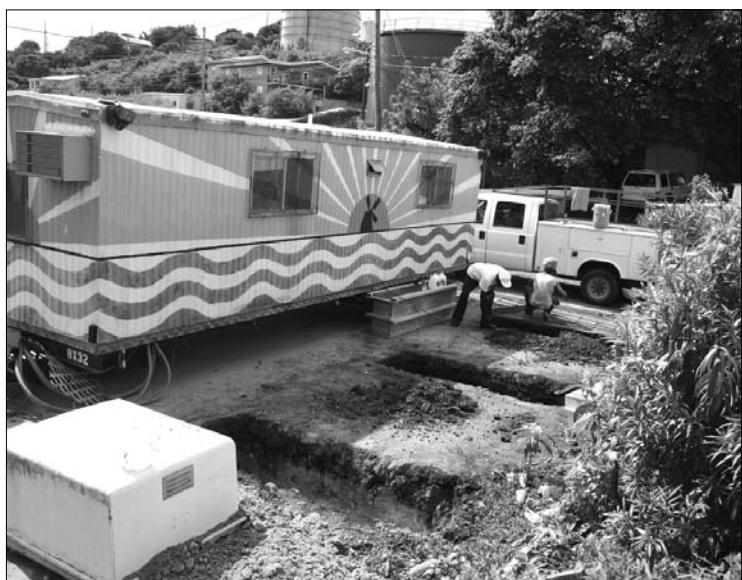
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St. John V.I. Energy Office Takes Shape

Work began on the installation of the V.I. Energy Office trailer at the Inspection Lane when workers prepared footings.



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Photo by Tom Oat



St. John Rescue

by Dustin Prudhomme

2008 Hurricane Season Ending Soon

By Dustin Prudhomme
St. John Tradewinds

As the 2008 Hurricane Season slowly comes to an end with only about 20 days remaining, St. John residents can be happy that we missed the brunt of Hurricane Omar.

With preparations leading up to Omar making landfall, St. John

Rescue members were standing by to provide assistance.

Last article, we spoke of the formation of the St. John Rescue Board. The board met September 12 at Chloe & Bernard's Restaurant located at the Westin Resort and Villas. There are eight members seated on the board at the present time.

Members are Ira Wade, Department of Public Works Deputy Director, Karin Schlesinger, past St. John Rescue President and General Manager, Bill Willigerod, St. John Administrator Leona Smith, Ronnie Klingsberg, Morris De Castro Clinic Administrator Ronnie Jones, Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center physician and St. John Rescue Medical Director Dr. Joseph DeJames, and Winnie Powell.

The month of October was busy with additional training with Marine Unit One. The marine team along with the First Responder Class trained on using backboards with the boat. They also learned how to conduct beach rescues.

The trainings took place at the Westin Resort and Villas dock and beach area. The Marine Unit also met with British Virgin Islands Search and Rescue along with V.I. National Park staff on October 17.

St. John Rescue selected three new members during its last monthly meeting. The new members are Ron Dunford, certified

first responder, Jeff Quinlan, licensed U.S. Coast Guard Captain, and Kela Bradford. We welcome these new members to the organization and look forward to their success and assistance during times of need.

With more than 300 days past so far, St. John Rescue has responded to 117 calls for the year. For the month of October, the total call number was five. This was a 25 percent increase over the number of calls in October 2007.

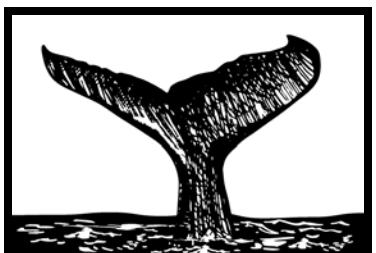
With the increase in calls year after year, rescue members are becoming more called upon by citizens of St. John. With this increase in demand new rescue members are needed.

St. John Rescue meets the first Thursday of each month at the Westin Resort and Villas conference room at 7:00 p.m. The meetings are typically one hour long and many topics, including training, are covered.

For emergencies please dial 911 from any landline telephone and 340-776-9110 from any cell phone.

Remember to provide which island you are calling from, the exact location, and the nature of the emergency so the proper emergency services agency can respond.

The more information provided to the operator, the better prepared the responding agency can be as they arrive on scene. Until next month — stay safe.



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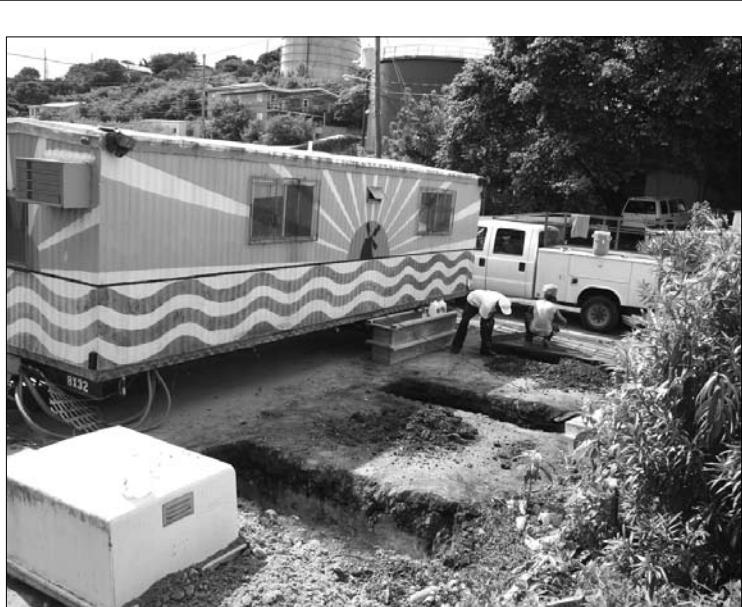
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Letters to St. John Tradewinds

Resident Responds To Revuelta's Letter Regarding Rezoning

Editor,

There was a time when the mosquitoes ganged up on us because there were only three houses on the bay. And there was no lack of shells on the beaches. Now we laugh when the acquaintances we meet at First Bank followed or preceded us at the Post Office or Scotia Bank and sometimes the grocery store. The joys of living on St. John are sweet.

It's even sweeter when a long-time resident gets the opportunity to own land and develop it with the terrain, landscape and infrastructure in mind. For us it's a dream come true.

Mr. and Mrs. Alejo chose to be open and do the right thing when they requested a rezoning before construction commenced as opposed to investing in a few extra units after the certificate of occupancy was obtained. As a friendly neighbor he made himself

available for touring his property and reviewing his architectural drawings demonstrating transparency.

Big business has built humongous structures and demonstrated an arrogance that has tarnished the harmony that allowed neighbors to coexist extracting extreme uses from any gaping building code.

The residents of St. John are living with the intrusions and insults of big business. We are not to act in fear that our residents will build outlandishly, requesting a major variance after construction commences with the eminent threat of bankruptcy. Neither were we selling when land was flipping. This is not what Love City is about. Recognize the difference.

Respectfully submitted,
Myrtle Barry
St. Johnian

Wilson Graduating College, Thanks Island Supporters

Editor,

Ashlee Wilson, a former resident of St. John will be a part of the fall 2008 graduating class from Flagler College in St. Augustine, Florida. Ashlee will be receiving two Bachelor's Degrees in Business Administration and English.

As a member of the first ever graduating class from the island of St. John in 2004 and a student of the Coral Bay School, she and her family want to say thank you for all the support she received her senior year. Coral Bay School and all of the wonderful residents who became such a big part of her high school experience were a great help in preparing Ashlee for college.

At the beginning of each school



Ashlee Wilson

year new students are asked where they grew up and where they graduated high school. Saying

she graduated from St. John was always a delight.

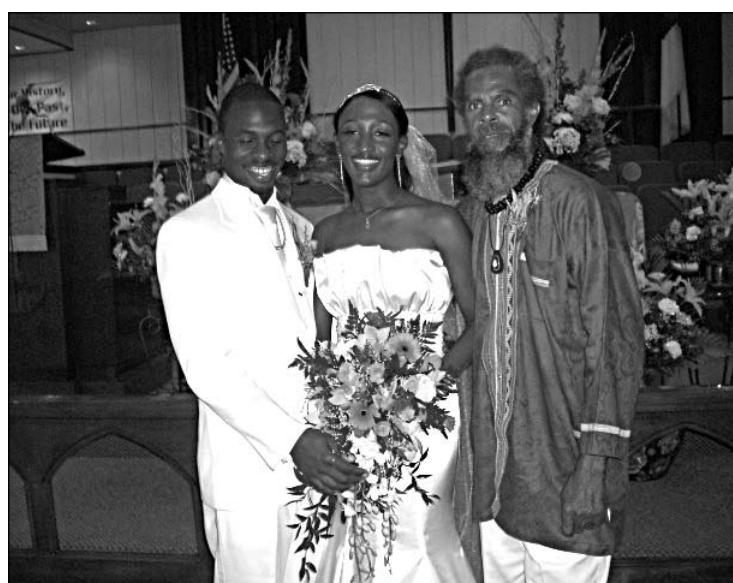
Ashlee is now putting her business degree to good use as part of the marketing team for Hull Stokey Gibson Companies, a property management, acquisition, and re-development company focusing mainly on retail properties, based in Augusta, Georgia.

With a smile, Ashlee says her retail experience would not have been as complete without the help of C4th Embroidery, owned by Marla and Dan McLung, which gave her that first job in the business. It goes to show it really does take an island to raise a child.

Thank you, St. John and congratulations to Ashlee Wilson!

Al and Bettie Trope

Wedding Announcement



Colette Rogers and Ashan Somalie Anthony were married at Anna's Retreat Methodist Church on Saturday, November 1 (pictured with Anthony's father Delroy Anthony of St. John). The couple celebrated with family and friends during a reception at St. Peter Greathouse on St. Thomas.

Letters to St. John Tradewinds

Vets, Seniors, Children Shouldn't Have To Pay Fuel Surcharge

Editor,

My question — why so late and long for a PSC hearing — we need results. Oil prices are down almost 100 percent since the fuel charge was put in place and I repeat, senior citizens, children and veterans should not have had to pay this charge.

Why do we tax payers have to bring this to the at-

tention of the PSC? This is what we pay them for. I am glad that I brought this to the attention of the Delegate to Congress' Office. It seems that this is the only office that cares and follows through for us on St. John.

**Jerry Runyon,
American Legion Post 131 Commander**

Ringsborgs Appreciate Revolving Fund

Editor,

We're writing to say Thank You to the St. John Revolving Fund and Teddi Politis Purple Hair account for helping us with prescriptions last month. Illnesses

can surely bring on hard times and this help is a blessing.

**Thank you again for your kindness,
The Ringsborgs**

Top Weapons Manufacturer Issues "Smart Cards" at Nisky

Editor,

Lockheed Martin is responsible for administering new biometric cards to Virgin Island's port workers.

"May I ask who you work for?"

"I can't say sir."

"Were you specifically instructed not to divulge your employer?"

"Yes sir."

I'm having a curious conversation with a service representative on the help line for TWIC, the Transportation Workers Identification Card. It seems she's hiding something.

Before the call I was mildly annoyed that as a Coast Guard-certified charter captain, I had to buy a TWIC card, and now I suspect something sinister.

Reading through the FAQ's on TWICinformation.com I come across something curious. After my biometric fingerprinting, my criminal background check, a run down on the Terrorist Watch List, citizenship status and the submission of my name to the Department of Homeland Security and the FBI and two visits to the office at Nisky Center, I make my check out for \$132.50 to Lockheed Martin.

Lockheed Martin has benefitted greatly from Republican-generated and Democrat-supported privatization of government services, specifically the Transportation Services Administration (TSA) and it's TWIC program.

When I spoke with TSA media relations agent, Greg Soule, he explained that, "it's standard practice for government agencies to contract out large programs like TWIC."

Lockheed secured a \$1.2 billion contract to handle human resources for TSA, with a \$3 billion cap. In addition, Lockheed secured a \$70 million contract for the initial phase of the TWIC.

The Transportation Workers Identity Card will require roughly 750,000 marine port workers, long-shoremen and anyone with credentials from the USCG, to complete a security threat assessment and carry the biometric (fingerprint) credential. The program may be expanded to other modes of transportation with a maximum of 6 million credentials to be issued. Transportation workers pay \$132.50 for their cards.

The "smart" card contains a picture of the holder, a unique identification number, a biometric fingerprint, a concealed antennae, a computer chip and a magnetic stripe. No one at the TSA or TWIC could tell me exactly what information would be stored on the card.

Perhaps I'm being paranoid. Soule at TSA assured me that, "security of sensitive information is a top priority at the TSA."

The information gathered at Lockheed Martin's Nisky Office is "fully encrypted" and sent directly to the FBI. Once the enrollment process is done Lockheed Martin's systems are "wiped clean," Soule explained.

It slowly dawns on me that I have to write a check to the largest arms dealer in the world, the company that actively campaigned for the Iraq war in Washington, the company that scored the single largest government contract in history, a \$200 billion deal to build Joint Strike Fighter jets.

It was Lockheed's F-117 Stealth Attack Fighters that rained "shock and awe" down on the people of Iraq.

Lockheed's former Vice President was a board member of the "The Coalition for the Liberation of Iraq" a bi-partisan group formed to promote the war in Iraq. Lockheed employs an army of lobbyists in Washington and is a generous contributor to political campaigns.

Lockheed Martin helped finance the Democratic Convention in Denver and their logo is featured on the Convention's website, according to The New York Times

How is Lockheed doing on its TWIC contract? The TWIC representative I spoke with warned me that I should go early due to backlogs that may last an entire day.

Nisky Center's property management office confirmed that the property was rented by Lockheed Martin and provided their phone number. Applicants can call the TWIC center at (340) 779 6563 or visit the website at www.twicinformation.com. The representative there said there were no lines and it would take about 10 minutes. The card costs \$132.50.

Han Winogron

St. John Tradewinds Keeping Track

2007

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Homicide: 3
Solved: 0

Shootings: 2
Under Investigation: 1
Solved: 1

Stabbings: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

Armed Robberies: 1
Under Investigation: 1
Solved: 0

Arsons: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

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

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

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

Grand Larcenies: 89
Under Investigation: 89
Solved: 0

Rapes: 4
Under Investigation: 2
Solved: 2

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Homicide: 0
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Solved: 0

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Under Investigation: 1
Solved: 0

2nd Degree Burglaries: 11
Under Investigation: 11
Solved: 0

3rd Degree Burglaries: 56
Under Investigation: 56
Solved: 0

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Rapes: 0
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Mark Mauder kneels before the stage during the investiture on November 2.

Mark Mauder Inherits Title of Lord in Coral Bay Investiture

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Coral Bay resident and Great Britain native Mark Mauder was bestowed with the title of Lord in an elaborate ceremony near the horse shoe pit at Skinny Legs on Sunday afternoon, November 2.

Donning a black cape and holding a tall sword, Mauder was formally installed with the title he inherited from an old friend in his native England.

Before a packed house at Skinny Legs, Mauder complied with each aspect of a formal ceremony, which included accepting a duel challenge and driving 20 sheep — represented by island youngsters —

over a bridge. With the investiture completed, Mauder officially inherited the title of lord.

While friends can now call him Lord Mauder, the avid sailor will unfortunately not be representing Coral Bay in the Right Honourable the Lords Spiritual and Temporal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in Parliament assembled, or as it is more commonly called, the House of Lords.

His lordship is also bereft of a country estate and accompanying fortune. Although it is now a matter of record, Mauder's wife, Lee, has always been a Lady.

Submissions Call for 23rd Issue of The Caribbean Writer

St. John Tradewinds

The Caribbean Writer announces a submissions call for its 23rd edition, as the deadline for submissions is November 30.

As usual, the Caribbean should be central to the work or the work should reflect a Caribbean heritage, experience or perspective.

Writers are encouraged to submit poems, short stories, personal essays and one-act plays. Only previously unpublished work will be considered. If self-published, details will be

needed.

Entrants should include brief biographical information and put name, address, telephone number, email address and title of manuscript on a separate sheet of paper. Only the title should appear on the manuscript.

All submissions are eligible for the following prizes: The Canute A. Brodhurst Prize for best short story; The Daily News Prize for best poetry; The David Hough Literary Prize to a Caribbean author; The Marguerite Cobb-McKay Prize to a Virgin Island author and The Charlotte

and Isidor Paiewonsky Prize for first time publication in The Caribbean Writer.

Mail submissions to The Caribbean Writer, University of the Virgin Islands, RR 1, Box 10,000, Kingshill St. Croix, VI 00850-9781 or submit electronically to submit@thecaribbeanwriter.org. Electronic submissions should be sent as attached Microsoft Word or RTF documents. Please do not include submissions in body of email.

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PSN "Draw Against Gun Violence" Poster Contest Deadline Is Jan. 15

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To raise awareness about the impact of gun violence in the Virgin Islands, Project Safe Neighborhoods invites students to participate in its "Draw Against Gun Violence II" poster contest.

"Last year's contest was extremely successful," said Lou Lambert, media outreach chairperson for PSN, USVI. "The art work was very creative and the sheer number of students who entered, convinced the PSN board to continue promoting this project which spreads the message of anti-gun violence through art."

In its on-going effort to create an environment which improves the safety and security of all Virgin Islanders, Project Safe Neighborhoods encourages students registered in grades 1 to 12 to submit original works of art which contain a message against gun crime — for example, "hard time for gun crime," "stop gun violence," "put the guns down," "federal time for gun crime," or a similar message.

The art can be drawings, paintings or computer graphics done in conjunction with school art programs or on a student's own. They will be judged on originality, creativity, concept and layout.

Judging will be by members of Project Safe Neighborhoods, the Virgin Islands Council on the Arts and the Ad Club of the Virgin Islands. Nine winners in total will be chosen, three each in these categories: elementary school, grades 1 to 5; middle school, grades 6 to 8; and high school, grades 9 to 12.

The first 100 entrants will receive a PSN backpack and winners will receive a PSN backpack plus an Apple I-pod Touch, valued at approximately \$300. The winning artwork will be displayed on posters at businesses, schools and public outlets throughout the VI and will be forwarded to Project Safe Neighborhoods headquarters in Washington, DC.

Entry forms and contest rules are available at public and private schools in the territory, and on-line. For more information log on to www.drawagainstgunviolence.com, or www.psnnvi.com. There is no fee for entering the contest. The deadline for entries is January 15, 209.

GHS Students Hike To Rams Head



St. John Tradewinds News Photos

GHS seventh and eighth grade Geology and History class students enjoyed a field trip to Ram's Head on Wednesday, October 29.



“John McCain”

by Malik Stevens

J is for the **Junk** I hear him say
O is for his waffling, he **Oscillates**
H is for his eight **Houses** that are
worth millions

N is for his Fox, which is the most, Oh
My God, biased **News** station

M is for the **Money** he'll steal from you
C is for all the jobs that he **Can't** do
C is for the **Confusion**, he'll bring by
war

A is for his **Age**, cause Oh My God,
he's a snore

I is for **Iraq**, thousands dying, billions
spent on smack

N is for **No** rights, **No** peace, **No** pro-
gression, **Man** his policies bite

John McCain is such a crazy guy, more years of war, no rights, they ask me Why. If you vote right on November 4th, change is coming and it's coming straight from the North.

That was just a little song I wrote about Senator John McCain on my way over here, but now on a serious note.

America, we are in economic distress. The price of living has risen, more so, the price of every thing has risen. That is everything except our pay checks.

Voting for John McCain is saying yes to yet another four years of the same failing policies that have caused us to be in this recession. We do not deserve another four years of the same failed policies.

With the help of my good friend and running mate, Joe Biden, and the support of the country which I love so dearly, I promise you a brighter tomorrow. I will do my best to make sure higher education is more tangible to middle class America.

I will provide working families with tax cuts they deserve. I will create jobs in America, instead of sending them overseas. I will invest more into after school activities for our youth. I will raise the minimum wage. I will increase health care, and most of all, I will care. I will give each American the same love I give my wife, Michelle, and my daughters, Malia and Sasha.

The polls say that the economy is your biggest issue. It will be mine too. With your vote, I can help bring about the change we so desperately need. We are the ones that we have been waiting for. America, a brighter future is up ahead, and only you can ensure this.

We'll Vote for Change Today
We'll Vote for Change Today
We'll Vote for Change Today
We're getting smarter

Thank you ladies and gentlemen, and remember, “Yes We Can.”

Thanksgiving Morning Cardio Blast Sponsored by Sigma Theta Omega

St. John Tradewinds

Exhale Boot Camp and the Sigma Theta Omega Chapter Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. are sponsoring a Cardio Blast to support the fight against obesity on Thanksgiving morning, Thursday, November 27, at the V.I. National Park ball field from 6 to 8 a.m. On site registration is \$10 and participants should bring water and a mat. For more information call 690-1622.

Ophelia Powell Torres To Host Book Signing at Baa Library November 22

St. John Tradewinds

Ophelia Powell Torres, the author of "War on Breast Cancer," "Caribbean Poetry, Folktales and Short Stories Volumes one and two" will host a book signing at the Enid Baa Library on St. Thomas on Saturday, November 22, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

At the book signing, Torres will present her books with comments, readings and a review of the important points of her books. For more information call Annice Canton at 774-0630.

Delegate Christensen Thanks Voters

St. John Tradewinds

Delegate to Congress Donna Christensen thanked voters last week for their overwhelming support and extended her congratulations to all winners in the general elections.

"I am excited to begin my sixth term of service to the people of the Virgin Islands, and I would like to congratulate everyone who participated in our elections, who came forward and offered themselves for public service," said Christensen. "I want to especially congratulate the winners, new and old, who I know will use their time and talent in service of our people and our islands. I look forward to working with all of you in these challenging times."

"I know that with the historic election of Senator Barack Obama to the presidency that there is enormous interest in attending the inauguration," Delegate Christensen said. "The inauguration will be a public event, but our office will only have a very limited number of tickets, and we will not receive them until January. Please remember that with 435 members of Congress, there will probably not be many tickets available."

The general public is welcome to attend the free and public events associated with the inauguration, and that her office will have an open house on January 20 as is customary for visitors from the territory.

"As we get closer to the event, we will provide information on the logistics of attending the event to the media for those who are interested," said Christensen.

Governor deJongh Congratulates Senators-elect of 28th Legislature

St. John Tradewinds

Gov. John deJongh congratulated the 15 Senators-elect who were elected to serve in the 28th Legislature of the Virgin Islands as well as Delegate Donna Christensen who will be returning to her post in Washington as the territory's Delegate to Congress.

"The people of the Virgin Islands have selected those individuals whom they believe can best work on their behalf," said deJongh. "On behalf of my administration, I pledge to work with them to provide the future of progress that the Virgin Islands deserves."

"Going forward, I do not expect that we will always agree, but we must work together for the common good, and I am confident that we can all agree on that," the governor continued. "These are times of excitement and challenge."

President-elect Barack Obama Is the Talk of Love City, St. John!

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talking about Obama's win since election night, she explained.

The Cruz Bay business owner has talked with a steady stream of tourists from the southern part of the mainland who all told her they voted for Obama, Moorehead added.

St. John educator Guy Benjamin confessed that he had shed a few tears of joy that Barack Obama will be the first African-American to be the leader of the free world.

"Greatest Event," Says Benjamin

"It is the greatest event that has happened in my lifetime," said Benjamin. "It is the greatest moment in the lives of us black folks, to experience what we never thought we could see."

Benjamin believed that Obama was instilled with

extraordinary talents.

"Only God gives us special gifts, and they are for special people," said Benjamin. "All blacks here and in America, have seen the impossible come to pass."

On November 5, Governor John deJongh expressed his sentiments over Obama's win, reflective perhaps of many residents' own.

Hope Restored Around the World

"The election of U.S. Senator Barack Obama as the next president of the United States has filled people around the world with both excitement and pride," said deJongh. "There is excitement at the possibilities that his election has made possible, pride that America has taken this historic step forward towards fulfilling its promise."

"All in the Virgin Islands rejoice in the moment," deJongh continued. "And so do I."

Commerical Vessels Using Creek Docks Illegally

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and the public deserves to know if we're going to be targeting something," Hardgrove said. "We're hoping to have an open meeting with our concessions operators and Coast Guard officials. We have the responsibility of civic engagement to inform the public."

No International Travel from VINP Dock

There are more than 100 VINP permitted concessions which operate in park waters, but none of them run international routes, explained Hardgrove.

"We have 110 folks who use our Red Hook and Cruz Bay docks, but we're not permitting anything that is international," said the VINP superintendent. "We allow people to tie up at the Cruz Bay dock for 15 minutes while they come in and see the Visitors' Center. We also allow some commercial use opera-

tors to pick up passengers at the dock, but not for international routes."

While VINP officials will begin enforcing the USCG regulations, education and public meetings should improve compliance, Hardgrove explained.

"Hopefully, we'll bring folks into compliance this season," he said.

No Word from VIPA

VIPA officials did not return repeated phone calls from St. John Tradewinds requesting comment regarding operations at the Cruz Bay Creek.

USCG officials issued the compliance information letter in early October to a total of 18 SOLAS certified vessels including the Inter-island Boat Services and Native Son ferry operators. As of press time, both companies were still operating all scheduled runs.

Coral Bay Business Owners Hear from CBCC, Chamber

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explained.

As the tourist season ahead could be a cause of concern, it's important for business owners to support each other and the chamber, Aubain explained.

Chamber Works of Businesses

"Our mission is simple — to look out for the business community so that you can make a living and this community can make a living," said Aubain. "We're heading into rough times. It's going to be a tough season."

The local chamber works on a variety of issues, from legislative concerns to Project Safe neighborhood, explained Aubain.

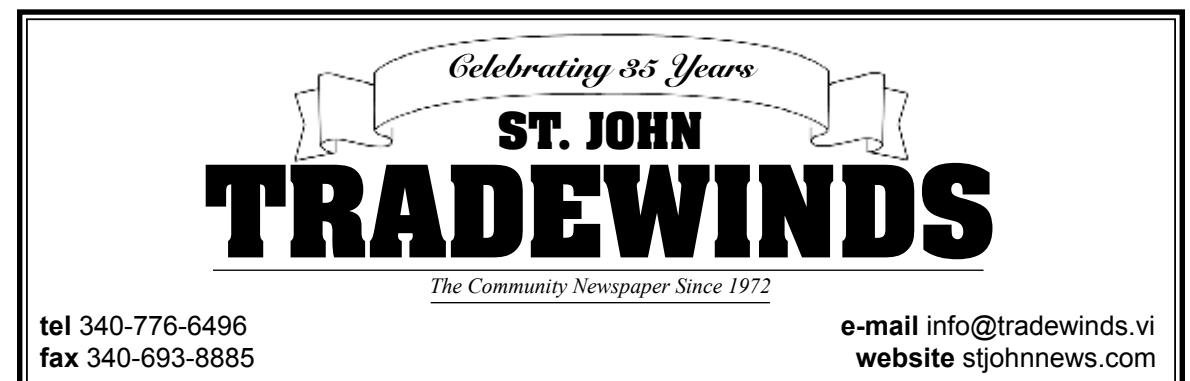
"You can't live in a community and not realize that

everything that goes on around you affects your business," said the local chamber executive director.

Coral Bay business owners agreed to meet regularly on the second Thursday of each month and will discuss volunteer efforts, crime and health insurance concerns in the future. The next Coral Bay business meeting will be Thursday, December 11, at Shipwreck Landing at 8:45 a.m., which Norfleet agreed to attend.

"My job is to be your liaison to the chamber — to get them to understand what your special needs are," said Norfleet.

The St. John chapter of the local chamber meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at St. Ursula's multipurpose center at 5:30 p.m.



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Friday, October 31

6:30 p.m. - Unit 402E and 74B p/r at Jurgen Command with one Joseph P. Hepburn of #36 Susannaberg under arrest and charged with D.U.I.

9:30 a.m. - 402E and 74B conducted an inspection in the Pine Peace area and discovered a plastic bag filled with a substance that appeared to be marijuana. Recovered drugs.

Saturday, November 1

9:40 a.m. - A citizen c/r a physical altercation with two individuals in the area of Grunwald. Disturbance of the peace, D.V.

2:20 p.m. - A resident c/r that a young lady is sending her harassing texts. Telephone harassment.

8:10 p.m. - An Estate Pastory resident c/r she was having a problem with a tenant. Police assistance.

Sunday, November 2

2:56 p.m. - A Cruz Bay resident p/r someone broke the glass on the passenger side of her vehicle. Damage to a vehicle.

Monday, November 3

8:00 a.m. - An Estate Blooming Dale resident p/r obscene and indecent conduct by a neighbor who has been evicted by his landlord. Obscene and indecent conduct.

10:25 a.m. - An Estate Pastory resident p/r that he was assaulted by a male at the night club in Cruz Bay. Simple assault and battery.

10:30 a.m. - A VIPD officer p/r that he is being harassed via phone by an unknown person. Telephone harassment.

11:00 a.m. - An Estate John's Folly resident p/r that she is being threatened verbally by her ex-boyfriend. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

2:00 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r that he was threatened by a male at his business in the Lumberyard. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

2:20 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r that he was assaulted by a male at the Lumberyard. Simple assault.

Tuesday, November 4

8:10 a.m. - The owner of Larry's Landing c/r a break-in at said business. Burglary in the third.

12:10 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r that his roommate destroyed his laptop computer. Destruction of property.

12:15 p.m. - A citizen c/r an auto accident on Centerline Road in the area of Dolphin Market. Auto accident.

2:10 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r that her roommate stole monies from her. Grand larceny.

5:20 p.m. - An Estate Power Boyd Plantation resident c/r that her mentally ill sister destroyed several pieces of furniture inside her residence. Destruction of property.

5:50 p.m. - A citizen c/r a disturbance with two males in the area of Estate Hard Labor. Disturbance of the peace.

Wednesday, November 5

2:05 a.m. - A citizen c/r an auto accident in the area of Paradise Gas. Auto accident.

4:00 p.m. - A Bellevue Village resident c/r a break-in at her residence. Burglary in the third.

Thursday, November 6

12:50 p.m. - An Estate Bethany resident p/r that she was physically assaulted by her husband. Assault and battery, D.V.

1:05 p.m. - An Estate Fish Bay resident p/r that her house sitter stole monies from her. Grand larceny.

Friday, November 7

11:30 a.m. - An Estate Hard Labor resident p/r that he is being constantly harassed by a female. Disturbance of the peace.

11:50 a.m. - An Estate Great Cruz Bay resident p/r that someone unknown removed five boat covers off her vessel. Grand larceny.

AA Meetings

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

Al-Anon Meetings

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

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.

Monday, November 10

The Coral Bay Community Council is celebrating its 5th anniversary with a potluck supper and annual meeting on Monday, November 10, from 5 to 8 p.m., at Miss Lucy's in Coral Bay.

Tuesday, November 11

Tuesday, November 11, is Veterans Day and the community is invited to watch the annual Veterans Day parade in Cruz Bay. The parade begins at 11 a.m. at the tennis courts and ends at the V.I. National Park ball field.

Tuesday, November 11

The St. John Historical Society will host its first meeting of the season on Tuesday, November 11, at the Bethany Moravian Church Hall at 7 p.m.

Thursday, November 13

The St. John Business After Hours will be at Ocean Grill on Thursday, November 13. There will be the famous \$2 chamber bar, door prizes and the 50/50 raffle.

Sunday, November 15

The Love City Pan Dragons will host their annual Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner on Saturday, November 15, in Frank Powell Park where traffic will be shut down in front of the Cruz Bay ferry dock and patrons will enjoy a candlelit, buffet-style dinner in the street and music by the Pan Dragons and Inner Visions.

Sunday, November 15

Calvray Baptist Church presents a rebuilding concert at the John's Folly Learning Institute on Saturday, November 15, at 5 p.m.

Monday, November 17

The Virgin Islands Public Services Commission is conducting a hearing on the rate investigation of the St. Thomas/St. John ferries on Monday, November 17, at the St. John Legislature building at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 22

The Rotary Club of St John is proud to announce that the annual "Flavors of St John" will be at the Westin Resort on Saturday November 22. All proceeds from the event will go to charity. Cocktail hour starts at 6:30 p.m. with Flavors kicking off at 7:30 p.m.

November 21-22

The Epiphany Theater Company will be reprising its show "Keep 'Em Guessin'" November 21-23. This series of short skits will surely bring a smile to all faces. All shows begin at 7:30 at St. John School of the Arts

Saturday, November 22

Ophelia Powell Torres, the author of "War on Breast Cancer," "Caribbean Poetry, Folktales and Short Stories Volumes one and two" will host a book signing at the Enid Baa Library on St. Thomas on Saturday, November 22, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Thursday, November 27

Exhale Boot Camp and the Sigma Theta Omega Chapter Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. are sponsoring a Cardio Blast to support the fight against obesity on Thanksgiving morning, Thursday, November 27, at the V.I. National Park ball field from 6 to 8 a.m. Registration is \$10 and participants should bring water and a mat.

Friday, November 28,

and Saturday, November 29

The Coral Bay Yacht Club John is hosting the 27th Annual Coral Bay Thanksgiving Regatta on November 28 and 29.

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St. John Church Schedule & Directory

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

Ferry Schedules

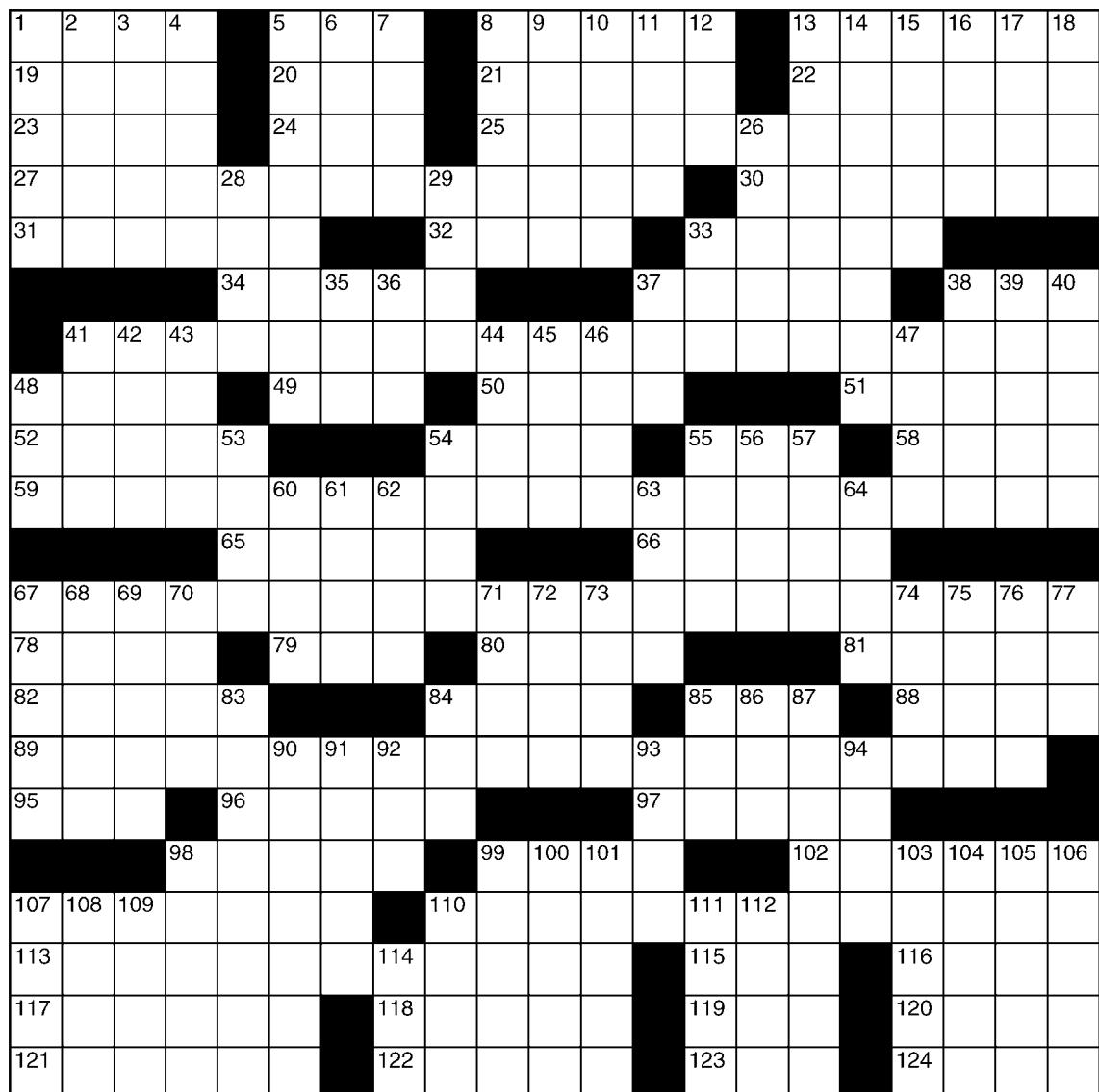
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ACROSS

- 1 Belfry fliers
- 5 Very small
- 8 Paris subway
- 13 Jerome of the NFL
- 19 Off-ramp
- 20 Grass dwelling
- 21 Old-time anesthetic
- 22 Central New York lake
- 23 Entertainer Minnelli
- 24 Oils, busts, etc.
- 25 Start of a riddle
- 27 Riddle, part 2
- 30 Brother of Electra
- 31 French president's dwelling
- 32 Abnormal body sac
- 33 Hog
- 34 Good sense
- 37 Slightly wet
- 38 Tavern
- 41 Riddle, part 3
- 48 Main male character
- 49 Abner's old radio partner
- 50 Waters, in French
- 51 Outset
- 52 Neighbor of a Saudi
- 54 Seeded
- 55 Filing aid
- 58 Largest continent
- 59 Riddle, part 4
- 65 Carry a — weight
- 66 "Three Tall Women"
- playwright Edward
- 67 Riddle, part 5
- 78 Speck of dust
- 79 Lawyer: Abbr.
- 80 Every single one
- 81 Two-element electron tube
- 82 Rice- — (Quaker brand)
- 84 Author — Stanley Gardner
- 85 Inits. on a naval vessel
- 88 Stretch across
- 89 End of the riddle
- 95 Military draft org.
- 96 Skin orifices
- 97 Tribal pole
- 98 Actress Foster
- 99 Actress Drescher
- 102 Fishy sign?
- 107 "Not true!"
- 110 Start of the riddle's answer
- 113 End of the riddle's answer
- 115 Conceit
- 116 Be furious
- 117 Crescent-shaped
- 118 Singer Cleo or Frankie
- 119 Dog sound
- 120 Ferry stop
- 121 Gawks (at)
- 122 Cold coating
- 123 Shot caller
- 124 Pare
- DOWN
- 1 Ball honoree
- 2 Forming a line of symmetry
- 3 Dither
- 4 Tarries
- 5 Blubber extract once used as lamp fuel
- 6 Italian coin
- 7 "—, Brute!"
- 8 Elvis Presley's "Don't Ask —"
- 9 Group's moral nature
- 10 Robbery
- 11 Emmy winner Sofer
- 12 Man-mouse link
- 13 Ill-mannered
- 14 International pacts
- 15 Josh
- 16 Incline
- 17 Not active
- 18 Pronounces
- 26 Namely
- 28 — -serving
- 29 Cato's 350
- 33 Plea at sea
- 35 Wildebeest
- 36 "Today — a man"
- 37 Boxer Baer
- 38 "The Godfather" character Luca —
- 39 Wearing — (smiling broadly)
- 40 Label anew
- 41 Office communiqué
- 42 Jordanian, e.g.
- 43 Nada
- 44 Pope of the 400s
- 45 Show boredom
- 46 Hovered
- 47 Neighbor of Wyoming
- 48 Sultry
- 53 Ice house: Var.
- 54 Malleable
- 55 Highway fee
- 56 Both: Prefix
- 57 Red meat
- 60 Seat of Allen County, Kansas
- 61 Food label abbr.
- 62 — -yourself
- 63 Kimono belt
- 64 Riled, with "off"
- 67 Bay State sch.
- 68 Stock trader George
- 69 Some British jackets and collars
- 70 — shui
- 71 Basil, e.g.
- 72 Infirmary-free
- 73 Chills
- 74 Desire
- 75 Indian of the Southwest
- 76 Man in Eden
- 77 Wallet bill
- 83 Ill-mannered
- 84 Aliens, briefly
- 85 108-card party game
- 86 Capt.'s inferior
- 87 Disembarks from
- 90 Red antiseptics
- 91 Deep sadness
- 92 Bray starter
- 93 — Reader (alternative digest)
- 94 Not include
- 98 Baddie in "Aladdin"
- 99 Book leaf
- 100 Spoils
- 101 "Fried Green Tomatoes" director Jon
- 103 Bare it all
- 104 Run after
- 105 Soaring bird
- 106 Pittsburgh product, once
- 107 Evils
- 108 Track tipster
- 109 Capital of Yemen
- 110 365 days
- 111 Private jet producer
- 112 Nasty sort
- 114 North Pole toymaker

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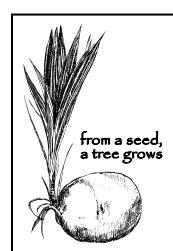
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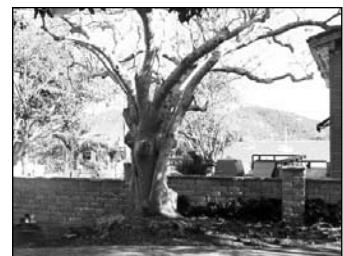
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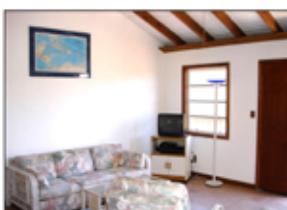
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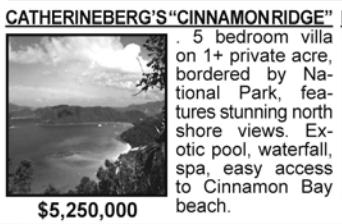
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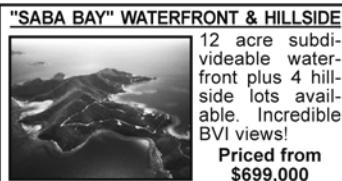
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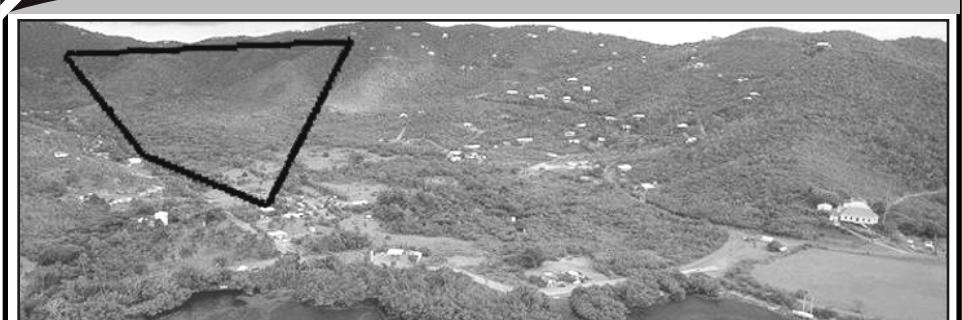
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