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Pan Dragons Thrill Crowd During Concert

The island's youth steel orchestra Love City Pan Dragons performed a Christmas Concert for island residents and visitors on Friday night, December 12 at the Westin Resort. Instructor/arranger Samuel Lawrence, far left above, conducts the orchestra during their performance of "Can Can." After the selection, the orchestra was applauded with a standing ovation. The Pan Dragons performed several Christmas songs during the festive program.

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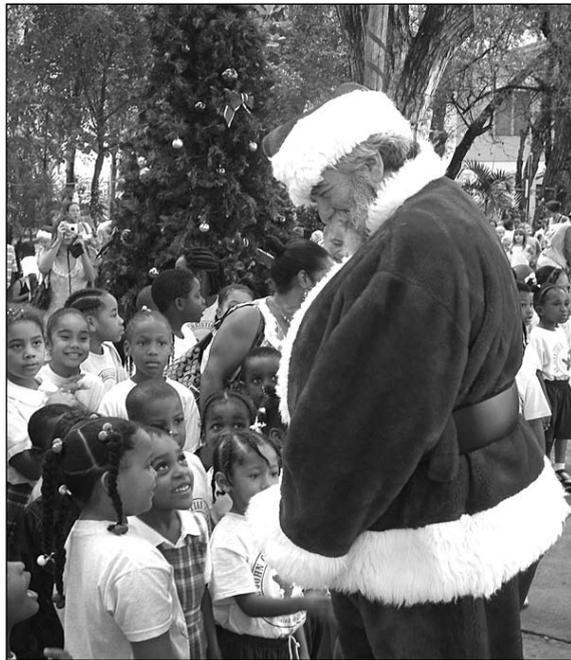
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The children greet Santa Claus, above right, before lining up for a present and chance to share their holiday wishes, above left.

Santa Comes to St. John Early at Annual Governor's Christmas Party

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

The island's youngest residents got an early audience with the big man from the North Pole on Tuesday morning, December 9, at Franklin Powell Park during the annual governor's Christmas Party.

While Governor John deJongh was not able to attend, First Lady Cecile deJongh helped Santa Claus distribute gifts to 250 students from schools across the island in kindergarten through third grade.

Frank Powell park was packed with excited youngsters eager for their first Christmas present of the season. Before dolling out the gifts, however, the students joined Department of Housing, Parks and Recreation project coordinator Shikima Jones in singing Christmas carols.

"I do this every year," said Jones. "I love the kids. They are so much fun."

The tunes of "Jingle Bells," "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer," and "Silent Night" from the mouths of the little ones filled the air across town, getting everyone into the holiday spirit.

When it was finally time for gift giving, the students lined up and



Students gathered on the gazebo steps in Frank Powell Park, above, to sing Christmas carols with Shikima Jones.

waited patiently for reusable bags filled with "A Caribbean Journey From A to Z (Read And Discover What Happened to the Z)" a book by Mario Picayo, an age-appropriate work book and a snack.

The older students in grades three through six got their chance to see Santa and receive gifts, with help from St. John Cultural and Festival Organization members, after school Tuesday.



Coral Bay Christmas Tree Lighting and Carol Sing Set for December 17

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The Coral Bay Christmas tree lighting and carol sing will be Wednesday, December 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the basketball court. Coral Bay neighborhoods — from Ajax Peak to Mandahl — and everyone in between, should come prepared to share their caroling voices.

As usual, Santa Claus — the real one — will be there to give out donated gift to all children. Participants are asked to bring a wrapped gift, marked with boy/girl and age group for Santa to distribute. Gift donations can be dropped off in advance at Connections East.

Annual Taxi Medallion Auction for St. John Veterans Scheduled for Thursday, December 20

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The Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission will host its annual veteran medallion auction on St. John at 11 a.m. on Thursday, December 18, at Boulon Center.

The auction is open to Virgin Islands veterans of the armed services only.

Applications are available at the Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission office during regular business hours Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Bid forms must be deposited in the bid box no later than 10 a.m. the day of the auction.

Applications must be taken to the office of Veterans Affairs for verification of eligibility as a U.S. Virgin Islands Veteran. Bid applicants must be present at the time of auction. Bid envelopes will be publicly opened on the dates and time indicated.

Any person who purchases a medallion at action pursuant to this subsection is prohibited from transferring said medallion by sale, lease or otherwise, within three years of purchase.

Only approved buyers may purchase a medallion.

Two medallions will be auctioned to approved U.S. Virgin Islands Veterans on St. John on Thursday, December 18, at 11 a.m. at Boulon Center.

The minimum acceptable bid is set at \$20,000 for St. Thomas and St. John, and \$8,000 for St. Croix

A 10 percent down payment of bid amount — nonrefundable deposit if the sale is not consummated — is required at the time of the bid or by 3 p.m. on the same day. The down payment must be paid in cash, money order, certified, check, payable, to the Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission.

The remaining balance of 90 percent must be paid in a like manner within 10 days after the date of the auction sale at which time, a certificate of entitlement and the medallion will be issued. If the sale is not consummated within the allotted 10 days, the second highest bidder will automatically be awarded the bid.

Any questions or requests for further information should be directed to the Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission — on St. Thomas/St. John at 774-3130 ext. 263.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO EVERYONE!

Tradewinds will **NOT** be publishing an issue Monday, December 29, 2008

St. John CZM Committee Approves Pond Bay Club Beach Enhancement

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Despite the objections of one committee member, Pond Bay Club officials got the green light to commence beach enhancement on their Chocolate Hole shoreline at a Friday, December 12, Coastal Zone Management Committee meeting at the St. John Legislature building in Cruz Bay.

In a two to one vote in favor of adopting CZM staff's recommendations, the St. John CZM Committee approved Pond Bay Club's request to reconsider the special condition barring such activity which was included in the original permit.

St. John CZM Committee members Andrew Penn and Edmund Roberts voted in favor of allowing the beach enhancement project while member Gerry Hills voted against the proposal.

Special Condition Changed

In Pond Bay Club's major land and water use permit, which was originally issued in January 2007 and revised in August 2007, special condition 17 specifically barred any type of beach nourishment activities from taking place at the site.

Developers of the luxury fractional ownership resort requested CZM officials to reconsider that condition to allow for removal of debris, hand-clearing of cobble stones and coral from the shore, removing invasive vegetation and planting native species, and creating a protected swim area.

In adopting staff's recommendations, CZM officials voted to amend special condition 17 to read "beach nourishment activities shall not be undertaken without first obtaining approval from the Department of Planning and Natural Resources, Division of Coastal Zone Management."

No Activity Below High Water Mark

Pond Bay Club officials are not allowed to install buoys to create a swim area, as they only got approval for activities landward of the mean high water mark. Developers must consult with the Division of Fish and Wildlife before conducting any removal, trimming or planting of trees, according to staff's recommendations.

While Pond Bay Club officials only requested to clean the shoreline, it is noted in their proposal to DPNR that beach replenishment will likely be needed in the future.

"It is not anticipated during this initial phase of beach enhancement but in all reality will be requested in the future," according to Pond Bay Club's proposed beach enhancement plan.

Pond Bay Club developer First American Development Group/Carib managing partner Bob Emmett was pleased with the committee's approval.

Trying To Do the Right Thing

"We've always tried to do things the right way for the project and the environment," Emmett said after the meeting. "The project was reviewed independently by staff and they agreed with us. We're happy to be able to turn a bad situation which the beach is in now, into a positive situation."

The approval came after Hills posed numerous questions to Emmett, Amy Dempsy of BioImpact and Tracey Roberts of Springline Architect. Hills questioned Pond Bay Club's marketing team advertising a white sand beach at the site, which Emmett said was altered to show a "natural white-ish yellow" shoreline instead.

Hills also pressed the developers' representatives about their sea turtle nesting research, which Dempsy of BioImpact stated as the main motivation for hand-clearing the shoreline.

"If this was such an important reason to put sand on the beach to attract sea turtles to nest, why was

this not brought up until now?" questioned Hills. "I appreciate your thoughts for the turtles, but globally it's of minimal help."

Removing vegetation, even non-native species, will undermine the beach, Hills added.

Undermining the Beach

"Roots of existing vegetation hold sand in place," Hills said, quoting a local marine biologist. "Roots trap sand and help rebuild the beach. The beach is currently in equilibrium."

Without roots to keep the sand in place, removing cobble and stone will result in serious erosion, explained Hills.

"The prediction by people who have a history of watching the beach, including marine biologists, is that when the first storm comes the stones will just reappear and the sand that has been sifted out will wash into the bay," he said. "That is why I proposed to limit the stone removal to 100 feet or less and assess its effect through the winter months to see what the storm action would do it."

Hill's Motion Denied

A motion proposed by Hills to add a special condition to the approval requiring analysis of the stone and coral removal was voted down by Penn and Roberts.

Acknowledging that the developer would eventually get approval of their plan, Hills urged officials to take into consideration recommendations from local plant

expert Eleanor Gibney.

"When you get your final approval from Fish and Wildlife, I'd like you to at least listen to Eleanor Gibney's recommendation," Hills said.

The St. John CZM committee approved the beach enhancement project despite several letters urging CZM staff and the St. John CZM Committee to deny the proposal.

Pond Bay Club's plan ignores the area's designation as an Area of Particular Concern, according to Larry Boxerman, who wrote to CZM on behalf of the 300-member strong Estate Chocolate Hole Landowners Association.

Area of Particular Concern

"Under the V.I. CZM Act, Chocolate Hole/Great Cruz Bay was designated as an 'Area of Particular Concern' (APC) so that above-normal attention could be given to these areas," wrote Boxerman. "The goal was to ensure that the on-going bay health issues created by the Westin in Great Cruz Bay were managed, and that the anticipated issues expected in the Pond Bay Club development would be handled on a pro-active basis."

"By considering this proposal, it appears that CZM's foresight on the APC designation has been abandoned," Boxerman wrote.

Pond Bay Club has long been planning beach nourishment, according to a letter written by Attorney Steven Hogroian on behalf

of James and Carol Furneaux.

Going for a "Caneel Look"

"It is patently apparent that 'beach nourishment' has been a part of First American's plans from the start of this project, as the 'Caneel look' it seeks to attain can only be accomplished by a destruction of the natural beach, to be replaced by First American's vision of its south-shore 'Caneel,'" wrote Hogroian. "The plan proposed by First American is a land grab, and not undertaken to further the interests of the residents of St. John and the Virgin Islands."

Chocolate Hole beach was never meant to be sandy, according to a letter by the League of Women Voters who also urged CZM to deny Pond Bay Club's request.

No Place for Sand

"Any placement of sand on the beach will be an exercise in futility," wrote Helen Gjessing, the group's chair. "The beach was never meant to be sandy. The sand will be constantly washed out and replaced by stones, broken coral and shells."

"The plan is embellished with all sorts of proposed activities that are touted as greatly beneficial to turtles and sea grass beds and the local beach goes, when, it appears to the League, it is a scheme to get rid of the natural beach cover and replace it with sand when the proper time comes to step up the promotion of sales," Gjessing wrote.

Bah Humbug — Santa Stolen

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

A rowdy group of six tourists is believed to have made off with a Christmas decoration from the second floor of The Marketplace on Sunday evening, December 7.

After dining at the sushi restaurant Happy Fish, the tourists — who reportedly were making a spectacle of themselves during their raw fish meal — unplugged and walked off with a six-foot tall inflatable Santa Claus valued at about \$100.

Marketplace management advised all villa management companies to be on the look out for the free standing ornament.

More than being out the money, the act was a blatant disregard for the spirit of the season, according to Marketplace manager Debbie Marsh.

"Those are brand new Christmas decorations and that one didn't even make it to Christmas," said Marsh. "We were just trying to be festive. It was really just for the kids."

If anyone finds the stolen Santa, call Marsh at The Marketplace at 776-6455.



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Tom Oat

An inflatable Santa, similar to the snowmen, above, was stolen from The Marketplace on December 7.

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Emma Penn and Henry Jackson, above, handed out Christmas presents as other AARP members served up plates of food, left.

AARP Members Serve Up Great Fare at Luncheon for Homeless

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

No one in Cruz Bay went hungry on Tuesday, December 9, thanks to St. John AARP Chapter 4777 members.

As part of the group's holiday celebrations, local AARP members served a lavish lunch of turkey, ham, stuffing, mashed potatoes and all the fixings to the island's homeless population on Tuesday afternoon at the Nazareth Lutheran Church Hall in Cruz Bay.

AARP members even thought of the diners' cholesterol. "I Can't Believe It's Not Butter" was available to spread on

the freshly cut loaves of bread.

About 10 people came out for the feast and everyone walked away with a bag full of the practical — tooth brushes and dental floss, thanks to St. John Dental, bug spray and soap — and the frivolous — candy, snacks and chewing gum.

Luncheon attendees also received wrapped Christmas presents and were able to help themselves to a collection of blankets, pillows and clothing.

During the holiday season, and all throughout the year, it's important to remember those less fortunate, explained

Beverley Biziewski, St. John AARP Chapter 4777 president.

"We do this to help," said Biziewski. "There but for the grace of God."

The AARP chapter took over the Nazareth Lutheran Church Hall on December 9 from representatives of the Catholic Charities of the Virgin Islands, who serve lunch to the homeless at that location every Tuesday.

"We at the Catholic Charities give all year," said Richard "Sky" Gomez, St. Thomas shelter manager for Catholic Charities. "We don't turn anyone away."

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Ivan

Carolina Corral Owner Hosting Fundraiser To Get Ivan Stateside

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With a 14-year-old thoroughbred horse eating her out of house and home, Carolina Corral owner Dana Bartlett is trying to raise enough funds to transport the equine to a new home in the states.

Bartlett purchased the former racing horse Ivan in 1999 after he suffered a bone chip and couldn't remain on the race circuit any longer. While Ivan has enjoyed the good life at Carolina Corral in Coral Bay, he's gotten too big for Bartlett's small operation.

"He just eats too much," said Bartlett. "He's too big for my business. He needs to be in a bigger operation."

Transporting the horse from St. John to St. Thomas on a boat and then on an airplane to the states is a daunting financial task and Bartlett is hosting a fundraiser at Island Blues on Saturday, December 20.

Raffle tickets are available for a chance to win a range of great prizes, from gift certificates to local restaurants to a veterinarian service at Cruz Bay Canines, Cats and Critters. Raffle tickets are \$5 each, or five for \$20 and are available at Connections, Connections East, the Mail Center and Keep Me Posted.

During a live auction residents can also bid for several packages from Carolina Corral including a sunset ride for two with a bottle of champagne and a children's birthday party.

The raffle drawing will be at 8 p.m. on December 20 at Island Blues, followed by the auction. For more info call 693-5778.

St. John Minor Found After Going Missing for Four Days

St. John Tradewinds

On Friday, December 12, V.I. Police Department officials found a 15-year-old St. John girl who had been missing since December 8.

Whitney Bess, a Giffit Hill School student, was discovered missing at 5 a.m. on Monday morning, December 8, from her father's St. Thomas home. He reported his daughter miss-

ing on Tuesday morning, December 9.

A classmate at GHS reportedly alerted school officials that Bess contacted her via an online social networking site last week which might have helped the investigation into the young girl's whereabouts.

VIPD officials interviewed several GHS students on Wednesday, December 10, accord-

ing to one student. A grief counselor also met with Bess' classmates at GHS last week.

While missing person posters were placed around town, the community was asked to be on the lookout for the 15-year-old St. John girl.

As of press time, full details of Bess' disappearance and discovery were not available.



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Watch Your Step!



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Susan Mann

Watch your step! There is a an unexpected one inch drop between the new brick pavers under the picnic tables and the sidewalk area recently laid in front of the V.I. National Park Visitors' Center. Perhaps a ramp is being planned?

Wha's Happ'nin' by Sis Frank

Santa Comes to Cruz Bay

St. John Tradewinds

Hooray! It only sprinkled late in the evening — Santa, the Pan Dragons, Police Commissioner James McCall, and the police cadets marched into the ball field — Steven Simon introduced everyone in his best professional way. Top musicians from age 13 on up kept the beat going until midnight.

Hundreds of kids received presents distributed by Helen Simon's helpers and Santa. Parents kept the children under control as they raced around the field.

Matt Wigler, at 14 years, played terrific jazz on the piano. Tyler Lindsay at 13 years, played his trumpet with ease, better than professionals five times his age. Both boys were full of charm and showed that they thoroughly enjoyed the world of entertainment.

Our own Jazz Islanders accompanied these stars, plus visitors Leon Joyce, Jr., Marsdyn David and Tony Braunagel.

Maryel Epps, gospel and jazz star, turned everything up several notches with her fabulous vocals.

Steve, Helen and their committees did a terrific job, and then, some of the music was repeated on Sunday at The Beach Bar.

What a treat to hear it all again in the intimate setting! I especially enjoyed Maryel and her wonderful comments on the side.

Sally Smith, Joe Ramsay and Rhett Simmonds played beautifully, as always. We celebrated Dale Harrigan's birthday with a super cake while he alternated with Tyler Lindsay on trumpet. Tyler's mother joined in on the vocals.

How they all had the energy to play that heavy schedule seems impossible to me! Everybody deserves a rest!

Thank you Steve and Helen, the sponsors and many hard-working helpers! It was a community Christmas to remember!

"Crackin' deh Nut" — A Great Show

Epiphany Theater and the Art School's dancers were a joy to see — especially the leading ladies, Jessica Samuel and Zoya Otto! No wonder Jessica has won a full scholarship at Wesleyan University. Big congratulations to you!

So Many Fundraisers This Winter

We all are aware of the shortage of money for our favorite organizations and the adjustments that are being made. The Friends of V.I. National Park have changed their date for the 20th year celebration to January 31, 2009. This relieves the confusion and duplication with the Sprauve School Gala which will be on February 7, 2009.

Library Sign Fixed

Carol can throw away her tranquilizers, Miss Sprauve's name has been spelled correctly. On second thought, you'd better hang on to the calming pills — you never know what might be next!

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Every good wish for a blessed Christmas and a healthy New Year!

V.I. Audubon Society Hosting 31st Annual Bird Count Dec. 20

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Each year as the holidays approach, birders across St. John get out their binoculars and clip boards and count their feathered friends.

It's that time of year again — the V.I. Audubon Society is hosting the 31st annual Christmas Bird Count on Saturday, December 20, and the group needs additional counters.

"Our numbers dwindled from 40 bird counters in years past to about 10 counters last year," said Laurel Brannick-Bigrig, V.I. Audubon Society's Christmas Bird Count coordinator. "We usually host the count between Christmas and New Year's, but a lot of people seem to be away that time of year, so we moved the date up to before Christmas this year."

Bird count participants go out in groups of two to record each bird they spot in the sky, and one needn't be an ornithologist to take part, Brannick-Bigrig added.

"You don't really have to know birds because we can pair you with a really good birder," said the Christmas Bird Count coordinator. "One person has the binoculars and calls out the birds they see and the other person has the clipboard and records it."

Even the V.I. Audubon's president-elect counts herself among those less than perfect when classifying the different avian species.

"Although birds aren't easy to identify, it's a lot of fun taking part in the Christmas Bird Count," said Elaine Estern, who is taking the reins from Brannick-Bigrig



St. John Tradewinds News Photo File

Birders might spot a hummingbird like the one above during the island's annual Christmas Bird Count.

as president of the group. "I take my grandkids with me every year. If the weather is gorgeous, it's even more fun."

If enjoying a beautiful Caribbean morning isn't enough enticement to join the annual bird count, participants are also helping the longest-running bird data collection on St. John, explained Brannick-Bigrig.

"The information we gather is really important," Brannick-Bigrig said. "It's the longest term data for birds on St. John. A lot of other organizations use this data."

One group which relies on the V.I. Audubon Society's information is the U.S. Forest Service, which is compiling information

on animal species throughout the Virgin Islands. In conjunction with the International Institute of Tropical Forestry, the USFS is creating a gap analysis for the territory which requires exactly the type of long-term data that the bird count offers.

Gap analysis is a scientific means of assessing to what extent native animal and plant species are being protected, with a goal of keeping common species common, according to the National Biological Information Infrastructure website.

"Gap analysis works by identifying those species and plant communities which are not adequately represented on existing con-

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— Laurel Brannick-Bigrig,
bird count coordinator,
V.I. Audubon Society

servation lands," according to gap analysis. nbii.gov. "Common species are those not threatened with extinction. By identifying their habitats, gap analysis gives land managers, planners, scientists, and policy makers the information they need to make better-informed decisions when identifying priority areas for conservation."

Although the Christmas Bird Count volunteers aren't scientists, their information is relevant because it shows bird population trends over a long stretch of time, Brannick-Bigrig added.

Novice birders can brush up on their identifying skills by joining Brannick-Bigrig at 7:30 a.m. on Sundays for a guided bird walk around the Francis Bay salt pond.

Anyone interested in joining this year's bird count should attend the V.I. Audubon Society's holiday meeting at Estern's Coconut Coast Studio on Tuesday, December 16, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., where a slide show of local birds will be shown. For more information or to sign up for the count, call Brannick-Bigrig at 776-6201, ext. 257.

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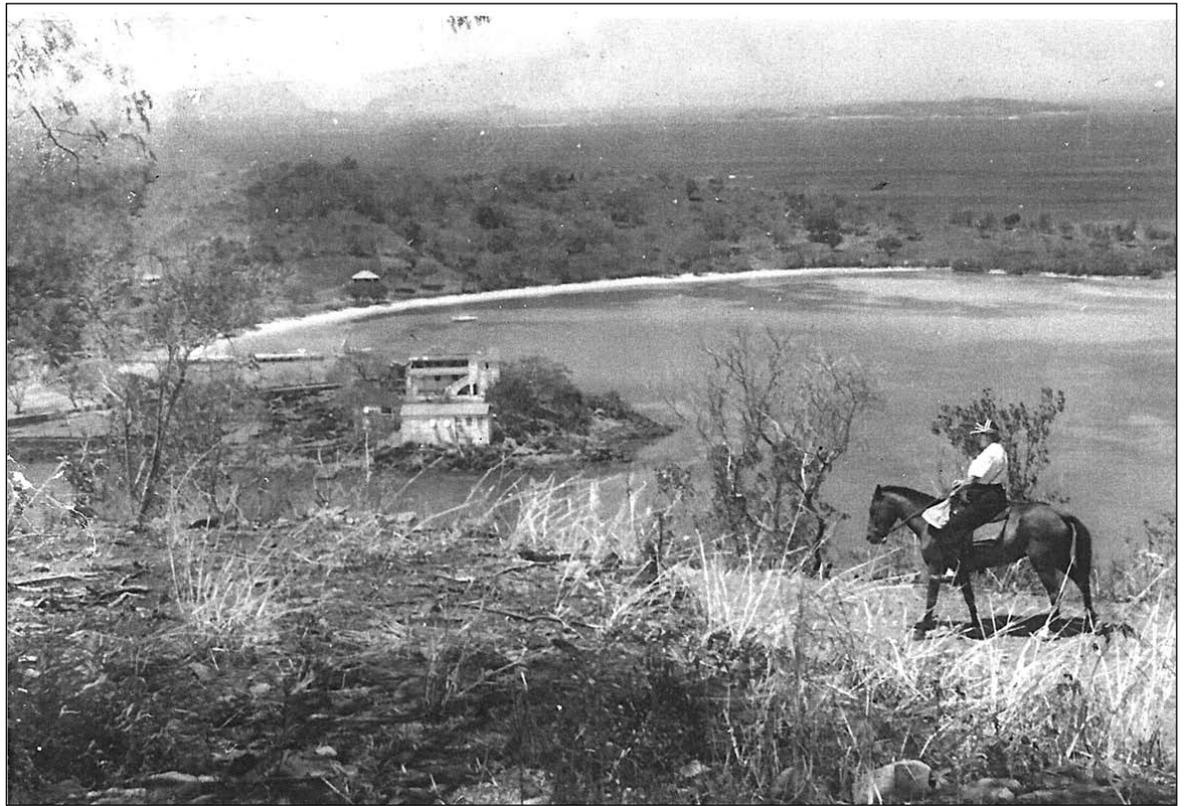
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“Mama Dohm,” Anna Dohm Nose’s mother, ran a business near the Red Hook Ferry dock, above. A view of Cruz Bay from the overlook shows the Battery in its present location, at right.



Anna Dohm Nose Brings Historical Society Back To 1930s

By **Andrea Milam**
St. John Tradewinds

St. John Historical Society members and guests packed the Bethany Moravian Church on Tuesday evening, December 9, for the rare chance to view historical photos from Anna Dohm Nose’s private family collection, dating back to the late 1930s.

The Dohm family arrived in the Virgin Islands from Denmark in 1937, when Anna Dohm Nose was just two years old, after spending three years at sea aboard their sailboat *Rest More*. The family’s arrival was front page news in the V.I., with the headline proclaiming, “World Adventurers Arrive on Yacht.”

Nose chronicled the evolution of Cruz Bay, Red Hook and Charlotte Amalie with photos from the late 1930s to the 1970s. One early photo of Cruz Bay showed just one small house, owned by Helen Payne, along the waterfront. The house was of special significance to St. John Histori-

cal Society President Eleanor Gibney, as that is where her parents first resided upon arriving on island in 1946, Gibney explained.

Nose reminisced about getting up at 7 a.m. to swim and learning to snorkel in Cruz Bay as a teenager.

Battery Unchanged

Members of the audience noted that the Battery still looks the same as it did in one of Nose’s photos from 1958, and that the Lumberyard was visible in a 1975 photo of Cruz Bay.

Nose shared several photos of the Lobster Hut, a small Cruz Bay food stand owned and operated by her late husband, Bob Nose, in the 1970s.

“What I liked about it is you sat down at the same table and made friends with everyone,” Nose recalled.

Her photos included several familiar faces, including Myrah Keating Smith and former Senator Theovald “Mooie” Moorehead.

Nose also displayed a business card from her family’s Red Hook Boat Service circa 1955. The business evolved into Dohm’s Water Taxi, which is still running today. Brion Morisette, who grew up on St. John, fondly recalled keeping his fingers crossed after a St. Thomas function that the water taxi, which ran later than the ferries, would be running so he wouldn’t have to spend the night in Red Hook.

Mama Dohm

Gibney remembered how warm and comforting Nose’s mother — affectionately known as “Mama Dohm” — was during the long wait for a ride back to St. John.

Nose’s Red Hook photos told the tale of her father’s water taxi business and her mother’s waiting room, where people sat and waited — sometimes hours — for the next boat ride over to St. John. She also shared photos of fun events, like the 1958 launching of *Pollyanna*, a boat constructed by Alton Smith during his free time.

“It was a big party,” Nose recalled.

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(L to R) Betty Gerhardt, Joy Stillman, Jennifer Triosi, Kate Swan and Susan Stair enjoyed the party's Roaring 20s theme, above.

Guests Enjoy a Speakeasy Setting at ACC Christmas for the Animals Party

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

St. John animal lovers enjoyed a roaring good time at the lavish villa Tango Mare on Friday evening, December 5, during the annual Christmas for the Animals soiree.

With a Roaring 1920s theme this year, feathered boas and long strings of pearls were de rigueur. While enjoying the festivities, guests helped raise some much-needed funds for the island's sole animal shelter, explained ACC Board of Directors President B.J. Harris.

"We raised in excess of \$10,000 and everyone had a great time," said Harris. "We had fedoras, boas, long pearl necklaces and 20s headbands with feathers all over the 'speakeasy.' We had the bootleg bar, the bullets and bubbles bar and a bathtub for gin — although it had wine, water and beer in it!"

The speakeasy theme was so embraced, guests even needed a password to enter — the Great Gatsby. Just as the party was getting into full swing, a few guests almost got in to rouble with the law, Harris added.

"At 9 p.m. we were raided by Elliot Ness and one of his men — Alec Harris and Jason Corley," she said. "But we were able to prove that on that very day — December 5, 1933 — prohibition was repealed!"

The Roaring 20s theme was such a hit that ACC officials plan to host similar parties in the future, Harris explained.

"We will continue to have theme parties, which are so much fun, especially for people — like me — who like to get dressed up," she said.

While Christmas for the Animals is a good time for everyone, it is also one of the ACC's main fundraisers of the year. The group does important work for the island's feral and abandoned animals with an annual budget of \$165,000, only a small portion of which is covered by governmental funds, according to Harris.

"We get \$15,000 from the government," she said. "We have 30 feral cat feeding stations where we dis-



ACC board members BJ Harris and Diana Ripley, above left and right, get into the mood with a decked-out party-goer.

tributed 10 tons of food this year. We get the cats used to eating there, then trap, neuter and release them."

"We neuter close to 200 animals each year and arrange for almost 100 adoptions of abandoned or seized animals," Harris continued. "We are working with the police to enforce the animal cruelty law and have established procedures for seizure of these poor 'pets.'"

As the group grows, it's quickly outgrowing its current Cruz Bay location and is setting its sights on a larger mid-island space, Harris explained.

"We are trying to build a fund targeted specifically to acquire land in the country for a full shelter with boarding facility and on-going flea market," she said. "We are grateful for the community support we get."

Anyone who missed the Christmas for the Animals can still make a donation to the ACC and mail it to P.O. Box 429, St. John, 00831.

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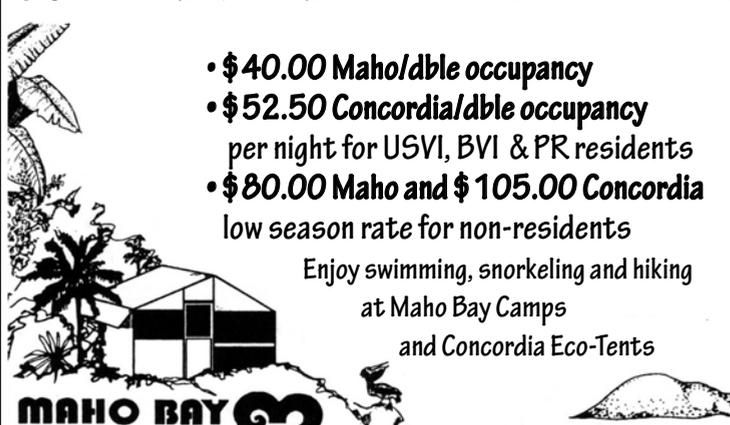
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Boysie Todman, left, and Jahmeel Fahie, right, have developed a close friendship thanks to JUMP.

JUMP: Mentors Make A Difference

By Jaime Elliott
 St. John Tradewinds

Although Boysie Todman was busy with a full time job and running a basketball program on St. Thomas, he jumped at the opportunity to join the Beacon Schools of the Virgin Islands' Juvenile Mentoring Program (JUMP) at the Julius E. Sprauve School.

The reason was simple — he had the opportunity to make a real difference in the life of a child, Todman explained.

"It's very rewarding," he said.

When asked to get involved with the program by the Cruz Bay public school's JUMP coordinator, and JESS vice principal, Brenda Dalmida, Todman didn't hesitate.

"Ms. Dalmida approached me in September and told me that she had someone in mind for me to mentor if I would be interested," said Todman. "I said no problem and met with Jahmeel. From there, the whole thing just took off."

Jahmeel Fahie remembered exactly when he got involved with the program.

"Ms. Dalmida asked me to join when I started being bad in the first week of school," said 11-year-old Fahie. "I was misbehaving in class and not listening to my teacher. I wasn't doing my schoolwork every day either."

Once Fahie started meeting with Todman, however, the young

"These kids just need someone to talk to — to relate to. Sometimes they just need a father figure. A lot of fathers out there aren't playing their roles.

— Boysie Todman, mentor for JUMP

man began feeling and acting differently, he explained.

"I look forward to seeing Boysie every day," said Fahie. "It's fun and I learn stuff, like how to deal with things."

Fahie's tendency to get into fights was one of the actions landing the young man in trouble at school, Todman added.

"Jahmeel was having a lot of trouble and getting into fights," said Todman. "We talk a lot about not being violent and about how to react to situations without fighting. We've been working to get his attention on school and get him to be more patient and relaxed."

Since taking part in JUMP, Fahie's grades have risen and his relationships, at school as well as at home, have improved, according to Todman.

"I've really seen a change in all aspects of his personality and his relationships," said the mentor.

For Fahie, the program is also fun, he added.

"We have fun together and we

talk a lot about sports and stuff," said Fahie. "I play baseball now and we talk about that."

Instead of getting into trouble, excelling at school has become a goal for Fahie, Todman explained.

"Jahmeel is very good once he applies himself," said Todman. "I've seen a real difference when he focuses."

It doesn't take much to make a difference for a child. All people need to donate is time, Todman explained.

"These kids just need someone to talk to — to relate to," said Todman. "Sometimes they just need a father figure. A lot of fathers out there aren't playing their roles."

The minimum commitment for JUMP participants is only one hour a week after school, although many mentors dedicate much more time to the program because it's such a worthy experience, explained Dalmida.

To get involved with JUMP and become a mentor, call Dalmida at JESS at 776-6336.

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JESS Seventh Graders Wrap Up Junior Achievement Pilot Program

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

Seventh graders in Abiola Hodge's class at the Julius E. Spruave School heard from a chef and a mechanic as they wrapped up a six-week Junior Achievement pilot program on Wednesday morning, December 10.

A business education program, Junior Achievement has been in existence in the U.S. and across the globe since 1960s. The program has been launched throughout the Virgin Islands for the first time this year.

VIVA Villas owner Angie Liburd taught the Junior Achievement class in Hodge's room once a week. Entrepreneur Bonny Corbeil taught the other seventh grade class. Both classes enjoyed learning first-hand about the ins and outs of the business world.

"I got involved to help kids who are interested in business and I thought, since I grew up here, I could be a great resource for them," said Liburd. "To me was very re-

warding to see the kids showing so much interest in business."

Being able to hear real-world information about the business world is an opportunity Liburd never enjoyed herself, she added.

"For me, growing up here and starting my own business, I didn't have this resource to hear from other business professionals," said Liburd.

Students learned about budgets, insurance and interviewing skills, Liburd added.

"It was basically a crash course on owning a business," she said.

For the final session of the pilot program, Liburd invited two guest speakers. Edika Franco, a chef for KatiLady Katering, and Dwight Smith, an auto mechanic and tow truck operator, spoke to the kids about the highs and lows of their professions.

Both speakers shared useful information with the students by answering their thoughtful questions.

Budding cooks can either study

at a culinary school or apprentice with a known and trusted chef, but must have a passion for the profession, Franco explained.

"I love to cook — it makes me happy and I get to make other people happy through my food," said Franco. "It's like being a magician and an artist at the same time. It's a very rewarding and secure way to make a living, but you must love to cook."

The best thing future mechanics can do is read, according to Smith.

"Listen to your teacher, work hard and do the right thing," Smith said. "You have to read a lot of books and then go out there try to put the ideas to use."

After listening to the guest speakers, students enjoyed a pizza party, which they planned and budgeted for themselves, Devine explained.

"The kids had to plan the whole party themselves including coming up with a budget and everything,"

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Angie Liburd, above right, taught one of the Junior Achievement pilot program classes at JESS.

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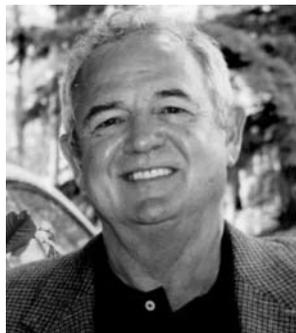
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Just My Opinion

by Andrew Rutnik

Obama Is America



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For all those who have come to doubt America and what it stands for, a single movement for change and hope, led by a simple man of extraordinary skills has renewed our optimism and touched our hearts.

America, a country once known around the world as the land of opportunity and freedom, has become tarnished by wars, misplaced bravado, and divisive politics. The dramatic Democratic Party presidential primary had two great candidates in Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton — who battled to the end — with Obama prevailing and history being made.

The Republicans took the low road of attack politics, pandering to the right wing of their party, taking an honorable man in John McCain and putting him in a role that did nothing to inspire the majority of the American people.

Much has been written about this momentous election and as historians analyze all the issues surrounding the 2008 election, more will surface to re-enforce the opinion of people around the world that this was one of America's greatest moments. On the night of November 4, 2008, more tears of joy and hope were shed worldwide than at any time in recorded history.

To paraphrase the famous words of Charles Dickens, "these are the worst of times and the best of times." So it is very fitting at a time when we are at war on many fronts, the world is on the brink of financial collapse and pessimism reigns, that a leader has risen from the country that produced the likes of Abraham Lincoln, John F. Kennedy, and Martin Luther King.

President-elect Barack Obama is the embodiment of the American story. Our nation was founded on the constitutional principles of justice and opportunity for all. Our country was made prosperous early on by

the shameful evil known as slavery.

Our union was made stronger by waves of immigrants passing through Ellis Island and our sometimes porous borders. These migrants enriched our culture, provided an eager and talented workforce, and grew our economy to number one amongst the world's developed nations.

We are always a people that respond to calls for social justice and now, after many years of struggles, we will inaugurate a president with a family tree which truly represents the diversity that America so proudly heralds.

We are not Europeans, Africans, Asians, or Mexicans, we are Americans. The fabric quilt of our country has many different patches, but all are stitched together to make the whole stronger.

After many years of divisive politics that pitted white against black, Jew against Christian, Muslim against us all, and red state against blue state, the election of Barack Obama has begun to repair the tears in our United States union.

President-elect Obama is a mere mortal, subject to all of the strengths and weaknesses power bestows. We cannot grant him super powers, nor can we allow his weaknesses to prevail.

What we can do is reinforce our dreams for a better America, by fixing our own communities, repairing our own lives, shedding our prejudices, and never letting our political or religious beliefs rise to the level of intolerance.

Barack Obama is America — this is who we are as a people. This is why we are looked upon by the world as the greatest country on earth — no other country has opportunities for anyone which lands on its shores as we do in America. God Bless America, and God Bless Barack Obama!

GBS Christmas Program Is Dec. 19

St. John Tradewinds

The Guy H. Benjamin Elementary School annual Christmas Program will be on Friday, December 19, at 10 a.m. at the school basketball court. The public is invited to attend. For more information, contact GBS principal Dionne Wells at 776-6242.

AASJ Gallery Closing Sale

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The Artists' Association of St. John is hosting a big sale at its gallery in the Lumberyard from Friday, Decemeber 19, through Sunday, December 21, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Church Christmas Concert Dec. 21

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St. John Pentecostal Church of God invites the community to its Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 21, at 4:30 p.m. Special guests are Spencer Stapleton, Yvette Powell, Christine Charles, Willis Fahie and the Gospel Tones and more.

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Night Time Activities Resume

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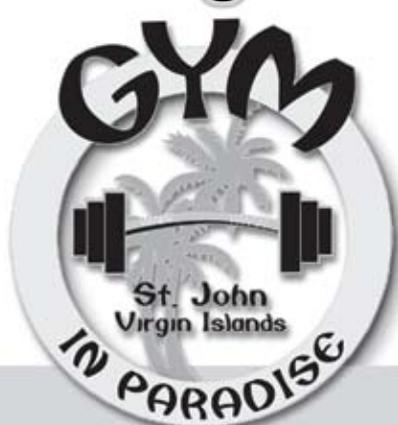
Lights at the Winston Wells ballpark on St. John have been fully restored through efforts of the Department of Housing, Parks and Recreation with assistance from the V.I. Water and Power Authority.

"Games scheduled last Sunday were called off at sunset due to some non-working light fixtures," said HPR Commissioner St. Claire Williams. "With the assistance of WAPA, the problems were corrected by Wednesday of this week."

The department laid out a strategy to upgrade parks and recreational facilities across the territory and as a result of that effort, new energy efficient lights have been ordered to replace the existing lights which have been in place for a number of years at the ballpark, Williams explained.

"Additionally, other improvements are slated for the ballpark including bleacher repairs, repairs to the perimeter fence and restoring the playing field," he said.

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Family and friends joined visitors to enjoy the sweet sounds of The Love City Pan Dragons which filled the ballroom on Friday, December 12 at the Westin Resort. The organization's next public performance will be at the Community Kwanzaa Program on Friday, December 26 in Frank Powell Park at 6 p.m.



Rhythm & Views

An outlook on young adult interests and concerns
by Malik Stevens

Dealing with Problems

St. John Tradewinds

Life can be hectic, stressful and sometimes even a bit unfair, especially for high school students nowadays. Teens have to deal with school, life at home, peer pressure, extra curricular activities, raging hormones, and all the other good stuff that comes along with being a young adult.

When they come along, everyone has different ways of dealing with these problems, but one thing is for sure — there are many things that can be done to prevent or at least make these times of struggle easier to deal with.

I am no Dr. Phil, but in my life I have dealt with many issues and have seen others deal with their many issues. Being witness to these experiences has shown me that sometimes it takes very little effort to cure some problems.

Most will agree that one of the biggest ways to cure a problem is a simple one-on-one talk. Everyone needs that one person they can feel comfortable sharing their problems with, knowing their words will remain confidential.

I feel that just by having someone listen to your problems can help a situation a whole lot. It is even better when that person has good advice or remedies for the problems.

Keeping your problems bottled up inside only makes them worse. Doing this can lead people to do surprisingly profound things.

People also need time for stress relief. We all have our different means of stress relief, whether it is art,

dancing, listening to music, being in nature, hanging with friends, or being on the internet.

Without a means of releasing stress, it just keeps adding up. Stress not only affects one's mental being, but one's physical being as well.

What I have found many parents doing, is putting tight boundaries on their kids. This includes not letting their kids go out with friends, pushing them way too much in school, giving them too many responsibilities, and just not letting them be kids.

Most of the time, it is out of care and compassion. Parents only want to cage their kids from the negative effects of society, but from the few times I have witnessed this happen, they have ended with even more problems. Kids end up wanting to rebel, and if they do not, when they get older they will be naïve in society.

I think it's good for parents to give their children free time to have fun, and be a kid.

Showing people that they are cared about makes times of struggle much easier to cope with. This can be shown by asking people questions about what is going on in their lives, hugging someone, going an extra mile for someone, or even just by saying three simple words — I love you.

There are many other things that can be done to prevent or make these times of struggle easier. Even though there are some days when we all feel like just giving up, remember, no matter how hard a time we may have, there are people out there that have it worse.

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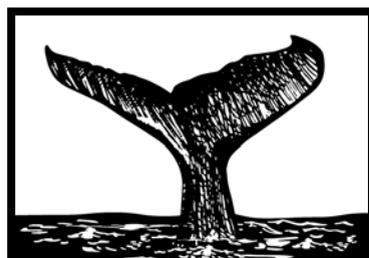
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Wahlen have made their Gift Hill villa a place of rest and rejuvenation for those in real need of a vacation, donating time at their island sanctuary to disabled veterans and families of fallen firefighters.

Although the Boston-based couple has found a way to heal wounds on the secluded shores of St. John, their charitable work has recently garnered attention on a much larger stage.

The Boston Celtics recognized Bernstein and Wahlen on December 1 as part of their "Heroes Among Us" program which honors individuals who have made an overwhelming impact on the lives of others.

"I felt really small standing in the middle of 20,000 people at the game — it's not something I am used to," Bernstein said. "But being in the company of other people who have won this award is an honor."

At each home game, the Celtics honor individuals for their unique humanitarian efforts during a special in-game presentation. The Heroes Among Us program has awarded nearly 400 individuals over the past decade, and Bernstein and Wahlen were invited to share



St. John Tradewinds News Photo Courtesy of Deborah Bernstein

Bernstein and Wahlen were captured on local TV as they were honored during a recent Celtics game.

the spotlight during the Celtic's recent defeat over Orlando Magic.

"It was amazing — they picked us up in a limo, they took us to the game, we were able to bring two friends with us and they even surprised us by having my mom there too," Bernstein said.

"It is truly humbling in my mind because there are people who have done bigger things, but it just goes to show that no matter what you are doing, you can make a difference," Bernstein continued. "It

doesn't go unnoticed."

Bernstein, a yoga instructor, and Wahlen, a captain in the Boston Fire Department and former U.S. marine, are not in the villa business to make money — in fact, they are losing quite a bit. For every five vacations booked at Florian Villa, the couple donates a week long all-inclusive vacation and airfare for wounded veterans or families of fallen firefighters.

"It is something that is directly helping people who have been recently injured in combat," Bernstein said. "We will make our villa available any time we are able to raise enough money to support a trip."

But it is not just the donation of the villa the couple must consider when sponsoring a trip for wound-

ed veterans and families — they also cover costs of the food, transportation, accommodation of additional staff and island excursions — expenses that have proved difficult during a slower-than-average rental season.

"It has been a really slow rental season — the more renters we have the more we are able to donate," Bernstein said.

Bernstein is currently trying to raise money for the next charitable vacation they will be hosting at the end of February. The SUDS (Soldiers Undertaking Disabled Scuba) organization, which helps wounded soldiers reacclimate with their bodies to complete a scuba diving certification, will bring between five and eight veterans to St. John to obtain their open water certification.

Bernstein has received a grant to help sponsor the SUDS trip but she is still looking to raise about \$5,000 more.

"I am extremely grateful for the people on St. John who have donated, and to the Weber Foundation which gave SUDS a grant to support two soldiers for this trip," she said. "It is a stretch for us to cover this trip because we don't have the rental incomes we were expecting, but we will do this one way or another."

If you are interested in donating or learning more about Bernstein and Wahlen's mission, please visit: <http://www.florianvilla.com/about-us.php>.



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St. John Singers Present Two Christmas Concerts

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With a mixture of classical music, holiday favorites, and a traditional sing-a-long, the St. John Singers are ready to ring in the festive season.

The choir will present a concert in Cruz Bay on Tuesday, December 16, and another in Coral Bay on Saturday, December 20, both beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The featured composer is George Frideric Handel, according to director John Cahill.

"We're presenting the 'Hallelujah, Amen,' but it's not the 'Hallelujah Chorus' from the Messiah," said Cahill. "It's from another oratorio, Judas Maccabaeus. And we're performing 'Awake the Trumpet's Lofty Sound' from the oratorio Samsom with accompanying brass players from St. Thomas."

"Handel wrote a lot of oratorios, you know," Cahill said.

The choir will sing a variety of holiday songs, from the big-it-up "Do you Hear What I Hear?" to the lesser known, but lovely, French Canadian carol "Shepherdess, Whence Come You?"

Soprano Detra Davis from St. Thomas will be the featured soloist on several selections, including a 20th Century version of "What Child Is This?" by composer Lloyd Pfautsch.

"What's fun about the choir is that we do 20th century compositions, and we also do music from the Renaissance — 500 hundred years of music," said Cahill.

Accompanist Janice Ballard will lead the audience and choir in a sing-a-long of Christmas carols.

"The St. John Singers draw people together by evoking our shared music," said one long-time member.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for students and are available at the door.



Historical Bits & Pieces by Chuck Pishko

The Original St. John Map

St. John Tradewinds

In the latest issue of the St. John Historical Society's newsletter there is a five-page excerpt from a new book titled, "Archaeology and Geoinformatics — Case Studies from the Caribbean," published by the University of Alabama which discusses the earliest map of St. John created by Peter Lotharius Oxholm.

A Danish military officer, Oxholm's primary mission was to evaluate and map existing fortifications and to recommend improvements which would safeguard Danish commercial interests in the Caribbean.

In the course of his surveys, Oxholm produced the "1780" map. The map has long been available to scholars but not to the general public.

The son of King Frederik V had one of the finest collections of historic maps in the world and the St. John map became part of that esteemed collection. Another copy was created and given to Juliane Marie and is preserved today in Queen Margrethe's library.

We take maps very much for granted today. The view of St. John from the heavens was hard to



1780 map of St. John

imagine in 1780 before satellites, lasers and other modern mapping tools. Depicting ghuts, hills, marshes, roads, paths and buildings — including the enslaved Africans' houses — belies Oxholm's genius in achieving the graphic impact of his map.

In 1800 a version of the map was printed by G. Angelo in Copenhagen. Most recently this black and white map was reprinted by the Eastern National Park and Monument Association through

the efforts of the late Historian Stephen C. Edwards. It is no longer available.

Now through the efforts of three inveterate St. John hikers, Peter Burgess, John Baldwin and Bob Garrison, the original 1780 map is available in a full color art print in various sizes from Frames of Mind Gallery (framesofmind@earthlink.net) in the Lumberyard.

It's a perfect Christmas gift for anybody interested in the history of St. John.

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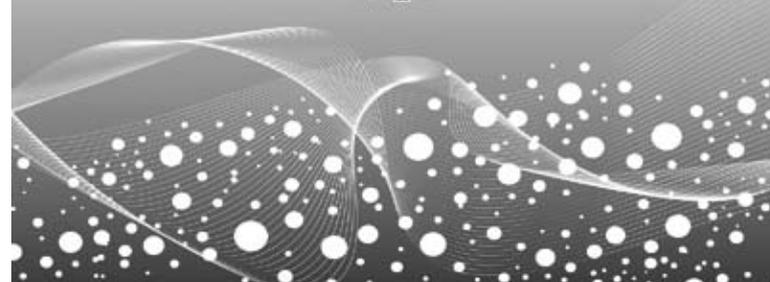
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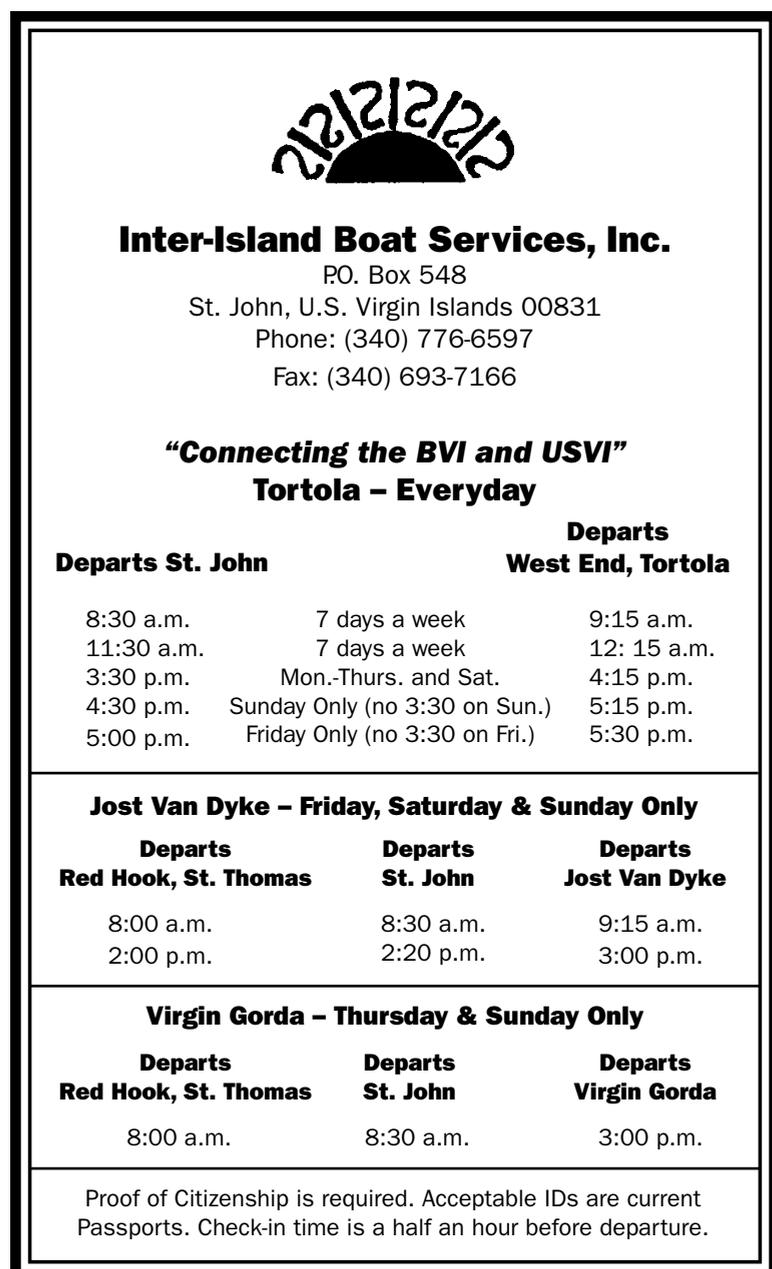
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Letters to St. John Tradewinds

Call a Vet When Poisoning Is Suspected

Editor,

Thank you for printing Elaine Campbell's letter last week in which she freely shared kind words about my character and way of earning a living. She added credence to her analysis by advising readers of her elite educational status.

Ms. PhD, and all readers, if you suspect poisoning don't just give the animal water and watch it die. Call a veterinarian. Anticoagulants are a specific type of poison for which there is a specific antidote, which the veterinarian has and will administer.

The sooner the animal gets to the vet the greater the chances of survival and the faster the recovery.

Call a veterinarian immediately if you see bruising, or bloody gums or suspect poisoning for any other reason. Ms. PhD, nature didn't cause the poisoning and nature won't resolve it.

My earlier letter referred to an unnamed expert who was Robert M. Corrigan PhD, a professor at Purdue for 16 years. He in turn referred to work by a veterinarian, Dr. Roswell, who in 1979 used electroencephalograms to analyze the pain associated with anticoagulant poisoning of rats.

Todd Roskin
St. John Solutions

Another Response To Roskin's Letter on Rodent Poisons

Editor,

I was horrified by the exterminator's recent letter denying that anticoagulant rodent poisons cause a long painful death and denying that the poisoned rodent then becomes lethal to other animals. I wonder if the writer has ever taken the time to watch an animal die of hemorrhagic poison, as I've had to do when working in places on St. John where I've had to witness the slow deaths of tree rats and mongooses.

Dr. Campbell's reply testifies clearly, not only to a cat's slow and agonizing death, but to its having been caused by poison in "tamper-resistant" bait-boxes, properly installed and maintained at the V.I. National Park.

The exterminator's claims are based on a workshop with a "world-renowned rodentologist," someone who specializes in killing mice and rats. But to know the impact of anticoagulant poisons on cats and dogs, it makes sense to ask experts in veterinary medicine.

There's ample on-line research confirming that these baits cause long and excruciating pain and that

they can indeed cause second-hand death. The Department of Veterinary Medicine at the University of California states, "Pets may be poisoned by eating rodenticide directly or secondarily by ingesting a rodent that has eaten the poison."

Anyone considering putting out poison to kill pests needs to consider the consequences. Think of the case that's reappeared recently in the news, for example, the Missouri farmer convicted and fined for "unintentionally" killing bald eagles, red-tailed hawks, and great horned owls when they fed on the carcasses of coyotes he'd poisoned.

You have to wonder how many other deaths resulted from the poisons he's used over the years and how long they'll continue to toxify the environment.

Poison is a gift of death that just keeps on giving. Please don't poison the world we all live in. For further information on the affects of rodent-baits, call the ASPCA Animal Poison Center at 888-426-4435.

Sincerely,
Paula Myles

Police Presence in Cruz Bay Is Welcome Sight

Editor,

First, the negative, which can easily be made in to a positive! I recently found it necessary to contact the V.I. Police Department for assistance. During the conversation, the very polite member of the VIPD who took my call asked me if "Joe's Diner" was in Cruz Bay.

This is the second time I have been asked by our VIPD where a very well-established Cruz Bay business was located. I agree with VIPD Commissioner James McCall that it is positive for members of the department to travel among the islands and be prepared to assist the public at any location in the territory.

However, I do think that if tourists are willing to ask for a free map in order to familiarize themselves with the businesses, shops, etc. on St. John, those members of the VIPD who travel here from St. Thomas to work should be willing to do the same. In a real emergency, a caller may not be able to explain business locations, etc., to a responding officer.

Now, for the already positive! On Monday evening, December 8, there was a noticeable police presence in

Cruz Bay which made the public stop and take notice. There were three officers in front of First Bank and one in front of another business.

They didn't stand in those locations for a lengthy period of time, and they may have been in other locations as well, but they were highly visible and they were observed on the streets by the public.

I heard questions from local residents such as, "What are the cops doing here?" One tourist group commented, "Look at the police standing there." Hopefully, these visitors will write a positive note in an on-line travel web site, that, "Yes, the St. John police are indeed available and ready to protect those visitors our economy so depends on."

In addition, as a letter published last week stated, they can indeed write an accurate report when a crime is reported, and follow-up as per their job description. The VIPD who serve St. John, no matter which island they call home, are just as capable of investigating a St. John boat or dingy related robbery as the BVI police are.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Mann

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Letters to St. John Tradewinds

Leave Beach at Chocolate Hole Alone

Editor,

Anyone who has been out on a boat in Cruz Bay, Great Cruz Bay, or Chocolate Hole when the sun comes up, can tell you the difference between the nature-made ones and the one the developers had to make.

I'm out there trying to catch bait when the sun comes up, and the marine life you can see in Chocolate Hole and Cruz Bay, puts Great Cruz Bay to shame. At 6 a.m., I see turtles, tarpon, juvenile spotted eagle rays, sharks, barracudas, snook, and so many other fish, I can't even begin to name them — and I fish for a living. A lot of these bays are estuaries for little fishes to get big, without getting eaten.

Most of these things I see in Cruz Bay and Chocolate Hole, because the beach in front of the Westin can't support that much life. Go out to Chocolate Hole in the morning and watch the fish, and then see

what happens if First American Development is allowed to mess with the beach down there.

Developers in St. Thomas are trying to do the same thing with Mandahl Pond, by closing it off, building an 87-slip marina, a bunch of condos and shops, and disrupting the ecosystem, and a whole bunch more crap that none of the North Side residents really want there — all so some people from up north can make some dough.

The problem is, they don't know how they'll be affecting some other people's livelihoods and the environment. See what I see, on and in the water on a daily basis, and I think you may understand why we, as a community, should not let these people mess with the beach in Chocolate Hole.

Capt. Christopher Tronquet
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Reader Offended by Song About Senator John McCain

Editor,

We just received our *Tradewinds* newspaper dated November 10-16, 2008 in the mail at our Pennsylvania home.

We were shocked to see published on page 19 either a paid advertisement or an editorial by Malik Stevens about how bad a person Sen. John McCain is/was.

Mr. Stevens obviously disliked Sen. McCain more than he can say...that is OK for him...what is no tOK is for your paper to publish his feelings without comment that it is either a paid advertising piece by him, or an editorial for your newspaper.

My wife and I were strong supporters of Sen. John McCain's bid for the presidency...there are no doubt other very strong supporters of Sen. John McCain's presidential run living on St. John. Your paper by publishing the Stevens "Hit Piece" has shown your complete bias against Sen. McCain, and has thumbed its nose at those other McCain supporters living on St. John...You make a very bad mistake of assuming that if one lives on St. John, that everyone who lives there is an Obama supporter...you couldn't be more wrong...In my opinion about 30 percent of people who reside on St. John are McCain supporters...they just don't advertise it, because it is not their way.

In the past I have taken full page ads in your sister publication to advertise our home for sale on St. John. As a consequence of your publishing the "Hit Piece" by Mr. Stevens in *Tradewinds*, we will no longer be using your *St. John Magazine* to advertise our home.

Cordially,
William S. Gross

Editor's Note:

The article referred to was a continuation of regular columnist Malik's Stevens' *Rhythm & Views: Presidential Candidates at GHS*. The column, which was on page 6, was about Stevens' American Government class project on Election Day, which included a skit poking fun at the candidates and their entourages.

The column referred readers to page 19 for the lyrics of the song performed by Stevens, who impersonated Sen. Barack Obama in the skit. The "John McCain" song on page 19 inadvertently didn't refer readers back to Steven's column, although it was clearly marked with his byline.

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Villa Florien Owners Honored at Boston Garden

Editor,

I am writing in regards to a recent article on Villa Florien and its two owners Deb Bernstein and Scott Wahlen. It was a great article and I wanted to let you know that their great work continues to be recognized here in Boston.

On Monday night, December 1, they were honored by the Boston Celtics at the Boston Garden between periods of the game between the Celtics and the Or-

lando Magic. They received the "Heroes Among Us" Award which is presented to people who do outstanding things for others.

They were acknowledged and received a standing ovation from the sold-out crowd at the Garden. Having read the article after attending the game I thought it was important to let you know.

Regards,
Mike Pankievich, Boston, MA

St. John Tradewinds Keeping Track

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

St. John Tradewinds Keeping Track

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Solved: 0

Shootings: 2
Under Investigation: 1
Solved: 1

Stabbings: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

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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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Solved: 0

Shootings: 0
Under Investigation: 0
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Stabbings: 1
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Under Investigation: 2
Solved: 1

Arsons: 0
Under Investigation: 0
Solved: 0

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

2nd Degree Burglaries: 16
Under Investigation: 16
Solved: 0

3rd Degree Burglaries: 63
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Obituary

Gordon L. Brownell Passes Away

St. John Tradewinds

Dr. Gordon L. Brownell was a part time resident of St. John who invented positron imaging and developed positron imaging instrumentation over 50 years.

Dr. Brownell was born in Duncan, Oklahoma, and raised in Upstate New York and Pennsylvania. He received his B.Sc. from Bucknell University Lewisburg, PA and PhD in physics from MIT in Cambridge, MA. During World War II he served in the Navy Research Team to develop acoustic devices to detect deep-sea mines.

After completing his PhD he was appointed as professor at MIT and he also established Physics Research Laboratory at Massachusetts General Hospital being one of the pioneers of having a shared position between these institutes. He served as the Honorary Physicist at the Department of Radiology at MGH and as a Professor Emeritus in the Department of Nuclear Engineering at MIT until his death.

Dr. Brownell is a part of the History of Nuclear Medicine. His early research focused on developing detection techniques for radioiodine, which was just in infancy to be used in diagnosis and treatment of thyroid diseases.

He was a part of the US team to conduct studies of thyroid function on people living in Mendoza, Argentina, where people do not get iodine from natural sources. Dr. Brownell's early publications of thyroid function and calculation of the radiation doses are still valid after 56 years.

In addition to collaboration with endocrinologists Dr. Brownell was interested in brain imaging, which was extremely limited at that time. In 1950 he built the first Positron Imaging Device and it was immediately used for detection of malignancy in a seven-year old girl.

Dr. William Sweet, who was the Chief of Neurosurgical Service at MGH, removed the tumor and the patient lived to the age of 62 years and had two children. This invention and the successful surgery were widely recognized and reported in several news papers as well as in Time magazine in 1954.

After this remarkable invention, Dr. Brownell and his research team developed six different models for positron imaging including the PC-I, first tomographic positron imaging device and the first computed tomographic positron imaging device (PET) during 1968-1971.

The latest developed PET system in 1995 was a massive cylindrical imager allowing dynamic volumetric data acquisition. Dr Brownell's innovations are so fundamental that they remain in use today around the world and will continue to shape the science and practice of positron imaging far into the

future.

Dr. Brownell participated in the development of Radiological Sciences training program in the Department of Nuclear Engineering at MIT and a research program on boron neutron capture therapy for brain malignancies. In 1956 he wrote a book "Radiation Dosimetry" with Gerald J Hine. This book has served as a basis of radiation dosimetry and served as a course book in several universities around the world.

The vivid research environment in his laboratories at MGH and MIT in the course of 50 years has provided an outstanding platform for young scientists to learn and pursue for future. His former students are presently world leaders in several areas in US and abroad.

During the Cold War he was a scientific analyst in the US-USSR Health Program and he made extensive visits to several laboratories in the Soviet Union. The visits were dealing with areas of medical physics, medical engineering, and application of radiation in diagnosis and therapy.

In 2006 a French television crew came to interview Dr. Brownell for a documentary on "History of Medical Imaging." Though Dr. Brownell had just finished an intensive chemo and radiation treatment for his neck cancer at that time, his mind and memory were crystal clear when he described the early inventions of positron imaging.

Throughout his life Dr. Brownell served on multiple committees and received multiple honors and awards for his dedication to the advancement of science. Among those are the membership in the Institute of Medicine, The National Academy of Sciences; Paul C. Aebersold Award of the Society of Nuclear Medicine; George von Hevesy Memorial Award, Innsbruck, Austria; the Coolidge Award, American Association of Physicists in Medicine; Director and Fellow of American Nuclear Society; Honorary Fellow of the American College of Nuclear Medicine; Honorary Member, Argentina Medical Association.

Though his life was largely consumed with scientific research, he was an avid world traveler and reader. He played squash weekly with the same partner for 30 years. He enjoyed skiing and skating as well as spending movie nights with his family.

In his later years he was involved in real estate development on St. John, USVI. He developed Klein Bay subdivision on Rendezvous Bay, and designed and built two villas, "Oleander" and "Orchid," leaving a lasting footprint on this paradise island.

Dr. Brownell is survived by his wife, Anna-Liisa, six children and seven grandchildren. The memorial service was at the MIT Chapel on Saturday, December 13.

Letters to Tradewinds

Volunteer Trail Clearing In Full Swing

Editor,

This season has gotten off to even a better start than last, despite the vegetation growing on steroids in September and October.

The regular volunteer days this year are Tuesday and Thursday mornings with the pickups at the same times. Our new van, compliments of V.I. National Park, leaves the maintenance yard next to Mongoose Junction at 8 a.m. sharp, then Cinnamon Campground at 8:15 a.m. and Maho Campground at 8:30 a.m.

For the next two weeks we will be working at Annaberg on both Tuesday and Thursday each week arriving their about 8:45 a.m. and staying until 1 p.m.

Sincerely, Jeff Chabot

Volunteer Coordinator for Friends of VINP

Athletic Field is a Community Affair

Editor,

Thank you for Katie Tarta's coverage of new sports offerings at Giffit Hill School. Just as GHS plans to share the school's athletic field with the St. John community, its construction has been a community effort.

Along with the contributions of Pond Bay, we would also like to acknowledge a substantial portion of the field construction thus far has been performed and donated by Brent Squires/Stone Masonry—with additional in-kind work by Majestic Constuction and Correa Excavating. Trayser Construction will oversee the completion of the field with funding from generous supporters of GHS.

Thank you to Kent Wessinger for his hard work toward expanding athletic offerings for St. John youth and to all of our parent and community volunteers. We look forward to the completion of the playing field and sharing this invaluable community resource.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Biddle, GHS Headmaster

How To Ask for a Salary Increase

Editor,

One day an employee sends a letter to his boss asking for an increase in his salary!

Dear Bo\$\$

In thi\$ life, we all need \$ome thing mo\$ de\$perately.

I think you \$hould be under\$anding of the need\$ of u\$ worker\$ who have given \$o much \$upport including \$weat and \$ervice to your company.

I am \$ure you will gue\$\$ what I mean and re\$pond \$oon.

Your\$ \$incerely,

Norman

The next day, the employee received this letter of reply:

Dear NORman,

I kNOW you have been working very hard. NOWadays, NOthing much has changed. You must have NOticed that our company is NOt doing NOticeably well as yet.

NOw the newspapers are saying the world's leading ecoNOMists are NOt sure if the United States may go into aNOther recession. After the NOvember presidential elections things may turn bad.

I have NOthing more to add NOw. You kNOW what I mean.

Yours truly,

David

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CORRECTION: Hugo Dennis' name was incorrect in the article "Local AARP Members Hear from Regional Officials" in the December 8-14, 2008 issue of the *St. John Tradewinds*. We apologize for the error.

Friends Wrapping Up Storm Chain, Looking Ahead to Future Projects

By Jaime Elliott
St. John Tradewinds

After four years of work, the Hurricane Hole storm mooring chain project is wrapping up this month.

Friends of V.I. National Park launched the project in 2004, with the installation of about 60 storm berths. Since then, the group has overseen the installation of an additional 30 berths. In the final phase of the project, American Underwater Contractors installed about 30 more berths in Princess and Otter Creeks last week.

"It's something we've wanted to do for a long time," said Joe Kessler, Friends of VINP's executive director. "It's all part of making the park anchor-less. The big issue was having enough moorings to accommodate boaters who live here as well as visiting boaters who use the park."

"The moorings are safer, and certainly a simpler, way to anchor and they protect the environment," Kessler said.

Manta Ray Anchors

The anchor system used for many of the berths utilized a 15-foot sand screw as part of its heavy-duty construction. Areas in Princess and Otter Creeks, however, were too shallow to accommodate that type of system, so installers are using manta ray anchors instead, Kessler explained.

"This time we're going into areas we had to skip, so there was a gap in Princes Creek and another

in Otter Creek where the sand is only eight or nine feet deep," he said. "We're using the manta ray anchors because they can be used in shallower areas. They are kind of like a shovel and you drive them into the sea floor."

"When you hit rock or can't go any further, you pull up on the chain and it springs back so the anchor is parallel to the water surface," continued the Friends of VINP executive director.

Each anchor point along the entire hurricane hole storm chain is tested to hold 20,000 pounds, Kessler added.

"These anchors have specs between 12,000 and 18,000 pounds so we put two down for each berth and they're joined by a length of chain and hooked up by one-inch ground tackle," he said.

User-Friendly

Overall, the Friends saw about 120 storm berths installed as part of the project, with about 30 feet of spacing between each. VINP officials, however, have spaced the berths even further apart, according to Kessler.

"There are somewhat fewer berths than 120 because the park has been making the berths a little bigger on the recommendation of local boaters," he said. "We want to make the chain is as user-accessible as possible. Despite this year's berth registration being less than optimal, having the chain has made hurricane season less stressful for boating interests."

Boaters can put down ground tackle as soon as VINP opens Hurricane Hole — usually in early June — well before the threat of a storm even approaches.

"People already have their spot and have their gear down," said Kessler. "Then they just have to go back and add more ground tackle as needed."

Local and Visiting Boaters

Local boaters aren't the only ones enjoying the Hurricane Hole storm berth chain, Kessler added.

"We've certainly seen a huge advantage by having people not tying to the mangroves," he said. "The whole system has made the environment cleaner out there. Protecting the mangroves helps fish, turtles — the whole population."

Funding from the Gulf of Mexico Foundation, an anonymous donor and the National Park Service helped cover the estimated \$115,000 price tag for the final phase of storm mooring installation in Hurricane Hole, according to the Friends executive director.

As the Friends see one major

project wrapped up, officials already have their eyes on the next item on their agenda — creating accessible trails in the park.

Francis Bay Boardwalk

"While St. John isn't ideal for people with mobility issues, there are several trails that are somewhat level and we're going to make them wheelchair-accessible," said Kessler.

Friends officials will start at the Francis Bay salt pond trail where volunteers will install a roughly 800 foot boardwalk past the bird viewing platform down to the beach, according to Kessler.

MSI donated all the wood for the boardwalk, but Friends is looking for donations or funds to purchase fasteners and volunteers to construct the walkway, Kessler added.

Next, officials will head to the Cinnamon Bay trail where permeable concrete and hard-pack gravel will help make the area through the ruins to the beginning of the loop trail accessible to people with mobility difficulties.

Friends officials will be closer

to the beach at Cinnamon for their next project of renovating the archeology lab at the bay.

Revamping Archeology Lab

"The park archeology department has been there since the late 1990s and they've unearthed such amazing stuff, but they have no place to display their finds," said Kessler. "All of this stuff has been sitting in boxes. The idea is to get this collection out to the public along with the story of the island's history from pre-Columbus times on."

The cultural and environmental heritage center will house museum-quality cabinets which could one day be moved to a larger facility, Kessler added.

"We know that structure at the beach is small, so we're looking ahead to have another, larger structure built in the future," he said. "So whatever we build it will be able to be moved somewhere eventually."

For more information, to donate to Friends or to help the group construct the Francis Bay trail boardwalk, call 779-4940.



Zacharias James Wilson

Zacharias James Wilson was born on October 14, at 6:22 p.m. at R.L. Schneider Hospital in St. Thomas to Anna Adams and Jim Wilson, of S/V *We'll Sea* in Coral Bay. Congratulations Anna and Jim!

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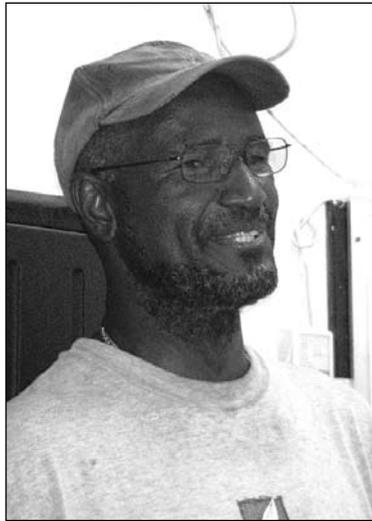
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Edika Franco, above left, and Dwight Smith, above right, spoke to the JESS students during their final class of the Junior Achievement pilot program.

Junior Achievement Pilot Program

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he said.

A total of 52 students in the two JESS seventh grade classes took part in the worthwhile program, explained Paul Devine, St. John Junior Achievement VI coordinator.

"The program allows children to see how business works and allows them to perhaps start the process of going into business for themselves," said Devine. "Once you understand how a business works you can start to see yourself in business. Junior Achievement provides not only the curriculum, but provides a way for kids to realize they have the potential to start their own businesses."

Both the instructors and the students benefited from the program, Devine added.

"The kids just loved it," he said. "The teachers and the instructors got really into the program too.

Angie had to go away this week, but she flew down just for the last class."

As the initial program proved to be such a success, officials are hoping to incorporate the program at Guy Benjamin School in Coral Bay at the third and fourth grade levels, according to Devine.

While the program is taught and run by volunteers, funds are needed to purchase the curriculum and Junior Achievement officials will be requesting donations in the future to cover expenses, Devine added.

If all goes as planned Junior Achievement classes will be available for all students in the Virgin Islands, explained the St. John program coordinator.

"We really hope to have the program stay within the curriculum of the Virgin Islands schools and we'd like to have the classes at every level," he said.



Paws for a Moment

ACC Celebrates Christmas for the Animals

By Bonny Corbeil
St. John Tradewinds

The Animal Care Center Christmas for the Animals 2008 fund raiser was hosted at beautiful Tango Mare in Hart Bay on the evening of Friday, December 5.

This beautiful villa was generously donated for the party by Ed and Sharon Metz and Lynn and Terry English. Sincere thanks to them!

Tango Mare was creatively decorated in a roaring 20s theme — all in silver, black and red with a "Bullets and Roses" outside bar; an inside "Prohibition Bar" including a large ice-filled bath-tub; special lighting with an abundance of hanging pearl beads; (bubble gum) cigarettes with holders; cigarette girls; gangsters with suspenders; and flapper women doing the Charleston at every opportunity as 1920s music played.

A "police raid" was staged and, according to Maia Mongie, it was so real she almost had a heart attack! Most ticket purchasers showed up at this event dressed in Roaring 20s costumes which only added to the fun of the evening.

Strings of pearls, 20s feathered head bands, gangster hats in both white and black were all on sale so someone's island fancy dress could easily be transported back in time. Of course, raffle tickets were on sale with wonderful donated prizes from local businesses to raise much needed funds.

It was another fun-filled ACC event which raised \$10,000. There were a good number of wonderful photographs taken which can be printed and purchased for only \$5 each at The Mail Center, with all proceeds going to the ACC. This could be the perfect Christmas present or stocking stuffer!

As usual — a number of volunteers worked tirelessly to make this event happen. All of the food and drinks were donated.

The ACC Board of Directors, island animal

supporters and the needy animals of St. John, thank all of these people for their continual support especially at this special and busy time of the year.

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And a huge thank you to these volunteers for helping in this important fund raiser:

CFA Board Committee Organizers: Diana Ripley, Monica Munro, Jason Corley and Jennifer Troisi with special creative involvement from Heather Ruhsam, Alec Harris and Connie Joseph. And thanks to Bruce Munro, Kate Norfleet, Mr. Joseph, Jane Keyser, Maia Mongie, Vicki Becker, Lucy Portlock, Leslie D' Avegon, Sarah Bigelow, Laurie Odenbach, Stephen Morgan, Debbie Penn, Angie Stepleton, Erika Kellerhals, Meaghan Enright, Seth Morgan, Malik Stevens, Zenobia Howe, Christie Allyn and Miles Stair for all of your hard work. And to the ACC Board of Directors - BJ Harris, Bonny Corbeil, Monica Munro, Diana Ripley, John Fuller, Oriel Smith, Jason Corley, Jennifer Troisi, Jennifer Dale, Catherine Fahy and Dean Baldwin. Thanks for all that you do to keep the ACC doors open and operating.

Holiday blessings to all the special people of a very special place, St John.

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Gifts for the Kids

Children in grades fourth through sixth were treated to Christmas gifts courtesy of the St. John Festival and Cultural Organization on Tuesday afternoon, December 9, in Frank Powell Sr. Park.

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Photos by Tom Oat



St. John Police Report

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Friday, December 5

10:45 a.m. - Management at the Post Office in Cruz Bay c/ requesting police assistance with a male who is creating a disturbance. Police assistance.

11:57 a.m. - A citizen c/r that a male is creating a disturbance in the area of Mongoose Junction. Police assistance.

1:25 p.m. - A visitor from Oregon c/r being in an auto accident in the area of Hawksnest Bay. Traffic accident.

Saturday, December 6

7:45 a.m. - A citizen p/requesting police assistance with a male. Police assistance.

8:48 a.m. - An employee of Love City Mini Mart c/requesting police assistance. Police assistance.

10:00 a.m. - An Estate Bellevue resident p/r someone stole his Play Station 3. Grand larceny.

Monday, December 8

9:20 a.m. - An Estate Pastory resident p/r that she is being harassed constantly by her ex-boyfriend who destroyed several items of hers. Destruction of property.

12:30 p.m. - A citizen c/r an individual drifting on a motor boat in the area of Privateer Bay. St. John Rescue was notified.

8:20 p.m. - An employee of Maho Bay c/r a suspicious male walking in the campground with a flash light. Suspicious activity.

10:34 p.m. - A citizen r/ his

campground was broken into. Burglary in the third.

Tuesday, December 9

6:30 a.m. - An Estate Zootenvaal resident r/ someone slashed three of her tires on her Jeep Wrangler. Damage to a vehicle.

11:00 a.m. - A citizen c/r an accident in the area of the Beach Bar parking lot. Auto accident.

7:00 p.m. - A citizen p/r that someone unknown damaged his rental vehicle. Damage to a vehicle.

No time given - A citizen p/r he has a trespasser on his property. Police assistance.

Wednesday, December 10

8:55 p.m. - An Estate Pastory resident p/r that a female stole \$3,000 from his residence. Grand larceny.

12:20 p.m. - EMT c/requesting police assistance with a male who attempted to commit suicide. Attempted suicide.

1:40 p.m. - An Estate Rendezvous resident p/r an incident with the Westin Resort. Police assistance.

3:00 p.m. - A citizen p/requesting police assistance. Police assistance.

4:05 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r she lost her wallet in Cruz Bay. Lost wallet.

4:10 p.m. - An Estate Bellevue resident p/r she lost her wallet. Lost wallet.

4:45 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r being harassed via telephone. Telephone harass-

ment.
7:45 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r she was assaulted by a female. Simple assault.

Thursday, December 11

2:15 a.m. - An Estate Pastory resident p/r that his brother took his vehicle without his permission. Unauthorized use of vehicle.

9:00 a.m. - A Lovango Cay resident r/ that she was assaulted by her boyfriend. Aggravated assault and battery, DV.

5:00 p.m. - A Cruz Bay resident c/requesting police assistance with a male at her residence. Disturbance of the peace, DV.

5:40 p.m. - A George Simmonds Terrace resident p/requesting police assistance. Police assistance.

7:35 p.m. - An Estate Glucksberg resident p/r an adult female is harassing her minor son. Disturbance of the peace.

9:00 p.m. - An Estate Adrian resident p/r she was threatened in the area of the Youth Center. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

Friday, December 12

7:00 a.m. - A construction worker at Calabash Boom construction site c/r a burglary on said property. Burglary in the third.

11:30 a.m. - An Estate Calabash Boom resident p/r a disturbance with her ex-boyfriend. Disturbance of the peace, threats, DV.

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, December 16

With a mixture of classical music, holiday favorites, and a traditional sing-a-long, the St. John Singers are ready to ring in the festive season. The choir will present a concert in Cruz Bay on Tuesday, December 16, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 17

The Coral Bay Christmas tree lighting and carol sing will be Wednesday, December 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the basketball court. Coral Bay neighborhoods — from Ajax Peak to Mandahl — and everyone in between, should come prepared to share their caroling voices.

Thursday, December 18

The Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission will host its annual veteran medallion auction on St. John at 11 a.m. on Thursday, December 18 at Boulon Center.

Friday, December 19

The Guy H. Benjamin Elementary School annual Christmas Program will be on Friday, December 19, at 10 a.m. at the school basketball court. The public is invited to attend. For more information, contact GBS principal Dionne Wells at 776-6242.

Friday, December 19

The Artists' Association of St. John is hosting a big sale at its gallery in the Lumberyard from Friday, December 19, through Sunday, December 21, from 4 to 10 p.m.

Saturday, December 20

With a 14-year-old thoroughbred horse eating her out of house and home, Carolina Corral owner Dana Bartlett is trying to raise enough funds to transport the equine to a new home in the states. A raffle drawing will be at 8 p.m. on December 20 at Island Blues, followed by a live auction.

Saturday, December 20

With a mixture of classical music, holiday favorites, and a traditional sing-a-long, the St. John Singers are ready to ring in the festive season. The choir will present a concert in Coral Bay on Saturday, December 20, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 21

St. John Pentecostal Church of God invites the community to its Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 21, at 4:30 p.m. Special guests are Spencer Stapleton, Yvette Powell, Christine Charles, Willis Fahie and the Gospel Tones and more.

Thursday, December 25

Merry Christmas! St. John Tradewinds news office will be closed to the public from December 20-28, 2008

Friday, December 26

The Love City Pan Dragons Youth Steel Orchestra's next public performance will be at the Community Kwanzaa Program on Friday, December 26 in Frank Powell Park at 6 p.m.

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.

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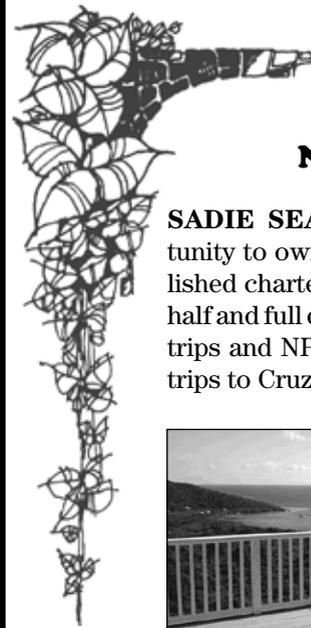
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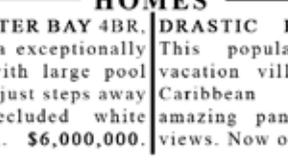
NEW LISTING

"CARI-BEANA" villa has 2br 2ba w/ loft br/ba PLUS a fantastic 1br, 1ba unit. Close to town yet private and secluded. Beautiful panoramic sunset Caribbean water views to St. Thomas with very impressive rental history. \$1,495,000.

HOMES



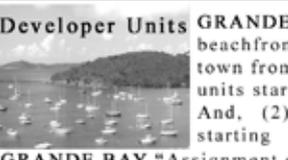
LOWER PETER BAY 4BR, 4.5 BA villa exceptionally furnished with large pool and located just steps away from a secluded white sandy beach. \$6,000,000.



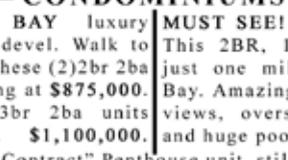
DRASTIC REDUCTION! This popular 3br, 3ba vacation villa with great Caribbean flair has amazing panoramic water views. Now only \$959,000.

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CONDOMINIUMS



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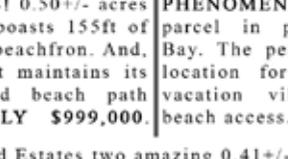
MUST SEE! REDUCED! This 2BR, 1.5BA unit is just one mile from Cruz Bay. Amazing sunset water views, oversized veranda and huge pool. \$549,000.

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LOCATION, LOCATION! – Dramatic cliffside setting, on coveted Maria Bluff, w/ sunrise to sunset views. 3 bedroom / 2 bath stone & concrete home with large wraparound veranda, travertine floors, mahogany cabinetry, tile roof, large spa, full air conditioning, large circular drive. \$1,699,000.

LUMINARIA – Luxurious ridge top villa w/incredible north shore and down island views. 3 spacious bedroom suites, 3.5 baths, lg. pool w/waterfall, spa, 4 car garage, gated entry, privacy, beautiful furnishings & landscaping. Vacation rental history. \$2,495,000.

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WATERFRONT WITH DOCK – Poured concrete 3 bdrm/ 2 bath home on a flat ¾ acre site adjacent to National Park. Enjoy all watersports from shared private dock, & hiking along the secluded shoreline. REDUCED to \$1,250,000.

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

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

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

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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.

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ESTATE CHOCOLATE HOLE – Pebble Way location, 0.65ac, water views.....\$299k

SEAGRAPE HILL/EMMAUS – Coral Hbr & Moravian Church views, 0.34ac..... \$185k Great Buy! 0.35ac. w/waterview, paved road..... \$182k 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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UPPER CAROLINA: 3 bdrm, 3.5 bath villa has spectacular Coral Bay views from this custom 3 level home. Main level has spacious great room and front porch. Interior staircase goes to 2 master suites & a lower level studio suite below.
\$1,500,000

"WINDWARD SIDE" super privacy highlights these 2 wonderful masonry cottages. Hot tubs, bricked courtyard and wonderful décor make this a very special offering.
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TEMPTRESS 2 bdrm suites separated by 2 buildings - a living area and an impressive kitchen complete with granite countertops, private decks, dramatic sunsets. **\$1,650,000**



MAHOGANY TREE VILLA, Create a charming B&B offering a gated entry, walk to Frank Bay & town. (4) 1bd/1ba units with A/C, common pool & garage. **\$975,000**

HOMES

CRUZ BAY .75 acre, 3 bdrm short term rental with pool and panoramic views. Zoned R-4 and suited for development. **\$2,950,000**

ISLAND MANOR Hear & view the surf of Hart Bay. 4 bedrms with ensuite baths and elegant furnishings sited on .51 acre. Multi-level floor plan offers privacy. **\$1,700,000**

NEW! This remodeled property with South Shore views. Additions include 2 new a/c bdrm, pool, decks, laundry room and kitchen in lower unit. **\$1,400,000**

ESTATE ROSE Largest private estate available on South Shore. Double parcel knoll top offering spectacular views. 3 bedrms, 4 1/2 baths plus caretaker's cottage. 2.2 Acres. **\$4,500,000**

FUN & CONTENTMENT 180° views. Tiled pool deck, 2 large ac. Master suites. SS appliances, mahogany hardwoods, stone accents. Plans for 3 more bedrms. **\$1,235,000**

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GARDEN BY THE SEA B&B, West Indian gingerbread architecture and island furnishings. Owners apartment plus 3 income producing units. Room for expansion. **\$1,800,000**

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ZOOTENVAAL Quaint Caribbean cottage tucked in at the end of the road. Walk to Coral Bay. Two separate units. plans available for additional home. **\$729,000**

L'ESPRIT DE LA VIE Gorgeous home in upscale Pt. Rendezvous. 180° sea views, dining for 8, gourmet kitchen. 4 large bdrm/bath suites. Infinity edge pool. **2,950,000**

CVISTA Magnificent open air 4 bedroom villa above the turquoise waters of Rendezvous Bay. Stunning residence exudes comfort, class & elegance. **\$3,895,000**

LOVE NEST Bright & airy, new cottage overlooking Hurricane Hole, Coral Bay, & BVI. Plans approved for an additional 2BR, 2BA w/pool. **\$489,000**

MARBELLA Expansive St. Thomas sunset views, 3 bedrms w/ en suite baths. Open style layout all on one level, access from each room onto the pool. Central A/C. **\$2,850,000**

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BAREFOOT New 2 bdrm, 1.5 bath guest cottage in quaint Coral Bay neighborhood, Room for expansion. **\$899,000**

UPPER CAROLINA! Coral Bay harbor views. Live in the lower apartment while completing 2nd unit & the planned 4 bdrm/4 bath pool Villa. **\$425,000**

NEW! Brand new 3 bedrms, 4 bath masonry home in Flanagan's Passage. Great views with many amenities. **\$2,399,000**

INN LOVE Beautiful Great Cruz Bay with Sunset Views! 5 bdrm, 5 bath with pool, spa, a/c bedrms and inviting great room. **\$1,795,000**

LAND

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SEAGRAPE One of the larger parcels in Seagrape Hill. .41 acres. Offering paved access. Downhill build. **\$165,000**

WATERFRONT ON MARIA BLUFF IN GREAT CRUZ BAY! Spectacular 180 degree views stretching from St. Croix to Mingo. 1.03 acres **\$2,250,000**

CHOCOLATE HOLE .5 acre site with beautiful ocean views for **\$409,000.**

ESTATE CONCORDIA Large .81 acre parcel, easy build, good ocean views, and breezes. close to NPS beaches. **\$550,000**

WATERFRONT LAND Oversized downhill building site with gentle slope. Views from St. Croix to Thatch Cay. 0.71 acres, **\$899,000**

ESTATE FISH BAY Expansive Fish Bay water views, downhill & uphill access, .5 acre, seller financing possible **\$275,000**

PASTORY Enjoy expansive westerly views overlooking Pillsbury Sound .34 acres with cistern and living accommodations. **\$425,000**

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