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## VIPD Continues Investigating Murder of Cap's Place Owner

A few flowers and a black ribbon on a closed Cap's Place, above, memorialize the death of Juan Ayala.

A VIPD officer searched a neighborhood near the Estate Pastory murder scene with his gun drawn, left, shortly after the January 5 shooting.

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# Martin Luther King Day of Service January 19 Involves Action at GBS

By Jaime Elliott  
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As people across the globe gear up for President-elect Barack Obama's inauguration ceremonies on Tuesday, January 20, a movement is spreading to make the day before the swearing-in a historical event as well.

St. John residents won't have to travel far to get in on the King Day of Service action. The Coral Bay Community Council and Guy H. Benjamin School are hosting a playground maintenance day at the Coral Bay elementary school from 9 a.m. until its done.

Monday, January 19, is the federally-recognized Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, and Obama has called for Americans to mark the day by taking part in community service projects.

While Obama's backing of the idea of service on the day honor-

ing the great civil rights leader has generated a lot of support for the movement, the King Day of Service was launched several years ago by the non-profit organizations MLK Day and USA Freedom Corps.

Across the country, organizations are gearing up for the biggest King Day of Service which Obama and Vice President-elect Joe Biden will take part in, according to the website usafreedomcorps.gov.

"Organizers of the annual service day say momentum is building in the wake of the President-elect's call and the timing of the holiday coming one day before the inauguration," according to the website. "In addition to asking Americans to serve, President-elect Obama, Vice President-elect Biden, and their families will participate in service on the January 19 holiday in the Washington D.C. area."

Beyond just participating in community service projects, the day is also intended to bring various factions of American society together, according to mlkday.gov.

"The King Day of Service brings together people who might not ordinarily meet, breaks down barriers that have divided us in the past, leads to better understanding and ongoing relationships, and is an opportunity to recruit new volunteers for ongoing work," according to mlkday.gov.

In addition to cleaning up the GBS playground area, St. John volunteers will also have the chance to sign up for on-going projects and find out ways to help out at the school all year.

The group will meet at the school at 9 a.m. on Monday, January 19. For more information call GBS at 776-6242 or CBCC at 776-2099.

## St. John Rescue Call



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St. John Rescue responded to a call on Monday afternoon, January 5, when an elderly island visitor was having difficulty breathing. The team met V.I. National Park staff at the park ferry dock to offer assistance.

## Historical Society Meeting January 13

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The St. John Historical Society will host a potluck supper and senior panel at Bethany Moravian Church Hall beginning at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, January 13.

Members will be joined by a group of the island's senior culture bearers and expect to have rare recordings of old-time steel-pan and V.I. Folk music. Attendees are asked to bring a favorite potluck dish. No alcohol, please, due to the location. The Society will provide the drinks, utensils and paper products. All are welcome!

## CBCC Hosts Stormwater Sedimentation Forum at Concordia on January 15

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Dr. Sarah Gray of the University of San Diego will make a brief presentation, "Impacts of Development on Sedimentation in St. John's Bays" at the new Pavilion at Concordia Eco Resort in Coral Bay, Thursday, January 15, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Gray will describe her team's research on stormwater sedimentation rates in Lameshur Bay, Fish Bay and Coral Bay and how they are conducting this research, with the assistance of local volunteers and funding from NOAA.

Everyone is welcome. Drive the downhill road to the restaurant at Concordia for parking. For more information call the CBCC office at 776-2099.

## VIPD Commissioner McCall Attending Coral Bay Business Meeting Jan. 20

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Coral Bay business interests will host their third meeting Tuesday, January 20, at 8:45 a.m. at Shipwreck Restaurant, co-hosted by the Coral Bay Community Council and the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce. There will be a brief business meeting, followed by a discussion with V.I. Police Department Commissioner James McCall about police coverage and public safety.

All residents are welcome to attend. For more information contact the CBCC office at 776-2099 or coralbaycommunitycouncil@hotmail.com

## Friends To Celebrate 20th Anniversary

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On Saturday, January 31, Friends of the Park will be celebrating their 20th anniversary with a gala hosted by Rob Blakeney at his spectacular villa, Presidio del Mar, on the point at Peter Bay.

It will be a festive night featuring cuisine catered by Mathayom Private Chefs and dancing to the music of Greg Kinslow's ensemble. A list of fantastic gifts will be offered as raffle prizes.

For 20 years Friends of VINP has remained committed to the protection and preservation of the natural resources and cultural heritage of the national park. Through the generous support of donors, Friends is able to not only concentrate on natural resource conservation and cultural preservation but include important environmental education and scientific research which will sustain the park for generations to come.

For more information contact Steve Hiss at 779-4940.

## Richard Ormrod Performing at SJSA

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St. John School of the Arts will present Richard Ormrod in concert on Thursday, February 12, at 8 p.m. British pianist Ormrod has delighted audiences worldwide and has twice soloed with the Philharmonia Orchestra at London's Barbican Centre (Beethoven concerti).

Tickets, \$30, are available at Connections or at the door. For more information, please call 779-4322.



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Onlookers and neighborhood residents remained at the Estate Pastory scene, left, around 11 a.m. on Monday morning, January 5. A VIPD officer was spotted with his gun drawn on a nearby side street while canvassing the area, above.

## VIPD Continue Investigating Murder of Juan Ayala — No Arrests Made

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

V.I. Police Department officials continued their investigation last week into the murder of St. John business owner Juan Ayala, who was gunned down outside his Estate Pastory home just after 8 a.m. on Monday, January 5.

VIPD officials, including Commissioner James McCall, spent most of the day of the murder investigating the scene outside the home of the well-known Ayala, owner of the Cruz Bay landmark Cap's Place across from the U.S. Post Office in Cruz Bay.

A VIPD officer was seen searching a neighboring residential area at about 11 a.m. that day with his gun drawn although no suspects were taken into custody, according to police officials.

Just after 8 a.m. on January 5, several shots rang out in the Estate Pastory neighborhood, which sounded like automatic or semi-automatic fire, according to a neighbor in the area.

"I had just gone down to town and picked up an employee and we crossed the bridge and came back here," said the neighbor, who did not want his name published. "Right about 8:10 a.m. we heard a lot of shooting in rapid succession. It really sounded like a whole bunch of automatic machine gun shots."

"I called 911 and waited for a cop car to come up or something and then the rumors started flying," said the neighbor. "The po-

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— St. John resident

lice got there around 8:25 a.m. and blocked off the road."

Ayala, who owned the Pony Bar in St. Thomas in addition to his Cruz Bay nightclub, was shot several times about the body, according to McCall.

"We can't confirm how many times he was shot or that it was an automatic weapon used," said the commissioner. "It could have been a semi-automatic weapon."

While no arrests had been made as of press time, there was an unconfirmed report police officials are studying surveillance photos showing two men who appeared to be waiting outside Cap's Place before the shooting at Ayala's home less than a mile from town.

VIPD officials are working on the investigation in conjunction with a number of other government agencies, McCall said.

"Other agencies are also assisting in this matter including Department of Planning and Natural Resources, Port Authority, National Park Service, and we've even contacted law enforcement officials in Tortola and St. Lucia,"

said McCall. "We're working with all of these agencies to assist in solving this heinous crime."

Convinced that someone must have been in the area at that time of day and saw something, the department has posted a \$10,000 reward for information leading to an arrest, McCall added.

"We are offering a \$10,000 reward for information leading to an arrest or conviction of the suspect or suspects," said the VIPD Commissioner. "Anyone with information, no matter how minute, should contact us. We know there had to be individuals out there in the morning."

"We think someone had to see or hear something," McCall said. "We are appealing to the public to come forward and share any information they have."

While it remained unclear last week what motive was behind the murder, Cap's Place has been targeted by criminals several times in the past year. During the early morning hours of June 12, two masked gun men forced their way into the Cruz Bay bar as employ-

ees were leaving. After demanding money, the men were given an undisclosed sum of cash and left.

The bar was robbed again in mid-December when employees discovered about \$1,800 missing from a back office during business hours. Surveillance cameras showed a man forcing his arm through a space, unlocking a door and taking money out of a drawer.

Bolongo Bay resident Gregoire "Chateaux" George was arrested in connection with the incident and faces charges of first-degree burglary and grand larceny.

The murder, the first of the year in the Virgin Islands, shocked residents across St. John.

"What a terrible shame to have this happen in our community," said a resident. "Although we've heard random shots from time to time in several areas on the island, nothing like this has ever happened. To have automatic gunfire and murder is just incredible."

"Something like this should never take place on our quiet little island," said another resident.

Ayala was a member of the newly formed Democratic Association of United Hispanics/Latinos. The St. Thomas District Democratic Party Chair decried the murder.

"Mr. Ayala was committed to getting more members of the Hispanic community involved in the political process," said Delores Thomas in a prepared statement. "He was also determined to improve the quality of life for all Virgin Islanders. Mr. Ayala was

the victim of a senseless act of violence — the most recent in the far too many killings in our community. The Virgin Islands can ill afford to continue along this path. We must do better."

Anyone with any information regarding Ayala's murder should call the VIPD at 911, the Major Crimes Unit at 715-5522 or 715-5548. Residents with information can also call the Crime Stoppers USVI hotline at 1-800-222-8477.

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## Chamber Group Wrapping Up 2008 Projects

By Jaime Elliott  
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Members of the St. John Chapter of the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce are working to complete several projects from 2008 and forge ahead with a slate of new initiatives for 2009.

A greeter program, which will feature trained personnel offering cold rum punch and fruit punch to passengers disembarking at the Cruz Bay ferry dock, should be launched soon, according to Kate Norfleet, the St. John representative for the local chamber.

The group has already made a lot of headway on the project, but is having difficulty with one small issue, according to Norfleet.

"The greeters have already been trained," said Norfleet. "We're ready to go, but there seems to be a problem with getting permission from the Coast Guard to be able to serve alcohol on the dock. We'd like to be able to at least serve water or fruit punch in the meantime."

"That is what I'm hoping to at least get going right away," Norfleet said.

A welcome cart, from which the greeters will work, is almost completed. While MSI donated all the materials, additional funds are needed to pay for the construction, according to Norfleet.

"The St. John Accommodations Council came through with a dona-

tion, but we're still shy of what we need," she said.

Chamber members have also been working to help guests who arrive on St. Thomas after the ferries stop running secure passage to St. John. While Don Porter has made accomplishments on this project, there remain problems, explained Norfleet.

"Don Porter has had a great deal of success with getting signs posted for the late night flights," she said. "We still need to resolve some issues with that. All the kinks have not been worked out."

"There seem to be communication problems and people are still having trouble getting water taxi rides after hours," said Norfleet. "We're working to establish clear communication with airlines, taxis and guests as to what options are available for visitors arriving too late to meet the last scheduled ferry at midnight."

Despite the setbacks, the group expects to wrap up these projects soon and has branched out to include monthly Coral Bay meeting as well

"The Coral Bay group is up and running," she said. "There has been some progress being made there and the group is moving forward. V.I. Police Department Commissioner James McCall will attend their next meeting on January 20."

In Cruz Bay, the group continues

to meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m., but have a new home in the upstairs at Ocean Grill in Mongoose Junction.

"The new venue is a nice open air space," said the chamber representative. "It's private, there is plenty of room and plenty of parking. And people can unwind with a cocktail if they want to."

"But the meetings will still only be one hour," Norfleet said.

For the year ahead, the group will tackle a slew of new projects, which will be determined at their next meeting on January 27, explained Norfleet.

"At the next meeting we're going to be planning what we're going to be focusing on for 2009," she said. "We are already planning our next Business After Hours in May. Things are heating up for the year."

The group is also looking for more members, Norfleet added.

"The more members we have from St. John, the stronger our voice is," she said.

The next Coral Bay Chapter meeting with the Chamber of Commerce will be Tuesday morning, January 20, at Shipwreck Restaurant at 8:45 a.m. The next Cruz Bay Chapter meeting will be on Tuesday evening, January at 27, at 5:30 p.m. at Ocean Grill.

To donate to the greeter booth project call Norfleet at 693-9099.

## Wha's Happ'nin'

by Sis Frank

### Beach Bar Welcomes Gorgeous Bride from Siberia and Dashing Italian Groom from Tuscany

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Old friends of the Schnells were married at Caneel and surprised The Jazz Islanders' fans last Sunday — what a treat for us all — yes, I caught the bouquet, but passed it on to Carmen Hamilton — who wants an octogenarian bride?!

#### Old-time Resident Celebrates Her 90th

The queen of Yazoo City, Mississippi, no longer lives in the house that now is Asolare, but I shall remember her planting, cutting and weeding the lovely garden over the years — she and her husband, Ron, lived at Mooies when they arrived in the late 40's. Happy Birthday to Sarah Morrisette!

#### Still Time to Register at SJSA

Call or stop by to register for St. John School of the Art programs. Phone 779-4322 or stop in the building next to the Legislature behind Sprauve School,

### Jr. Tennis Clinic Starting on Sundays

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St. John Racquet Club is hosting a Junior Tennis Clinic for ages 5 through 18 on Sunday, January 11, and every Sunday after, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Cruz Bay public courts for \$5. Contact Patrice Harley for more information at 776-6643.

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# VIPD Shooting Investigation Continues Two Years Later

By Andrea Milam  
St. John Tradewinds

Two years after a police chase ended in the shooting death of 18-year-old burglary suspect Michael Freeman, the investigation into the incident continues.

Freeman was shot and killed on January 4, 2007, after he and five other people fled V.I. Police Department officers attempting to pull over their vehicle on suspicion of a series of burglaries which occurred in Fish Bay earlier that week.

Reports indicated that when officers stopped the vehicle on Centerline Road near Centerline Concrete, the driver and another occupant of the vehicle opened fire. Police returned fire on the vehicle.

It still has not been officially determined, however, whether the bullet that killed Freeman was fired by a VIPD officer, and police have not released any further details surrounding the case — including to Freeman's mother, Cleopha Bryan.

The investigation is currently in the hands of V.I. Attorney General Vincent Frazer, VIPD spokesperson Melody Rames said last week.

Bryan stopped calling to follow up on the case when she realized she was getting the runaround, she explained.

"I still have no answers and I don't think I'll ever hear anything," said Bryan. "I called in the beginning, but after I realized they were giving me the runaround I stopped."

Instead, Bryan, who grew up on St. John and now lives on St. Thomas, conducted her own investigation. She now believes she knows which officer shot her son, she explained.

"I can ask questions," said Bryan. "I'm a St. Johnian and I know things. So whatever they think they're hiding, they're not."

Bryan and the officer know one another, she added, but the officer doesn't know she believes he killed her son.

"When I see him, he bows his head and doesn't make eye contact," Bryan said of the officer. "He has a conscience. I'm not going to approach him about it because they never told me who did it — they think I don't know."

Freeman had been in trouble prior to his 2007 death. He was shot in an unsolved case on St.

Thomas in November 2005. Despite his rocky past, the 18-year-old didn't deserve to die, his mother explained.

"Whether he was good or bad, he was still a mother's child," Bryan said of her son, who would have turned 21 on January 12. "He

was not perfect, but no one has the right to take the life of another and get away with it."

Bryan admitted to crying on the two year anniversary of her son's death, but said she is getting better with time.

"I did my cry," she said. "I'm

okay, and this too shall pass. It's going to get better, but it's not going to go away."

Lack of information from the VIPD is preventing Bryan from having closure over her son's death, she added.

"There's no closure whatsoever

because they're not saying anything," said Bryan. "It's sad they could sweep it under the table like that and show no remorse. It was a hostile situation and something happened fast, but you can still apologize and say 'we're sorry,' sorry goes a long way."



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— Bonny Corbeil, Crime Stoppers USVI board member

## Anonymity Ensured with Crime Stoppers Hotline

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

In the face of continually increasing crime across the Virgin Islands a group of citizens is launching a proven crime fighting program in the territory.

Formally launched during a Wednesday, January 7, kick-off on St. Croix Crime Stoppers USVI works by offering cash rewards to people who provide tips which lead to arrests. The program is based on ensuring the anonymity of the tipsters, who call a stateside 1-800 number.

Once a person calls 1-800-222-8477, which is answered by a professional service in the Washington, D.C. area, they share their information and are assigned a pin number. The tipster is asked to call back to check the progress of the case and see if any additional information is requested. Callers are never asked to identify themselves.

### Cash Rewards

If their information leads to an arrest, arrangements are made for a cash reward — between \$100 and \$2,500 depending on the severity of the crime — to be delivered to the caller, at a site of their choosing.

Once the tip comes in, the answering service contacts V.I. Police Department Chief Thomas Hannah, the Crime Stoppers law enforcement coordinator, who passes the information on the department. It remains up to VIPD officials to conduct an investigation and follow up on the information.

The program also includes a partnership with local media, which will publicize a crime of the week each Wednesday. The crimes of the week, which will be featured in all local newspapers and on radio and television outlets, will bring special attention to one unsolved case, ranging from missing persons to wanted fugitives.

Since the program is territory-wide the crime of the week will highlight a crime from a different island each week.

### All Community Funding

The program is entirely funded by the community and memberships are available for \$50 for adults and \$10 for students. Most of the money raised through membership dues will go toward paying rewards. Crime Stoppers USVI has already signed up 65 members and raised more than \$30,000.

“We have some money in the bank,” said Crime Stoppers USVI chair Judi Fricks. “We still need more, but we’re off to a running start and we can pay cash rewards immediately.”

The group expects to pay out \$100,000 in reward money this year alone, Fricks added.

The structure of the organization includes a board of directors on St. John, St. Thomas and St. Croix to ensure that each island has a voice.

### Anonymity Is Key

Within the small community of St. John, the number one concern is anonymity, explained Bonny Corbeil, a Crime Stoppers USVI board member.

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“With the lack of trust that started many years ago in the VIPD, this is a faster and more trust worthy way to have our community get involved,” Corbeil continued. “It cuts through so many of the reasons why we choose not to call the police. Here is a way — a safe way and a sure way — to tackle crime now.”

### Rewards Paid

Originally launched in New Mexico in 1976 by a police officer as a way to get information about an unsolved murder, Crime Stoppers has spread across the globe and led to the arrests of 750,818 criminals. Internationally, the program has paid more than \$88 million in reward money.

Many people, however, choose to not collect the money, as they just want the criminal off the streets, Fricks explained.

“This program really works,” said Fricks. “They have worked out all the bugs and it just now depends on community involvement.”

“This is really about the community taking control and says we’re fed up with crime,” she continued. “People complain about crime and bad things happening in our society, but this program allows citizens to actually fight crime.”

### “A Proven Commodity”

While the program includes a partnership with the VIPD, it is independent of the department, Fricks added.

“It’s a proven commodity,” said VIPD Commissioner James McCall. “It has worked in many other locations and in locations as small and smaller than ours.”

Brochures, with information about obtaining a membership, are available at the St. John Community Foundation office on the third floor of The Marketplace, or at [www.crimestoppersusvi.org](http://www.crimestoppersusvi.org). For more information call Paul Devine at the St. John Community Foundation office at 693-9410.

Anyone with information regarding any illegal activity in the Virgin Islands should call 1-800-222-8477.

# Nickbarg Set To Sail in Youth World Championship This Summer

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

Sixteen-year-old St. John sailing sensation Max Nickbarg continues to scale the ranks in the international youth racing circuit.

After one regatta, Nickbarg already secured himself a berth in the laser youth world sailing championships in Brazil this summer.

A strong performance at the Orange Bowl Regatta in Coconut Grove, Miami, at the end of December, qualified the Antilles School junior for the prestigious 2009 Volvo Youth Sailing ISAF World Championship in Buzios, near Rio de Janeiro, in July.

"I ended up getting 23rd so I didn't reach my goal of finishing in the top 10," Nickbarg said about his performance in Miami. "But I did reach my first goal, which was to qualify for the youth worlds."

Between 15 and 20 knots of wind are the ideal conditions for Nickbarg, and the air in Miami started out looking promising, he explained.

"It was 15 knots the first day of racing and then it died down every day after that," said Nickbarg. "That kept me back in the rankings partially."

With the youth worlds already booked, Nickbarg is looking ahead to the Mid Winter's East Regatta



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Max Nickbarg competes in the Orange Bowl in mid-December where he qualified for the Youth World Championships.

in Clearwater, Florida, at the end of February for a shot at racing in the youth laser radial world championships in Japan this summer, he explained.

In addition to racing on the laser radial circuit, Nickbarg is also a member of the Antilles sailing

team, where he skippers 420s and FJs. Antilles' racing season will heat up in February when the team has several regattas scheduled, Nickbarg explained.

Splitting his training between the St. Thomas Yacht Club and the beach near his Great Cruz Bay

home, Nickbarg dedicates countless hours to the sport, yet retains his love of sailing.

"I like the competition mainly," said the young sailor. "And I like being on the water."

All that time on water, however, does not interfere with Nickbarg's

grades, a point which his parents enforce.

"Max really loves to sail competitively and is very committed to the sport," said his mother, Mary Nickbarg. "He devotes a good part of his after school time to being on the water with an eye toward his goal of becoming a top racer. That is subject, however, to a firm agreement with his parents that grades come first, then sailing."

"He is a lucky young man as growing up here has provided him the opportunity to compete in many different classes, and the good fortune to be coached by some very accomplished and respected sailors," Mary Nickbarg said.

While the radial grand prix rankings omit Virgin Islands sailors this year, Nickbarg is still able to rake up points by performing at regattas across the country, he explained.

The St. John sailor spent his 2008 summer traversing California competing in elite regattas. If all goes well this year, summer 2009 will find Nickbarg representing the Virgin Islands in Brazil, Japan and in regattas throughout the northeast U.S. and Canada.

For more information on the youth sailing world championships, check out [www.youth-worlds2009.org](http://www.youth-worlds2009.org) and [www.sailing.org](http://www.sailing.org).



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# Commander's Bugle Call

## American Legion Viggo E. Sewer Post #131

### New Officers Elected

By Jerry Runyon  
St. John Tradewinds

It is hoped that all enjoyed the Holidays. The best to all in the New Year from St. John American Legion Post 131 members.

Post 131 had a great 2008 thanks to all of its members. 2009 is expected to be another great year with the hosting of the American Legion District 10 Conference on May 16, 2009 and the Veterans Ball in November of 2009.

The new American Legion St. John Post 131 officers elected on January 10, will be sworn in at an official ceremony on Saturday, January 17. The ceremony will take place at the Coral Bay Agriculture Station on Kings Hill Road at 11 a.m. District 10 Commander Melbourne Clarke will be presiding.

All Post members and fellow veterans are encouraged to attend. Legionnaires are reminded to wear the Class B Uniform for the swearing in ceremony. Should there be a Member or Veteran without a uniform, however, they are also welcome to join in with in the activities. We are all one.

Post 131 membership continues to grow. We now have 65 members. 2009 Membership Cards are available for pick up. All eligible veterans and current members of the armed forces are welcome to join American Legion Post 131. Keep those memberships renewed.

The National Constitution and by laws state that "annual dues shall be payable by October 20 of each year for the succeeding year." Not renewing by the due date could forfeit the membership along with the benefits derived as a member of the American Legion.

Contact Vice Commander Aubrey Sewer for all



details involving the swearing in ceremony at 340-779-4158.

I want to thank all the members of Post 131 for supporting and putting up with me during my 2007 and 2008 term of office. It has been a great experience for me and I feel honored to have been your Commander. As a "Past Commander" I will do my best to work with the new officers to keep our Post in the lime light and grow in the future. We are one.

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Chef Elizabeth Muro

### New Menu at Café Concordia

St. John Tradewinds

A new menu and a breathtaking view of Salt Pond Bay and beyond attract residents and guests to Café Concordia now in its second season.

The restaurant, part of eco-resort Estate Concordia Preserve, offers casual dining in an outdoor setting with affordable prices.

"I learned how to cook from scratch and I don't know any other way," said Elizabeth Muro, chef at Café Concordia.

Muro's family helped her get a start with a discerning palate. Her father was a farmer as a boy in New Jersey, so fresh produce was the norm. Muro earned her Cordon Bleu training at Scottsdale Culinary Institute and to cook at restaurants in Santa

Monica, CA, and Cambridge, MA including Blue Room, Sal de la Terre and Chez Herni.

Café Concordia offers a wide array of fresh greens at its salad bar. To accompany a salad, Muro prepares each day's choice of flatbreads — from smoked gouda and fig with toasted almonds, tomato, basil and brie, to pear and gorgonzola dressed arugula.

Delicious appetizers and entrees such as duck breast and New York strip steak are available.

Café Concordia is open nightly Tuesday through Saturday from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. and features live music every Thursday. Dinner is served from 6 to 8:30 p.m. For more information call 693-5855.

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# Mother Takes On Territory's Corporal Punishment Law

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

While scenes of children being paddled by administrative officials in public schools seem to be stories from a distant past, corporal punishment is legal in the Virgin Islands and occurs more often than one would imagine.

One St. John mother learned of the practice when her son told her just before the holiday break that he had been paddled several times at his school and that he was not the only one receiving such punishment.

Colleen Spinale, who said she was not informed by the school staff about the punishment of her child, told *Tradewinds* she wants to change the V.I. Code to ban corporal punishment in schools.

Spinale, who said she confronted school and district education officials, said she was assured by Department of Education officials that the practice, while legal, was not accepted in the territory.

"Superintendent Jeanette Smith-Barry told me that they don't condone corporal punishment and that it is completely inappropriate," she said.

While Department of Education officials may not condone such activity, they didn't ease Spinale's mind and she is spearheading a movement to change the law.

"I could not send my child back to public school unless the law makes corporal punishment illegal," said Spinale. "That way if a teacher or official hurt my child, they would be breaking the law. When you hit a child all you do is teach them violence."

V.I. Code 117.11.130 states, "all principals and teachers in the public schools shall have the right to exercise the same authority, as to conduct, and behavior, over pupils attending their schools during the time they are in attendance, including the time required in going to and from their homes, as parents, guardians or persons in parental relations to such pupils."

While the law clearly states that corporal punishment is legal, many parents, including Spinale, were unaware of the law. Spinale wants to get the word out that corporal punishment does happen in V.I. public schools.

If any parents does not want their child hit by a school official, they have to write a letter stating

**"Corporal punishment...has long since proven that all it does is teach children that violence is a viable means of problem solving. It simply reinforces violence."**

— Dr. Iris Kern,  
psychologist

their wishes which will be included in the student's file, Spinale explained.

Numerous studies have shown that corporal punishment reinforces violence, according to psychologist Dr. Iris Kern.

"Corporal punishment is way outdated and the reality is that it has long since proven that all it does is teach children that violence is a viable means of problem solving," said Kern. "It simply reinforces violence. It's a serious issue that really needs to be dealt with."

"Children are being raised to believe that it is ok to be violent," Kern continued. "This may be a good time and a good way to change this law."

The issue has sparked rumors and raised tempers, but Spinale remains focused on her goal — repealing V.I. Code 17.11.130.

"I have spent every waking moment since I was made aware of this barbaric act against children researching corporal punishment and will not stop until this brutal and archaic practice is abolished," Spinale wrote in a petition circulating across the island. "I have joined forces with the organization called PTAVE (Parents and Teachers Against Violence in Education) and our goal to get corporal punishment abolished nationwide as well as in the U.S. Virgin Islands."

"I also have a letter to the USVI Legislature urging the immediate ban of corporal punishment in all schools in the territory," Spinale said. "My focus is to change this law and nothing else."

DOE officials did not return calls from *Tradewinds* requesting comment on the corporal punishment policy in public schools.

To sign Spinale's petition email [abolishcpinvi@earthlink.net](mailto:abolishcpinvi@earthlink.net).

## HEALTHY TIP: Managing High Blood Pressure



Dr. Elizabeth Barot

High Blood Pressure is a very common disease process affecting about 1 out of 6 individuals. High blood pressure is also most common in men over 35 and women over 45, but recent studies have shown teens and young adults are also developing high blood pressure at an alarming rate. Other factors of high blood pressure are obesity, smoking, inherited family and stress traits, and race. African-Americans are affected by higher rates of high blood pressure than most races. If not properly controlled, high blood pressure can lead to heart attacks, kidney failure, bleeding into the brain and progressive hardening of the arteries. Come to Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center on January 29, at 6:00pm to listen to Dr. Elizabeth Barot provide education and information on how to manage high blood pressure and live a longer healthier life.



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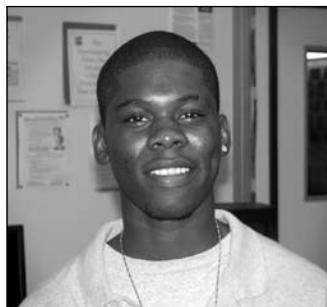


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## Rhythm & Views

An outlook on young adult interests and concerns  
 by Malik Stevens

### Princess Willow and the King of Thieves

*St. John Tradewinds*

What happens to a small kingdom when the overlord is threatening to get rid of it, and the only way to not have this happen is for the king and queen of this small kingdom to give their daughter's hand in marriage?

But instead, the daughter is in love with the cook's son and refuses to take the overlord's hand in marriage. Well, this is only a little of what the plot of Princess Willow and the King of Thieves has to offer.

Written by New England Youth Theater's founder and director, Stephen Stearns, this amazing story has brought many of New England's locals to tears of laughter. Stephen Stearns has been teaching, directing and performing as a professional clown, mime and actor for 40 years, and in that period, he has devoted most of his time to the youth of New England, as he strongly believes that young people can run their own theatre with the guidance of theatre professionals.

Unlike Romeo and Juliet, Cinderella, and The Wizard of Oz, this play brings both modern and medieval comedy to the table. With a musical flair and a Monty Python theme, this play will have the people of St. John talking about it for weeks.

I am sure you are wondering "what do I mean about the people of St. John!" Well, Director Stephen Stearns has traveled from Vermont and has taken the challenge of putting on Princess Willow and the King of Thieves with 20 Giff Hill students, from grades 5-12.

Students in the theatre organization will have eight days to learn



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Malik Stevens

GHS's cast of *Princess Willow and the King of Thieves*.

all the lines and songs, create sets and costumes, and impress the people of St. John with their acting and singing abilities.

Luckily, to make Stearns' challenge easier, he has the help of one of his best actresses, Allie Bliss, and his head costume and set designer, Sylvianne Shurman (both of whom are seventeen, home-schooled and from Vermont).

Alongside these three, there is local pianist and singer, Luba Dolgopolski, who now works at the St. John School of the Arts.

Eight days to put on a production might seem impossible, but as Director Stearns puts it, "if you go all day believing it is possible, and you dream that it is possible, then it will be possible."

"It is very short, but the students are nice, eager and very intelligent," Stearns said.

At the age of 65, Stearns is one of the most spirited men out there, and his enthusiasm and humor has

been very contagious among the students.

At first the students of Giff Hill was a bit skeptical about putting on a play, yet alone a musical, but after a day with Stearns, they were anxious to discover what was in store for them.

These young actors include Shaiman and Isaac Lalich, Nicole Goldman, Carli Reynolds, Tristan Ewald, Kanika Liburd, Monae Clark, Jackson Barry, Joie Thabeast, Kiara Penn, and many more.

What began on Wednesday, January 7, will end on Friday, January 16, as the students showcase their talent in the first of two showings. The second showing will be on Saturday, January 17.

Performances will either be at the St. John School of the Arts or at the Giff Hill Lower School, but no matter where it is, you should not miss it. It will be a performance to remember.

### 2009 VI Homeless Count To Be Conducted on January 31

*St. John Tradewinds*

The Virgin Islands Continuum of Care will conduct a Point in Time Count and Survey of the territory's homeless population on January 31, 2009.

The count is mandated by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development and is used to justify the need for federal funding for homeless services in the territory.

During the count volunteers will survey a sample of unsheltered homeless persons through one-on-one interviews to gather critical information to assist in better determining and serving the needs of the homeless.

Volunteers are needed to facilitate the count. Anyone interested should call Catholic Charities of the Virgin Islands at 777-8518 or 779-7375.



## Jazz Islanders' CD Release Party at Beach Bar Jan. 18

### St. John Tradewinds

Steve Simon and the Jazz Islanders proudly announce they will be hosting a CD release party at the Beach Bar in Wharfside Village in Cruz Bay on Sunday, January 18, starting at 4 p.m.

"Live At The Beach Bar" is this world renowned Jazz band's first CD and was recorded live at the Beach Bar on St. John over the past 10 months.

The CD features Jazz greats Sally Smith, Joe Ramsay, Rhett Simmonds, Dale Harrigan, Conrad Lehfeldt, Andrew Cameron and Steve Simon. Guest artists on the album include Cliff Finch, Bruce Abbott, Steve Norris and Leon Joyce, Jr.

For the past 9 years, Steve Simon & The Jazz Islanders have been playing to standing room only audiences at the Beach Bar on St. John and everyone is invited to come out and enjoy an afternoon of fabulous Jazz right on the beach in Cruz Bay and help celebrate the release of the new CD "Live At The Beach Bar."

# Just My Opinion

by Andrew Rutnik

## Ferry Boats: Problems and Solutions

### St. John Tradewinds

From the old days of ferry boats dangerously racing to the docks at Red Hook or Cruz Bay, just to beat the competition for loading customers, to the fully scheduled regulated industry of today, a lot has changed.

Today there is a reasonably dependable monopolistic franchise ferry service providing inter-island transportation which is the sole link between islands for the public. So why are both the ferry operators and the public not being served by the present system?

One has to go back to the beginning of the franchise framework which established today's inter-island transportation system. The concept was simple — combine the two ferry boat operators into one exclusive franchise, place it under the Public Services Commission, and base ticket prices on costs of operation.

The first problem encountered was that the two operators had two completely different business models. One financed a new fleet of boats based on a guaranteed rate of return from passenger ticket sale's, the other maintained their older fleet of vessels and had little debt on them.

The PSC in approving a reasonable rate of return, had a difficult time calculating a fare rate when one needed more money than the other to achieve profitability. The next problem was the PSC requirement for unqualified audits to verify expenses and revenues.

Both companies at the time had extensive business ventures outside of the franchise operation. These businesses were directly

related to the assets of the franchise — boat tours, car rentals, and private charters.

The cost allocations for these subsidiaries were critical in evaluating the two franchisee's bottom line on profitability. The PSC has still not received a satisfactory audit of these company's financials to determine what the right fare should be for passengers. Temporary fares have been approved for years and fuel surcharges have been recently added to augment the Ferry Operators revenues.

The inability of providing unqualified audits has also locked them out of federal inter modal transportation subsidies that are provided many jurisdictions for mass transit. The local government, from time to time, has promised legislatively approved subsidies, but these were never enough, and only one has ever been funded.

Today our inter-island transportation is not serving its customers nor the ferry boat providers. Complaints about boat employees are common; scheduled runs have been curtailed or cancelled without concern for the ridership; boats are sometimes over-crowded and not suitable for our visitor or locals comfort; increased ticket prices; fuel surcharges and baggage fees have made boat travel very expensive.

Ferry operators are still not profitable, investment in new boats is out of reach, competition from barge operations has reduced ridership, and the PSC has not provided the leadership necessary to solve these problems.

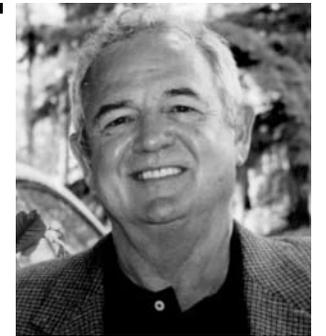
To solve these festering problems, a new approach must be taken soon, or service will continue to degrade and increased fares will continue to be born by the passengers.

Unqualified audits must be submitted immediately to the PSC. Independent verification of passenger counts and fares charged must be done. An automated fare system must be instituted at Red hook and Cruz Bay —similar to the subway ticket machines in most cities. This ticketing system should be installed and operated by the Port Authority and allow ferry operators to draw weekly from collected funds.

One low subsidized fare should be charged for all passengers, thus eliminating the need for commuter, school, and senior discounts. This will reduce accounting costs and confusion over who qualifies, as well as make automated ticketing verifiable and easy.

Federal mass transit funds should be applied for to subsidize ticket prices or the local government should provide reliable and sufficient subsidies. St John residents or visitors should not be penalized for living on or visiting St John.

The exclusive franchise should continue to be protected from other non-franchisee competition for travel between Red Hook, Charlotte Amalie and Cruz Bay docks. PSC should set up service standards that protects the ferry boat users, and issue fines for any lapses by operators. If these suggestions are implemented, then both the ferry boat operators and the passengers will be well served, and the quality of service will be upgraded.



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**March 31-April 6, 2008**



#### Trackhoe Salvage Completed in Fish Bay

A salvage company removed this 17-ton trackhoe from the waters of Fish Bay on Thursday, March 27. The trackhoe driver lost control of the construction machine on the Fish Bay switchback on Thursday morning, March 13, and it fell more than 60 feet to the shoreline. The driver jumped from the equipment and was not injured.

#### GBS Students Show Computer Savvy Thanks to Waveplace Program

Political Celebrity Sightings Include Obama, Bill and Charles & Camilla

**April 7-13, 2008**

#### Unity Group Files Federal Lawsuit on Revaluation

#### The Beach Bar's Allan MacPhee Apologizes for Tax Fraud Case

**April 14-20, 2008**



#### Bluzapalooza Back from Iraq Tour

Island resident and music producer Steve Simon, center, returns from Iraq, where he and other musicians entertained U.S. troops.

#### AG's Office Looking for Possible Witness to Alleged Sexual Assault

**April 21-27, 2008**



#### Almost \$1 Million Worth of Heavy Equipment Torched at Pond Bay Club

Four Construction Machines at Resort Site Heavily Damaged

#### V.I. Fisherman Fredericks Is Missing at Sea



#### St. John Magazine Spring/Summer Issue Wows Readers Again

**April 28-May 4, 2008**

#### Tourist Dies Snorkeling Off Whistling Cay

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**Pond Bay Construction Start Officially Marked**  
**Groundbreaking Ceremony**  
 Ferry Companies Cutting Back Runs Between St. John and St. Thomas  
 School Group Continues Push for VINP Land

**May 12-18, 2008**

**Affidavit Names New Suspect in Murder Case**



**New St. John Post Office Site Still Awaits Zoning Change**

**May 19-25, 2008**

**Cruz Bay Is Ranked Sixth In Worldwide Resort Destinations**



**Truck Accident**

This Lew Henley's truck ran off the straightaway on Route 107 and nearly landed in Coral Harbor across from Sweet Plantains on May 16 around 1:30 p.m. The truck struck a V.I. Water and Power Authority pole, temporarily cutting off power in Coral Bay.

**Port Authority Considering Its Options for Completing Enighed Pond Facility**

**May 26-June 1, 2008**

**Ferry Companies Protest PSC Order on Early Run**  
 Transportation Services, Varlack Ventures File Petition  
 Skinny Legs Ranks on *Esquire's* Best Bars List



A flock of parrots was seen feasting on ripe mangoes in the Cruz Bay area, including this one in Estate Enighed.

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**Giff Hill School Graduates 10 Seniors at Turtle Bay**

New Beginnings for Class of 2008



**Veteran Guy Benjamin Teacher Patrice Harley Retires After 33 Years of Teaching**

June 23-29, 2008

**Razzilee Oquendo Crowned Miss St. John 2008**



**Food Fair**

A large crowd enjoyed local fare and sweet treats, below, in Franklin Powell Park for Food Fair and festival coronation on Sunday afternoon, June 22, which was named in honor of long-time participant Yolonda Morton.

**Pan-O-Rama 2008**

A large crowd packed the Cruz Bay waterfront on May 31, for Pan-O-Rama.

**YEAR IN REVIEW: PART 2**  
**EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED IN 2008**

June 30-July 6, 2008



Scatliffe Village Opens with Excitement

**Calabash Boom**  
**Town Homes**  
**Set for June 30**  
**Groundbreaking**

Summertime Demand Holds Island Resorts, Rentals Steady

July 7-13, 2008

**Jahlil Ward Is**  
**Arrested for Jamie**  
**Cockayne Murder**



**Feathers, Beads and**  
**Music Fill St. John**  
**Festival Parade**

Dancing Indians, stone age revelers, costumed majorettes and African warriors thrilled the crowd in Cruz Bay during the Festival Parade on Friday, July 4.

**Disgraced Billionaire**  
**Epstein Leaves**  
**“Little St. Jeff’s”**  
**for Sex Crime Time**

July 14-20, 2008



Four BVI Men Arrested for Possessing Stolen St. John Vessels and Gear

**Gas Prices Top**  
**\$5 in Cruz Bay**  
**and Coral Bay**

**St. John Donkeys**  
**Rounded Up for**  
**St. Croix Races**

July 21-27, 2008

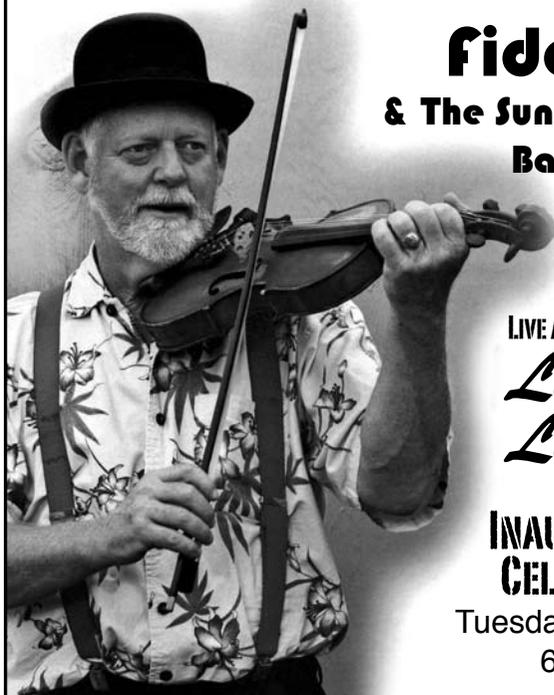
**DPNR Approves**  
**Bordeaux Estates**  
**Group Dwelling**

VIPD Forming St. John Auxiliary

**Catastrophic**  
**Failure at WAPA’s**  
**Cruz Bay Plant**

Cruz Bay Creek To Take Name of Boating Legend Capt. Victor W. Sewer

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## YEAR IN REVIEW: PART 2

### EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED IN 2008

July 28-August 10, 2008



**EPA Awards \$300,000 Grant to CBCC to Fight Stormwater Pollution**

August 25-September 7, 2009



**Secretary of Interior Tours St. John**

U.S. Secretary of Interior Dirk Kempthorne concluded his first visit to the U.S. Virgin Islands with a tour of the V.I. National Park on St. John with National Park Service and Territorial officials.

September 8-21, 2009

**Lindy's Failing Health Raises Family and Community Concerns**



**Boats Wash Ashore**

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

September 22-October 5, 2009

**Judge Joins Cases of Three Defendants in Murder Trial**  
Boston, Thomas and Ward To Be Tried Together in Cockayne Case



**10-wheel Dump Truck Flips and Spills Fuel on Estate Maho Bay TPL-owned Property**

**Barshinger To Face Sen. Wesselhoft for Senator at Large**

August 11-24, 2008



**St. John Welcomes Dr. Elizabeth Barot Back Home**

**Potential St. John Planner Declines**

**Gaming Destination Parrot Club Opens**

**Abandoned Illegal Boat in Brown Bay**

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

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

**Tax Assessor's Office Sends Out 2006 Property Tax Bills Despite Injunction**

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

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October 6-12, 2008



GHS Awards Scholarships

**WAPA To Reduce Water, Power Bills by 18 Percent**

October 13-19, 2008



**Jahlil Ward Found Guilty of Jamie Cockayne Slaying**  
Assault Charges Against Anselmo Boston and Kamal Thomas Upheld

Jahlil Ward

**Coral Bay Man Arrested in Airport Cocaine Bust**

Lorenzo Liburd charged after 4.75 pounds are found

**Appeals Court Upholds 2006 V.I. Tax Bills**

October 20-26 2008

**Hurricane Omar Skims Past St. John**

Category 3 storm passes to the east, sparing the island from major damage



**A NEAR MISS**

The foundation and first floor of a partially-constructed home below Supreme Corner on Centerline Road in Estate Pastory, collapsed and slid down the hillside onto the driveway of a neighboring house Wednesday afternoon, October 15, as Hurricane Omar approached the island.

DPW officials are concerned about the condition of the roadbed above the site.

**IBM Selected To Build New 911 Systems for Territory; No St. John System Planned**

October 27-November 2, 2008



**Elaine I. Sprauve Library Gets New Coat of Paint**

**Roundabout:**

Road closures set for next construction phase

**Free Parking With Dinner!**



Join us for Dinner in the Gracious Center Courtyard of Mongoose Junction, Served Every Weekday from 5:30 to 9:00. We're Serving Casual, but Good Stuff like Steak Fajita Tacos, Grilled Ahi Tuna Caesar, Gourmet Personal Pizzas, Certified Angus Cheeseburgers, Gourmet Personal Pizzas & more!  
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## In Memoriam



### John Gibney

February 6, 1954-  
January 14, 2003

The island has a heavy heart, our gentle giant has died.

Everyone I saw today spoke of John and cried.

– Anne Marie

John Gibney with son Tommy at Gibney Beach in 2000.

Photo by G. Singer



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5:00 p.m.	Friday Only (no 3:30 on Fri.)	5:30 p.m.

#### Jost Van Dyke – Friday, Saturday & Sunday Only

Departs Red Hook, St. Thomas	Departs St. John	Departs Jost Van Dyke
8:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	9:15 a.m.
2:00 p.m.	2:20 p.m.	3:00 p.m.

#### Virgin Gorda – Thursday & Sunday Only

Departs Red Hook, St. Thomas	Departs St. John	Departs Virgin Gorda
8:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	3:00 p.m.

Proof of Citizenship is required. Acceptable IDs are current Passports. Check-in time is a half an hour before departure.

## VINP Senior Protection Specialist Shuler Brown Retires

### *St. John Tradewinds*

Senior Protection Specialist Schuler Brown retired on December 31, 2008, after 27 years of service with the National Park Service.

All of his years were served in the Virgin Islands, which includes St. John, St. Thomas, Hassel Island and St. Croix.

Brown began his career as a maintenance worker in January of 1982 on the island of St. John. In 1985 he attended the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) in Glynco, Georgia and served as a Park Ranger, Supervisory Park Ranger, Chief Park Ranger, and finally as a Senior Protection Specialist.

Brown was part of the Management team and played a role in the management decision process. Throughout his career, he has been a dedicated and committed law enforcement officer collaborating with local and Federal agencies. He was involved in

activities such as marine patrols, search and rescue operations, helicopter over-flights, law enforcement training and seminars, school and community programs, recruitments, Presidential and other dignitary’s visits to the islands.

Brown was instrumental in the installation of the alarm and camera system throughout the Park. The highlight of his career was assisting the Secret Service with security, both on land and water, for President Clinton during both of his visits to the Virgin Islands.

Brown received a career diploma in Wild Life and Forestry from the North American School of Conservation in Scranton Pennsylvania, and earned his Associate degree in Police Science, Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences, and a Masters in Public Administration from the University of the Virgin Islands. He also served in the Virgin Islands National Guard for 15 years.

**SEND LETTERS TO: [editor@tradewinds.vi](mailto:editor@tradewinds.vi)**

## Letters to St. John Tradewinds

### Reader Reacts To William Gross's Letter to the Editor

**Editor:**

As an occasional reader of the *Tradewinds* newspaper I can only marvel at the recent editorial comment written recently by a William Gross complaining about the treatment of John McCain.

I suppose that if McCain was a bit more credible in his campaign, particularly in a running mate, he would have been treated more kindly by the supposed 70% of the population in St. John. He not only lost

credibility in picking an ex-Mayor of Wasilla, Alaska, but also the mess this country is now finding itself in. We can only hope Mr. Obama can do something about it before it is too late.

Mr. Gross' 30% pro McCain (allegedly) is far outweighed by 'the other 70%'.

I for one am one of the other 70% and glad of it.

**Richard Bauman  
Jupiter, FL**

### Maho Bay Memories

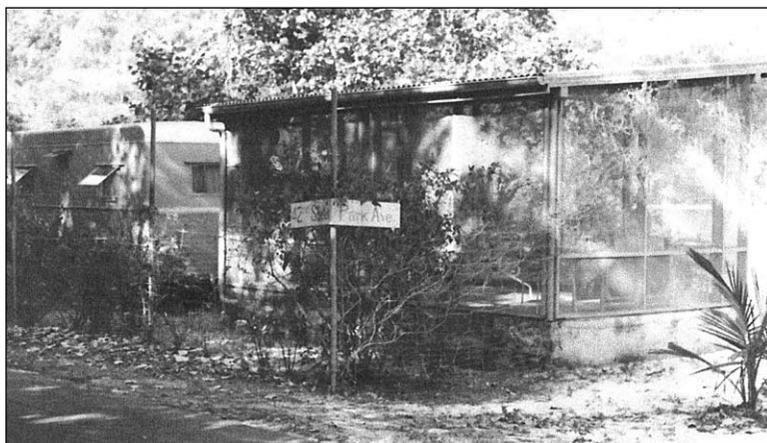
**Editor:**

Here is a picture of the trailer and screen porch located at Maho Bay. Paul Boulon and his wife Leila lived here until he built a home across the road.

The picture is from the 1970s, maybe 1977. I've shown it to several old-timers and they remember it.

The street sign is — Park Ave, to the beach, 42nd Street is the road.

**Rene Servant**



### Political Axioms for Both Republicans and Democrats

**Editor:**

*If you don't read the newspaper you are uninformed; if you do read the newspaper you are misinformed.*

- Mark Twain

*Suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of Congress.... But then I repeat myself.*

- Mark Twain

*I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle.*

- Winston Churchill

*A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul.*

- George Bernard Shaw

*Democracy must be something more than two wolves and a sheep voting on what to have for dinner.*

- James Bovard

*Foreign aid might be defined as a transfer of money from poor people in rich countries to rich people in poor countries.*

- Douglas Casey

*Giving money and power to*

*government is like giving whiskey and car keys to teenage boys.*

- P.J. O'Rourke

*Government is the great fiction, through which everybody endeavors to live at the expense of everybody else.*

- Frederic Bastiat,

French Economist (1801-1850)

*I don't make jokes... I just watch the government and report the facts.*

- Will Rogers

*In general, the art of government consists of taking as much money as possible from one party of the citizens to give to the other.*

- Voltaire (1764)

*Just because you do not take an interest in politics doesn't mean politics won't take an interest in you!*

- Pericles (430 B.C.)

*No man's life, liberty, or property is safe while the legislature is in session.*

- Mark Twain (1866)

*Talk is cheap...except when Congress does it.*

- Unknown

*The inherent vice of capital-*

*ism is the unequal sharing of the blessings. The inherent blessing of socialism is the equal sharing of misery.*

- Winston Churchill

*The only difference between a tax man and a taxidermist is that the taxidermist leaves the skin.*

-Mark Twain

*The ultimate result of shielding men from the effects of folly is to fill the world with fools.*

- Herbert Spencer,

English Philosopher (1820-1903)

*There is no distinctly Native American criminal class...save Congress.*

- Mark Twain

*What this country needs are more unemployed politicians.*

- Edward Langley,

Artist (1928 - 1995)

*A government big enough to give you everything you want, is strong enough to take everything you have.*

- Thomas Jefferson

**Submitted by  
Zdenek Hruza, St. John**

## St. John Tradewinds Keeping Track

### 2008 FINAL COUNT

Homicide: 0  
Solved: 0

Shootings: 0  
Under Investigation: 0  
Solved: 0

Stabbings: 1  
Under Investigation: 1  
Solved: 0

Armed Robberies: 2  
Under Investigation: 2  
Solved: 1

Arsons: 0  
Under Investigation: 0  
Solved: 0

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

2nd Degree Burglaries: 18  
Under Investigation: 18  
Solved: 0

3rd Degree Burglaries: 67  
Under Investigation: 67  
Solved: 0

Grand Larcenies: 68  
Under Investigation: 68  
Solved: 0

Rapes: 0  
Under Investigation: 0  
Solved: 0

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## Can You Find It?



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Susan Mann

Can you find the iguana hiding in this picture?

## St. John Police Report

### Land Line Emergency No: 911

### Cellular Emergency No: 340-776-9110

### St. John Police Department: 340-693-8880

### St. John Fire Service: 340-776-6333

#### Friday, January 2

10:30 p.m. - An Estate Great Cruz Bay resident c/r someone entered into his residence. Burglary in the second.

#### Saturday, January 3

4:35 p.m. - A citizen c/r that someone was selling marijuana in the Cruz Bay area. Possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute.

5:15 p.m. - Badge #1099 p/ at Jurgen Command with one Devon David Cooke under arrest and charged with possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute.

6:52 p.m. - A citizen c/ that two cars were involved in a collision at the bridge in Estate Pastory. Auto accident.

#### Sunday, January 4

2:20 p.m. - An Estate Great Cruz Bay resident p/r that she lost her bag. Lost bag.

2:52 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r she was threatened by her ex-boyfriend. Disturbance of the peace, DV.

6:00 p.m. - A citizen p/r that

someone stole items from her bag in the area of Estate Enighed. Grand larceny.

8:30 p.m. - A citizen r/ someone stole her purse in the area of Estate Enighed. Grand larceny.

#### Monday, January 5

8:10 a.m. - A citizen c/r shots fired in the area of Estate Pastory by the bridge. Homicide.

3:00 p.m. - An Estate Rendezvous resident p/r that he was threatened by a male in the area of the Valley. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

#### Tuesday, January 6

11:10 p.m. - A citizen c/r shots fired in the area of Estate Pastory. Unfounded.

#### Wednesday, January 7

12:50 a.m. - An Estate Carolina resident c/r a male at his residence creating a disturbance. Disturbance of the peace, threats.

6:50 a.m. - A Coral Bay resident c/r her vehicle missing from the area behind Love City Mini Mart. Unauthorized use of vehicle.

9:00 a.m. - An Estate Mandahl resident p/r that someone stole his wallet out of his backpack. Grand larceny.

9:54 a.m. - The owner of Mumbo Jumbo c/r a break-in at said establishment. Burglary in the third.

#### Thursday, January 8

9:00 a.m. - A doctor at Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center c/requesting police assistance with a patient who has been assaulted. Accidental injury.

9:50 a.m. - A citizen c/requesting an over-turned vehicle on Centerline Road near Bordeaux Mountain. Auto accident.

10:35 a.m. - An Estate Pastory resident p/r that someone unknown destroyed his fence and the wall to his property. Destruction of property.

4:15 p.m. - A citizen p/r that her residence was burglarized. Burglary in the third.

8:45 p.m. - A citizen p/r that his vehicle was damaged while parked. Auto accident.

## 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, January 13

The St. John Historical Society will host a potluck supper and senior panel at Bethany Moravian Church Hall beginning at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, January 13. Members will be joined by a group of the island's senior culture bearers and expect to have rare recordings of old-time steel-pan and V.I. Folk music.

#### Thursday, January 15

Dr. Sarah Gray of the University of San Diego will make a brief presentation, "Impacts of Development on Sedimentation in St. John's Bays" at the new Pavilion at Concordia Eco Resort in Coral Bay, Thursday, January 15, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

#### Saturday, January 17

The St. John Historical Society will explore Botany Bay at the far western tip of St. Thomas on Saturday January 17. This almost 400 acre estate was owned for many decades by the Corning family, and was rarely seen by any Virgin Islanders. There are extensive plantation ruins, as well as a Taino site on the property. David Knight will lead this adventure.

Attendees will take the 9:15 a.m. ferry to Charlotte Amalie, where they'll be met by taxi vans, which will return them to Charlotte Amalie in mid-afternoon.

An update will be given on the success of some the organization's current projects and an update on the status of other projects. Goals for 2009 will also be set.

#### Sunday, January 18

St. John Racquet Club is hosting a Junior Tennis Clinic for ages 5 through 18 on Sunday, January 18, and every Sunday after, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Cruz Bay public courts for \$5. Contact Patrice Harley for more information at 776-6643.

#### Tuesday, January 20

Coral Bay business interests will host their third meeting Tuesday, January 20, at 8:45 a.m. at Shipwreck Restaurant, co-hosted by the Coral Bay Community Council and the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce. There will be a brief business meeting, followed by a discussion with V.I. Police Department Commissioner James McCall about police coverage and public safety.

#### January 22 and 23

Anyone who has ever felt like they can't stick to their goals and resolutions should clear their calendars on January 22 and 23, when Angela Alfieri will be hosting a Vedic Odyssey featuring Hindu priest and meditation teacher, Sri Dandapani at the Westin Resort and Villas conference room. The workshop will run both days from 5:30 to 7:45 p.m.

#### Saturday, January 31

On Saturday, January 31, Friends of the Park will be celebrating their 20th anniversary with a gala hosted by Rob Blakeney at his spectacular villa, Presidio del Mar, on the point at Peter Bay.

#### 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.

## St. John Church Schedule & Directory

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

## Ferry Schedules

<b>CRUZ BAY TO RED HOOK</b>	
Every hour on the hour from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.	
<b>RED HOOK TO CRUZ BAY</b>	
Every hour on the hour from 6 a.m. to 12 a.m.	
<b>CRUZ BAY TO DOWNTOWN CHARLOTTE AMALIE</b>	
<b>Leaves Cruz Bay</b>	<b>Leaves Charlotte Amalie</b>
7:15 a.m.	9:00 a.m.
9:15 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
11:15 a.m.	1:00 p.m.
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## TIME MARCHES ON

### ACROSS

- Callas and Montessori
- Armor piece
- Dali's tongue
- Like live events at which audience members may perform
- Gave a PG to, e.g.
- Atoning punishment
- "I'll be right there!"
- Stimulating thing
- View slyly
- Diary
- "Sure — standing here!"
- Police car wailers
- Fuel usage measure
- Mail in
- Military gp.
- Plains tribe
- Chair part
- When aid is most welcome
- Drawn tight
- Gobs' mops
- Risky
- Trial topic
- Dots in the Seine
- Fitzgerald of jazz fame
- Sad occasion in "American Pie"
- Suffix with urban
- "Nothing is — seems"
- Fleeced female
- Mired, with "down"
- Hand digit
- When military ship crews dock and become tourists in big cities

- Tennis great Ivan
- Valiant
- The — degree
- It's between abril and junho
- Edinburgh-London dir.
- 1987 drama starring Colin Firth and Kenneth Branagh
- Egyptian Christian
- God of love
- Unvarnished
- Words before "shoppe"
- Red as —
- Apartment next to the super's, perhaps
- Period in school just before graduation
- Abundant
- Round fig.
- Campus e-mail ender
- Cruel beast
- Game show with "instant bargains"
- Towed
- 1973 Toni Morrison novel
- It's charged
- Central Florida city
- Korean, e.g.
- Y2K problem
- Pricey gem
- Actor Ryan
- Produce reproductive eggs
- Baja shawls
- Comic Foxx and others
- Shows ill will toward

### DOWN

- scale (mineral hardness gauge)
- Per item

- Lean (on)
- -Chinese
- In a group of
- Trespass
- Ragu rival
- Fond du —
- Glass raiser's words
- Sawbuck
- Munster kid
- Body shop?
- Iran, once
- Rubs oil on
- Pacific island nation
- Atlas blowup
- Vista
- "His" partner
- Kind of radio show
- Figure out
- Officer under Capt. Kirk
- Product-pitching charges
- Greet nonverbally
- Doles (out)
- Moo — pork
- Seeming eternity
- Greek N's
- "Phooey!"
- Words after force or creature
- Tarzan player Ron
- Singer Mann
- Pie section
- Puts straight
- Extorts from
- Cowboy's perch
- "... — you like it or not!"
- Bro or sis
- "What's the —?"
- E. Coast ocean
- "Ick!"
- One dyeing
- Cornell site

- Mafia
- Italy's home
- Carlo
- nous (between us)
- Verb ending in the Bible
- Ostrich kin
- Its cap. is Topeka
- Dance move, when tripled
- "Give — best shot!"
- "Toodle-oo!"
- Opuses for nine
- Social class
- Be liable to
- Up-and-down toy
- Thigh locale
- Patriotic women's gp.
- Afore
- Place for a high nest
- Direct path
- "Cast the — the right side of the ship": John 21:6
- "Beats me"
- Element #53
- Climbed
- "Wake Up Little —"
- Make — out of (refute)
- Andes beast
- Comedy
- Physicist Bohr
- "What are — to?"
- Hip abodes
- Nero's 951
- Blind as —
- Guitar kin
- Gets old
- DJ's array
- Small fellow
- OR tubes

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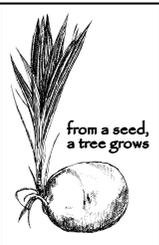
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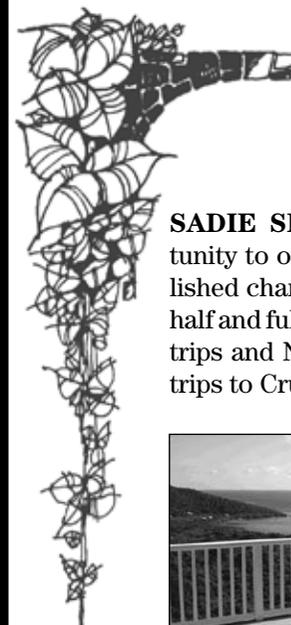
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**MUST SEE! REDUCED!** This 2BR, 1.5BA unit is just one mile from Cruz Bay. Amazing sunset water views, oversized veranda and huge pool. \$549,000.



**GRANDE BAY** "Assignment of Contract" Penthouse unit still available for JUST.... \$875,000. **WHY RENT -** Sunset Ridge 2 new 1br, 1ba units w/ huge water views. \$279,000 & \$299,000. **SIRENUSA** Luxury condo devel. is nearly complete. 2, 3 & 4BR avail. & begin at \$1,100,000.

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**EXCLUSIVE HOME LISTINGS**

**BAYVIEW** - is a very private villa bordering the Natl. Park, just minutes from Maho Beach. Traditional masonry design with 2 buildings connected by sunny pool, decks & patio. Amazing 280° views overlooking Francis Bay & Northshore, + Coral Bay & BVI's. \$1,695,000.

**POINT RENDEZVOUS** - Beautiful, brand new, masonry villa. Great room, with vaulted ceiling, lovely kitchen, stainless appliances, spacious master bedroom/bath w/stone garden shower, sleeping loft, A/C. Serene water views, & spa on large covered veranda. \$1,595,000. non MLS.

**AURORA** - Luxurious 4 bedroom / 4 bath masonry villa on Contant Point. Enjoy 180° views from Great Cruz to St. Thomas, great privacy, pool, multiple outdoor areas, gorgeous landscaping, beautiful furnishings, & excellent vacation rental history. Priced to sell at \$2,495,000.

**LOVANGO LOVE SHACK** - Featured in National magazines, this unique, custom timber home is located on the sandy beach at Lovango Cay, just 1/4 mile by boat north of St. John. Complete amenities powered by the sun & wind & satellite TV & Internet. A sandy beach, palm trees & a boat dock at your front door makes this truly an island paradise. \$2,450,000.

**GREAT EXPECTATIONS** - Mini estate, on a beautiful 1 acre parcel, features private tennis court, 2 pools, 2 spas, 7 bedrooms, & 7.5 baths. Awesome views, impressive rental history, walk to beach at Chocolate Hole. \$2,999,500.

**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.

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

**PERELANDRA** - A romantic 2 bd/2 bath, Caribbean style, villa with stunning water views, picture perfect sunsets, casual elegance, & private pool. Nestled in lush landscaping, high above Cruz Bay. \$1,235,000.

**BORDEAUX MT.** - Lovely family home w/3 bdrms, 2 baths, & large covered veranda. Nestled on a gently sloped 1/2 acre lot w/fragrant bay trees & southerly water views. \$675,000.

**WATERFRONT WITH DOCK** - Poured concrete 3 bdrm/ 2 bath home on a flat 3/4 acre site adjacent to National Park. Enjoy all watersports from shared private dock, & hiking along the secluded shoreline. REDUCED to \$1,250,000.

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

**EXCLUSIVE LAND LISTINGS**

**KLEIN BAY** - Exceptional small exclusive neighborhood offers commonly owned beach, underground power, paved roads. Two 1/2 acre homesites, both with fantastic Rendezvous Bay views. \$879k and \$995k

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**CRUZ BAY TOWN** - R-4 zoning, plans and permits. Walk to Frank Bay Beach. Reduced to \$275,000.

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

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

**POINT RENDEZVOUS** - Two superb parcels w/outstanding views. Priced to sell at \$425k & \$415k.

**LEINSTER BAY** - Great Thatch to Mary's Point views, access from Johnny Horn trail. \$225k & \$329,000.

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

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

**FLANAGAN'S PASSAGE** - Two homesites, each with panoramic views, paved roads & architectural plans, in great new area. \$350,000 each.

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

**DITLEFF POINT** - 4 waterfront parcels **SOLD!** 13 spectacular parcels available, starting at \$895,000.

**ESTATE FISH BAY** - Water views, borders green belt, paved access.....\$275,000

Large parcel, excellent water views.....\$250,000

Walk to beach, dingy dock, topo included.....\$329,000

Marina Drive, ocean views, topo.....\$375,000

Direct water view, corner parcel.....\$389,900

Borders Nat'l. Pk., 0.87ac.....\$425,000

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

**SEAGRAPE HILL/EMMAUS** - Coral Hbr & Moravian Church views, 0.34ac.....\$185k

Great Buy! 0.35ac. w/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

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### Exclusively Listed Land

**"SABABAY" WATERFRONT & HILLSIDE** 12 acre subdividable waterfront plus 4 hillside lots available. Incredible BVI views! **Priced from \$699,000**

**"VIRGIN GRAND ESTATES"** Gated community featuring underground utilities, paved roads, & gorgeous sweeping views. Fabulous lots ranging from **\$415,000**

**WATERFRONT** parcels ranging from .5 - 1.36 acres in some of St. John's best areas! **\$499,000 - \$9,999,000**

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

**"HAUOVER" BEACHFRONT 2.24 ACRES** subdividable bordering National Park with spectacular BVI views! **\$1,999,000**

**"CANEEL HILL" - SELLER FINANCING** private residential community just minutes from Cruz Bay. Water views to St. Thomas. 3 gentle grade sites: **individually sold or total 1.78 acres for \$600,000**

**"LOVANGO CAY"** Waterfront & hillside properties feature upscale amenities and infrastructure; barge landing with piers, paved roads, underground electric, access to beach and much more! **Amazing views, priced from \$499,000**

**"DREEKETS BAY ESTATES"** boasts spectacular BVI views, quality paved roads, underground utilities, stone wall & planters, common beach. Just 8 minutes from Coral Bay. **12 parcels priced from \$399,000.**

**PASSPORT TO PRIVACY!** Superb view from this Upper Peter Bay parcel that borders Nat'l Park. Save a year in planning and start building, architectural plans and CZM permit included. **\$2,950,000**

**"UPPER MONTE BAY" - DRAMATIC, PRIVATE, SOUTH SHORE LOTS WITH PRISTINE VIEWS.** Low density subdivision above Rendezvous Bay, 7 large parcels, paved road, stone walls & underground utilities. 2 lots listed for **\$999,000** each (one 1.867 acre lot may be subdivided).

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**"SEAGRAPE HILL"** .340 ac., Coral Harbor and Hurricane Hole views, downhill slope, paved roads, cooling breezes. Priced significantly below appraised value! **\$169,000**

**"AZURE BAY ESTATES" IN CONTANT** .5 ac with 180 degree views over Pillsbury Sound to St. Thomas & St. James islands. Quiet, breezy convenient to Cruz Bay. Owner financing. **\$650,000**

### Investment Opportunities

**"THE MARKETPLACE" PRIME COMMERCIAL SPACES** available in St John's premier mall. Various office suites, retail spaces and a built out restaurant space. Available immediately. Rents start at **\$762.57** per month.

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

**"SATYAMUNA"** Successful health food/vegetarian restaurant for sale. Excellent high traffic location, perfect for hands on owner. **\$75,000**

**"GYM IN PARADISE"** Successful Gym for sale. Established 12+ years. Excellent location. Inventory included. **\$50,000**

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

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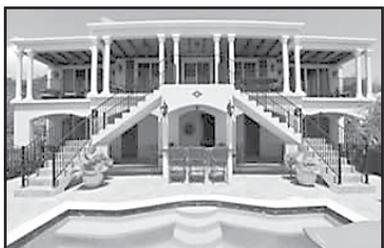


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### HOMES

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**TEMPRESS** 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**

**RENDEZVOUS GARDENS** Finish building a beautiful home with outstanding westerly views. Stonework highlights and ensuite baths. Beautiful landscaping. .46 acre **\$1,095,000**

**PRICED TO SELL**, 4 bdrm concrete home in Skytop is a terrific bargain! Upper three bedroom unit and spacious lower one bdrm unit. Views of Fish Bay. **\$735,000**

**ISLAND MANOR** Hear & view the surf of Hart Bay. 4 bdrms 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**

**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**

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**NEW!** Early morning risers paradise overlooking Coral Bay to BVI. Well maintained 2-unit cottage offers a 1 bed/1 bath with a cozy covered porch. Plus studio apartment. **\$625,000**

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

**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**

**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 bdrms, 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 bdrms and inviting great room. **\$1,795,000**

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

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**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**

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

**NEW!** A private, family estate house. Features one of the largest private pools on St. John (33,000 gals. w/diving board, & wet bar). Mature landscaping & extensive stone work. **\$1,850,000**

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

### CONDOS

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